







WILBUR J. ELIAS, left, is congratulated by E. R. Toporeck, head of the Test Department, upon receiving a Beneficial Suggestion Program cash award of \$160. The award presented to Mr. Elias was the highest of 13 to be given out recently to China Lake employees.

## 13 China Lake Employees Receive A Total of \$502 for Suggestions

Thirteen China Lake employees recently qualified for a total of \$502.50 in Beneficial Suggestion program cash awards for ideas that saved the Navy an estimated \$10,725 as well as improved the speed and efficiency of operations, a roundup of suggestion award presentation shows.

Highest individual award, \$160, went to Wilbur J. Elias, an employee in the range operations branch of the Test Department, who devised a means of increasing the flexibility of the NOTS Terrier firing systems.

Results of this suggestion will save the Navy an estimated \$5376 during its first year of operation.

Of the other awards presented, three each went to employees of the Public Works, Rocket, Explosives, and Supply and Fiscal Departments.

Award recipients in the Public Works Department were B. C. Hockensmith, Thomas E. Drake and Floyd C. Beckendorf.

Mr. Hockensmith, an electrician, received \$25 for devising an improved runway light control relay system at Armitage field; Mr. Drake, a heavy duty truck driver, was awarded \$40 for his suggestion that guards be installed over the rear corner windows of 15 ton diesel trucks, and Mr. Beckendorf, a diesel equipment mechanic, received \$10 for devising an automatic oiler for the main chain drive on Rex Transit Mixer trucks.

George J. Todd, Robert R. Law and Arthur S. Esbach were the three Rocket Department employees to receive Beneficial Suggestion Program cash awards.

Mr. Todd, an ordnance engineer in Project Branch A, received a \$100 award for suggesting a modification of fiscal accounting procedures that will save an estimated \$1800; Mr. Law, an electrician, was awarded \$30 for suggesting the substitution of an

explosion-proof micro-switch for the previously used hydraulic pressure switch on automatic transtackers, and Mr. Eschbach, an administrative assistant, received \$10 for a suggestion that inventory be taken during the latter part of the year when operations are substantially slower than at other times.

Award recipients in the Explosives Department were Kenneth R. Sappington, Eugene L. Krogh and Milton Evans.

Mr. Sappington and Mr. Krogh divided a \$27.50 check received for a suggestion concerning the design and fabrication of portable testing equipment for field use, and Mr. Evans was awarded \$25 for suggesting the installation of a condensate bleed off system on low pressure steam lines.

In the Supply and Fiscal Department, awards went to Victor H. Scherer, a storekeeper in the material division; to Edward E. Jensen and to Mrs. Mary A. Miller, both time, leave and payroll clerks.

Mr. Scherer received \$50 for devising a new method for rewinding electronic hookup wire; Mr. Jensen was awarded \$15 for suggesting that two date stamps, used on certain types of work, be fastened together in order to make it unnecessary to switch the stamps and thereby speed up the operation, and Mrs. Miller received a \$10 award for proposing that a comptometer course be instituted in order to increase the accuracy and speed of employees using calculators or comptometers.

### TIRE PRESSURE

Because air expands when hot and contracts when cold, tire pressure should always be checked in the morning before starting out for a trip, suggests the Automobile Club of Southern California.

## REPORTS FROM Technical Departments

### Klammer Leaves To Take Position In Culver City

R. G. Klammer terminated his position last Wednesday as contract coordinator for the Rocket Department and left to take up a new assignment with the Hughes Research and Development Laboratories in Culver City, as an administrative engineer.

Replacing him will be Warren H. Ridpath, planning coordinator on the Rocket Department staff.

Mr. Klammer came to NOTS at Harvey Field from the Bureau of Aeronautics at Washington, D.C., seven years ago. He interrupted employment at NOTS for three years to go with Northrop Aircraft Corporation, as a research and test engineer, then joined Pasadena Annex in the rocket design group. It was in March of 1950 that he returned to China Lake.

He holds a degree of Bachelor Aeronautical Engineering received from the University of Minnesota in 1942, and is a member of the Institute of Aeronautical Sciences.

Just before terminating, Mr. Klammer took a special two-week tour of temporary duty with the Naval Reserve at the Long Beach Naval Ship Yard in connection with ship activation.

