

ARTIST OF THE MONTH—Barbara Strome, modern abstract mural painter, displays miniature figures representative of her unique style which may be viewed at the Station Library this month. (See story).

### Works of Local Mural Artist Featured at Library This Month

Local art enthusiasts will be impressed with the art display at the Station Library this month when they view the refreshing technique of "Artist of the Month" Barbara Strome, wife of Gerald M. Strome, Philco engineer at NOTS.

As a result of one of these affiliations, Barbara has recently been awarded a contract to paint a 125-foot wide mural for the Cavazon Restaurant and Card Club which is nearing completion on the outskirts of Palm Springs.

Although her experience includes every medium of art work, she is particularly well-known for her modern abstract murals, all custom designs, in sixteen shops and restaurants throughout Southern California. Some of her distinctive murals also decorate several local establishments such as the Station's Ripple Room, the Commissioned Officers' Mess, King's Dress Shop in Ridgecrest, in addition to the new White's Cafe in Mojave, California, and the Covina Bowl in Covina, California.

### Veteran Conversion Privilege to Expire

According to a release received this week from Ray Harrison, Head of the Employment Office in Personnel Department, December 30, 1957, will be the last day on which employees entitled to veteran's preference who have a service-connected disability of 10 per cent or more may be recommended for conversion to competitive status.

While serving with the Women's Army Corps (WAC) of the Army Air Corps, Barbara was assigned to the Special Services group. Some of her duties included the design of cartoons and posters, in addition to writing news articles about women for the Air Corps publication. Following her discharge from the Air Corps, Barbara studied for two years at the Art Center School in Los Angeles, the School of Allied Arts in Glendale, and Chouinard's Art School, also in Los Angeles, where she majored in story illustrations.

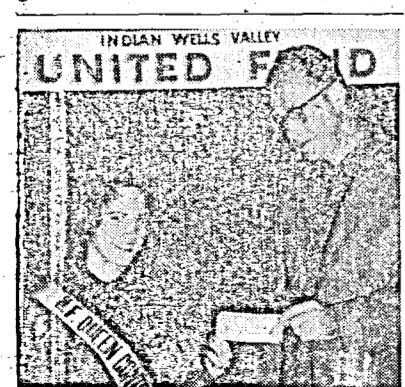
One of Barbara's prize possessions is a letter of commendation from Mayor Bowron for her outstanding illustrations in a civil service pamphlet for the city of Los Angeles. In addition to designing cartoons for newspapers in the Los Angeles area, Barbara also has been a technical illustrator for Douglas Aircraft and at one time was head of the art department at Spunglow Art Company in Los Angeles. At the urging of her friends, Barbara left private industry and started free-lancing for well-known architects and decorators such as Powers, Daly and De Rosa of Long Beach and Barker Bros. of Los Angeles.

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A second privilege which expires prior to December 31 is that of a compensably disabled veteran employee who acquired a career-conditional appointment in the usual manner to be converted to a career appointment upon completion of his probationary period, without regard to the three year service requirement. Such employees must be recommended for conversion to career appointment prior to December 31.

Recent additions to the volunteer worker list are: Randy Walker, Bill McKinney, Joseph Ward, Charles Jenkins, Dennis Crager, Ted Kruse, Carroll Frick, Charles Skidmore, Don Higbee, Wallace Fundine, E. V. Craddock, Hal Thorne, Walt Benson, Dennis Bradshaw, Robert Atkinson, Valerie Bunn, James Holbrook, John Rowell, Don Eifer, Francis Abers, Dean Phymmer, William Eittin, James Cannaday, Don Eavis and Alfred Cullum, all of the Wherry Housing area.

Any employee who meets the requirements for either of these conversions is urged to contact his supervisor or the appropriate Personnel Service Branch immediately so that advantage of these privileges may be taken before they expire.



ELKS DONATION — Al Goodale, Exalted Ruler of the local Elks' Lodge, delivers their United Fund donation check to UF Princess Peggy Milligan. The contribution is a result of the Lodge Benefit Masquerade Ball.

### United Fund Campaign Drive To Wind Up With All-Out Effort

With more than \$20,000 contributed to the Indian Wells Valley United Fund Drive thus far, the campaign will wind up with an all-out drive this week in order to keep the drive within the legal time allowed.

A total of 575 workers will be knocking on doors in a final effort to reach all the people of Inyokern, Ridgecrest and China Lake and provide every person the opportunity to contribute.

### Experimental Office Gets 4 New Officers

Four officers who have recently reported aboard as Assistant Experimental Officers are: LCdr. Richard M. Clark, LCdr. John M. Wolfe, Lt. John T. Wells, and LCdr. Charles R. Bishop.

to the former Lola Clouse of Port Arthur, Texas.



