

'EMCO' Discusses Liability Insurance, Voting, Other Issues

Members of the NOTS Employee-Management Council met Wednesday afternoon at the Community Center and discussed subjects ranging from liability insurance for drivers of government vehicles to the present Area Wage Survey.

Captain F. A. Chenault, Executive Officer, said that management had made a study of whether it was feasible for civilian drivers of government vehicles to buy liability insurance. He said that the subject of liability had been well covered in a recent Rocketeer article, and that inquiries showed that insurance bought by an individual to cover liability in such driving would be quite expensive.

Discussion then centered on the basis for IVA titles of Leadingman (Maintenance), Leading man (Public Works), and Leadingman (Mechanic). Because of the details involved the matter cannot be treated here and employees are referred to their EMCO representatives for information.

No return of the position of shop personnel supervisor is anticipated. Where such a position previously existed, employees with problems are referred to their EMCO members for aid.

Joseph Philbin, a Civil Service inspector from the Los Angeles office of the 12th Regional office, stated that certain papers accompanying an application for federal employment (Form 57) must be retained with the individual's file. Documents included are those describing the employment record of the applicant.

The question of employees taking time to register and vote in elections brought a statement from management to this effect: Em-

How Many Among Us Are 'Eager Leavers'?

What makes an employee an "eager leaver"? Have you noticed at quitting time how some people are always in a hurry, always the first to get to their cars, always the first to get checked out? What's the big hurry?

The "eager leaver" sometimes proves a menace and a nuisance to others. What consideration does this type person have for those working with him (or her)? None! They take risks, they trample and shove others about in the hallways in their hurry. Someday soon let's hope that the "eager leaver" will realize that others are just as anxious to get home after a day at work as (he or she) is.

You rarely save seconds by being a bell-jumping "eager-leaver". Think of your fellow workers and your job the next time you leave your place of work before you should. THINK.

'Operation Rescue' Task Force



STATION PERSONNEL who rescued six persons at Nine Mile Canyon are shown upon their return to China Lake. They are (l. to r.) Tommy Drake and Les Knigge, truck drivers; J. B. Cleveland, patrolman;

Sgt. J. E. Dowd, patrolman; Ruben Brown, heavy equipment mechanic; Larry Larsen and Ray Mellies, equipment operators; V. A. Cummins, security investigator; and CWO-W2 Carl Brad.

employees living in China Lake, Ridgecrest and Inyokern who work the regular shift of 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. will be expected to register for and vote in elections on their own time. Those who commute to work from beyond this area (Trona, Rand District, etc.) will be allowed up to but not exceeding two hours excused time to register or vote in municipal elections.

Employees in the China Lake, Ridgecrest and Inyokern area, who work other than the regular shift, which does not allow two hours before or after work for voting, will be allowed one hour excused time to vote. Employees voting beyond the local or commuting area will be expected to vote by absentee ballot. When this is not possible, these employees will be allowed up to, but not exceeding, two hours excused time and the balance of the time required to attend their place of voting will be taken on annual leave.

It was stated that safety shoes for employees could not be stored here for direct local sales, but that the Safety Division might aid by taking mail orders for such shoes.

Howard Auld, employee observer with the present Area Wage Survey being conducted by the Department of the Navy and the Bureau of Labor, spoke on the procedures taken by those conducting the program. He said that it was too late now for individual matters to be taken up with the survey, but that another would take place later.

China Lake, Pasadena List Job Opportunities

Head, Simulation Branch, GS-13. Duty at Pasadena, Code P8043. Incumbent will be responsible to the Head, Guidance and Control Division for successfully carrying out the simulation program assigned to the Simulation Branch. The duties will involve supervision and direction of personnel in the branch to achieve these objectives.

Electronic Engineer (general), GS-9. Engineering Department, Please call 71393 or 71648.

Church Board Meets First Time



RECENTLY ELECTED to the Official Board of NOTS Community Church were these members, seen at their first session in the chapel last Tuesday evening. They are, from front row (l. to r.): Chaplain James L. Carter, Mrs. Lawrence Bowles, Mrs. Albert Gould and Pastor John L. Reid. Back rows (l. to r.): Arthur H. Bissell, Dr. William McBride, church treasurer, Raymond T. Merrow, Rod McClung, Otis Pennington, Commander John S. Daniel and Hubert R. Ross. Absent was Robert C. Anderson.

'Burroughs Seniors' Prepare for Graduation

Burroughs High School seniors this week took the initial steps on the long walk towards graduation when they completed the ordering of announcements, personal cards, caps and gowns.

Members of the group, which will be Burroughs' eleventh and largest graduating class, will hold Commencement Exercises at the Station Theater on Friday, June 7, according to present scheduling.

Deadline for ordering announcements, as announced by Norman E. Young, senior class advisor, is February 13. All students have been measured for caps and gowns and mid-term graduates have completed their orders for the academic robes.

Public Works Man Donates Time to Fix Road

Larry Larson, an employee of the Public Works Transportation Division, spent last Sunday operating a grader on the road leading to

the television repeater station on Laurel Mountain. Recent rains and wind had made the road impassable.

'Desert Bees' Is Name Chosen for Auxiliary

"Desert Bees" was the name chosen by members of the newly organized women's auxiliary of the Seabee Reserve Civil Engineering Company 11-25, of China Lake at its first meeting (Feb. 2) at the Community Center.

Those elected to head the new organization were: President—Peg Knoblauch; Vice-President—Georgia Bushnell; Secretary—Lee Barker; and Treasurer—Tobie Witrack.

NOTS women interested in the auxiliary are welcome to attend meetings and join the newly formed group. The next meeting will be held at the residence of Peg Knoblauch, 217 Cisco, Wherry Housing.

THE WEATHER

Mostly clear skies over the weekend with possible high clouds. Variable winds of 7 to 11 knots. Maximum temperature 60, minimum 27.

