

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. Members of Vieweg School's fifth grade participating in the program (l. to r.) are: Ruth Bladen, instructor; John Drake, Sandra Bliss, John Isenhower, and Carol Ann Heddell.

Station Begins 14th Year '56 Highlights Reviewed

The year just gone by marked another great step in the nity debt on the power line booster development of the Naval Ordnance Test Station, China Lake. A development not only of guided missiles and rock
to Laurel Mountain. . . . Captain R. L. Myers, Station Supply Officer since 1954, left the Station to ets, but also a social, educational and economic develop- report to the Newport (R.I.) Supment of the Station and the people who live and work on it. Here are some of the highlights of 1956 at NOTS:

Jan. 6—BuOrd Chief Rear Admiral July 6—A rocket-propelled super
F. S. Withington commended the sonic sled established a new Station for its work in the could be sonic sled established a new Station for its work in the could be sonic sled established a first attraction in the could be sonic sled established.

Station for its work in the evaluation speed record of 1,350 miles per first attraction in the annual Civic tion, test and design improvements hour in a routine test on B-4 Track. Concert series. . . . Burroughs dealt of Bomb Director Set AN/ASB-1 in . . . Dr. Hugh W. Hunter left Cen- Trona a 34-6 shellacking to win the a letter to Captain Ashworth.

Jan. 27 — Representatives of the Propellants and Explosives Depart- into the CIF playoffs. Twelfth U.S. Civil Service Region ment. Bernard Smith became the arrived on the Station to review the new Head of Central Staff. Station's Personnel Management

Feb. 3-Six snowbound people were rescued by a team of Station | ment. personnel forcing a bulldozer July 20 - The Station marked a Dec. 7 - Technical Director Dr the Housing Division

in a plane crash while on a routine lated nuclear attack. training flight over NAF.

March 2 - The 1956 Red Cross Drive opened with a goal set at \$6,000 . . . Burroughs High "A" and able to the Kern County Union High semi-finals of the CIF playoffs. "B" basketball squads both won School District for use in the school Desert-Inyo League championships

son came aboard as the new NOTS tion to begin work. Medical Officer . . . An On-Site | August 17—Test pilot Cdr. R. W. ued in an effort to reach the goal Survey Party of the Navy Inspector General's Office visited the Sta-speed record of 1053 m.p.h. while Dec. 21-All the Station's depart-

March 30-The Bureau of Ordorary increase of 100 billets for Station. summer employment of college students and faculty members.

. Burroughs won the track cham- Twelve Station employees donated S. Thomas made his first visit to to the TV booster station atop China Lake as Secretary of the Laurel Mountain.

quest to the Navy Department for

Sept. 28-The Station received two

Oct. 12-VX-5 pilot Lt. Bennett W.

Hooks was killed when the Douglas

tablished at China Lake to assist program during 1955.

NOTS in Terrier evaluation.

May 11-Captain F. L. Ashworth LCdr. Ralph Stell and Dr. Frank Cartwright appeared on the television show "Panorama Pacific," telling of the Station's mission and extending an invitation to the public to visit NOTS on Armed Forces

May 18 - The Station welcomed thousands of visitors to the Seventh Annual Armed Forces Day Open House which featured tours of Station facilities, test firings, and an air show at NAF . . . Steve Donovan of "Western Marshal" TV fame led a parade opening the Pony and

Little League seasons. June 8 - Captain Ashworth was honored as one of Kern County's most distinguished leaders at an Awards Dinner in Bakersfield.

June 29-LCdr. H. H. Aull was named to succeed Cdr. W. H. Lewis as administrative aid to Captain JULIAN ALMAREZ-A \$200 Super- the Burros waltzed to a 47-29 win. OSCAR DAVIS - A \$200 Superior produce the county assessor's certi-Ashworth. . . . China Lake Players | ior Performance award is earned by | This time Gary Jacobs led the way | Performance award is earned by | ficate, according to an announcepresented Detective Story" at the Armaraz, an employee of Aviation with 15 tallies. Station Theatre with proceeds go- Ordnance Department's Baker 1 It was a big win for Coach Bill Weather Attack Branch of Avia- rector of the Kern County Parks ug to the Navy Relief Fund.

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 SIDE-WINDER guided missile. The new missile was conceived here at NOTS the fleet appeared in newspaper, ra-

Fund Drive got under way with a rally in the Burroughs cafetorium. The goal was set at \$50,000. Nov. 2-The cornerstone for the

dio and TV throughout the country

ew All Faith chapel was laid personifying the Station's recognition for the spiritual needs of its peo- stared momentarily through the rear ple. . . . Cdr. James D. Hester re- window before climbing out to inported 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 Hamsening games.