Lt. Wells, the third addition to the Office of the Experimental Officer, was formerly attached to the Destroyer USS WILLIAM C. LAWE, out of Newport, R.I. as Operations Officer for the past two years. He received both a bachelor's and masters degree in electrical engineering from Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and also attended the Naval Postgraduate School at Monterey. Lt. Wells, his wife, Rosemary, and their one son and two daughters, live at 107-A Groves.



LCdr. Clark was formerly Commanding Officer of the Submarine USS CUSK (SS-348). A native of Kent, Ohio, he is a graduate of Kent State University and the Naval Reserve Midshipman's School, Abbott Hall, Chicago. He was commissioned in August of 1943 and transferred to Regular Navy in 1946. He and his wife, Carol, along with their son, Richard, and daughter, Lynda, are living at 310-A Lauritsen.



Before coming to NOTS, LCdr. C. R. Bishop spent two semesters at the University of Southern California studying engineering courses. Prior to this he served a two-year tour of duty as Ordnance Gunnery Officer of Fleet Air Gunnery Unit at El Centro. LCdr. Bishop, his wife, Muriel, and their 9-year-old son, William, are living at 211-B Groves.



LCdr. Wolfe comes aboard from VA-192 at Moffett Field. A graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, class of 1945, he completed flight training in 1949. From 1953-55 he served on the Staff of the Commander, Naval Forces Far East. He has also served with VF-61 and aboard the USS WISCONSIN and LST 1032. LCdr. Wolfe is married.

### Book of the Week

The Woman of My Life by Ludwig Bemelmans. Bemelmans is at his satirical best in this tale of a rich but very French duke and his search for true love.



REWARDED—Marianna P. Empert (left), telephone operator in the Communications Division, and Madge Hucck (right), secretary in the Special Services Division are jointly congratulated by Cdr. S. W. Mitchell, Head of Command Administration Department. Both employees receive \$200 Superior Performance Award checks for performing duties with responsibilities over and above requirements of their positions.

Gems of Wisdom  
Parents who buy their children chemistry sets pay through the nose.  
If you're looking for someone with a little authority around here—I've got a little as anybody!

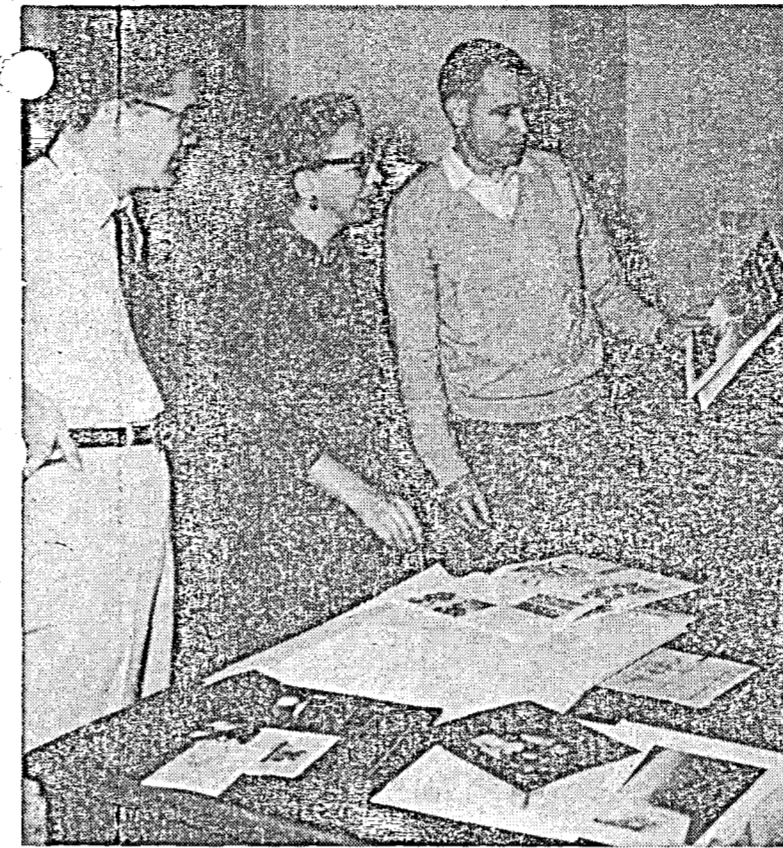
# ROCKETEER

U. S. Naval Ordnance Test Station, China Lake, California

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FINISHED PRODUCT—Key people in the production of the "Weapons for the Navy" brochure, recently published for BuOrd by the TID Publishing Division, take a look at the finished product. Shown (l. to r.): Emlen Littell, Head, Editorial Branch; Peg Gregory, editor; and Fred Grumm, illustrator.

### TID Brochure 'Weapons for the Navy' Draws High Praise from BuOrd Chief

The Publishing Division of the Technical Information Department here at NOTS recently completed a 48-page pictorial brochure that tells the story of one billion dollars worth of activity in one year. It's the story of the Bureau of Ordnance.