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TEMPERATURES (Housing area)

	Max.	Min.
Feb. 2	54	23
Feb. 3	58	22
Feb. 4	62	26
Feb. 5	59	32
Feb. 6	59	33
Feb. 7	66	27
Feb. 8	56	35

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Navy Boosters

NOTS Is Host To 11th Region 'Navy League'

Navy League members of the 11th Region, including the Long Beach and coastal area, visited the Station Wednesday and yesterday under the leadership of RADM. T. H. James, USN (Ret.), regional president and a national director.

Take Station Tours

After a greeting at the Naval Air Facility by Captain F. L. Ashworth, Station Commander, their tour included inspection of the Superonic Naval Ordnance Research Track (SNORT) and the Aeroballistics Laboratory as well as the ranges. In the afternoon they heard talks by Dr. W. B. McLean, Technical Director and others on NOTS developments of missiles and underwater ordnance, and toured Michelson Laboratory. Yesterday they went to the pilot plant and Randsburg Wash, returned to the Station for range demonstrations, then saw a dart highspeed target pickup at the Naval Air Facility before returning south by a plane from the Naval Air Station, Long Beach.

List of Members

Included in the 24-member visitors' list were Captain J. B. Paschall, USN, commanding officer of the Long Beach NAS; Lt. Col. John Morgan, AFRes, Libby Owen Ford Glass Fibres Co.; RADM. J. S. Laidlaw, USN (Ret), Hycon Manufacturing Co.; Dr. Myles L. Mace, and RADM. A. B. Scoles, USN (Ret), both of Litton Industries; Franklin Payne, publisher of the Los Angeles Examiner; and T. J. Bannan, Western Gear Works.

Ward Beman, Telecomputing Corp.; C. E. Clemshaw, Parker Aircraft Co.; Mansfield M. Griffith, Food Machinery and Chemical Corp.; G. Carlton Hunt, General Film Laboratory; RADM. M. P. Bagdanovich, USN (Ret), Harvey Machine Co.; Leo A. Carter and W. C. Cleveland, Douglas Aircraft Co.; William H. Burgess, Electronic Specialty Co.; Richard Leng, Packard Bell Co.; Walter R. Ramsauer, Garrett Corp.; D. Lee Narver, Holmes and Narver; Roy Linden, Union Oil Co.; Harry Buffum, Buffum's; Larry Crosby, Crosby Enterprises; Joseph L. Hunter, Hunter Douglas Corp.; Alvin Cox, a national director of the League; and William E. Saufley, of Phoenix, Ariz.

The previous visit of the members to the Station was last September.

New 'Leave Policy' Is Now in Effect

A new policy for crediting annual leave has been put into effect here at NOTS, it was announced this week by Captain F. A. Chenault, acting station commander. The new leave policy establishes an authority for the granting of leave in advance of it being earned by the employee.

The new policy, stated in NOTS Instruction 12105.4 Sup. 1, allows leave to be credited to the employee. At the beginning of each year, the amount of annual leave that an employee has to his credit will be increased by the total amount he will earn that year.

As a result, the next Statement of Leave card the employee receives (NavCompt form 908) will include annual leave credited, but not yet earned.

Annual leave credited to an employee, whether earned or not, may be granted at any time at the discretion of the supervisor and in accordance with the established policy. Supervisors should develop internal procedures for the administration of annual leave, specifically to assure minimum interference with planned work.

Management has requested all supervisors to call this new policy to the attention of all employees working under their jurisdiction.

Chemical Engineer Unit To Meet Here Tuesday

The next meeting of the Mojave Desert Section of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers will be held at China Lake on Tuesday evening, Feb. 14.

Dinner at 6:30 p.m. will be followed by the business meeting at 8 o'clock. Guest speaker will be Kermit L. Ross, patent counsel and Head of the Patent Division here at NOTS, who will speak on "Patent Protection of Chemical Inventions." Subjects to be discussed include (1) the history and development of the patent system, (2) organization of the patent office (3) enforcement of patents, (4) chemical inventions, and (5) chemical patent prosecution.

Interested persons are invited to attend this meeting. Reservations for the dinner should be made no later than Monday with William Gordon, 9-323, or Kenneth Bischof, 9-253, China Lake.



TWENTY-NINE Novitiate members accepted in scholastic chapter here.

Burroughs High School Chapter of 'CSF' Accepts 29 Novitiate, 4 Life Members

Twenty-nine novitiate members and four life members of the Burroughs High School chapter of the California Scholarship Federation were honored Wednesday night at the group's annual banquet held at the Burroughs Cafetorium.

More than one hundred members, parents and guests were welcomed by Dennis Clemente, chapter president. Guest speaker was L. M. Biberman, president of the local chapter of the Research Association of America, who spoke on the topic, "Beware of the Locked Doors." Entertainment at the piano was provided by Jon Eden.

Membership in the state-wide scholastic honorary, which is designed to promote scholarship and service, is determined on a point basis. A minimum of ten points is required, eight of which must be attained through academic work with three points given for each "A" and one point for each "B." Two points may be gained through active participation in school activities.

Novitiate Members

Novitiate members, introduced by Alice Cotner, included freshmen students Lela Hilborn, Alan Robinson, Paul Neipp, Leah Cornish, Carolyn Ridpath, Mary Anne Highberg, Carolyn Barker, Linda Jacobson, Sharon Christie, Charles Lenkner, Carolyn Haycock, Mio Smith and Diane Renne. Sophomores were Sybil Donaldson, Linda Dial, John Walker, Nancy Brahm, Janice Nicol, Ida Smith, Sandra Ward and Marilyn Doyle. New junior class members were Sharen Pinkerton, Margaret Waldron, Ruby Rupp and Jeannette Parker. Seniors, elected to the honorary for the first time, included Alice Cotner, Diane Deem, Leonie Kinikin, and Darlene Lynn.

