

## Rocket Developers Receive \$810 Award



ROCKET AND WARHEAD penetration mechanics work won an \$810 check and Superior Accomplishment Awards for (l. to r.) these men: Nicholas Matuszewicz, Robert Clark and Leonard Wilson, all of the Rocket Development Department. At right presenting the check is Department Head Dr. H. A. Wilcox.

## Superior Accomplishment Award



A CHECK FOR \$200 goes to Earlene Melia for a year's work that was outstanding in budget and fiscal matters. At left is Quentin Elliott, Propellants and Explosives Department Head. William Davis, associate head for administration looks on with smiling approval.

## Capt. Joseph H. Hall Promoted to Major

It is now Major Joseph F. Hall, of the First Terrier SAM Battalion, his promotion having been announced this week. He was first stationed at NOTS from October 1951 to June 1953 as a captain in command of battery firing. He went to overseas duty with the Third Marine Battalion in Japan, and returned here in November 1954 as organizer of the first tactical battery.

## Stories Welcome!

The Rocketeer welcomes news stories by NOTS personnel. If you know of a news story of interest to your fellow employees or if your own activities are such that they are news, then the Rocketeer staff would like to hear your story.

**REMEMBER**—the Rocketeer can carry a news story ONLY if it is brought to the attention of a staff member of the Rocketeer. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

## China Lake Civic Concert Association Annual General Meeting Slated Feb. 1

The annual general meeting of the membership of the NOTS Civic Concert Association will be held at 8 p.m., Wednesday, February 1, at the Richmond Elementary School auditorium.

Every person who holds season tickets for the current concert series is a member of the Association. All members are urged to attend, according to R. W. Anderson, chairman. This is the only meeting of the general membership that will be held during 1956.

The primary purpose of the meeting is to elect new members to the Board of Directors. The terms of three of the six Board members expire, and successors must be elected at this meeting. Members whose terms are expiring are Mrs. Ivar E. Highberg, L. W. Sepetoski and R. W. Anderson.

The choice of directors is particularly important to all persons interested in the concert series as the directors select the programs for each year and conduct all other business of the Association between annual meetings.

Directors serve two-year terms. A slate of candidates for the offices is being prepared by a nominating committee under the chairmanship of Kenneth H. Robinson, first president of the Association. Nominations also may be made from the floor by any member at the meeting provided the person nominated is a member of the Association and agrees to serve if elected.

**Other Business on Agenda**  
Other business on the agenda for the meeting includes reports on the financial status of the Association by the treasurer, Mr. Sepetoski, and the chairman of the audit committee, Albert S. Gould. In addition, members will be invited to comment on affairs of the Association, particularly the programs in the series and to make suggestions on these subjects for the guidance of the Board of Directors.

The board also is trying to arrange for Alexander Haas to attend this meeting. Mr. Haas is the western manager for the National Concert Artists Association. Mr. Haas previously appeared here at the annual meeting in 1954.

## '56 March of Dimes Campaign To Begin

"Blue Crutch Day" will be held on the Station tomorrow when American Legionnaires will take part in the state-wide drive for March of Dimes funds. Donors will receive miniature blue crutches for their lapels.

March of Dimes envelopes, according to R. C. O'Reilly, community manager and chairman of the local dimes drive, will be passed out with paychecks to military personnel on January 16, and to civilian personnel on January 20.

"Paycheck and 'crutch' appeals are the only direct appeals on the Station this year," said O'Reilly. "Station residents who have contributed so generously to the March of Dimes in the past will have this way to make their 1956 donations."

The Lions Club will handle distribution and collection of coin containers at central locations, and other indirect appeals, according to O'Reilly.

County coordinator of the campaign is Edward Richardson, of Bakersfield.

## RAdm. W. R. Smedburg To Head Academy

Washington (AFPS) — Rear Adm. William R. Smedburg III, one of the youngest men ever to head the Naval Academy, has been named superintendent. He will relieve Rear Adm. Walter P. Boone effective sometime early in '56, the Navy said.

Adm. Smedburg, 53, has been serving as director of political-military policy in the office of the chief of naval operations since 1953.

No definite assignment was announced for Adm. Boone.

## Dates, Location Given for Shots

Polio immunization "shots" will be offered to children of Indian Wells Valley between ages of six months and 14 years next Thursday and also on February 16 at the Kern County Building in Ridgecrest. The immunization program will be administered under the direction of the Kern County Health Department.

Hours during both days will be 9 to 11 a.m., and 1:30 to 3 p.m. It is stressed by officials that no child will be treated without a signed consent from a parent or guardian. School children will have consent slips sent to their homes, but preschool children should be taken to the clinic by a parent or guardian, it was pointed out.

Aiding in the administration will be Claire Fitzgerald, County public health nurse; Doris Whitley and Edith Hurst, Station public health nurses; Mildred A. Kirby, Burroughs high school nurse, and Mrs. Cornelia Richey, elementary school nurse, both of China Lake.

LCdr. L. R. Martin, Station medical officer, urges all people here who have children in the accepted age brackets to take advantage of the county immunization program.

### THE WEATHER

Weekend expected to have partly to full cloudiness. Winds to be no higher than a maximum of 12-14 knots. Temperatures will have a wide range, spanning over 35 degrees.



