



TRUE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT—Rather than exchange gifts with each other at classroom Christmas parties this year, elementary school children at China Lake choose to pack Junior Red Cross boxes for distribution to underprivileged children in foreign countries.

Station Begins 14th Year '56 Highlights Reviewed

The year just gone by marked another great step in the development of the Naval Ordnance Test Station, China Lake. A development not only of guided missiles and rockets, but also a social, educational and economic development of the Station and the people who live and work on it.

Jan. 6—BuOrd Chief Rear Admiral F. S. Withington commended the Station for its work in the evaluation, test and design improvements of Bomb Director Set AN/ASB-1 in a letter to Captain Ashworth.
Jan. 7—Representatives of the Twelfth U.S. Civil Service Region arrived on the Station to review the Station's Personnel Management Program.
Feb. 3—Six snowbound people prospecting at Nine Mile Canyon were rescued by a team of Station personnel forcing a bulldozer through 16 miles of drifts in sub-zero weather.

A4D bomber he was flying crashed five miles south of Inyokern. More than 1200 members of the American Society of Civil Engineers from the Los Angeles area were weekend visitors to the Station.

October 19—A new approach to weapons for defense against supersonic aircraft was uncovered at NOTS with the release of the SIDEWINDER guided missile. The new missile was conceived here at NOTS and news of its incorporation into the fleet appeared in newspaper, radio and TV throughout the country.

October 26—The 1956-57 United Fund Drive got under way with a rally in the Burroughs cafeteria. The goal was set at \$50,000.

Nov. 2—The cornerstone for the new All Faith chapel was laid personally by the Station's recognition for the spiritual needs of its people. Cdr. James D. Hester reported aboard as the new NOTS chaplain replacing the departing Cdr. James L. Carter.

Nov. 9—The Thompson Aeroballistics Laboratory was dedicated on the Station's 13th anniversary and named in honor of Dr. L. T. E. Thompson, NOTS' first technical director. The local Burroughs football team continued to be undefeated by whipping Barstow 34-0 in the Homecoming game.

Nov. 16—"Boost the Booster" drive began to pay off the community debt on the power line booster to Laurel Mountain. Captain R. L. Myers, Station Supply Officer since 1954, left the Station to report to the Newport (R.I.) Supply Depot. Cdr. J. M. Shea replaced him.

Nov. 23—The Metropolitan Opera basso Jerome Hines appeared as the first attraction in the annual Civic Concert series. Burroughs dealt Trona a 34-6 shellacking to win the Desert-Inyo championship and move into the CIF playoffs.

Nov. 30—Seven quartets appeared with Art Baker in the Station theatre as the local barbershop chapter helped "Boost the Booster" before a packed house. Lcdr. L. G. Lewis became the new NOTS Security Officer.

Dec. 7—Technical Director Dr. William B. McLean received the highest Civil Service Award ever given for his role in the development of the SIDEWINDER guided missile. The cash award of \$25,000 was presented by Admiral Arleigh Burke at an American Ordnance Association dinner in New York.

Dec. 11—Movies were taken of NOTS activities to be shown on the popular television show "You Asked For It" sometime in the future. The United Fund campaign continued in an effort to reach the goal set for 1957.

Dec. 21—All the Station's departments held Christmas parties to celebrate the Yuletide, ushering in a new year, and bringing an end to 1956, another highly successful year at the Naval Ordnance Test Station.

Jan. 2—The 1956 Red Cross Drive opened with a goal set at \$9,000. Burroughs High "A" and "B" basketball squads both won Desert-Inyo League championships in their respective divisions.

Jan. 23—Captain H. L. Anderson came aboard as the new NOTS Medical Officer. An On-Site Survey Party of the Navy Inspector General's Office visited the Station to appraise operation and management efficiency.

March 30—The Bureau of Ordnance granted the Station a temporary increase of 100 billets for summer employment of college students and faculty members.

April 13—The NOTS Advisory Board arrived for a three-day visit. Burroughs won the track championship of the Desert-Inyo League.

April 27—The Honorable Charles S. Thomas made his first visit to China Lake as Secretary of the Navy.

May 4—The new Marine Corps Guided Missile Test Unit was established at China Lake to assist NOTS in Terrier evaluation.

