

Fire Prevention Week...

Don't Wait for Disaster to Strike; Fire Prevention Is Your Business!

It has long been noted that fire disasters take a noticeable back seat during National Fire Prevention Week, proclaimed this year for next week, October 8-14. This points to the strong probability that the President's annual proclamation and subsequent programs which launch the nation's observance of this event, embues many of us with the importance of a fire-safe home. It is at this time that we fully realize the only way to fight fire is to prevent fire!

This should not be a one-week-a-year observance; the drive to protect precious lives and valued assets should be a year-around project.

Inspection Program
The Station's Fire Branch, headed by Chief J. A. Davis, has begun the annual home inspection program designed to assist tenants in recognizing and eliminating fire hazards in their homes.

Working in groups of two, Fire Branch personnel will call at each residence and request permission to inspect the premises for hazardous conditions. Inspection time will not exceed 15 minutes. Items to be checked are:

- Exit facilities.
- General condition and arrangement of heating and electrical fixtures.
- Types of stored flammables and their storage facilities.
- Miscellaneous hazards such as rubbish, scrap lumber, grass and weed accumulation, fire-hazardous hobbies, etc.

Emergency Info
Each tenant is given a copy of a folder entitled "When Fire Strikes You"; a number sticker giving emergency telephone extensions for fire, police, and ambulance. This sticker is attached to the tenant's telephone.

OpNav Instruction 11829.15 now requires that each resident post a Quarters Fire Bill in a convenient location as a ready reference to the location of the nearest fire alarm box and the emergency telephone number for the Fire Branch.

Fire prevention inspection of homes on the Station will be made each week day during the month of October; call hours will be from 7:30 to 11:30 a.m. and from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. No inspection will be made without the permission of, and in company with, the tenant.

If the tenant is not home when the fire inspector calls, a brochure will be left for the tenant's perusal. A second visit by the Fire Branch may be requested by appointment.

Evacuation Drills
Next Wednesday has been designated for fire evacuation drills throughout the Station's activities. Drills will begin in Michelson Lab at 8:15 a.m. and continue through the buildings in the order listed below. The only exception is the Navy Barracks—evacuation drill in these buildings will be held at a time suitable to the Commanding Officer, Naval Barracks.

Michelson Laboratory, Administration Building, Technical Information Department building and annex, Public Works Bldg. 981, Marine Barracks and Galley Bldg. 880, Murray School, Richmond School, Groves School, Vieweg School, and

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Also, Public Works buildings 37 and 60, ID and Housing Bldg. 35, Personnel Bldg., Day Nursery School, Hangars No. 1, 2, and 3, SNORT Operations Bldg., and Navy Barracks No. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6.

Presentations on Call

Talks, demonstrations, and movies are offered to any NOTS Department wishing to avail themselves of this service. Anyone requesting a presentation may call Chief Davis, Ext. 72295.



NO. 1 ENTERPRISE — is the first stop in the home inspection program launched in observance of Fire Prevention Week. Mrs. Blenman has just secured the Quarters Fire Bill to the exit and is shown accepting pertinent literature from Fire Chief J. A. Davis.



NEW EQUIPMENT — Pictured here are two of three new vehicles recently acquired by the NOTS Fire Branch. The other vehicle, also a 1/2 ton pickup, is located at the Naval Air Facility. These serve as control cars for the Fire Officers and as auxiliary crash fire equipment.

Meetings...

AAUW Mass Media Study Group meet next Thursday, 8 p.m., at 706 Saratoga. JoAnne Milburn will report on the "Freedom and Responsibility in Broadcasting" conference she recently attended at Northwestern Univ. To what extent our lives are affected by radio, TV, newspapers, etc., will be explored in open discussion.

QUARTER MIDGET Racing Association will hold its Desert Empire Fair meet tomorrow at the track off Snort Rd. Time trials begin at 1:30 p.m. Racing will start at 6 p.m. For further info, call Warren Froehner, Ext. 72920.

GIBA Board members will meet next Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Fire Prevention Hut near the Fire Station on Lauritsen Rd.
BURROUGHS P-TA meeting will be held at the high school library next Thursday, October 12, at 7:30 p.m.

Station Hospital Sets Appointment Schedule

Military dependents requesting medical care at the Station Hospital are now required to make appointments. Available hours are from 1 to 4 p.m. each Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Appointments can be scheduled by calling Ext. 72911, 72912, or 72913.
The complete film program for each Saturday will be published in the "Showboat" section of the Rocketeer.
Emergency cases will be admitted at any time.



PERFORMING TONIGHT—Appearance of the rhythmical ComCruDesPac Band at the Community Center always evokes a spirited evening. Dancing begins at 9 p.m., and reservations will be held only till 9:30.