Honored Guests, Advisor

Honored guests, in addition to parents of members, included Dr. and Mrs. Earl Murray, Mr. Kenneth W. Westcott, vice-principal, and Mrs. Westcott; Mr. K. H. Robinson, president of the Sherman E. Burroughs Parent-Teacher Assn.; Mrs. Anne Carter, president of the local American Association of University Women; Mrs. B. Jaeger, president of the Women's Auxiliary of the Commissioned Officers Mess, and Mr. Jaeger; and L. M. Biberman, guest speaker.

Faculty advisor of the chapter, which lists more than 50 members this semester, is Miss Leona M. Igel. Club officers are Dennis Clemente, president; Gary Reynolds, vice-president; and Diane Deem, secretary.



Honored Members

Honored as life members of the chapter were France Adamson, Suzanne Hough (above) and mid-year graduates Joan Kimley and Patty

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Superintendent's Notes

By DR. EARL MURRAY, Superintendent of China Lake Schools

More than 100 parents and guests attended the annual banquet this week to honor members of the Burroughs chapter of the California Scholarship Federation. Fifty-one students, from an enrollment of 650, are listed this year as members of the honorary scholastic group.

With the motto "Scholarship for Service," this statewide organization has the objective of fostering a high standard of scholarship and general attainment on the part of students of the secondary schools in the state of California.

At Burroughs, members are selected on a point basis, with points given for scholastic achievement and participation in school activities. A minimum of ten points is required, eight of which must be for academic work. Three points

are given for a semester grade of "A"; one point for a grade of "B". Repeated courses and physical education courses do not count.

One point is allowed for active membership in such activities as Student Council, Future Teachers of America, Library Club, and other school organizations.

Highlighting the service projects of the group for the year is its Foreign Exchange Student Program. To help foster international understanding among the students of Burroughs, the Club is collecting a total of \$650 to bring a European student to the high school for a year. Club members will assist the student selected in gaining an understanding of America and an American high school during his academic year on the Station.

Other service projects completed by the C.S.F. include an orientation assembly during the opening week of school and the conducting of an annual educational trip to a nearby city.

Both the school and the community can feel a justifiable pride in such a large group of students who carry out this program of true scholarship and true service.

Day of Fast Is Planned For 'Ash Wednesday'

Next Wednesday, Ash Wednesday, will be a day of fast and abstinence for all Catholics, including military personnel, according to information received this week from Cdr. James L. Carter, Station Chaplain.

Ashes will be distributed immediately following the 6:30 a.m. Mass and after the Benediction of Blessed Sacrament at 7:15 p.m.

The man who never makes a mistake always takes orders from one who does.



Nancy Newell

Representation of Burroughs High School on MCCALL'S MAGAZINE Teen Fashion Board was announced this week by Martha R. Harrod, a home economics instructor. Nancy Newell was named as first board representative.

A Home Economics III student with three years of high school journalism experience, Miss Newell was chosen as the department representative for the 1955-56 school year.

The Fashion Board, a nationally advertised feature of MCCALL'S, is composed of representatives from member schools over the United States. Prerequisites for the student members include a senior status with a "B" academic average, a home economics background, some experience in the fields of fashion, journalism, and dress designing.



Starting Times: 6 and 8 p.m. daily
 Kiddies' Matinee (Special Movies)
 1 p.m. Saturday
 Matinee: 1 p.m. Sunday

TODAY	FEB. 10
"THE ROSE TATTOO" (117 Min.) Anna Magnani, Burt Lancaster Short: "Too Top To Handle" (7 Min.)	
SATURDAY	FEB. 11
"AFRICAN LION" (75 Min.) Walt Disney Short: "Emperor Penguins" (10 Min.) "Peter and the Wolf" (15 Min.)	
MATINEE	
"PANCHO VILLA RETURNS" (94 Min.) Leo Carrillo Short: "Bee at the Beach" (7 Min.) "Sea Hound No. 12" (18 Min.)	
SUN.-MON.	FEB. 12-13
"COURT JESTER" (101 Min.) Danny Kaye, Glynis Johns Short: "Pigeon Holed" (7 Min.)	
TUES.-WED.	FEB. 14-15
"VIEW FROM POMPEY'S HEAD" (97 Min.) Richard Egan, Dana Wynter Short: "Melodies By Martin" (15 Min.)	
THURS.-FRI.	FEB. 16-17
"HELEN OF TROY" (118 Min.) Rosanna Podesta, Jack Sernas Short: "Weasel Stop" (7 Min.)	

'UF' Board Meets With Rec. Council To Discuss Program

Members of the Indian Wells Valley United Fund Drive Board of Directors met last Monday evening with members of the IWW Recreation Council to discuss the Council's forthcoming program for the year. Representing the Council were William Biggs, Ruth Trimble, Wanda Clark, J. Edmond Dial and Douglas Brewer.

The UF Board has allocated \$200 to the Council to defray immediate expenses pending a review of their proposed program. Both adult and youth groups are included in the Council's activities. At present they are preparing a brochure outlining future plans.

Word also was received this week to the effect that tickets for the annual UF dinner will be available starting next Monday. They may be obtained from any members of the UF board of directors or the head of any of the following agencies: Richard D. Potter, Boy Scouts; Betty Curtis, Girl Scouts; Maurice Clifton, Emergency Relief; Ruth Thimble, Recreation Council; or Vaughn Adamson, Family Service.

A letter also has been received from the Kern County Council of Boy Scouts, Bakersfield Headquarters, thanking members of the IWF United Fund Organization for their contribution of \$4000 to the Council. The \$4000 grant equals 65 percent of the 1956 Desert District Boy Scout budget.

T. H. James Speaker At Reserve Meeting

RAdm. T. H. James, USN (Ret), 11th Region Navy League president, was the guest speaker Wednesday night at the China Lake Naval Reserve Ordnance Company 11-1 meeting in Michelson Laboratory.

Besides complimenting the Company for doing a splendid job, he urged that a Navy League Council be started in this area.

"We are a force in being to aid the Navy and the national welfare," said Admiral James, "and there are many benefits that each Navy League group may gain in its area."

