

Safety-WISE by SAFETY DEPARTMENT

Make Halloween a **TREAT** for the kids—on purpose not a **TRICK**—by accident

- Parents:** Masks painted on children's faces with grease paint or cosmetics are safer than masks that may slip and block vision. Flameproof costumes are recommended.
- Motorists:** Slow down! Expect excited youngsters to dart into your path. You are the adult—it is up to you to watch out for them.
- Neighbors:** Light your property so the "goblins" will not trip over steps or other obstructions. Cover excavations. Lock your car and outside storage rooms. Bring pets inside.



NEW CHIEFS AT NAF—Cdr. W. L. Reardon, Exec. Officer, congratulates Floyd W. Yingst, AKCA (left), and David G. Orwig, AQCA (right), upon their mid-September appointments. Yingst enlisted in November, 1947, and has been serving during Korean War and in Viet Nam. He came to NOTS from USS Midway in October, 1963, and has been serving as the leading petty officer in NAF Material Office. Orwig joined the Navy in August, 1953, and came here from VF-154, Miramar, in December, 1963. At NAF he has been serving as the leading petty officer in its fire control shop.

Pajama Game in 2nd Showing At Murray Auditorium Tonight

SHOWBOAT

FRIDAY OCTOBER 29
"THE COURTSHIP OF EDDIE'S FATHER" (117 Min.)
Shirley Jones, Stella Stevens

(Comedy in Color) The young son of a handsome widower overuses the selection of his new mother from the crop of beauties who would marry his reluctant father. A story as modern and fresh as tomorrow with a load of laughs by kooky Stella. (Adults, Youth and Mature Children)

SATURDAY OCTOBER 30
—MATINEE—
"MOUSE ON THE MOON" (85 Min.)
Terry Thomas

(Comedy/Music in Color) A double treat as Elvis plays the roles of an Air Force officer assigned to procure the rights to some mountain-folk land for a missile site, and as Cousin Elvis, one of the mountaineers. Lotsa "purty" gals a-dancin' and a-singin'. (Adults, Youth, Children.)
Short: "Johann Mouse" (7 Min.)

SUNDAY-MONDAY OCT. 31-NOV. 1
"THE TRAIN" (133 Min.)
Burt Lancaster, Paul Scofield

(NOTE CHANGE OF TIME)
(War/Drama) Excitement-filled story of efforts of the French underground to save valuable art treasures about to be taken by the ready-to-leave Germans. See the amazing trick of stealing a train right from under enemy noses. It's TOPS in Action! (Adults, Youth and Mature Children.)

TUESDAY-WEDNESDAY NOV. 2-3
"THE SONS OF KATIE ELDER" (122 Min.)
John Wayne, Dean Martin, Martha Hyer

(Super Western in Color) Four sons return to their Texas home and are rebuffed in their efforts to find out how their father had died or how their mother had lost the ranch. The clan just about turns the town inside out as the action EXPLODES. (Adults, Youth, and Children.)

THURSDAY-FRIDAY NOV. 4-5
"HELP" (92 Min.)
The Beatles

(Comedy/Music) Sacrificial ceremonies cease in the Far East when a sacred ring is missing . . . and it turns up on Ringo's finger, when given by an admirer! Everybody is after it in this fast moving farce that is filled with gimmicks and song. (Adults, Youth and Children.)

Shorts: "Dial 'P' for Pink" (7 Min.)
"Skiing In The Andes" (10 Min.)

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M/SGT. WILLIAM E. WELSH

PROMOTED—Receiving promotion to Master Sergeant is William E. Welsh, USMC. He has been with NOTS since April 1962, and is currently assigned to Code 4005. Before joining NOTS, duty was in Dallas, Texas with MCRD, NAS as NCO of Avionics. With his wife, Jo Anne, and children—Jeffrey 7 and Susan 5 — he resides at 43-B Ashworth Place.

One major virtue of telling the truth is that you don't have to keep track of what you've said.

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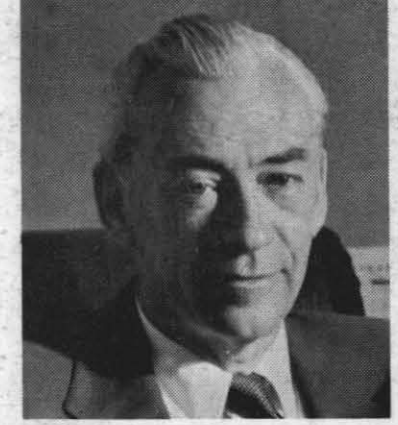
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L. T. E. Thompson Awards Next Friday

Station's Top Awards To Be Presented Here

The Station's highest form of scientific recognition—the L. T. E. Thompson Award—will be presented next Friday, November 5, at a luncheon to be held at the Commissioned Officers Mess.

The Thompson award, honoring Dr. Louis Ten Eyck Thompson, the Station's first Technical Director, is presented to



DR. L. T. E. THOMPSON presents and former NOTS employees whose contributions to ordnance research and development have been most beneficial to the fulfillment of the Station's mission.

Station personnel are invited to make reservations for the luncheon, starting at 11:45 a.m., by calling 72926 or 72283. Wives of those attending are also invited. Reservations should be made by not later than Wednesday, November 3.

NOTS Advisory Board Convenes, Member Changes

Dr. L. T. E. Thompson is one of three men beginning terms as members of the NOTS Advisory Board when the meeting convenes here on November 4 and 5. Others are Dr. Paul M. Fye and Dr. Frederick C. Lindvall.

Dr. Thompson begins his third term as a member of the Board, having previously served during 1951-53 and 1956-61. Dr. Lindvall previously was a member of the Board during 1949-56.

The meeting also marks the retirement from the Board of Frank Gard Jameson. Other Board members include Dr. Luis W. Alvarez, RAdm. Rawson Bennett, USN (Ret.), Dr. Joseph E. Hender-son, Dr. Charles C. Lauritsen, Dr. J. C. R. Licklider, Dr. W. Albert Noyes, Jr., Adm. John H. Sides, USN (Ret.), and Dr. James H. Wakelin, Jr.

A reception honoring the members of the Advisory Board will be held on Thursday, November 4, from 6:30-8 p.m. at the Commissioned Officers Mess (Open).

All authorized patrons are invited, and are asked to call ext. 71654 prior to 11:30 a.m. on November 4 to make reservations so that name tags may be provided.

