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Barbershoppers Boost Booster



DUSTY FOUR—Local Chapter quartet.

Array of Talent To Be Heard In Top Notch Quartet Parade

The IWV chapter of SPEBSQSA (Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barbershop Quartet Singing in America, Inc.), under the leadership of the chapter president, Lt. Lowell E. Slagle, DC, is spearheading the drive to raise funds to pay off the current indebtedness of the Laurel Mt. TV booster installation. Other Southern California quartets affiliated with SPEBSQSA who are contributing their support to the local chapter in this endeavor are:

Crown City Four
Far Western District champions for '56, the Crown City Four from Pasadena have been singing as a unit since high school days. They have appeared in several television shows on the West coast and have recorded some of their barbershop songs. Members of the quartet are: Tom Leese, baritone; Henry H. Wair, lead; Lt. L. E. Slagle, tenor; and Dr. Rex Shacklett, bass.

The West Coasters
Far Western District champions for '55, the West Coasters from San Gabriel placed sixth in International competitions held in Minneapolis, Minn., last June. Members of the quartet are: Barry Best, tenor; Jim Potter, baritone; Jim Powell, lead; and Bill Cockrell, bass.

The Overtones
One of the outstanding girls barbershop quartets on the West coast, the Overtones from Pasadena recently participated in nationwide contests in Wichita, Kansas, where they represented the Western District. Vocalists in the quartet are: Sylvia Keiser, Peg Scofield, Shirley Rice and Lois Paris.

Dusty Four
Although they are the oldest

quartet representing the local chapter, they have never entered into any competition but are widely known in the area for their performances at numerous social and charitable functions. Members of the quartet are: Tom Leese, baritone; Henry H. Wair, lead; Lt. L. E. Slagle, tenor; and Dr. Rex Shacklett, bass.

Four-Get-Me-N.O.T.S.
The most recently organized quartet of the local chapter, the Four-Get-Me-N.O.T.S. will make their first public appearance as a unit tomorrow night. Members of the group are: Bill Jackman, tenor; Ken Kline, lead; Jim Heddel, baritone; and Ray Becker, bass.

The Noteworthy's
Another "noteworthy" female quartet from Bakersfield, this group will be making their second appearance at China Lake functions.

TV Booster Has Clue To Clear Vision

Wonder Amplifier Obtained Results Amazing

Channel 2 Gets All Time High 'Booster Shot'

Channel 4 to Get Same Deal Next Week

TV Fund Is Badly Bent Boost Your Booster!

There is nothing more satisfying to man than results from his efforts. Area residents who viewed channel 2 this week readily agreed to this as they enjoyed the clear-cut picture this area has ever known.

A new type amplifier installed last Saturday was responsible for the sudden transformation. A similar amplifier will be installed on channel 4 next weekend, according to George Sutherland, Ground Electronics Coordinator in Command Administration Department.

Eventually, all channels will be equipped with the new amplifiers, but it takes money, and unless the \$12,000 goal is reached during the "Pay Off the Booster" drive this week, continuing with the new installations may be hopeless.



ART BAKER—Emcee. Radio, TV and film celebrity.

Art Baker Highlights Booster Benefit Show Tomorrow Night

Art Baker, longtime star of stage and screen, will act as master of ceremonies at the TV Booster benefit show tomorrow night at the Station Theatre.

Best known for his "You Asked For It" TV show, Baker will introduce the seven top-notch barbershop quartets that will be on hand and lead the audience in community singing. A barbershopper himself, Baker has long been recognized as one of the nation's most popular emcees.

Along with the chorus representing the local barbershop chapter, the show will feature two female "Sweet Adeline" quartets and five male quartets. Since music plays such an important part in recreation, there is room for barbershop quartets in every public, private and institutional program. Barbershop harmony points to new avenues of musical interest.

Limitless in its wide range of musical expression, it opens the door to stimulating activity for the dormant musical talents within us. It affords opportunity for creativeness, encourages fellowship and relaxation.

Today, the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barbershop Quartet Singing in America numbers six hundred chapters with a membership of approximately 30,000 music loving harmony singers. Within its fold are more than two thousand quar-

ters and 400 choruses. Although its name has been the cause of considerable merriment, its membership rolls reveal the names of former opera singers, orchestra and band performers, college and school music teachers, and men of all professions and walks of life. The uninitiated may think barbershop harmony is easy, crude and mechanical. Actually, it is complex, difficult and more exciting than any other kinds of four-part vocal music. Listen tonight for a smooth blending phrase with a few typical changes and slides as sung by a good barbershop quartet and compare its veiling and blend with that of a traditional type quartet.

