

## 'Retirement Legislation' Gets Attention In Congress as Hearings Are Continued

Retirement legislation is receiving the attention of this session of Congress. Hearings have been held recently by the Senate Post Office and Civil Service Committee on S. 2875, a bill introduced by Senator Johnston of South Carolina. Major features of this bill are as follows:

(1) Extension of coverage to all employees with temporary and indefinite status after 6 months of service.

(2) New formula provided which would increase annuities by one-third over annuities computed under the present formula.

(3) Permits retirement after 30 years of service regardless of age, with the following deductions: 1/12 of 1% for each month employee is under age 60 down to 57 years, 6 months; 1/2 of 1% for each month under age 57 years, 6 months to 55 years; and 1/6 of 1% for each month under 55 years. Employees age 50 or more, with 20 or more years of service could retire on an immediate annuity computed in accordance with the foregoing formula, if separated by reduction in force.

(4) Upon death of an employee who has completed 10 years of civilian service, his widow would be entitled to an annuity of 50% based on the employee's years of service and average salary over a period of five consecutive years. The annuity would begin on the first day of the month after the employee died, regardless of age of the widow.

(5) A disabled employee, with 5 or more years of service, could be paid an annuity which, in most cases, would not be less than 40% of his average salary.

(6) The bill would make retirement at age 70 mandatory regardless of length of service.

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(1) A new appointee would have social security coverage from his first day of employment, and after three years of continuous service he would also be covered by the Civil Service Retirement Act.

(2) An employee subject to both systems would pay into the retirement fund at the rate of 3 1/2% of his first \$4200 of salary, and at the rate of 6% on salary over \$4200. He would also pay social security tax, which is now 2 1/2% on the first \$4200 of salary. Under present law, social security deductions will be increased gradually until after 1974, when 4% will be taken from the first \$4200 of salary. Thus after 1974 the

combined security deduction on the employee's first \$4200 of salary would be 7 1/2%, the Government to pay the social security employer tax at the same rates.

(3) S. 3041 does not change any of the age and service requirements of the civil service retirement system, nor change the annuity payable to an employee before he reaches age 65. However, at age 65 when the employee could also qualify for social security old age benefits, his civil service annuity would be reduced, but the combined retirement and social security benefits would, on the average, be about 8% higher than present civil service retirement annuity alone.

(4) Employees with at least 10 years of civilian service, retiring for disability would receive, as a minimum annuity, the lesser of 40% of his average salary of the annuity he would have earned if his service had continued to age 60.

(5) Civil Service retirement survivor benefits for widows, where death occurs after at least 10 years of civilian service, would be retained and similar benefits for disabled widowers are added. These benefits would be in addition to survivor benefits payable by social security. However, the civil service retirement annuity of a survivor would be reduced at age 65, but the combined civil service retirement and social security benefits payable thereafter would exceed those now paid by civil service retirement alone.

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### Announce Finalists In 'Legion Contest'

The Americanism Essay Contest sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary of the John H. Armitage American Legion Post was in its last phases this week, according to contest chairman Mrs. G. H. Mayberry. The contest was open to China Lake area school children ranging from the fourth grade through the ninth grade.

Divided into two contest groups, the fourth, fifth and sixth grade children wrote essays on "The Care and Use of Our Country's Flag" and the seventh, eighth, and ninth grade pupils wrote essays about "The Liberty Bell."

Finalists in the Americanism Contest are: Jackie Leininger, Kathleen Thompson, Martha Pike, David Ashworth, Geraldine Reinhardt, and Carol Anderson. Contest judges are Mrs. Robert Olds, Richard O'Reilly and Ed Laney. The winners will be announced by Mrs. Mayberry on or about May 1.

### Scene from Picture To Be Shown Sunday



A JET FIGHTER PICKUP of the NOTS developed "high-speed DART" tow target is one of the scenes you will see in the movie to be shown at the Station theatre on Sunday and Monday. The film is a new documentary picture describing DART.

## NOTS Presents—

Editor's Note: This is the first of a weekly series describing current and forthcoming presentations of the Station's work. For further information concerning these items, call Presentations Division, Technical Information Department, extension 72209 or 71370.

### Dart Movie to Be Shown at Theatre

A new documentary motion picture describing the Station's high-speed DART aerial tow target will be shown as a portion of the regular film program on Sunday and Monday, April 15 and 16, at the Station theatre. An actual DART target and display will also be exhibited in the vicinity of the theatre entrance. Additional Station documentary films will be shown in the future, at the rate of about one per week.

### NOTS Guide Distributed

Distribution started today of two publications which provide information about NOTS, its organization and mission, and business hours of various activities found at the Station. Initial distribution will be made to all China Lake employees. Additional copies of YOUR NOTS GUIDE and GUIDE TO CHINA LAKE ACTIVITIES will be made available at various points throughout the Station.

### Next Week's Visits

On Monday and Tuesday of next week approximately 50 Supply Corps officers from various offices in the Southern California area will tour the Station to witness test firings and receive information concerning the Station's technical programs. These officers are responsible for procurement of the tremendous amount of technical equipment and supplies required to operate the Station's programs, and NOTS is pleased to have the opportunity to

show them the manner in which the items are put to use.

On Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday of next week the Station will host a meeting of the Proving Ground Instrumentation Committee, American Ordnance Association. This group of 20 representatives from leading industrial firms and other government test ranges will be shown examples of the Station's work in instrumentation of ordnance tests.

### 'Career Day' Plans Include Discussions

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producer in Technical Information Department.

