



MISTLETOE INTERLUDE—Age cannot wither, nor stale the age old custom of the 'gal' caught beneath the mistletoe. Pert Beverly Kane submits to custom as she extends a cheek to Fred Ashbrook, both of Test Dept. Wonder how Fred will explain this to his two young sons.

280 Children Attend NAF and VX-5 Party

More than 280 children were royally entertained last Saturday at the VX-5 and NAF Children's Christmas Party in Hangar 1. Along with Santa Claus, the party featured Suzie Nelson of TV "Sketchbook" fame, also Ann and Arloha Lampkin, baton-twirling majorettes for the Los Angeles Rams football team. The highlight of the party was the appearance of 6-foot 6-inch Clint Walker, better known as "Cheyenne." The TV cowboy hero was in full western regalia complete with six-guns. The Million-Aires provided the musical background. Chairman of the Christmas Party committee was LCDR. A. F. Tozer. He was assisted by LCDR. D. W. Alderton, LCDR. L. E. Kirkemo, Lt. J. J. Revenaugh, Lt. S. J. Premse-laar, R. B. Blanchard, ATC, T. J. Moikle, AD1, and J. D. McKindsey, AT1.



SUPERSONIC REINDEER—Santa Claus climbs out of a high-velocity sleigh at the NAF and VX-5 Christmas party. The party took place in Hangar 1 of the Air Facility and was attended by more than 250 children. Santa is shown climbing out of an A4D Skyhawk.

President's Message

To the men and women of the Armed Forces, I send my Christmas greetings. In this season, as we think of peace, the Nation does not forget the efforts and sacrifices of those who protect our country from its enemies. May the blessings of health, in body and in spirit, be with you throughout the new year. As we celebrate the anniversary of the birth of the Prince of Peace, we renew and fortify our hope and efforts for a better world for all men. Dwight D. Eisenhower



'YOU ASKED FOR IT'—Art Baker discusses the script with members of the Wayne Steffner Productions, who were here to film a "short" on NOTS' activities to be used on Baker's TV show. Shown (l. to r.) are: Ernest George, Station Information Specialist, who was instrumental in bringing the camera crew to the Station; Art Baker; and Fred Gaudette and Rick Mittleman, representatives of the Steffner Productions.

Be Sure—Be Safe!

Your Christmas tree and evergreen decorations may be home fire-proofed by dissolving one cup of boric acid and a cup and a half of borax in a gallon of warm water and spraying them with the solution; use a spray gun or the vacuum cleaner's spray attachment. Dad's Santa Claus suit or the children's costumes also may be fireproofed with the same simple mixture; soak the garments for three or four minutes, wring, iron while damp. Check tree-lights wiring and connections. . . . Make it an accident-free Christmas. (More accidents occur in December than in any other month!)

Burroughs Groups Signal Christmas With Music, Contributions, Open-house

Caroling, collecting toys and money for local and overseas gifts, and presenting of an open-house and assembly were among activities sponsored by Burroughs High School groups this week before school recessed Wednesday for holidays until Jan. 2. Conducting of caroling groups in the Station neighborhood and collecting of toys for the community

Place Long Distance Phone Calls Early

Residents planning to make long distance telephone calls during the holiday season are urged by Telephone Officer, Lt. (jg) M. A. Bedwell to do so early this year. The heavy demand for this service during the holidays frequently makes it impossible to complete the waiting list of requests.



SHAPELY SANTA—Mary Shevan, a secretary in the Test Department's Instrument Operations Division, does her part in dressing up the Photo Lab for the Christmas holidays.

Have You Lost a Bike?

Five unclaimed bicycles, one man's, two women's, and two boys', are being held at the Main Gate for their owners, according to a report from Tom Conway, Traffic Control Officer.

YULE AND WILD WEST TRADITIONS PREVAIL—Youngsters at the NAF and VX-5 Christmas party meet the traditional childhood favorites; Santa Claus, and the current TV cowboy hero, Clint Walker, better known as "Cheyenne" to the small fry.

