

The Distaff Side



Dr. Pauline Rolf

Dr. Pauline Rolf, physical science administrator and associate for weapons analysis in the weapons planning group of the office of the commander is highlighted in this week's Distaff Side.

Pauline is originally from Chillicothe, Ohio, a small town in the southwestern part of the state, near Cincinnati. She completed her undergraduate studies at the University of Cincinnati, and her graduate work at Bryn Mawr in Pennsylvania.

First Position

Her first position was as physicist with National Bureau of Standards in Washington, D.C., followed by a short time with Spertl, Inc. and then the University of Cincinnati. She later worked with Lukas-Harold Corporation, Indianapolis, Ind., which has since become the Naval Ordnance Plant.

In 1946, Pauline came to NOTS as aide to the technical director. Two years later, she was assigned to the operations evaluation group in the office of the chief of naval operations in Washington, D.C., as operations analyst. One year later, she returned to NOTS as operations analyst in mathematics division of research department. In June, 1955 she was reassigned to her present position in the weapons planning group.

Highest Salaried

Pauline has authored several classified technical reports in the fields of fire control and operations analysis. She holds membership in the American Physical Society, Operations Research Society of America, Research Society of America, and the American Association of University Women.

Among her many achievements of note which she modestly declined to discuss, Pauline holds the distinction of being the highest salaried woman employed on the Station. During her college years, she earned five yearly scholarships to the University of Cincinnati and two fellowships at Bryn Mawr.

When asked how she became interested in the field of solid state physics and airborne fire control systems, Pauline explained that she entered college during the years when the country was in the depth of depression and every dollar was shrewdly evaluated. Therefore, in selecting her college courses, she picked the least costly. "However," Pauline quickly added, "I soon became highly engrossed in physics and related studies, and no amount of money would have caused me to change my course."

Depression Years

The dean of Cincinnati U. graduate school advised Pauline to attend Bryn Mawr for her postgraduate work because, being a woman, and high level positions being at a premium during those depression years, he thought she would stand a better chance to find a suitable position if she had attended a women's university. Before she had the need for a job, WWII clouds were gathering and members of her profession were at a premium almost overnight.

Pauline detests physical exercise, and is particularly fond of all kinds of puzzles, especially double crocetics and trick math puzzles. Most of her reading for pleasure is selected from the Station library.

LAW IN ACTION

KEEP RECORD OF COMMUNITY AND SEPARATE PROPERTY

Californians take a pride in their community property system. It makes a man and wife partners in what either one earns.

Separate property is what either one had before marriage, or received afterwards by gift or inheritance.

You ought to keep track of both kinds of property in your family, possibly through separate bank accounts or records.



For otherwise the two kinds of property may become "commingled" with confusing results. Suppose your father wills you his house. The house is your separate property. But suppose you sell it, put the money in a joint account and then make many other deals. After a few years all trace of the original house money may be lost. Though it may be your separate property, you may not be able to prove it. Or if you do, it may be costly. What happens?

1. In allowing your separate

property to become community property, you may have made a gift to your husband or wife. You may have to file gift tax returns and pay gift taxes.

2. Should a divorce occur, one may lose some of his property when the court divides the couple's goods.

3. Other people may rely upon a record of property holdings in their dealings, only to find out to their loss that they were mistaken.

4. Without proper records, property may go to heirs who would not otherwise get it, especially when a person dies without a will. Community property goes to one's heirs through one line of kinship, but separate property through another.

5. You may forfeit your right to will some of your separate property as you like if it is so commingled with community property that a court cannot tell which is which. It is so much simpler and more satisfactory to keep records of separate and community property.

**NOTE:** The State Bar of California offers this column for your information so that you may know more about how to act under our laws.



WATER WATER EVERYWHERE—A rare sight at China Lake is Mirror Lake with water in it. The photograph was taken following an unseasonal downpour. The children (l. to r.) are: David Chenault, Johnny Chenault, Ronnie Gatchall, and Rosemary Gatchall.

ROCKETEER Headlines Tell Station History

You are an old timer if you remember when:

Erma Peirson's "Desert Scrapbook" articles began in the ROCKETEER.

The Beer Hut opened (Nov. 15 1945).

The ROCKETEER became a weekly (Feb. 18, 1946).

The two story O-in-CC Bldg burned (March 8, 1946).

Ella Mae Morse sang her "Cow Cow Boogie at the Station theatre (May 28, 1946).

The late Honorable James Forrestal, Secretary of the Navy visited NOTS (Oct. 29, 1946).

The first Press Conference was held at NOTS (Dec. 16, 17, 1946).

ChMM and Mrs. H. L. Minnick occupied the first Hawthorne (May 1947).

Admiral Chester W. Nimitz paid his first visit to NOTS (Oct. 29, 1947).

NOTS was featured in LIFE magazine Feb. 16, 1948. (Who has a copy?)

Michelson Lab was dedicated (May 8, 1948).

The big snow, six inches in depth (Jan. 9, 1949).

The big rain which lasted for 43 minutes and a boat was used on Independence Street (Easter Sunday, April 17, 1949).

You are a 'young' old timer if you remember when:

The plushy new barber shop opened (Jan. 21, 1950) under the management of Otto Foster.

The "Mighty Mouse" rocket was revealed to the public (Feb. 5, 1950).

LCdr William T. Amen, first Navy pilot to down a Russian jet in the Korean conflict, first visited the station (July 18, 1951).

John Charles Thomas sang at the Station theatre (Oct. 23, 1951).

The opening of Schoeffel Field (April 3, 1952).

Dr. and Mrs. Jean Piccard, eminent stratosphere experts, lectured at Michelson Laboratory (June 23-25, 1952).

Marian Anderson sang at the Station theatre (Feb. 19, 1953).

Local TV owners saw their first Rose Bowl game (Jan. 1, 1954).

Overseas Club Film Of Europe Shown

Approximately 150 people attended the first showing of the NOTS Overseas Club's colored slides at the Community Center Tuesday night. The pictures were made while the Club was on a tour of eight foreign countries this spring.

Those who attended the meeting Tuesday night had an "arm chair" tour of Holland, Germany, Switzerland, Austria, Italy, France, England, and glimpses of Iceland and New York City's sky line.