Nov. 16-A "Boost the Booster' drive began to pay off the commu-

tral Staff to become Head of the Desert-Inyo championship and move

- Nov. 30-Seven quartets appeared with Art Baker in the Station thea-July 13 - The Navy's VX-5 test | tre as the local barbershop chapter squadron headed by Captain F. B. helped "Boost the Booster" before a Gilkeson arrived at NOTS to assist packed house.... LCdr. L. G. Lewis prospecting at Nine Mile Canyon in the Station's test and develop- became the new NOTS Security Of

through 16 miles of drifts in sub- new phase in rocket-sled firing on William B. McLean received the zero weather . . . Applications for the SNORT track when the first highest Civil Service Award ever the new Wherry Housing under liquid-propelled rocket sled was given for his role in the developconstruction were being accepted in fired. . . . "Operation Alert," a nather the Housing Division.

The construction were being accepted in fired. . . . "Operation Alert," a nather the SIDEWINDER guided the Housing Division. Feb. 17-Naval Air Facility pilot cise, took place on the Station and was presented by Admiral Arleigh Lt. (jg) Charles A. Duffy was killed all over the country under a simu- Burke at an ...merican Ordnance July 27—Congress voted federal The Burroughs High football team financial assistance for China Lake was beaten for the first time in 11 Schools making some \$800,000 avail- games by South Pasadena in the

> Dec. 14-Movies were taken o housing problem at China Lake. . . NOTS activities to be shown on the Vinety-eight junior professionals popular television show "You Asked from 21 states arrived on the Sta- | For It" sometime in the future. . . The United Fund campaign contin-"Duke" Windsor established a new set for 1957.

evaluating Chance Vought's F8U-1 ments held Christmas parties to that "his sincere enthusiasm and BuOrd as librarian until her trans-"Crusader" at NOTS. . . . Assistant celebrate the Yuletide, ushering in unquestioned loyalty insure that fer to NOTS in June, 1949. She Secretary of the Navy for Air, Gar- a new year, and bringing an end to any task assigned him will be ac- presently holds the rank of lieutennance granted the Station a temp- rison Norton, was a visitor to the 1956, another highly successful year complished with accuracy and effi- ant commander in the Naval Reat the Naval Ordnance Test Sta- ciency." August 31—NOTS submitted a re- tion.

The Distaff Side.

nto 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 October 26—The 1956-57 United 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.

> little "wagen" to a sudden halt and and courtesies extended her. vestigate what "thing" had attacked her, when she recognized the form of a large animal huddled on its

Before she could reach the scene the animal had clambered to its

knees in the middle of the road.

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

Man Of The Month



cted as Man of the Month by GMU No. 25.

April 13—The NOTS Advisory 260 "Capehart houses" to help in Board arrived for a three-day visit. The local housing shortage. ... Burros Win San Diego Tourney Crown; school education in Austin, and a bachelor's degree in anthropology pionship of the Desert-Inyo League. April 27—The Honorable Charles | Ception by erecting power line poles | Open League | Play Tonight at Trona

Racking up 73 points in four games, brilliant all-around sity of Illinois, followed by a masathlete Roger Short led the Burroughs High varsity basket- the University of California, Berke-May 4—The new Marine Corps coveted SecNav awards for having ball team to the championship of the Kiwanis Pre-Season ley. Guided Missile Test Unit was es- maintained an outstanding safety High School Basketball Tournament recently in San Diego. Short was high point man in three of their Desert-Inyo League crown Texas Technical College in Lubbock,

of the four tourney wins over Es- tonight at Trona. condido, 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 be

hind 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.

Beat Mar Vista

The final round tilt proved to b more one-sided than the rest, and

Moore's cagers, who begin defense tion Ordnance Department.



With a sigh of relief, Madeline found herself heading

Stunned, she brought her battered, the marvelous European cookery



vas 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 dandy for your teeth) and Lux toilet soap (the soap of Hollywood stars) which they see 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 peak English. In addition to other ovel experiences, this European oliday also provided Madeline with Dale R. Smith, GM2, USN, is sel- a timely opportunity to do her Christmas shopping

From 1942-46, Madeline served as standing capacity for work and Research and Development Divi-Smith's department head stated on inactive duty, she remained with

A native of Texas, Madeline received her elementary and high er obtained her bachelor's degree in ter's degree in Library Science from

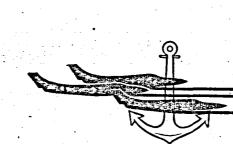
followed by a position as assistant professor of Library Science at Texas State College for Women in Denton, Texas.

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 associa-

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 7½ years."

Boating on Lake Isabella Will Require Certificate Persons launching boats on Lake

Isabella in Kern County on and after January 10, 1.57 must be able to Davis, an employee in the All- ment from Herbert J. Evans, Diand Recreation Department.