The Distaff Side

With a sigh of relief, Madeline found herself heading into a straight stretch of country road in her rented Volkswagen leaving behind her the tortuous village streets, stray animals and ambling villagers wandering aimlessly through the streets. Now that the hazards of collision were past, she could speed up to 25 miles an hour and drink in the beauty of the fresh Italian countryside, when suddenly, without any warning, a dull, resounding thud shook the frail vehicle and Madeline caught a fleeting glimpse of two enormous brown eyes gliding past her right shoulder.

Stunned, she brought her battered little "wagon" to a sudden halt and stared momentarily through the rear window, before climbing out to investigate what "thing" had attacked her, when she recognized the form of a large animal huddled on its knees in the middle of the road.

Before she could reach the scene, the animal had clambered to its feet, taken off lickety-split and was fast disappearing around the first bend in the road. She'd been hit by a cow!

"They'll never believe it," she thought. "With my reputation for fast driving, if I tell the folks back home that I was hit by a cow while driving under 25 miles an hour, I'll never hear the end of it!"

As she continued to relate less dramatic but equally fascinating experiences of her recent 8-week tour of Europe, brisk, energetic Madeline Canova, Head of the Technical Library at NOTS' Michelson Lab continued to reminisce about



Madeline Canova

was her visit to the native village of her Italian-born parents. She visited the 200-year-old house where her mother was born and the church where she was christened.

While Madeline speaks no foreign languages, she learned to say "that's enough" in Spanish and Italian. This was in self defense against the waiters in order to keep them from heaping such enormous meals in front of her.

Her Italian cousins were keenly interested to know if she used such glamorous products as Ipana (it's such dandy for your teeth) and Lux toilet soap (the soap of Hollywood stars) which they get advertised in their foreign magazines.

It never failed to surprise her whenever she drove up to a very American-looking filling station to find that the attendants could not speak English. In addition to other novel experiences, this European holiday also provided Madeline with a timely opportunity to do her Christmas shopping.

From 1942-46, Madeline served as administrative assistant with the Research and Development Division of BuOrd while on active duty as a WAVE officer. After she went on inactive duty, she remained with BuOrd as librarian until her transfer to NOTS in June, 1949. She presently holds the rank of lieutenant commander in the Naval Reserve.

A native of Texas, Madeline received her elementary and high school education in Austin, and a bachelor's degree in anthropology at the University of Texas. She later obtained her bachelor's degree in Library Science from the University of Illinois, followed by a master's degree in Library Science from the University of California, Berkeley.

Her first job was librarian for Texas Technical College in Lubbock, followed by a position as assistant professor of Library Science at Texas State College for Women in Denton, Texas.

Her club affiliations are with the American Libraries Association, Special Libraries Association, holding the chairmanship of the Engineering Section of this latter group, and memberships in various other State and school library associations.

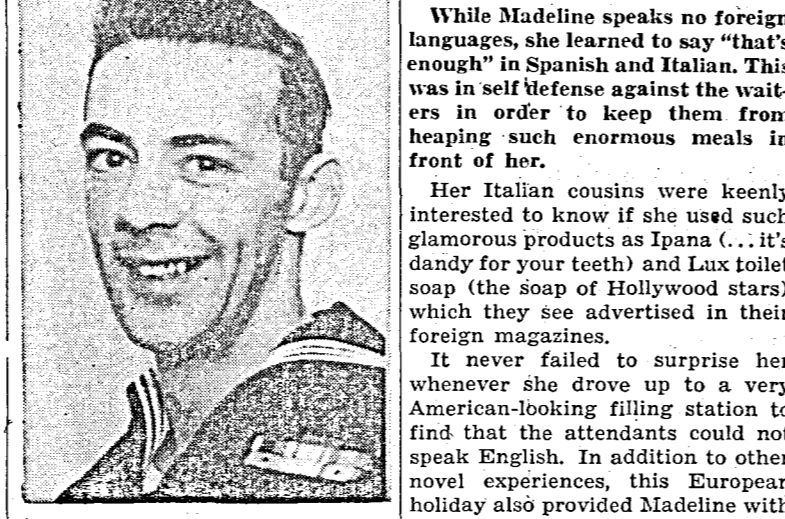
When asked how she liked it here at NOTS, she was quick to add: "Proof of my sentiment about NOTS is born out by the fact that I've been here 7 1/2 years."