Physical Education, Mrs. R. J. Baggott, former school teacher. Physics, Dr. Howard Wilcox, physicist, Head of Rocket Development Department. Psychology, H. H. Dixon, psychologist with the China Lake Schools. Secretarial Work, Mrs. L. W. Nichols, recorder for the Research Board, Technical Director's Office.

Teaching in the elementary level will be discussed by Mrs. D. W. Cowan, former China Lake teacher. Teaching, secondary level, Mrs. P. Buchanan, substitute teacher at Burroughs High School. Telephone Operator, R. A. Dinsmore, district manager of Interstate Telegraph Company. Trucking, John Savage, Western Truck Lines. Welfare and Social Work, Mrs. G. McDaniel, social worker with the Desert Area Family Service.

Chairman of the planning group for the AAUW is Mrs. E. V. Ashburn. Students assisting with the project for the Girls' League include Alice Cotner, Barbara Mussler, and Annie Majors.

### THE WEATHER

Mostly clear over weekend. Surface winds light and variable night and morning becoming southerly 10 to 15 knots during afternoons. Temperature range minimum 45 to maximum 75.

# Rocketeer

TEMPERATURES		
(Housing Area)		
	Max.	Min.
April 5	81	38
April 6	84	41
April 7	84	47
April 8	84	44
April 9	84	42
April 10	71	46
April 11	61	42

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## Navy Personnel Will Discuss Vocational Fields at Second Annual 'Career Day'

More than 35 speakers who will discuss the various vocational fields at Burroughs High School's second Career Day to be held Wednesday, April 18, were listed this week by the Girl's League planning committee which is assisting the local chapter of the American Association of University Women in sponsoring the affair.

Representing the various trades and professions in the China Lake area, the speakers will discuss training requirements, personal qualifications, salary ranges, job opportunities such as openings, advancement, outlook in the field and environment and location of jobs.

Prior to scheduling the discussion groups, which will take place from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m., students were given opportunity to select, with parental advice, the three discussion groups they wished to attend.

Objectives of Career Day in addition to encouraging student thinking on occupational choice by providing first-hand occupational information, include the improving of student achievement by better course scheduling in harmony with vocational plans and the bringing about of a closer cooperation between teachers and representatives from industry, business and agriculture.

The activity is also designed to improve school-community relations through such a joint enterprise.

The fields to be discussed, speakers and their professional backgrounds, are as follows:

Agriculture, by John Hoyt, Farm and Home Advisor, U.C. Extension Service of Kern County. Air Hostess, by Mrs. R. J. Felton, former United Air Lines stewardess. Armed Forces for men or women, recruiting teams from Bakersfield. Commercial Art, Mrs. Nancy Glover, illustrator in Test Department. Aviation, Lt. (jg) H. C. Quitmeyer, Guided Missile Unit 61. Auto Mechanics, Bob Smith, owner and operator of Bob Smith Buick and Chevrolet Sales Agency and Garage.

Beautician will be discussed by Mrs. J. Olson, manager and owner of Miracle of Charm Beauty Shop, Ridgecrest. Bookkeeping and Accounting, John Emery, chief fiscal accountant, NOTS. Chemistry, by Dr. W. S. McEwan, head of Chemistry Division in Research Department. Dr. A. Gordon, head of Combustion Branch and Dr. R. A. Henry, head of Organic Chem-

istry Branch.

Dentistry, Dr. R. C. Millard, Capt. USN, Dental Corps. Drafting, G. Chantler, chief draftsman in Missile Range Division, Test Department. Drama and Entertainment, Miss Valerie Bales, graduate of Pasadena Playhouse.

Electronics will be discussed by R. M. McClung, instrumentation electronics engineer in Aviation Ordnance Department; Dr. T. S. Amlie, missile electronics engineer in this department; and R. A. Dinsmore, district manager of the Interstate Telegraph Company, Ridgecrest. Electrical Engineering, Earl Love, assistant head of Engineering Division, Public Works Department. Mechanical Engineering, James Madden, engineer of the Aviation Ordnance Department.

Fire Department will be discussed by A. C. Wright, fire chief, NOTS. Forestry and Game, William Paldi, ranger with U.S. Forestry Service, Kernville. Home Economics, Mrs. R. B. Becker, home economist and substitute teacher in China Lake Schools.

Journalism will be discussed by Ed Laney, editor of the ROCKETEER. Machine Shop work, E. P. Turse, quartermaster machinist, NOTS. Mathematics, Dr. J. Maxwell, mathematician in the Research Department. Medicine, Dr. W. O. Vandenberg, USN, Medical Corps. Modeling, Mrs. G. R. Schrick, instructor in modeling. Music, Mrs. William M. Moore, former music teacher in the local schools.

Nursing, Mrs. John Cox, registered nurse and insurance adjuster for NOTS Group Health Insurance. Occupational and Physio-Therapy, Mrs. W. F. Brisch, registered occupational therapist. General Office Work, Mrs. Sarah Chedester, secretary to head, Management Engineering, Central Staff. Police Work, ODR. E. V. Horne, legal officer and acting security officer; George Sullivan, chief of security police, R. H. Bodwell, assistant to the security officer. Photography, R. H. Clark, Jr., motion picture

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### Superior Achievement Award Recipient



E. O. HAGENLOCK (left) receives a \$200 Superior Achievement Award from Dr. Howard A. Wilcox, head of Rocket Development Department. The award is granted for improving the design of special weapons handling equipment.