Authorized patrons of the Executive Dining Room who desire to stay for dinner following the reception should make reservations prior to 4:30 p.m. on that date by calling FR 8-4771 or FR 8-4781.

ROCKETEER
FROM UNDER THE SEA TO THE STARS
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Community Council Election Scheduled
10 a.m.-7 p.m.
Tuesday, Nov. 2
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Halvorson Announced As Bluejacket of Year



COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUE is presented to newly-named Bluejacket of the Year Douglas A. Halvorson, FMT-1, by Robert B. Millett, President, IWV Council, Navy League of the United States. Station Commander Capt. John I. Hardy watches the ceremony enthusiastically. He later presented a letter of commendation.

Honored By Navy League At Banquet

Douglas A. Halvorson, First Class Fire Control Technician, was announced as "Bluejacket of the Year" on Wednesday evening at Navy Day observances sponsored by the Indian Wells Valley Council, Navy League of the United States, in cooperation with the Station.

Halvorson's selection was made by a panel of three officers representing NOTS Enlisted Personnel, NAF, and VX-5.

Bluejacket of the Year selection is made from the men still at NOTS who have been honored as former Bluejacket of the Month. These men represent China Lake's combined 1200-man force of enlisted personnel.

Halvorson was Bluejacket of the Month for May, when he was cited for "Motivation, energy and cheerful attitude brought to his job . . . knowledge and consistently forward thinking about his work."

Halvorson was particularly cited for his thorough experience with the Tartar-Terrier system. He came to NOTS from the guided missile frigate USS GRIDLEY, on which he served even before she was launched, when her armament was being installed.

FMT-1 Halvorson, 24, is assigned to the Guidance Radar Branch, System Development (Continued on Page 5)

VX-5 Lt. Flies Combat Mission, Recommended for Air Medal

Lt. Rod K. Kauber, Assistant Conventional Weapons Delivery Officer with VX-5, has been recommended for the Air Medal in recognition of distinguished accomplishments while recently participating in combat strikes in Vietnam.

With VX-5 since December 1963, Lt. Kauber recently accompanied a NAVAIR PAC Field Team on a tour of SEVENTH Fleet CVA's for the purpose of determining and analyzing ordnance needs and problems.

During his stay aboard the USS BON HOMME RICHARD (CVA-31), Lt. Kauber was invited to fly with the world-

famous "Golden Dragons" on combat missions against targets in Vietnam.

He flew 11 hops with five different squadrons—four Navy and one Marine.

Lt. Kauber is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Kauber of New Castle, Indiana.

He attended Miami University of Ohio, receiving a B.S. degree in Education. He was commissioned in 1958, received his wings in 1960 and served for three years with VA-34 at Cecil Field before reporting to VX-5.

He and his wife, Jean, have three children—Craig 6, Steven 2, and Erik 3 months. They live at 1802-B Young Circle.



RECOMMENDED FOR AIR MEDAL—Lt. Rod K. Kauber of VX-5 is congratulated by Cdr. E. E. Tissot, CO of Attack Squadron 192, following completion of a combat strike over Vietnam.

Lakers Vote For Council



William R. Hitt
Candidate—3rd Precinct



Bernard F. Connolly
Candidate—6th Precinct



George A. Ness
Candidate—1st Precinct



Berkeley H. Brannon
Incumbent—9th Precinct



David F. Johanson
Candidate—1st Precinct



Chaplain Robert W. Odell
Incumbent—At Large



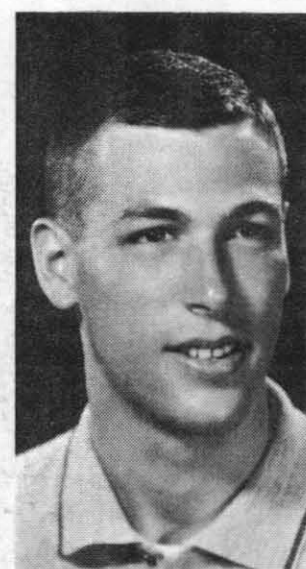
Ruth E. Schuyler
Incumbent—7th Precinct



Charles T. Messinger
Candidate—6th Precinct



Roger H. Crutchfield
Candidate—4th Precinct



Lloyd H. Smith
Incumbent—2nd Precinct



Wallace P. Bruce
Incumbent—8th Precinct



Lt. Edward Luetschwager
Incumbent—3rd Precinct

On Tuesday, November 2, China Lake citizens have an opportunity to vote for their choice of candidates for the Board of Directors of the China Lake Community Council.

The Council dates back to the establishment of the Employee Welfare Association in 1945. The Association's purpose then was simply to obtain a dentist, a doctor and a health insurance program.

As the community grew through the years, the Association became involved with more and more complex problems until, by 1947, the outgoing officers recommended that separate committees be established. In 1952 the Community Council was formally incorporated for the purpose of promoting interest in community affairs and civic betterment, and to provide means for participation by residents of the community in matters pertaining to their general welfare.

To better accomplish its purpose in recent years, the Board of Directors established a comprehensive committee structure. In addition to the various

standing committees, there are also special task committees and special appointees as liaison to various organizations in the area.

Members of the Board of Directors of the Community Council are your elected representatives.

They urge all eligible citizens to exercise their voting privileges and show their interest in community affairs by voting in this general election.

Voting accommodations will be located in the Community Center. The polls will be open from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. Tuesday. Voters will receive one ballot listing candidates for all precincts, and should know their precinct ahead of time, for most convenience. There will be a ballot box for each precinct. Members of the American Association of University Women and some Council members will be at the Center to assist voters.

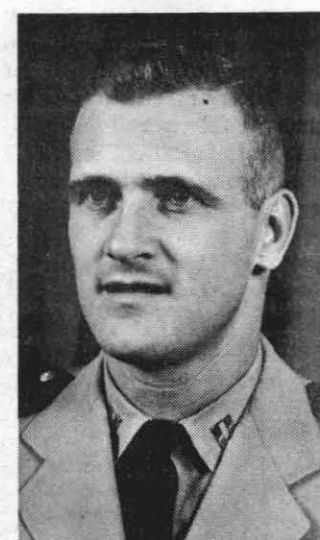


Wardna J. Abernathy
Incumbent—3rd Precinct

PROMOTING CULTURE — Working on coming lecture-film series "The World Around Us" are (l-r) Jean Faulk and Ray Thurm of China Lake Education Association, and Joe Dorgan and Chaplain Robert Odell for Community Council.