Obviously, this isn't just another brochure. In fact, RAdm. F. S. Withington, Chief of the Bureau of Ordnance, thinks it is good enough to carry the Bureau's story to the Fleet and shore stations throughout the world. He directed a letter to Captain Hollister extending his "appreciation and admiration to the Commander, NOTS, and the Technical Information Department for the splendid work done in editing and publishing the Bureau's new pamphlet "Weapons for the United States Navy."

It all started last May when the Bureau asked NOTS to take on the job. Because they liked NOTS' 1956 classified pictorial publication, they decided for the first time to put out the same kind of pictorial book highlighting the accomplishments of the Bureau. This book was to describe the people and the facilities of the naval ordnance establishment responsible for a year of remarkable achievement. To make it tougher, it had to be unclassified.

Things began rolling when first C. E. Van Hagan, Head of the Publishing Division, and then Emlen Littell, Head of the Editorial Branch, traveled to Washington to guide in the early planning, outlining, and preparation of the text and photographs that came in from all the ordnance establishments.

The hastily collected and incomplete copy was brought back to NOTS to be transformed into an integrated manuscript by Pat Gregory, the editor on the project. Captain Robert McNitt, Head of the Bureau's Editorial Board, later said that it was a "script of such excellence that only the most minor changes appeared worthwhile during review."

RAdm. Withington stated in his letter that the pamphlet was printed "in professional fashion with originality and propriety." But equally important in any pictorial, obviously, is the book design and art work. This was largely the work of Fred Grumm, Head of the Scientific Illustration Section. Grumm's layout and design were outstanding and featured prominently in the success of the brochure.

### NOTS Advisory Board Confers Here: Six Receive L.T.E. Thompson Awards

The official Advisory Board of the Naval Ordnance Test Station, recognized leaders in their fields, arrived yesterday for a three-day visit on the Station.

Primarily a consulting and liaison group with broad technical and administrative backgrounds, the members are meeting with high-level NOTS personnel on Station problems and plans.

Rear Admiral F. S. Withington, Chief of the Bureau of Ordnance; Rear Admiral R. E. Dixon, Chief of the Bureau of Aeronautics; and Captain E. B. Hooper, also of BuOrd, are also attending the Advisory Board conference which was established here in 1948. The Board has grown progressively valuable to the Bureau of Ordnance and Station management by its advice, criticisms and recommendations pertaining to work in progress or projected Station plans.

Highlight of the three-day conference was the presentation of the L. T. E. Thompson Awards at the luncheon held at noontime today in the Commissioned Officers' Mess.

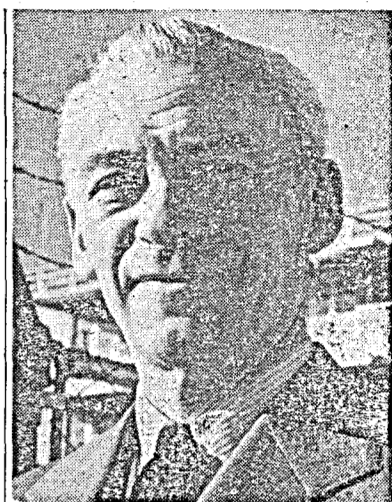
The Thompson Award was established in 1956 as the Station's highest recognition for outstanding individual achievement. In this award, the Station pays tribute to the accomplishments of its first Technical Director. By his leadership, vision, and persistent effort, Dr. Thompson gathered at this Station a strong complement of outstanding men and women. The award, consisting of a medal and certificate, is made to both civilian and military personnel for outstanding contribution to the advancement of ordnance toward the fulfillment of the mission of the U.S. Naval Ordnance Test Station and thus of the forces of the United States Navy.

Awardees this year were: Captain Levering Smith, Rear Admiral Sherman Burroughs, Haskell Wilson, Commander John Richmond, Dr. Gilbert Brown Smith, and Bruce Hornbrook Sage.

Their citations read as follows: Captain Levering Smith, United States Navy, for his outstanding administrative and technical ability as exemplified by his performance as the Associate Technical Director for the Station where he provided insight and drive toward the establishment of a vigorous Navy program of research as shown by the development of the 2.75-inch aircraft rocket and methods for processing of solid propellant grains for rocket ordnance.

Rear Admiral Sherman Everett Burroughs, Jr., United States Navy, for his application of the concept of a government laboratory for ordnance research and development work who, as the Station's first Commanding Officer, by his inspirational leadership, dedication and enthusiasm for his work, established an atmosphere for successful civilian-military team approach, and laid the groundwork for developing a facility of great importance to the Navy, the Department of Defense and the nation.

