

Plane Crash Eight CAP Members Aid in Rescue Mission

Eight members of the China Lake Civil Air Patrol Squadron 84 participated in a rescue mission for a light plane which crashed in Surprise Canyon near Panamint City Saturday morning, November 4. Two men were killed in the crash.

The pilot, Ned D. Giebrick died immediately, his passenger, Robert Max Toushak, lived for a short time after the crash but died before he could be extricated from the wreckage. Both men were from North Hollywood.

A flight plan for the craft, a Cessna 150, register number N-7021X, had been filed at the Van Nuys airport with Panamint City as its destination.

Second Lieutenant Francis G. St. Louis was the first of the local CAP members to be alerted of the crash by John Husted, manager of the Tronsa Airport. Accompanied by Warrant Officer Paul H. Byus, St. Louis left immediately for the crash area with the Civil Air Patrol's ambulance.

Shortly after, Major Frederick L. Richards, mission commander appointed by Hamilton Air Force Base, and Russ Huse of the NOTS Mountain Search and Rescue Group left for the crash scene carrying mountain rescue equipment.

In a matter of minutes communications headquarters were established at NOTS with Captain Louise E. Richards as mission coordinator, and Warrant Officer Robert Thomas as communications officer.

Two International 1 Scout vehicles were dispatched to the area. One was driven by 2nd Lt. William Vogan accompanied by Cadet M/Sgt. Jack Morash while the second vehicle carrying acetylene torch cutting equipment, was driven by CAP member Mathias Hugo with Warren Martin as a passenger.

Five miles from the scene of the crash, the Scout vehicles picked up St. Louis and Byus, who had left their ambulance and were proceeding on foot to the scene. In addition, the vehicles picked up Inyo County Sheriff Merrill Culbertson and a companion who had flown in and landed on the Panamint road and were proceeding on foot to investigate the crash.

On their arrival at the scene, St. Louis, Hugo, Martin and the Sheriff found that the Inyo County coroner and deputy coroner had removed the bodies from the wrecked plane and placed them in the coroner's vehicle for transportation to Bishop.

On the scene witness, Dick Thompson, who resides at the Thompson Mine Site in Surprise Canyon, reported Toushak was still

breathing when rescuers reached the crash but died an hour later. Sheriff Culbertson reported that investigation is being conducted in the reasons behind the German officer's uniform worn by Toushak and the large swastika flag, a German helmet and a swastika arm band that were all found in the crashed plane.

Academy Aspirants Take Local Exams

Civil Service Commission preliminary examinations were given last Saturday morning at China Lake to nine out of 25 originally scheduled applicants for U. S. military academy appointments. Eight were from the China Lake-Ridgecrest area and one from Edwards Air Force Base.

According to Congressman Harlan Hagen of California's 14th District, more than 100 candidates applied in his District. The Congressman will make nominations to the Air Force, Naval, Military and Merchant Marine Academies for the classes entering next summer.

In addition to the preliminary Civil Service tests, competitors took physical examinations at nearby Air Force bases. The results of these, together with an analysis of the applicants' grade transcripts and extra-curricular activities, will determine the nominations.

Hagen will nominate 11 boys to fill one opening at the Air Academy and 10 others to compete for admission to the Merchant Marine Academy. He also will select principal and alternate designees to fill two openings in the Naval Academy and two in the Military Academy.

"Pennies from Heaven"

A toll gate officer on New Jersey's Garden State Parkway spied a white object falling from a Navy blimp recently and thought he was being bombarded until he recognized the missile as a handkerchief. As he darted out on the roadway to recover it, the blimp pilot waved and flew off into the wild blue yonder. Tied in the handkerchief was a quarter, and inscribed on the cloth, in red crayon, were these words: "The Navy Pays Its Way."

Sales Committee Thank NOTS Civic Concert Patrons

The Sales Committee of the NOTS Civic Concert Association has resolved the seating problem for the season's program, and express their gratitude to those concert-goers who amicably accepted seats at a lower price range than they had originally requested.

John Bain, Ticket Manager, stated that concert tickets have been mailed or delivered to all who renewed their memberships or purchased vouchers for the 1961-62 season, and only twelve seats remain unassigned. No additional seats will be assigned, however, until it is determined the number of seats needed for those persons expected to arrive with the individual artists.

K. H. Robinson, President of the Concert Association's Board of Directors, said "Clearly there are at least 1,100 people in our desert area who want to see and hear the world's outstanding artists appearing at China Lake." Unlike other small city associations who book a 'package of artists,' the local organization obtains contracts in advance with individual artists and then work on ticket sales to meet the budget.

"This year's vote of confidence, as evidenced by seat sales," says Ken Robinson, "should make it possible to put together outstanding series in the future."