Merton E. Ashton, Jr.
Candidate—8th Precinct



Lt. David C. Jordan
Incumbent—4th Precinct



Joe M. Dorgan
Incumbent—5th Precinct



Eugene P. Rosellini, PNC
Candidate—8th Precinct



Dan Blackburn Is Oct. Bluejacket From NAF



APPRECIATED—Daniel E. Blackburn, AMS-2, October's "Bluejacket of the Month" from NAF, receives daughters' opinions of his election to honor. Wife, Edeen, holds 7 month-old son, Kelly, who isn't decided. Girls (l-r) are Barbara, 3, and Sandra, 4.

Southeast Texas is the home ground of October's "Bluejacket of the Month" at NAF. Daniel E. Blackburn, Aviation Structural Mechanic Second Class, and a Line Petty Officer at NAF, made his impression on NAF in only the last three and a half months.

Blackburn arrived at NAF and NOTS on July 4 this year from Air Early Warning Barrier, Pacific, in Hawaii. He entered the Navy in November, 1958, in Houston, in his home state. An avid hunter and fisherman, Dan has recently been kept too busy with his work at NAF and settling his family of four into their home at 224 Toro, to find time to head for the trails and lakes as yet.

His wife, Edeen, is a native of Rivington, Nebraska. The Blackburns have three children, including one boy, Kelly, seven months old, born during his father's tour in Hawaii. The two girls are Sandra Lieght (pronounced "Lee"), four years of age, and Barbara Lynn, 3.

As October "Bluejacket", Dan Blackburn, with his family, will be hosted by the Greater Bakersfield Chamber of Commerce for a weekend "on the town," beginning this afternoon, when he arrives at Haberfelde Ford agency to pick up a new automobile for the weekend, then drives to the Caravan Inn to move into his accommodations.

Six business members of the Chamber of Commerce plus the Kern County Museum will participate in honoring NAF's October "Bluejacket" with gift certificates. Burleigh Smith will report the event on the Channel 17 Six O'Clock News Roundup, and other stations will also carry the event.

"I never realized there was so much work involved in targets until I came here to NAF," Dan admits. He often works long hours in "keeping the bright orange QF-9G target jets, formerly F-9 "Cougars", in flying shape. "It's a new experience for me," he adds,

Rev. Illingworth Is Guest Minister Here This Week

Guest minister of the Protestant Congregation of the All Faith Chapel this weekend is Rev. J. Davis Illingworth, D.D. The schedule for Dr. Illingworth, General Presbyter of the North Coastal Area, Synod of California, United Presbyterian Church with his headquarters in San Francisco, is as follows:

Saturday, October 30
10 a.m. Lead Dialogue at the East Wing, All Faith Chapel.

8 p.m. Conduct Home Meeting at 309 Blueridge, the home of Cdr. and Mrs. D. J. Bunker.

Sunday, October 31
8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Preach 3 p.m. Speak at Parent-Youth Rally at the East Wing, All Faith Chapel to combined Youth Fellowships.

8 p.m. Conduct Home Meeting, place to be announced at the Saturday evening meeting. He will be the house guest of Dr. and Mrs. Wm. B. McLean over the weekend.

Dr. Illingworth is a graduate of Wittenberg College, Springfield, Ohio, with a Bachelor of Arts Degree, and of Western Theological Seminary.

He served for seven years as a member of the General Council of the General Assembly. He has served as Chair-

"because I haven't worked on these birds before."

Dan Blackburn is looking forward to putting his outdoor skills to use in the fish and game country around the Station. "There's real good squirrel hunting back around Kountze, about 20 miles north of Beaumont, Texas, where I was born," he says. "It seems we'd always see deer in the wooded land just before and after the deer season. One of these days I'll get a chance to try my luck here."

Time To Turn Back The Clock



EXTRA HOUR OF SLEEP—Janice Hukel, 1965 Desert Empire Queen, and member of Supply's Stock Control Branch, makes a pretty reminder it's time to switch back to Standard Time. Although most folks will set their clocks back one hour on retiring Saturday night, the change will not be official until 2 a.m. Sunday, October 31. An easy way to remember which way to turn the clock is the motto "Spring forward, Fall back."

Religious Census To Be Taken Throughout Indian Wells Valley

On November 7, Indian Wells Valley will have its first total coverage religious census in five years, as Churches throughout the community make short home calls in Ridgecrest, Inyokern and China Lake.

Sponsored jointly by the Valley Ministerial Fellowship and St. Ann's Catholic Church, the census is being conducted under the leadership of the I W V Community Religious Committee. The Rev. Robert M. Harvey of St. Michael's Episcopal Church is Chairman.

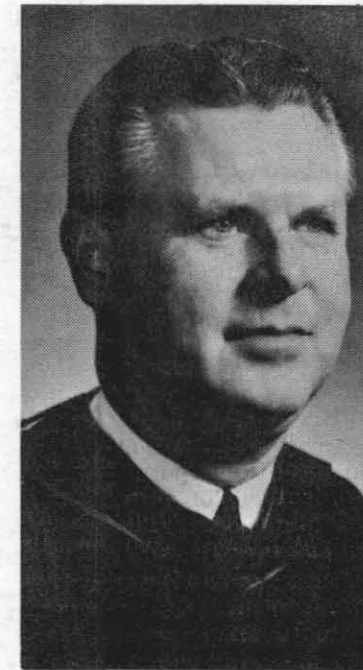
Census taking procedure will consist of home calls throughout the valley on the afternoon of November 7. Each Church in the valley will be assigned a specific neighborhood to cover, based upon the number of workers the Church can furnish to cover a predetermined area size. Follow-up of "not-at-homes" will be covered by the same Church group during the weekdays following Sunday, November 7. It is hoped that the census can be completed within this week's period of time.

Census-takers are being instructed to make their calls as pleasantly and as briefly as possible. The merits of one religious belief or another are not to be discussed. Residents who prefer not to give any information at all are, of course, in no way obligated and census-takers will be instructed to accept such a decision without contesting that privilege in any way.

Census information will be recorded on individual cards. Residents may wish to clip the form shown on this page, fill it in, and have it ready for the census taker.

These cards will be turned over to the Church of indicated local preference, if such is specified. Non-affiliate cards will be filed in a centralized location, where they will be equally available to all religious bodies of the valley.

Very few local congregations have not indicated an interest in participating in the census. Participation has involved both a commitment of funds to cover expenses, and a commitment of personnel to help take the census. Generally a census such as this is of greatest help to established Churches in serving their own people more fully. Since no community-wide follow-up on census information is planned, individual Churches will be responsible for programs to meet the needs of their own people.



