



TENSE MOMENT is depicted as Charlie, four time loser, attempts to escape from a trap set by Detective McLeod in a scene from "Detective Story". Members of the cast (l. to r.) are: Jim Rhodes as Charlie; Bea Goodie Moore as the Shoplifter; Ed Romero as Detective Brody; and Bill Spafford as Detective McLeod.

### CL Players Rehearsing 'Detective Story'; Will Give Proceeds to Navy Relief Fund

"Detective Story" will be presented by the China Lake Players at the Station Theater June 28th and 29th. All proceeds after expenses will go to the Navy Relief Fund.

"Detective Story," a three-act play by Sidney Kingsley, was first presented at the Hudson Theater, New York, March 23, 1949. The entire action of the play takes place in the detective squad room of a New York precinct police station. The tragedy, humor, and some of the evil of a big city provide the background for one detective's struggle with himself.

The New York play starred Ralph Bellamy as Detective McLeod and Meg Mundy as Mary McLeod. The movie version starred Kirk Douglas and Eleanor Parker.

Detective McLeod will be played here by William Spafford. Bill appeared in "The Glass Menagerie" and other China Lake Players productions, and he co-directed "The Moon is Blue."

Valerie Bales directs "Detective Story" and plays Mary McLeod, wife of Detective McLeod. Valerie appeared here in "Blithe Spirit," is a graduate of Pasadena Playhouse, and has appeared on television.

Others in the cast are Marvin Backman as Joe Feinson; Lt. L. H. Benfell as Detective Dakis; Bea Goodie Moore as the Shoplifter; Johnnie Bales as Mrs. Farragut; Bill Nolan as Detective Callahan; Ralph Claassen as Detective Keogh; Eduardo Romero as Detective Brody; Lang Sykes as Endicott Sims; and Lt. (jg) R. G. Stevenson as Arthur Kindred, a disillusioned and bitter young veteran.

Patrolman Barnes will be played by Gerald Shavlik; Jim Rhodes will play Charlie, a four time loser;

Mrs. Bagatelle, one of Charlie's victims will be played by Lyn Brandt; Lewis, a real dumb burglar, will be played by Jerry Royce; and Detective Gallagher will be played by Lt. (jg) M. A. Bedwell.

Max Braswell, previously active in the China Lake Players, will play "Doctor" Kurt Schneider, a man without a conscience but with a smart lawyer. M/Sgt. Al Hinton will play Lt. Monaghan who knows McLeod for what he really is.

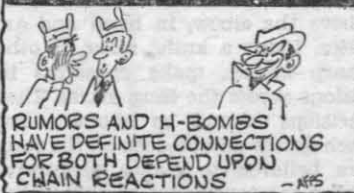
Jody Carter who appeared here in "Hell Bent for Heaven," "Everyman," and who was in dramatic activities at Pomona College, will play Tami Giacoppetti.

### Job Opportunities

Electronic Scientist, GS-12. Located in the Propellants and Explosives Department. Electronic, electrical or physics background. To head electrical section in branch recently formed for developing new and improved methods of evaluating rocket components. Involves cooperation with other engineers and physicists investigating sonic, ultrasonic, nuclear, radiographic, and gauging techniques. Call Personnel Dept., extension 72723.

Clerk-Typist, GS-3, Command Administration Dept. Work is in the Telephone Business Office, call Ext. 72931 or 71648.

### Rhymes of the Times



By "Dutch" Dremann

### Knowledge Is Power

Ever notice those gems of knowledge that newspapers are forever sticking in at the bottom of a column?

• Important things like:—On Aug. 12, 1928, the first image was sent over television; that's 24 years ago last Wednesday! —Oh, boy.

• Or: —Putting all the speakers under oath would ruin a testimonial dinner. —Yeah.

• Then there's:—One of Carl Coby's hens laid an egg with a "C" on the shell! —Wow.

Ho, hum.