Tonight's show not only features the best of barbershop quartets, but also one of the finest emcees in Art Baker. In the tradition of barbershop ping, there will be an Afterglow in the social hall of the China Lake Community Center, directly following the main show. The Afterglow provides a chance for the quartets to sing some of the numbers that weren't heard in the show. All hardrock harmony lovers are invited and there will be a free will donation to cover the cost of refreshments and hall rental.

As a special attraction for the women, there will be a meeting in Room B of the Community Center, where they may discuss barbershop ping with the "Sweet Adeline" quartets that will be on hand.

The Afterglow will last until midnight, bringing an end to what promises to be a very enjoyable evening for Station residents.



THE OVERTONES—Sweet Adeline champions from Pasadena.

Free Tickets To Be Given For Booster Benefit Show

Free tickets will be given out tonight and tomorrow to all those who have contributed their "fair share" of \$5 to the TV Booster Benefit fund. They may submit the receipt that is attached to the sticker that was given to them at any of the ticket sale points in China Lake and Ridgecrest, and they will be given two tickets to the show. So if you've given your "fair share," make sure you pick up two tickets to the show.

Tickets for the Booster Benefit Show

Tickets are going fast for the giant TV Booster benefit show tomorrow night at the Station Theatre. Don't be left out. Pick one up now. They will be on sale tonight and all day tomorrow at the Desert Fair, the K&L Market, the Victory Market, and the Commissary. The price of admission is \$2.50. The show starts at 7 p.m., with Art Baker as emcee and the Coast's best male and female barbershop quartets in attendance. Get your ticket now.

Standard and advanced... early next year... meet the instructor... 34-6... ship... Tornadoes... 34-6 decision... ship... was the... four touchdowns... veteran, but he... assistance... and Jacob... receiving end of... Defensively, he... Cobb led the... averaged the... year, and brought... probably the best... throughs history... ner Dance... next Week... of Radio Engine... Thursday, Nov. 8... Pappalardo's... Zarem, guest speaker... as the group's... energy... Zarem's many... serves as a... serves as a... industry on... ment projects... Electro-Optical... Pasadena, and he... served at NOTS... Job... ortunities... stocket Propulsi... is located in the... Division, Track... of the Test Dept... must have... experience with... liquid engine... fuel mixing... or experience... ment. Interested... call Ext. 7157... eric, GS-4. This... duties of... in the Editor... nical Informa... A degree in Eng... science English... experience is... quality and are... Ext. 71393 for an... X-Ray Memo... at China Lake... included in NOTS... x-ray program... that the Kern Count... will visit the... 27 from 11 a.m... arrier this free se... will be stationed... Station Theatre... who have been... tuberculosis may... receiving perm... Mildred Kirby, sche...

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TV Booster Chairman Slagle Urges Support of Fund Drive

The present phase of the "Boost the Booster" fund drive now underway is sponsored by the local chapter of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barbershop Quartet Singing in America (SPEBSQSA). Lt. Lowell E. Slagle, DC, chairman of the local chapter's Booster Drive, recently made the following statement concerning the progress of the drive.

"We have been greatly heartened by the almost universal public response to the Booster Drive since Nov. 13. Our canvassers, though few in number, have been dedicated workers and we are approaching our goal of seeing a "1956 TV Booster" sticker on the front window of the houses of EVERY TV OWNER in China Lake and Ridgecrest. We believe that an educated public opinion will help us attain 100% success before the year is out.

In faith with those who have given since June, 1956, we endorse the policy of the China Lake Recreation Department, which controls the Booster, that a shut-down will not be resorted to in order to encourage donations. We strongly believe that this fact will be appreciated and that any remaining donations will be freely forthcoming by mail from those parties concerned during the month of December. "Fair Share" donations of \$5 should be mailed to "Boost the Booster," c/o Postmaster, China Lake, California. A sticker will be mailed to donors at their home address.

The phase of the drive sponsored by the local SPEBSQSA chapter ends in most areas of China Lake on December 1. Mopping-up operations will continue for a few additional days.

On behalf of my group, I would like to extend our sincerest thanks to the many individuals and public spirited organizations who joined with us in this effort.

In closing, I would like to invite your attention to an important message relating to the TV Booster Benefit Show to be staged in the Station Theatre at 7 p.m. on December 1. We realize that some people have not purchased show tickets because they were canvassed at their homes first. Our China Lake theatre can take care of just 1200, but we are prepared to go the limit to prevent disappointment. So if you have made a Fair Share donation of \$5 to Boost the Booster since November 13, bring your receipt to any one of the publicized ticket sales points in China Lake or Ridgecrest, and you will be issued two tickets while they last. Theatre doors will open at 6:30 p.m. and the big show goes on at 7 p.m. See you there?"

