



**SAFETY PAYS**—William K. Barnes, ABL, the 2000th customer at the Safety Shoe Store, received a free pair from Mozart Boshard (r), safety inspector, and was also presented two pair of socks by Cdr. R. N. Vohorn, Safety Officer. Barnes is well aware of the invaluable protection realized from the use of safety shoes, having participated in an evaluation of this item for flight deck personnel aboard the USS Franklin D. Roosevelt. Barnes, who reported to NOTS in June 1959, is in charge of the plane fueling crew at the NAF Fuel Farm.

## \$47,400 Award Melon

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man Van Buskirk.

### Aviation Ordnance

William Arriola, Carl Burkey, Robert McClary, Roy Cole, Henry DeMoss, Douglas Deyoe, Evelyn Duff, James Flint, Robert Fowler, Robert Freedman, Robin Fuller, Earl Hart, Everett Hill, Bernard Jones, Russell Huse, Warren Loper, Daniel Lydon, Benjamin Mahoney, Hugh Martin III, and Geraldine Miller.

Also, Nora Mitchell, Thomas Moore, Wilburn Nichols, James Oestreich, Frances Parks, Ephraim Regelson, Henry Schadee, Joseph Schmidt, Samuel Sevier, Robert Thompson, Williams Webster, Joseph Wojcik, Donald Wheeler, and Samuel Wyatt.

### Weapons Development

James Blair, Robert Burkhalter, Lawrence Christian, Larry Elders, Mabel Erwin, Andrew Hinz, Charles McCall, and Evelyn Miller.

### Propulsion Development

Franklin Barney, James Barrett, Chester Colclasure, George Collins, Donald Davis, Albert Dewell, Dorothy Ferguson, Francis Fulton, and Dana Hams, Charles Hire, Ralph Hough, Cecil Hunter Jr., Theron Kellums, George Mantere, Lawrence Maschoff, Edgar McDuff, John Morosin, Lewis Radcliff, Rosemary Reeves, Terrance Roan, Ezra Scott, Forest Seaman, R. F. Taylor, Monroe Trimble, Alonzo Williams, and Howard Wisler.

### Research

Fred Benson, Ward Fagnant, Lawrence Hahn, Jane Jackson, Joseph Johnson, Alfred Lewis, Edna Murbach, Edward Price, John Roberts, Margaret Scherer, William Steele, and Marguerite Williams.

### Engineering

Madilyn Adams, Betty Armstrong, Lloyd Banaszak, Allen Barrett, Lloyd Berghagen, James Bowen, George Broaker, Russell Coslett, Er-



**DISBURSING OFFICER**—Lt. (jg) Richard A. Shepherd, USNR, relieves Lt. (jg) James B. McCann, Disbursing Officer, on September 1. He reports from the USS Navarro, APA 215, where he served as Disbursing Officer. He is a graduate of Drake University, Des Moines, Ia., class of '58, with a BS degree in administration. He and his wife, Judy, and their one-year-old daughter, Michelle, are living in temporary quarters at 63-A Rodman.

## Oriskany Has More Trouble With Its Name

San Francisco (AFPS) — There's nothing monotonous about a mail clerk's job on the carrier Oriskany. For diversion he can always turn to the strange variants of the ship's name on the incoming mail.

This includes the ship's official mail. Correspondence addressed to the carrier has included such nifties as the following:

USS Oriskani; USS Oriskaney; USS Oriskiny; USS Oris Kany; USS Orishany; USS Oreskany; USS Oriskeny VI; USS Ariskany; USS Oridkany (WA-34); USS Ouskany; USS Oriskany; USS Oriskany (CDA-34); USS Oriskany; USS Oriskany; USS Oriskany; and USS Oris Baney.

"In other words," says the ship's paper, "the name of our good ship is obscure. Few of us, if any, had any inkling of what it meant or where it came from before we reported aboard."

It adds that the usual reaction among outsiders is "Oris—who?" "Oriskany" derives from Mohawk Indian dialect. "Oris" means "a place of nettles." "Kany" means "on water." In 1777 the Revolutionary General Nicholas Herkimer defeated the British Barry St. Leger in the Battle of Oriskany, N.Y., forcing him to retreat into Canada. The Oriskany's name commemorates that victory.

Appropriately, the Oriskany's ship's paper is "The Herkimer Herald."