REV. J. DAVIS ILLINGWORTH

man of the Committees of Christian Education and Interpretation and Stewardship of the Synod of West Virginia. He served as Interpretation and Stewardship Chairman of the Synod of New York, and also Chairman of the Western New York Presbytery. He has directed summer conferences in Pennsylvania and West Virginia, and served as Chairman of most of the major Presbytery committees.

Clip form, fill in, and save for the Census Taker's call.

Indian Wells Valley Religious Census	
Name	Mr. _____ Phone _____ Mrs. _____ Miss _____
Address	_____
Date of Birth	____/____/____ Year Month Day
Member of what church?	_____
Do you attend Sunday School?	Where? _____
Denominational preference	_____
Local church preference	_____
Married	Single

NOTS Pasadena

VIRGINIA E. LIBBY — EXT. 638



AT OFFICIAL NAVY DAY OBSERVANCES, Pasadena Mayor Floyd O. Gwinn (l) presents City of Pasadena Proclamation to military guests of honor (l-r) Capt. G. H. Lowe, Officer in Charge, NOTS Pasadena; Capt. W. A. Hopkins, BuWeps Representative at Aerojet General Corporation; and Cdr. John Johnson, Commanding Officer, U. S. Navy and Marine Corps Reserve Training Center; and to the

President of the Pasadena Council of the Navy League, Wm. (Bill) Caspers (r). The ceremonies, held in conjunction with Navy League membership drive, took place at the Casper's Arcadia residence, decorated in a nautical motif for the occasion. Cocktails were served to about 150 members and guests, while strolling minstrels provided music for the gala affair.

Combined Federal Campaign

Your donation to the Combined Federal Campaign assures continuance of the Boy Scouts, Children's Hospital, Orthopaedic Hospital, American Hearing Society, USO, Crippled Children's Society and many other worthy organizations, providing help at home and around the world.

AstroNOTS Capture Lead

The shifting winds of the NOTS Wednesday night bowling league have blown the AstroNOTS into first place, by virtue of a four-straight sweep over previously - first - place They Beat Us in the sixth week of play. The AstroNOTS have now won 19 and lost 5, while They Beat Us boast a 16-8 record. The third - place Sphinks own a history of 15 and 9. AstroNOTS team members are Kathy Stanier, Coco White, Phil Foster, Sam Brown, and Ray Hanson.

Sixth-week high scores are as follows: team series, Sphinks, 2951; team game, Black Cats, 1028; men's series, Lloyd Hagnas and Dick Talbot, 630 (tie); women's series, Pauline Lofton, 635; men's game, Donn Parrish, 234; and women's game, Jan Cardwell, 229.



CAPTAIN G. H. LOWE reads Certificate of Patent Award presented to John D. Brooks, Physicist, in the Guidance and Control Division (center). Prentice Bacon, Assistant Division Head (l), looks on and offers congratulations. This is the third such award for Brooks in his ten years with NOTS. Originally from Illinois, he resides in San Gabriel with his wife, Doris, and son, Dennis, 12.

Fun Night Tonight

By HOWARD MILLER
It's finally here! The night you will be talking about over Monday morning coffee. The gags, the band, the unbelievable magic, the novelties, the endless supply of snax, and that scanty, scanty bikini. Don't let this night escape you. There is still time to get your tickets from the Branch secretaries. Remember — you do not have to costume so you may make a last minute decision to attend.

Of course we are talking about the NOTS Masquerade Party to be held tonight from 8:30 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. The place — Arcadia Elks Lodge, 27 West Huntington Drive, Arcadia.

Hail and Farewell

New Employees
Administration — Lee V. Skillman, Guard
Engineering — Virginia Valenzuela, Clerk Typist
UOD — Hidemi Tsuchimoto, Electronic Technician
Terminations
Public Works — Paul D. Bangle, Leadingman Transportation; William Gentner, Plumber.
Engineering — Joe Halmanski, Inspector
UOD — Ronald Rodeman, Mechanical Engineer; John W. Grove, Mathematician.

A philosopher is someone who always knows what to do until it happens to him.

Purchase Division Honors 4 For Length Of Service

The Purchase Division of Pasadena Supply Department recently held ceremonies to present length-of-service pins to Shirley I. McManigal, Frieda R. Petrancosta, Anna Lucille Rawe, and Florence O. Williamson.

Shirley was doubly honored with a 20-year Federal Service pin and a NOTS 20-year pin. With NOTS since 1945, Shirley is presently a Voucher Examiner. She was born in North Dakota, and lived in Chicago for a time, but has been a resident of South Pasadena for many years. She spends many leisure hours writing short stories and poems.

A comparative newcomer to NOTS (one year), Frieda, a Contract Negotiator, began her federal service with the Federal Public Housing Authority in 1944. She also held positions with the U.S. Treasury and the U.S. Army Engineers. Originally from Chicago, Frieda presently resides in Arcadia.

Anna Lucille (Lucy), Procurement Clerk, has been with NOTS for the past 13 of her 20 years in the federal service which included employment with the Internal Revenue, Federal Deposit Insurance Corp., Army Ordnance, Veteran's Administration and the Air Force Finance Center. A native of Missouri, Lucy has resided in Pasadena for the past 12 years.

Flo Williamson, also awarded a 20-year Federal Service pin, recently left her position as a Purchasing Agent with NOTS. She now resides in Seattle, Washington. Flo began her government career with the Naval Supply Depot, San Pedro. She came to NOTS, China Lake in 1949 and transferred to Pasadena in 1950.