Local Man Elected Newman Club Pres.

Ernest Gossett, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Gossett, 624-D, Sangamon, China Lake has been elected president of the Newman Club at Ridgecrest College according to Dr. Matt Meier, advisor of the club.

Gossett graduated from Burroughs High School in 1954 and while in high school he was active in the Newman Club. He was also in the Newman Club and served on the Annual Staff.

Gossett is enrolled in Buierfield College as a sophomore with a major in mechanical engineering.

Burroughs Graduate Honored at Redlands

Suzanne Hough salutatorian of Burroughs' Class of '56 and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hough, 296-B Milschler, was elected this week as vice-president of the freshman class at the University of Redlands according to a college news bureau release.

An education major at the college, she was recipient of the China Lake Educational Association scholarship to a Future Teacher at

Memorial Service For John Roberts

A memorial service will be held in the Station Chapel at 3 p.m. on Monday, December 5, in commemoration of the recent death of John A. Roberts.

Roberts, has been the Eastman Kodak representative to NOTS for the past two years and has worked closely with the Aviation Ordnance and Test Departments. He was originally from Bangor, Maine.

The Reverend John L. Reid will conduct the service. Close friends of the deceased are planning the establishment of a trophy in his honor to be presented annually to the outstanding Little League player.

LCdr. Lewis Is New-NOTS Security Officer

NOTS received a new Security Officer recently when Lieutenant Commander Leon G. Lewis reported to the Station, relieving Commander Edward V. Horne, who has been the acting Security Officer for the past year.



LCdr. Leon Lewis

USS Crook County LST-611 (Experimental). He has been in the Navy for 22 years and received his commission in March of 1934.

During the war, LCdr. Lewis was an amphibious duty and salvage and rescue work under ComServ-Pac. He also spent one tour of duty as Security Officer at the Receiving Station, Pearl Harbor, from 1932 until 1934.

The new Security Officer served on the USS Crook County from 1954 until Oct. 29, 1956, when she was decommissioned and placed in reserve at the San Francisco Naval Shipyard.

Reporting officially to the Station on Nov. 18, LCdr. Lewis has taken up residence with his wife and three children at 601-B Nimitz.

Coming AND Going

- #### New Employees:
- Public Works—Edward T. Wade, Joseph J. Benway, Irving L. Husted, Floyd R. Allen, Charles Cordell, Walker Hordley, James M. Jugosa, Elliott P. McDew, Betty L. Gibson, David R. Griffin, Edgar D. Rider, Supply—Kathryn L. Courson, William D. Gianno, Dorothy M. Boatwright.
 - Command Administration—Mary A. Miller, Jeanette A. Ferrari, Engineering—Dorothy E. Smith, Cecil Hensley, Carolyn G. Lydon, Propellants & Explosives—Herbert M. Neuhaus, Test—Howard J. Hirschy, Allen Fullerton, Central Staff—Frances S. Dodson, Elaine R. Abelton, Office of the Commander—Angeline M. Damico, Personnel Training—Larry N. Pace.
- #### Terminations:
- Engineering—Wilmot E. Humphrey, Gloria J. Houser, Arthur M. Carson, Test—Sakaya T. Kamimoto, Beuhing W. Pike, Central Staff—Joan G. Nelson, Jeaneila A. Adam, Betty J. Tibary, Propellants & Explosives—Luella D. Bloom, Cedric C. Muller, Raymond K. Overturf, Personnel—Barbara M. Rice, George R. Helkman, Public Works—Mildie O. Holland, Carl W. Lindgren, Oliver P. Gallaher, Jack N. Sampson, William Murray, Joseph M. Bryan, Command Administration—Joyce E. Laney, Larry G. Garrou, Janet L. DeBajar, Dorothy E. Hubbard, Cornelia Ritzman, Personnel Training—Leonard G. Kenley, Supply—Percy T. Ketonson, Harry J. Barnett, Research—Betty J. Miller, Rocket Development—Royal J. Southard, Commissary—Edna M. Park.

Burroughs Rolls Over St. Francis 28-9; Meef South Pasadena Here Tomorrow

Burroughs High School's dynamic football team moved one step closer to the Small-Schools championship of Southern California last Saturday by upending St. Francis of La Canada, 28-9, at Montebello. Tomorrow the Burros face South Pasadena High at 2 p.m. here in China Lake in their second CIF playoff game.

Apparently feeling the effects of the four hour trip to Montebello last Saturday, the Burros played sluggishly in the first half and found themselves in the peculiar position of being behind at halftime, 9-7.