The slides were shown by Chick Snyder. The next showing of slides by the Club will be Monday, August 27, at 7:45 p.m. in the Community Center. The public is invited to attend. Club members would particularly like to have young people of junior high school and high school age attend as they believe the slides will prove interesting and educational to this age group.

It Pays!

Medical Men Urge 'Safety Belt' Usage

Traffic officers have long favored the use of safety belts in automobiles and many of them owe their lives to them. Further endorsement of the installation of safety belts in cars came this month from the American Medical Association.

A statement issued at the closing session of the national convention of the AMA pointed to the "authoritative research in actual use" as proof that safety belts are an essential part of an automobile's safety equipment. The medical profession, the statement revealed, is taking the official position that seat belts become standard equipment.

Dr. Elmer Hess, retiring president of the association, and Dr. Fletcher D. Woodward of the University of Virginia School of Medicine, told a panel discussion that investigations by traffic engineers and other competent observers have claimed that if used by all drivers and passengers, safety belts would save more than 10,000 lives and prevent approximately 1,000,000 minor to serious injuries a year.

"While all present efforts by law enforcement and education to prevent accidents from happening," the physicians declared, "we believe there is much to be gained immediately by the use of seat belts and other injury-preventing or minimizing devices in the car."

Scarcely a week goes by in Kern County, for example, without a case occurring in which seat belts have saved a life or their lack contributed to death or serious injury. Both the California Highway Patrol and police traffic officials have cited on many occasions the benefits of the belts and know from first hand their extreme value.

8000 Laborer Jobs Under Schedule 'A' Will Be Competitive

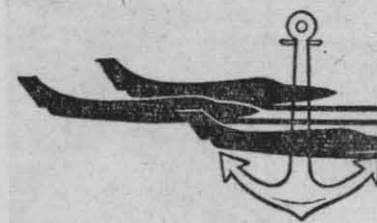
The Civil Service Commission is planning to take into the Federal competitive system on August 15 approximately 8000 unskilled laborer jobs—all that remain in Schedule A—except for cases in which an agency requests and can justify the retention or a particular job as expected.

This will be the Commission's fourth major move in less than a year to extend the Federal merit system. In separate actions it has already transferred approximately 20,000 jobs in foreign countries and Pacific areas and approximately 10,000 jobs in Alaska from Schedule A to the competitive service. It has also taken steps to bring in additional non-Defense Department jobs abroad. The great majority of the 20,000 positions were in Department of Defense.

Job Opportunity Here

Personnel Clerk (typing), GS-4. Command Administration Department. Call Wanda Talley, extension 72218.

One out of every 75 persons in the United States became a needless casualty in 1955.



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OLD TIMERS—Jack H. Davidson (left) general engineer of the missile range division staff chats informally with Ray A. Yonuschot, electrician in track operations branch of supersonic track division. Davidson has 20 years to his credit of government and Yonuschot has over 30 years of combined military and government service to his credit. Both are employees of test department.



TOP ADMINISTRATORS COMPLETE COURSE—Above is a group picture of China Lake and Pasadena Annex top administrators. They completed a 4-week management and administrative course last Wednesday given by Dr. Joseph C. Bailey. The course was similar in content and technique to one conducted here by Dr. Bailey three years ago. The success of the first presentation prompted the repetition this year.

Many Benefits

Join Health Plan Today

NOTS employees' group insurance membership opened August 1 and will continue until August 15, according to an announcement made this week by R. H. Dudley, chairman of the Community Council insurance committee. Employees who apply for coverage during this period may do so without physical examination regardless of age or pre-existing conditions.

Insurance representatives will be available for consultation and will address employee groups at work locations during this two-week period at various places throughout the Station. Employees will be notified by group meetings through their department offices.

Information booths will be maintained daily during lunch hours at Michelson laboratory entrances and cafeteria next week. Information also may be obtained at a booth in front of the commissary after 4:30 p.m. daily, next week.

Tentative plans have been made to maintain information booths at the China Lake pilot plant cafeteria during lunch periods on August 13 and 14 for the convenience of employees of that area.

New insurance premiums for the different categories will be as follows: male employee only, \$3.90; female employee only, \$4.65; employee and one dependent, \$8.90; and employees with two or more dependents, \$12.

August Most Fatal Month on Highways

SACRAMENTO — "Late summer is the deadliest time of the year on California's highways," Deputy Commissioner Ross R. McDonald of the California Highway Patrol warned today.

This statement is based on last year's records when 465 persons met violent death on the highways of the unincorporated areas of California during August and September.

"Traffic statistics for the year 1955 show August was the most dangerous month with 239 highway traffic deaths," McDonald said. "September followed close with 226 persons killed while October, with 225 deaths, was the next most dangerous month."

"January proved to be the safest month of last year with 138 persons killed," he continued. "During the year 1955, 2302 persons met their death on the streets and highways patrolled by the California Highway Patrol."

"With a record number of cars registered in California this year and millions of tourists entering our state, highways are more crowded than ever, calling for extra caution and consideration for the other fellow."



T. H. Vaughn

Got Problems?

Vaughn is Envoy To Navy Seminar

T. H. Vaughn, TEC, will represent NOTS and the northern area of the 11th Naval District at a seminar on "Navy Reenlistments" at San Diego August 20-22. Vaughn is a Navy career man with fifteen and one half years service. He is presently serving with the communications division, command administration department.

Representative, outstanding petty officers from Pacific area fleet and shore commands have been chosen to attend the San Diego discussion to present factors and problems which affect reenlistments, and their solutions.

The purpose of the seminar is to help achieve recognition of career enlisted men. The seminar will provide valuable sources of knowledge and opinions on career problems. Information obtained will assist the Department of Defense advisory committee on professional and technical compensation in its presentations to Congress.

Agenda items at the San Diego seminar will be concerned with the formulation of a dynamic program of legislative and administrative measures to attract and retain the combat leadership, professional, technical and management skills required by the Navy.

Career enlisted men on the Station are invited to submit suggestions to Code 854, so Mr. Vaughn may evaluate them for presentation at the seminar.

You Must Help

Citizens Can Control Flies by Cleanliness

By Captain H. L. Anderson medical officer

We have no radioactive defense against the house fly at the present time, therefore, our main defense is the protective measures taken by individuals, adults and children alike, to minimize this common pestilence.