## BuOrd Chief, Advisory Board Visiting NOTS

## Final Plans Outlined For Second Annual Clean-Up Campaign

The Advisory Board of the U.S. Naval Ordnance Test Station arrived yesterday for a three-day visit on the Station. Rear Admiral F. S. Withington, USN, Chief of Bureau of Ordnance is aboard and expected to attend at least part of the meeting.

Members of the board are: Robert L. Biggers, Chrysler Corporation; Dr. Norris E. Bradbury, Director, Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory; Henry Dreyfuss, Industrial Designer; E. H. Heinemann, Chief Engineer, Douglas Aircraft Company; Dr. F. C. Lindvall, California Institute of Technology; Rear Admiral Calvin M. Bolster, USN (Ret), General Tire and Rubber Company; W. Kenneth Davis, Director, Reactor Development Division, AEC; Dr. H. W. Emmons, Harvard University; Dr. C. C. Lauritsen, California Institute of Technology; and Charleton Shugg, General Manager, Electric Boat Division, General Dynamics Corporation.

An informal no-host reception will be held this evening from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in honor of the group.

Final plans for area participation in the second annual Clean-Up, Paint-Up, Fix-Up Campaign which starts next Sunday, April 15, and continues for a period of two weeks, have been announced by R. C. O'Reilly, community manager.

The China Lake Golf Club is going ahead with its plans to sweep down the Bennington Plaza; the Supervisors Association will stencil slogans on the dempster dumpsters at NOTS; the Navy Barracks will paint antennas and other iron work at the TV booster station; the Marine Barracks will pick up trash and paper from the Main Gate south to the Wherry project inside the fence; the Marine SAM Battalion has selected a project to clean and beautify the children's nursery at NOTS and also will paint the little white fence by the Security Building at the Main Gate. Girl Scouts are distributing clean-up literature from door-to-door.

Trees will be planted in Ridgecrest Park by the Desert Sportsmen's Association, and the California Division of Highways will clean the outside of the fence along China Lake Blvd. Final plans for participation also are being completed by Rebekah Lodge No. 412, DAV, Troop 800 of

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## Facts on Lawn Care Outlined

By Oscar Glatz  
Station Horticulturist

It will be well to remember that grass plants in a lawn are out of their natural environment. They therefore need more care—the same as any other living thing that has to get along under forced conditions.

To produce a thick turf, approximately 50 per cent more grass plants will be required to grow than would normally grow under natural conditions. This overplanting, plus heavy irrigation, will soon deplete the soil of all plant nutrient. As a result the plants are weak. During hot weather, in this weakened condition, plants are receptive to any attacks of pests and diseases.

Young, newly-seeded lawns are early affected by fungus, commonly called damp-off. This will make its appearance in brown spots from four to six inches in diameter while the seed is in the process of germination, and again in larger spots after the lawn is fairly well established.

The grass will appear scalded and matted and become straw-colored in a very short time.

A new lawn should be watered light and often. The evening watering should be early—in time to give the grass blades time to dry completely before nightfall.

The fungi brown patch is common everywhere. It will make its appearance in midsummer, which seems to be the most trying time for turf.

The first signs of this fungus will be large, dark green, almost black wilted spots, which will finally turn brown and die. It is very difficult to tell the difference between a fungus attack and dry spots, without first examining the soil for soil moisture.

Many times mistaken identity has resulted in complete loss of the lawn. Prompt action in most cases will save the turf, as the first stages of this disease will not kill the root system.

## R. K. Bodenner Retires at NOTS

After working on the Station since December, 1944, Ralph Bodenner, a leadman carpenter in Propellants and Explosives Department is retiring and returning to his home at Amery, Wisconsin.

When Ralph Bodenner first reported to China Lake, his first assignment was on the construction of the CLPP Cafeteria building and the offices and shops of that area. Later, he worked in the Maintenance Carpenter Shop where he eventually became Leadman. At that time, the shop had only one little eight-inch table saw but was soon equipped to what it is today with power saws, drill presses and sanders.

Later, the Salt Wells Carpenter Shop was built and Ralph became Leadman Carpenter there until it closed down, at which time he was transferred back to CLPP.

Since coming to China Lake, Mr. Bodenner has watched this base grow from a few buildings, dirt roads, no stores, schools or air fields to what it is today. He added that he has enjoyed his work here and values the companionships of his many friends.

## Station 'Safe-Driving Council' Reports On Monthly Summary of Traffic Violations

At the March meeting of the Station's Safe-Driving Council, the following facts and figures were reported:

March Traffic Violations	
502 CMVC (Drunk Driving)	1
Vehicles removed from Station for not having BI & PD insurance	2
Vehicles removed from Station by request of owner's Commanding Officer	2
Speeding and reckless driving	1
Speeding	22
Failed to make Blvd. stop	4
Driving without operators license	1
Illegal parking	54
Defective vehicle warning notices	39
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>126</b>

Traffic Court Hearings	
502 CMVC (Drunk Driving) Taken to Judge Warner's Court. Fined \$150 or 75 days. Fine paid	1
Vehicles removed from Station for not having BI & PD insurance, for 30 days	2
Vehicle removed from Station by request of owner's Commanding Officer, indefinite	2
Speeding and reckless driving, grounded for 90 days	1
Speeding, grounded 3 weeks	1
Speeding, grounded 2 weeks	4
Speeding, grounded 3 weeks, suspended for 6 months	4
Speeding, grounded for 2 weeks, suspended for 6 months	1
Speeding, grounded for 2 weeks, suspended for 60 days	8
Speeding, grounded for 1 week, suspended for 60 days	4
Failed to make Blvd. stop, warned	4
Driving without operators license, warned	1
Illegal parking, warned	54
Defective vehicle warning notices	39
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>126</b>

The Monthly Summary of on-Station traffic incidents involving collision and damage to private vehicles was as follows:

CAUSE	NUMBER
1. Improper backing due to inattention	3
2. Hit and run	1
3. Inattention at intersections	4
4. Following too close	1
5. Vehicle out of control	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10</b>

Should the difficulty be found to be dry spots, chances are that the top soil is shallow. To overcome this, soak the area by laying the garden hose down with a very little water trickling through it until the area is thoroughly saturated.

