

H. P. Jenkins Serves On NATO Advisory Group

A week-long meeting of the Advisory Group on Aeronautical Research and Development (AGARD), was recently held at NATO Headquarters on the outskirts of Paris, France. This advisory group was established in 1952 to make the resources of science in the Atlantic countries available to the NATO command.



Powell Jenkins

H. Powell Jenkins, Head of the Propulsion Research Branch in the Propulsion Development Department, was in attendance, joined by delegates from other NATO member nations and observers from Turkey and Nationalist China.

Each member nation appointed from one to three national delegates, and a permanent secretariat was established in Paris. Powell was impressed with the ease with which interpreters translated queries and replies, thus eliminating any communication difficulties.

Work Continuity

Meetings are held twice a year in the capitol of one of the member nations. AGARD conducts a large amount of technical work by means of specialized committees and also sponsors the publication of significant works in the aeronautical sciences.

The purpose of this meeting was to exchange information and views on propulsion research and development.

Proposals Defeated In GEBA Election

Results of this month's elections on proposed changes to bylaws of the Government Employees Benefit Association were announced this week by the committee in charge of the elections. The bylaws will stand as they are.

Total votes cast were 795 out of the 1225 membership. The bylaws call for 60 percent of the membership vote to amend bylaws and two-thirds of the referendum to carry an amendment. The final tally was reviewed by Legal Officer Cdr. K. F. Williams to ensure compliance with the organization's bylaws. The total votes cast on each proposal fell short of the required two-thirds necessary to carry the amendments.

Votes cast on the three proposed amendments are listed as follows:

Proposition No. 1: Shall there be an auxiliary formed separate from the parent organization of GEBA? Yes 208

Proposition No. 2: Shall the bylaws be amended to permit a spouse of a member to join the association? Yes 299

Proposition No. 3: Shall the bylaws be amended to permit the spouse and children and adopted children under 19 living at home to become members of GEBA? Yes 109

Votes cast against all proposals: No 146

A balance of 33 ballots were voided because of improper markings or lack of signature.

Members of the ballot counting committee were: Ivan Stuart, chairman; Frank M. Brady; John Seagune; Gladys Dunlap; Ann Seitz; Anthony Guzzi; and Jerry Conner.



UNUSUAL FIND—Lloyd Brubaker (l) and Jim Bray examine a Big-horn Sheep skull and its remarkable set of horns found in the Death Valley Nat'l Monument. Bray made the find on the east side of Dry Mountain near Ubehebe Crater. Its excellent condition is extraordinary, as weather and calcium-hungry rodents generally destroy such remains. The China Lake Junior Museum has offered to properly label and display such rarities. This item, however, will be sent to the Visitor Center at Death Valley as it is public property, having been found within the confines of the Monument area.

VX-5 Develops Multiple Bomb Rack To Increase Jet Aircraft Firepower

Increased effectiveness in various carrying capabilities for bombs and rockets by all jet aircraft will be possible with the recent development of the Universal Bomb Rack by the Station's Air Development Squadron (VX-5).

When the Douglas-built Multiple Carriage Bomb Rack, which was originally conceived and designed by VX-5, went into production in 1955, it increased the firepower of the A4D Skyhawk 600 percent. Preliminary results of the A4D-2 and A4D-2N tests with the rack stimulated interest and aroused a series of inquiries concerning multiple carriage racks from units which fly or test other types of aircraft. Additional inquiries were received from other Naval activities, including Chinese Nationalist units flying B86's and several Air Force units.

MCBR Limitations

However, due to ground clearance and weight limitations on the pylons, many types of aircraft cannot carry the loaded six-station MCBR. This brought about a need for another method or a new rack which could increase the number of weapons a plane could carry on each station.

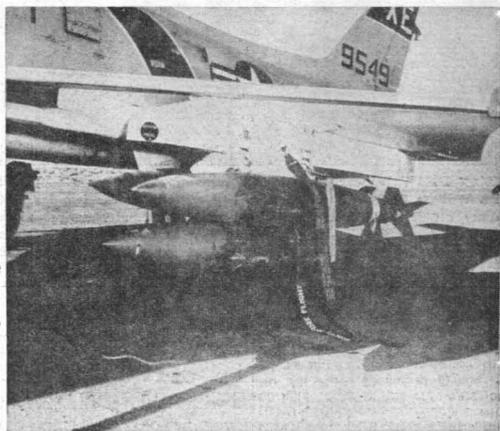
One answer to this was "banded bombs." A steel band held two or three bombs in a cluster and was fitted at both ends with lugs which fit the suspension locks on the airplane.