Community Church Selects Director of Christian Education

Mrs. Ralph Middleton has been selected by the NOTS Community Church to serve as director of Christian education. Mrs. Middleton and her husband, Ralph, a mathematician in the Test Department, came to NOTS last July from Portland, Ore.

They were members of the same graduating class at Lewis and Clark College in Portland, where Mrs. Middleton received her degree in Christian education.

Throughout high school and college, Mrs. Middleton was active in both junior and senior high church youth organizations. Before coming to China Lake she served the Congregational Church in Portland as assistant to the director of Christian education and later occupied the position of Christian education secretary for the Lakegrove Presbyterian Church at Lake Oswego, Ore.

The teacher asked her class to name some of the benefits of the automotive age. There was a moment of silence, then Jackie's hand went up. 'Well, it stopped horse stealing.'



Homecoming Queen . . . Stephanie Van Hagan

Homecoming Celebration Staged by Burroughs High

Burroughs High School celebrated its sixteenth annual homecoming the weekend of November 4 as a crowd of 1,010 persons witnessed the Burroughs varsity vs. Palmdale football game. Although Burroughs bowed 7-13 in the final moments of play, the students' enthusiasm never wavered as they cheered wildly, waving the green and white. Half-time performance was presented by the school band utilizing a colorful civil war theme.

Homecoming festivities began Thursday evening with the announcement of homecoming court and Parade Grand Marshal. Selected by the senior class, the court included: Queen — Stephanie Van Hagan, Princesses—Sharon Currier and Jaynee Elits, and Grand Marshal—Buck Johnson, Superintendent of Construction at Burroughs.

Friday evening found the Burroughs B team routing Palmdale with a final score of 12-0. This win places Burroughs in a tie position with Palmdale for Golden League title. This was the first time in the history of Palmdale that their B team had been defeated in league play.

Saturday's parade formation left the high school grounds, made their way through Ridgecrest and back to the football field via Wherry Housing. The senior entry entitled "A Century of Strife" depicted the civil war centennial theme. A superlative float, it was decorated with figures representing the Old South, During the War, Reconstruction Era, and Integration Today. The Freshman class took second place honors with their exhibit of a southern garden scene entitled "Kone With The Wind."

Judging was also held in the Club car contest. First place was awarded to the National Thespians and the Student Council entry received honorable mention.

Woman's Award

Agencies Must Name Candidates for Award

The second annual government-wide program to spotlight top-caliber career women in the federal service has been announced by Mrs. Katie Louchheim, consultant on women's activities, Department of State.

Under the program administered by the Federal Women's Award Board of Trustees, of which Mrs. Louchheim is chairman, six outstanding career women will be honored at a public ceremony in Washington next February.

Federal agencies are being notified to submit nominations for the award to the Board of Trustees by Dec. 1.

The Federal Women's Award has three major purposes, Mrs. Louchheim explained. They are (1) to give well-deserved public recognition to the award winners and new incentive to others, (2) to highlight the important work that women are doing in executive, professional, scientific and technical positions, and (3) to encourage competition for federal employment by talented and ambitious young women who might not otherwise know of the fine career opportunities offered by the Federal Civil Service throughout the United States and abroad.

"The achievements of women in government are well known in government circles," Mrs. Louchheim said. "They have made possible many of the advances in modern

America's national defense, social welfare, and economic progress. But the achievements of women have not had the public recognition they deserve."

Mrs. Louchheim pointed out that men outnumber women in federal positions by three to one, and that in high-level jobs, the proportion of men is considerably greater. "It naturally follows," she said, "that men receive most of the other awards that have been established for recognition of outstanding government service, even though an impressive number of women rank as leaders in their chosen career fields. It is for this reason that the Federal Women's Award is so important."

Each government department and agency is being invited to nominate more than three women for the award. To be eligible for nomination, a woman must have had not less than three years of continuous, full-time service in a position of the federal competitive or excepted service, and must have reached grade GS-9, its equivalent, or higher. She must also have demonstrated outstanding ability and achievement in an executive, professional, scientific, or technical position.

The Award program was established in October 1960 under the direction of Mrs. Barbara Bates Gunderson, who was then a Civil Service Commissioner.