If it proves to be fungus, apply a mercury of cadmium compound, according to the manufacturer's recommendation. The compounds come under various trade names.

Avoid mowing or walking through affected fungi spots.

## Marines Are Praised For Their Courtesy

Many compliments are being paid to the Marine Corps guards at the Station Main Gate because of their courtesy to incoming and outgoing drivers, as well as their general military bearing and neatness of uniform.

Residents coming back after a late drive from off-Station tell of getting a courteous "Good evening, how are you, sir?" that helps them to forget a long trip. Strangers tell of getting aid with the details of coming aboard for the first time.

## Precincts 1, 4 Have Vacancy

Two vacancies exist on the Community Council, one from precinct one and one from precinct four, it was announced today by Council President James Madden. The vacancies are due to resignations by Herschel Hicks and R. A. Ragsdale.

Persons interested in applying for these directorships, may obtain petitions from Mrs. G. H. Mayberry at the Council Office on Parsons Road. Persons applying must return their petitions to the Council Office prior to 5:30 p.m. on April 20.

A special election will be held by the Council Directors to fill the vacancies. Since the terms of office of the resignees expires in November of this year, no general election will be held. All petitions submitted will be considered and selections made on Tuesday, April 24.

## Photographs Of the Week



"MATERIAL MADNESS" is the title of the Burroughs High School annual fashion show to be presented at Burroughs Cafeteria, Thursday, April 26 at 8 p.m. Approximately 80 students will model their creations as Cheryl Goode, left, and Nancy Newell are demonstrating. The classes are under the direction of Martha R. Harrod.

## Complete Red Cross Nursing Course



FIVE INSTRUCTORS complete the Red Cross instructor training class in Home Nursing this week to prepare them to start community classes soon. The new instructors (from l. to r.) are: Muriel Tettmar, Ruth Stone, Marian Sherlock, Gayle Loomis, and Jane LaRosa.

## Material Madness

### Fashion Show Here Will Feature Creations by Eighty Students

More than eighty girls from the Burroughs High School Homemaking Department will model clothes they created in home economics classes at the annual fashion show to be held at the Burroughs Cafeteria at 8 p.m. Thursday, Apr. 26, immediately following the open-house for Public Schools Week.

Taking the title "Material Madness," the show will be presented in skit form with Carol Chapman and Barbara Yost playing leading roles. Emphasized in the clothing, which will display the entire young lady's wardrobe, will be fit, practicality and appropriateness.

### Directional Road Signs To Show Way To China Lake Area

The Public Works Department is carrying out a program aimed at providing better highway identification for the Station. The first phase of this program is being developed in connection with the Division of Highways in Bishop, California. It is hoped that arrangements can be made to have directional signs which will read "Naval Ordnance Test Station, China Lake, California," with appropriate mileage posted at all important locations within a 75-mile radius of the Station.

The District office of the Division of Highways in Bishop is initiating action through their Sacramento office to obtain authorization for these signs. Should the need be indicated, future action will be taken with the District offices in Los Angeles and Barstow for signs in the areas which are outside the jurisdiction of the Bishop Division.

A second portion of this program, aimed to improve the designation of China Lake on highway maps, has also been initiated. The cooperation of automobile clubs, major oil companies, and map companies has been solicited. They have been requested to indicate China Lake in the same manner as other towns or cities of this population. In addition, they are being requested to indicate the boundaries of the Naval Ordnance Test Station on their maps and include notations to show that highway traffic is not permitted through these areas. In order to assist in this mapping program, a sketch has been prepared and submitted to these companies for their guidance.

A jet airliner carries 240 devices and instruments as compared with seven instruments used in a plane in 1918.



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

TODAY	APRIL 13
"GREAT DAY IN THE MORNING" (97 Min.)	
V. Mayo, R. Stack, R. Roman	
Shorts: "Kit for Kat" (7 Min.)	
"Island Windjammers" (8 Min.)	
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SATURDAY	APRIL 14
"WORLD WITHOUT END" (80 Min.)	
Hugh Marlowe, Nancy Gates	
Shorts: "Riding the Glades" (10 Min.)	
"Picture Parade" (18 Min.)	
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MATINEE	
"FORT VENGEANCE" (75 Min.)	
James Craig	
Shorts: "Out on a Limb" (7 Min.)	
"Perils of the Wilderness" (16 Min.)	
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SUN.-MON.	APRIL 15-16
"ROCK AROUND THE CLOCK" (77 Min.)	
Johnny Johnston, Lisa Gaye, Bill Haley and the Comets	
Shorts: "Magoo's Canine Mutiny" (7 Min.)	
"AFSM No. 530" (18 Min.)	
"DART Tow Target, USNOTS"	
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TUES.-WED.	APRIL 17-18
"THE MAN WHO NEVER WAS" (103 Min.)	
Clifton Webb, Gloria Grahame	
Short: "Crashing the Water Barrier" (10 Min.)	
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THURS.-FRI.	APRIL 19-20
"THE BIRDS AND THE BEES"	
George Gobel, Mitzi Gaynor	
Shorts: "Museum" (7 Min.)	
"Volcanic Violence" (9 Min.)	