Later Improvements

The Air Force Test Center at Eglin AFB, Alabama, did extensive work on this method for the Air Force. They adapted this arrangement to an Air Force F-100 and flew it during the last weapons meet. Problems were encountered with high frontal drag and fusing the bombs which determined the arrangement undesirable.

Features of UBR

VX-5, collaborating with personnel in the Research and De-



UNIVERSAL BOMB RACK—A closeup view of an FJ-4B Fury equipped with VX-5's Universal Bomb Rack shows how a cluster of three bombs can be mounted on a single pylon which was originally designed to carry one weapon. The revised adapter permits salvo as well as individual bomb release.

velopment Section at Nellis AFB, fabricated two prototype Universal Bomb Racks. The Universal is a three-bomb, multiple carriage rack which can be used on airplanes that are not compatible with the six-bomb MCBR.

The Universal Rack is an adapter rack for all airplanes with 14-inch suspension which allows three 250-lb. or 500-lb. bombs to be carried on each station instead of one.

The bombs can be dropped one at a time or, since a new modification, at intervals of a selected fraction of a second. With additional wiring changes, the Universal Rack can be converted to carry three 7-shot rocket pods.

With the Universal Rack, the F-100 can carry eighteen 250-lb. bombs on the wings and with a slight modification, an additional six 500-lb. bombs on the centerline pylon.

Performance Fulfills Need—Tests have proven satisfactory separation up to 500 knots and 4g on the aircraft. Other preliminary test results of new methods for conventional weapons delivery utilizing the multiple carriage racks have been published by the Chief of Naval Operations.

Although the VX-5 Universal Rack is still in the evaluation stage and satisfies a need within the Navy and the Air Force, it has not yet been released to a manufacturer.

This latest development of the VX-5 unit will benefit all our armed forces and strengthen our national defense through more effective air power.

SEDAR SERVICES

A community Sedar, given by the NOTS Hebrew Temple in celebration of the Passover Holiday, will be held today in the east wing of the All-Faith Chapel at 6 p.m.

The holiday commemorates the liberation of the Jews from bondage and their exodus from Egypt. The Sedar will be conducted by student Rabbi, Harold Daum.

Babe Ruth League Discuss Schedules; Sponsor Support

A general meeting of the China Lake Babe Ruth League will be held next Wednesday at the Community Center, Room A, at 7:30 p.m. Items of business include announcement of sponsors, firming up of plans for the kick-off meeting, and the opening day ceremonies.

League play will run from June 12 through July 21 and boys ranging from ages 13 to 15 are eligible to participate. Player applications will be available beginning April 10 at their school and must be completed and returned not later than May 8 in order to be accepted for the tryouts.

Cdr. Lippincott, league president, emphasized that an application must be submitted by every boy that wants to be considered, regardless of whether or not he played last year.

All persons interested in the baseball program in this area are encouraged to attend the April 5 meeting.

Parents Cautioned



DANGER LURKS HERE FOR SMALL FRY—If you were this earth-moving equipment operator, could you see a small child who had crawled unnoticed in front or back of this bulky scraper? It can happen here but it need not if parents who reside near the Capehart construction site will take precautions against allowing the children from straying.

Little League Tryouts

Start at 9 a.m.

Saturday

Diamond No. 1

ROCKETEER

TEMPERATURES

Max. Min.

March 24, 63 42

March 25, 57 45

March 26, 67 32

March 27, 68 55

March 28, 58 45

March 29, 72 51

March 30, 74 45

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Captain Davidson Reports Aboard to Relieve DuMont

Captain Roscoe A. Davidson, CEC, USN, reported aboard this week to relieve Captain T. J. DuMont, Resident Officer in Charge of Construction and Public Works Officer at NOTS since Oct. 18, 1958.

Capt. DuMont leaves today for his next duty starting April 10 as Deputy District Public Works Officer in the District Public Works Office of the 8th Naval District, New Orleans, La.

Capt. Davidson reports from ComNavFor, Yokosuka, Japan, where he served as Force Civil Engineer and Officer in Charge of Construction, Bureau of Yards and Docks, Contracts, Far East.



Public Works Officer

His new duty brings him back to familiar grounds having served a former tour of duty as Assistant District Public Works Officer, 11th Naval District.

A graduate from the University of Michigan where he earned his bachelor of science degree in civil engineering, Capt. Davidson entered the Navy through the reserve program as Lt. (jg) in December, 1935.