He and Mrs. Klammer and their two children, Marcia and Roger, will make their new home in the Palos Verdes Estates.

### 9 Marines Promoted In Missile Battalion

Nine Marines attached to the First Provisional Marine Guided Missile Battalion were promoted recently according to Maj. W. E. Weinberg, battalion operations officer.

Promotions from private first class to corporal went to B. A. Edwards, J. S. Fasel, W. R. Fibich, T. B. Gorton, R. H. Kinville, H. F. Mullen, H. A. Mosley and C. B. Schultz, while R. A. Zinke was promoted from corporal to sergeant.

### Technical Program Slated Tuesday

A technical demonstration by G. E. Moxon, of the Moxon Sales Company in San Mateo, has been scheduled at 10 a.m. Tuesday in Room 1013, Michelson Laboratory.

Mr. Moxon will demonstrate the Rutherford delay generator, pulse generator, the pulse train calibrator, the Marconi universal bridge, FM deviation meter, the circuit magnification meter, and various other items of equipment handled by the Moxon Company.

### Technical Lecture Programs Set At Michelson Lab

Two technical lectures and a confidential seminar have been scheduled within the next two weeks in Room 2067, Michelson Laboratory.

The first lecture entitled "Detonation and Shock Waves in Gases and Solids" will be presented Tuesday at 10 a.m. by Dr. Russell E. Duff of the Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory. Dr. Duff will discuss some of the papers presented at the American Physical Society Meeting at Columbia University during January 1954.

He has been associated with the Los Alamos Laboratory since his graduation from the University of Michigan in 1951.

The seminar will be presented Wednesday, at 10 a.m.

The second lecture entitled "Rubber in Engineering" will be delivered Friday, June 18, at 10 a.m., by Ross E. Morris. Mr. Morris, who is head of the rubber laboratory at the Mare Island Naval Shipyard, Vallejo, Calif., will discuss the advantages and disadvantages of rubber in engineering and the characteristics of natural and synthetic rubber.

Mr. Morris is a graduate of Caltech, obtaining his M.S. degree in 1932. The following year he held the Goodyear Fellowship in Rubber Chemistry at the University of Akron.

### BuOrd Receives Navy Safety Award

RADM M. F. Schoeffel, Chief of the Bureau of Ordnance, has recently received from the Hon. R. W. Anderson, Secretary of the Navy, the Secretary of the Navy Award for Motor Vehicle Safety for 1953.

The Bureau has now received the award for the third consecutive year, and had received it twice previously. The award was made because the Bureau's average accident rates were better than those for the Navy as a whole.

In his letter to the Station Commander, Admiral Schoeffel said, in part, "Your Station's safety record contributed an important part to the Bureau results and, in addition, it was of such a high standard as to warrant individual Secretary of the Navy awards.

"This performance and its recognition is especially praiseworthy and gratifying in view of the extremely hazardous nature of your work, especially where explosives and ammunition were involved."

## News from Pasadena



GUARD DOMINGO SANCHEZ and his bride are surrounded by friends at NOTS after receiving an array of wedding gifts following their recent nuptials at the Church of the Resurrection, Los Angeles.

### Changes Made In Annex Employee Development Group

Captain Robert F. Sellars, Officer-in-Charge, Pasadena Annex, this week announced several changes in membership on the Employee Development Committee, as well as changes in the tenure of office for each member.

New members include Bruce Lawrence, representing Command Administration and Office of the Commander; Robert Leard, Design and Production Department; G. V. Schlietert, chairman, representing Underwater Ordnance Department; LCDR R. C. Jacquess, Public Works and Supply and Fiscal divisions; Dr. Paul Buchanan, executive secretary, personnel division.

"The tenure of office for each member is one year," Captain Sellars said, "except that the Officer-in-Charge, Associate Technical Director, and staff psychologist serve indefinitely in a non-voting status."

### ESO Nominations Now Available

Nominations for Annex representatives to the Employees Service Organization should be secured between now and June 18, according to Cecil Emerson, incumbent president.

Two representatives from Thompson Lab, two from Foothill, and one from Morris Dam will be elected. Any one employed at the Annex is eligible, even though he has served previously.