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Register Vehicles

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, 000 motor vehicles will be renewed January 10, at 8:15 p.m. in the Station Theatre. Concert throughout California during the patrons are asked to use the tickets formerly distributed for to an announcement by the Departthe Walter Gieseking concert for the Arrau performance. ment of Motor Vehicles.

The local concert association is extremely fortunate in having obtained a pianist of Mr. Arrau's stature to replace the late Gieseking.

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 virtuoso. when he was 20, but failed to arouse a different story. Arrau was hailed erally accepted that Arrau is ex- white slips. as a new phenomenon of the key-ceeded technically by no one. board and recognized, as he had Station concert patrons will be tures a reflectorized red sticker to South American planist since the Thursday evening. immortal Venezuelan Teresa Car

Highly Versatile

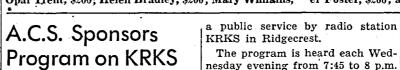
Since then, Arrau has played more than 500 concerts in the United States and Canada along with some 250 performances with orchestra. His repertoire is extensive enough to play different recital programs for 76 evenings in a row, plus 63 orchestral works for good measure. But versatility is his keynote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

TV Booster Drive Goes Over \$5,000

Officials in charge of the "Boos the Booster" campaign announced this week that a total of \$5,096.61 has been collected thus far in an SUPERIOR ACCOMPLISHMENT AWARDEES - \$200, and Ruth Green, \$200. Standing (I. to r.) are: effort to pay off the loan on the

This total is still over \$2,000 to r.) are: Nellie Anderson, \$200; Ilo McMillan, \$100; \$200; John Weber, \$200; George Silberberg, \$200; Rogshort of the \$7,000 needed to com- Opal Trent, \$200; Helen Bradley, \$200; Mary Williams, er Foster, \$200; and Paul Miller, \$200. pletely cancel the community debt on the Booster. However there are some funds still outstanding.

Booster" solicitors are asked to finish up their collections and Program on KRKS turn in their receipt books and "Objective," a 15-minute drama- in cooperation with the Mojave final tabulation may be made.



To appear at Station

Theatre Thursday night.

cash to the Station Recreation of tic presentation of outstanding Desert Section of the American College and Burroughs Evening ply Depot in Guam for 18 months. fice as soon as possible so that a achievements in the field of chemical Society. fice as soon as possible so that a achievements in the field of chem- Chemical Society. istry, is being presented weekly as The program is a professionally



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 enthu- freshments will follow the meeting. siasm, conscientious attitude and energetic approach in pursuing her The meeting is open to club memduties have resulted in improved plant account records for the depart- bers and visitors alike.

For 1957 Stickers At Ridgecrest Office State registration of over 6,000,-

The official opening of the aplication period began Wednesday

of this week, and will continue through Monday, February 4, after which a penalty will be imposed for ate registration Station residents may register their automobiles at the Depart-

ment of Motor Vehicles office located at 131 Garnet Street, Ridge-

Paul Mason, Director of Motor 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 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 state-

Hailed by renowned music critics ments are still responsible for their any particular enthusiasm. How- Olin Downes and Rudolph Elie as registrations, and may apply at ever, when he returned for his first "an unassailable power," and "the the local Motor Vehicle office by Carnegie Hall recital in 1951, it was foremost living pianist," it is gen- presenting last year's cards or Renewal insignia for 1957 fea-

been in Europe, as the first great able to judge for themselves next be attached to the rear license Academy, the new Supply Officer and continued his schooling with

for superior performance. Pictured in front row (l. Buskirk, \$200; Nate Rekosh, \$200; Darwin Tiemann,

acted and produced documentary

show highlighting the many ways

chemists and chemical engineers

contribute to the progress of civil-

ization. It is done in human inter-

est style and is a non-technical pre-

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 Wednes-

Following a short business meet-

ing, two local speakers will con-

duct a program entitled "Lenses

and Filters." Bel Frisbee will con-

duct the session on lenses, and

"Tex" Matthews will present

A short sound film on the man-

ufacture of camera lenses by East-

man Kodak will be shown and re-

day, Jan. 9 at 8 p.m.

program on filters.

sentation designed to appeal to ev-

Vehicles, asks all owners to read 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 blank lines of the right hand 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.

Pre-registration Set

Pre-registration in Bakersfield

An English Classification Exam-

For Adult Courses

ruary 4.

Thursday evenings.

at the Telephone office.

A graduate of the U.S. Naval uation from the Academy in 1936 received his commission upon grad- post-graduate work at the Navy Finance and Supply School in Phila-

After a tour of duty aboard the nospital ship U.S.S. Relief, 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 postraduate work in the Business Adinistration School at Harvard University, completing courses in Industrial Cost Accounting and Advanced Management. His next ree vears were spent as Fiscal nd Budget Officer at the Naval Shipyard in Philadelphia.