### TEMPERATURES (Housing Area)

	Max.	Min.
Jan. 4	63	20
Jan. 5	67	27
Jan. 6	66	35
Jan. 7	60	34
Jan. 8	63	30
Jan. 9	66	27
Jan. 10	65	28

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## Labor Market Wage Survey Of L. A. Area

Cooperative arrangements have been completed for Navy participation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics in a survey of the Los Angeles area labor market starting sometime after January 13, 1956. The last such joint wage survey was conducted early in 1954.

The Department of the Navy's participation in this survey will be directed by the Navy Area Wage Survey Committee, which will be composed of representatives of commanding officers of naval stations in the Los Angeles and Mojave Desert area. The activities of this committee will be coordinated by officials of the Area Wage and Classification Office in Long Beach.

Nathan J. Snapp, of the Personnel Department, has been designated as the Commanding Officer's representative while Dorothy Seaman, of the Pasadena Personnel Division, has been named as the Annex subcommittee chairman.

All participating activities, except NOTS, China Lake, and the Marine Corps Supply Annex at Barstow, will appoint two-man data collection teams. The exceptions have been made because of the travel distance to and from the industrial firms to be surveyed in the metropolitan Los Angeles area.

Upon completion of the survey, the data will be forwarded to the Office of Industrial Relations in Washington, D.C., where it will be used in compiling a new schedule of wages for Navy non-IV-B employees in this area.

The results of the survey will not affect the salaries of graded employees, who are paid in accordance with the salary schedules contained in the Classification Act of 1949.

Listings of occupations to be surveyed and firms to be contacted have been posted on bulletin boards throughout the Station.

## NAF Officers Receive Notice of Promotions

Three Naval Air Facility officers have been selected for promotion to lieutenant. They are to be promoted as vacancies occur.

They are: Lt. (jg) Kenneth Simmons Jr., assistant personnel officer; Lt. (jg) Charles Duffy, airways officer in operations; and Lt. (jg) Gerald Barnett, line maintenance and progress officer in the Engineering Department at NAF.

## Will Stapp Ride Here?



FASTEST MAN ON EARTH, Lt. Col. John Stapp, USAF, who has ridden several supersonic sleds on various tracks over the nation, is pictured above (third from left) as he views the SNORT track from the operations tower on the range here at NOTS. Pictured with him (l. to r.) are: Capt. Herbert Shepler and Cdr. M. D. Courtney, both of the Navy's Medical Corps; they are director and deputy director of the Aviation Medical Acceleration Laboratory at NADC in Johnsonville, Pa. At far right is R. M. Nelson of the track operations branch, Missile Range Division, NOTS Test Department.

## EMCO Talks Over NOTS Problems

Three main subjects were considered Wednesday afternoon by members of the local Employee-Management Committee in their monthly session at the Community Center.

The first concerned setting up of examinations and registers for employees' premium rates. Representatives of management stated that registers for premium rates will be set up by trades in the same method as set up by trades for retention purposes.

Next, the Station's procedure for establishment of classification titles was taken up. Here the answer was that line supervisors primarily determine classification of the title by assignment of duties, qualifications and availability of persons to perform the duties; and that such assignments are made as are consistent with standards for the job titles established by the Department of the Navy and the Civil Service Commission.

The third subject was the question of reactivation of the position of shop personnel supervisor, which has been abolished by Bureau of

Ordnance. It was pointed out by management representatives that the position is not to be reestablished. Discussion then turned to types of assistance or services rendered in the past by such a supervisor. It was indicated that study would be made of such types of assistance to determine how these services could be provided for employees under the present organizational setup.

Robert Duguid was chairman of the meeting, with LeRoy Jackson executive secretary.

## Slate Annual Meeting Of Credit Union

The Credit Union will hold its annual meeting on Monday January 16, at the Community Center at 8 p.m., it was announced this week by NOTS Credit Union officials.

The annual meeting agenda includes the determination of an amount for the yearly dividend to Credit Union members and the election of officers for 1955-56.

Door prizes will be given the night of the meeting.

## Lt. Col. Stapp Visits SNORT On Track Tour

Lt. Col. John Stapp, USAF medical officer, known nationally as "the fastest man on earth" because of his rides on rocket-driven test track sleds, on Wednesday visited the Station's Supersonic Naval Ordnance Research Track (SNORT).

His rides at the Edwards Air Force Base track drew wide attention last year when he subjected himself to deceleration tests to study gravity effects on the human body.

Strapped to a sled seat, he was propelled at a rate of hundreds of miles per hour along a track and then brought to a quick stop. This subjected him to many times the force of gravity, and temporarily blinded him at the end of one run.

By such tests he hopes to devise means of protecting pilots against forces that may suddenly confront them in flight.

Colonel Stapp showed great interest in SNORT, and said that his visit here was part of a tour of several such military installations.

## Heads Drive



CDR. K. C. WALLACE, senior assistant experimental officer in the Test Department, has been named to head this year's NOTS Navy Relief Fund drive. Cdr. Wallace was formerly the NOTS Communications Officer and Public Information Officer in the Command Administration Department.