

SPEARHEAD FUND DRIVE—Burroughs students launch fund-raising auction to finance Foreign Exchange student nominee Judy Wilson's trip to Europe during the summer months. Student directors of the drive (l. to r.) are: Robyn Berry, co-chairman; Carolyn Ridpath, fund-raising chairman; and Linda Jacobson, co-chairman.

High School Launches Fund Drive for Exchange Student

The Foreign Exchange Student Program at Burroughs High School, sponsored locally by the California Scholarship Federation, has received the enthusiastic support of the faculty and student body. An auction will be held at the school cafeteria at noon, next Tuesday, June 4, to help raise additional funds toward sending Judy Wilson, the local exchange student, who was selected by a panel of teachers and students, to Germany for the summer program.

This program is part of a two-way exchange of teen-age students from all over the world under the auspices of the American Field Service, an educational organization sponsoring international scholarships. Our community enjoyed the opportunity during the 1955-57 school year to be host to Ghita Thome, a student from Helsinki, Finland. As Ghita prepares to leave for her home at the close of school, Judy prepares to participate in the summer program.

Photo Engineers Seek Members

The China Lake Chapter of the Society of Photographic Instrumentation Engineers is seeking members in the field of photographic instrumentation, data processing, data reduction, instrument development, and project engineering as well as others technically interested in the field of photographic instrumentation.

The officers of the local chapter are: Charles D. Jeffers, president; J. A. Clemente, vice-president; H. Wedaa, secretary; Joe Saunders, treasurer; and William Griffin, program chairman.

Applications for membership are available from these people or from the membership committee which consists of George Stuberberg, R. G. S. Sewell, Carl Vann, Joe Saunders, and W. Griffin. Membership fee is \$10, payable at the time of application.

Local Members

Members of the local American Field Service Committee directing the entire Foreign Exchange Student Program are: Jane Wilson, general chairman; June Nelson, secretary-treasurer; Leona Osborne, home placement; and Clare Hunter, school liaison.

This committee is now making plans for another exchange student to come to Indian Wells Valley in the fall for the 1957-58 school year. The most immediate and urgent concern of this committee is raising the \$650 that is the community's share of the cost of an exchange

Official Visitors Pass Office Moved

In order to facilitate the issuance of passes to official visitors, the Security Officer's office, Code 853, and the Official Visitors Branch, Code 8595, have been moved to the Main Gate.

student for one school year. This amount pays for approximately 60% of the cost of the student's travel, chaperonage, orientation, allowance, insurance, and incidental expenses while he is in the United States. Of the balance, part is paid abroad by the student's family, and part by the American Field Service in New York through direct, charitable donations from private individuals. The local family with whom the student will live during the year provides food and shelter.

Great Benefits

The benefits of this far-reaching program are incalculably great for so small a cost. Divided among all the dwellers in Indian Wells Valley, the cost for the winter program would amount to about 4 cents per person. Divided among the wage earners of the Station, the cost would be about 13 cents each. The cost of the local program for one year, \$650, might well be contrasted with the approximate cost of one jet fighter—plane, \$900,000, in our "power for peace" effort. The exchange students accomplish something that a plane or tank cannot, and this is understanding and friendship among peoples—which is essential to the accomplishment of the ideal of world peace.

Exchange students are screened with the cooperation of educators in their own countries, for personality as well as intelligence, in order that the students chosen be the ones best qualified to make it an enriching experience for themselves and those with whom they come in contact. The American Field Service program receives cooperation from the State Department, from schools and local committees throughout the nation, and innumerable families who open their homes without pay to welcome students.

Citizens of Indian Wells Valley are urged to support this program financially so the community can again play host to an exchange student next fall. Contributions should be sent to the treasurer of the local committee, Mrs. June Nelson, 211-B Entwistle, to any member of the committee, or to the office of the vice principal at Burroughs High School.