But a third quarter touchdown and two more in the final period sewed up the contest.

Reliable Roger Short led the way offensively by passing for three touchdowns and running for the other. Joel Christie booted all four extra points perfectly.

St. Francis began things in the first half by scoring 9 points before Jack Downs scored from the 5-yard line, and later on Lineman Paulus and Giesick trapped Roger Short in his own end zone for a two-point safety. Short got six points back of a short buck after a long Burroughs drive, and Christie kicked the point. After a scoreless second period, the score stood St. Francis 9 and Burroughs 7 at the midway point.

As soon as the second half began, the brilliant Short began to uncork the deft aerials that have been the real venom of the Burroughs attack all season long. Glue-fingered Gary Jacobs was the first to score on the end of a Short pass, and Joel Christie followed suit by grabbing a touchdown throw after he had put the Burros in position with an interception.

The last Burroughs TD was scored on a spectacular running pass from Short to end Tom Slopes. Although trapped at the 35 yard line, Short got the ball away on the run to Slopes, who made a miraculous catch between two St. Francis defenders in the end zone. This brought the final score to 28-9.

Defensively for the Burros, Joel Christie stood out, while Jack Butler was the outstanding lineman on the field.

It was the 10th straight win and Glenview. Greeley has served at various naval stations on the west coast.

Students Discuss Ideas on Teaching

Teacher recruitment was stressed for members of the East Kern County Council of Parents and Teachers meeting at Randburg this week by a panel composed of three members of the Burroughs High School Future Teachers of America Club.

Opening a study group discussion, the panel, which the PTA can assist in recruiting new teachers, the group discussed aims and activities of the Burroughs chapter of future teachers.

Panel members and their respective topics were Sandra Witt discussing "Reasons I Plan to Become a Teacher," Margaret Waldron, "Advantages Offered by the PTA," and Suzanne Hagerman, "What I Expect From Teaching." Panel moderator was Wayne C. Harsh, club advisor. The group was introduced by Jean Clemente, president of the East Kern County Council.

Organized three years ago by the China Laie Educational Association to encourage and assist students interested in the teaching profession, the Burroughs PTA is affiliated with state and national educational organizations.

ACS Will Tour Boron Activities Tomorrow

A tour of the borax mine and processing plant at Boron tomorrow afternoon will provide the program for the next meeting of the Mojave Desert Section of the American Chemical Society. Activities will get underway at 3 p.m. at the Pacific Coast Borax Co. When Ernest Morgan, chief chemist of the company, presents a summary of the operations of this vital desert industry.

Following Mr. Morgan's talk, the group will divide into small units for the conducted tours. The meeting will conclude with dinner in the company cafeteria for those who have made advance reservations.

Pony League Officials Eye Babe Ruth Unit

A meeting of Pony League officials will be held in Groves Street School cafeteria on Wednesday, Dec. 5 at 7:30 p.m. The advisability of discontinuing the present Pony League with its 13-14 age limitations in favor of establishing a Babe Ruth League with its 13-15 age limitations will be discussed. Parents of Pony League players are invited to attend.

The man who does things makes mistakes, but he never makes the biggest mistake of all—that of doing nothing.

Horace Greeley, AC1 Went West to Stay

"Go west young man, go west," said Horace Greeley. And about 12 years ago, Horace Greeley did go west. Now he's been selected "Blue Jacket of the Month" at the Naval Air Facility.

But the NOTS version of Horace Greeley isn't a newspaperman. He's Horace P. Greeley, AC1, control tower supervisor at NAF, and from all reports a good one.

Horace was born back east in Fort Wayne, Indiana, and attended high school in nearby Churubusco. Before enlisting in the Navy in 1934, he spent some time at both Manchester College and the University of Indiana. Since receiving his initial naval training at Great Lakes



Horace Greeley, AC1

and Glenview, Greeley has served at various naval stations on the west coast.

Horace reported aboard NAF in October of 1954 and presently works for Operations Air Traffic. He and his wife and their five children (two boys and three girls) live at 320 Derado in Wherry Housing.

Judging from the award, our Horace Greeley is almost as valuable to NAF as the original Horace was to the New York Times.

AAUW Announces December Activities

Dr. H. A. Wilcox will speak on the subject of mathematics at the next general meeting of the American Association of University Women Tuesday, Dec. 4 at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Center. The title of his address will be "Making Mathematics Live or Ladies' Your Figures."

Study Group Meeting

The International Relations Study Group of AAUW will feature a panel discussion on the Middle East situation at its December meeting next Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. at the home of Dorothy Landry, 290-A Fowler.