Fly Bait

Flies lay their eggs in decaying vegetable matter or fecal material (dog or man), grease soaked soil, decaying bodies, blood, etc. The adult fly emerges in from 7 to 14 days depending on the weather, heat, and other conditions. It is estimated that one fly can produce 810 young in a single season.

The fly takes only liquid food and regurgitates (saliva) on its food to dissolve it. Having just come from the garbage which was spilled by the dumpster door or the dog feces on the lawn, it regurgitates saliva containing these various substances on the bread, meat, and potatoes on your table, to soften and digest the food to make it ready for fly consumption. Disease germs from excrement and other filth also are carried on the hairy extremities of the fly to your food and dishes.

Break the Cycle

To rid ourselves of flies we must break the cycle of: adult fly to eggs to larvae (maggots) to pupae to adult fly. This is done ingeniously in the fly of the screw worm (which bores holes through the hide of the living cow). The male screw worm flies are sterilized with radioactive cobalt and since the female takes the marriage vows only once, when she mates with this male all her eggs are sterile and the adult flies die off. In this manner the screw worm has been eliminated from our cattle herds.

Combat Methods

The following combat methods in the war against flies are suggested:

- Keep your homes and surroundings immaculate as far as traces of garbage, food, feces or anything that a fly can live on. Starve them to death! Give them no place to nest or lay their eggs!
- Keep screens and screen doors in good repair and closed.
- Use fly swatters, fly paper, traps and poisoned fly baits.
- Spray DDT fog. (This is being done now on a weekly basis).
- Instruct children to keep dump-trail doors closed and to avoid dropping any garbage around dumpster.

Management Study Ends For Station Personnel

A four-week management and administrative course, conducted by Dr. Joseph C. Bailey, professor of business management, graduate school of business administration, Harvard University, was completed last Wednesday. The course was offered to top level administrative personnel from China Lake and Pasadena Annex.

The curriculum was similar in content to the one directed by Dr. Bailey three years ago in that the principal technique covered analysis of case studies. The number of nominations submitted for this second course demonstrated the interest that was created three years ago and the benefits that were felt by the participants of that course.

Personnel selected for participation in this study of administrative practices were as follows: M. V. Adamson, head, operations division, personnel department; Captain H. L. Anderson, medical officer, medical department; R. A. Appleton, head, projectile range division, test department; Captain F. L. Ashworth, Station commander; R. W. Bjorklund, associate head of staff for finance, central staff; Commander J. F. Callahan, assistant public works officer, public works department; Captain G. H. Carrithers, public works officer, public works department; Captain F. A. Chenault, Station executive officer; J. D. De Santo, head, missile range division, test department; A. C. Ellings, head, product and production engineering division, engineering department; E. W. Ellington, head, manufacturing division, test department; W. R. Fish, head, liquid propellant weapons division, rocket development department; F. F. Fulton, head, air weapons division, rocket development department.

Commander J. I. Hardy, experimental officer at NOTS; G. R. Hickman, head, employment division, personnel department; Dr. I. E. Highberg, head, test department; A. W. Howell, head, management engineering division, central staff; J. P. Judin, head, supersonic track division, test department; J. C. Keyes, head, development division (bomb directors), aviation ordnance department; F. H. Knemeyer, associate for engineering analysis, office of the commander; Commander A. J. Knudson, operations officer, operations department, naval air facility; Dr. W. B. LaBerge, head, development division (missiles), aviation ordnance department; R. M. McClung, head, development division (instrumentation), aviation ordnance department; Dr. W. C. McEwan, head, chemistry division, research department.

Dr. W. B. McLean, technical director at NOTS; Captain R. L. Myers, supply officer, supply department; H. F. Metcalf, head, development engineering division, propellants and explosives department; R. C. O'Reilly, community manager, department of community affairs; Dr. R. D. Potter, head, materials engineering division, engineering department; Commander W. B. Robertson, head, propellants division, propellants and explosives department; J. R. Schreiber, head, aircraft range division, aviation ordnance department; E. C. Shaw, master mechanic, shops engineer division, public works department; K. S. Skaar, head, explosives division, propellants and explosives department; Bernard Smith, head, surface weapons division, rocket development department.

G. R. Sutherland, head, ground electronics communications division, command administration department; R. V. Sutton, head, plant operations division, propellants and explosives department; H. E. Tillitt, head, mathematics division, research department; C. E. Van Hagan, head, publishing division, technical information department; Dr. Veronda, head, materials and process branch, product engineering division, underwater ordnance department (Pasadena); W. E. Vore, head, project engineering division, test department; Dr. N. E. Ward, head, aviation ordnance department; Dr. H. A. Wilcox, head, rocket development department; and Commander F. R. Whitby Jr., head, command administration department.

Sailor's Seabag Loses Bedding

Washington (AFPS)—Blankets and pillows, long a weighty problem in the bottom of a sailor's seabag, now will be furnished at all ships and shore stations under a new Navy policy.

Since July 1955, such bedding accessories have been issued EM as government property and had to be returned on discharge.

Now, when a sailor is transferred, he will turn in his blankets and pillows and receive new ones on reporting to his next duty station.

TEMPERATURES

	Max.	Min.
July 26	102	66
July 27	102	70
July 28	102	72
July 29	102	71
July 30	103	65
July 31	101	61
Aug. 1	99	63

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Boy Scouts' Share of Benefits In UF Contributions Outlined

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the fourth in a series of articles appearing in the ROCKETEER explaining where your money goes when you give to the United Fund. This article tells the Boy Scout story and how your money is used by that organization in building character among the youth of today.)

By Ben Keller

In the forthcoming drive for United Fund contributions, one of the important groups that will benefit is the Boy Scouts of America, announced Russ Huse, United Fund publicity chairman.

For instance, everybody knows what a boy scout is, according to Huse, but many few know what scouting is, what it means to the community, why it takes money, or what happens to the money that goes to scouting.

Scouting-girls as well as boys-are the adults of tomorrow. Hardly anybody needs to be convinced that the future well being of the nation, physical and spiritual, will be in the hands of these young people.

Scouting attains its objectives by the most direct method. Skill is obtained by practice; responsibility is learned by taking responsibility; good citizenship is learned by practicing good citizenship.

It takes money. Where does such money come from? Partly from parents and from scouts themselves through fund-producing local services.

TWO POINTS OF VIEW

John Doe, making a fast left turn, found a pedestrian in his path, applied his brakes and swerved skillfully. The pedestrian nimbly sidestepped and jumped backwards.