He pointed out the value of the "Buddy Program" whereby local youths may take three-day cruises on navy vessels, and of how the League may aid military projects in its vicinity. He told of field trips taken by air League members on outings such as the one that brought him here Wednesday and yesterday with 23 fellow-members.

Only persons not on active duty may belong to the league, he went on. "The dues are \$10 a year, \$4 of which returns to the local Council, and it takes only 10 persons to apply for a charter. I will be glad to aid in this application if you want to start such a Council here."

Commission Studies 'Good Supervisor' Attitudes, Qualities

A good supervisor trains new Federal employees efficiently, gives them clear and unambiguous instructions, and schedules his work well in advance. He sets a good example for his assistants, is accurate in his judgment of their abilities and they, in turn, can safely rely upon his word. Finally, he encourages his men to do a good job, defends them when they are in the right, and is popular with them.

The Civil Service Commission has come up with these findings as the result of a study just completed on the general subject of what constitutes an efficient supervisor in trades, clerical, engineering, and accounting fields in Federal service. Allowing for adaptations necessary in individual tasks, the Commission believes it has arrived at a clear-cut set of standards that will be useful for Government agencies.

To insure that the results would be representative, opinions were sought from several hundred Federal employees both in nonsupervisory positions and from several management levels.

A number of practical benefits are anticipated from the study, CSC said. For example, the results are being used to prepare forms for the evaluation of applicants for supervisory positions and tests based on the findings are being developed. The information can also be used for the appraisal of supervisors in their present jobs and for organizing a development program for them. Finally, supervisors may also use the standards for self-appraisal, the Commission emphasized.

The Navy's A4D attack plane weighs 15,000 pounds and has a wingspread of only 27 feet, six inches.

Satellite Path



DEPICTED is one orbit around the earth along which the first man-made earth satellite may travel. It will be launched at Patrick AFB, Fla. The satellite's orbit will shift within apparent latitudes of about 40 degrees on either side of the equator, according to the National Academy of Sciences. This will allow observations by nearly all nations participating in the international geophysical year during 1957-58. The first satellite is expected to be about 30 in. in diameter and weigh about 21 pounds.

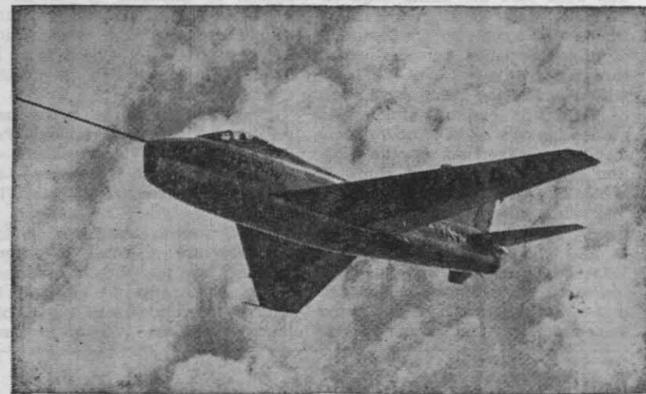
Famous Recording To Be Presented

A special recording entitled "John Brown's Body," by Stephen Vincent Benet, will be presented Sunday afternoon at 12:30 at the Station Library.

This dramatic presentation was adapted and directed by Charles Laughton. The dialogue is by Tyrone Power, Judith Anderson and Raymond Massey and includes choral accompaniment and sound effects.

The special program is being presented to commemorate the birthday of Abraham Lincoln. The library will be open for regular service at the usual time, 2 p.m.

Latest Addition To Navy's Air Arm



THE NAVY'S FJ-4 Fury jet is pictured here during a test run. To the experienced observer the long nose boom distinguishes the flight as a test run. The boom is an engineering flight test device. The plane is the latest weapon addition to the Navy's combat air arm. The Skyline

Gunnery Training Given at Station Aids USAF Unit in Meet Conducted at Nellis AFB

A letter of commendation was received this week by Captain F. L. Ashworth, Station commander, expressing appreciation for use of the Station's gunnery ranges. It was endorsed by the Commander, 12th Air Force, Commander, U.S. Air Force, Europe, and RAdm. F. S. Withington, Chief of the Bureau of Ordnance.

The letter read: "On behalf of the officers and men of the 21st Fighter Bomber Wing and the Gunnery Team that represented the United States Air Force in Europe at the World Wide USAF Gunnery Meet at Nellis AFB, Las Vegas, Nevada, I would like to extend my appreciation for the recent use of the (B-2) range and facilities at the Naval Air Facility, China Lake.

"The Gunnery Team's deployment from the European Theater required upon arrival in the Z.I., a location that would permit maximum pre-gunnery meet training in the relatively short time available prior to competition at Nellis. The permission to use the facilities at Naval Air Facility, China Lake, resulted in specific accomplishments at the USAF Gunnery Meet which were directly proportional to the gunnery practice at Inyokern and the cooperation received from members of your command. The team

placed a close second in competition with a total of six trophies acquired in the gunnery meet. The collective and individual awards achieved would not have been possible if the training accomplished at Inyokern had not been available.

Please convey my personal thanks and appreciation to the officers and men of your command and the associated civilian personnel responsible for the pre-gunnery meet training accomplished at China Lake."

Robert H. Rowland
 Colonel, USAF
 Commander

List Objectives Of 'CTA' Policy

To define and interpret the objectives listed by the California Teachers Association in its recently published Statement on Educational Policy, Burroughs High School journalism students studied the statement this week and wrote various news articles defining it.

Titled "We Hold These Truths . . .", the 1,300 word statement was composed by 14 members of the CTA Commission on Educational Policy who represent teachers of all grade levels, principals and other school administrators.

Stating its belief that the public school is the major agency by which society assures both its stability and evolution, the statement declares that the CTA believes the school is based on a firm belief in the integrity and worth of the individual, that it is committed to strive for equal educational opportunity for all, and that it is dedicated to the ideal that human liberty is best guaranteed through a representative government and democratic processes.

