

## Trees, Shrubs, Grass Seed, Peat Moss, Fencing Available for 'Clean-Up Week'

The Naval Ordnance Test Station is sponsoring its Second Annual Spring Clean-Up Campaign that is scheduled for April 15-28, 1956. This year, the clean-up is under the direction of the Department of Community Affairs.

The Chamber of Commerce of Ridgecrest, Station departments, divisions and branches, local clubs, lodges, and organizations have been asked to participate in the community clean-up.

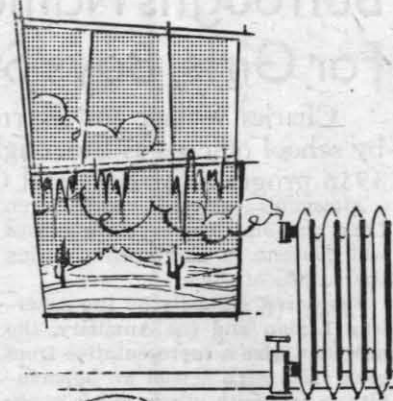
There will be a meeting of organization representatives at the Community Center, March 14, 1956 at 7:30 p.m. The purpose of this meeting is to coordinate the projects in order to eliminate conflict.

The improvement and inspection branch (Station Greenhouse) of the Department of Community Affairs will have paint, grass seed, shrubs, trees, fertilizer and peat moss available for tenants. These will be issued only after inspection and approval by Oscar Glatz, Station horticulturist. Fence lumber will not be issued until the survey of boundary lines for individual homes has been completed.

Blueprints for porches, patios, carports, and sprinkler systems also are available. Automatic washing machine and TV antenna permits must be procured before installation. These blueprints and permits are also issued by the improvement and inspection branch located at the cor-

ner of Knox and Byrnes. The office is open during the following hours: Monday through Wednesday, 7:30 to 11:15 and 12 to 3:45; Thursday and Friday, 7:30 to 11:15 and 12 to 5:45; Saturday, 12 to 3.

The National Clean-Up Paint-Up Fix-Up Association and other organizations have found that a concentrated spring clean-up campaign is beneficial for a community. Such drives tend to raise the community's standards of cleanliness, to increase their safety, and improve morale.



how much is a pound of steam?

Generally, steam is measured by the pound. And also generally, a pound of steam is a pound of water, plus the boiler, plus the fuel, plus the labor to change it to steam, plus the pipes to carry it.

**WATER IS CHEAP**  
(and still NOTS spent \$162,500 for water last year).

But boilers, pipes, fuel, and labor are not. The Station spent \$734,500 for steam last year. Of this \$459,000 was in the housing area.

If you must heat a home or an office—by all means heat it. But don't keep the heat high and the window open....  
.. You can't heat the whole outdoors.

its YOUR dollar... **1.00**  
SAVE A DIME — **.10**  
= LOWER TAXES

### Inspects Facilities



RADM. R. E. BLICK, USN, of the Office of Naval Material, Navy Department, Washington D.C., is pictured above during his visit to this activity.

### Lions Club Sponsors Bank Of Light Project

Collection of hundreds of pairs of discarded eyeglasses is now underway by the Indian Wells Lions Club to further a "Bank of Light" project aimed at supplying the needy in Chile, South America.

Part of a nation-wide endeavor, the local club has established points around the Station where glasses may be deposited until March 9, 1956. These points include: Public Works shops; Michelson Lab lobbies; Administration Building lobby; Post Office; Commissary and CLPP Cafeteria.



ARRIVING FROM ENGLAND is Mrs. Gordon Stedman and baby daughter Gyan Una. LCdr. L. E. Martin, medical officer, is pictured carrying the sick child from the plane as it landed at NAF.

## From England to China Lake Via Navy Plane Is Red Cross 'Success Story'

The helping hand of the American Red Cross reached across the Atlantic Ocean to London, England, recently to aid in bringing a young mother and her desperately sick baby daughter to join her serviceman husband on duty at China Lake. With outstanding cooperation on the part of the Navy, the mother and daughter arrived safely one night in January of this year. Today the baby is happy and healthy.

On October 31, 1955, Gordon Stedman, Aviation Boatswain 1st class, asked the Red Cross to obtain a health and welfare report on his wife, Jean, in England. They had been married while she was here on a visitor's visa, but she had to return to England to obtain a permanent visa. At home Mrs. Stedman had given birth to a baby daughter, Gyan Una. Not wanting to worry her husband, she didn't tell him that the baby was sick.

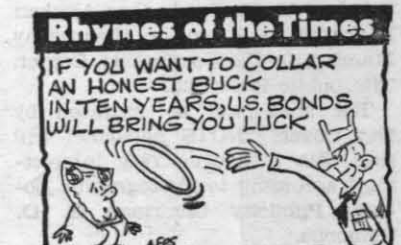
Mrs. Huddleston of the Home Service group contacted the American Red Cross in England and learned that although the mother, who had been sick when the baby was born, was now in good health, the doctor was very concerned over the baby. She had been critically ill and the doctor thought that travel would be extremely hazardous.

The Red Cross contacted the military authorities here in the hope that Mr. Stedman could be transferred to a post in England, but learned that a transfer would be impracticable. The military authorities here advised the Red Cross and Mrs. Stedman to contact the Naval Attache in London and recommended government air transportation for Mrs. Stedman and the baby to bring them to China Lake. This was done, and the Naval Attache proceeded to arrange air transportation as well as to take care of Mrs. Stedman's papers so that she could re-enter the United States on a permanent visa.