Coming AND Going

New Employees: Rocket Development-Naomi VanMeter. Aviation Ordnance-LaVerne Miles. Propellants & Explosives-Basil Church.

Popular Poplar Requires Care

Chlorosis, or yellowing of plants, is a malady caused by nutritional deficiency. In this locality poplar trees seem to be infected by this disease more than other trees.

Rising from the base of the pyramid to parallel the paid professional scouters at the district level is a host of volunteers.

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SUPERIOR ACHIEVEMENT-Donald W. Higbee (right), engineering aid in propellants and explosives department is congratulated by Dr. Hugh W. Hunter, department head, as he presents Higbee a \$200 check and certificate.



SHOTGUN SURPRISE-Lawrence Weber (left) of the manufacturing division, engineering department, holds the shotgun given him by fellow employees as a retirement gift.

Superintendent's Notes

Previous Superintendent's Notes have pointed out that Soviet secondary education stresses the teaching of the sciences, has been traditionally college preparatory, and has achieved mass status to the point where only 30 percent of the June 1954 secondary school graduates could be enrolled as full-time students in the Soviet higher educational institutions.

Because of this situation, the Soviets have liberalized their science curriculum by adding certain "practical" courses. This practical study is intended to acquaint students with the main implements and methods of mechanized processing.

The time for the additional courses is provided by the elimination of "nonessential" subjects in the humanities, and by further increasing the length of the school year.

To summarize, at least three general trends in secondary education are indicated by the changes adopted by the Soviets. First, they are increasing their emphasis on scientific and technical training which, even before, was far more rigorous and prevalent than in the United States.

Secondly, they are expanding their rate of high school equivalent graduations to approximate the volume of United States graduations, although they still lag in proportion to their larger total population.

Lastly, they are orienting their secondary school curriculum to one of greater value for training more sub-professional technicians and laborers, the shortage of which now constitutes a major manpower problem for the Soviets.

Who'll Be Spending Your Tax Dollars Next Year?

By midnight tonight the government will have spent another 204 million dollars, if it's an average day. Tomorrow another 204 million. Next day the same. It takes a lot of dollars to run a country.

A lot of your dollars. (You know it every time you see the withholding statement that comes with your paycheck. And you know it for sure on income tax day!)

That's why right now is a good time to think about it, very seriously. Think how many hard-earned dollars you'll invest in your government next year. And think how your biggest say-so about where that money will be spent comes during the few minutes you spend alone in the voting booth.

Makes your voting minutes pretty valuable, doesn't it? Makes a good dollars-and-sense reason why you'll want to think before you vote!

House and Senate Okay 'Benefits Act'

DEPENDENCY AND INDEMNITY AS PROPOSED BY THE SERVICEMEN'S AND VETERANS SURVIVOR BENEFITS ACT (H. R. 7089)

Table with columns for Pay Grade, Under, Over, and various officer categories (COMMISSIONED OFFICERS, WARRANT OFFICERS, ENLISTED PERSONNEL). Rows include grades O-8 to O-1, W-4 to W-1, and E-7 to E-1.

Safety First

SACRAMENTO - "Drinking drivers are a growing menace on our highways." This statement was made today by California Highway Patrol Commissioner B. R. Caldwell as he reviewed the accident and arrest reports for the unincorporated areas covering the first five months of 1956.

"With an increase of 13.2 per cent in accidents involving drivers who had been drinking as compared to a 10.7 per cent increase in all accidents, drinking drivers are piling up a shameful record of death and injury," Caldwell continued.

"Investigation indicates much of the driving while under the influence of alcohol is the result of lack of realization of the hazards involved with such actions.

"Many times even a couple of drinks will slow the reaction time to the danger point and set the scene for a potential accident," the Commissioner said.

"Don't Die, Drive Dry" and "If you drink, don't drive" are both good slogans well worthy of serious consideration by all drivers.

Servicemen, Veteran's Benefits Act Now on President's Desk; Entirely New System of Financial Assurances Established

WASHINGTON (AFPS) - The Survivor Benefits Act, now on President Eisenhower's desk for signature, establishes an entirely new system of financial assurances for members of the armed Forces and their dependents.

The law, considered one of the most important legislative measures presented to the 84th Congress to make military careers more attractive, should go into effect Jan. 1, 1957.

Basically divided into five parts insofar as the serviceman and his family are concerned, the Act increases death compensation allowances-especially to widows-and provides them with more equitable payments, particularly later in life.

It also puts all service personnel under full Social Security monthly benefits to those who live beyond the age of 65 and giving greater protection to their dependent survivors in the event of death.

Full participation in the Social Security system requires a monthly deduction of two per cent from the pay check of the worker plus an additional two per cent contribution by his employer based on the employee's wages up to \$50 a month.

Since servicemen work for the U.S. government, the employee's share will be matched by Defense funds at no penalty to the individual.

Under the present system, Armed Forces personnel are given Social Security credit based on an average monthly wage of \$160. Thus, a man separated from active duty without being retired can add these credits to any he may receive on a civilian job.

Widow's compensation-This is a new type of monthly benefit, called "dependency and indemnity compensation," paid to a widow by the Veterans' Administration. The amount is calculated at the rate of \$112, plus 12 per cent of the base pay of the serviceman.

For example, the widow of a private first class with three years service (see chart) will receive \$127 a month from the day of his death for the balance of her life or until she remarries. This will be paid whether she is employed or has other income.

In the event the serviceman is survived by a widow and children, the monthly benefits for the children will be derived from Social Security.

Children's compensation-When a widow is not eligible for dependency and indemnity compensation due to death, divorce or remarriage, the VA will make monthly compensation payments to the children at the following rates: One child, \$70 a month; two children, \$100; three children, \$130; and \$25 a month for each additional child. Payments to a child normally end at age 18, but may continue to age 21 if a student, or as long as the child is incapable of self-support.

In addition, children will be eligible for income from their deceased father's Social Security. Dependent parents' compensation-The new law is fairer than the old one as far as parents are concerned. In the past a parent, or parents, could not receive compensation if their income was more than specific amounts.

Insurance Still Good; New Act Aids Veterans

The Survivor Benefits Act slated to become law Jan. 1, 1957, will provide greater long-range protection for the families of servicemen who die or are disabled on active duty than present free insurance.