From 1950-1953, Captain Phillips erved on an Industrial Survey Board and on the Inspector Gener-Personnel in Test Department earn monetary awards Gus Swiersz, \$200; Clyde Heinzig, \$200; Lyman Van- al's On-Site Survey Board. During this time he also established a 10week 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 Wash-

Prior to reporting back to Washington again in 1955, he was Executive Officer at the Naval Sup-

Captain and Mrs. Phillips were semester will be held at Burroughs married in Los Angeles in 1939, and High School Library on January 1, they have two children; Pamela, 11, sions will begin the week of Feb- Station residence on Lexington Ave. and Charles, 8. They have taken up

ination will be given Wednesday, January 9 in Room 2 from 7 to 9 Instructors Needed For p.m. Students wishing to take Eng- VFW Junior Rifle Club lish Ia must have completed one

Class schedules are available at youngsters of Indian Wells Valley the Station Library, Station Thea-especially in a basic small-arms tre, and the Bank of America. marksmanship school to be pre-They may also be obtained at the sented in February and March of Burroughs Evening High School 1957. office in the Training Building and Persons who are interested in bethe Burroughs High School office coming instructors for this school

Station Directories Station telephone directories were delivered last week by the local Boy Scouts. Anyone inadvertently missed during distri-

Schneider, and the classes will be call Schneider at 8-5887 in Ridge-

The V.F.W. Junior Rifle Club semester of English or qualify with a passing grade in this examina-

needs help in its program of providing healthful recreation to the

from 6:30 to 7:30 Monday through 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.

held at his home, 421 Argus St. in bution may pick up a directory Ridgecrest, Interested persons may at the Station Housing Office or crest.

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Rocketeer Function Explained

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Getting out a newspaper is not always a pice If we print a joke, people say we are silly.

If we don't, they say we are too serious.

If we clip things from other papers, we are too lazy to write them

If we don't we are stuck on our own stuff. If we stick close to the job all day, we ought to be out hunting news

If we don't print contributions, we don't appreciate genius. And if we do print them, the newspaper is filled with junk.

If we make a change in the other fellow's write-up, we are too critical. If we don't we are sleepy.

Now, like as not, some guy will say we swiped this from some other paper.

We did.

A word of explanation - THE names often look like a jammed Security purposes. is an official publication of the Na- and C is precious to its owner. val Ordnance Test Station, paid for with funds appropriated with ap- genius to submit a news item. proval of the Bureau of Budget, Washington, D.C.

Your ROCKETEER is published for three primary, reasons-information, explanation and service.

Through the ROCKETEER, NOTS personnel are informed of all matters which affect them as government employees—Federal laws on annual leave, sick leave, employand regulations which govern their employment; and Station regula tions and policies.

The ROCKETEER explains all new laws, rules and regulations, Receive Millions to illustrate their effect upon NOTS

In the service field, the ROCK-ETEER publishes current job openings on the Station, and at other Federal agencies, notices of Civil Service examinations, and announcements of Station facilities business hours which are of import to the Station's estimated 11,000 residents.

Because the ROCKETEER costs are financed by appropriated funds there are certain regulations established by BuBudget and by the Secretary of the Navy which govern both the printing of the paper and its contents from which the following excerpts are quoted:

a "Printed material shall be devoted exclusively to Navy work and shall not contain matter which any other branch of the government is authorized to perform." (NAVEXOS P-35 Rev. Nov. 1945, art. 200).

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• "... Excluded from publication is material which is not of direct and immediate concern to the activity serviced by the newspaper. - -- 'gossip' and similar columns consisting of personal items concerning employees in other than their official capacity; editorials not having a direct bearing on naval affairs, and all other material which cannot be construed as being necessary in the transact on of the business which the ia. requires the Navy to perform." (Sec-Nav 49-794,

• The ROCKETEER welcomes contributions from NOTS residents and employees about their fellow employees, their department, their division, beneficial suggestions awards, and personal recognition for outstanding performance. BUT REMEMBER, every item published in the ROCKETEER must, in some way, be directly connected with the

to perform. that absolute accuracy is essential Philip C. Eyres, 415-A McIntyre. Dec in reporting their facts, and they The baby girl weighed 8 lb. and Deshould verify carefully the spelling 10 oz. and was delivered at 11:22 | Jan of names. Bohemian and Polish a.m. on January 1.

SOCIAL SECURITY TAX DEDUCTION RATES

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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

The maximum yearly deduction under the law is \$94.50 based on the first \$4,200 of base pay. Allowances, incentive and special pay are not taxable for Social

ROCKETEER, a weekly newspaper, linotype keyboard, but every W, Z When basic pay is \$4,200 (monthly tax rate of \$7.88) or less, the tax will be deducted in equal month-You don't have to be a literary ly amounts throughout the year.