Free Vehicle Check For Station Residents At Schoeffel Field

The Loyal Order of Moose in cooperation with the Station's Safety Council and the assistance of the local Dust Devils and the Car Dealers of Ridgecrest will conduct a vehicle safety check at Schoeffel Field from June 1 through June 8 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

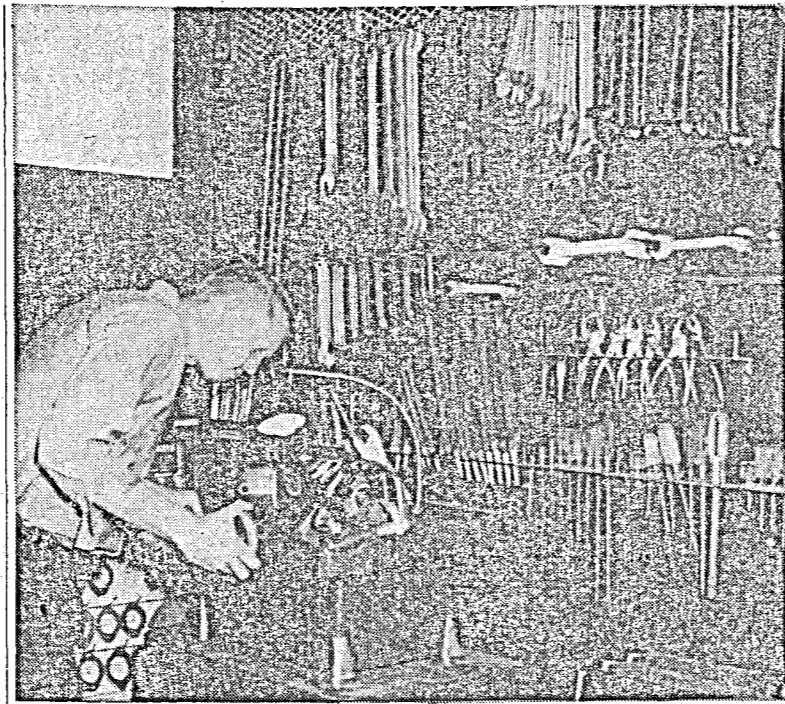
The Safety Council suggests that Station residents avail themselves of this opportunity to have their vehicles checked for safety factors. There is no charge as the organizations are donating their time and effort as a community service in "Back the Attack" Safe Driving Campaign.

Safety stickers will be issued for all vehicles which pass the Safety Check: DRIVE SAFELY... IN A SAFETY-CHECKED CAR.

SNORT to be Televised Throughout the Country

Station personnel who have relatives and friends living in various parts of the nation may be interested in notifying them of proposed television commercials featuring the Station's Supersonic Naval Ordnance Research Track (SNORT) in accordance with the following schedule:

- Harrisburg, Pa.—June 12—Channel 71—10:30 p.m.
- Boston, Mass.—June 13—Channel 7—7:15 p.m.
- Baltimore, Md.—June 14—Channel 11—6:30 p.m.
- Philadelphia, Pa.—June 15—Channel 6—6:15 p.m.
- Washington, D.C.—June 15—Channel 4—6:45 p.m.
- New York, N.Y.—June 15—Channel 4—6:15 p.m.



EM Club Opens New Garage For Enlisted Men's Car Work

The Enlisted Men's Club of NOTS has recently instituted a Hobby Shop Garage for the use of the Station's enlisted men.

For a reasonably low price, local enlisted men can now use the new Garage for any type of preventative maintenance on their automobiles. The new building is located next to the Anchorage.

Resale items at the garage will include those items frequently needed in automobile repair, and an initial membership fee of \$1 will be charged for use of the Hobby Shop Garage.

The Garage will be under the direction of the E.M. Club manager. Supervising the operation of the garage, and advising the E.M. Club manager of its needs for supplies and equipment will be a Hobby Shop Garage manager. In addition, there will be a duty manager at the garage at all times.

The Hobby Shop Garage will be open during the following hours: Monday thru Friday, 8 p.m.-9:30 p.m. Saturday, 12 p.m.-9:30 p.m. Sunday and Holidays, 12 p.m.-5 p.m.