He has since served as Officer in Charge of Construction of Concrete Floating Dry Docks; Executive Officer of the 46th Naval Construction Regiment in the Okla-

Medical Officers Warns Of Measles Epidemic

The Station Medical Officer reports that there is a general epidemic of mumps and 7-day Rubella measles on the Station and in the surrounding area.

Both diseases start with non-specific symptoms of general ill feeling and fever.

Children up to 18 months of age and children who are chronically ill at the time of exposure to the measles should be protected with gamma globulin shots. This applies only when the exposure is within the family.

Rubeola measles do not adversely affect pregnant women nor their unborn children.

For exposure to mumps there are no specific proven measures that can be taken to prevent this disease.

Capehart Housing Area Dangerous For Small Children

Parents of small children living adjacent to the Capehart construction areas should keep their youngsters under constant surveillance warns the Resident Officer in Charge of Construction.

This is extremely important with the renewal of construction work next week on the Site "A" area on Kearsarge Ave., between Blueridge Road and the Richmond School, he states.

Because of the operation of heavy earth moving equipment, graders, ditch diggers, and trucks it will be hazardous for children who venture into the area. An additional hazard is that operators of the earth movers must look back while loading or unloading their machines, therefore, they would not notice a child who would venture in front of their equipment.

All Capehart construction areas have been designated as restricted areas by the Resident Officer in Charge of Construction. Only authorized personnel with the Capehart project are permitted access.

Near-Tragedy Averted—Only the alertness of a Capehart contractor employee prevented a small girl from being run over last week. The driver of a pickup had stopped his vehicle and had gotten out to remove a construction barricade. Unknown to him while he was removing the barricade, a small girl had climbed out of an excavation, seated herself in front of the pickup with her back resting against the bumper, and was complacently emptying the sand out of her shoes.

If a fellow employee hadn't shouted a warning to the driver as he was about to drive off a tragedy might have occurred.

Parents whose children attend Richmond School should advise them to use Nimitz Ave. and Wasp Road in going to and from school.



MERITORIOUS AWARDS—Three Public Works men from the San Clemente Island Range Division receive the Navy Meritorious Civilian Service Award for heroism following an explosion at SCI last December. Pictured at ceremony (l-r) are: Capt. T. J. DuMont, Public Works Officer; recipients Luke Osborn, Howard Lynch, and Charles Bradley; and Capt. W. W. Hollister who made the presentation.

Five NOTS Employees Receive Rare Awards

Five NOTS men were presented special awards by Captain W. W. Hollister last Friday. Three received the Navy Meritorious Civilian Service Award, one received the Secretary of the Navy's 40-year government service award and emblem, and another received a 30-year government service pin.

The Meritorious Civilian Service Award was given to three Public Works Department employees from the San Clemente Island Range Division: Howard Lynch, leading man; Charles V. Bradley, rigger; and Luke R. Osborn, heavy duty equipment mechanic.

Their heroic act took place last December 13 when a premature ignition of a rocket motor injured four men, two fatally, at San Clemente Island, earning for them the coveted lapel emblem and certificate.

It all happened when the three men learned that someone was probably trapped in an explosion in the Magazine Assembly Building. With no further details available, the trio jumped into a truck and rushed to the scene of the accident. On arrival, they found the building filled with smoke and indeterminate rumbles from small explosions coming from within.

Without hesitation or thought for their own safety, the three men entered the magazine, dropped to their knees because of the thick concentration of smoke, and crawled around until they located a man's body which was later identified as Hubert Stanfill, the first fatal victim of the explosion.

After extricating him from the building and loading him in an ambulance which had arrived during the interim, Bradley and Osborn re-entered the burning building to ensure no one else was inside. Their action during the crisis marks them as a credit to their department, the Station, and the Navy Department.

The three other victims who reported the accident were J. E. Moss and J. Crowder who later recovered, and Robert B. Hughes, the second fatal victim who later succumbed as a result of injuries.

Service Awards—Thomas C. Dodd, machinist in the Shop Branch of Engineering Department, received the Secretary of the Navy's 40-year Service Award certificate and emblem.

Captain Hollister's letter of citation states: "A review of your records reveals that in your thirty years of service with the U.S. Navy, you rose to Chief Machinist Mate. Upon your discharge from the Navy

Kern Officials Give JC Program Nod

Recommendations of the local Junior College study committee to expand the present Junior College program here at China Lake were approved at last Monday night's meeting of the Kern County High School and Junior College District Board of Trustees in Bakersfield, according to Al Gould, president of the Board.

