

District Schedules School Tax Voting; Polls at Burroughs

A special school election to provide funds needed to meet current operating expenses by allowing an increase in the maximum tax rate will be held February 28. Polling place will be on the stage of the Burroughs Cafetorium.

The raise of tax rate in the Kern County Union High School and Junior College District is mandatory, T. L. McCuen, district superintendent stated, since the current rate, set in 1917, will not furnish adequate funds to maintain the present standards of education in schools of the district to which the local school belongs.

Increased costs of school operation have resulted from large enrollment increases, decreased value of the dollar and the failure of the assessed valuation in the district to increase proportionately with the enrollment.

The election calls for the legal maximum tax rate to be increased from \$1.10 to \$1.60. The board of trustees, in setting the proposed increase, has done so with the idea that the full amount would provide necessary revenue for several years. McCuen states that less than half of this increase would be needed for the first year in all probability.

By raising the legal maximum to \$1.60, there would be sufficient revenue to eliminate the need for calling for more frequent elections to raise the tax limits.

Chemistry Students Visit Area Industry

Students of Burroughs High School chemistry classes recently completed a field trip to the American Potash and Chemical Company at Trona. Applied uses of chemistry in the industrial fields were stressed. In addition, they had the opportunity to observe the operation of the various machines.

The students donned helmets and visitors badges and were escorted through the various refining and processing departments.

British Services Mission Member Lauds Personnel

Captain F. L. Ashworth, Station Commander, this week received a letter of thanks dated February 10, 1956, from W. H. Hill of the Ministry of Supply Staff, British Joint Services Mission, Washington, D.C.

The letter read: "I want to thank you for the opportunity you gave us to discuss matters of common interest with your staff. We were received with the greatest friendliness by everyone and the discussions were interesting and valuable. I am particularly grateful to Mr. D. H. Fairbanks for the excellent arrangements he made for our visit."

LIFE MEMBER



Chaplain J. L. Carter

Chaplain James L. Carter was the recipient of an honorary life membership in the California Congress of Parents and Teachers, presented by the Sherman E. Burroughs Parent-Teacher Association at a ceremony last Thursday at Burroughs High School. The award is given by local parent-teacher associations in acknowledgment of service to the community and to youth.

Services Cited

In the presentation, Chaplain Carter's tireless service to the churches, the schools, and civic endeavors was cited. He has served actively and capably the Desert Area Family Service, Community Council, United Fund, Red Cross, Salvation Army, the Boy and Girl Scouts, and many committees on recreation throughout the community. His service to the schools and the PTA's has included work with committees on discipline, counseling, recreation, and the exceptional child.

Chaplain Carter has been a member of many panels and has spoken on many occasions for the local PTA's, for East Kern Council, and for Seventh District. His monthly character guidance lectures for senior high school boys have been of inestimable value. The Chaplain was thanked for his faithful service which has advanced the first two objects of the California Congress of Parents and Teachers: to promote the welfare of children, and to raise the standards of home life.

Progress Reviewed

The presentation of the honorary life membership was part of the observance of Founders' Day and the 59th anniversary of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers. Kenneth Robinson, president of Burroughs Parent-Teacher Association, reviewed the significance of honorary life memberships, the purchase of which supports the scholarship fund of the state organizations. He introduced past presidents of the China Lake Parent-Teacher Association and honorary life members who were present.



BURROUGHS SENIOR STUDENTS NAMED this week for excellence in specific academic fields in the Bank of America Achievement Awards Program hold symbols of their respective departments. Students and departments represented are: front row kneeling, Sylvia Pallenberg, art; second row: Alice Cotner, English; Charlotte Deatley, social science; Barbara Mussler, music; third row: Dan Gibbons, laboratory science; Darlene Lynn, home economics; France Adamson, mathematics; Suzanne Hough, foreign languages; and Douglas Cowan, industrial arts. Not pictured is Joan Kimley, outstanding student in business education.

Bank of America 'Achievement Award' Winners Announced by Dr. Earl Murray

Senior students of Burroughs High School selected to receive the 1956 awards for "citizenship, leadership and scholarship" in the Bank of America Achievement Awards Program were named this week by Dr. Earl Murray, principal.