**NAF RE-ENLISTMENT** — First Class Aviation Electrician's Mate John E. Anderson re-enlisted for a six year tour on August 5. A native of Wildwood, Cape May, New Jersey, Anderson came to NOTS on October 8, 1959 from the Fleet Tactical Support Sqdn. 21 at Barbers Point, Hawaii.

Stewart Paul, \$200; Albert Sievert Jr., \$200; Richard Jeffrey, \$50; Glenn Johnson, \$50; and Joseph Schaffer, \$50.

**Central Staff**  
Raymond Dickinson, \$200; and Evelyn Glatt, \$200.

**Officer in Charge (Pasadena)**  
\$40.00 group award—Annella La-Craft, Helen Myrick, Hildegarde Walbert, Madeline Nelson, Evelyn Coit, Elizabeth Toth, and Ethel Nichols.

**Supply**  
\$350 group award—Royal Bush, Wilbur Clement, Fred Jensen, Harry Hawkins, George Taylor, Walter Christenson, Jewel Halsey, Jewel Gerard, Irene Fethoroff, and Verna Tucker. \$225 group award—Howell Davidson, Basil Flanagan, and Dominic Reale. \$200 group award—Fred Trussler, Harry Falk, Everett Yeland, and Walter Sulek.

**Individual awards**—Kermit Torkelson, \$150; Jerry Nimmo, \$150; William Lyons, \$150; Dallas Knight, \$100; and Marion Hartnett, \$75.

**For Patents**  
Sharing Patent Superior Achievement Awards were the following: Test—\$50 group—Charles Hendrix, Donald Stevenson and Paul Driver. Individual—James Mitchell, \$50.

**Aviation Ordnance** — Individual awards—Mel Creusere, \$50; David Kernode, \$100; and William Woodworth, \$50.

**Propulsion Development** — \$50 group—M. R. Smith and M. D. Howell; Individual—M. H. Kaufman, \$50.

**Research** — Individual — Fifth Pierce, \$50.

**Personnel and Community Relations**

## Crew's News

By E. C. Sipkin, PN1

August marks a grilling period for those aspiring to advance. Some have stuck to training course books while others are digging up obsolete manuals to refresh their memories and compare the old procedure against the new system. Whatever the technique, it will require heavy concentration to beat the three-hour limit... that's the time allowed for the examinations. Morris Dam divers are forfeiting a day's diving to appear for the exams; here's wishing all of you the best of luck!

Two advancements were authorized, effective July 16, for John Legg, ET1 and Reed Dickson, RM1 as a result of the proficiency exams held last May. CONGRATULATIONS!

Roberto Calderon YN2 says "it's nice to be back" upon completion of the Naval Justice course at Newport. EMC Boysenbark is also back from a week's course of Traffic Investigation at San Diego. Both men should be able to give the Enlisted Personnel CO an "expert's decision" within the respective areas of their training.

"Doc" Gerald Daugherty, HM2, was sworn in for another six years by Lt. (jg) Vancill and receives most hearty and traditional congratulations.

Charles Mirador, AK2, reported on board with his family after a two year tour at the NavAirSta, Cubi Point. Welcome aboard—may your tour here be a pleasant one.

Over the counter gossip... overheard CMAA Arnold will check proper performance of assigned duties and if not satisfactory, will "straighten it up"... that our roving photographer better put film in his camera if he expects to take pictures.