Better get your shoes resoled now. . . . EM Club Manager Haley sez: "There'll be seven straight Saturdays of dancing at the Anchorage—Hal Campbell's 'Millionaires' start it off this Saturday, the 'Moonlighters' next."

Incidentally, the EM Club softball team is doing right well—if you don't believe it ask the Chief's Club.

A coffee break with Lt. (jg) J. C. Alex, athletic off. uncovered these items—six new tennis rackets . . . four new sets of horseshoes . . . all available at the gym.

News from and for the summer bowling league . . . "Smitty," YN2, sez these are the standings as of last Tuesday:

TEAM	WINS	LOSSES
"Missileers" . . . . .	8	1
"Jarheads" . . . . .	4	2
"Communicators" . . . . .	4	2
"Medics" . . . . .	3	3
Bomb Disposal . . . . .	3	3
"King Pins" . . . . .	3	6
"Strikers" . . . . .	3	6
Commissary . . . . .	2	7

League nights are Tuesday and Thursday . . . keeping in training Pinkerton?

Make your spare time profitable . . . there are 25 Bakersfield College evening classes and 20 evening high school classes being offered this fall . . . regardless of your future plans—education always pays off . . . registrations will be in August . . . watch for the dates in the Rocketeer.

Navy airplane specifications were published on July 25, 1912 . . . see what I mean about the bottom of a column? . . . bye now.

### Ideas Result in Improvements

Ideas resulting in improvement of matters not directly concerned with a productive operation, such as safety conditions, plant housekeeping, quality of production, working conditions, etc., can also receive generous cash awards under the Beneficial Suggestion Program. For exceptional ideas of this type, it is possible to receive a special award.



### Noted Religious Lecturer Slated To Speak Here

Dr. James L. Carter, Station Chaplain, has been successful in obtaining the valuable assistance of the Reverend Dr. Louis Hadley Evans Sr. to address NOTS employees and military personnel during Religious Emphasis Week, October 14-18. Various organizations in the area will be privileged to see and hear Dr. Evans during this speaking tour.

Dr. Evans holds honorary degrees of Doctor of Divinity, Doctor of Laws, and Doctor of Humane Letters. He was chosen in a nationwide poll by LIFE magazine as one of the twelve outstanding religious leaders of America. He was also chosen in a national poll by NEWSWEEK magazine as one of the ten greatest Protestant preachers of America.

Included in other honorary degrees and recognitions, Dr. Evans was named by Tau Kappa Alpha, national speech society, as "Speaker of the Year (1951) in the Field of Religion." He is the author of "Youth Seeks a Master" and "The Kingdom Is Yours."

Since September 1953, Dr. Evans has been associate General Secretary and Minister-at-Large for the Board of National Missions of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A. He travels about the United States for nine to ten months of the year, speaking at colleges, universities, and educational conferences; before lay conventions, and conventions of labor, business and professional groups; at seminars, Bible conferences and religious conventions; before civic groups, and service and civic clubs; at conventions, general assemblies and national conferences of the governing bodies of many denominations, etc.

For the past three years, Dr. Evans has served part of each summer as summer pastor of the National Presbyterian Church, among whose members are President and Mrs. Eisenhower, Mr. and Mrs. John Foster Dulles, J. Edgar Hoover, and many other cabinet, congressional and government figures. He will again supply pulpit in the national church during the summer of 1956.

THE WEATHER  
Good visibility with variable high cloudiness. Surface winds light and variable becoming southwesterly 10 to 20 knots during afternoons. Temperature range minimum 65 to maximum 100.

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# Rocketeer

TEMPERATURES (Housing Area)

	Max.	Min.
July 7 . . . . .	97	60
June 8 . . . . .	100	58
June 9 . . . . .	101	62
June 10 . . . . .	98	64
June 11 . . . . .	102	60
June 12 . . . . .	101	61
June 13 . . . . .	101	60

### New Provision Allows 'Appeal' On Job Rates

The Department of the Navy has now made a provision for consideration of "appeals" from ungraded employees where the sole issue is "appropriate" rating of work assigned. The new procedure is similar to that previously existing for graded employees except that appeals may only be made to the Civil Service Commission for a ruling on whether or not a position is "graded" or "ungraded."