At the same time, the new law preserves the government insurance rights of members of the Armed Forces contracted prior to April 25, 1951, the date free insurance started.

Under the 1951 provision, the death indemnity paid to a widow was \$92.50 a month for 10 years, plus Veterans Administration compensation. However, when the 10 years elapsed, she was left without adequate income, usually when she needed it most.

The Survivor Benefits Act pays a continuing amount, ranging from \$122 to \$366 a month, for the balance of her life or until she remarries.

Under the act, those disabled who now are serving, or those who become disabled on active duty, or active duty for training, or inactive duty for training, including National Guardsmen and Reservists, may apply for \$10,000 in government insurance within one year of incurrence of disability.

For servicemen who had U.S. Government Life Insurance or National Life Insurance on permanent plan under partial waiver of premium, five year level term, or who surrendered government insurance policies for cash, the act provides:

Those in the Armed Forces who had government insurance on permanent plan and waived a part of the premium prior to Jan. 1, 1957, shall have their insurance contractual rights preserved and can continue this policy by application and payment of the premium for the current month and subsequent months thereafter.

Any individual who had USGLI or NSLI on the five-year-level premium term plan which expired when he was in active service after April 25, 1951, or within 120 days after separation from active duty, and in any case prior to Jan. 1, 1957, shall, upon payment of the premium and evidence of good health, be granted an equivalent amount of insurance on the same plan at the premium rate of his then attained age.

Any persons who surrendered a USGLI or NSLI policy on a permanent plan for cash while in active service on or after April 25, 1951, and prior to Jan. 1, 1957, may, upon application (in writing) while on active duty or within 120 days of separation, be granted without medical examination, insurance on the same plan not in excess of the amount surrendered for cash or may reinstate the policy by paying the reserve and the current and subsequent monthly payments.

Servicemen who have these insurance rights must take up the option to reinstate them by May 1, 1957.

Those who dropped NSLI policies for any reason after WWII or prior to April 25, 1951, will not be reinsurable, except "that such renewals shall be effected in cases where the policy is lapsed only in the event the lapse occurred not earlier than two months prior to expiration of the term period."

Income for a widow with children, for children alone, for a widow at age 65, or for dependent parents and also for servicemen at 65. This will be in addition to his military retirement.

New Navy Air Base Set for Commissioning

Washington (AFPS)-The Navy's newest shore base in the Far East, Cubi Point NAS in the Philippines, was commissioned July 25, the Defense Department has announced.

The multi-million dollar air facility is located in the Subic Bay area.

DIVINE SERVICES advertisement listing various church services and times.

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New Recording Device To Gather Missile Data advertisement for a device used for missile testing.



"7 COME UP"-Eleven test department employees proved it was no "game of chance," but proven ability, when they received Superior Accomplishment Awards this week.

# Gautschi Receives Awards For Meritorious Service

Ted Gautschi's work in the underwater ordnance department since May 1952 has earned him one of the top honors within the power of the Navy Department to bestow. The period covered by the award began in May 1952 and closed in May 1956 when Ted left for a year as a Sloan fellow at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.



During that period he was project manager on two torpedo programs, and during the last year he was head of the design branch, Code P8024. His utilization of manpower, material, and money has been excellent. He has obtained enthusiastic and wholehearted cooperation from all persons working on his programs. His participation in other areas has been significant, including service in recruiting, public relations, and employee development activities.

"Ted Gautschi," reads one of the endorsements of the recommendations for the award, "is the sort of public employee who refutes, by his achievements, by his energy, and by his devotion, the charge that public service cannot secure and motivate the best talent in our society. He is most worthy of this high recognition."

## Ten Receive Checks

### Lamont Shinn Wins Maximum Beneficial Suggestion Award

Lamont Shinn of P8084 heads the list of beneficial suggestion award winners. He has received an award of \$300 for devising a unit which simultaneously tests several elements essential to proper functioning of torpedoes. This award is based on estimated savings of \$15,000. Mr. Shinn also received a \$10 award for a receiver alignment jig.

Michael Drabik of P7092 received a \$50 award for a suggestion for flood lighting, based on safety factors.

A \$30 award based on safety factors went to Norman G. Wyman of P8084 for his suggestion for a hold-back releasing mechanism.

Michael A. Santeramo and Carl I. Peters Jr. of P8023 shared an award of \$30 for a new method of checking batteries.

Mary K. Fritz of P2572 received a \$15 award, based on intangible benefits, for a change in a filing system.

Four \$10 awards went to the following employees:  
John W. Sandy, P8023, for suggesting the removal of a safety hazard.

William H. Yoder, P7023, for suggesting a tool crib card index.

Lamorn McDowell, P7925, for suggesting the correction of an unsanitary condition, and

Francis W. Donnelly, P7931, for his suggestion for an oil drum adapter.