CAPTAIN G. H. LOWE congratulates Shirley I. McManigal, Frieda R. Petrancosta, and

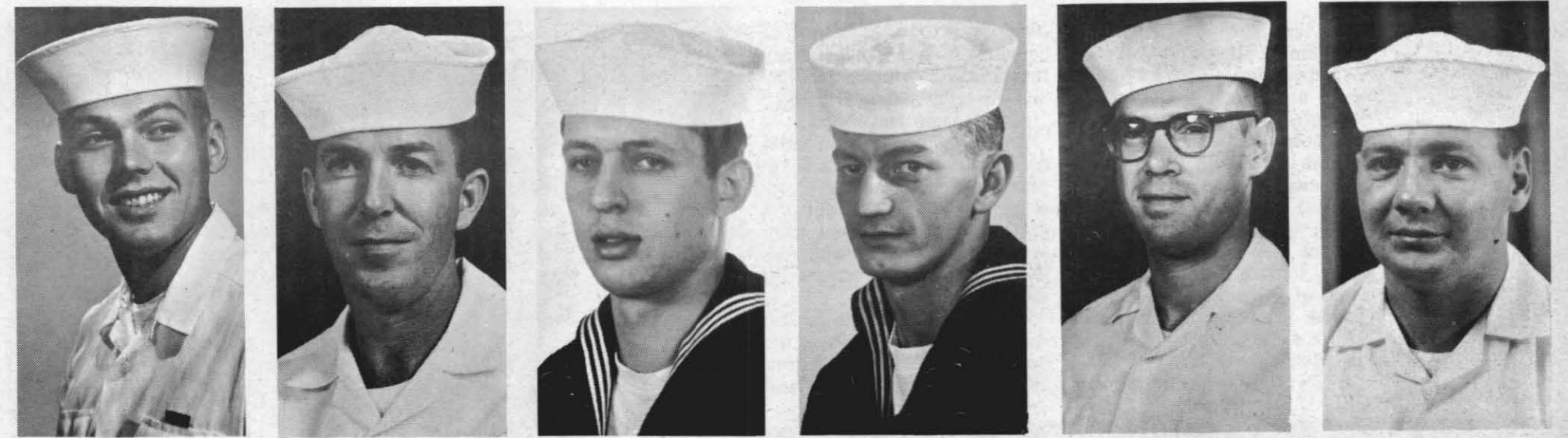
Anna Lucille Rawe (l-r) on having reached 20-year milestone in their federal careers.

Defense Secretary Sets Tenure Record

Washington — Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara has become the first man to hold that position for more than four years, eight months and 10 days.

The eighth Secretary of Defense passed the period of longevity (1953-57) held by the late Charles E. Wilson, Oct. 1. He received his original appointment to the post from the late President Kennedy in 1961 and was reappointed by President Johnson in 1963. (AFPS)

Bluejackets Honored By Navy League



HALVORSON

SAPP

ROSE

SCHWARTING

WILLIAMS

SEFFEL

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(formerly Test) Dept. at G-1 Range.

Attendance at the Navy Day event was well over 200 including family and friends of the Bluejackets; Station officials, Navy League members, and officials and residents of Ridgecrest and Bakersfield.

Introducing the guests of honor — Bluejackets of the Month; Robert B. Millett, President of the Indian Wells Valley Council, Navy League of the United States, said:

"Each of these men has been measured against his peers and has been chosen as outstanding." He added, "I would think that it would be virtually impossible for the married Bluejackets of the Month to attain this proficiency without the full cooperation of their wives who are also honored here tonight."

Bluejackets of the Month present included: William Sapp, Aviation Store Keeper First Class and wife Janet; Edward Seffel, Aviation Electrician Third Class and wife



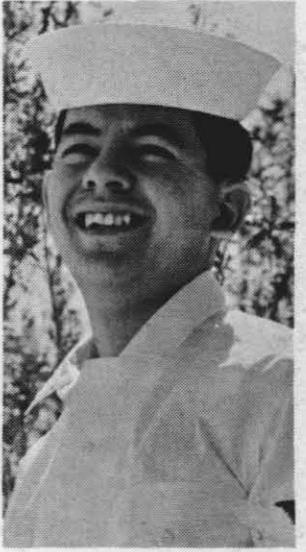
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GALOPE

Sally; Jerry Williams, Photographer Mate First Class and wife Beverly; Harold L. Calef, Aviation Metal Smith Chief and his guest Lou Ann Schneider; Richard Galope, Aviation Mechanics Mate Second Class and wife Jo Ann; Clarence Osborn, Aviation Mechanics Mate

Chief and wife Belva; and Douglas Halvorson, Fire Control Technician First Class. Also introduced was Bill Jenkins, Hospitalman First Class and his wife Mary. Jenkins was last year's Bluejacket of the Year.

As anticipation rose, Council

President Millett announced the Bluejacket of the Year, and on behalf of the local Council presented Halvorson with a plaque commemorating the honor and a \$200 check.

Further remarks were made by Lee Froman, President of the Bakersfield Council, and Capt. John I. Hardy, ComNOTS, presented a letter of commendation to Halvorson. Adding his congratulations was the Honorable Mathias (Bud) Hugo, Mayor of Ridgecrest.

Representing the business establishments of Ridgecrest was Elmer Studer, President of the Chamber of Commerce, and also a member of the Navy League.

The Bakersfield Council of the Navy League of the United States was represented, in addition to their President, by 24 members and their ladies.

Ridgecrest businesses who, through the cooperation of the Chamber of Commerce, participated in gift donations to the Bluejacket of the Year awardee include:

LeRoy's Furniture, Joe Miller's Ridgecrest and Desert Pharmacies, King Men's Wear, Town and Country, The Gift Mart, Cornelius Shoe Store, Jim Wheeler Western Auto, Medical Arts Pharmacy, Sexton Buick - Pontiac - Firestone, Champ's Desert Food Market, Community National Bank.

Others are Genge Industries, McLean's Richfield Service, Hamel's Fine Home Furnishings, Ridgecrest Variety Store, Associated Aero Science Lab, Al Adams Oldsmobile-Cadillac, Esther's Starlite Room, K and R Market, H. M. Parker, Hucek's Travel Service, Airinc, and Desert Playhouse.

Concluding the evening's event, Millett, reflected on the 190th birthday of the Navy.

"On this date in 1775," he said, "a bill was sent to the Continental Congress which resulted in the establishment of a fleet. It is also the birthday of the Founder of Navy League — President Theodore Roosevelt, who was a staunch supporter of a strong Navy."

He added, "One of the aims of the Navy League is to foster and maintain civilian interest in a strong, well equipped and well trained Navy and Marine Corps, who together with their Reserve components, form an integral part of a sound National Defense."

Expressing his pleasure at seeing present the large number of members of the Navy League, federal employees and citizens of China Lake and Ridgecrest, he concluded:

"Our communities are growing and Navy League is dedicated to help the Station Comand and the Government of Ridgecrest maintain this healthy mutual respect."

Investments Talk, Planning Program Set For Mon Eve

A program on Estate and Financial planning will be presented on Monday evening, November 1, 7-10 p.m., at Sherman E. Burroughs High School Cafetorium, Ridgecrest.

Speakers will include a Lawyer and an Investment Counselor.