The final determination of appropriate ratings in Wage Administration rests with the Navy Department. Authority for final determination of whether positions should be "graded" or "ungraded" is vested in the Civil Service Commission by the Classification Act. Appeals may be initiated at any time. However, if retroactive restoration of rank or compensation resulting from adverse action is desired, appeals have to be initiated within 30 calendar days following receipt of final notice on the adverse decision.

The procedure provides for the initiation of appeals by an official letter via official channels to the authority which made the rating determination. This may be the Station Commander, the Bureau of Ordnance, the Area Wage and Classification Office or the Office of Industrial Relations in Washington, D.C.

Specific information regarding this new provision is contained in NCPI 250.3-9, dated May 4, 1956. Questions from supervisors about this provision should be referred to the appropriate Personnel Service Team in the Personnel Department.

### Anthony Miller Receives Naval ROTC Award

Anthony V. Miller, son of Arthur Miller of the Supply Department, received the first place "Silver Medal" for rifle match excellence at the final dress parade and review of the Naval ROTC at the University of Southern California last week.

### Joins ROCKETEER



Budd Gott

### New Ass't. Editor Welcomed Aboard

The ROCKETEER welcomes aboard Budd Gott this week as a member of the staff in the capacity of Assistant Editor. A Federal Civil Service career employee, with 12 years service, he transfers to this activity from San Francisco Naval Shipyard. While there he was the official Design Division reporter for the Station's paper, The DRY-DOCKER, as well as feature writer of special and technical articles.

In addition to his Civil Service work he has been serving as reporter for the South San Francisco Enterprise-Journal, the Government Standard (official publication of the American Federation of Government Employees), and the Methodist Layman.

He attended the Eastern Oregon College of Education at LaGrande, the Oregon College of Education at Monmouth, and San Jose State College. During his college years he wrote and edited for college papers and served as correspondent for city papers in the locale.

An Oregonian by birth, a Californian by choice, he and his wife, Mary Lou have resided in the San Francisco Bay area for 17 years.

### Formal Application for Facilities, Funds For New High School Filed by District

A formal application for facilities and funds for a new high school to replace Burroughs High School in the China Lake-Ridgecrest area has been authorized by the board of trustees of the Kern County Union High School and Junior College District.

District Superintendent T. L. McCuen was directed by the trustees to prepare the application destined for the U.S. Commissioner of Education. The application is to be forwarded to the California State Department of Education which in turn will send it to Guy Clark, western representative, U.S. Office of Education for forwarding to the United States Commissioner of Education.

The application for facilities is based on the anticipated enrollment in 1960 of a little more than 900 students, and, in accordance with Chapter 19, California State Aid formula and supplementary State Board of Education rules and regulations, which calls for 80 square feet per student plus 4,000 square feet, for a total of 77,280 square feet.

The preparation of the application is a further step toward the solution of problems related to the enrollment increases at Burroughs High School and the matter of providing equal accessibility to off-Station students and parents as well as those on-Station. A series of meetings has been held for several months with representatives of the County Committee on Re-Districting, the U.S. Office of Education, State Department of Education, county superintendent of school's office, interested elementary school districts and the Kern County Union High School and Junior College District.

Recently District Superintendent McCuen and Dr. Frank Wright, associate superintendent of public instruction, California, appeared before the House sub-committee on labor and education in Washington, D.C. The district subsequently has been advised that the committee has recommended an amendment to Public Law 815 which would provide approximately \$800,000 toward the construction of the new high school, with the present high school to be used by the elementary school district.