Patrons using the garage will be required to check in with the duty manager upon bringing vehicles into the compound and also check out when leaving.

Power machinery and equipment in the Garage, except grinder and drill press, shall be operated only by the shop personnel, with appropriate service charges, and materials purchased from the Shop will be for the individual's own use and are not to be re-sold to others.

The Garage will be open to all enlisted servicemen.

The Hobby Shop Garage intends to enlarge and acquire more equipment as the volume of business increases.

The Garage is run with funds generated by the Enlisted Men's Club, and the Club encourages all interested enlisted men to make use of this new facility.

NOTS Overseas Club Arrives in Europe; Begins Month Tour

According to word received from Mr. and Mrs. John McBride, the NOTS Overseas Club has arrived in Amsterdam on the first leg of their month-long tour of Europe.

After spending a day in New York City, the group boarded a Pan American DC-6B on Sunday, May 19, for a trans-Atlantic flight to Amsterdam, Holland. On Monday they began a 23-day motorcoach tour which will take them through Holland, Germany, Switzerland, Italy, Monaco, France and England.

They'll depart London, England, on June 16 to head for home, and they will arrive back in Los Angeles on June 19.

People from China Lake making the European tour are: Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Dempsey, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dudley, Glenrose Symington, Mr. and Mrs. John S. McBride, Nola Williams, and Laverne F. Miles.

The Rocketeer will report from time to time on the progress of the tour as word is received from the NOTS tourists.



Your supervisor will be proud of your Beneficial Suggestions, too!

Navy Incentive Award Program

Last Official Presentation Before Departure



NAF AWARDS—Capt. L. E. Ewoldt (right) NAF Commanding Officer, makes his last awards presentation before departing on June 4 to command VAW-12, Carrier Special Air Early Warning Squadron, Quonset Point, Rhode Island. Superior Accomplishment Award and \$200 recipients (l. to r.) are: Charles E. Schubert, Lloyd A. Bell and James L. Heflin.

ROCKETEER

OIR Approves New Per Diem Wage Increase

An official dispatch from the Office of Industrial Relations, Washington, D.C., was received this week by the Station's Personnel Department announcing the approval of a new wage schedule for all classifications of per diem personnel at China Lake.

New rates and increases at key points are: Laborer, \$1.99, an increase of 11 cents an hour; Helper, \$2.09, an increase of 10 cents an hour; Electrician and Machinist, \$2.63, an increase of 11 cents an hour. The new schedule will become effective on Monday, June 17, 1957.

UCLA Extension Offers Elementary Education Course

Education X175AB, a course in curriculum planning of particular interest to present and prospective elementary school teachers, is being offered by the UCLA Extension program at China Lake.

Grant C. Pinney will teach the course in room 41 of Burroughs High School on the following dates:

- Friday, May 31—7 to 10 p.m.
- Saturday, June 1—8 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Friday, June 7—6 to 10 p.m.
- Saturday, June 8—8 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Wednesday, June 12—6 to 10 p.m.
- Friday, June 21—6 to 10 p.m.
- Saturday, June 22—8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Registrations will be taken this evening in room 41 of Burroughs High School from 6:30 to 7 p.m. before the first meeting of the class. The course offers 2 units for 30 hours at a fee of \$18 which will be payable at the time of registration.

Other UCLA Extension courses to be offered next summer in the Graduate Study program will be announced in next week's Rocketeer.



CALIFORNIA'S ALL-AMERICAN FAMILY—The Bernard Smiths are selected to represent California in the All-American Family Search being held in Miami Beach, Florida, this week.

China Lake Family Chosen to Represent California in All-American Family Search

China Lake's Bernard Smith, his wife, Sylvia, and their daughter, Susan, are representing California as the All-American Family at the All-American Family Search being conducted at Miami Beach, Florida, this week.