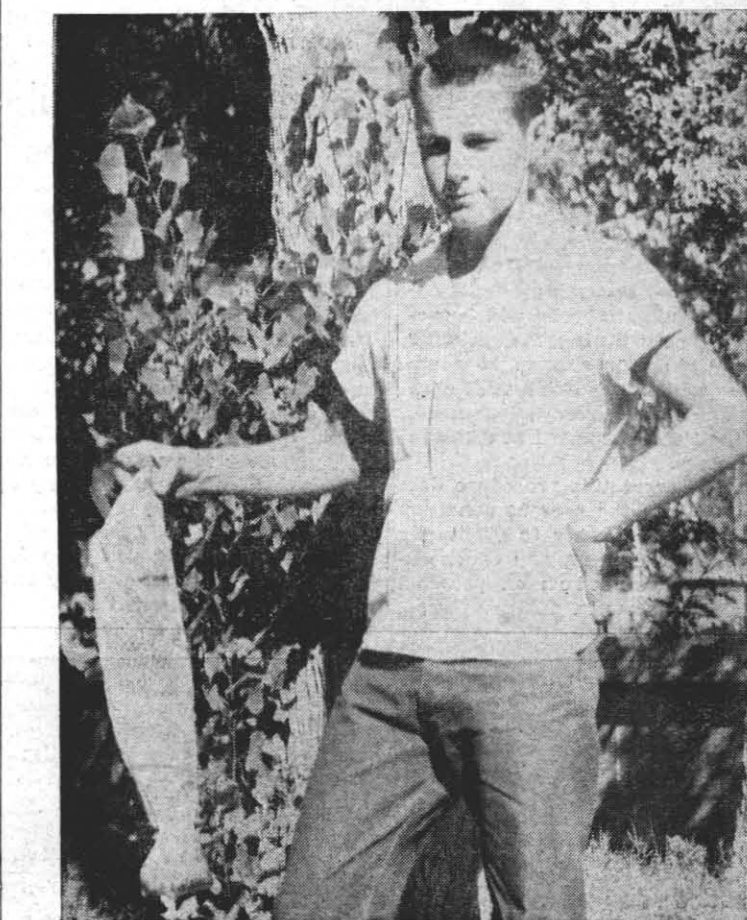
### Belicka Retires

John Belicka, Jr., SMCA, concluded his colorful career of almost 20 years in active naval service. He received the certificate of transfer on August 1 and was released to the Fleet Reserve, Class F-6.

Chief Belicka enlisted in January 1941, spent his first sea duty with the convoy fleet in the Atlantic, and on December 7, '41, he was on board the USS Hughes (DD-410) bound for the Pacific. He participated in every major engagement in World War II, serving on destroyers, cruisers, battleships, attack cargo ships, and oilers.

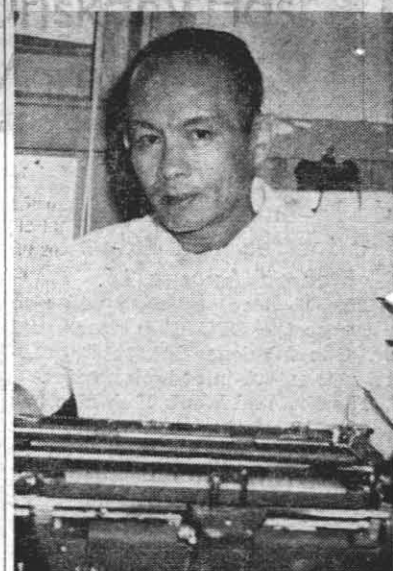
Asked about his future plans, he only says that he will make his home in Detroit, Mich.

Belicka reported to this command



**CATCH OF THE SEASON**—Nicky Hopper, Burroughs sophomore, distinguished himself in angler circles by catching the largest trout (6 pounds, 4 ounces) during Crowley Lake's entire season. This feat earned for him the perpetual Robert L. Burns Memorial Trophy provided by the So. Calif. Rod and Reel Club. Official presentation will take place at a special ceremony in the Los Angeles City Council's chambers on August 25. A fishing enthusiast since he was 12, Nicky is the third winner of the trophy. Another NOTS resident, Eugene Curry, was last year's recipient.

## New Columnist



**SHOWS INITIATIVE**—B. C. Sipkin, PN1, of the NOTS Enlisted Personnel Division, is of the opinion that the Station's enlisted men need a column... the Rocketeer Editor agrees... Sipkin has taken the bull by... err... the type-writer by the horns... and hopes other units will follow suit in submitting items about their crews to the Rocketeer for the "Crew's News."

In June 1959 and stood JOOD watches prior to his assignment at NOTS Boat Detail, Long Beach, as Operations Chief.

On August 10, J. Lallatin, ET3, departs for the Naval Academy Prep School in Maryland... K. Evan, ETN3, P. Gould, ETN3, and J. Bartlett, ETN3, have been recommended to take the NESEP exam this Fall.

**Eighth Div., Long Beach reports:** Asst. Range Officer, ChBosn G. O. Palermo is scheduled to leave sometime in November. He reports to the USS Coral Sea for duty...

The wives of R. L. Shoemaker, EM1, and D. W. Brundel have presented them with sons... Some China Lake personnel reported for duty at LB this past month... Sheldon Goldberg, SA, couldn't wait to go to sea; says he had seven months in the Navy and all he has ever done is clean barracks... Kenneth Irons, MM1, is also here and doing a fine job in our engineering log room.