Inasmuch as it is estimated that at least \$2,082,000 will be required for the facilities proposed, additional sources of revenue are being sought through the U.S. Commissioner of Education and through appropriations for enrollment increas-

es since 1953-54. Construction of the new school is dependent on Congress extending P.L. 815 with the above recommended amendment and providing of the necessary additional funds by the U.S. Commissioner of Education.

### Navy Approves Pay Increase For Per Diems

The Navy Department has granted a new wage schedule for certain per diem workers in the Mojave Desert area, it was announced this week by Robert Anderson, head, NOTS Personnel Department. Confirmation of the new pay schedule came from the Office of Industrial Relations in Washington, D.C.

The pay raise will become effective on the first pay period after June 23. The following is a listing of the trades and amounts of the pay increases:

Machinist . . . . .	14¢ per hour
Instrument Maker . . . . .	14¢ per hour
Laborers . . . . .	8¢ per hour
Machine Operators . . . . .	8¢ per hour
Welders Combination . . . . .	13¢ per hour
Tool Makers . . . . .	16¢ per hour
Welders (other) . . . . .	12¢ per hour
Experimental Mach. . . . .	16¢ per hour
Helpers . . . . .	3¢ per hour

All pay rates quoted here are in the second step. Further information will be printed in the ROCKETEER when it is available.

### Eisenhower Nominates New Navy 'Air Aide'

Washington (AFPS) — President Eisenhower has nominated Garrison Norton, now a research and development consultant to Air Force Secretary Donald A. Quarles, to be assistant secretary of the navy for air. Mr. Norton, who has been with the Defense Department since 1952, succeeded James H. Smith Jr.



# What's Doing IN RECREATION

The Third All-Navy Talent Contest which is designed to discover, develop and encourage talent regardless of former amateur or professional standing has been announced by the Chief of Naval Personnel. The 11th Naval District will be host and conduct the competitions to select first, second and third place winners plus two alternate acts.

All Navy finals will be held in New York and acts will be screened for appearance on the Ed Sullivan TV Show. All military personnel at NOTS who are interested in this contest, please contact Helen Michel, Recreation Director, Ext. 72017 for further information and for entry forms.

The Recreation Division is interested in forming a Service Men's Dance Band and locating other talent for programs at NOTS. A meeting will be held Monday, June 18 at 7 p.m. at the Anchorage to make plans. All interested personnel are invited to attend.

There is still time for the entries to be made for "Mrs. U.S. Navy 1956." The contest has been extended to July 15 so any one interested may contact the Recreation Office or the Fleet Reserve Association for entry forms.

"Where is the Golf Course?" This question has been asked many times. It is located beyond Richmond Elementary School on Wasp Road. For those people who are interested in getting professional instruction, Golf Clinics will be held at the Driving Range. Contact Paul Someson, golf pro, for further information.

If you haven't browsed around the Station Library, be sure to do so soon. There is a fine selection of current magazines and newspapers. This week the Library is recommending "10 North Frederick" by John O'Hara. It is the story of three generations of a family and community in which they live who come vividly to life by the author's appointment in Samarra.

### Summer Dances

The second in the series of Summer Dances for military and civilian personnel will be held Wednesday, June 20 at the Community Center from 8 to 11 p.m. Members from the High School P-TA will assist as hosts and hostesses.

All military and civilian personnel under 21 are invited to dance to the best bands of the land—"a Record Dance." Refreshments will be served and prizes for contests will be given.

### Bowling Alleys

Bowling fans will be happy to know that both bowling alleys on the station have been resanded and repaired according to ABC specifications and are ready for play.

Bowling Alley No. 1 located at the EM Club has a Summer League in progress on Tuesday and Thursday nights. The teams participating are as follows: "Missileers," — GMU25,

"Medics"—Station Hospital, "Communicators"—Communications Department, "King Pins"—Division 1 team, "Strikers"—Division 1 team, "Jar Heads"—Marine Barracks, and a Bomb Disposal and Commissary team.

Alley No. 1 is open from 6 to 10 p.m. weekdays and 2 to 10 p.m. Saturday and Sunday for open play.