Trophy cups were awarded to France Adamson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vaughan Adamson of 309-B Princeton, and to Suzanne Hough, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Hough, 206-B Mitscher.

Certificates of achievement in the respective fields went to the following students. Daniel Gibbons, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Gibbons, laboratory science; Barbara Mussler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Mussler, music; Sylvia Pallenberg, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Melfred E. Johnson, art; Alice Cotner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Cotner, English; Charlotte Deatley, daughter of Lt. and Mrs. James M. Deatley, social science; Joan Kimley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Kimley, business; Darlene Lynn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Lynn, home economics; and Douglas Cowan, son of Mrs. and Mrs. William Cowan, in the field of trades and industrial arts.

The two types of awards were made following selections by a faculty committee. Trophy cups are for excellence in a major field of study and certificates of achievement

ment go to those who have been outstanding in special categories.

Adamson, in addition to winning the certificate in the field of mathematics, was presented the cup for excellence in Science and Mathematics. Miss Hough, taking a certificate for foreign languages, received the cup for excellence in Liberal Arts.

Students receiving the cups are eligible to be chosen for participation in the program's regional and final events. Final winners may receive cash awards as high as \$1,000 from the bank. Zone selections for students of schools in this area will be held in Bakersfield on April 26. Final events are scheduled to be held in Sacramento and San Francisco for Bay Area schools sometime in May.

Nearly all public, private and parochial schools in northern California take part in the Achievement Awards program which is jointly sponsored by the schools and the bank for the purpose of giving recognition to accomplishments of high school youths.

Awards are made to students who have shown outstanding qualifications of citizenship during their school careers and have given indication of future success and service to society.

Bank Boxes Now Available

Safe deposit boxes are now available in several sizes without a waiting period at the China Lake facility of the Bank of America.

THE WEATHER

Mostly clear skies with unrestricted visibility. Light variable winds of 10 to 15 knots. Maximum temperature 55 to 60, minimum 30 to 35.

Rocketeer

TEMPERATURES

(Housing Area)

Max. Min.

Feb. 9 59 26

Feb. 10 65 24

Feb. 11 69 28

Feb. 12 69 29

Feb. 13 69 29

Feb. 14 67 30

Feb. 15 66 30

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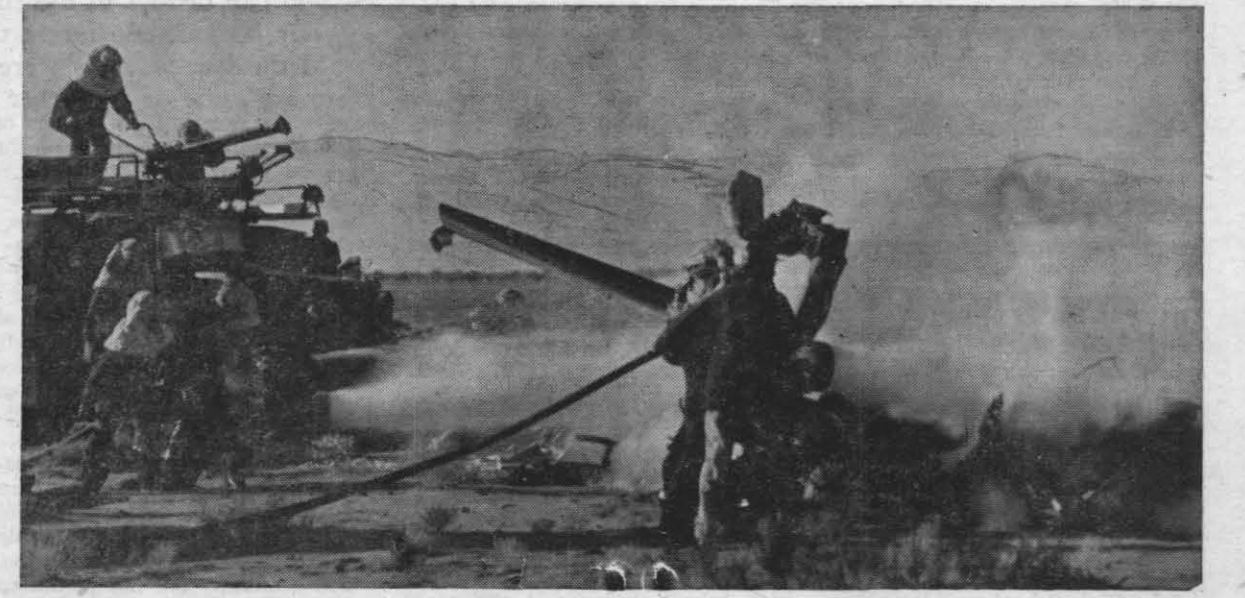
'Com. Council' Members Talk About 'Center'