Haskell George Wilson, for his outstanding work in promoting understanding between civilian and military personnel and who, as Head of Central Staff and later Associate Technical Director, has accomplished an excellent job of channeling civilian technical thinking into regulatory lines to conform



Dr. L. T. E. Thompson  
1st Technical Director

to Bureau of Ordnance instructions. Commander John O'Donnell Richmond, United States Navy (Retired) for outstanding services as the Station's first Executive Officer and later Community Manager who, by his enthusiasm and dedication to the best interests of the Navy and the Station, was greatly responsible for the development of the Community. His efforts were of outstanding assistance in promoting, improving and maintaining the well-being, morale and efficiency of the personnel necessary to the



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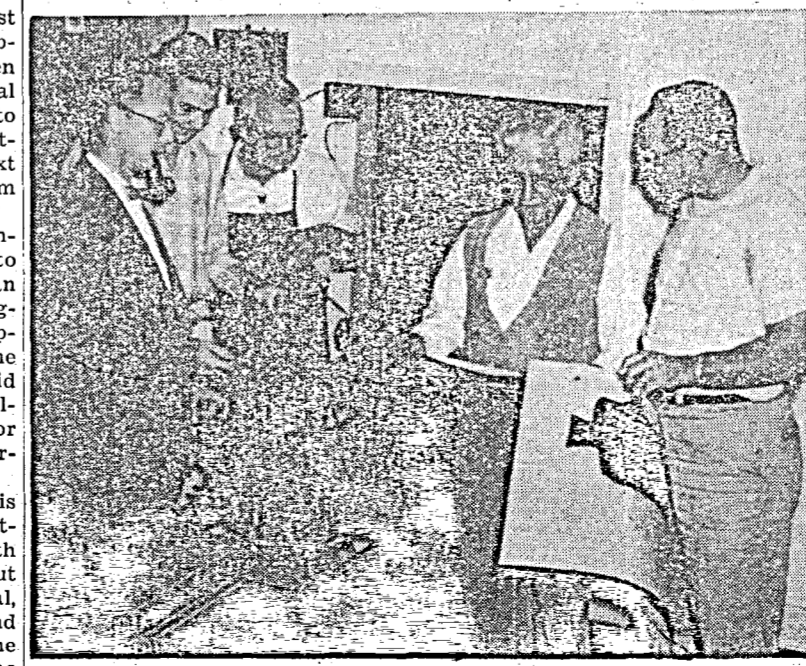
accomplishment of the Station's mission.

Doctor Gilbert Brown Lorenzo Smith, (deceased), for building one of the most outstanding research groups in the government, providing technical leadership and assembling a staff of unusual capabilities who have consistently worked at the frontiers of chemistry and applied the knowledge thus acquired to naval ordnance problems with vigor and foresight. (Mrs. (Continued on Page 2)

### Local Supervisors Association Will Host West Coast Caucus Officials This Week

In celebration of ten years of organization at NOTS, Local 28 of the National Association of Supervisors Department Defense will host the West Coast Caucus of the National Association this weekend, November 15, 16, and 17.

In addition to a series of business meetings to be held in the Supervisors Hut during the caucus, a dinner dance to celebrate the anniversary will be held at 8 p.m., November 16, in the Community Center. National officials to be present at the conference will be: National President Orvil Young of Mare Island, San Francisco and National Vice-President Edward La Camera of San Diego. Congressman Harlan E. Hagen; Captain and Mrs. Wm. W. Hollister and Dr. and Mrs. Wm. E. McLean also will be present at some of the sessions. Organized to assist management in policy and personnel matters, the



PROOFING—Looking at a repro copy of one of the pages of the brochure (l. to r.) are: C. E. Van Hagan, Head, Publishing Division; Don Davis and Don Schoelkopf of the Printing Section; Joe Lesha, Head, Printing and Reproduction Branch; and Bob Walker, Printing Section.

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Vandalism Increases Maintenance Costs

We hear much of the high cost of government these days. It appears that the cost of maintaining the many services provided by Federal State, and local governments has followed the inflation spiral.

Each of us as individuals should be concerned with our overall national economy, particularly Federal funds which support the maintenance of our Station.

A street light, both globes plus installation costs \$60. A cursory examination of the street lights in your neighborhood may reveal how costly this breakage is.

Security Police does not have sufficient personnel to maintain a constant patrol to prevent such acts of vandalism. It is up to the parents to provide the training and supervision to prevent this thoughtless waste.

We must remember that each person, as a tax payer, shares in the cost of every broken globe, a cost that adds to the total overall cost of Station maintenance.

Burroughs Hi Fetes Homecoming Event

Burroughs High School celebrates its 12th homecoming this week-end when the football team meets Trona and hopes for a neat victory.

Queen candidates, nominated secretly by the football teams, will be introduced at the bonfire to climax an evening that will find school spirit at an excited pitch.

The varsity homecoming game against Trona will be played at 2 p.m. on Kelly Field preceded by the coronation ceremony being planned by the school's Pep Club.