"THE IMPRESARIO" bows to his public tonight and tomorrow night at the Richmond School Auditorium at 8:15 p.m. A special matinee for children will be presented tomorrow at 2:15 p.m. Members of the cast (from l. to r.) are: Ralph Selfridge, Mary Jane Morgan, Dr. Perry Stone, Bill Cohen, and Marie Davidson.



HEARTS AND FLOWERS are indicated in this scene from "The Lowland Sea" which will be presented in conjunction with "The Impresario" tonight and tomorrow night by the NOTS Repertory Group. Members of the cast, standing (from l. to r.) are: Bette Jacks, Anna Stump, Evelyn Crockett, Larry Hatfield, kneeling; and Donna Rinehart, seated.

## Apprentice Exams Will Close April 19

Applications for Civil Service apprentice examinations for vacancies at NOTS must be received or post-marked not later than next Thursday, April 19, according to an announcement by the Executive Secretary, Board of Civil Service Examiners, Eleventh Naval District (Northern Sector).

Appointments will be made for apprentices in the following trades: Carpenter; Electrician (Lineman Communication); Electronics Mechanic; Instrument Maker; Machinist; Painter; Pipecoverer and Insulator; Pipefitter; Plumber; Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Mechanic; Sheetmetal Worker; Toolmaker and Welder (Combination). The above positions will pay at the rate of \$1.71 per hour.

Further information regarding this announcement No. 12-54-27 (56) may be obtained at the Personnel Department and at the local Post Office.

## New NOTS Chapel Contract Is Awarded

Construction of the new "All Faith Chapel" is scheduled to start this month according to a copy of a letter from the District Public Works Office, Eleventh Naval District, to W. A. Drennan, contractor of Oildale, California, which was received by Captain F. L. Ashworth notifying him that the contract had been awarded.

A sum of \$354,000 has been allotted for the construction of the main Chapel building, Morning Chapel and office wing. The total project is scheduled for completion on or before April 1957. An additional development is the authorization for local funding which will be used to develop and beautify the site.

## Wins Contest



ANNE ROCKWELL, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd E. Rockwell, 55-A Ringgold, is one of fifty essay winners in a recent National Educational Fragrance Contest sponsored by Lenthier through Senior Scholastic Magazine, a national publication for girls.

## Annual Clean-Up Begins Next Week

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the Boy Scouts, the High School Fellowship Organization, the NAACP, Ridgecrest Property Owners and Taxpayers Association, including several other groups. The VFW is distributing window posters, truck banners and other literature.

The two-week campaign will be concluded by a dance to be held at the American Legion Hall in Ridgecrest on Saturday, April 28 at 9 p.m. Prizes will be awarded during the intermission by NOTS Ceramics Club to Station winners. The Rotary Club will donate prizes for winners in Ridgecrest and Inyokern areas. The American Legion Auxiliary will donate door prizes in addition to an award to the man or woman who comes dressed in a costume most appropriately depicting the theme of the campaign. Everyone is invited.

## Job Opportunities

**Mathematics Aide, GS-3, 4 or 5.** Mathematics Division, Research Department. The principal duty of this position will be the operation of the IBM 701 Electronic Computer in the fields of engineering and scientific computation. After a period of training on the day shift, the successful applicant will be assigned to the third shift—beginning at 2400—and will have the sole responsibility for the operation of the computer during that shift. Previous IBM experience is considered desirable, but not essential. Interested personnel call Mrs. Auchterlonie, extension 71514.

**Supervisory, Bookkeeping Machine Operator, GS-4.** This position is located in the Accounting Division of Central Staff. For further information, call John Pike, Extension 72723.

**Clerk Stenographer GS-4.** Transportation Division, Public Works Department. Call 71380, Personnel Department.

## 'University Women' Honor Mrs. Daiber

The Helene Daiber grant is the name chosen by the China Lake branch of the American Association of University Women for its \$500 contribution to the national A.A.U.W. fellowship fund, according to Lois Allan, fellowship chairman. It was selected in honor of the late Helene Daiber, a graduate of the University of Estonia and a member of the local chapter.

In keeping with the character of the grant, the local contribution is part of an international grant used in financing college work on the graduate level of a foreign student who will study at a college or university in this country.

## 'Lowland Sea' and 'Impresario' Plays Now Being Shown

Mozart's "Impresario", a light musical comedy, and Alec Wilder's "The Lowland Sea", a light musical tragedy are being presented by NOTS Repertory Group at Richmond School Auditorium tonight and tomorrow night at 8:15 p.m.

Both productions are under the direction of Bea Moore, assisted by Stella Grieg in "The Lowland Sea", and Elinor Irish in "Impresario." James Rhodes is the technical director, Kenneth Green is stage manager, and Kay Wentink is the wardrobe mistress. Ruth Rekosch is in charge of make-up and Evelyn Crockett handled 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 are available from members of the cast or at the door of the Richmond Auditorium before performances. Admission is 75 cents for adults, 50 cents for children and servicemen, and 25 cents for children attending the special matinee tomorrow afternoon at 2:15 p.m.

## High Winds Damage Receiving Antennas

Extremely high winds at the top of Laurel Mountain last Tuesday damaged channel 2 and channel 5 receiving antennas, according to an announcement by George Sutherland.

Substitute antennas were prefabricated on the spot and installed in order to provide uninterrupted service to the viewers in the area.