Bakersfield College, Adult High School Spring Semester Schedule Announced

Pre-registration in Bakersfield College and Burroughs Evening High School classes for the spring semester will be held at Burroughs High School Library on January 7, 8, 9 and 10 from 7 to 9 p.m. It is necessary that a minimum enrollment requirement be met in order to assure the availability of the classes. In order to qualify for English Ia, a student must have had one semester of English X or obtain a passing grade in the English Classification Examination to be given Wednesday, Jan. 9 in room 2 from 7 to 9 p.m. All college and evening high school classes will begin the week of Feb. 4. Bakersfield College Classes being offered in the spring semester of the Bakersfield College program are as follows: Biology 10—Mon. 7 to 10 p.m. and Wed. 7 to 9 p.m.; Business Administration 1b (accounting)—Tues. 6 to 10 p.m.; Business Administration 18b (business law)—Mon. 7 to 10 p.m.; Class Piano 1a—Thurs. 5 to 7 p.m.; Economics 1b—Thurs. 7 to 10 p.m.; Engineering 22—Tues. and Wed. 7 to 10 p.m.; English X—Mon. 7 to 10 p.m.; English 1a—Wed. 7 to 10 p.m.; English 1b—Tues. 7 to 10 p.m.; Geology 10—Tues. 7 to 10 p.m.; German 1—Mon. 7 to 10 p.m. and Wed. 7 to 9 p.m.; History 17b—Thurs. 7 to 10 p.m.; Investments 78—Wed. 7 to 10 p.m.; Math B (plane geometry)—Mon. 7 to 10 p.m. and Wed. 7 to 9 p.m.; Math C (plane & spherical trigonometry)—Thurs. 7 to 10 p.m.; Math D (intermediate algebra)—Wed. 7 to 10 p.m.; Math I (college algebra)—Thurs. 7 to 10 p.m.; Math 2b (analytic geometry and calculus)—Tues. 4:45 to 6:45 p.m. and Thurs. 4:45 to 5:45 p.m.; Music History 21a—Thurs. 7 to 10 p.m.; Physical Education 31a (first aid—6 weeks course)—Thurs. 7 to 10 p.m.; Psychology 1b—Wed. 7 to 10 p.m.; Public School Art 7b—Tues. 6:30 to 10:30 p.m.; Reading Improve-



Season's Greetings . . .

A very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Successful New Year to military and civilian personnel and their dependents at China Lake, Pasadena, and other NOTS locations. We wish you the best of holiday cheer and confidently look forward to a new year of happy association and significant team accomplishment.

- F. L. ASHWORTH, Captain, USN, Commander; WM. B. McLEAN, Technical Director; F. A. CHENAULT, Captain, USN, Executive Officer; H. G. WILSON, Associate Technical Director; J. J. O'BRIEN, Commander, USN, Officer-in-Charge, Pasadena Annex.



CSC EXAMINERS—Members of the Board of Civil Service Examiners for west coast laboratories who met recently at NOTS (seated l. to r.) are: A. F. Freeman, Dr. F. M. Uber, T. E. Davis, Dr. W. M. Simpson, Dr. C. P. Haber, L. E. Day, Dr. C. S. Cook and R. J. Dombrow. Standing (l. to r.) are: R. W. Manning, R. W. Sarvis, N. J. Newcomb, H. J. Seland, F. W. Baker, Captain F. A. Chenaunt, Dr. W. B. McLean, C. A. Weber and Dr. H. W. Hunter.

Congressman Engle Views Station Work

Representative Clair Engle (D), chairman of the House Committee for Internal and Insular Affairs was a visitor on the Station last week. In his capacity as an officer in the Air Force Reserve. The congressman from Red Bluff is a Lieutenant Colonel in the AFR



Representative Engle

and is visiting ordnance research and development centers as a part of his annual two weeks training duty. Arriving in an Air Force plane Friday morning, Representative Engle spent the day inspecting research, development and testing facilities at NOTS and after a short interview with representatives of the press, he left for the Nellis Air

Post Office Employees Equal to the Occasion

The favorite story going the rounds in the local Post Offices is that of a little girl who walked into a South Dakota Post Office to mail a package. "Would you please wrap this up for me?" the little girl asked. The clerk smiled and proceeded to wrap the package. Completing the job, he asked her to address it. "I can't write. Will you address it for me?" she asked. "Okay, little girl," the clerk replied. "What's the address?" "It's on a slip of paper inside." Trying not to show any exasperation, the clerk unwrapped the package, removed the slip of paper, re-wrapped and addressed the package. "That will be 10 cents for mailing please," he said as he finished tying the knot. "The money is in the package, mister."