Nationwide Competition The Smith family will compete with families selected from the 48 states and the District of Columbia in the search for the All-American Family being conducted by the Boys' Clubs of America, of which Herbert Hoover is Chairman of the Board, and the Book of Knowledge. As part of the Boys' Clubs of America's participation in President Eisenhower's "People to People" program, the final family selected will be flown to Havana, Cuba, where they will spend a week as a representative American family.

The four years of sacrifices paid off with Barney's graduation in 1948 and a job at NOTS. Since reporting to NOTS Barney has been responsible for major achievements in some of the most important military rocket development programs in the country.

Successful Career He has authored and co-authored 26 classified technical reports on rocket development. He has had five patents awarded on rocket devices since coming to NOTS. Another distinction in his career is that he has been acclaimed as being the first man in America to publicly fire a liquid-fuel rocket. This was at a demonstration in 1932 at Staten Island.

Teamwork Succeeds The Smith family is one of cooperative unity, for Barney never finished high school during his youth, but the burning desire for higher education persisted, so after 1932 at Staten Island.

New NAF Officer

Outstanding Daughter The Smith's daughter, Susan, is active in Burroughs High School affairs. She was chosen one of the top candidates in the Foreign Exchange Student Program, American Field Service, for which students are judged on their scholastics, popularity and campus activities. She has won many prizes for her water color and chalk work. An expert seamstress, she makes many of her own clothes.

In October, 1956, she represented her school in the Governor's three-day conference on traffic safety at Sacramento. Taking an active interest in dramatics, she wrote the Freshman play and directed the Sophomore play.

Wife Still Busy Home executive duties and furthering the career of her husband consumes much of Sylvia's time but being a lover of music she has found time to study the piano for the last three years. Moreover she finds time to participate in her daughter's high school functions and community activities.

Time for Hobbies Barney's hobbies include painting, sculpturing, and gadgeteering. He devotes much of his spare time to youth science education programs. When he took a group of Susan's classmates on a weekend botanical expedition to Yosemite Park this Spring, they ended up snow bound for several days—though quite safe.

Chief Bizon Retires After 20-Year Stint

By Ed Townsend, NAF

Chief Victor D. Bizon, Division Chief of the Project Inspection Division at the Naval Air Facility, retired last Friday after completing 20 years of service.

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From Newport, Chief Bizon went aboard the USS NEW YORK, one of the first battleships with 14-inch guns. After completing his time on the NEW YORK, he reported to one of the last coal burners left in the fleet, the USS HANNIBAL. Since then the Chief has served aboard the USS NITRO, and numerous scouting squadrons.

After serving at Ft. Mugu, Bizon instructed at the Fleet Airborne Electronics School at Norfolk, Va., and put in 14 months aboard the USS MIDWAY. In 1954, he reported to NAF, China Lake.

As for future plans, Chief Bizon is now one-third owner of ABR-TV sales and service business in Ridgecrest, and he intends to manage the establishment. He has recently bought a home in Ridgecrest at 1500 Alene St. and plans to settle down there with his wife, Jean, and their three children.

PIPED OVER THE SIDE—Chief Victor D. Bizon of NAF leaves work for the last time after completing 20 years of service in the Navy.



SUPPLY DEPT. AWARDEES—Employees of Supply Department received Superior Accomplishment and Beneficial Suggestion Awards. Recipients of \$15 each in a joint beneficial suggestion award, front row (l. to r.) are: Emma Ingram, Bernice Ingle and Dorothy Antholt. Shown in back row (l. to r.) are: D. James Knight, joint Benny Sugg Award of \$47.50; Mary Sawyer, \$200 Superior Accomplishment; Iose Kinaga, \$100 Superior Accomplishment, and Jim Poore, \$20 Beneficial Suggestion.

Wyatt Earp Here Friday Night To Open Little League Season

Opening night of the 1957 Little League and Babe Ruth League baseball season will be held at Schoeffel Field next Friday night at 8 o'clock with Hugh O'Brian of TV "Wyatt Earp" fame as the featured guest.

Ty Blair will act as master of ceremonies for the event opening the season for the Little League and Babe Ruth League of China Lake and Ridgecrest.



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