However, many warrant officers and those in the grade of 0-3 and above whose basic pay exceeds \$4,200 will be taxed monthly during the year at the rate of two and one quarter per cent only until the · \$94.50 total is reached.

The monthly tax for service academy cadets, who receive \$111.15 monthly, will be \$2.50.

The table above gives the monthly rates of Social Security tax deductions according to pay grade and years of service. (AFPS)

Local Student To Go Abroad

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 chap-

rederal Employees

Civil Service Commission.

and by contributions from employ-

ing agencies equal to half the employee withholdings.

Total benefits paid to federal emstart of the program have almost candidates will be made by the best answer in every instance. Proder the direction of J. Burton reached \$92,000,000 distributed American Field Service. among more than 19,000 claims, the

Eyres Greets '57

work the Navy is required by law The first 1957 baby born at NOTS De-Station hospital is Lynnette Deanne De Contributors should bear in mind Eyres, daughter of Sgt. and Mrs. De-

Through Scholarship Program By DR. EARL MURRAY, Superintendent of China Lake Schools

ment, retirement; Civil Service rules ter of the California Scholarship Federation.

An average rate in benefits of their survivors covered under the this year. Federal Employees' Group Life Insurance program, according to the

The program, administered by the by withholdings from salaries of a foreign language. 2,050,000 federal employees who participate, at the rate of 25 cents biweekly for each \$1000 of group life insurance to which they are entitled,

Based on a two-year period between August 29, 1954, when the program was put into effect, and Aug. 31, 1956, a survey shows that claims average about \$4800 each, and total about 800 a month.

claims.

fornia tops all states in claims and munity and its character. amounts paid. California logged paid.

The amount of insurance pur- Meets Monday Evening | construction.

Financing the Junior High School | Expenses, application procedures chased under the program approxi-Commission, however, has consistently advised federal employees not group on Monday evening, January to provide more adequate financing tutions is also detailed. entry advised rederal employees not to regard the plan as a substitute vay, 700-A Essex. The home of Mrs. F. E. Mc- for junior high schools maintained in addition to publicizing the by union high school districts. Such pamphlet facts in the school paper for regular individual insurance policies purchased through their own insurance agents.

Conducted by the honorary scholastic group as a service project to help improve international understanding among high school stu- to amend Section 4863 of the Edu- be the amount established in the dents, the program will cost approx- cation Code to read: "The govern- apportionment bill as the alternate

Qualifications for the exchange student require specifically that he be a member of the junior class, at

ingness to participate wholeheart- ently exists.

dly in the program. Selection of a student by the Burtce a summer abroad, according to record as favoring the principles of dents as well as describing 28 Cali-Anne Wolfenden, faculty advisor of unification, with the reservation fornia state and private colleges ployees and their families since the the CSF, since final selection of that unification may not be the was prepared for high schools un-

More than 800 students will be organization will receive careful Colleges and Teacher Education and employees." (BuBudget Cir. A-3, S85,104,000 was paid for life insur-sent abroad this summer and the scrutiny by the Cassa Legislation Blair E. Hurd, Coordinator of Teach-sent abroad this summer and the scrutiny by the Cassa Legislation Blair E. Hurd, Coordinator of Teach-sent abroad this summer and the scrutiny by the Cassa Legislation Blair E. Hurd, Coordinator of Teach-sent abroad this summer and the scrutiny by the Cassa Legislation Blair E. Hurd, Coordinator of Teach-sent abroad this summer and the scrutiny by the Cassa Legislation Blair E. Hurd, Coordinator of Teach-sent abroad this summer and the scrutiny by the Cassa Legislation Blair E. Hurd, Coordinator of Teach-sent abroad this summer and the scrutiny by the Cassa Legislation Blair E. Hurd, Coordinator of Teach-sent abroad this summer and the scrutiny by the Cassa Legislation Blair E. Hurd, Coordinator of Teach-sent abroad this summer and the scrutiny by the Cassa Legislation Blair E. Hurd, Coordinator of Teach-sent abroad this summer and the scrutiny by the Cassa Legislation Blair E. Hurd, Coordinator of Teach-sent abroad this summer and the scrutiny by the Cassa Legislation Blair E. Hurd, Coordinator of Teach-sent abroad this summer and the scrutiny by the Cassa Legislation Blair E. Hurd, Coordinator of Teach-sent abroad this summer and the scrutiny by the Cassa Legislation Blair E. Hurd, Coordinator of Teach-sent abroad this summer and the scrutiny by the Cassa Legislation Blair E. Hurd, Coordinator of Teach-sent abroad this summer and the scrutiny by the Cassa Legislation Blair E. Hurd, Coordinator of Teach-sent abroad this summer and the scrutiny by the Cassa Legislation Blair E. Hurd, Coordinator of Teach-sent abroad this summer and the scrutiny by the Cassa Legislation Blair E. Hurd, Coordinator of Teach-sent abroad this summer and the scrutiny by the Cassa Legislation Blair E. Hurd, Coordinator of Teach-sent abroad this summer and the scrutiny by the Cassa Legislation Blair E. Hurd, Coordinator of Teach-sent abroad this summer abroad this summ ance claims, and \$6,850,000 for ac- final selection depends upon the Committee. cidental death and dismemberment type and availability of European State Aided School Construction homes since the students will live