Burroughs alumni will gather for dinner in the evening and the students will attend the homecoming dance at 8 p.m. in the school cafeteria to beat out their remaining energy and excitement before settling down for another week of school routine.

The student council has planned the details for the parade and many other events of the week-end under

the chairmanship of Ann Jagiello. Other committee members include Sue Cotner, Sally Ellings, Terry Watson, Sue Bosworth, Beverly Fallis, Sharon Newkirk, Sheila Williams and Bob Koehler.

Last week, the Burroughs varsity drubbed Palmdale, 59-6. Eight burst players scored in the one-sided triumph, the team's first against two losses in Golden League competition.

TB Christmas Seal Sale Starts Today

Kern County Tuberculosis and Health Association's annual Christmas Seal Sale will be in full swing during the coming week when 2,875 local families receive their Christmas Seals through the mail.

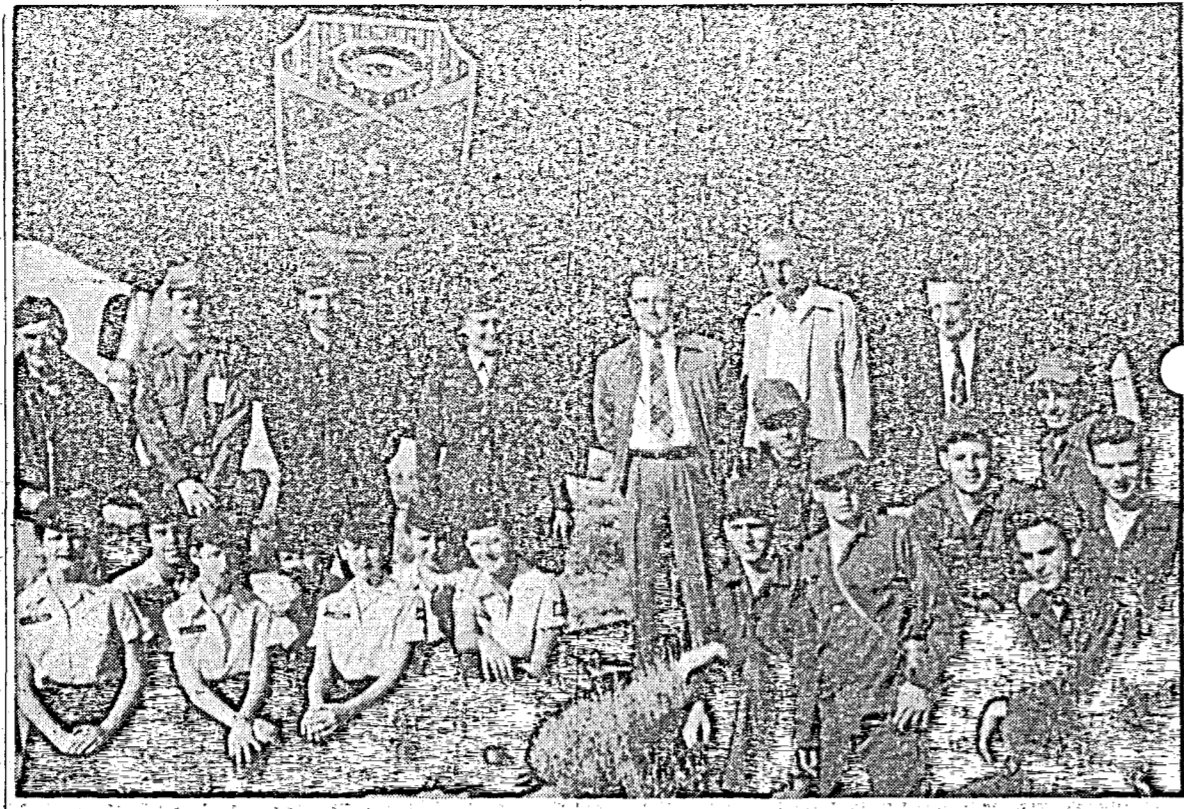
"The death rate of TB has gone down, but the rate of active cases of tuberculosis still remains high. More tuberculosis has been reported this year than last year," she added.

"Your purchase of Christmas Seals is the only way in which the year-round program of your Tuberculosis Association can be carried on."

Mrs. Camp, a member of the Board of Directors for the Kern County Tuberculosis and Health Association is in charge of the tuberculosis program in China Lake.



182ND BIRTHDAY—Lt. Col. H. V. Joslin, USMC, Commanding Officer of the Marine Barracks, officiates at the cake-cutting ceremony in honor of the 182nd birthday of the U. S. Marine Corps.



EDUCATIONAL TOUR—As part of their aviation education course, this group of China Lake Civil Air Patrol Cadets were guests last Friday of John Pearson, Head, Warhead Research Branch (standing 3rd from right); assisted by J. M. McLaughlin, Head, Engineering Section; and Eli Zeitlin, Head, Terminal Ballistics Section.