Boating on Lake Isabella Will Require Certificate Persons launching boats on Lake Isabella in Kern County on and after January 10, 1957 must be able to produce the county assessor's certificate, according to an announcement from Herbert J. Evans, Director of the Kern County Parks and Recreation Department.

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Man Of The Month



Dale R. Smith, GM2, USN, is selected as Man of the Month by GMU No. 25. Smith was selected for his outstanding capacity for work and keen understanding of his shipmates.

Smith's department head stated that "his sincere enthusiasm and unquestioned loyalty insure that any task assigned him will be accomplished with accuracy and efficiency."

Burros Win San Diego Tourney Crown; Open League Play Tonight at Trona Racking up 73 points in four games, brilliant all-around athlete Roger Short led the Burroughs High varsity basketball team to the championship of the Kiwanis Pre-Season High School Basketball Tournament recently in San Diego.

Short was high point man in three of the four tourney wins over Escondido, Oceanside, El Centro and Mar Vista, and he was chosen on the tournament all-star squad. Each member of the team received individual trophies.

Brother Helps In the tourney opener, the Burros had little trouble sliding by Escondido, 66-53, with Reliable Roger hooping 19, but the smaller of the Shorts needed help from his taller brother Bob in the second game as Oceanside fell, 71-61. Roger had 21 and Bob 15.

The Burros found themselves behind at halftime in the third game against El Centro, but a last period rally and Roger's 22 points gave the locals a 56-42 verdict.

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NOTS Concert Group Hosts Famed Pianist Claudio Arrau

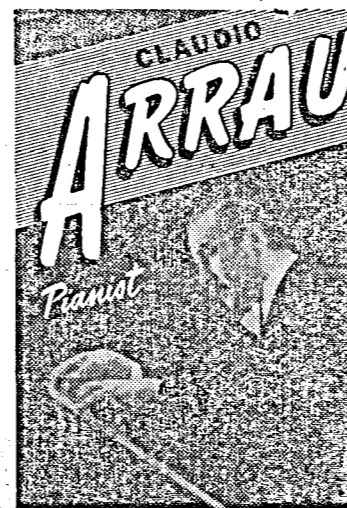
Pianist Claudio Arrau will appear as the second attraction of the NOTS Civic Concert Association on Thursday, January 10, at 8:15 p.m. in the Station Theatre. Concert patrons are asked to use the tickets formerly distributed for the Walter Giesecking concert for the Arrau performance.

The local concert association is extremely fortunate in having obtained a pianist of Mr. Arrau's stature to replace the late Giesecking. Originally from Chile, Arrau was sent to Berlin at the age of 7 on a study grant for ten years, but had to convince the German capital, first, that a Latin-American who looked like a lady-killer was a serious musician and second, that a pupil of Liszt's was good at anything but Romantic music.

Success Abroad Arrau overcame these handicaps in time, and established himself with a series of concerts during which he presented all of the keyboard works of Bach in twelve recitals, plus cycles of Beethoven, Mozart and Schubert.

Arrau also had a little trouble with the United States. He played here first in the 1923-24 season with the Boston and Chicago orchestras when he was 20, but failed to arouse any particular enthusiasm. However, when he returned for his first Carnegie Hall recital in 1951, it was a different story. Arrau was hailed as a new phenomenon of the keyboard and recognized, as he had been in Europe, as the first great South American pianist since the immortal Venezuelan Teresa Carreno.

Highly Versatile Since then, Arrau has played more than 500 concerts in the United States and Canada along with some 250 performances with orchestra. His repertoire is extensive enough to play different recital programs for 76 evenings in a row, plus 63 orchestral works for good measure. But versatility is his keynote and he likes to be known neither as a specialist nor as a



To appear at Station Theatre Thursday night.

TV Booster Drive Goes Over \$5,000

Officials in charge of the "Boost the Booster" campaign announced this week that a total of \$5,096.61 has been collected thus far in an effort to pay off the loan on the TV Booster.

This total is still over \$2,000 short of the \$7,000 needed to completely cancel the community debt on the Booster. However there are some funds still outstanding.

"Booster" solicitors are asked to finish up their collections and turn in their receipt books and cash to the Station Recreation office as soon as possible so that a final tabulation may be made.