## Annex Vacancies

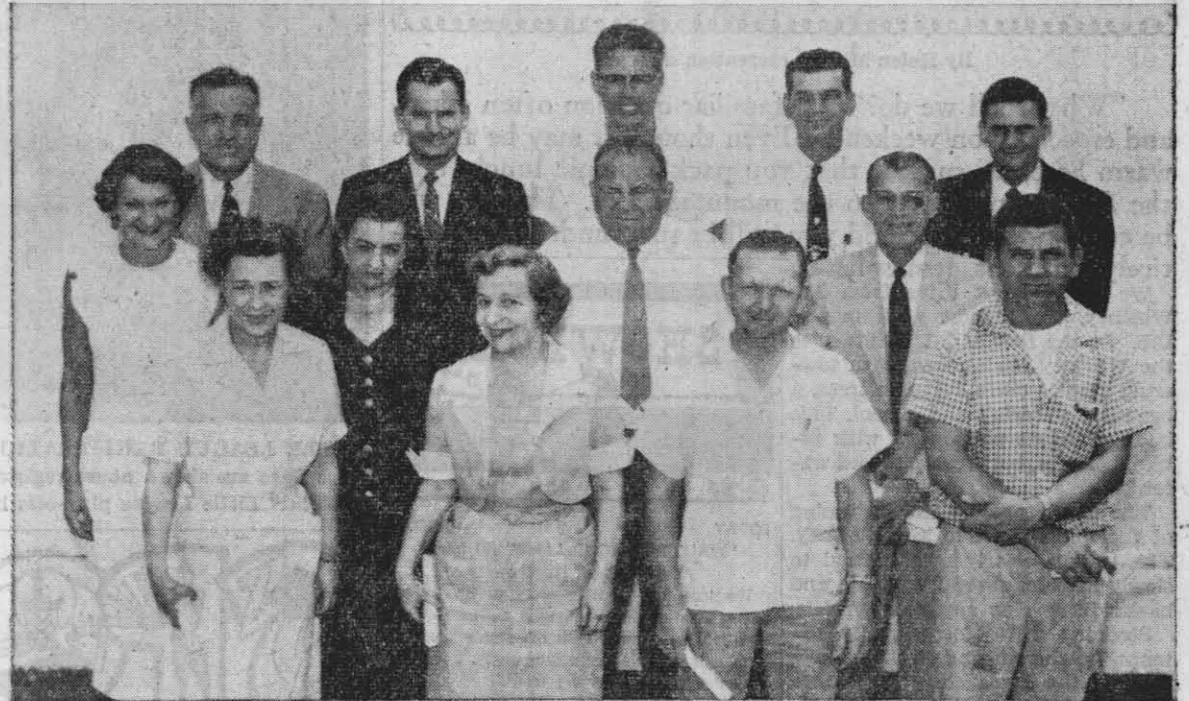
**Supervisory Mathematician, Physicist or Engineer, GS-13 (proposed).** Head, fire control branch, missile development division. Responsible for modification of existing underwater ordnance fire control systems and development of new systems, for new weapons, including responsibility for full-scale ballistic firings and analysis of data leading to ballistic cams for Fleet use.

**Supervisory Ordnance or General Engineer, GS-13 (proposed).** Head, launching systems branch, missile development division. Responsible for development, through off-station design effort, of new anti-submarine launchers, associated dud-jettisoning systems, Fleet missile handling systems, and compatibility of new missiles and launching systems.

Persons selected for the two positions listed above will be detailed to duties for a period of from two to six months, leading to permanent assignment. Titles and grade levels subject to classification action. Call Marion Kelly, extension 108.



# News from Pasadena Annex



**OUTSTANDING**—Receiving certificates of outstanding performance rating are these Pasadena Annex employees: front row (l. to r.), Catherine C. Campbell, Matilda M. Pollock, Herman A. Torkelson, Jack N. Zaun; center row, Louise C. Westerman, Cora M. Harding, Fred A. Anderson, Norman E. Horn; back row, Francis L. Baldwin, James W. Carroll, Allen F. Blaemire, Edward C. Boos, James H. Green.

# Honor Outstanding Performance and Superior Accomplishment at Annex

In a ceremony last week, Captain W. T. Groner, officer in charge, presented outstanding performance rating certificates and superior accomplishment awards to a large group of Annex employees. Commander J. J. O'Brien assisted Captain Groner. Department and division heads, and supervisors of the honored employees were present.

Those who received outstanding performance ratings for general excellence in all factors of their responsibilities during the last rating period are:

Fred A. Anderson, Allen F. Blaemire, Francis L. Baldwin, Catherine C. Campbell, James W. Carroll, James H. Green, Cora M. Harding, Norman E. Horn, M. Evelyn McDonald, Norman A. Mohrbacher, Virginia M. Olson, Matilda M. Pollock, Paul F. Reichert, Elizabeth B. Roche, Herman A. Torkelson, Louise C. Westerman, and Jack N. Zaun.

Superior accomplishment awards were presented to 31 Annex employees.

In P19, awards were made to: Carl O. Hanson for consistently exceeding normal work requirements of the job, and to

Josephine A. Rofer for overcoming unusual difficulties on the job without sacrifice of quality or quantity. P2573 employees receiving awards were:

James W. Carroll, based on his outstanding performance rating for the period from October 1, 1955, through March 31, 1956,

Cora M. Harding for performance of assigned duties in an outstanding manner in adaptability, quality, and quantity over a six-month period, and

George W. Hughes for outstanding performance of an exceptional level for an extended period of time.

In P55, four awards were made to: Edward G. Boos for sustained outstanding performance for the period from April 1, 1955, through March 31, 1956,

Earl P. Myers for accepting and effectively carrying out responsibilities beyond normal expectations of the job,

Edward B. Thomas for superior achievement in his assigned role of electronic liaison on several projects, and

Louise C. Westerman for sustained superior performance for the rating period from April 1, 1955, through March 31, 1956.

Priscilla A. Estes of P659 received an award for her major contribution to the success of the incentive awards program, and for building and maintaining Annex morale.

Thomas C. Byrne, P709, received his award for unusual adaptability to shift changes and added responsibilities during the period of May 14, 1956, to June 20, 1956.

Verna L. Kapal, P709, received an award for her unusually cooperative attitude, keen interest in self-education, and dexterity in performance of dual duties in the contract and transportation branches.

In P80, awards were made to the following employees:

Fred A. Anderson for sustained above-average performance of assigned duties for the past year.

Earl Blake for exceptional performance of assigned duties for the period from September 1955 to March 1956.

Catherine C. Campbell in recognition of sustained performance over the past year of a higher order than normally expected.

Elma Chapman for sustained above-average performance of as-

signed duties for a period of a year. Neri E. Cornford for sustained above-average performance of assigned duties for the period of December 1954 to April 1956.

Yako A. Dragicevich for accomplishments in the role of treasurer to the employees service organization.

Marian I. M. Goodman for exceptional ability, interest, and intelligence in performance of assigned duties.

Mary Hendrickson for exceptional performance in connection with the report inventory.

Margaret C. Higgins for sustained substantially above-average performance of assigned duties for the period of December 1955 through June 1956 in such a manner as to set an example of efficiency for the underwater ordnance department.

Willy Hilmer for consistently outstanding performance in execution of assigned duties.

Norman E. Horn for outstanding performance of assigned duties for a period of a year.

Mabel C. Mann for outstanding performance of assigned duties for the period October 1, 1955, through March 31, 1956.

Frederick R. Nebelius for efforts during phases of two programs which resulted in the production of more information than anticipated as well as considerable savings to the government by precision accuracy.

Paul F. Reichert for outstanding performance in the execution of duties as a key supervisory design engineer in developmental phases of underwater ordnance department programs.