Advisory Board...

(Continued from Page 1) Smith will accept the award post-humously.

Bruce Hornbrook Sage, for his able direction, dynamic enthusiasm, and far-sighted tenacity in creating and constructing the China Lake and Salt Wells Pilot Plants at a critical time in the nation's defense. With great technical acumen, and without compromise of engineering principles, production standards, or safety, he erected and operated these important facilities of the Navy and the Atomic Energy Commission.

Members of the NOTS Advisory Board who are in attendance are: E. H. Heinemann, Chairman, Chief Engineer of Douglas Aircraft Company, El Segundo; Robert L. Biggers, President, Fargo Division, Chrysler Corporation, Detroit, Michigan; RAdm. C. M. Bolster, USN (Ret.), Research and Develop-



Thompson Award Medallion

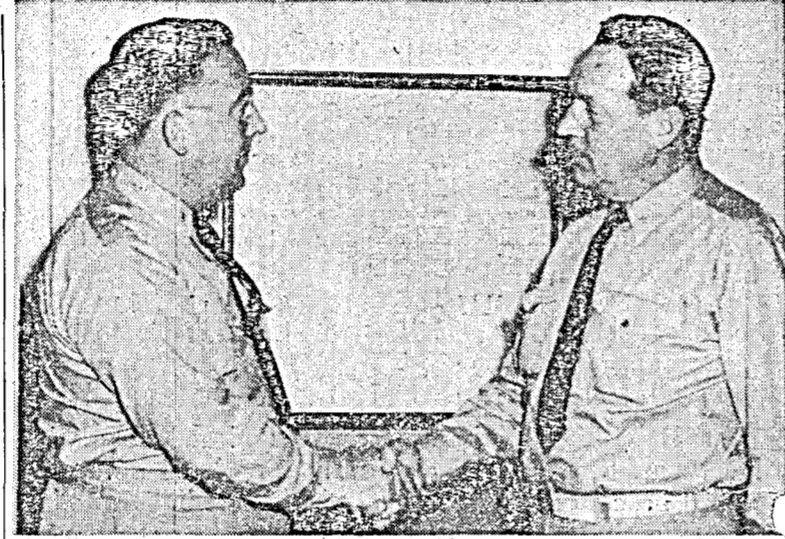
ment, General Tire and Rubber Company, Okron, Ohio.

Also, Norris E. Bradbury, Director, Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory, Los Alamos, New Mexico; W. Kenneth Davis, Director, Reactor Development Division, Atomic Energy Commission, Washington, D. C.; Henry Dreyfuss, Industrial Design Offices, South Pasadena; Dr. William Shockley, Director, Shockley Semiconductor Laboratory, Mountain View, Calif., and winner of a Nobel Prize in physics in 1956.

One additional member, Dr. H. Guyford Stever, Associate Dean of the Department of Engineering at MIT, was unable to attend.

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WELCOME ABOARD—LCdr. Frank E. Johnson, USN, (left), new Commanding Officer of NOTS enlisted personnel, is greeted by LCdr. James T. Waldron, Special Services Officer, who has been acting CO.

LCdr. F. E. Johnson New Enlisted C.O.

Lieutenant Commander Frank E. Johnson reported Tuesday to assume the duties of Commanding Officer, NOTS Enlisted Personnel. LCdr. Johnson relieves LCdr. J. T. Waldron who has been acting C.O. since the retirement of Cdr. George T. Weir.

LCdr. Johnson reports from duty as Commanding Officer of the USS KENT COUNTY (LST-855). Commissioned an Ensign in 1945, he won his wings at Corpus Christi and served aboard the USS LEYTE in Dive Bomber Squadron 18.

Completing his tour of duty on the LEYTE, LCdr. Johnson attended the University of California and General Line School before serving aboard the USS KEARSARGE and the USS LYMAN K. SWENSON in the Gunnery Departments. While with the Destroyer SWENSON he participated in Korean operations, including the Inchon and Wonsan invasions. He has also served aboard the Destroyers USS REMEY and USS THOMAS F. NICKEL and had shore duty at the Naval Training Facility, Treasure Island.

LCdr. Johnson and his wife, Calista, have two children and they are living temporarily at 211-B Groves.

Public Works Dept. Centralizes Tenant Information Source

Starting this week the Public Works Department has consolidated its various contact points for housing improvement materials, general housing alteration information, furniture information, etc., under the new Improvements and Inspection Branch.

This Branch office is located in the Public Works Administration Building approximately one block west of the Greenhouse. Contact may be made either in person or by phoning Ext. 71500 or 72363.



Funeral Held for N. C. (Slim) Viles

Funeral services were conducted in the All Faith Chapel at 10 a.m. yesterday for Norris C. (Slim) Viles, 65, who died last Sunday at the Station Hospital after a short illness.