**No one has the right of way, when a life is at stake.**

## Pasadena Profiles



Willie Goertz Hiebert

Since the beginning of his duty at Pasadena Annex in July 1948, Willie Hiebert has not used a single hour of sick leave. Quite a few Annex people have a greater accumulation of sick leave to their credit, but even members of the "Thousand Hour Club" have taken an hour or so here and there. Not Willie!

Born in Woodbine, Kansas, in December 1890, Willie Hiebert came to California in 1940 from Oklahoma. He worked as a heavy-equipment operator until 1942 when he joined the California State Guard. In 1943 he went to work for General Plant Protection, a commercial security organization composed of ex-service men. In 1948, he was "converted" to civil service. He spent eleven months at Seal Beach, returning to NOTS Pasadena last August.

Willie's supervisors consider him exceptionally cooperative, and willing to carry out his assigned tasks regardless of personal inconvenience. He has always been on the graveyard shift, usually at Morris Dam. When he must check in with the Foothill office, for instance, it involves a good chunk of his own time, but it's always fine with Willie. His working record, back to his sixteenth birthday, shows that he has never had less than a satisfactory character and efficiency rating.

He has twice received official commendations—the first time for quick action in the case of a highway accident near Morris Dam, and the second, last January, for his sick-leave record. This commendation stated in part: "Your devotion to duty and the respect you have earned from your co-workers is indeed commendable and exemplary."

## New Employees Arrive at Foothill

The Supply Department has recently welcomed five new typists—E. Harold Mettler, Frank L. Dill Jr., Laurie A. Dalool, Audrey C. Brown, and Marilyn G. Dalool.

Sharon L. Gray joined the staff of Command Administration as a

## Brumfield Speaks At SPA Conference In Los Angeles

Addressing the fourth annual conference of the Suggestion Plans Association last Monday, Dr. Robert C. Brumfield, consultant in the Underwater Ordnance Department, spoke on various aspects of creative thinking.

Representatives of industry, government, and the press in southern California met at the Statler Hotel in Los Angeles for an all-day conference. William S. Wilcox, suggestion system coordinator for the Socony-Mobil Oil Co. of New York, and Dr. Brumfield were the principal speakers.

The suggestion system, Dr. Brumfield pointed out, is one of the practical methods devised for the protection and exploitation of ideas which are the product of creative thinking. He discussed its convenience as a method of disclosing the many work-day ideas which are of value to society.

Dr. Brumfield also discussed a number of possible methods stimulating individual intellectual activity. David Jones of P8024 and Robert Larson of P8084 attended the conference.

## 'NFFE' Will Meet Thursday Evening

Local 1101, National Federation of Federal Employees, will hold a dinner meeting, beginning promptly at 6:30 p.m., next Thursday, April 19, at Zucca's Ranch House in Pasadena.

The speaker at this meeting will be Miss Vivian Dionne of the Pasadena office of the Social Security Administration. Miss Dionne will answer questions on social security matters. All NOTS employees and guests are invited to attend.

Reservations may be made with Nadine Robinson, extension 160, before noon of Tuesday, April 17.

## Dance Ticket Sales Begin on Wednesday

Tickets will go on sale next Wednesday, April 18, for the NOTS Pasadena spring dance, to be held at the Pasadena Elks Club on Friday, May 11.

Tickets will be available from all committee members (Tom Corse, Eva Young, Jeanne Gorman, and Bill Kloepfer) as well as a number of people who will be named on posters which are scheduled to go up Wednesday in all Annex areas.

## News from Pasadena



RECIPIENTS OF Superior Accomplishment Awards, Luis Marquez and Marsha Wittersheim, center, receive the congratulations of their supervisors, Cliff Stock, left, and Yako Dragievlch, right, in Don Steel's office where they were called to receive their checks.

## Awards Presented for Superior Work

Superior accomplishment awards were received last week by two

Annex employees and one former employee. An award of \$200 came to Luis Marquez, electronic mechanic of the Long Beach Test Unit. Mr. Marquez' award was based on two factors, sustained above average performance and exceptional performance involving unusual difficulties. He was the principal trouble-shooter during the Bureau of Ordnance tests of the RAT system, a function which required important field decisions daily. He turned in a consistently superior performance during the entire period.

## Suggestion Checks Reward Ideas of Five Employees

Beneficial suggestion checks came through last week for five enterprising people. Top award of \$40, based on monetary savings and intangible factors, went to Fred W. Lux, a Long Beach employee. Fred's suggestion was for an auxiliary lifting cable and winch or safety cable.

David G. Hunt, a Morris Dam employee, received the next highest award, \$25 based on monetary savings, for his suggestion for simplification of a vacuum plate.

Georgia M. Smith, of Command Administration, received a \$15 award for a suggestion which will result in a \$250 saving, Paul C. Roberts of the research division and Rose G. Weinberg of Supply, each received \$10 awards.

## Promotions Announced In Four Departments

Lloyd C. Berghagen has joined Engineering's source inspection branch as an Ordnance Inspector, GS-8. Mr. Berghagen was promoted from experimental machinist in P8045.

Frederick R. Nebelius was promoted from Electronic Mechanic to Electronic Technician (General) GS-9 in P8023, UOD. Also in Underwater Ordnance, Genevieve M. Stubstad, P8074, was promoted from Mechanical Engineer, GS-9, to Aeronautical Engineer, GS-11.

In Personnel, Betty T. Butler received a promotion from Clerk-Typist, GS-3, to Personnel Clerk, GS-4; and in the Supply Department, Cecil S. Emerson was promoted from Supervisory Receiving and Shipping Assistant, GS-7, to Supervisory Purchasing Agent, GS-9.