Sponsorship of the annual Fiesta, action on a teenage center, and investigation of disaster insurance were prominent items given lengthy consideration by members of the China Lake Community Council Board of Directors at its regular meeting last Tuesday night in the Community Center.

Fiesta Plans Started

The desirability of the Council again sponsoring the Fiesta was discussed by the directors; in the past this event has been held annually at the time of the Armed Forces Day celebration. Representatives of the Council will contact organizations that might wish to have a booth this year, to determine the extent of the community support that can be expected. If organizations are considering entering a booth in the Fiesta, they are requested to call the Community Council office on extension 72290 and notify Mrs. George H. Mayberry, council secretary.

Final decision of the Council regarding sponsorship of this event, based upon reactions to this sampling of opinions, will be made at



CRASH CREWS work feverishly to extinguish flames shortly following its crash at NAF. Lt. Charles Duffy of the wreckage of an F2H2 McDonnell "Banshee" was killed in the crash and the plane was a total loss.

the next meeting of the Council.

Teenage Center Favored

Further consideration was given to the problem of a teenage center on the Station. This much-needed addition to the community has the whole-hearted support of the Council, and a committee headed by R. T. Merriam is actively at work on this complicated problem. The ground rules for the operation of such a center will be worked out by cooperation of all interested parties during the coming months. It is anticipated that a center of this type can be established in the near future.

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Naval Air Facility Pilot Killed Here in Plane Crash Wednesday

Naval Air Facility pilot Lt. (jg) Charles Arthur Duffy was killed in a plane crash at 4 p.m. last Wednesday while on a routine training flight that involved making a simulated emergency landing on one of the NAF runways. He was piloting a McDonnell F2H2 "Banshee" which was totally destroyed by the accident.

The accident's cause is undetermined, but an investigation of the crash is being conducted by NAF officers.

Lt. Duffy reported for duty at China Lake in March of last year and was assigned duty as Airways Officer in the Operations Department at NAF. He was a qualified drone pilot and controller.

The Lieutenant enlisted in the Navy in November of 1946, as an apprentice seaman. He received his commission as an Ensign at Pen-

Secretary Wilson Seeks Guided-Missile Asst.

Washington — Defense Secretary Wilson has announced he is looking for a top-level executive to serve as his special assistant in directing the guided missile program, particularly in the long-range ballistic field.

The new post will be known as the Special Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Guided Missiles.

In a Pentagon news conference Mr. Wilson told newsmen that he needs "more doers" and the man he chooses for the position must be in that category.

sacola, Florida, on October 19, 1951, and was designated as a Naval aviator.

Born in New Haven, Conn., Lt. Duffy was 26 years of age. He listed



Lanphiers Cove, Branford, Conn., as his home address. He was a graduate of Branford High School.

Survivors of the deceased are his wife, Lillis Lynn Stroops Duffy of China Lake, and his mother, Mrs. Francis Duffy of Branford, Conn.

\$300 Superior Accomplishment Award



NORMAN NEWCOMB, assistant personnel department head, is awarded a Superior Accomplishment certificate and a check for \$300. R. W. Anderson, personnel department head, congratulates Newcomb for his achievement, while Captain F. A. Chenault, Executive Officer, looks on.