During the evening the group legislation could involve amending and the social studies classes, the will discuss the program for the Section 8755 of the Education Code counselors will give students indi-Claudio Arrau concert, and some to add a second floor under the tui- vidual assistance for their respecof his recordings will be played tion payment to be made by elementive fields, Mr. Anderson stated. Lynnette Mrs. Anthony Bachinski will play tary school districts by saying that the piano. All are invited.

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Superintendent's Notes

The California Association of Secondary School Adminstrators has announced that it will sponsor legislation on the following subjects during the next session of the State: Legislature.

Accreditation

State Aid

The program, administered by the least 16 years of age, in excellent obtain additional support for pub-Commission, is one of the largest of health, a U.S. citizen and that he lic schools via taking costs of M/R health, a U.S. citizen and that he lic schools via taking costs of M/R must have completed two years of education, transportation, and General requirements will accent the basic \$180. The Association state and local scholarships detailed the student's ability to adapt quick- point of view concerning appor- in a State Department of Educaly and easily to different people and tionment of money so obtained is tion publication will be interpreted situations, an outgoing personality, that there should be maintained a to Burroughs High School students a high academic standing, a recog-relationship between the founda-during the next several weeks nition of the responsibilities and tion programs for various levels through counselors, social studies purposes involved in the American that is no less favorable to second- classes and the school newspaper Field Service Program and a will- ary education than that which pres- according to Wesley Anderson, di-

School District Organization

posals concerning school district Vasche, Chief of Division of State

construction.

the tuition charge shall not be less Local NAACP Branch than either the average net cost of grades of the elementary schools, or The local branch of the National

bill is written. Another change would affect Sec- ary 8, at 7:30 p.m. in the County 26 tion 7125.1 so that the amount of Building in Ridgecrest. 26 money to be withheld from elemen- At this time the newly elected 26 tary apportionments and given to officers for 1957 will be installed.

of money named in Section 8755. The CASSA will introduce legislation amount of money to be used should imately \$800. The CSF is the spon- ing board of a district maintaining foundation amount for elementary, sor group for Finnish Exchange a secondary school may pay the schools. If these changes were made more than \$3,800,000 a month is be- Student Ghita Thome who is attend- costs of accreditation of the sec- under the present program, the ing paid to federal employees and ing Burroughs as a junior student ondary school by any accrediting minimum tuition payment would be

CASSA will support proposals to Burroughs Accents

growth, and placing them outside A comprehensive description of rector of testing.

The pamphlet, which gives full inne Association by vote of the formation about some 60 scholarroughs committee does not guaran- Representative Council has gone on ships available to California stu-

Six categories of scholarships de-CASSA will support legislation to scribed in the publication include For the first 22 months of the in a home; participate in daily life modify present laws on this sub- those based on examinations, on ocprogram, a survey shows that Cali- and learn about the foreign com- ject. Section 7717 of the Education cupation or membership in organi-Code needs to be amended to pro- zations, on occupation of parents, vide an increase in footage allow- on race, religion, descent or parances and to provide for inclusion ticular interests or aptitudes and 1,801 claims, for which \$8.803,790 was Concert Preview Group of outdoor teaching stations in such general and miscellaneous scholar-

There will be a meeting of the The association will consider the and financial aid available in 27 2 mates \$10 billion. The Civil Service newly organized. Concert. Pre-view. possibility of introducing legislation California public and private insti-

educating pupils in the first six To Install New Officers

Max. Min. a fixed amount of dollars to be de- Association for the Advancement 23 termined when the apportionment of Colored People (NAACP) will hold its regular meeting on Janu-

220 high school districts in that amount The public is invited to attend.

Anyone five (5) pounds or moré overweight is invited to join with this group practicing group therapy in weight reduction. Outstanding doctors, physical education teachers. nutrition specialists and nurses are all donating their time to come and speak to this group and will be available at all meetings for help in

By Madge Hucek

rector, this column was written this week by the Recreation Division

(Editor's note: Due to the illness of Helen Michel, Recreation Di-

The first meeting will be tonight at 8 at the Community Center with ... wark from the Ridgecrest Hospital as guest speaker. It has been found that people who work together in a group get better results than with a single effort. So come join the gang and help select a name for this club. Some of our outstanding "fat citizens" have already signed up-see you there!

January 4, 1957

Secretary, Madge Hucek.)

who want to lose weight.

reducing problems.