REPRESENTING MERCHANTS of Ridgecrest, Elmer Struder, Chamber of Commerce President, expresses the pleasure of city

businessmen participating in gift donations. At left is local Navy League Council President, Robert B. Millett.

Mechanized Woodworking Shop Is Mecca For Hobbyists

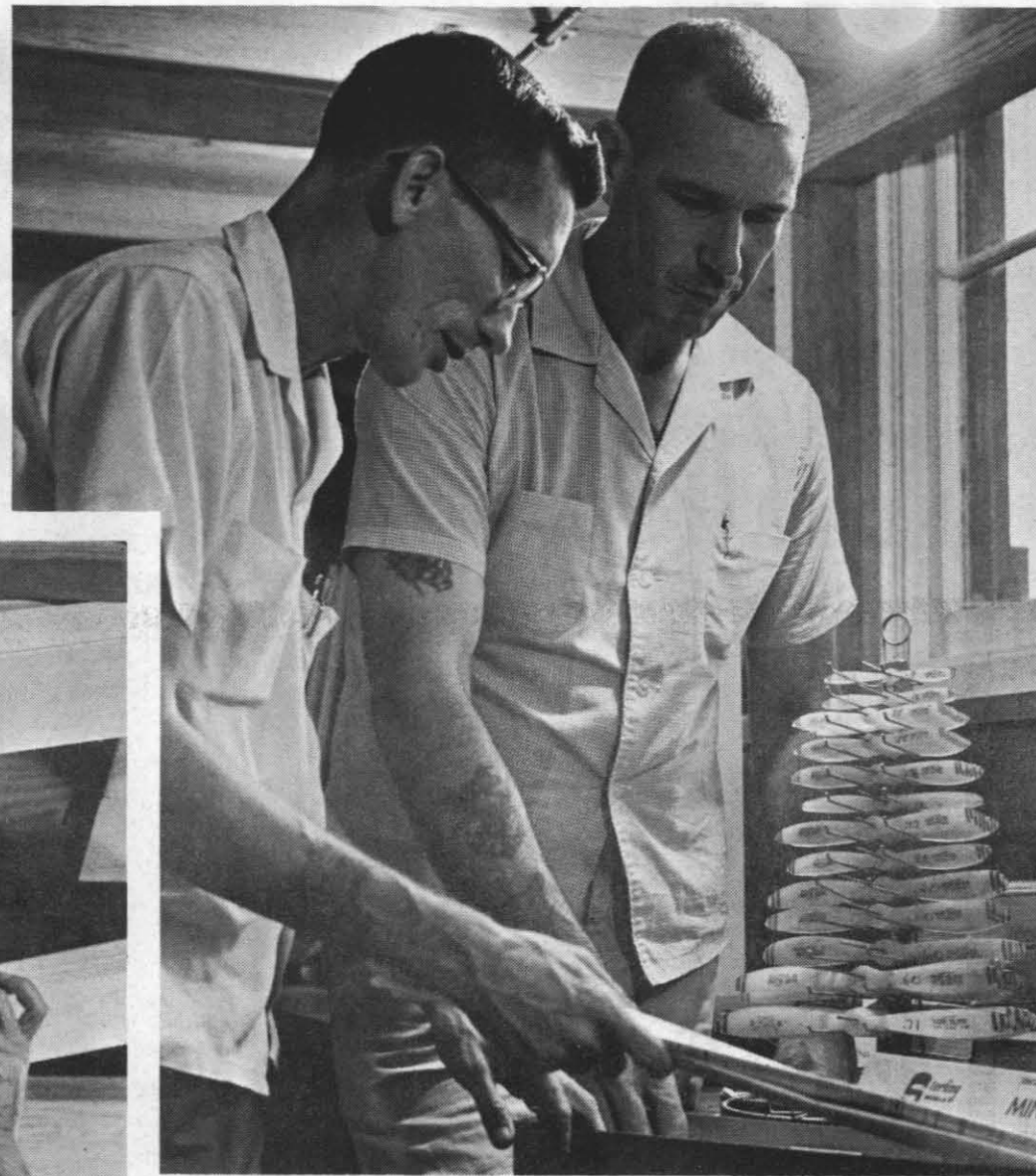
A low roar of activity fills the air of the China Lake Woodworking Hobby Shop four nights and a day in every week from the activities of hobbyists and do-it-yourselfers from both the military and civilian sides of NOTS.

First set up at NOTS in 1959, the shop has since acquired the tools and experience to handle nearly every kind of project by the newest novice or most knowing master. Such projects as flying model airplanes to truck camper tops to furniture can