Beginning in September, 1961, additional courses including laboratory courses in physics and chemistry leading to Associate in Arts degrees in science and engineering will be offered at Burroughs High School plant during late afternoon and evening hours.

In order to provide an enlarged program of instruction fully comparable to the one offered at Bakersfield College, the Board also authorized the employment of four full-time instructors.

In response to the request received by the JC study committee from the questionnaires distributed earlier this month, approximately 100 letters supporting the committee's effort to expand the JC program locally were received by Al Gould.

Internal Revenue Agent Available Here April 5

A representative from the Office of the Director of Internal Revenue will be available for consultation in Room A of the Community Center from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Wednesday, April 5. He will not be available during the lunch hour from 12:30 to 1:30.



40-YEAR MAN—Capt. W. W. Hollister presents a SecNav Award to Thomas C. Dodd of the Shop Branch, Engineering Department.



30-YEAR MAN—Capt. W. W. Hollister presents a lapel pin to Ralph Hemenway of the Production Control Branch, Engineering Department.

Editorial

Easter Means Spring And a Brighter Spirit

EASTER is many things, and all of them are good and welcome. It is the moving story of the Resurrection—in Heywood Brown's words "the story of the fundamental fight between life and death, between hope and despair."

Easter is also the happy time of bunnies and brightly dyed eggs and fashion parades down the nation's avenues when people blossom forth in their new spring finery. Above all, Easter is spring. The season may have officially begun March 21, but it takes Easter to really usher it in.

In winter those of us who live and work in cold climates do a lot of wistful talking about how agreeable it would be to spend the year-round on a tropical island. It might perhaps, but on the island we'd be missing the seasonal rebirth that is one of nature's great miracles—the greening grass, the budding trees, the spring flowers, the return of the birds, the warming sun in skies of fresh, clear blue.

Few of us can be witness to this transformation without feeling an infusion of new vitality, a lifting of spirit that influences everything we do. Tasks that seemed onerous when the snow was coming down and the winds were howling suddenly become less drab and burdensome. Yesterday's chore is today's challenge. You have to be a source indeed to resist the chemistry of spring's optimism.

The services can benefit from this new drive of energy the season gives us. We can apply it to our jobs, make it productive of a superior performance that will do us credit. It isn't likely to go unnoticed by the people above us. They too feel the springtime tonic. (AFPS)

Promotional Opportunities

Present Station employees are encouraged to apply for the positions listed below. Applications should be accompanied by an up-to-date Form 58. The fact that positions are advertised here does not preclude the use of other means to fill these vacancies.

Stockman, \$2.48 to \$2.69 p/h, Code 2563. Full responsibility for accomplishing physical receipt of incoming material, storage, issue and other warehouse activities. Must have one year progressively responsible experience in two or more such warehouse duties.

Clerk-Typist (Two Vacancies), GS-3, PD No. 14610-2 or 14610-1, Code 2520. Two vacancies exist for clerk-typists in the Administrative Division of Supply Department. Perform typing and clerical work, may be required to assist other divisions occasionally.

File applications with Nancy Beardon, Pasadena Personnel Div., Ext. 104. Deadline for applications April 7.

Mechanical Engineer, GS-12, PD No. 050043, Code 5552. Applied engineering structural design and stress analysis on problems relating to development of weapons, shipping and storage containers and their associated equipment under the general direction of Branch Head.

Supv. General Engineer or Supv. Mechanical Engineer or Supv. Chemical Engineer, GS-13, PD No. 31310, Code 4533. This position is that of Head, Test Management & Program Planning Branch. The functions of the branch are to formulate plans for evaluation and qualification of products, manages evaluation and qualification programs and reports on results.

Model Maker (Electronic), \$3.20 to \$3.46 p/h, Code 4526. Fabricates, installs, tests and modifies electronic models or electronic components of models intended for experimental or developmental use in connection with engineering studies, tests, experiments and evaluations.

Voucher Examiner, GS-3, PD No. 14429-4, Code 1754. Type vouchers for travel, stamps, commuted rations, contingency fund, etc., log incoming and outgoing claims by categories, and evaluations.

Plans and specifications were prepared by the Public Works Office at China Lake. Seventeen bids were received on March 8 from prominent construction firms. Low bid in the amount of \$102,341 was submitted by the Weller Painting Company of Phoenix, Arizona.

The Officer in Charge of Construction will be represented at the site by Capt. Roscoe A. Davidson, Resident Officer in Charge of Construction and Public Works Officer at China Lake.