IWV Launches 1962 United Fund Drive

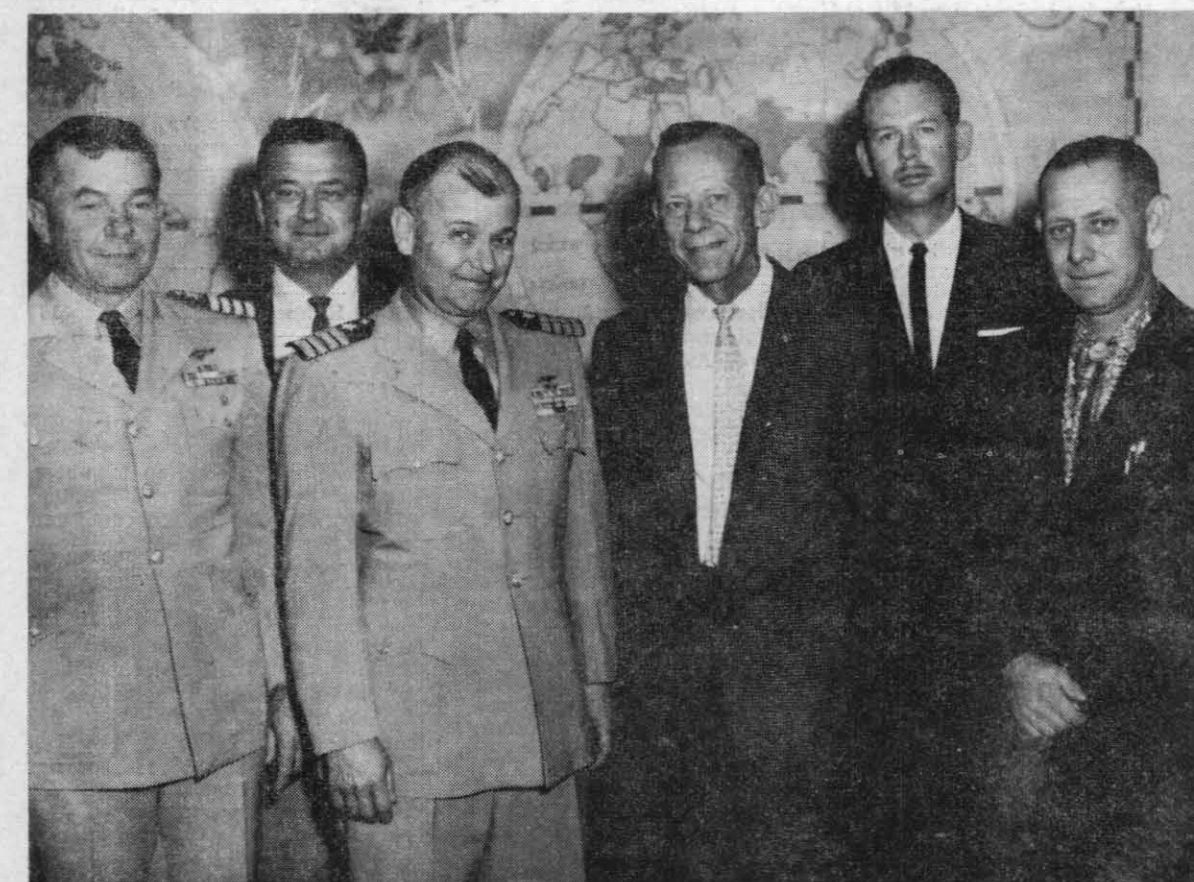
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MARKED NOTS' 18th ANNIVERSARY



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Nov. 5... 75 47
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Nov. 7... 75 35
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UNITED FUND OFFICIALS — Meeting earlier this week with Captain Blenman, Station Commander, to outline the 1962 United Fund Campaign plans (l-r) are: Capt. R. W. Calland, China Lake area chairman; W. E. "Bill" Vore, president of the UF Board of Directors; Capt. Blenman; Mel Carlson, Inyokern area chairman; Douglas Dixon, general campaign chairman; and Paul Stephens, Ridgecrest area chairman. The local campaign will be conducted from Nov. 8 through Dec. 5.

Give the United Way Full Support Needed For UF Goal of \$42000

As the 1962 United Fund Campaign got underway yesterday in the Indian Wells Valley communities of Ridgecrest, China Lake and Inyokern, over 300 volunteer workers initiated distribution of campaign material to raise this year's goal of \$42,000. The drive will continue through Tuesday, December 5, allowing only three weeks for campaigners to contact the personnel in their designated areas and submit their reports to their team captains.

A general meeting of Station campaign workers was held in the Station Theatre last Tuesday where they were briefed on the mechanics of campaign material distribution and collections. It was emphasized that a realistic guideline of designating one day's pay—after taxes—would ensure a successful campaign.

On-the-job soliciting has been authorized at China Lake but house-to-house soliciting methods will be used in other areas.

On Wednesday afternoon, a pep rally was held for all personnel working in the campaign. Representation from the organizations supported by the United Fund also gave resumes of budget requirements and the purpose of their needs.

General chairman of this year's campaign is Douglas Dixon of the Ridgecrest Bank of America. Area chairmen are: Captain R. W. Calland, Experimental Officer, for China Lake; Mel Carlson for Inyokern; and co-chairmen Gene Bouldin and Paul Stephens for Ridgecrest.