Viles was born in Anson, Maine, on December 10, 1901 and had been retired from the Los Angeles Police Department before coming to China Lake 12 years ago.

He was an active Mason, Shriner and Elk, he was a past master of the Indian Wells Valley Lodge, F&AM and was active in youth organizations affiliated with the Masonic Lodge in Indian Wells Valley.

He is survived by his widow, Jennie May, one daughter, his mother, two brothers and two sisters.

NOTS Ski Club

Members of NOTS Ski Club will meet next Tuesday, November 19, at 7 p.m. in the Community Center.

COMING EVENTS

NAF Dance - The Naval Air Facility will hold a semi-formal dance and buffet for NAF personnel, their wives and guests tonight from 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. in the Elks Lodge in Ridgecrest.

Quarter Midgets

The Desert Empire Quarter Midgets will have their second meet Sunday, November 17, with time trials beginning at 1:30 p.m. The track is located on the SNORT road. Cars have been invited from Lancaster and Bishop with approximately 30 cars expected to participate.

Church Guilds

Three Circles of the Women's Guild of the NOTS Community Church will meet during the coming week as follows: Naomi Circle will meet on Monday, November 18, at 8 p.m. in the home of Hazel Temple, 308-B Thompson. Ann Harney will assist as co-hostess.

AAUW Book Review

The Book Review Group of the China Lake Branch of the American Association of University Women will meet at 1:30 p.m. on Monday, November 18, in the home of Mrs. Thomas Milburn, 702-A Essex Circle.

Sojourners Meet

The monthly dinner and business meeting of the Desert Chapter No. 259 of the National Sojourners will be held next Monday, November 18, at 6:30 p.m. in the Commissioned Officers' Mess.

Folk Dancing Class

The Desert Dancers are conducting a beginners' class in folk dancing at the China Lake Community Center. The one-hour teaching sessions, which are held weekly, from 7 to 8 p.m. on Thursdays, started November 7. There will be twelve meetings of the class.

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SHOWBOAT

Matinee Sat. and Sun - 1 p.m. Evening 6 and 8 p.m. daily. TODAY: "THE CATERED AFFAIR" (94 Min.) Debbie Reynolds, Ernest Borgnine, Bette Davis. SHORTS: "The Bone Ranger" (7 Min.), "Midway Medley" (9 Min.). SAT. NOV. 16: "ROCKABILLY BABY" (82 Min.) Virginia Field, Douglas Kennedy, Les Brown. SHORTS: "Hare Splitter" (7 Min.), "Record Hop" (15 Min.). MATINEE NOV. 17-18: "OPERATION MAD BALL" (106 Min.) Jack Lemmon, Kathryn Grant, Ernie Kovacs. SHORTS: "Goldilocks and 3 Bears" (7 Min.). TUES.-WED. NOV. 19-20: "ALL MINE TO GIVE" (102 Min.) Cameron Mitchell, Glynis Johns. SHORTS: "Hollywood Glamour on Ice" (10 Min.). THURS.-FRI. NOV. 21-22: No listing available at press time.

NOTS ON THE AIR KRKS (1240)

NOTS NEWS 12 noon and 8 p.m. Monday through Friday. MUSICAL MEMORIES Tuesday, 8 p.m. NOTS INTERVIEW Tuesday, 8:30 p.m. United Fund report. OBJECTIVE Thursday, 8:45 p.m. Sponsored by the American Chemical Society.

KRCK (1360)

NOTS NEWS 12:10 daily. NOTS INTERVIEW Sunday, 12:30 p.m. Capt. C. K. Phillips, Director of Supply, Supply Dept.



Hello... Nothing much happened this week... Three fellows were discharged: M. H. Hawkins, 3rd, Ad3; B. J. Vargas, Aa, and E. C. Stine, Ad2.

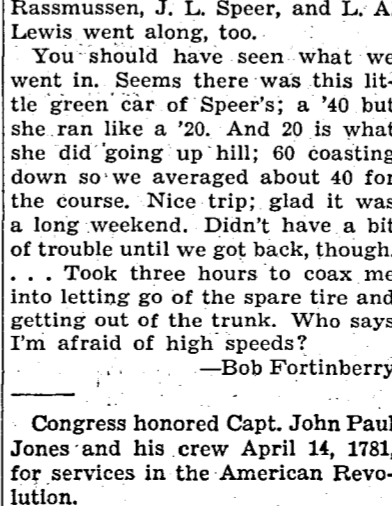
New Employees And Promotions

UOD—Robert D. Boyls, civil engineer, GS-12, and Thomas B. Paine, physicist, GS-5. Promotions: UOD—Artie A. Daniels to engineering aid (electronics), GS-7; Robert T. Simeral to torpedo design engineer, GS-11; Dorothy E. Argue to mathematician, GS-7; and Lorne F. Hopwood to electronic mechanic, step 1.