COMMENDED—Vera Taylor, Plant Account representative in Public Works Department receives \$200 with her Superior Accomplishment Award from Public Works Officer, Capt. G. H. Carrithers. Her enthusiasm, conscientious attitude and energetic approach in pursuing her duties have resulted in improved plant account records for the depart-

Register Vehicles For 1957 Stickers At Ridgecrest Office

State registration of over 6,000,000 motor vehicles will be renewed throughout California during the first five weeks of 1957, according to an announcement by the Department of Motor Vehicles.

The official opening of the application period began Wednesday of this week, and will continue through Monday, February 4, after which a penalty will be imposed for late registration.

Station residents may register their automobiles at the Department of Motor Vehicles office located at 131 Garnet Street, Ridgecrest.

Paul Mason, Director of Motor Vehicles, asks all owners to read the cards carefully to check accuracy of name and address, and description of the vehicle. He urges each applicant to help speed the department's service by typing or printing his name and address on the blank lines of the right hand stub of the familiar statement card. He warns that the stub must not be detached from the main body of the card.

Persons who fail to receive statements are still responsible for their registrations, and may apply at the local Motor Vehicle office by presenting last year's cards or white slips.

Renewal insignia for 1957 features a reflectorized red sticker to be attached to the rear license plate.



CAPTAIN PHILLIPS—The new Station Supply Officer (right), is welcomed aboard by Cdr. J. M. Shea, who has been the acting Supply Officer since Captain R. L. Myers left in November. Captain Phillips' name will be inscribed on the above plaque as the 11th officer to head the Supply Dept.

Captain C. K. Phillips Reports As New Station Supply Officer

The Station received a new Supply Officer recently when Captain C. K. Phillips reported aboard from Washington, D.C. Captain Phillips had been attached to the Bureau of Supplies and Accounts' Stock Finance Division in Washington.

A graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, the new Supply Officer received his commission upon graduation from the Academy in 1939 and continued his schooling with post-graduate work at the Navy Finance and Supply School in Philadelphia.

After a tour of duty aboard the hospital ship U.S.S. Relier, Captain Phillips served at the Navy Air Station in Sitka, Alaska until 1942. From 1942 until 1944, he was assistant to the Staff Supply Officer for the Alaskan sector in Kodiak.

After serving as Supply Officer aboard the Battleship U.S.S. Massachusetts in the South Pacific until 1945, Captain Phillips entered post-graduate work in the Business Administration School at Harvard University, completing courses in Industrial Cost Accounting and Advanced Management. His next three years were spent as Fiscal and Budget Officer at the Naval Shipyard in Philadelphia.

From 1950-1953, Captain Phillips served on an Industrial Survey Board and on the Inspector General's On-Site Survey Board. During this time he also established a 10-week course in Management Accounting for the Bureau of Supplies and Accounts before becoming a student again at the Industrial College of the Armed Forces in Washington, D.C.

Prior to reporting back to Washington again in 1955, he was Executive Officer at the Naval Supply Depot in Guam for 18 months. Captain and Mrs. Phillips were married in Los Angeles in 1939, and they have two children; Pamela, 11, and Charles, 8. They have taken up Station residence on Lexington Ave.

Instructors Needed For VFW Junior Rifle Club The V.F.W. Junior Rifle Club needs help in its program of providing healthful recreation to the youngsters of Indian Wells Valley especially in a basic small-arms marksmanship school to be presented in February and March of 1957.

Persons who are interested in becoming instructors for this school are invited to attend a special school for instructors to be offered in January. The first session will be on Sunday afternoon, January 6, at 12:30 p.m., and will feature a film on training techniques.

The instructor will be Ottow W. Schneider, and the classes will be held at his home, 421 Argus St. in Ridgecrest. Interested persons may call Schneider at 8-5337 in Ridgecrest.

Station Directories Station telephone directories were delivered last week by the local Boy Scouts. Anyone inadvertently missed during distribution may pick up a directory at the Station Housing Office or at the Telephone office.

SUPERIOR ACCOMPLISHMENT AWARDEES — \$200, and Ruth Green, \$200. Standing (l. to r.) are: Gus Swiersz, \$200; Clyde Heinzig, \$200; Lyman Van Buskirk, \$200; Nate Rekoh, \$200; Darwin Tiemann, \$200; John Weber, \$200; George Silberberg, \$200; Roger Foster, \$200; and Paul Miller, \$200.