Alley No. 2, located behind the Anchorage, is open for play from 6 to 10 p.m. weekdays; from 1 to 4 and 6 to 10 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Monday nights are reserved for "Five-Ten Scratch," a six-team men's league.

### SHOWBOAT

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

TODAY JUNE 15  
"THE STRATTON STORY" (106 Min.)  
James Stewart, June Allyson  
Reissue story of one of the most courageous players in modern baseball. A true life story, warm and humorous.  
Shorts: "The First Bad Man" (7 Min.)

SATURDAY JUNE 16  
"THE KING OF THE KHYBER RIFLES" (100 Min.)  
Tyrone Power, Terry Moore  
Reissue of movie with much colorful action on the desert.  
Shorts: "Queens of Beauty" (9 Min.)

MATINEE  
"BONZO GOES TO COLLEGE" (80 Min.)  
Maureen O'Hara, Bonzo  
Shorts: "Redwood Sap" (7 Min.)  
"Perils of the Wilderness" (16 Min.)

SUN.-MON. JUNE 17-18  
"THE REVOLT OF MAMIE STOVER" (103 Min.)  
Jane Russell, Richard Egan  
Now we'll know why Mamie was run out of San Francisco! This story of war, soldiers, and women is not recommended for children, as Mamie makes a mint in Honolulu in a rather dubious way. If you're broadminded, you'll like it. In color.  
Shorts: "Gerald McBoing Boing on Planet Moo" (7 Min.)  
"Trotting Topnotchers" (10 Min.)

TUES.-WED. JUNE 19-20  
"23 PACES TO BAKER STREET" (103 Min.)  
Van Johnson, Vera Miles  
Can a blind man solve a murder that baffles Scotland Yard? This is a suspenseful whodunit set in eerie London. In color.  
Shorts: "Room and Wrath" (7 Min.)

THURSDAY JUNE 21  
"CAROUSEL" (128 Min.)  
Gordon MacRae, Shirley Jones  
The story of a carousel barker who has a woman at his heels. Music by Rodgers and Hammerstein.



**THIS CRASH** was caused because the driver of an oncoming vehicle failed to dim the lights of his car. J. P. Blanche, driver of this NOTS sedan, was uninjured due to his belief in Safety First—he was using a "Safety Belt."

## First 'No Hit' Game Of Season Pitched

Engineering Department's pitching ace Henry Green clamped the lid on GMTU's hitting power with a 14-2 no-hit victory Monday night. GMTU's two runs resulted from two batters being struck by pitched balls and the three walks allowed by Green.

That ol' razzle-dazzle was turned on Tuesday night by the EM Club team as they flattened the CPO Club team, 16-4. Victory came in sight early as the EM Club led off in the first with seven runs.

Standings of the NOTS Intramural Softball League are:

TEAM	WINS	LOSSES
Pilot Plant .....	7	0
Public Works .....	6	1
EM Club .....	6	1
Clippers .....	4	3
Eng. Dept. ....	4	3
Marine Barracks .....	3	4
NAF .....	3	4
GMU No. 25 .....	2	4
CPO Club .....	2	5
Infirmary .....	2	5
Transmitters .....	1	5
GM Test Unit .....	1	6

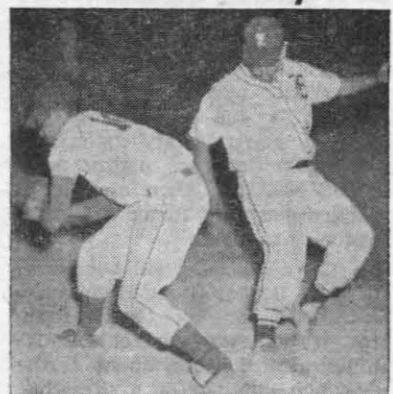
## Safety Belt Feature Proves its Worth

NOTS' safety consciousness paid off by saving one of its employees from serious injury or possibly his life. How? By equipping their "off-station" sedans with safety belts.