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Following Mr. Morgan's talk, the group will divide into small units for the conducted tours. The meeting will conclude with dinner in the company cafeteria for those who have made advance reservations.

Because of safety regulations, children under 15 will not be allowed to go on the tours, and those between 15 and 18 must be accompanied by a parent.

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 St. Francis of La...
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 of 12 years will be held at...
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 Tuesday, Dec. 5 from 9 a.m. to...
 3 p.m. and from 1 to 3 p.m. on...
 Wednesday, Dec. 6, from 9 a.m. to...
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What's Doing
IN RECREATION

EDITOR'S NOTE: Due to the illness of Helen Michel, Recreation Editor, the column was written this week by the Recreation Division staff, Mudge Hueckel.

Recreational events aboard this Station are plentiful and this weekend. Those of you who have complained there is just nothin' to do" won't find it so this weekend. Starting tonight is the FREE dance at the Community Center with the much in demand Pug Pilcher Band. Dress informal so no excuses about "I just don't have a thing to wear." All adults on the Station are cordially invited bring your friends and attend this pre-holiday dance night at 9 p.m.

Thursday is packed full of excitement. Arise bright and early to be at the 7 o'clock Saturday matinee and get a seat to watch the year's Burroughs versus Pasadena High in the State play-offs. Take it from one who's there, those Burroughs and this Station proud in their CIF game last Saturday at Redondo. Don't miss this one at the Burroughs High School.

...not get too tired to go to the theatre at 7 o'clock Saturday night to see the legends show ART BAKER as Master of ceremonies and outstanding talent all over the State to entertain. Tickets for this event may be purchased at locations listed elsewhere in the ROCKETEER.

...two years before the mast" 97 Min. Nov. 29
 "Two new Santa Claus outfits are now available for loan to Station groups who are planning Christmas parties. Call Ext. 22017 for reservation."



Starting Times: 8 and 9 p.m. Daily
 Kiddie Matinee (Special Matinee)
 1 p.m. Saturday

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SAT. DEC. 1
 "BOOST THE BOOSTER BENEFIT SHOW"
 ART BAKER, Master of Ceremonies
 Plus
 Outstanding Talent and Entertainment
 Curtain Time 7:30 p.m.

MATINEE
 "MASK OF THE AVENGER" (85 Min.)
 John Drew
 3:00 PM "Mystery Goes A-Swing" (7 Min.)
 "Mystery and the Man" No. 9 (15 Min.)

SUN. MON. DEC. 23
 "TO THE SHORE OF THE BARR" (109 Min.)
 Don Reed, Signe Hasso
 Based on Treasury Dept. files and told in...
 anticlimactic form. Approx. 100...
 original Chinese diplomats and their loads...
 through jungles, rivers, and...
 to a surprise end.

TUES. WED. DEC. 4-5
 "SOLID GOLD CADILLAC" (102 Min.)
 Tom Helton, Paul Douglas
 2:30 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. (not comedy hit, Judy...
 Helton has her own record for laugh...
 She's the only female that gave big business...
 the business. Paul Douglas is a "Real Street...
 person who will be showing her...
 comedy. 22 seats remaining.

THURS. DEC. 6
 "THE SPENT WORLD" (84 Min.)
 A... documentary...
 8:00 PM "To Have It Women" (7 Min.)
 "Born to Fight" (18 Min.)

CSC Exams Open
For Local Positions
 Civil Service examinations for Card Punch Operators, Tabulating Equipment Operators and Tabulating Machine Operators have been announced by the Board of U. S. Civil Service Examiners, Eleventh Naval District (Northern Sector). Applicants will be required to pass written tests to qualify for positions at the GS-1, GS-2 and GS-3 levels to fill vacancies at NOTS. Applicants for GS-2 grades must have had three months of experience and applicants for GS-3 grades must have had six months experience. Interested persons should file CSC card forms 5000-AB with the local board representative, Betty Jo Gelson, Personnel Department. Applications will be accepted until further notice.

Overseas Club
To Show Slides
 NOTS Overseas Club announces that Estla and George Schroeder will show colored slides of their recent trip to Europe at 7:45 p.m. Monday, Dec. 3 in the Community Center. Those interested are invited to attend.

News from Pasadena Annex

Pasadena News
Delayed in Mail
 The absence of news from Pasadena Annex in last week's issue of the ROCKETEER was caused by the failure of Wednesday morning's plane to leave Los Angeles. Mail and passengers proceeded to China Lake by bus, but the Pasadena copy did not arrive in time to meet the press deadline.