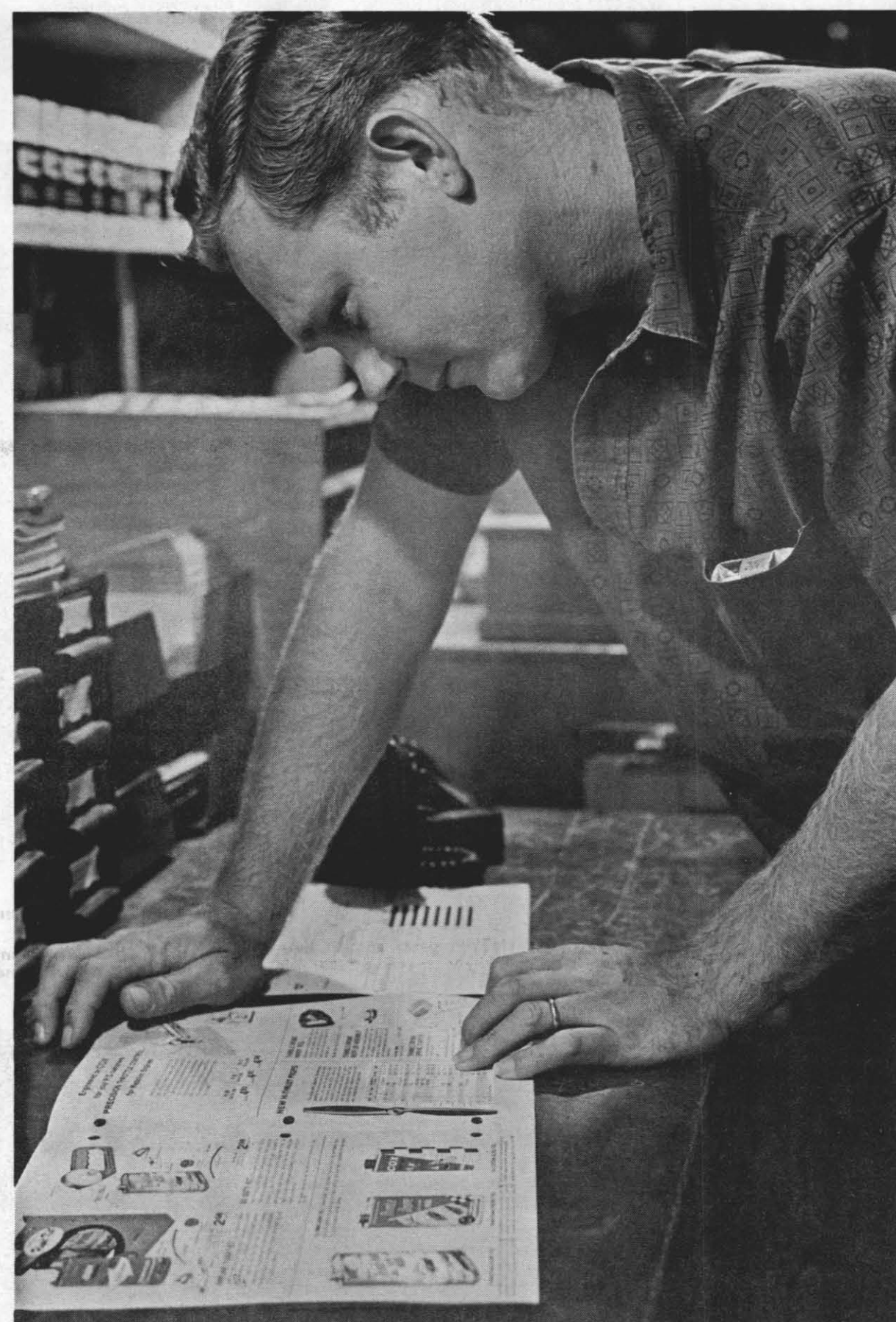
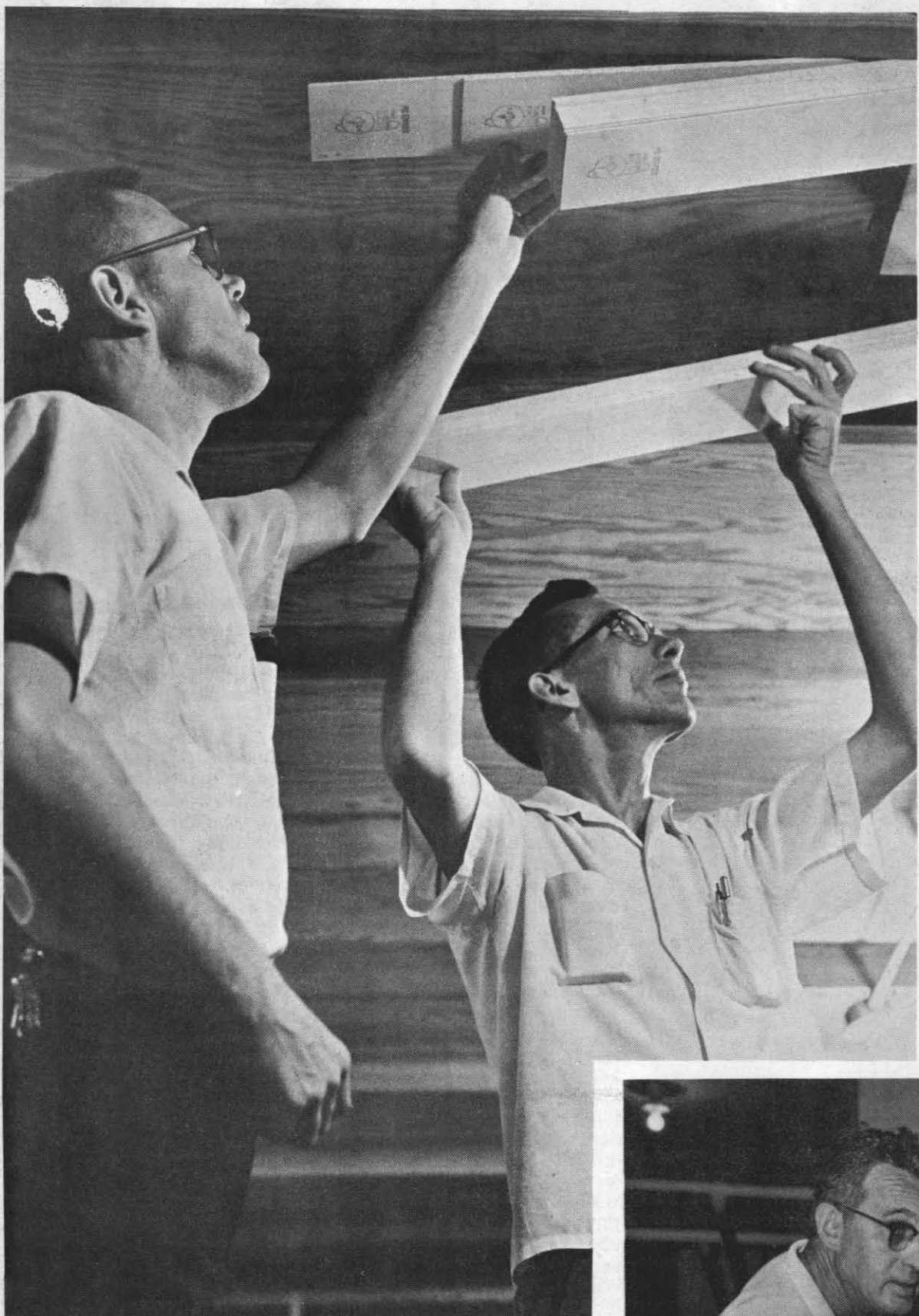
be seen in various stages of completion on Wednesday through Friday nights to 10:30 and Saturday from 9 to 5.

Manager Has Help
Begun in 1959 as a Special Services activity, the Woodworking Hobby Shop has continued growing under the leadership of its present manager, Alva L. Van Buren, AM-HCA, of VX-5's Airframes Division.