The article concludes with a definition of what the enlightened person, required of today's society, should know.

Following class reading and discussion of the article, the students wrote news stories, features and editorials tellings its basic outline and discussing various aspects of the educational policy in respect to today's schools.

The articles were used in the student newspaper, THE BLOCKBUSTER, and on the daily newspaper bulletin-board.

Gov't. To Test Typewriter

The government shortly will begin testing a new typewriter that reputedly can increase a typist's output by 35 per cent . . . The machine has a revised keyboard that puts the fingers closest to the most frequently used keys . . . All vowels are on the second row of keys where the fingers normally rest. (AFPS)

James Belisle Selected By Congressman Hagen

James Richard Belisle, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Belisle, 303-A Langley, is one of 10 young men nominated by Congressman Harlan Hagen to participate in statewide examinations for entrance into the new Air Force Academy. The selections were based on the results of preliminary academic screening examinations, Hagen said.

Those selected by Hagen will compete with nominees of other California Members of Congress for 16 Air Academy openings assigned to California. Successful candidates will enter an Academy class next July.

The Navy Nurse Corps was established in 1908.

Navy Wages War Against Off-Duty Vehicle Accidents

The Chief of Naval Personnel has declared "all-out war" on vehicle accidents involving off-duty military personnel, according to an instruction received this week. Specifically, it has been directed that all commanding officers are to take steps to institute an active program directed toward the promotion of traffic safety.

The Secretary of the Navy has requested that the program be put into effect as soon as possible "in view of the large number of accidents sustained by military personnel, resulting in loss of life, injuries, property damage, and loss of man hours."

In the future, as a part of the stepped-up program, a detailed report covering all off-duty accidents to military personnel, will be submitted each month.

This educational program, in addition to driver training by the individual units, will include the distribution of promotional material such as booklets, posters and similar items.

"We will be reviewing this program at the next meeting of the Safe Driving Council and every effort will be made to find as many additional ways as possible of making it a success," LCdr. C. E. Hackwith, Station safety officer, stated.

CBs Remodeling Photo Club Hut

NOTS Naval Reserve Civil Engineering Company 11-25, has undertaken the job of remodeling the Photo Club Building. The group will use the building for a training center.

Old and exposed wiring is being replaced by new wire and conduit, new steel beams are replacing old wooden beams, partitions are being re-located or removed and air conditioning (also heating) facilities are being modernized. The group also plans to repaint the building.

Lt. P. O. Erickson and F. H. Menard (CMGCA) supervised the procurement of materials and have scheduled the work assignments in the modernization of the building. Work is being accomplished on a group training duty basis and all hands are participating. Modification of the building is expected to be completed in time for the Reserve Company's "Open House" celebration to be held on the SEABEE's birthday—March 3.

Publicity Chairman D. W. Pinkerton announced this week that a "queen" will be chosen for the birthday celebration and a dance will be given for NOTS teen-agers over which the queen will preside. It is expected that Captain F. L. Ashworth will attend the birthday fete and will present the queen with a bouquet and the royal crown.

New Employee



JOHN PIKE is now a member of the Personnel Department staff and is a placement officer in service group 6531. He was formerly employed by the 11th Naval District Headquarters in San Diego. He will work with the Office of the Commander, Central Staff, the Propellants and Explosives Department, and the Personnel Department in personnel programs.

'Phonetic Alphabet' Undergoes Change

During World War II, the pronouncing alphabet worked out by the armed services of the U.S., Britain, and Canada, gave many a foreign pilot sufficient cause to stutter and stammer.

Last week the International Civil Aviation Organization which sets standard international radio procedures around the world, brought out a new alphabet which it believed would be more universally pronounceable.

The new Navy alphabet which will be put into effect throughout all naval commands on March 1, 1956, follows:

OLD	NEW
ABLE	ALFA
BAKER	BRAVO
CHARLIE	CHARLIE
DOG	DELTA
EASY	ECHO
FOX	FOXTROT
GEORGE	GOLF
HOW	HOTEL
ITEM	INDIA
JIG	JULIET
KING	KILO
LOVE	LIMA
MIKE	MIKE
NAN	NOVEMBER
OBOE	OSCAR
PETER	PAPA
QUEEN	QUEBEC
ROGER	ROMEO
SUGAR	SIERRA
TARE	TANGO
UNCLE	UNIFORM
VICTOR	VICTOR
WILLIAM	WHISKEY
X-RAY	X-RAY
YOKE	YANKEE
ZEBRA	ZULU

Sick Pay Is Deductible Item; Can Save Many Dollars on Taxes

(This is the sixth in a series of articles on federal income tax filing for the year 1955. The articles are based on information furnished to AFPS by the American Institute of Accountants, the national organization of certified public accountants and tax information available from the Navy's Bureau of Supplies and Accounts.)
(By Armed Forces Press Service)

Nobody likes to be sick. But if there was sickness in your family during 1955, you may have some compensation tax-wise.

First there is the question of sick pay. A service member who was absent because of sickness or injury may exclude pay for the period from his gross income in figuring out the 1955 income tax.

But, if the absence was due to illness, you may not exclude amounts received for the first seven calendar days. However, if you were hospitalized for at least one day during the illness or were injured, pay may be excluded from the first day of absence.

According to the law, the first complete day away from duty will be considered the first day of absence. When a serviceman is hospitalized, the day of admittance will be included as a day of hospitalization but the release day will not.

You may exclude not more than \$100 a week. If your pay is more than that, you determine the amount to be excluded as follows: multiply the amount received for the applicable period by 100, then divide the result by your weekly rate.

You should attach to the tax return a statement showing your computation and indicating the period of absence, nature of illness or injury and whether you were hospitalized, according to the Internal Revenue Service.

Nontaxable income, such as allowances and pay excluded for active service, performed in a "combat zone," is not considered in the above application of the formula.