Five signatures of people in the area represented are required on each nomination which should be sent to Judy Hamilton, ESO secretary, code P6092, mail station 15.

### SAVING ON TIRES

Rotating the tires of your car is an economy measure, says the Automobile Club of Southern California.

### Security Guard Married in L.A.

Domingo Sanchez, acting sergeant of the security police on the B watch at Foothill, and his bride, Laura Martinez, were presented with wedding gifts from friends at the Annex last Thursday.

Fellow guards and friends gathered around an electric roaster electric mixer, food grinder, and carving set were contributed to the new Sanchez household.

The marriage vows were spoken on Saturday at the Church of the Resurrection in Los Angeles. Following the ceremony, family and friends attended a reception at the home of the bride's parents. The newly married couple will reside at 3720 Eagle Street, Los Angeles.

### Delegates Named To Central Council

Six of the seven Employee Management Council representatives to the Central Council at the Annex have been selected from their local councils.

The Underwater Ordnance Department chose Frank Hill Jr., while the Design and Production Department selected John Busik. The Public Works Engineering Division named LeRoy Pascoe as representative pro tem. The Central Engineering Division is represented by C. F. Sapper, and the Supply and Fiscal Department elected Alexander Cox. Gloria Armijo of the Personnel Division will represent the Staff. The representative from Command Administration has not yet been selected.

Pending the election of a new chairman of Central Council, LeRoy Pascoe will continue to serve. At that time, he will either revert to chairmanship of the Public Works council or a replacement will be selected.

## Evelyn McDonald Wins Meritorious Award

Mrs. Evelyn McDonald, placement officer in the personnel division, was presented with a Meritorious Civilian Award last Tuesday at the awards ceremony at Thompson Laboratory. She was also advanced to the position of personnel assistant.

Dr. William B. McLean, Technical Director of the Station, in making the award, quoted from the recommendation of Norman J. Newcomb, head of the personnel division, who said:

"I know of no employee in my experience who has demonstrated greater effectiveness in dealing with operating officials and employees than Mrs. McDonald. I am aware that, in the opinion of the Civil Service Commission, no technician in this area surpasses her in technical knowledge of her job."

Other recommendations came from Edward J. Jones Jr., head, staffing and utilization branch, and Robert

S. Bennett, head, personnel advisor section.

"While Mrs. McDonald's technical competence is exemplary," Mr. Jones said, "I feel her really significant contribution has been in developing and maintaining a high level of morale in the branch and among those with whom she has been associated. Her talent for establishing a 'climate' conducive to the most effective sort of interpersonal relationships is unique in my experience."

Mr. Bennett said, "Mrs. McDonald's work is characterized by an unusual interest in the welfare of the employees of the Pasadena Annex. She has continually performed many tasks beyond the normal work expected for her position and grade. During the past year, she has planned and executed a series of reduction-in-force actions with a minimum of unrest among the affected personnel. She exhibited an outstanding ability to personalize each action to the best interest of the Navy and the individual."

Mrs. McDonald came to the Station as a clerk in November 1946. She lives with her husband, Stanley, an employee in the public works division at Foothill, at 813 Arcadia Avenue, Arcadia.

### Safety Pins To Be Motif for Contest

A new and appropriate use for safety pins becomes evident at the Annex next week. They will be worn not for utilitarian purposes but to call attention to Safety Slogan Week, June 21 to 25.

The Executive Safety Committee announced a contest for the best slogan of ten words or less to keynote the Annex safety program. Entry blanks and safety pins will be available June 16.

Judges for the contest and rules for participation will be announced next week.

### Brothers See Duty On Same Ship

Ships that pass in the night were Tom Fahy, technical editor, Underwater Ordnance Department, and his brother CDR Richard T. Fahy. Tom spent the week of April 4 to 9 aboard the U.S.S. Point Cruz on an indoctrination cruise and to sample Fleet reaction to a pilot's handbook prepared by NOTS.

Word has since been received via the San Diego Tribune that CDR Richard T. Fahy has been assigned duty on the staff of the Commander, Carrier Division 17, now aboard the same ship, the escort carrier Point Cruz, which is in Far Eastern waters.