J. P. Blanche, driver in Public Works, was saved from serious injury when he was forced off the roads by the glaring head lights of an approaching car on a return trip from Barstow at 2:30 in the morning. The speed was estimated at 50 miles per hour when the vehicle went off the road, plunging into a rock embankment.

Restrained by his safety belt, the driver's only injuries were a bumped head and a "bloody" nose. Safety and Transportation personnel concurred that if Blanche had not used his safety belt, he would have been thrown through the windshield resulting in fatal injury. Highway patrol studies show that more than half of all traffic victims are thrown from their cars—seven out of ten fatal smash-up victims can be saved by the use of Safety Belts.

## Pick-Off Play



**BILL JACKSON**, Rocket first baseman, reaches for the ball on a close one. Jack Clemens of the Edwards Air Force Base squad is safe on the attempted pick-off. Edwards won the game, 12 to 11.

## Council Vacancies Exist In Precincts 6 and 10

Two vacancies exist on the Community Council, one from precinct ten as a result of the resignation of H. D. Williams, and one from precinct six following the resignation of Harry V. Potts, it was announced this week by Council President James Madden.

Persons interested in filing for these vacancies may obtain petitions from Mrs. G. H. Mayberry any day between 3:30 and 5:30 at the Council Office on Parsons Road. These petitions must be filled out and returned to Mrs. Mayberry by 5:30 p.m. on Monday, June 25.

A special election will be held by the Council Directors on June 26 to fill the vacancies. All petitions submitted will be considered.

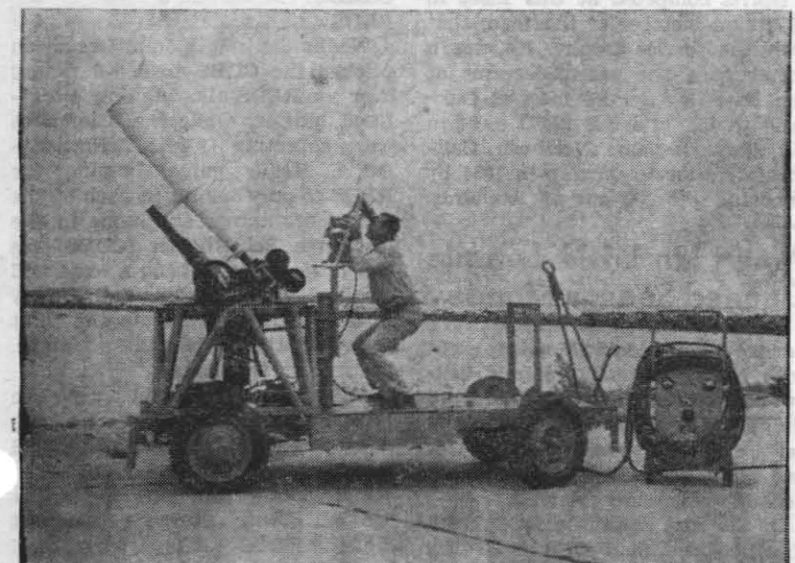
# News from Pasadena

## Rear Admiral Murphy Visits San Clemente



**RADM. M. E. MURPHY**, left above, Commander, Mine Craft, Pacific Fleet, recently witnessed a firing test on San Clemente Island. He was accompanied by Capt. W. T. Groner, Officer in Charge, Pasadena Annex; Capt. N. G. Doukas and Capt. N. P. Watkins of the admiral's staff; and D. A. Kunz and LCdr. W. T. Waters of Underwater Ordnance.

## Cameras Track Missiles at Sea Ranges



**THE GOONEY BIRD**, pictured above with Earl Blake at the binoculars, was built at Long Beach by test unit personnel. It is one of many cameras used in sea-range work.

The Gooney Bird is one of many cameras used in missile testing at NOTS sea ranges, where photography is an essential part of the work performed. This particular camera was adapted from a B-29 gun turret, an idea which originated with Ernie Oeland, who found the turrets and started the project.