Visit Your DESERT EMPIRE FAIR this weekend.	TEMPERATURES	
	Max.	Min.
Sept. 22	90	57
Sept. 30	92	56
Oct. 1	94	55
Oct. 2	87	57
Oct. 3	91	52
Oct. 4	92	50
Oct. 5	92	52

FAIR PAIR WINNERS — Pictured at the Coronation Banquet last Friday are the top three "Fair Pair" contest winners who will reign during the Desert Empire Fair in Ridgecrest this weekend. First place couple with a total of 310,800 votes, Beulah Gildewell and Jim Poore, is shown in foreground. Second place couple with a tally of 214,229 votes, Bill Ranes and Dixie Shanahan, are in back row (extreme left and right). Third place, with 129,729 votes (center) are Albert and Dolores Guerrero.

Photo by Valley Independent

Bill Simecka Earns Doctorate at UCLA

William B. Simecka, recently named to head the Systems Group in Code 123, completed the require-



ments and accepted his doctorate in Mechanical Engineering last month from the University of California. He studied under a Fellowship awarded to him by the Station in 1958. His doctoral dissertation was entitled "A Generally Applicable Method for Achieving Near-Optimum Time Response Control." Dr. Simecka first came to NOTS in June, 1961, upon graduation from Kansas State University, where he graduated with honors. He immediately enrolled in the UCLA Off-Campus Graduate Program offered at the Station and received an M.S. in Engineering in January 1959.

Chapel Unit Grants Two Scholarships

The NOTS All-Faith Chapel Memorial Scholarship Fund, established to assist worthy students affiliated with the All-Faith Chapel to obtain training in their chosen vocations, recently awarded two additional grants to Gwen Shumway and Theldon Myers.

A responsible committee to the Chapel Board administers the fund which is used for grants and non-interest bearing loans as determined by the committee. The maximum grant to any one student in a year is \$300; however, a student may reapply during the next year. The amount of the loan is determined by the financial needs of the student.

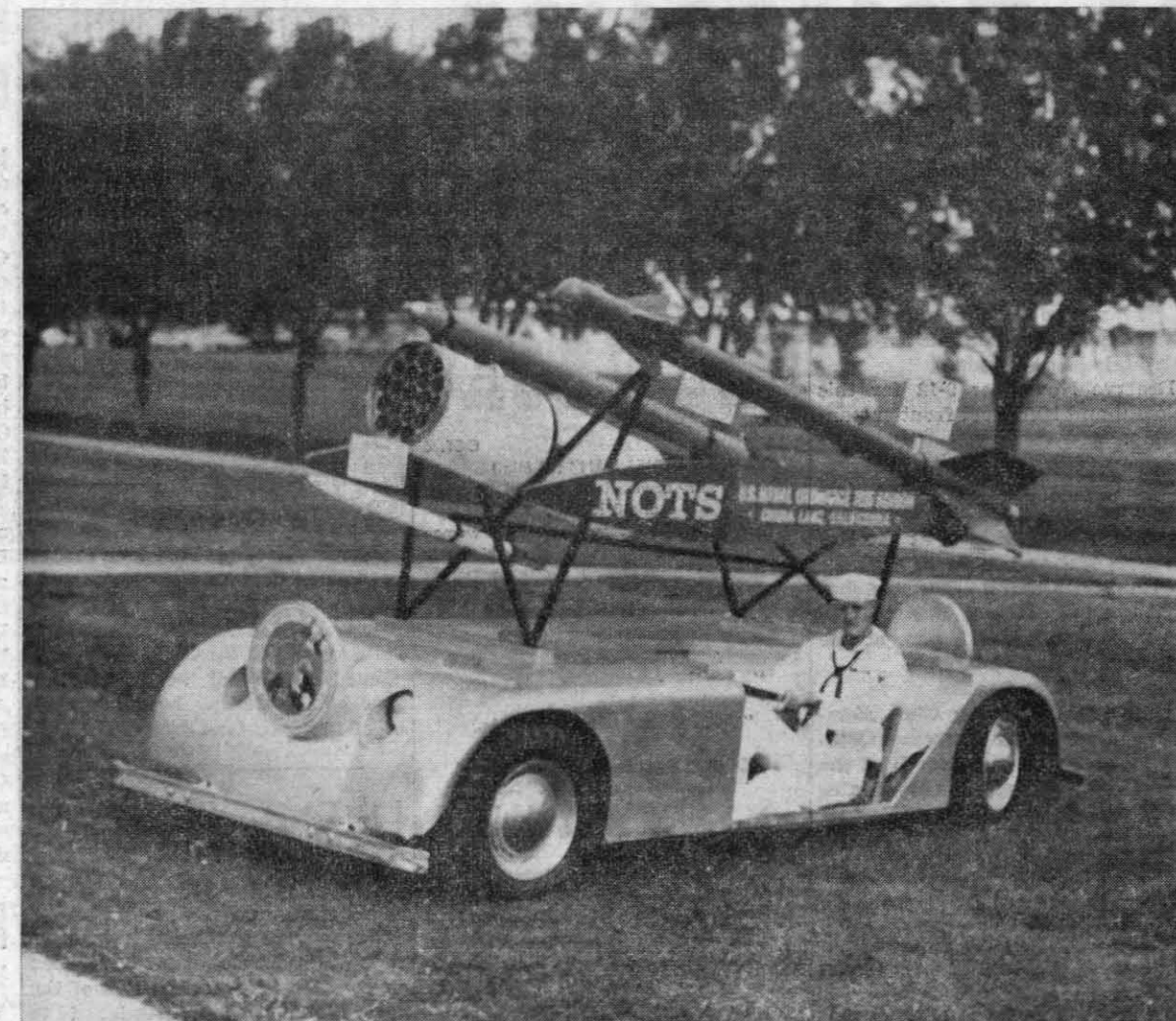
This fund was established in memory of the following people, all of whom were associated with the NOTS All-Faith Chapel: Ralph Goller, Leonard Sherlock, Carol Curry, Betty Merrow, Diane Sheffield, and Louella Eschbach.