Because pay for sick periods is included in the wages shown on your withholding slips, you should subtract the proper amount from your income in the place provided on the first page of the tax return (Form 1040). You are entitled to exclude this amount even if you do not itemize your deductions.

Apart from sick pay, you may have received payments covering medical expenses for yourself and your dependents. Don't include these in your income, but don't deduct the medical expenses covered by these payments either.

If you itemize your deductions, you may be able to save tax money by listing medical and dental expenses you paid for yourself and your dependents.

This year you list your medical and dental expenses on a separate sheet, rather than on the form itself. Space is provided on the form for figuring the amount that is allowable as a deduction.

You are allowed a deduction for your medical expenses beyond 3% of your adjusted gross income. This applies to any medical ex-

penses you pay for your dependents.

Your deduction is limited to a maximum amount for the year, as explained in the instructions. Medicines and drugs may be included in your medical expenses only to the extent they exceed 1% of your gross income.

Among the items to include in your list of medical expenses are fees of doctors, dentists, hospitals and nurses. List premiums for Blue Cross and other health, accident or hospitalization insurance, but remember you cannot deduct medical expenses paid or reimbursed by insurance.

B. A. Tyler Former Rocketeer Assistant Editor Leaves Navy

Bill Tyler, PH3, assistant editor of the Rocketeer since May 1954, during which time he served as editor for five months while the Civil Service billet was open, was discharged from the Navy this morning and will seek employment in the Indian Wells Valley area. Tyler served seven years with the armed forces (Army—W.W. II and Navy) and has been stationed at NOTS since December 1952.

Although officially designated by the Navy as a photographer, Bill Tyler performed in a writer-editor-photographer capacity with the Rocketeer and was well known to NOTS employees.

In a brief interview with Tyler this morning following his discharge from the Navy, he stated that he planned to continue working in the IW area for an unidentified firm as an editor, writer and photographer. He is a native of Flint, Michigan.

Sol Sherman Represents Command Adm. at EMCO

Sol Sherman, of the Police Branch of the Command Administration Department, has been elected to represent the department at Employee-Management Council sessions.

He was chosen at a meeting of 13 EMCO delegates of the six subdivisions of the department, and the alternate named was G. A. Bagley, also of the Police Branch.

Talk is cheap mainly because the supply exceeds the demand.

Awards for Superior Accomplishment



GORDEN STUART, above, left, assistant inspection branch head, industrial division, receives a superior accomplishment check from K. H. Booty, head of the Engineering Department. Stuart's award was based upon sustained above-average performance under unusually difficult conditions. Stuart is a long-time Annex employee, having "converted" from General Tire and Rubber in June 1948.



JEANNETTE WANKE, center below, receives her award for superior accomplishment from Cdr. M. J. Knapp, as Jim Carroll, procurement branch head, looks on. Mrs. Wanek, who has worked at Pasadena Annex since August 1951, is supervisor of the document preparation and distribution section, procurement branch, Supply Department.

Bob Leard Attends Eastern Meeting Of AOA Division

During his recent trip east, Bob Leard, industrial division head, attended the session on January 26 of the Dimensional Standards and Metrology Division of the American Ordnance Association. The meeting was held at Watervliet Arsenal, Watervliet, N.Y.

Leard is a member of the advisory committee of the A.O.A.

NFFE WILL Meet Thursday Evening

The N.F.F.E. has announced the appointment of John Mulkern as its representative on the Employee-Management Council. All federal employees are invited to attend the N.F.F.E.'s next meeting, to be held at 8 p.m., on Thursday, February 16, at Vasa Temple in Pasadena. Guest speaker will be John C. Greene, vice president of the California State Federation.

Five New Employees Welcomed at Foothill

The Supply Department welcomed two newcomers last week, Helen E. Davis and Emille J. Holmes, typists; Underwater Ordnance has a new junior professional assistant,

James A. Berget, physicist; Frances M. Johnson is a clerk-stenographer in the thermodynamics branch, research division; and the library has a new assistant, Margaret Trotter.

News from Pasadena



ROBERT C. WILSON, second from left, is presented with his certificate of completion of a 4-year apprenticeship by Lt. W. E. Marquardt. Cy Martens, left, is Wilcox's supervisor, and Ken Sherman, right, is maintenance and utilities branch head.

Completes Apprenticeship Training

With his promotion to full journeyman rating as a refrigeration and air-conditioning mechanic in Public Works, Robert Wilson has come to the end of the long haul which began for him on January 25, 1952 when he began his apprenticeship training.

Before this, Bob had served in the Navy as an aircraft mechanic from 1940 to 1946, worked as a civilian auto mechanic from 1946 to 1949, and spent the years 1949 to 1952 in the Air Force.

During the course of his apprenticeship, Bob had had formal instruction in technical mathematics, applied science, technical report writing, and industrial organization. Although he received his associate degree in arts from Pasadena City College last June, completing his educational requirements, he has continued with his night classes.

Bob's supervisor, Cy Martens, reports that he was selected from about ten applicants for this training. "We made the right choice," Martens said.

The apprenticeship program

is no longer offered at Pasadena and only one man remains in training here.

EMCO Reports on All-Hands Meetings

Much credit is due Matt Pearson, says Irene Dickson, EMCO president, for arranging the recent series of All-Hands meetings. In spite of floods and changes of schedule, the meetings came off successfully.

Most interesting development discussed was the possibility of a new two-story office and laboratory building for Foothill. Plans are tentative at present, but prospects for two or three years hence are hopeful.

The employment situation at Foothill appears to be fairly stable. No expansion is contemplated, beyond the normal June hiring of graduates in the professions, but no cutback is anticipated either. Voluntary separations are expected to take care of any curtailment in the next few months.

It was reported that the audit conducted recently by officers of the 12th Civil Service Region was generally favorable to the Station.