BENEFICIAL SUGGESTION AWARD WINNERS—Receiving awards recently for beneficial suggestions were these Annex employees (l. to r. above): Willard Yoder, Jack Sayre, Virginia Cortese, Vergil Arbuckle, and James Yuille. Absent when this photograph was taken was Jimmie Storms.

Virginic Olson,
Annex Nurse,
Wins Award

Another Annex employee has received a superior accomplishment award. Virginic Olson, who handles her duty as the only nurse at the Annex in an outstanding manner, has also made a major contribution to Annex morale by her unflinching pleasantness, tact and warm, human understanding. "Despite her heavy work load," her recommendation reads, "both in medical treatments and in the administrative requirements of her position, she finds time to contribute her time and effort to Annex community enterprises such as the United Fund Drive and ESSO, and is the spark plug of Annex participation in the Red Cross Blood Bank, which has been a source of major benefit to several NOTS employees and their families." Miss Olson's superior accomplishment award was for the period of January through June of the current year.

Annex Personnel
Earn Promotions

The employees listed below were promoted in November. In the Supply Department, Joseph R. Cislante to contract specialist, GS-7, and Laurie A. Dulon to typist, GS-3. In Public Works, Norman A. Mohrbacher to general engineer, GS-9. In the Technical Information Department, Everett E. Baker to supervisory motion picture producer, GS-12. Underwater Ordnance employees have been promoted in the following divisions: ES00, Shelby F. Sullivan to electronic engineer, GS-7. ES02, David E. Faulkner to ordnance engineer, GS-9, John R. Mulhern to supervisory torpedo design engineer, GS-13. ES04, Thomas G. Lang to aeronautical research engineer, GS-9. Louis A. Lopez Jr. to mathematician, GS-13. ES05, Alice May Anderson to mathematician, GS-7. ES07, Richard D. Cannova to supervisory chemical engineer, GS-12. Mary Z. Madden to physical science aid (general), GS-5, James H. Green to mechanical engineer, GS-11. ES08, John L. Phillips to ordnance engineer, GS-11, Clifford D. Stock, supervisory ordnance engineer, GS-12, William C. Macy to test range equipment repairman, 1st step, Alfred O. Fey and Frank B. Millard to ordnance technician, GS-9, William D. Squire to supervisory electronic scientist (general), GS-12.

Beneficial Suggestion Checks
Reward Ideas of Six Employees

Topping the list of recent beneficial suggestion awards is that received by Jack Sayre of P8089. Originally offered in 1953, Jack's suggestion for a method of photographing torpedo air drops was adopted and his award of \$215 is based on first-year savings of \$7,500. The Annex has recommended to the Station beneficial suggestion panel that Sayre's suggestion be forwarded for dissemination. Vergil Arbuckle of the security branch received a \$35 award for an emergency communication system. The system, which is in full operation, is working extremely well. Jimmie Storms of Public Works received an award of \$15 for his suggestion for a shipboard install-



TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONS—Winners in the Veterans' Day golf tournament were Bill Derby (l.) and John Mulhern (r.), pictured here with their trophies—Bill's for low gross score, and John's for low net. Winners, who each received a new Spalding ball for best score in their forenoon, were Cliff Stock, Chief Boatwain Schlohenmader, Lowell Rickard, Harry Wolf, and John Southwell. Twenty-three Annex golfers played in this third annual singles tournament at Brookside Park on Monday, November 12. Nick Salnes was in charge of arrangements for the ESO-sponsored event.



MAN-OF-THE-MONTH—Ray Eavelle, experimental machinist, won the election for October held by the men of the P8004 shop. Ray has worked at Posthill since 1945, moving here with the Caltech rocket project.

Annex Vacancies

Mechanical Engineer, GS-11. This position is for an associate project engineer in the Missile Development Division. Work will consist of the study, development, design, and testing of new missile systems and their components. Area of operations includes that from the original concept to the successful testing of the development or prototype models. Missiles involved in this work are those with an underwater phase, and usually with an airframe base. Knowledge of airframe-type construction, ability to assist the development program of a missile system and to deal with contractor personnel are prerequisites for this position. Call M. Kelly, Ext. 100.

Ordnance Inspector (Electronics), GS-E. This vacancy is located in the Industrial Division, Engineering Department. Call D. Seaman, Ext. 100.



SERVICE RECOGNIZED—Captain F. L. Ashworth, Station Commander, (left) congratulates local USAF Civil Air Patrol leaders Lt. Ken Martin, commanding Inyokeen CAP Squadron 82, Harvey Field, and Lt. Andy Jensen, Commandant of Cadets, on the organization's service to Indian Wells Valley.