When little Gyan Una was sufficiently recovered to travel, the moth-

er and baby were brought by air from England. A Navy doctor accompanied the pair from England to Patuxent, Md., and cared for the baby throughout the trip. At each of the three stops on the way the Navy had an ambulance waiting, and the baby was rushed to a hospital to make sure that she was strong enough to go on. After a checkup at Patuxent, they were flown to China Lake with a nurse in attendance. Again, when they stopped en route in Kansas an ambulance was waiting to take the baby to a hospital. At last they reached China Lake where they were met by Mr. Stedman accompanied by Dr. Martin, who rushed them to the dispensary to continue the care of the baby.

With this exceptional care, little Gyan Una not only survived the long trip successfully but is now well on the road to recovery. Her happy parents are proudly watching her learning to walk as she plays around their home at 206-B Independence. The local chapter of the Red Cross has closed the files on another of the many cases it handles every year.



### THE WEATHER

Mostly fair for week-end. Surface winds light and variable night and morning becoming southwesterly 10 to 20 knots during afternoons. Temperature range from 32 to 68.

# Rocketeer

TEMPERATURES (Housing Area)	
	Max. Min.
Feb. 23	51 47
Feb. 24	59 38
Feb. 25	62 28
Feb. 26	60 42
Feb. 27	61 28
Feb. 28	66 26
Feb. 29	66 43

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## Council Plans 'Town Meeting'

The China Lake Community Council is making plans to hold a town meeting in the near future to place before the residents of the Station current problems of critical interest to all. Foremost consideration will be given to methods of operation of the Council, including the will of the people as to the financing of the Council's activities. Matters discussed at the regular meeting of the Council last Tuesday and to be considered at the town meeting will be given full coverage in the next issue of the Rocketeer.

### Council to Back Fiesta

Members of the Board of Directors voted to sponsor the annual Fiesta to be held in May at the time of the Armed Forces Day celebration on the Station. A preliminary survey indicated that the Fiesta will again receive the enthusiastic support of the many organizations that operate booths, and the Fiesta committee is moving ahead rapidly with detailed planning for the event. Approximately 15 organizations have petitioned for booth space to date; more are expected to petition early next week.

## Burroughs Teams Win League Titles

Burroughs High School "A" and "B" basketball squads have won undisputed rights to the Desert-Inyo League titles in their classes. The varsity team downed Lone Pine 62-33 and the "B" squad won over the Lone Pine "B's" by a score of 62-41. Final play for the league championship took place here at NOTS last Friday night.

Going into the finals, both the Burroughs "A" and "B" squads were in a two-way tie for the league lead; both were assured a tie for the championship at that time, but it was obvious they would have to be in top shape for the final test against Lone Pine.

Coach Bill Moore had predicted a victory if his varsity squad was "up"; Wes Anderson, "B" team coach, was equally confident but expected more of a battle than Lone Pine was able to put up.

Following the winning of the league championship, the varsity squad travelled to Pasadena where they met the South Pasadena High School basketball team in regional play-offs.

## Announce New Board Members



UNANIMOUSLY ELECTED to serve on the Indian Wells Valley United Fund Board of Directors (l to r.) are: Thomas Reese, T. J. Little, Sylvia Tillitt, Amy Griffin, John Emery, and Art Reich.

## Kelly Award Winner



PHIL BARRA was named by school officials this week as the winner of the coveted Kelly Memorial Award presented annually to a senior member of the football team for citizenship, value to team and scholastic achievement. Barra will receive a medal pendant and his name will be inscribed on the Kelly Memorial.

## BuAer Official Lauds Security

E. P. Yates of the Navy Department's Bureau of Aeronautics, in a letter to Captain F. L. Ashworth, has expressed appreciation for the hospitality he received during a recent visit to the Station. The letter is dated January 23, 1956.

Contents of the letter are as follows:

"I wish to express my appreciation for the gracious hospitality and the sound advice that you and the people of your command gave me during my recent visit to China Lake.

"I was particularly gratified by the efficiency of your security personnel. It is the only activity that I have visited to date that has not caused costly and exasperating delays in the handling of clearances.

"Please express my appreciation to Doctors McLean, Bothwell, and Wilcox for the kind attention and the cogent comments they afforded my project."

## Neufeld, Miller, Coogan, Holloway Elected



INSTALLED as new officers of the NOTS Credit Union Board of Directors (l. to r.) are: M. Neufeld, president; C. Miller, clerk; J. Coogan, vice president; and R. Holloway, treasurer. The term of office for this group is two years.

## Joint Defense Unit To Meet at NOTS

A Joint Defense Conference will be held at NOTS on March 5 and 6 with approximately 16 officers due to arrive next Monday and the remainder of the party will arrive Tuesday. Rear Admiral C. C. Hartman, USN, Major General O. H. Kyster, USA, Brigadier General J. W. Andrew, USAF, and Brigadier General C. A. Sheldon, USA will be included among the party of 40 Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, and Air Force officers. RADM. Hartman is 11th Naval District Commandant.

During the conference, the group will inspect NOTS facilities.

The itinerary for Tuesday, March 6 will start with breakfast at the Station restaurant followed by an inspection of SNORT where they will witness an actual firing. Next will be an inspection of facilities via ground ranges enroute to Michelson Laboratory, Room 2067. Here, welcoming remarks will be exchanged followed by an introduction to the NOTS Technical Program, the Aviation Ordnance Program and the Fleet Support Activities at NOTS.

Following luncheon at the Commissioned Officers' Mess, RADM. Hartman will preside at the Joint Defense Conference. The party will depart for the Naval Air Facility to board the plane at 2:30.

## Takes Army Job



WINSOR JOSSELYN leaves the Station to accept a Civil Service job with the Army's Pacific Transportation Terminal at Fort Mason in San Francisco. Josselyn was Civilian Public Information Officer and Service Information Director here for the past three-and-one-half years.