Contributors to the fund are friends and relatives of the honorees, the Women's Guild, the Men's Fellowship, and youth groups of the Chapel. Requests for aid from this fund are now being accepted. Application forms are available at the Chapel for anyone attending college or who is about to enter college.



BIG PLANS AFOOT — Betsy von Huene discusses arrangements with Bill Hampton, Technical Presentations Coordinator, for a NOTS tour by a delegation from the California Federated Women's Clubs during a district conference which the local CWC will host here, October 12.

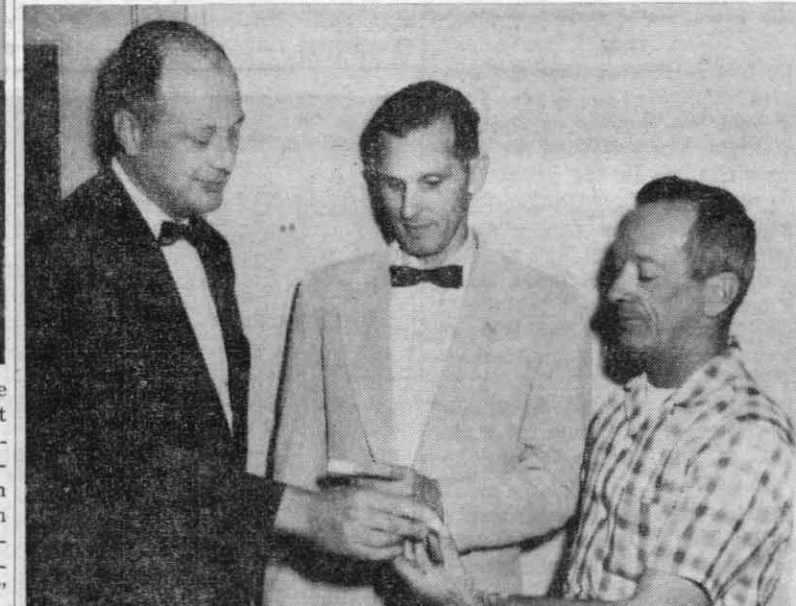
Camera Spotlights...



NOTS FLOAT ENTRY — A compact display on wheels of the Sidewinder missile, Mighty Mouse, and Empire Fair Parade at 3 p.m. Saturday.



WELFARE AIDES—A twenty-hour Red Cross course in social welfare aide training was recently completed by eight local members. Conducting the course were Ruth Rundstrom (extreme right) from the Bakersfield ARC office and John Clifford, ARC Field Director at Edwards. Receiving certificates of completion are (l-r): Miriam Freedman, Barbara Wertheim, Judy Edwards, Barbara Rice, Vera Appleton, and Lucile Mutehler. Rose Yim and Rhea Blenman, not pictured, also completed the course.



SMITHS MUCH ALIKE — Rex L. Smith (c) and Willis H. Smith (r) receive 20-year government service pins from Dr. C. J. Thelen, Head of the Propellants Division, Propulsion Development Department. Striking similarities other than the names are that they both work in the same branch, Code 431, and both served two years with the Navy and 18 years in civil service.

Chaplain's Corner

By Monsignor John F. C. Ryan

The science of correct and accurate thinking is called logic. Christ called the attention of His disciples to its opportune use. "When it is evening, you say, the weather will be fair for the sky is red... You know then how to read the face of the sky, but cannot read the signs of the time."

How well do the scientists use the power of logic in their deductions, but how woefully weak is much of our thinking nowadays in applying the principles of eternal truth.

Cecero's Axiom: "Reason should direct, the appetite obey," is turned around so that our appetites direct and our reason obeys. Our desires are often the father of our thoughts.