A.C.S. Sponsors Program on KRKS "Objective," a 15-minute dramatic presentation of outstanding achievements in the field of chemistry, is being presented weekly as a public service by radio station KRKS in Ridgecrest.

The program is heard each Wednesday evening from 7:45 to 8 p.m. in cooperation with the Mojave Desert Section of the American Chemical Society. The program is a professionally acted and produced documentary show highlighting the many ways chemists and chemical engineers contribute to the progress of civilization. It is done in human interest style and is a non-technical presentation designed to appeal to every listener.

NOTS Photo Club To Meet January 9

The general meeting for the month of January of the China Lake Photographic Society will be held at the Photo Hut on Wednesday, Jan. 9 at 8 p.m.

Following a short business meeting, two local speakers will conduct a program entitled "Lenses and Filters." Bel Frisbee will conduct the session on lenses, and "Tex" Matthews will present a program on filters.

A short sound film on the manufacture of camera lenses by Eastman Kodak will be shown and refreshments will follow the meeting. The meeting is open to club members and visitors alike.



JULIAN ALMAREZ—A \$200 Superior Performance award is earned by Almaraz, an employee of Aviation Ordnance Department's Baker 1 range.

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Rocketeer Function Explained

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SOCIAL SECURITY TAX DEDUCTION RATES Table with columns for Pay grade (Under 2, Over 2, etc.) and rows for Commissioned Officers (O-8 to O-1) and Warrant Officers (W-4 to W-1).

Enlisted Members Table with columns for Pay grade (E-7 to E-1) and rows for various enlisted ranks.

Social Security tax deductions, starting with January paychecks, will be made at the rate of two and one quarter per cent of monthly or semi-monthly base pay. The maximum yearly deduction under the law is \$94.50 based on the first \$4,200 of base pay.

Local Student To Go Abroad Through Scholarship Program. Plans to send a Burroughs High School student abroad this summer under the American Field Service Exchange Program were announced this week by the Burroughs chapter of the California Scholarship Federation.

Federal Employees Receive Millions. An average rate in benefits of more than \$3,800,000 a month is being paid to federal employees and their survivors covered under the Federal Employees' Group Life Insurance program.

Concert Preview Group Meets Monday Evening. There will be a meeting of the newly organized Concert Preview Group on Monday evening, January 7, at the home of Mrs. F. E. McVay.

Lynnette Eyres Greets '57. The first 1957 baby born at NOTS Station hospital is Lynnette Deanne Eyres, daughter of Sgt. and Mrs. Philip C. Eyres.

TEMPERATURES. Max. Min. Dec. 27... 68 23 Dec. 28... 70 23 Dec. 29... 69 24 Dec. 30... 62 26 Dec. 31... 66 26 Jan. 1... 50 26 Jan. 2... 58 26

Local NAACP Branch To Install New Officers. The local branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) will hold its regular meeting on January 8, at 7:30 p.m. in the County Building in Ridgecrest.

What's Doing IN RECREATION

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

The Recreation Division wants to wish you all a "Happy New Year" and remind you that we are here to help you have more fun in your leisure hours by planning recreation for you.

Now that the "holiday" is over and we are all ready to settle down to some good steady work... The first meeting will be tonight at 8 at the Community Center with Mark from the Ridgecrest Hospital as guest speaker.

Season Schedule Given for NOTS Basketball Team. The Annex Basketball Team now has a score of three games won and one lost in league play.

Job Opportunities. Chemist (Physical), GS-7, 9 or 11. Propellants and Explosives Department. Duties will consist of carrying out research and development of plastic bonded explosives.

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News from Pasadena Annex

New Rocketeer Office The Rocketeer office has moved to a new location—Building 4, room 4H, mail station 9, telephone extension 35.

Ten UOD Employees Receive Promotions At 1957 Beginning. Underwater Ordnance Department employees listed below have started the New Year with promotions.