Eleanora, Jerry Nail Are Now Parents

Eleanora and Jerry Nail were called away from work on Tuesday morning to welcome their new son, not yet named at our deadline. This boy, born December 1, 1955, 9 lb. 2 oz. at birth, weighed in at the Nails on February 7 at 12 lb. 3 oz.

Eleanora leaves Command Administration after seven and a half years, and a total of nearly twenty in civil service.

NRL Speaker at Pasadena Meeting Of Rocket Society

Meeting in Pasadena last night, members of the American Rocket Society heard Dr. Homer E. Newell Jr., of the Naval Research Laboratory, Washington, D.C., who spoke on the subject of upper atmosphere research with rockets. Dr. Newell is the NRL representative on the research panel which directs this country's high-altitude research.

Bob Gratton of the laboratory branch, development division (Torpedoes, RAT, Mk 43-1), is NOTS Pasadena's representative in the American Rocket Society, and also serves on its membership committee. Interested employees may call him on Extension 203 for membership and meeting information.

NOTS Skiers at Sun Valley



AT SUN VALLEY, IDAHO, are Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Grasley of 205-B Fowler. They are pictured two-thirds of the way up 9,200 foot Baldy mountain where they pause to admire the magnificent scenery. They are enthusiastic skiers and are members of the NOTS Ski Club.

Elementary 'P-TA' To Meet Thursday

The February meeting of the China Lake Parent-Teachers Association will be held Thursday at 8 p.m. in the Burroughs cafeteria, it was announced this week by President Charles Arnold.

LeRoy Jackson will be guest moderator for the film, "Sociable Sixes to Noisy Nines". The film was selected for viewing by Carl Barker and Gertrude Stark following their review of available film from Kern County Film Library.

Following the meeting, refreshments will be served by third and fourth grade room mothers under the direction of Annette Clark. An interesting program has been worked out and all parents are invited to attend, according to Publicity Chairman Kay Felton.

Satellite Lake Golfers Plan Special Event

Members of the Satellite Lake Golf Club will play host to members of the Trona and Boron clubs in a special event planned this weekend at the local course.

Plans now call for the conducting of an 18-hole handicap tourney and a hole-in-one contest. Following the two events refreshments will be served. Satellite Lake members are invited to bring their families and participate in the activities. Members' tickets are \$1.00.

Baseball Officials Will Hold Meeting

The Desert Sports Officials Association will hold a "baseball umpires" meeting for present and prospective new umpires next Tuesday night in the Training Building across from the Credit Union Office, according to President Bill Kinley. The meeting will take place in Room 203 (upstairs) and will begin at 7 p.m.

Included on the business agenda for the evening is the selection of officers for the coming baseball season, the collection of dues and the consideration of rules and rule changes.

NOTS personnel (military or civilian) interested in becoming members of the baseball officials group are invited to attend this meeting. A detailed report of the organization's functions will be given at the meeting.

Furnace Creek Tourney

Thirty five members of the Satellite Lake Golf Club trekked to the Furnace Creek Course in Death Valley last weekend. Ed Healey emerged victorious in the low gross event, while E. B. Davidson and Dick DeMarco tied for low net honors.

Women marines were authorized as regulars by the Women's Armed Services Integration Act of 1948.

Burroughs Downed by Trona; League Lead in Two Way Tie

Burroughs High School basketball victory march was brought up short this past Friday evening when the local cagers were trounced to the tune of 55 to 37 by the Trona Tornados. The Tronans, who previously were only one position out of the cellar in the Desert-Inyo League, brought themselves up a notch as a result of their victory over the former league leaders. The Burroughs squad is now in a tie for first place with the Bishop "Broncs" who are also sporting a 5 and 2 record.

Bob Childs and Roger Short paced the locals' scoring drive with ten points each but their efforts went for naught when the "Tornados" went into the second period with the score tied at 8-all and then proceeded to widen the point margin.

In the varsity encounter Saturday night with Victor Valley, the local boys again regained their old form and posted a 60 to 46 win over the "Jackrabbits." In this game Bob Childs enjoyed a big evening posting 20 points for Burroughs while Roger Short and Larry Jeffris each accounted for 16 and 14 markers each.

The local high school "B" and

"C" teams swept all opposition before them in their games with the Trona and V.V. squads. The junior varsity topped Trona 57 to 34 and then went out Saturday night to down V.V. 47 to 37.

In the game against Trona, Jim Morris racked up 17 points for Burroughs and then again Saturday night against V.V. he accounted for another 14. Tom Slopes dropped 12 counters through the iron hoop to take second scoring honors against the Jackrabbits.

The "C" squad also had two good nights topping the Tronans 36 to 30 and then posting a 52-36 win over V.V. Zurn led the scoring drive in both encounters accounting for 12 and 11 points in the two games.

Desert-Inyo League standings, as of last Saturday evening were:

Team	Won	Lost
Burroughs	5	2
Bishop	5	2
Lone Pine	4	2
Victor Valley	3	3
Trona	3	4
Barstow	2	4
Desert	1	6

The local "B" and "C" squads are in second place in their respective divisions.

Walking the Dog



DEMONSTRATING their prowess with a Yo Yo are John Howell, left, an eighth grader in the local junior high school, and Richard Case, right, a sixth grader at Vieweg. Watching the demonstration are the other champions. They are (back row) Scott Greenum, left, fifth grade at Groves Street, and Don McLean, sixth grade at Richmond. Seated (l. to r.) are: Kerry Kehiaian, Vieweg sixth grade; Robin O'Connell, junior high eighth grade; Judy Welch, fifth grade at Richmond; and Mary Delancey, Groves Street sixth grade.

School Schedules Gifted Child Class

The addition to the Burroughs High School ninth grade curriculum for next year of a special class for the gifted child was announced this week by Dr. Earl Murray, principal, following an organizational meeting of the recently formed Gifted Child Committee.

Instructor for the class, which will be scheduled next September, will be Miss Elinor M. Irish, now a teacher of freshman English and social studies.