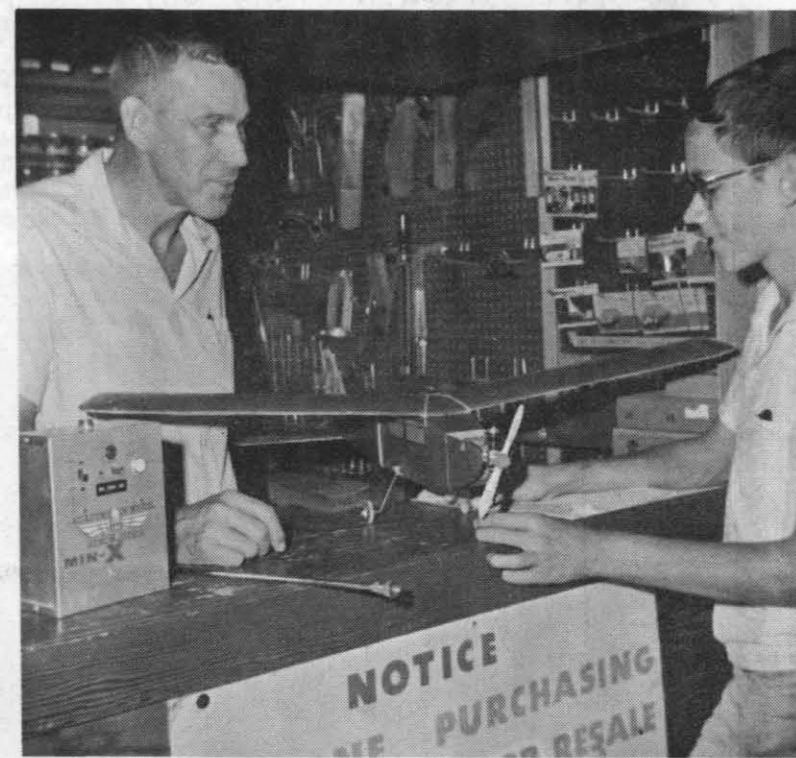
It occupies the large central room of a building behind the Station Restaurant, with "satellite" rooms at northeast and



CHECKING STOCK AGAINST PLANS—Louis Shanteler and Shop Manager Van Buren (l-r) select special items from stocked parts at east end of shop area. **BELOW**, young hobbyist receives favorable critique on flying model plane.



STUDYING THE PROJECT — Jerry Segler, above, reads project instruction before beginning work and checks for any special parts or equipment needed.



Shop Is Well-Equipped

Hobbyists select and purchase their own materials from local dealers to suit their own specifications, then bring them to the hobby shop where they find practically any hand or power tool they may need.

Among the shop's heavy power equipment — the pride of manager Van Buren's eye — are a joiner, planer, shaper, two radial saws, two table saws, a band saw, jig saw, drill press and lathe.

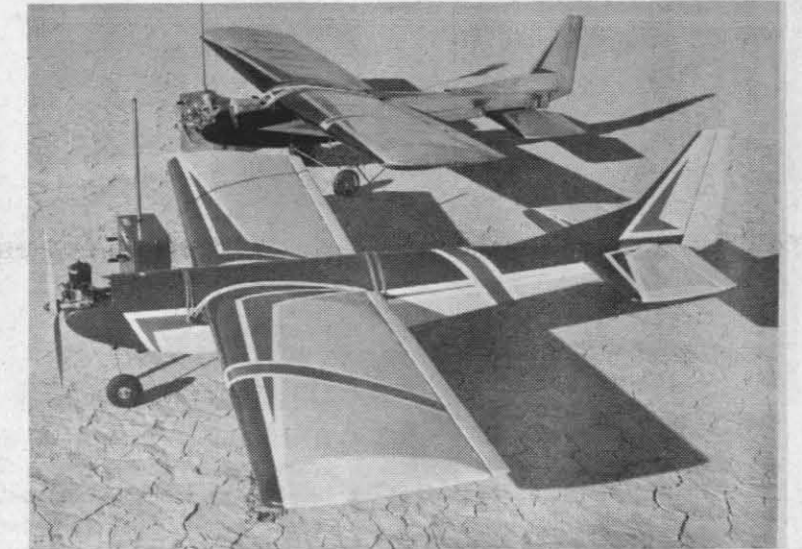
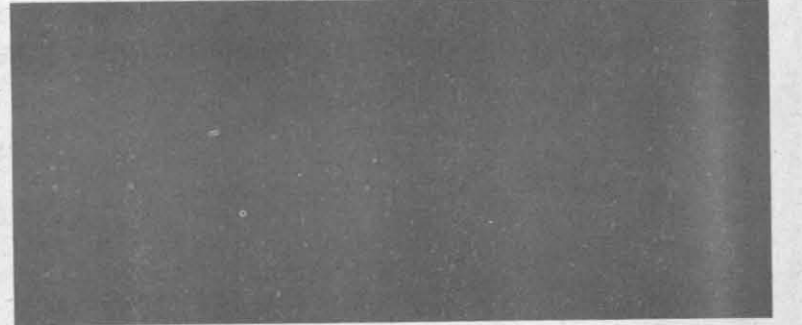
"The Station has such a good safety program in its work places," Van Buren comments, "that when people come here to the shop, they use good safety precautions." He points out that all the heavy machinery is equipped with

guards, and that the shop provides safety goggles.

Among the shop's most regular customers are the Alkali Angels and their model airplane - building buddies. For them, the shop stocks the more esoteric items for power and electronic control designing.

Hobbyist Serves Hobbyists

Alva Van Buren is a long-time hobbyist himself, having caught the woodworking bug in high school. He kept at it after entering the Navy in January, 1946, and picked up an interest in model airplanes after coming to NOTS for two years in 1953. He returned here in 1963, and has been manager of the Woodworking Hobby Shop since March of last year.



ON DRY MIRROR LAKE BED, ready for flight, are two samples of one of a variety of project types built at the Hobby Shop. **FOR ANOTHER EXAMPLE, BELOW**, Mrs. Truman Bergman works at planer on piece for household furniture. Her husband adapted stock of M1-C rifle here for his laser beam rangefinder invention.

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northwest corners housing the Model Airplane Club activities.

"Many of the people who work on their projects here regularly are pretty skilled and need no advice from me," says Van Buren, "but one man in particular, Joe Lechner, helps out a great deal, and gives a hand to hobbyists. He's a machinist at Mich Lab, and works here almost every open hour he has." Lechner is president of the local chapter of the International Association of Machinist.

SEARCHING FOR MATERIAL — Hard-to-find or unusual wood is stocked at Hobby Shop. Above (l-r), Jerry Williams, Navy Rocketeer photographer, and Louis Shanteler pick out balsa sheets. **AT RIGHT, JOE LECHNER**, president of Internat'l Assoc. of Machinists local, puts finishing touches on own project. He is often at shop working and helping other hobbyists.

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