Leadman, Ord. (A&E-Prod), \$3.48 to \$3.76 p/h, Code 4552. This vacancy is in



NEW GROUP FOUNDERS—Directors of a new organization formed to provide more education opportunities for mentally retarded children (L-R) are: Jane Bachinski, president; Don Yockey, vice-president; Louise Yockey, secretary; and Dino Shrocca, treasurer. The next organizational meeting will be held next Thursday, April 6, at 7:30 p.m. in the Emmanuel Baptist Church in Ridgecrest.



PASSES FINAL EXAM — E. J. Jones, Jr., Assoc. Head of Central Staff for Management, was awarded a Ph.D. in public administration at the Univ. of So. California. His thesis was entitled "The Administrative Man in a Research and Development Environment." Dr. Jones earned a B.A. in political science at Wagner College and his M.S. in education at the University of Wisconsin.

SHOWBOAT

FRIDAY MARCH 31 "HELL IS A CITY" (96 Min.) Stanley Baker, Joan Crawford 7 p.m. (Crime-Drama in Color) Pioneer escapes, plans to pick up hidden jewels and kill inspector who sent him to prison. Mishandling during a holdup starts the network to catch him. Lots of suspense and action here. (Young People-Adults) "Assignment Turkey" (10 Min.) SHORTS: "Whoa, Begone" (7 Min.) SATURDAY —MATTINEE— APRIL 1 1 p.m. "SON OF ROBIN HOOD" (81 Min.) SHORTS: "Park Avenue Pussycat" (7 Min.), "Son of Geronimo Chapter 1" (26 Min.) —EVENING— 6 and 8:15 p.m. "SINK THE BISMARK" (97 Min.) Kenneth More, Dana Wynter. (Sea-War) Action-filled saga of the British Navy's attempts to battle up the German fleet queen that harasses Allied convoys with fatal results. Task Commander is forced to send his son's ship against the famous raider. (Adults-Young People) SHORTS: "Two-faced Wolf" (7 Min.) SUNDAY-MONDAY APRIL 2-3 "THE MISFITS" (124 Min.) Clark Gable, Marilyn Monroe 6 and 8:30 p.m. (Drama) Adrián in Reno after her divorce, the girl takes up with an iron-willed cowboy who can live only by adventure. One of his means of livelihood is catching wild horses and selling them to dog food canners. Roslyn can't bear the cruelty. Her tenderness and his bull-headedness come to savage grips. What happens is drama full of life and meaning. (Adults) TUESDAY-WEDNESDAY APRIL 4-5 "FERRY TO HONG KONG" (104 Min.) Curt Jurgens, Orion Welles, Sylvia Syms 7 p.m. (Action-Drama in Color) Drunkard gets boned from Hong Kong and is given a one-way ticket to Macao via a dilapidated ferry boat. Mocco refuses to let him land, but he proves himself against fire, pirates, and a typhoon. (Adults-Young People) SHORTS: "Mouse on 57th Street" (7 Min.) THURSDAY-FRIDAY APRIL 6-7 "UPSTAIRS AND DOWNSTAIRS" (101 Min.) Michael Craig, Mylene Demangeot 7 p.m. (Comedy) He marries the boss' daughter and inherits the chore of entertaining the firm's clients. He hires a girl to do this while he is on his honeymoon and she enters into half the fleet. His next helper loves dogs—and the bottle. This goes on for fun galore! (Adults-Young People) SATURDAY APRIL 8 "RAW WIND IN EDEN" (94 Min.) Esther Williams, Jeff Chandler 7 p.m.

Contract Awarded For Painting Some NOTS Buildings

Rear Admiral J. R. Davis, Officer in Charge of Construction and District Public Works Officer of the Eleventh Naval District, has awarded a contract for painting various buildings at NOTS, China Lake.

Work will consist of furnishing all material and equipment, and performing all labor for preparation and painting the exteriors of Letourneau and New Normans; the exterior trim on the 210 pink block duplexes; the interior and exterior of the Day Nursery; and the interior of the Station Hospital, the Enlisted Men's Barracks No. 1, 2, and 3; and the Marine Barracks.

Plans and specifications were prepared by the Public Works Office at China Lake. Seventeen bids were received on March 8 from prominent construction firms. Low bid in the amount of \$102,341 was submitted by the Weller Painting Company of Phoenix, Arizona.

The Officer in Charge of Construction will be represented at the site by Capt. Roscoe A. Davidson, Resident Officer in Charge of Construction and Public Works Officer at China Lake.