Elizabeth B. Roche for outstanding performance of assigned duties for the period of October 1955 through March 1956.

Jack H. Slaton for remarkable performance in connection with developing and testing a torpedo and for training a task team for its evaluation.

John W. Southwell Jr. for developing a superior sort of budget operation, and for performance and personal enthusiasm which has been an inspiration to the people who work for and associate with him.

Clarence W. Spiekerman for exceptional performance throughout his entire five-year period of employment.

Alvin J. Tickner for personal initiative and unique contributions to the professional recruiting program at the Annex.

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**UNDERWATER ORDNANCE DEPARTMENT**—Employees receiving superior accomplishment awards were: front row (l. to r.), Margaret C. Higgins, Catherine C. Campbell, Cora M. Harding (supply department), Norman E. Horn, Clarence W. Spiekerman, Marian I. M. Goodman; center row, Elma Chapman, Mary Hendrickson, Mabel C. Mann, Fred A. Anderson, John W. Southwell Jr.; back row, Alvin J. Tickner, Willy Hilmer, Jack H. Slaton, Yako A. Dragicevich.



**AWARD WINNERS**—Members of all other divisions receiving superior accomplishment awards are: front row (l. to r.), Priscilla A. Estes, Josephine A. Rofer; center row, Louise C. Westerman, Verna L. Kapal, Thomas C. Byrne, George W. Hughes; back row, Edward C. Boos, Carl O. Hanson, Edward B. Thomas, Earl P. Myers, James W. Carol.

# What's Doing IN RECREATION

By Helen Michel, recreation director

"What shall we do?" is a familiar question often asked, and especially on weekends. Even though it may be a little warm here, we suggest that you pack a picnic lunch, take the family and travel to the mountain area. There it will be cool and pleasant and you will be surrounded by an entirely different atmosphere.

We are a short drive from Mt. Whitney, the highest peak in the U.S. At the foot of Mt. Whitney is the Whitney Portal area, with towering granite cliffs, big pine trees, a beautiful waterfall and a pool. This is an excellent picnic spot with tables, benches, barbecue pits and water.

The picnic area is the beginning of the hiking trail to Mt. Whitney. The trail is clearly marked and to slowly hike for several miles up and back will develop anyone's appetite.

Stopping to rest occasionally, listening to the rushing of the waters, hearing the birds chirping and to look over the panorama of the valley is a delightful way to forget one's woes of the week.

Enroute to Whitney Portal is a fascinating area known as Alabama Hills. These interesting formations of rock have been used extensively as background by film companies to make many westerns and TV shows. There is an area known as "Movie Flat" where often one can see gun battles and chases on horseback that are being filmed.

### Swimming Party

Parents: All junior teen agers, 12 to 15 years old are invited to a swimming party at the Station pool on Monday, Aug. 6 from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

The next dance for the under 21 group only will be Aug. 8. "The Millionaires" will provide the music and members of VFW will assist as hosts and hostesses.

**Girls:** We desperately need your help to assist as dance partners in the social dance classes at 7 p.m. on Wednesday at the Community Center. Come join us and perfect the jitterbug, samba, fox trot, etc.

We now have discount tickets for Marineland of the Pacific, the world's largest oceanarium located on the ocean at Palos Verdes. Here one can see thousands of deep sea creatures, unbelievably brilliant, unworldly fascinating, mysterious and incredible in their natural underwater depths. Plan a day of fun and thrills for the family. Information is available in the Recreation office, Bldg. 35, Rm. 17.

### Station Dance

The next Station dance will be held on Saturday, Aug. 25 at the Community Center with "Music by Whetmore." Jimmie Whetmore and his orchestra have been featured on recordings and have played in many of the popular spots in southern California. The musicians in his group have formerly been with many outstanding bands throughout the country. His music is sweet and danceable and we suggest you make arrangements to reserve this date. All adults over 21 residing on the Station are invited to attend. This dance is being sponsored by the NOTS Recreation Division.

### Usage of Trona Parks Restricted to Residents

Word has been received that the Valley Wells recreation area at Trona will not generally be available to the public in the future without special permission.

Any official or recognized group that would like to use the area should write to the Recreation Supervisor, American Potash and Chemical Company, at Trona, requesting permission.

George Sturtevant of the American Potash and Chemical Company states that it is with reluctance the company must make this regulation but that the area has proved so popular and has become so crowded that its basic purpose of serving the citizens of the Trona area is impossible without controlled use.

### Veterans Service Offered

Will Challis, assistant veterans service officer, will aid veterans by offering counsel and assisting in any way possible with their problems. He is available at the Kern County Building in Ridgecrest (230 Ridgecrest Blvd.) on week days.



TODAY AUG. 3

"WALK THE PROUD LAND" (91 Min.)

Audie Murphy, Pat Crowley  
The true and exciting story of an Indian agent, John Phillip Clum, who defied Geranio's legions of hate with the strength of his faith and his love for a woman . . . to turn back the tide of savagery itself.

SHORTS: "Wonders of Araby" (20 Min.)

SAT. AUG. 4

"DESIREE" (110 Min.)

Marlon Brando, Jean Simmons  
No synopsis available at printing time.

MATINEE

"CARSON CITY" (87 Min.)

Randolph Scott

SHORTS: "Private Eye Popeye" (7 Min.)

"Mysterious Island" No. 6 (16 Min.)

SUN.-MON. AUG. 5-6

"FIRST TRAVELING SALES LADY" (92 Min.)

Ginger Rogers, Barry Nelson

Here she comes! And she's loaded with laughs! Sign up now for the biggest deal in fast action fun since Eve sold Adam! Hear Carol Channing sing that hip-hip-hippy tune, "A Corset Can Do a Lot for a Lady!"

SHORTS: "Mills Brothers on Parade" (15 Min.)

TUES.-WED. AUG. 7-8

"MAVERICK QUEEN" (90 Min.)

Barbara Stanwyck, Barry Sullivan

A typical western, fast, actionful and obvious. Recommended for addicts of outdoor adventure films.

SHORTS: "Peekoolary Sitcheeyashun" (7 Min.)

"Fabulous Hollywood" (10 Min.)

THURS. AUG. 9

"THE AMBASSADOR'S DAUGHTER" (102 Min.)

Olivia DeHaviland, John Forsythe

This is a light romantic comedy set in some authentic Parisian atmosphere. The daughter of an American ambassador is involved in some amusing situations.