Hobby Show Begins

The third annual hobby show and craft display will begin on Monday and will be open during lunch hours throughout the week. Employees are invited to view the hobbies and crafts on display in the Building 7 conference room. Some items will be for sale.

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News from Pasadena



SecDef Visitors Here To Discuss Torpedo Programs - Visiting NOTS Pasadena last Thursday to discuss torpedo research and development programs were personnel from the Office of the Secretary of Defense.

Security Officer Leaves Annex



CHELCTECH G. E. Wilkes

Last Wednesday was the last day of duty at NOTS Pasadena for CHELCTECH G. E. Wilkes. He had been stationed here almost four years, with dual duties as Security Officer and Head of Command Administration Division since March 1956.

His new duty station is with Staff, ComElevon, duty at the U. S. Naval Intelligence Office, Los Angeles.

Before coming to NOTS in February 1954, he was stationed with BuOrd, Washington.

Wilkes has served in the U. S. Navy since 1935.

He holds the following decorations, campaign and service medals: Three commendations with V and star, Navy Unit citation, Submarine Combat pin with seven stars, American Theater, Asiatic Pacific Theater, American Defense Theater, World War II Victory medal, and Korean service ribbon.

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Benny Sugg Awards Earned By Pasadenans

Annex employees recently received beneficial suggestion award checks, as follows: Elwood Waltz of P7092 received a \$30 award for suggesting a "Wheel for VAL Cable," based on a monetary savings of \$574 annually. A \$25 award, based on annual savings of \$462, went to Ralph Ferguson of P7092 for his suggestion for boxes for greasing captive cables.

Clarence Hauske of P8084, Morris Dam, received a \$25 award for suggesting a method of protecting test vehicles from internal water damage.

Francis Donnelly of P7093 received three \$10 awards, one for suggesting an improved method of stamping numbers on trucks and two others based on safety factors. Two \$10 awards went to Robert Swanstrom, P7093, for suggestions based on safety improvements—one suggestion was for extra lights on trucks at San Clemente Island resulting in better vision for night work, and the other was for installing ladders on work barges.

Also receiving two \$10 awards was Michael Drabik of P7092. One of his suggestions eliminated an electrical hazard and the other for installing lights in a telephone booth resulted in better service as well as being a safety improvement.

Four \$10 awards went to the following employees: Lamorn McDowell, P7092, for suggesting the correction of an unsanitary condition; Mauricio Marchesini, P801, for suggesting correction of a safety hazard; Marie Bingham, P8093, for suggesting use of hard rubber mats under typewriters to prevent their slipping, and Mary Madden, P8074, for suggesting correction of a safety hazard.

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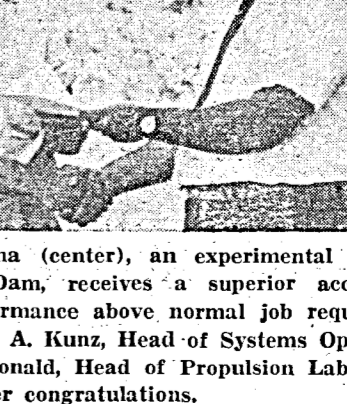
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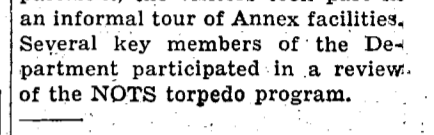
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Christmas Choir Begins Rehearsal

The NOTS Christmas Choir, under the direction of Merton Welch, will hold rehearsals each week on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 12 noon in the Building 7 conference room, according to J. H. Jennison, chairman of the choir committee.

More singers are needed in the choir and interested persons are urged to attend the next rehearsal.

Pasadena Profile



Harry McLaren

One of the best known and most popular men at NOTS Pasadena is Harry McLaren, leadingman in charge of the labor shop, Public Works.

McLaren has been at the Foot-hill location for over 13 years—first with CalTech, then General Tire and Rubber Company, and since 1945 with NOTS.

Throughout his service at NOTS, he and the men under his supervision have received commendations from practically every organization at the Annex, and many individual expressions of appreciation.

"He is always cooperative, even in face of many demanding jobs thrust upon him."

"He has an even temper, splendid disposition, and grand personality."

His supervisor, Ken Sherman, states, "His work is varied but he carries out unusual requests very smoothly. He is a superior supervisor, has the ability to teach as well as show the men the proper way to work. He is safety conscious and has contributed much to the safety program."

A native-born Californian, born at San Jacinto in 1888, he attended business college in Riverside and in later years attended night classes at Pasadena City College. He has lived in Pasadena for the past twenty-six years.

He and his wife, Christine, have been married thirty years. They have one daughter, who is married and is a teacher.

Active in Annex affairs, Mr. McLaren has participated in many employee events.

He is a member of the San Pasqual Masonic Lodge, Scottish Rite, and Al Malaikah Shrine.