President Praises CAP on 15th Birthday For Unit's Outstanding Patriotic Service

The Civil Air Patrol, civilian auxiliary of the Air Force, celebrates its fifteenth year of service to the nation Saturday, Dec. 1, with high praise from President Dwight D. Eisenhower and Air Force Secretary Donald A. Quarles. In a telegram to Gen. A. "Toogy" Spatz, elder statesman of the U. S. Air Force and CAP's national executive board chairman, the President said:

"As the Civil Air Patrol celebrates its fifteenth anniversary of service to the nation, I send my congratulations and the appreciation of my countrymen.

"From nearly 3,000 bases throughout all our states and territories, the 60,000 volunteers of the Civil Air Patrol fly daily missions for the safety and well-being of their fellow citizens. In case of national or regional emergencies, the Civil Air Patrol stands by in flight readiness.

"The work of the Civil Air Patrol, as it guides an ever increasing number of young men and women into technical and scientific careers, strengthens our national community. Best wishes for another year of outstanding patriotic service."

Locally, Capt. F. L. Ashworth, Station Commander, lauded CAP Inyokeen Squadron 82 for flying mercy missions, assisting in air search and rescue operations and furthering its youth aviation educational program.

Senior CAP members and guests will hold an anniversary dinner meeting Saturday night, Dec. 1, at the Hideaway, Ridgecrest. The Cadet unit will conduct a youth and parent program Wednesday night, Dec. 5, at Burroughs High School, China Lake.

Information on either meeting may be obtained by calling Lt. P. J. Norcum, Ext. 74072.

The United Crusade

United Crusade is with us IU's when we do our part, And shows just everyone That we really have a heart.

Collection time is with us now, It comes but once a year, And will help your neighbors Those both far and near.

The collection helps so many causes Everyone is quite worth while, We really believe United, It's worth is proved by trial.

We really believe in friendship, And will give a helping hand, To help those with misfortune In our great big happy land.

Misfortune may befall you, But your conscience will be clear If you give United When collection time is here.

—The Acorn

Telephone Pole Usage Prohibited

Tenants are requested to avoid using telephone poles as supports for TV antennas, mounts for basketball baskets, and bird houses.

This blocks access to telephone poles and creates a hazard for telephone linemen.

New Council Board Will Be Introduced At Annual Banquet

China Lake residents are invited to attend an informal no-host banquet under the auspices of the China Lake Community Council to be held next Monday, Dec. 3, at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Center. The agenda will include the introduction of both incoming and outgoing council directors and executive boards.

The council directors were elected on Nov. 6 during the Community Council elections and the executive board was elected at the council meeting on Nov. 27 at which time the new slate of officers took office.

Newly elected members of the Community Council executive board are: Herbert T. Lotze, president; Otto Hart, vice-president; Rex Smith, executive secretary; Sol Sherman, treasurer; and Lella Parker, recording secretary.

The outgoing executive board members are: James H. Madden, president; Robert Dudley, vice-president; Robert Ragsdale, executive secretary; Henry Nowak, treasurer; and Tony Goff, recording secretary.

Reservations for the dinner may be obtained from Mrs. C. H. Mayberry, 110-A Independence, Ext. 74163.

Dr. Bruce H. Sage Receives American Rocket Society Award

Dr. Bruce H. Sage, former Associate Director for Engineering at NOTS, was named yesterday as the 1956 recipient of the American Rocket Society's C. N. Hickman Award for solid propellant advancement in the jet propulsion field.

Dr. Sage was presented the award at an Honors Night Dinner, during the American Rocket Society's Eleventh Annual Meeting at the Henry Hudson Hotel in New York.

In honoring Dr. Sage, the American Rocket Society bestowed recognition on an individual who has advocated and led the development of solid propellants as a propulsion medium for guided missiles since the end of World War II. In addition, Dr. Sage is credited with the development of a propellant "backing" process which recently increased solid propellant reliability by con-

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'Book Week' Held At Station Library

Posters, displays, library visitations and book reviews were used by the Station Library and Burroughs School Library this week to accent the theme of the 38th Annual National Book Week—"It's Always Book Time."

Book reviews during the week were given for children in the 5th and 6th grades by Miss Ruth Ohler, Station librarian, and Miss Louise Riffe, Burroughs School librarian. Mrs. Helen McKeel and Miss Mary Lourenzo of the Kern County Free Library reviewed books for 9th grade students at Burroughs High School.

Displays of posters and books accent the annual week at each of the four local elementary schools and a special display was arranged at the Ship Store by Girl Scout Troop 24 in cooperation with Miss Ohler.