Next Edition—Jan. 4

Today's edition of the ROCKETEER is the last until Friday, Jan. 4. The ROCKETEER staff extends Christmas greetings and best wishes for the New Year to all its readers.

Booster Gift Comes All the Way From 'Show-Me' State

To convince a man from Missouri you have to show him. Professor Frank H. Conrad, who was a summer consultant for Propellants and Explosives Department, is from Missouri—the University of Missouri School of Mines and Metallurgy, to be exact. While Prof. Conrad was here, he and his wife saw a lot of TV and heard a lot about the TV Booster drive. He saw, and apparently he was convinced. In a recent letter to Harold Metcalf of Propellants and Explosives Professor Conrad said, in part, "enclosed is a check for \$5 for the TV-Booster Fund. Mrs. Conrad and I felt that we enjoyed the TV so much while at China Lake that we should contribute to the fund to help improve it."

Civil Service Examiners Meet At NOTS on Revision Study

The Board of Civil Service Examiners for Scientists and Engineers of West Coast Laboratories held a two-day meeting on the Station last week to recommend improvements and action within the Civil Service Examining system. Arriving Thursday evening, the Board commenced activity with business meetings Thursday evening and Friday morning in which revision or streamlining of examining procedures affecting technical personnel were discussed. The 21-man board also reviewed efforts to secure increases in salary for classification act employees while improving their general conditions of employment. The Navy's undergraduate scholarship program was also reviewed. Dr. W. M. Simpson is chairman of the Board for west coast laboratories, while C. A. Weber is Deputy Executive Secretary and T. E. Davis, executive secretary. The rest of the Board is composed of five NOTS personnel and 13 additional representatives of the Navy's west coast laboratories. Following the last business meeting, the visiting members of the Board were introduced to NOTS administration and facilities as well as to its technical programs. A tour of the Station's range facilities terminated the two-day meeting.

There must be quite a few people from Missouri on the Station. Maybe that accounts for the good response to the TV Booster drive. Then, again, maybe it doesn't matter what state you're from. Perhaps it just takes people like Prof. and Mrs. Conrad to know a good thing when they see it—and to back it even if they don't always receive direct benefit.



ENCHANTMENT—Christmas has an aura of magic for children. It's a time of excitement and mystery, of expectation and happiness. A sparkle and radiance settles about their world. Pictured (l to r.) are: Richard, Tommy and Patty O'Reilly, children of Mr. and Mrs. Richard O'Reilly, 605 Essex Circle.

The Secretary's Greetings . . .

To all members of the United States Navy, Marine Corps, our civilian employees and their families, I extend my very best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a happy and successful New Year. To you who are separated from your family and home, it is my sincere hope that you have that personal satisfaction which can only come from your own sacrifice in the cause of peace which this holiday season symbolizes. I invite you all to join me in the hope and thankful prayer to Him for "Peace on Earth, Goodwill Toward Men," and together rededicate ourselves to this cause, with His Divine assistance and guidance.

CHARLES S. THOMAS Secretary of the Navy



SANTA'S WORK SHOP—Highlighted annually is the Christmas scene created by the Station's firefighters which adorns the roof of the fire station. The holiday project is a year 'round hobby for the firefighters.

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Job Opportunities

Electronics Mechanic. This vacancy is in the Electronics Branch, Communications Division, Command Administration Department.

Clerk Stenographer, GS-4. This position is in the Presentations Section, Technical Information Department with duties as follows:

Editorial Clerk (Supervisory) GS-6. This position is located in the Copy Editing & Proof-reading Section, Editorial Branch of Technical Information Department.