Students for the group will be selected on the basis of both regular and recommended psychological and educational testing and by teacher and counselor recommendation. Students now enrolled in the special class for gifted children at Burroughs Junior High School will be included after further testing and consideration.

Parental approval will be required for inclusion of any student in the program. Credit for the class will be given in English and social studies.

Program to Be Determined

The type of academic program, subject material and recommended classroom techniques will be planned at scheduled meetings of the Gifted Child Committee, according to Wesley R. Anderson, chairman.

Other members of the committee include Miss Louise Riffe, school librarian; Kenneth W. Westcott, vice-principal; Miss Marie Fleck, foreign languages instructor; Mrs. Barbara K. Zernickow, director of testing; Miss Sanna S. Green, instructor of science and mathematics; and Mr. Nils Neilsen, instructor of sophomore English and social studies. Mr. Anderson, chairman, is instructor of junior and senior English and social problems.

Graduated with Honors

Receiving her Bachelor of Arts with honors at the University of California with a major in speech and a minor in social studies, Miss Irish, instructor for the special class, received her Master of Arts at Stanford University in the field of education. She is a member of the national honoraries Phi Beta Kappa and Lambda Pi Theta.

Her teaching experience includes four years as instructor of freshman English and social studies at Burroughs; one year of work in speech and dramatics; the teaching of speech and Reading Improvement in the Adult Education Program at the Station.

Preparation for the gifted child teaching includes her work in education of the gifted child at the University of Oregon in the summer of 1955.

Pasadena Job Vacancy

Ordnance Engineer, GS-11, duty at Pasadena. This position is that of a senior engineer, assigned duties in connection with development testing, performance analysis, proofing and in-service program of torpedo systems.

Rear Admiral Ricketts Presents Award



JERRY BROWN is the third member of the NOTS Supply Department to receive the "Mug-of-the-Month" for a Beneficial Suggestion. His idea for eliminating a hazard during the loading of NAF aircraft fuel trucks won him the "Mug" and a monetary ward of \$75. He is shown here (center) receiving the "Mug" and the check from Rear Admiral J. B. Ricketts, Inspector Gen. Supply Corps, Pacific Coast. Capt. R. L. Myers is at left.

Airline Asks Lower Rate to Fly China Lake Club to Europe, Back

NOTS employees wishing to spend annual leave time visiting in Europe this summer may well afford to do so resulting from special efforts by the Flying Tiger Airline. According to a recent Associated Press news release from Washington, D. C., the Flying Tiger Line has asked the Civil Aeronautics Board for special permission to charter a flight to Europe for the Desert Thermal Flying Club, a NOTS organization.

"Washington — The Flying Tiger Line, a Burbank, Calif., cargo airline, asked the Civil Aeronautics Board Tuesday for permission to make a series of transatlantic flights at round trip charges, in some cases almost \$100.00 below those of the regular passenger airlines.

One of the flights, leaving New York for Amsterdam May 20 and returning from Paris and London June 17, would cost the 68 pas-

engers aboard the four-engine DC4 airplane only \$225.00 each.

The standard air coach roundtrip New York-London fare for that time of the year, at the height of the tourist travel season, is \$522. For the so-called "off" season between Nov. 1 and March 31, the tourist class transatlantic fare, is \$482.

Flying Tiger asked permission to fly 68 members of the Desert Thermal Flying Club, China Lake, Kern County, Calif., at the \$225.00 round trip rate, a figure representing the pro rata share on a \$14,800.00 charter contract. The club is a non-profit organization composed of employees of the Navy's China Lake guided missile test station. Flying Tiger proposed similar 68-seat DC4 charters for four other flights from Washington to London, returning from Paris, with Washington, D.C., groups."

There are a few reservations left and available to those who may be interested in going with the group. For information call Mrs. Nova Semeyn at NOTS extension 7-4953 in the evenings.

Rhymes of the Times

CARRYING A COMPASS IS FAR FROM SILLY AS A NIGHT IN THE WOODS CAN BE QUITE CHILLY

Cub Pack No. 1341 Holds Annual Dinner

To celebrate the forty-sixth birthday of scouting, Cub Pack 1341, sponsored by the NOTS Community Church, held its annual Blue and Gold Dinner last Wednesday at the Community Center. The event was held under the national four-year theme "Onward for God and my Country."

Table decorations in the Cub Scout colors, made by the boys and their Den Mothers, provided a colorful setting for the program. Highlights of the entertainment were a film and lecture by F. Alton Everest, Director, Science and Production, Moody Institute of Science, on photographing nature subjects, and a surprise stunt by the Den Chiefs.

Cubs who had completed requirements of the achievement plan were advanced in rank at a ceremony. In addition to symbolizing the ideals of Cub Scouting, the event emphasized the benefits of close boy-parent relationship.

In charge of arrangements and conducting the Boy Scout Week observance were the following: Carlos Elmer, master of ceremonies; Dr. A. C. Anderson, program chairman; Dr. Alexis Dember, cubmaster; Guinn Metzger, assistant cubmaster; and James McDonald, pack committee chairman.

Guests of honor for the observance were: Reverend J. L. Reid, Robert Emerson, institutional representative, and Dr. R. L. Potter, district chairman.

Safety First

SACRAMENTO — "It's every driver's responsibility to adjust his driving to the conditions that exist." This warning to motorists was made by Deputy Commissioner Ross R. McDonald, of the California Highway Patrol.

"The practice of many motorists who drive in the same manner during inclement weather as when weather is clear and dry, is reflecting a definite increase in death and injury accidents. Last year 32,000 accidents occurred during adverse weather conditions, and investigations revealed that the greater percentage of these accidents could have been prevented had the drivers made the necessary adjustments of their driving habits for winter driving," continued McDonald.

Reduced visibility and slippery roads necessitate reduced speed, while rain, frost, and snow require adequate wipers and defrosters functioning properly. Motorists have to see danger before they can avoid it.

The exercise of due caution, and the acceptance of your personal responsibility for avoiding traffic accidents will help counter-balance winter's hazards.