Pebblepups to Offer Mineralogy Lecture

A mineralogy lecture will be presented by the Valley Pebblepups next Monday in the Groves School cafeteria from 5 to 6 p.m. The lecture is open to the public.

Pebblepup members presenting talks are: Don Wheeler—obsidian, Linda Brehmer—quartz, Linda Hartzell—Colemanite, Kathy Winkless—realgar, and Patty Gould—sarnet.

Harvey Eastman, Jr., of the Trona "Northpups;" a similar youngsters' group, will discuss the periodic table of elements, and the relationship of the elements that form various minerals.

All rock collectors and interested persons are invited to attend this interesting meeting.

What's Doing In Recreation

Easter Sunrise Services Take Special Precedence

By Jean Cone, Recreation Director

Outdoor Easter Sunrise Services are a tradition of long standing in Southern California. Over the years, a large number of beautiful sites on the desert, in the mountains and around the cities have been dedicated to this inspirational ceremony.

Locally, Sunrise Services will be held at Sunrise Hill, 6 1/2 miles east of Ridgecrest, just off the Trona Road. Participating in the services will be members of the Ministerial Fellowship. Chaplain Robert "Q" Jones will deliver the sermon. Services will begin at 5:30 a.m. on Easter Sunday.

Other locations of Easter Sunrise Services are: Sand Dunes at Death Valley; Red Rock Canyon; Rose Bowl in Pasadena; Hollywood Bowl; Wisteria Vine at Sierra Madre; Amphitheatre at Apple Valley; Mule Canyon in Yermo; and the site of the first Easter Sunrise Service, Mt. Rubidoux in Riverside. Services at these locations will start at approximately 5:40 a.m.

Crowley Lake Opens The 1961 "big-fish parade" at Crowley Lake, the lair of the tackle-busters located approximately 30 miles north of Bishop, will open April 29 and continue through July 31. A unit of Los Angeles' far-flung municipal water system, the huge man-made reservoir is operated as a fishing center by the City Recreation and Park Department.

Completed in 1941 and named after Father Crowley, the late beloved "Padre of the Sierras," the lake is ten miles long and five miles wide at its widest point.

Folders giving Lake rules and regulations, rental rates, and other information are available at the Community Center receptionist counter.

Cribbage Tourney Set April 10, has been set as the date of the next Cribbage tournament. Starting time will be 7 p.m. in the Community Center lounge. All Cribbage players on the Station are invited to participate.

Station Dance The April 14 adult Station dance will feature Wally Webb and his orchestra from Los Angeles. Songstress, Rosa Bonay, will sing with the band. Reservations for groups of eight or more will be taken at this time.

Those interested in membership may contact Roy J. Gerard, Ext. 712268.

Compatible with security regulations, information on field instrumentation, photographic data reduction, data processing, and project engineering will be delved into through the use of informal lectures, workshop arrangements, and information exchange with universities, manufacturers and government personnel working in allied fields.

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School Notes

Recent publication of the first Burroughs High School Parents Handbook has been distributed to students in all English and Social Studies classes. This project was correlated by committees of community laymen, teachers and students.

The attractive, green and white handbook contains such items as school calendar, class schedule graduation requirements, dress regulations and information on clubs and awards. Parents will also find data on required and elective subjects, grades, report cards, faculty and counselors.

The school administration is already in the process of planning the 1961-62 Handbook for distribution early next year.

Scholarships Fresno State College has \$15,000 available for promising high school graduates interested in furthering their careers in agriculture, art, business, education, home economics, industrial arts, music, nursing, and viticulture. They are also participants in the National Defense Student Loan Program whereby needy students may borrow up to \$1,000 per year for a maximum of \$5,000.

Two \$640 scholarships are offered for enrollment at the San Francisco College of Mortuary Science. Interested students may obtain application blanks from the California Funeral Directors Assoc. in Fresno.

The TWV Community Woman's Club have again extended their annual \$125 scholarship to senior girls. Presentation will be made on the basis of student leadership and scholastic attainment. Applicants must have at least a 'B' average.

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FAST DRAW WINNERS—NOTS Marines, Capt. William Ashley and Lt. William Reilly, who acted as safety officers for the two-day fast draw contest held last weekend in Ridgecrest, present first place trophies to Betty Marvin, winner in the Women's event, and Curtis Blakemore, winner in the men's event. Blakemore holds a recognized record of 27/100ths of a second for the fast draw.

CSC Announces New RIF Regulations Effective May 1

After extensive consultation with employee and veteran organizations and Federal agency personnel officials, the Civil Service Commission approved a revision of regulations and instructions governing reductions in force in Federal agencies.