Administrative Assistant, GS-9. This position is located in the Test and Evaluation Division, Propellants and Explosives Department.

Mail, File and Records Clerk, GS-3. This position is in the Test Department, Planning and Administrative Staff.

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Commissary Store shopping on Tuesdays and Wednesdays will alleviate the congestion during the balance of the week.

Commissary Store Holiday Schedule

Business hours for the Commissary Store will be changed during the holiday season as follows: Monday, Dec. 24—Closed all day.

NOTS ON THE AIR KRKS (1240) Notis News 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. daily (Monday through Friday)

Navy Exchange Holiday Schedule Normal hours of operation of all Navy Exchange activities will be changed during the holiday season as follows:

Monday, Dec. 24—Retail Store and Service Departments will be closed all day.

Tuesday, Dec. 25—Retail Store and Service Departments will be closed all day.

Monday, Dec. 31—Retail Store and Service Departments will be open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 1—Retail Store and Service Departments will be closed all day.

Divine Services Christian Science (Chapel Annex) Sunday School—9:30 a.m. Morning Service—11 a.m.

Coming AND Going

New Employees: Medical—Cecilia M. Rice. Command Administration—Carol J. Corlett, Leola D. Skeeters, John R. Peoria.

Terminations: Supply—Ethel E. Lesha, Evelyn A. Nordquist, Joan Bailey.

Engineering—Emma Tettefeller, Robert B. Buster, James M. Munyon.

Burroughs Revises Class Assemblies New rules designed to improve the quality of Burroughs High School class assemblies, which open this year with the junior production in February.

Las Vegas And for those who are not going Los Angeles and plan to visit dear old Las Vegas, the Recreation Office has a listing of all shows currently appearing and phone numbers to call for reservations.

Winners in Last Sunday's Golf Tournament Sixty-four members participated in the second golf tournament at the local club last Sunday with 16 winning prizes for low gross and net scores.

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What's Doing IN RECREATION

By Madge Hucek (Editor's Note: Due to the illness of Helen Michel, Recreation Director, this column was written this week by the Recreation Division secretary, Madge Hucek.)

Have you seen it? That bright light you see illuminating the valley is the beautiful Christmas Star shining up on "B" Mountain, placed there by the Recreation Division, to remind us all of the real meaning of Christmas.

Since a majority of the people on the Station will be in the Los Angeles or Pasadena area during the coming holidays, here are a few things to do and places to go we thought might be of interest to you.

The Rose Parade and Rose Bowl Game (for those who are lucky enough to have tickets) is a must on New Year's Day.

Christmas Tree Lane in Altadena, if you are in that area, opens on Christmas Eve. Entrance is right off Roothill Boulevard and the one mile long drive is so brilliantly illuminated you may drive with your lights off.

The Pasadena Playhouse at 39 South El Molino in Pasadena is currently showing "Accidentally Yours," starring Charlie Ruggles and Vera Vague.

Santa Anita Santa Anita Race Track has taken on a "new look" in preparation for the coming racing season which opens Wednesday, December 26.

New Year's Eve Our suggestion for a New Year's Eve out, if you happen to be in the city with no place to go, would be the Moulin Rouge on Sunset near Vime in Hollywood.

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Name Golf Course Contest Proposed Name Contestant Name Address

WIN A \$25 BOND Contest Ends Dec. 31 Contest Chairman Recreation Office, Code 855 China Lake, Calif.

News from Pasadena Annex



As the holiday season is ushered in, we extend our warmest personal greetings to all the NOTS family.

happiness, and may all your underfakings of the New Year be rewarded with success and satisfaction.

Cdr. John J. O'Brien Douglas J. Wilcox

United Fund Drive Final Tabulations Exceed 1955 Total

The final report of the results of the annex United Fund Drive has been released by Vernon Hayes, chairman, and Charlie Gerbracht, accountant for the drive.

An estimated amount of \$100 still remains to be collected, but even without it, the total exceeds the 1955 collection of \$5,082.50.