SHORTS: "Lucky Dog" (7 Min.)

### Marksman



**MARINE AWARD**—Pfc. Delroy J. Moosman Jr. pictured above with his favorite rifle, is the winner of 1st quarter competition in the Fifth Annual Leatherneck Magazine Marksmanship Contest. Moosman is assigned duty here with the Marine Barracks.

### Rhymes of the Times

A CLUTTERED DESK  
IS STRANGE BUT TRUE  
CAN MAKE A BOTTLE NECK  
OF YOU



**LITTLE LEAGUE REGISTRATION**—Little Leaguers from Edwards Air Force Base are shown above registering at the Community Center for the "All-Star" Little League play-offs here.



## Desert Officials Groups Merge

A merger of the Desert Sports Officials Association and the Desert-Inyo Athletic Officials Association was announced this week by the two groups. The new organization was named the Mojave Desert Officials Association.

Approval of a new constitution and by-laws came last week when the membership of the two organizations met to elect officers. Heading up the new organization are: Jim Pryor, president; Walter Milton, vice-president, and Ed Laney, secretary-treasurer. The board of directors are Steve Etheredge, Herbert Guest, Jim Downard, Joe Strifler, Milo Pooley, Carl Brad, and the officers. Commissioner of athletics is Deming Maclise.

The merger culminated three years of intensive effort by the membership of both organizations to join together as one. First efforts began in 1952, but were not successful. Each year since 1952 the merger was considered but never brought to a vote.

The Mojave Desert Officials Association is now the largest group of its type in the Mojave Desert, having a membership of more than 40 persons. The group will officiate football, basketball, baseball, softball and track. Personnel interested in membership to this group should contact Ed Laney, Ext. 71354 or Jim Pryor, Ext. 721307.

## Sports Officials Meet Scheduled for Monday

The first meeting of the newly formed Mojave-Desert Officials Association will be held in the training building at 7 p.m. next Monday, it was announced today by President Jim Pryor. The meeting is for all members in all sports, Pryor said.

Main point of business on the agenda is organizing football clinics and establishing policy for rules studies. Baseball officials will receive assignments and pay assessments as determined last week in the new by-laws.

## Fire Chief Says—

Good housekeeping stands first as a fire prevention measure, according to Fire Chief A. C. Wright. There should be a place for everything, and everything should be kept in its place. Adherence to the principles of good housekeeping by each individual will result in a safer and more sanitary condition of work and occupancy.

Good general order does more than reduce fires—it results in fewer accidents; promotes pride in the place of employment; and results in better production.

DO YOUR PART  
and FIRES WON'T START

## Lancaster-Bishop Are Semi-Finalists

Two games were played here last Saturday night at 6 o'clock in the second leg of District 3 Little League championship playoffs.

The Lancaster "All Stars" defeated the China Lake National "All Stars", 13-2. Lancaster collected ten hits off China Lake's pitcher Dave Wilkie.

Heavy sticker for Lancaster was Harold Miller, center fielder, who hit 3 for 3, one a home run. Home runs by Bill Wilson and Ronnie Hadley also contributed to China Lake's defeat.

Winning pitcher was Dave Durham with 10 strike outs. Losing pitcher was Dave Wilkie, who had a moment of revenge when he clouted a home run.

The Bishop National "All Stars" defeated the Independence American "All Stars", 8-3. Winning pitcher was Kit Birmingham. Losing pitcher was Billy Cardoza.

Larry Tilley of Independence clouted a home run. Bishop's Dick Huddleton, Ronnie Jones, Mike Pacillas, Harold Willis, and Dick Nelson got two base hits.

## Pony 'Stars' Lose In Tournament Play

The China Lake Pony League "All Stars" were eliminated from District play-offs last week at Victorville in two heart breaking games, losing each by one run. In the first game played Friday night, Needles defeated them 5-4. Battery for China Lake was John Dragovich and Richie Cashore. Though Bob Koehler collected a home run the local boys still went down to defeat.

After the defeat by Needles the locals bounced back in the first game Saturday to take Victorville, 8-2. It required the pitching services of three China Lake boys to do it: Gary Maxwell, Benny Sturleon, and Dallin Childs. Dallin Childs came through with two home runs.

In the second game at 8 p.m. Saturday, the local "All Stars" encountered the real heart breaker when they went down to defeat at the hands of Barstow by a score of 8 to 7, which eliminated them from tournament play. Gary Maxwell started the chucking for China Lake, but was relieved by Bob Koehler in the first inning. Bob Koehler collected another home run in this game. Richie Cashore proved himself a tournament work horse by catching all three games.

## Lancaster Defeats Bishop

The Lancaster National Little League "All Stars" are area champions by virtue of their win over the Bishop National Little League "All Stars," 4-3, last Wednesday evening here at China Lake. It was the third win for Lancaster in the Little League series.

Lancaster will play Glendale, southern area champions, on Lancaster's home field tomorrow evening at 5:30 for the District 3 championship.

## Hot Week Ahead

# Public Works Leads League

Next week will find some hot contests coming up in the Station's Intra-mural Softball League. Big game of the week will be between the pilot plant and public works at 6 p.m. Monday. Another important contest will be played Thursday night at 8 o'clock between the enlisted men's club and public works.

Public works is now leading the league with six wins and no losses. The pilot plant team is in second place with four wins and no losses with the enlisted men's club in third spot having three wins and one loss. The standings could easily change should public works lose to the pilot plant squad or should the enlisted men's club knock off public works.

"Much interest has been shown in the intra-mural athletic program this year," says Athletic Officer Lt. (jg) J. C. Alex. "We will make every effort to have a year-around program featuring all major sports and we are contemplating having 'flag football' this fall," Alex said.

Persons interested in "flag football" this fall should contact Lt. Alex at the recreation division office, Ext. 71017.

Intra-mural league softball standings at press time are as follows:

Team	Won	Lost
Pub. works	6	0
Pilot plant	4	0
EM club	3	1
Marine barracks	4	2
NAF	4	2
GMU-25	2	3
Engineers	2	3
CPO club	1	3
GMTU	1	4
CLPP	0	4
Transmitters	0	5

Permanent trophies to be presented to the winner and runners-up of this year's intramural softball program are pictured below.



Winners Trophy



Runner-Up Trophy