Included in the new regulations are seven major revisions. Under these changes, agencies:

- Must deliver a specific notice to the employee at least 5 days before the effective date of reduction in force after the employee has been given a general RIF notice. General notices are issued if the agency cannot decide on individual actions in time to issue specific notices 30 days in advance. A specific notice will be sent when final action is decided.

- May not displace a full-time employee with a less-than-full time employee.
- May not separate an employee if a lower-ranking employee is furloughed.
- Are now authorized to fill a vacant position by reduction in force. An employee reached for release from the competitive level may be reassigned to a vacant job on a RIF action.

- Must rank an employee with subgroups on retention registers by crediting his service to the day instead of on present basis of full years, with additional service computed by blocks of 6 months for the purpose of breaking ties.
- Are authorized to apply their own administrative rules to employee benefits provided for employees by the Commission. Permissive practices as displacement across lines of competitive areas and displacement within subgroups in other competitive levels be based on a specific regulatory provision. When agencies do this, they must apply such enlarged benefits consistently.

- Must issue a new notice, when

determining to take more severe action, at least 30 days prior to the effective RIF date. Commission instructions on reduction in force include changes in three principal areas. Agencies are being: (1) given guidelines to determine whether demotions that result from reclassification of positions must be handled as RIF's or as cause actions, (2) instructed to advise employees adequately and promptly about the extent of their competitive areas, and (3) advised that failure to inform employees of their salary-retention rights in RIF actions may lead, in some cases, to a basis for valid appeal.

DESERT ART LEAGUE will hold a workshop meeting next Monday at 7 p.m. at their Rowe Street studio. Speaker Wm. E. Donaldson will discuss his experiments with the new plastic oil paints. Members are urged to bring painting equipment for the work period following the talk.

AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY meets April 3 in the social hall of the Trona Community Church at 8 p.m. Dr. Charles E. Waring, Research Department Head, will conduct a general discussion on "Rockets, Missiles, Satellites, and the Future." A film on the subject will be shown.

ASTIA TECHNICAL LECTURE —G. M. Tsujimoto, Head of the Los Angeles Regional Office of the Armed Forces Information Agency, will describe the Agency's operation and services at two meetings to be held April 5 in Room 6, Mich Lab, at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Tsujimoto has been associated with ASTIA since its inception at Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio. Call Ext. 7-1604 for further information.



PROSPECTIVE CO VISITS—Capt. Charles Blenman Jr., prospective Station Commander, is shown with LCDr. James F. McNeerney making a pre-flight inspection of a VX-5 plane's landing gear during his visit here last week. He also met with Station top management personnel while here. Capt. Blenman is presently Chief of Staff to the Commander of the Operational Test and Evaluation Force at Norfolk.

Navy Civilian Is Benny Sugg Champ Of DOD Services

When Elmer P. Riddick, Sr. recently received his 76th cash award for submitting a cost-cutting idea to the Navy's "Benny Suggs" incentive awards program, he became the acknowledged champion idea man among civilian employees of the services around the world.

Riddick, 59, is a photolithographer at the Norfolk Naval Shipyard. In 18 years of taking part in Navy suggestion programs he has come up with 183 ideas of which 84 have been adopted and 76 have brought him more than \$5,000 in awards.

To the Department of Defense, Riddick has become something of a symbol of its successful program to reduce operating costs by encouraging its employees to submit economy suggestions. It estimates that employee suggestion programs saved over \$82 million in labor and material costs in the fiscal year 1960 which ended last June.

Riddick gives credit to Rear Adm. Leroy V. Honsinger, present commander of the Mare Island Naval Shipyard at Vallejo, Calif., for encouraging him to come up with his first suggestion in 1942. The \$1,000 he won for it—it concerned a method of making rapid tracings—spurred him to submit others.

Right now he has three other ideas submitted which may add to his score of 76 cash-winning suggestions which, says the Navy, have saved it hundreds of thousands of dollars.

To what does Riddick attribute his remarkable record? "Just thinking, that's all," he says. He still has to win the top award of \$25,000, the highest that the services offer, and he's in there trying. — (AFPS)



WINS NAVY TROPHY—Capt. William Ashley presents the Navy trophy to Bob Hall of Whittier who won fourth place in the walk-and-draw fast gun contest. Over 60 fast gun enthusiasts participated in the event.

Easter Services

Protestant Sunrise Services—5:30 a.m. Sunday at Sunrise Hill, 6 1/2 miles east of Ridgecrest, off the Trona Road. The sermon will be given by Chaplain Robert Q. Jones.