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Mines As Fallout Shelters To Be Topic of CAP Meet

"Underground Openings as Shelters—Their Uses and Hazards" will be the subject of Dr. Carl F. Austin's talk in the third of a series of Civil Air Patrol-sponsored disaster survival meetings which will be held at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 4, at the Richmond School auditorium,

detonation physics group, holds a BS degree in mining engineering, an MS in geologic engineering, and a Ph.D. in geologic engineering, all from the University of Utah.

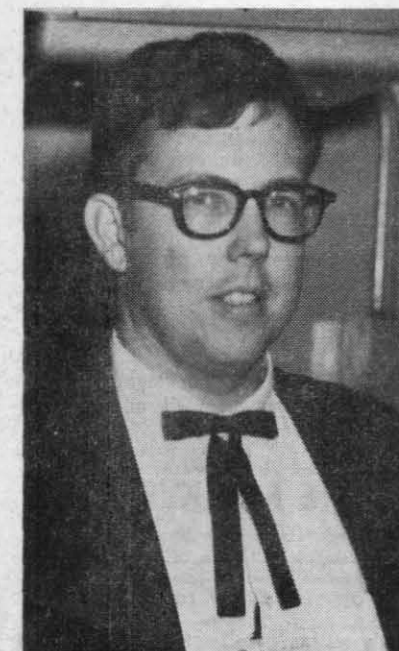
He came to NOTS in February of this year following three years of employment with the State of New Mexico's Bureau of Mines and Mineral Resources. Also, during this period he served on the governor's special committee on mine safety.

Dr. Austin's talk will cover the subject of how to determine the appropriateness of the use of mines, tunnels, and ground openings as shelters from fallout.

The speaker's experience has included work as a miner, a geologist, an engineer, and a geo-chemist. On the local scene, he has worked at the Darwin Mine at Darwin and the Pine Creek Mine at Pine Creek, northwest of Bishop.

In addition to Dr. Austin, a member from the Marine Corps' Cold Weather Survival Battalion at Pickle Meadows, will speak on survival at high altitudes and in inclement weather.

The public is invited to attend these meetings which are designed to provide valuable information on survival under conditions of disaster, privation, or enemy attack.



Dr. Carl F. Austin

China Lake, according to an announcement by Robert T. Downing, civil defense coordinator for the CAP.

Dr. Austin, an employe with the NOTS Research Department in the

Blue Cross Agent At CL Next Thursday

A Blue Cross representative from Bakersfield will be on-board the Station next Thursday, November 16 for consultation.

Mr. John Shelley may be contacted in the Housing Building conference room from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and from 2 to 5 p.m.

Community Council Election Turnout Gratifies Officials

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Commander Endorses Campaign Effort

Once again we are at the time of year when we should give our attention to the needs of the community in relation to health, welfare, and youth services.

The 1962 United Fund Campaign goal of \$42,000, although ambitious, is an entirely realistic one. The organizations participating in this campaign are a vital part of our community life and, as such, deserve and need our full support.

The suggested aim of one day's pay, after taxes, would seem to me to be worthy of our consideration.

Based on the community spirit I have seen in our valley, I feel sure we will attain or surpass our goal.

CAPT. CHARLES BLENMAN, JR.
Commander, NOTS



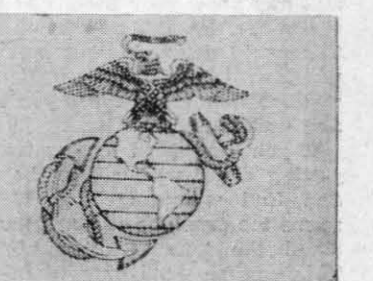
PLEASED WITH GEM SHOW — Rockhound officials, Ron Sims, show chairman, and Al Cies, president (1st and 2nd from right) seem pleased as they discuss the success of the 5th annual Gem and Mineral Show with Congressman Harlan Hagen, Capt. and Mrs. Charles Blenman Jr., and their son, "Bing."

Over 1,650 attended the event. Visitors came from 48 California cities, the states of Maryland, Connecticut, Virginia, Texas, Idaho, South Dakota, Iowa, Washington, and two foreign countries, Holland and Peru. Seventy-five display cases of specimens were on exhibit. —A Charles Vollmer photo



NURSE — LCDr. Marion E. Warren, originally from Worcester, Mass., reported to NOTS last week from the Naval Hospital at Camp Pendleton. Previous duty includes Naval Hospitals at Yokosuka, Japan and Subic Bay, Philippine Is. Miss Warren has been assigned quarters at 100-E Richmond. She relieves LCDr. Agnes C. Dillingier who has received orders to report to the Naval Hospital at Oakland.

Congratulations To The Marine Corps



On Its 186th Birthday
Watch for the November 17th issue for a complete pictorial coverage of our local Marines' observance of the Corps' anniversary.