## Annex Vacancies

**Supervising Electronic Scientist, GS-12.** Design and development of magnetic and transistor servo amplifiers and related components for torpedo control systems.

**Engineering Draftsman (General) GS-6.** Prepare engineering drawings of ordnance equipment, underwater ordnance, torpedoes, launchers, workshop equipment, and other related mechanical and electrical parts. When given a part or assembly, incumbent is expected to convert to Bureau of Ordnance sketches and drawings suitable for procurement. Contact Bernie Silver.

# Burroughs High Wins D-I League Relay Carnival

## ★ ★ Capt. Ashworth Mile Won by 'Tehachapi'

Burroughs High School grabbed off three new records and the Fourth Annual Desert-Inyo League Relay Carnival championship last Friday at Kelly Field. Although they took the measure of most teams in the Carnival, Tehachapi walked off with first place in the highly prized Captain Ashworth Mile Run. Winning the event for Tehachapi was Miles Eisenman, Dick Matthie of Bishop was second and Bill Standard of Burroughs placed third.

With an aid from the weather man, who chose last Friday night to ration out a calm, balmy evening, the Relay Carnival participants succeeded in setting new records in 7 out of 16 events, not including two field events which were being staged for the first time and naturally resulted in new meet records.

Burroughs High School was declared the Relay Carnival winner for the second consecutive year on the basis of the number of wins posted in relay event competition. The Burros copped five first place ribbons, including three record-breaking performances by Class B and C runners.

**Carnival Runners-up**  
Barstow and Victor Valley were the runners-up in the carnival with two wins apiece, and Mojave, Trona and Tehachapi each fielded one winning relay team.

In the field events, Tehachapi had two blue-ribbon winners, while Desert, Randsburg and Victor Valley athletes each won one event. A Tehachapi runner, Miles Eisenman, also placed first in the Capt. Ashworth special mile run. He was followed across the finish line by Dick Matthie of Bishop, who placed second, and Bill Standard of Burroughs, who came in third. The winning time was 4:52.8.

The evening's assault on past performance records was led off by the Burroughs Class B medley distance team which covered a distance of 2 1/4 miles in 11:07.9 in the second relay event on the program. This shaved more than 8 seconds off the previous record, set last year by Burroughs.

In the final 1320, Burroughs anchor man Tom Vick was nearly overtaken by Jim Gallagher of Desert, but managed to hang onto the



COACH MATT WEIGHTMAN receives congratulations and a trophy in honor of his team winning the Fourth Annual Desert-Inyo League Relay Carnival. Rod O'Meara (left) extends congratulations and Dr. Earl Murray (right) presents Weightman with the winner's trophy.

lead and win by a few steps. Other members of the record-setting quartet were Craig Ellis, George Weir, and Tom Siopes.

**Record Setters**  
Other Burroughs High School record setters included the Class C medley team of John Orozco, Gary Maxwell, Perry Martinez and Floyd Furnish. A fast finish by anchor man Furnish left the other teams entered in this event far behind as the locals lowered the previous record by more than 8 seconds from 4:17 to 4:08.7.

In the Class C 880 relay (8 men running 110 yards each), the Burroughs sprinters set another new Carnival record by touring the distance in 1:37.5. The old record, set by Barstow in 1953, had been 1:42.5. Members of the Burroughs Class C 880 relay team were Ray Mann, John Orozco, Colin Ryan, Clifford Barton, Gary Maxwell, Floyd Furnish, Tom Zurn, and Calvin Joy.

In other relay events, the Burroughs Class A medley 1760 team of Bernard Graham, Jack Butler, Joel Christie, Clay Carroll, and Phil Barra opened up the program by winning the first event of the evening. Runners-up in this race were, in order of finish, Desert High School, Victor Valley, Lone Pine, and Bishop.

**New Mark Set**  
The Class B medley 3960 and Capt. Ashworth special mile, results of which were mentioned previously, came next, followed by Class C 660 medley won by Victor Valley in the record breaking time of 1:14.4. The previous record had been 1:18.1 set by Barstow in 1953.

Members of the record breaking quartet from Victor Valley were Art Forbes, John Nicklous, Jerry Rickeral and Nickey Duffy. They were chased across the finish line by the Burroughs team, which placed second, and was followed in order by Trona, Lone Pine and Desert.



RECORD SETTERS in the Class "C" Relay (880) are pictured above (first row l. to r.): Calvin Joy, Colin Ryan, Gary Maxwell, and John Orozco. In the back row (l. to r.) are: Floyd Furnish, Tom Zurn, Clifford Barton and Ray Mann. These boys set a new conference record for the event by running it in 1:38.4; the old record was held by Barstow and was 1:45.5.



CLASS "B" MEDLEY WINNER Tom Vick of Burroughs hits the tape to set a new record of 11:07.9 for the Desert-Inyo League Relay Carnival. Running with Vick in the event were George Weir, Craig Ellis and Tom Siopes. Vick is shown at right, second placer Eddie Lasky of Lone Pine at left.

## 'Drag Race Season' To Open This Sunday

The 1956 "Drag Race" season will officially open this Sunday at the Inyokern Airport under the sponsorship of the Dust Devils Auto Club. Big plans for top-notch competition are being made for the year, according to Bernie Partridge, an officer of the club.

Partridge points out that this year's races will be more interesting to local audiences because the National Hot Rod Association has placed in effect new regulations that include five new stock-car classes.