**NOTS Enl Pers** welcomes W. D. Chartier, ET2 (and family) and J. L. Sliva, HA.

So long until next week and I hope you fellows at NAF, VX-5, GMU-25, and the Marine Barracks will submit items to your PIO about your shipmates for the "Crew's News."

Money is not required to buy one necessity of the soul.  
—Thoreau

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**INTRODUCTION**—Cdr. R. N. Vohorn, Safety Officer, welcomes Fred Agabashian, seasoned veteran of the racing set, upon his NOTS visit last Monday to present the Champion Highway Safety Program. China Lake is one of more than 90 armed forces installations at which the program was offered this summer. This unique approach to highway safety was originally developed to augment driver education in secondary schools throughout the country. Its acceptance led to year-round scheduling with a special version prepared for military activities.

### Agabashian

## Famed Veteran Indianapolis Racer Gives Highway Driving Tips To Local Audience

Addressing his audience comprised predominately of servicemen, Fred Agabashian stressed the importance of practicing mental alertness in order to reduce the 40,000 traffic fatalities occurring each year.

In presenting the nationally-known Champion Highway Safety Program here last Monday, Agabashian pointed out a few of the careless and discourteous habits unconsciously employed by the average driver. These are a few suggestions he offered:

- Don't "over-drive"—stop for rest or sleep whenever necessary.
- Keep your distance.
- Dim your lights whenever appropriate.
- Use turn signals.
- Allow fast drivers to pass—decreasing speed to cut down his time alongside your vehicle.
- Don't lounge in the seat—have complete control of your car at all times.

**Car Inspection**  
The ex-Indianapolis race driver made the observation that motorists must be sure of their cars because highway conditions are more hazardous than they are on the race track, and passengers are an additional responsibility.

Perhaps without realizing it, motorists are operating vehicles with light defects, poor brakes, loose steering, worn windshield wipers and unsafe tires.

We must not ignore what is under the hood. In order to have a carefree mind while traveling, check radiator hose, battery cables, fan belts, spark plugs, and wiring. You might lose more than just time when you drive an unsafe car.

Properly installed safety belts are an asset to any auto. Agabashian stated that there is only one chance in 1,000 of being thrown free from a car without injury; but your chances of survival are diminished when you consider the oncoming traffic, or the possibility that your own auto could crush you.

Dangling doo-dads, cluttered rear seat decks, tuning a radio, lighting (Continued on Page 2)

**COMMANDER'S AIDE**—Lt. (jg) Walter W. Carter, USNR, reports aboard as the new Administrative Assistant to the Station Commander. On August 15, he will relieve LCDr. Louis J. Prevati, who has received his orders to report to the Commander, 8th Naval District, New Orleans, as Officer in Charge of a Mobile Training Unit.

Lt. Carter reports from the Explosive Ordnance Disposal School, Indian Head, Md., where he served as Senior Guided Missile Instructor. He is a graduate of Pennsylvania State University with a BS degree in education, class of January '57.

He and his wife, Anne, and baby daughters, Sue Anne and Valerie, will live at 525-B Nimitz.

**Station Officers Brief Navy League**  
Hideaway.  
Capt. Hollister outlined for the Navy Leaguers the unclassified portions of research, engineering, and missile programs being conducted by the Station.

Also included in the Captain's talk were sidelights on how the NOTS civilian-military team contributed to the successful ASROC and Polaris programs.

LCdr. Prevati gave an hour-long presentation on the Navy's underwater research program, using colored slides to illustrate his lecture.

"Conquest of the ocean's depth may well be the key to our future welfare, and possibly even the continued existence of mankind," he told the group. "To date, we have less information about this vital area than we have of the surface of the moon."

Monday night was LCdr. Prevati's last appearance before the Navy League group as he ends his tour of duty here on August 15 and will report to the 8th Naval District as Officer in Charge of a Mobile Training Unit.

## Pilfering Increases At Navy Exchange

Pilfering from the Navy Exchange has cost \$20,500 during the last year, according to the General Manager, Ed Fox. The sum of \$17,500 of this total would have been distributed to Special Services for Station recreation, and \$3,000 to BuPers central funds.

In numerous cases, children have been apprehended taking candy, padlocks, knives, etc. Larger scale thefts have been more cleverly maneuvered and have, thus far, escaped detection.

Parents are urged to caution their children and not permit them in the Exchange except on valid business.