What's Doing

. The Women's Auxiliary of the Golf Club is sponsoring a tournament for women golfers on the Station with the first tournament being held next Sunday, January 6. All women are invited to come out and get acquainted with the rest of the gals and take home a prize if you are lucky.

Wednesday has been designated as "Ladies Day" at the Golf Course and it is planned to have tournaments each Wednesday with foursomes being made up in advance. No better place to enjoy this woncome out to the Golf Course and | meet the rest of the gals. Call Kay Someson on Ext. 72990 for further THURS information

Discount tickets are available in this office for the funniest comedy in years! Now showing at the RITZ, Los Angeles' newest legitimate theatre located at Wilshire Boulevard and La Brea, is "The Anniversary Waltz" with Russel Nype and Marjorie Lord in person. This play is direct from its record shattering run of one year in San Francisco and ran two seasons on Broadway. Come in today for your special employee's discount tickets so that you will

have them when in Los Angeles. Got the urge to travel? For a one day or even an over night trip by all means go to Death Valley. Trav-Ext. 72676. good roads which are well signtions is fabulous.

upon both the lowest and the high- explosive manufacturing equip-Scotty's Castle. Death Valley Scot- tus. ty's famous desert castle is unbelievably palatial. Trips through the year of general experience demon-

ern day hotels is here with spacious 72676. sundecks and an outdoor swimming pool. Rates for the Inn start at mile west of Furnace Creek Inn, is an attractive place fringed with date palms and less expensive than the Inn A a bala all. the Inn. A 9-hole all grass golf Clerk Stenographer, GS-3. This is received his boot training at San course is adjacent to the Ranch, a part-time position calling for af- Diego. and also a large outdoor swim-ternoon employment of 20 hours

ming pool. Church services are held every 72218. at the Furnace Creek Inn. at the ments Call Ann Carter, Ext. 72218. amount on record.



Kiddies' Matinee (Special Movie) 1 p.m. Saturday

"ISTANBUL" (85 Min.) Errol Flynn, Cornel Borcher SHORTS: "Fright From Wrong" (7 Mins.) 'Midget Muscle Men' (10 Mins.)

"CRIPPLE CREEK" (78 Mins.) George Montgomery SHORTS: "Kangaroo Courting" (7 Mins.) 'Monster and the Ape" No. 14 (18 Mins.)

"DON'T KNOCK THE ROCK" (84 Mins.) Bill Haley and Comets The cool cats are jumping again with real rock 'n roll music delivered in inimitable ashion-by Haley and his boys. Frenetic lances, exe-cutied by some fiercely lively eenagers, keep these livers jumpin' to such unes as "Long Tall Sally," "Rip It Up," Tutti Frutti" and many others.

"FIVE STEPS TO DANGER" (79 Mins.) Sterling Hayden, Ruth Roman No synopsis available SHORTS: "Three Little Bops" (7 Mins.) 'Howdy Partner'' (18 Mins.)

'THE BRASS LEGEND" (78 Mins.) Hugh O'Brien, Raymond Burr Hugh O'Brien, who plays the role of "Wya is Western. He plays the part of a disconderful weather we are having. So badge for the more gentle life of a rancher

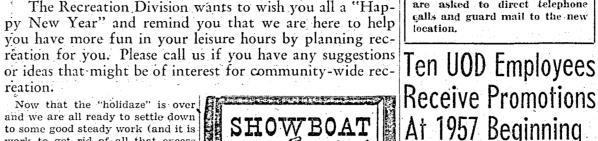
> NOTS CIVIC CONCERT Claudio Arrau, pianis 8:15 p.m.

Job **Upportunities**

Propellants and Explosives Department. Duties will consist of carrying out research and development of plastic bonded explosives. Applicants should contact Wanda Talley,

Property and Supply Clerk, GS-4 posted and one may go either via (Male). Propellants and Explosives Trona or Lone Pine. The variety of Department, Department Staff Offeatures, vividness of color every- fice. Main function of position is to where and beautiful sand formal assist in evaluation, maintenance and disposition of technical infor-Points of interest not to miss are mation as it pertains to identifica-Dante's View where one may gaze tion, classification availability of est points in North America, and ment, and specialized test appara-

Applicants must have had one Furnace Creek Inn, situated in the at the grade level of the position Long Beach Range. Better known he will be considered for additioncenter of Death Valley, has an in-formal and friendly atmosphere. Evidence in the field in which the du-hoatswain's locker and the paint ery convenience and facility of mod- ties are to be performed. Call Ext. locker, stands cooking duty for en-



New Rockereer Office

The Rocketeer office has mov-

ed to a new location-Building

4, room 4H, mail station 9, tele-

phone extension 35. All hands

are asked to direct telephone

Underwater Ordnance Departnent employees listed below have started the New Year with promo-P8000, Leon G. Hidde and Darbell

E. Melton to mechanical engineer. GS-7: Fred E. Rowden Jr. to industrial engineer, GS-7; Rodger A. Rotter to electronic engineer, GS-7 Harry Quong to chemist, GS-7; and John S. Martin to physicist, GS-7.

ng designer (ordnance), GS-8. P8043, Hiroshi Mori to electro scientist (general), GS-9.