The distribution of funds to the agencies supported by the drive is given below.

Table with 2 columns: Agency Name and Amount. Includes Community Chest (\$1,384.50), Operation Santa Claus (\$130.00), American Cancer Society (\$718.50), etc.

Further Contributions (estimated) 100.00 Special Collection 830.00 \$5,512.50

The P502 Bureau of Ordnance evaluation group at Key West was the only group which had a score of 100 per cent contribution.

Strolling Carolers, ESO Party Kick-off Holiday Festivities

The ESO-sponsored Christmas party for NOTS employees and their families will be held today after work. The party will be at El Dorado Inn, 2727 New York Drive, in Altadena.

Promotions Earned By Nine Employees During December

The employees listed below have been promoted this month. In the Supply Department, Shirley D. Greenly to supervisory procurement clerk, GS-4.

Examinations Opened By 11th Naval District Board of Examiners

The Board of U. S. Civil Service Examiners, Eleventh Naval District, has announced that examinations for electronics mechanic, and inspector (tools and gages) will be open until further notice.

Recent Arrivals Welcomed Aboard Command Administration has added two new members to its staff—Nova E. Sweeney, news writer, and Juanita S. Myers, typist.

Caution Today May Provide You Another Tomorrow

The Navy is and for some time has been aware of the appalling losses suffered by its personnel as a result of motor-vehicle accidents.

While the Navy has a tremendous investment in its personnel and the costs of motor-vehicle accidents reach astronomical figures, the more important consideration is the saving of lives and limbs.

Highway Safety Tips

Washington (APPS)—If you're planning to drive home on Christmas leave, here are some highway driving hints that will help you make the trip safely and surely both ways:

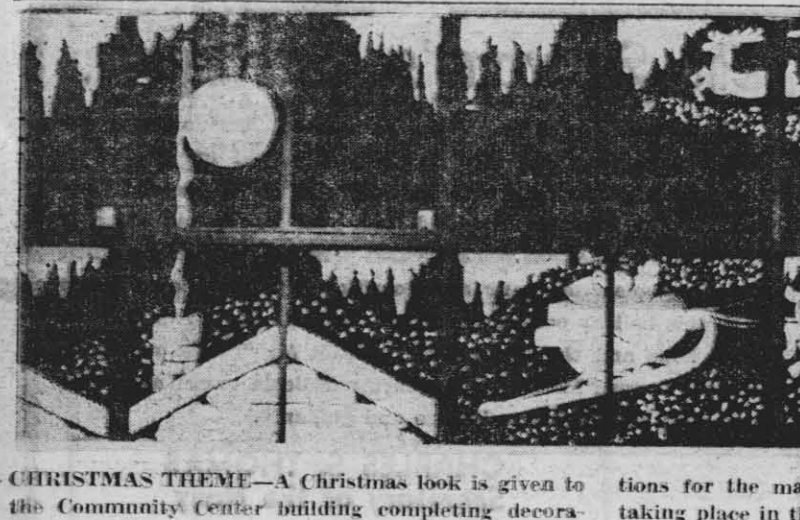
- Never eat a big meal just before or during a long trip. Stop every hour whether you feel tired or not. Always get out of the car for a few minutes. If you must drive at night, keep the dash lights as dim as possible to reduce glare but turn on the interior lights occasionally as darkness has a tendency to relax some drivers too much.

F.T.A. Gives Party For 'Adopted' Class

Members of the Burroughs High School Future Teacher of America Club gave a Christmas party this week for members of the Burroughs Elementary Special Class.

Under the direction of Mrs. Wanda Wisler, teacher of the class, and the chairmanship of Margaret Waldron, the club members purchased a doll and made clothes for it as well as new clothes for the other classroom dolls.

FTA members have participated for two years in the lunch-hour supervision which gives them an opportunity to work with elementary children and observe teaching procedures.



CHRISTMAS THEME—A Christmas look is given to the Community Center building completing decorations for the many departmental Christmas parties taking place in the Center during the holiday season.

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