Patrons of the Navy Exchange who witness thefts by adults or children are requested to report the situation to the nearest sales person or floor supervisor.

All efforts by residents to help curtail pilfering will be appreciated. In addition to possible legal action for the crime of theft, any person apprehended in such an act will lose all privileges of the Exchange, Commissary, and Station Theatre.



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**Station Gets Nod on Capehart Housing**  
Capehart housing, a subject of keen interest to most employees at NOTS, is in the limelight again with the announcement that the China Lake Capehart project for 500 housing units has been approved by Chief of Naval Operations, according to Cdr. J. W. Gorman, Assistant Public Works Officer.

The next step, the advertising for bids, was initiated yesterday, August 11. The opening date for bids to be submitted has been established for September 20. It is estimated that construction should start from 60 to 90 days later.

If the construction is set to start too close to the holidays, it may be delayed to the first part of January, 1961.

## NOTS Employees Split \$47,400 Award Melon

Two hundred and twenty-eight NOTS employees received Sustained Superior Performance Awards amounting to \$40,800, thirty-seven individuals and six groups garnered another \$6,600 in Superior Achievement Awards to bring the total to \$47,400, according to the last quarterly report issued by the Employee Management Relations Division.

Engineering Department took first place with 48 employees whose work warranted Sustained Superior Performance Awards. In second place is Aviation Ordnance with 34 employees, while Propulsion Development Department placed third with 26 employees receiving awards. Sustained Superior Performance awardees are listed by their respective departments as follows:

### Office of the Commander

Nona Turner, Rosemary Goodale, William Hampton, and Haskell Wilson.

### Central Staff

Joan Bondi and Marjorie Meraz. Naval Air Facility  
James Hefflin, Avis Mueller, and Edith Haley.

### Supply

Jesse Bell, Joanna Gniewek, Ann Jackson, Violet Martin, Stephen

Nencka, Albert Nowlan, Rosalie Peterson, Billie Robinson, Doris Smith, Barbara Thurman, Dorothy Wilcox, Ellen Thurman, Raymond Young.

### Supply (Pasadena)

Robert Arnquist, James Carroll, James Fletcher, Shirley Greenly, Leslie Hildreth, Lurline Kemp, Richard Lovelace, Jeanette Nelson, and Clinton Weaver.

### Test

Charles Adams, Francis Butterfield Jr., Quentin Dalton, Richard Evert, Howard Hirschy, William Hitt, Duane Huff, Robert Hunting, John Kleine, Carl Koerner, Joseph Kovar, Lawrence Lytton, Helen Mammula, Lowman Moors, Frank Pitman, Virginia Proehl, Anthony Rice, Kuno Roehrer, Henry Roglin, Elwood Smith, Robert Thomason, and Ly-

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## Registration and Classes Set for Adult High School and College Fall Semester

The fall semester for Burroughs Evening High School and Bakersfield College evening classes will begin Tuesday, September 6. Preliminary registration will be held in the Burroughs High School library on August 22, 23, 24, and 25 from 7 to 9 p.m.

Twenty-eight college and twenty-three high school subjects are scheduled provided there is a sufficient demand for them. Since classes are established on the basis of registration, it is important that interested persons register.

District regulations require a minimum enrollment of twenty for the establishment of a class and an average attendance of fifteen for its continuation. Registration cannot be taken by phone.

### College English

Students wishing to enroll in English 1A, Freshman Reading and Writing, offered by Bakersfield College must qualify by taking an English Classification exam. Those who have earned transferable credits at another college will not be required to take the test but must have a transcript of credit as evidence.

Students writing the test will be classified as Xa, Xb, or 1a. Promotion from one level of composition to the next higher is dependent

### Russian

A beginning class in Russian will be offered by Bakersfield College primarily for those who were unable to enroll last semester. Vera Weightman will instruct the class on Monday evenings.

### High School Adult Classes

Algebra (1st sem.) Monday 7-10; Algebra (2nd sem.) Monday 7-10; Arithmetic and Language Review, Thursday 7-10; Art, Monday 7-10; Astronomical Instrument Design, Tuesday 7-10; Blueprint Reading and Drafting, Monday 6-10; Electrical Sketching and Blueprints (1st sem.) Tuesday 6:30-9:30; (2nd sem.) Tuesday 6:30-9:30; (2nd sem.)

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### EARLY BIRD

Marking the visit

by Bill Smith (l).

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