William F. Kunow Jr. to engineed

Season Schedule Given for NOTS Basketball Team

cian) GS-12.

The Annex Basketball Team nov has a score of three games won and Leonard, who transferred here from Semeyns new home is at 238 West one lost in league, play. The NOTS China Lake to the range branch of Evergreen Avenue, in Monrovia. team had their first loss of the season on December 24 with a score of 43-20 in favor of the Pasadena Fire Department team.

The next game will be against Alchemists on January 7, 8 p.m., at the Muir High School gym.

The remaining schedule for the season is given below. The games will be played at the Muir High School gym with the exception of the games on January 22 and Febtented sheriff who wants to give up his ruary 19 which will be at the Marshall Junior High School gym. Date—Time Opponent

January 14-8 p.m.-Holly Manufacturing. 22-7 p.m.-Montgomery Engin

eering. 28-8 p.m. –Pasadena Police February 4-8 p.m.-We The People

11-Playoffs, First four teams

19-Playoffs, Finals.



Selected for the month of Octo- five dollars. As the improved meth- sonnel as well as limiting damage nical clerical duties satisfactorily ber was V. A. Smith, SN, of the od is adopted by other activities, or loss of the torpedo. listed personnel, is called on to cox-Electronics Mechanic. This va- swain the boats, and is a part-time cancy is in the Electronics Branch, secretary to the operations officer.

per week. Call Ann Carter, Ext. HUGE TAX TOTAL In the fiscal year ending June 30.

Sunday morning with the Protestant | Clerk Stenographer, GS-4. This 1956, the nation as a whole paid a services at the Hanch at 10:30 a.m. position is located in the Engineer-total of \$3,013,300,000 in automotive and Catholic services at 10:30 a.m. ing Division, Public Works Depart- excise taxes. This was the highest



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

P8024, Robert N. Hollister to engineering aid (general), GS-9; and Nova Semeyn and Peg Gregory In China Lake-Pasadena Switch

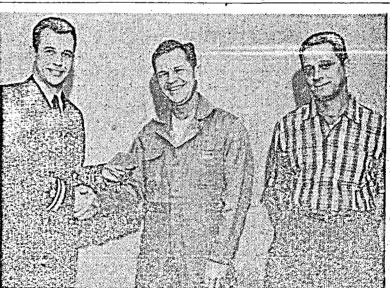
Peg Gregory, who has been Rock-| Development Division. The Seme P8089, Joseph J. Vetter to ordn- eteer correspondent for the past yns come to Pasadena after ten ance engineer (engineering techni- year, has left UOD's publications years at China Lake. branch to join the editorial branch of the Technical Information De- Lake since 1948. Most of the eight partment at China Lake. Her hus- years were spent in Central Staff, band, Reginald, has been at China Management Division. For the last

partment, in 1954.

News from Pasadena Annex

Nova has been employed at China.

Lake since the change in location nine months, she was with Reof P&PE Division, Engineering De- search Department, Physics Divi-Nova Semeyn recently moved to The Gregorys now reside at 66-B Pasadena to join her husband, Franklin, China Lake and the



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

Tom Warren Gets Second Award Check For Method of Replacing Timing Gears

Back in 1952, Tom Warren came | Tom has been with the Public GMC truck engine models. The any. suggestion netted him twenty-five This is the third award received dollars at that time.

Driver's Exams to be Held on Wednesdays Do you hold a government op-

erator's permit? Better check the expiration date. Requests for driver's examina-

tions may be made by supervisors by telephone or in writing to the Safety Office, Code P1914. Permits are issued only on Wednesdays so don't wait until your permit has expiredallow time for scheduling of your exam to protect the validity of your permit.

up with a method for replacing Works Division since 1948. Before stripped timing gears on 216 and coming to NOTS, he was with the 235 Chevrolets and 228 and 302 General Tire and Rubber Comp-

by Tom during the past year. The more efficient method has Earl Blake, an employee of P8084, been published by the Bureau of received an award of twenty-five Yards and Docks in their Septem- dollars for his suggestion of a deber 1956 Technical Digest. As a re- tachable torpedo retrieving hook. sult, the Bureau of Yards and This hook allows the torpedo to be-

> 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 sav-

> ings 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.

Virginia Cortese of Code P8080 received an award of ten dollars for her suggestion to hold an IBM electric typewriter indoctrination program. The program results in many time and labor-saving hints. for typists and stenographers.