NOTS Community Church—Services will be held at the All-Faith Chapel. The 9:45 service will be conducted by the Rev. John L. Reid, Jr., preaching "Resurrection—Results."

Chaplain Jones will deliver the 11 a.m. sermon, entitled "Wake Up and Live."

Catholic All-Faith Chapel Schedule Good Friday—Veneration of the Cross will be held at 4:45 p.m. Holy Saturday—Blessing of the Paschal Candle and Easter Water will be conducted at 11 a.m. "The Vigil of Easter" — Solemn Mass at midnight. Sunday—Masses will be held at 7 and 8:30 a.m., and 4:45 p.m.

China Lake Cub Packs Plan Scouts' Field Day

Cub Scouts from China Lake will have a "Fun and Field Day" on Saturday, April 8 at Kelly Field. Registration will take place on the site at 8:30 a.m.

Group activities will be held from 9 a.m. through 12 noon. The Marine Color Guard will parade for the Cubs beginning at 1 p.m. The boys will conclude the program with a swim at the Station Pool from 2 to 4 p.m.

Water Safety Course A Red Cross water safety instructors course, combined with an instructors aides course, will be given at the Station Pool starting April 4 at 6:30 p.m. Call Carol Chatterton, Ext. 724094.

Active Sports Calendar Drawn Up for Season

By Chuck Mangold, Athletic Director

The Special Services Division has scheduled some top-notch ball games during the summer months. Games have been planned with teams from Lakewood, Taft, and Los Angeles. The Los Angeles Dodger Rookie baseball team will play the NOTS Club on July 7-8.

Highlights include a varsity softball game May 20 (Armed Forces Day) against one of the best teams from the Bakersfield area.

The ever-popular California Cuties softball team will appear here again this summer. Summer sports and tournaments will be held as follows: Softball—May through August, Baseball—June through September, Swimming—June, Badminton and Table Tennis—August, Golf—July and August, Tennis—August, Horse-shoes—September, Bowling—May through August.

Softball League Personnel wishing to participate in a Station Intramural Softball League must submit entries to the Special Services Office (Code 855) via their military Personnel Officer or civilian Department Head, no later than April 7.

All entries will include the name of the team and the manager's phone number. A meeting for all interested persons will be held in the conference room of the Housing Bldg. on Wednesday, April 12 at 1 p.m.

Volleyball Schedule Tuesday, April 4 AOD vs NAF No. 3 ... 6:30 p.m. NAF 4 vs Marine Barracks ... 7:30 p.m. Personnel vs Bounders 8:30 p.m. Thursday, April 6 VX-5 vs NAF 2 ... 6:30 p.m. AOD vs Redeye ... 7:30 p.m. Personnel vs Test Dept. 8:30 p.m. Ladies Golf

Two tournaments were held last week. In the Benefit Medal play, the winners were Pauline Van Dyck with a low gross of 45 and Eileen Russell with a low net of 38. First place Blind Bogie went to Mary Lynn McIntosh; the runner-up was Shirley Gorman.

History has provided an exciting story surpassing the most daring fiction," said Warner. "The heroic leadership demonstrated by Mr. Kennedy, the infinite hardships he endured and the supreme courage he displayed in bringing all of the survivors of his crew to safety would be a bright page in history even if the young officer never again had appeared in the public eye." (AFPS)

Rental Study Results To Be Announced

According to Bob Biller, chairman of the Community Council task committee conducting a rental rates study for the Station Housing Rental Board, 80 percent of nearly 600 questionnaires distributed two weeks ago have been completed and returned.

"This is an exceptional response for a mail survey," he remarked. At press time, the committee was tabulating and analyzing the questionnaires and the results will be reported in next week's Rocketeer.

The questionnaires were distributed to China Lake residents for information to be used in evaluating the real costs of isolation for a report to be submitted by the Station to the Bureau of Yards and Docks by May 1.

NOTS Hobby Shop To Close for One Week March 31 thru April 7

Group lectures covered subjects such as self first aid, forest procedures, care and use of clothing and equipment, and signaling.

Regarded as experts on survival training, the U.S. Air Force offered this invaluable, well-prepared, and supervised course to Explorer Scouts in the 14-18 age bracket. Prior to graduation, the boys will have bivouacked under actual hardship environment.

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DEADLIER THAN THE MALE—One of the weaker sex (???) demonstrates her ability with a "six gun" in the women's division of the fast draw contest. The "bad guys" had better leave this "filly" alone.