Nova Semeyn and Peg Gregory In China Lake-Pasadena Switch. Development Division. The Semeyn and Gregorys recently moved to Pasadena to join her husband, Leonard, who transferred here from China Lake to the range branch of

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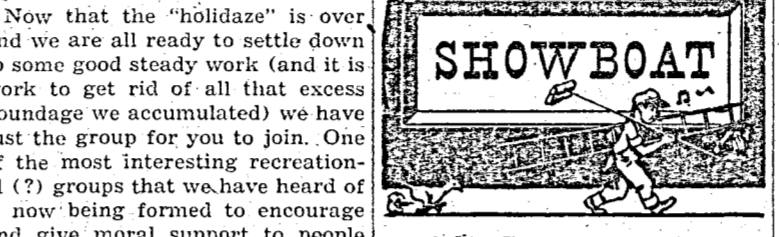
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Starting Times: 6 and 8 p.m. Daily Kiddies' Matinee (Special Movie) 1 p.m. Saturday

TODAY JAN. 4 'ISTANBUL' (85 Mins.) Errol Flynn, Cornel Borchers SHORTS: 'Fright From Wrong' (7 Mins.) 'Midget Muscle Men' (10 Mins.)

MATINEE JAN. 5 'CRIPPLE CREEK' (78 Mins.) George Montgomery SHORTS: 'Kangaroo Courtin'' (7 Mins.) 'Monster and the Ape' No. 14 (18 Mins.)

EVENING 'DON'T KNOCK THE ROCK' (84 Mins.) Bill Haley and Comets

SUN.-MON. JAN. 6-7 'FIVE STEPS TO DANGER' (79 Mins.) Sterling Hayden, Ruth Roman No synopsis available. SHORTS: 'Three Little Boys' (7 Mins.) 'Howdy Partner' (18 Mins.)

TUES.-WED. JAN. 8-9 'THE BRASS CREEK' (78 Mins.) Hugh O'Brien, Raymond Burr 'Hugh O'Brien, who plays the role of "Wyatt Earp" on TV, continues as a peacemaker in this Western. He plays the part of a discontented sheriff who wants to give up his badge for the more genteel life of a rancher. Has interesting musical background.

THURS. JAN. 10 NOTS CIVIC CONCERT Claudio Arrau, pianist 8:15 p.m. (Use Gleesking tickets.)

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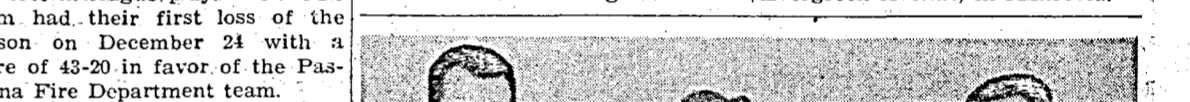
Property and Supply Clerk, GS-1 (Male), Propellants and Explosives Department. Main function of position is to assist in evaluation, maintenance and disposition of technical information as it pertains to identification, classification availability of explosive manufacturing equipment, and specialized test apparatus.



NEW ROCKETEER CORRESPONDENT—Nova Semeyn (left) succeeds Peg Gregory as Rocketeer correspondent at Pasadena Annex. Peg leaves to join her husband at China Lake.



Peg Gregory, who has been Rocketeer correspondent for the past year, has left UOD's publications branch to join the editorial branch of the Technical Information Department at China Lake. Her husband, Reginald, has been at China Lake since the change in location of P&PE Division, Engineering Department, in 1954.



SUGGESTION AWARD—Tom J. Warren (center), heavy duty equipment mechanic in the transportation branch of Public Works Division, receives a Beneficial Suggestion award check for \$25 from Lt. Ken Smith (left), Public Works Officer, Tom's supervisor, D. G. Calvano (right), lieutenant, stands by to offer congratulations.



Tom Warren Gets Second Award Check For Method of Replacing Timing Gears. Back in 1952, Tom Warren came up with a method for replacing stripped timing gears on 216 and 225 Chevrolet and 228 and 302 GMC truck engine models.

Tom has been with the Public Works Division since 1948. Before coming to NOTS, he was with the General Tire and Rubber Company. This is the third award received by Tom during the past year.

Leo Bullington, Code P7092, received an award of twenty-five dollars for suggesting a more economical method of lettering the names for the award board. This award was based on monetary savings of \$300 annually.

Leroy Reynolds, P7093, received an award check of twenty dollars based on monetary savings of \$102 annually plus intangible benefits. Reynolds suggested a simplified method for cutting weeds.