Highlight of the races to be run this Sunday will be the appearance of Hashim's automotive special from Bakersfield, which holds the unofficial world's record from a standing start to 153.94 miles per hour in 9.12 seconds. This is the fastest quarter mile ever recorded and was made in Bakersfield last February 5.

Ira Mahoney, employee of the Pilot Plant, always a good contender, will enter his motorcycle and may give the automotive special a good go. All competition should be at its best as Dust Devil dragsters will be competing for the first time in over a year. Also the Crowns Car Club of Long Beach is expected to be here to participate.

### Choir Director



GEORGE A. CARSON, newly appointed Director of Music for NOTS Community Church starts his new duty next Sunday. Carson has been employed here at the Station for two years. Part of his musical background was acquired at U.S. Navy School of Music, Washington, D.C., and he received his bachelor of music degree at Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, Ohio.

### Radio Hams To Organize

A meeting of all ham radio operators on the Station will be held Monday, April 23, in the Community Center at 7:30 p.m., it was announced today by Communications Officer Lt. (jg) Michael Bedwell. The purpose of the meeting is to officially organize a radio club and to elect leadership for the group. Further information can be obtained by calling Ext. 72266.

## Federal 'Incentive Awards Program' Rated Outstanding

The new Government Employees' Incentive Act represents the first time in history of Federal Civil Service that Congress has provided an incentive plan which can equitably and uniformly recognize, and provide rewards for, the superior achievement and performance of all employees regardless of their classification or positions.

The President of the United States, and the Secretary of the Navy appreciate the program's importance and are supporting it in its entirety. President Eisenhower, in a recent letter to the heads of all Federal agencies, said in part: "I am firmly convinced that employees of the Federal Government can, through their diligence and competence, make further significant contributions to the important task of improving Government operations."

To know that the program is important to those high in Government is one thing, but to do something about it is another. The ball must be carried by both supervisors and employees. Considering that under the terms of the incentive program everyone benefits—the Government in better methods, increased production, better employee safety and working conditions; the taxpayer in all of the above plus other resultant economies which are reflected in his tax dollar; the employee who gains recognition and financial reward for his contribution—it follows that all hands should give the plan their wholehearted cooperation.

Success of the program is going to depend, in great measure, on the support it receives from all supervisors. They are responsible for initiating award recommendations, for making thorough evaluations, and for positive, clear replies. It's up to them, in their day to day operations, to encourage and assist employees with the development of constructive ideas.

### Set Back Your Clocks Sunday, April 29th

Daylight Saving Time will go into effect in the State of California, and at NOTS, at midnight, Sunday, April 29. At that time all clocks should be turned back one hour in compliance with the new time schedule. This means that all NOTS workers will, in actuality, be coming to work one hour earlier and leaving work one hour earlier than before.



The right to vote—like all other rights guaranteed by the Constitution—also implies a duty.

Basically, servicemen are in uniform to protect our democratic way of life against encroachment by others. With so many nations of the world now under totalitarian rule, it follows that we should have our voting rights more deeply impressed in our minds than ever before.

Free government will continue to be free only so long as citizens exercise their right and duty to vote.

The right to choose between candidates for a public office is a precious thing. The communists—like the fascists before them—know this. Almost immediately upon obtaining control of a country, they choke off this most direct expression of the people's will. The one-party ballot becomes the order of the day.

Simply marking a ballot, however, does not complete our obligation. We must endeavor to vote intelligently. To do this, we must try to be as informed as possible about election issues.

Keep in touch with national and community affairs. Read the newspapers—your home town paper also, if possible—and listen to news broadcasts over radio and TV.

Only by casting an informed vote can you exercise your right and duty completely.

## Ski Club Meeting Set for Tuesday

A regular meeting of NOTS Ski Club to be conducted by Jim Moore, president, will be held at the Community Center next Tuesday, April 17 at 8 p.m., according to Diane Sheffield, vice-president.

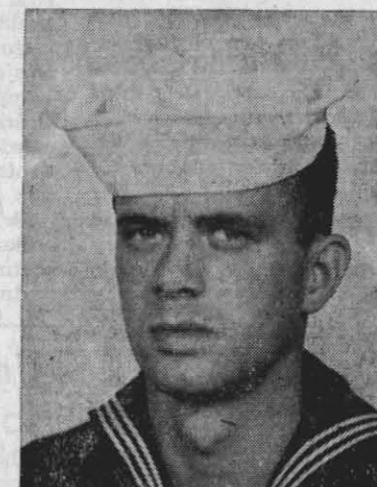
Plans for the annual banquet scheduled for May 2 will be discussed in addition to the distribution of trophies for the winners of the NOTS Ski Club races to be held at Mammoth Lakes, April 21 and 22.

First aid classes are presently being conducted by Art Breslow for members interested in forming a ski patrol to assist at various ski areas. Members are requested to participate in the 'Fun Races' to be held at Mammoth Lakes on May 12 and 13.

### Your Credit Union

Your Credit Union is not a bank. It is not a labor union. It is not a credit bureau, and it is not a loan company. The credit union is a self-service facility, a convenience we have set up for ourselves for personal savings and for personal loans, and for great personal advantage.

### March Honoree



HOWARD WHITE, AC2, is named as "Bluejacket-of-the-Month" at the Naval Air Facility for March. White hails from Chicago, Illinois, and received his initial Navy training at Great Lake, Illinois. He is assigned to duties at NAF and works in the Operations Control Tower. He is a Division Training Petty Officer.

### 1 Out of 3 Get Awards

On the average, one out of every three suggestions submitted is adopted and the suggester receives an award.