All classes of the China Lake Elementary Schools from kindergarten through the sixth grade have completed or will complete visits to the Burroughs Library during the season. Special book week bookmarks were distributed to students in grades three to eight.

Nat'l Book Week Ends With Magic Story Hour

Alice Floyd, Station Story Lady, returns to the Station Library tomorrow promptly at 10 a.m. to take her brood via her magic carpet to visit the country and people of Arabian Nights.

Her appearance will close National Book Week celebration observed this week by the Station and Burroughs High School libraries.

Youngsters between the ages of six and ten are invited to attend and they may bring a pillow to sit on or wear jeans for comfort.

An Open Letter to Residents Of Indian Wells Valley from U

The Indian Wells Valley United Fund drive of 1956-57 has thus far received in donations approximately \$20,700. The United Fund agency budget requirement is \$33,817.

In other words the campaign is running some \$14,000 short of the minimum amount required to succeed. And time is running out.

Last year the Indian Wells Valley United Fund Campaign exceeded its agency budget requirement goal of \$23,091.81. The 1957 Fund budget requirement, reflecting the increased needs of its social service member organizations is about \$11,000 more than last year.

The truth of the matter is that United Fund took on bigger obligations this year, which are humanitarian obligations of the community, by the community, and for the community—yet it is running behind last year's campaign, and about 40% behind achievement of its minimum goal this year.

These are the facts of the campaign, the plain facts, frankly submitted by the Board of Directors of United Fund.

This is a community problem, a serious one, involving China Lake Ridgecrest, and Inyokeen. This is a real problem, a serious one, for many local people this year who did not give to United Fund—or perhaps gave only pocket money.

In view of the medical services, supplies, and education available to local residents through the American Cancer Society, and the American Heart Association—the many life giving, life saving, and counseling services given to both local military and civilian person-

nel by the American National Cross and the care and assistance given to the destitute in this area by the Desert Area Relief—the many services of the council, and valuable assistance given to local families by the Desert Area Family Services—moral, the happiness, the character building and group training of your boy, or your girl through scouting and the professional training provided by the Girl Scout and Boy Scout Kern County Council—the wholesome supervision of recreation and handicraft education provided for your girls, boys, and for older community citizens too, by the Indian Wells Valley Recreation Council—the national and welfare needs of our service men and women of various grades and provided by the U. S. O.—the upkeep and maintenance of the worthy community enterprise of Rand Ditch Cemetery—yes, in view of the needs of all these services to you, your neighbor, and to your Indian Wells Valley community, the need of fifty cents or a dollar to United Fund, no matter how generous you are, does not go far enough.

Remember that through no fault of your own, the United Fund does the gift revert to the giver in so many ways.

Therefore, the Board of Directors of United Fund announces that the campaign will continue and the financial needs of its member agencies are met. Speaking to the residents of Indian Wells Valley, if you have not made a donation to United Fund as yet, or perhaps have pocket money when you are visited again by a volunteer representative of the United Fund please remember he has every reason to be proud of the cause he represents. As a man of fact, he gave generously to himself. He has a right to expect generous response from you.

The finest Christmas gift you this year could be made or a medical service, or the purchase of a change of mind and heart—someone's right here at home we needs it this Christmas.

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Commander Endorses Fund Drive Extension

The United Fund deserves the support of all persons in the community. The causes are all good community services. Among them there should be some activities which appeal to every individual.

The Fund Drive itself is a distinct community service as it eliminates the expense, time and bother of a series of solicitations month after month.

I urge everyone in the community to support this year's fund drive in order that the important benefits to the Indian Wells Valley that come from the funds raised may be continued again this year.

The extension of the United Fund Drive announced by the Board of Directors will give everyone the opportunity to make the maximum contribution within his capability. Your generous contribution will make the drive a success.

F. L. Ashworth
Captain, USN



Dr. B. H. Sage

traveling radiation phenomena, and the creation of successful extrusion methods for propellants.

After nine years of research and instruction at Caltech, Dr. Sage was appointed professor of chemical engineering in 1944. In 1945, he came to NOTS as Head of the Explosives Department. Four years later, Dr. Sage became Associate Director for Engineering at NOTS, and held that position until 1950.

Local Girl Elected To College Office

Lucinda Shaw, 19, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William C. Shaw, 6-B Wasp Circle has been elected treasurer of the Renegade's, according to a Bakersfield College news release received this week.

Miss Shaw is majoring in general education. She graduated from Southwest High School, Kansas City, Mo., before coming to China Lake.



NATIONAL BOOK WEEK OBSERVANCE—A special display is exhibited at the Navy Exchange Store by Girl Scout Troop 24 in observance of 38th Annual National Book Week.