Long Beach personnel responsible for its completion are Earl Blake, Hal Jensen, Luis Marquez, and Pat Patterson.

Primarily, the Gooney Bird is mounted and operated on land, but lightness is one of its principal characteristics, and a few weeks ago it was used effectively aboard an LCU.

## First Meet Scheduled For Annex Swim Club

The NOTS Swim Club will meet for the first time next Wednesday, June 20. This ESO-sponsored club will have sole use of Wagner's Private Pool, located at 1400 N. Foothill Blvd., Pasadena, every Wednesday afternoon from 5:30 to 6:30.

Forty members have already signed up, and all NOTS employees, their families, and friends are welcome. Florence Pincus will be on hand to give swimming instruction.

Admission will be fifty cents for adults and twenty-five cents for children.

# EMCO Effectiveness Report Compiled by Rules Committee

A report on the effectiveness of the Employee Management Council to date, has been compiled by the EMCO Rules Committee. Nick Saines, committee chairman; Cdr. J. J. O'Brien, management representative; Priscilla Estes, employee relations representative; Joe Martin, and John Busik have submitted the following partial list of EMCO accomplishments.

**San Clemente:** Employee Management Council has been active in improving living conditions and per diem allowances.

**Parking:** Reserved parking for car pools, south side of Foothill Boulevard parking without time limit, and Santa Fe leased area are to some degree a result of Employee Management Council action.

**Travel:** The \$3.75 per diem pay for one-day trips to China Lake resulted from joint effort of Employee Management Council and National Federation of Federal Employees.

**Policy:** Employee Management Council recommendations resulted in the following:

- 100 percent advertising of positions.

Seniority across department lines for the purpose of work shift, etc.

Prospective reorganization of Employee Development.

Committee to focus on non-professionals in the educational program.

**Personal Contact:** Employee Management Council uses the following means of communication:

**All Hands Meetings** are held approximately three times a year at which time every employee has an opportunity to meet with top management. Very few organizations offer this kind of personal contact.

## EMCO Will Sponsor Poll on Working Hours

An opinion poll of Annex personnel will be taken on Tuesday, June 19, to indicate their preference as to working hours. Hours to be considered will be 7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., the present hours, and 8:15 a.m. to 4:45 p.m., on a year-round basis. Unless the poll clearly indicates that the majority of the Annex desires otherwise, the present 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. schedule will remain in effect.

**Rumor Clinic** brings rumors into the open for frank discussion. For instance, the recent concern over a prospective 7 percent cut in personnel ceiling was dispelled with the news that this would not affect the Naval Ordnance Test Station.

The Employee Management Council makes no claim to having solved or being able to solve all the problems of the Station. For example, the geographic separation between Pasadena and the Disbursing Office at China Lake introduces problems and delays in the payment of travel claims. In spite of everything that Employee Management Council and management have been able to do, this problem has yet to be completely solved.

In conclusion, although Employee Management Council will always have proponents and detractors because of its very nature and purpose, the committee finds the organization a healthy one performing a definite function for those it serves—employees and management.

The best way for employees to influence the Council is to participate actively in elections and meetings, contribute thoughts and ideas to their representatives, and become a part of the Employee Management Council itself.

## Man-of-the-Month



**BOB GRAU**, elected P8094 shops' Man-of-the-Month for May, is the first man to receive this honor from his fellow employees a second time. He was Man-of-the-Month for May in 1955 and this time rates a double bow.

## Annex Vacancies

**Electronic Scientist (General), GS-9.** Incumbent will serve as project engineer. Responsibilities will include planning and supervising tests, design of electronic field circuits related to torpedoes and test equipment, compiling, analyzing and reporting test data.

**Ordnance Engineer, GS-13.** Incumbent will serve as main station representative to prime contractor on major weapons systems development. Contact: Bernie Silver, Personnel Office, Extension 110.

