

Researchers Receive Incentive Awards



DR. J. H. SHENK, Research Department Head, presents two Beneficial Suggestion Awards, a Superior Accomplishment Award and a Superior Achievement Award. Receiving the awards (l. to r.) are: William Finnegan, \$5 Benny Sugg; Gerald Whitnack, \$135 Superior Achievement; Joe Mapes (receiving check), \$300 Superior Performance; and A. E. Lewis, \$45 Benny Sugg.

Five-Year Tenure Pin Recipients



RESEARCH DEPARTMENT employees are pictured above receiving Five-Year Tenure Pins, from left to right they are: Juanita Madden, Charles Thelen, DeWitt Cowan, George Leitmann, Arthur New, William Finnegan, Robert Miller, Daniel Dempsey, Edward Fay, Kinge Okouchi, and William White.

Former Employee Returns to China Lake; Work Here Preferred to Private Industry

Basil Minnich has found that NOTS is preferable to private industry. He's back on the Station after a 2-year absence and mighty happy to be in the Propellants and Explosives Department as head of the chemical process branch of development engineering division.

Minnich received his B.S. degree in Chemical Engineering from Ohio State University in 1949 and reported



Basil Minnich

at NOTS in June 1950 to the Rocket Department. He has been employed as head of the experimental operations section of the liquid propellants branch.

Mr. Minnich left the Station in

August 1953 for private industry. After working at the Kaiser Aluminum Chemical Co., Baton Rouge, La., and North American Aviation at Santa Susana, Calif., he returned to the Station in October 1955.

Back at NOTS he was reinstated to Career Appointment and has settled down comfortably to a Civil Service life. Basil lives at 70-A Rodman with his wife and two sons.

Mr. Minnich has stated that he thinks those who say Civil Service is slow moving and full of red tape are unrealistic. He has found that private industry has even more bottle-necks.

3 Sam Battalion Officers Are Promoted to Captain

Three first lieutenants of 1st TERRIER SAM Battalion at NOTS were promoted to the rank of captain last Monday.

The letters of promotion were presented by Lt. Col. Norman Pozinsky, commanding officer, to the following officers: John A. Hathaway, "A" Battery Fire Control Officer who resides at 708-A Lexington; Richard M. Burke, Missile Platoon Commander, of 68-B Rodman; and Willis D. Huddleston, "C" Battery Executive Officer, of 505-B Saratoga.

Council Considers...

(Continued from Page 1) operate under the present arrangements, spending whatever Council time is required to obtain funds for Council activities and to maintain the Council office. Estimated operating budget is a minimum of \$2,000 per year.

2. The Council shall attempt to enter into an agreement with the China Lake Community Manager that would carry the following stipulations:

a. The China Lake Community Council shall cease and desist from all operations involving monetary income and outlay. In special cases, the Council may obtain funds for specific approved operations from the Welfare and Recreation Council. Any profits derived from Council-sponsored activities shall be turned over to the Welfare and Recreation Council.

b. The Council structure, that is, the number of directors, method of election of Directors, etc., shall remain unchanged, and the Council shall continue to operate under the existing Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws, except as regularly amended by the Council.

c. The Council shall continue to meet regularly as provided for in the By-Laws and shall consider any and all matters which are, directly or indirectly, for the good of the community of China Lake.

d. The Community Manager shall provide sufficient office space and office furniture for the administrative operation of the Council.

e. The Community Manager shall provide the secretarial services necessary for the proper administrative operation of the Council. This service shall include a telephone-answering service during normal business hours.

f. The Community Manager shall provide to the Council those office supplies necessary for the operation of the Council.

g. The Council may, at a later date, by a two-thirds majority vote, withdraw from the conditions of the foregoing agreement for good and sufficient cause, such cause to be determined by the Council.

3. The Council shall continue to operate under the present arrangements, except that funds shall be obtained from voluntary contributions derived from the citizenry of China Lake and the Council shall not partake in money-raising activities.

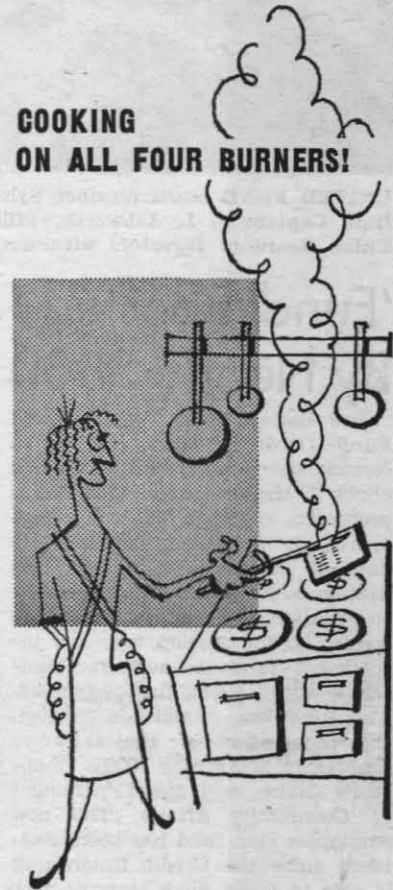
4. The Council shall continue to operate under the present arrangements wherein the Board of Directors engages in money-raising activities, expending whatever Council time is required for such activities, and in addition shall obtain funds from voluntary contributions derived from the citizenry of China Lake.

5. The Council shall operate on an absolute minimum budget with no Community Council office as such and with all activities per-

formed on virtually a volunteer basis.

It is urged that all citizens of China Lake who are interested in the activities of the Community Council Board of Directors attend the forthcoming town meeting and enter into the discussions.

COOKING ON ALL FOUR BURNERS!



Do you remember when you used to get bills for gas and electricity? ? ? You don't see these bills now, but they are included in the rent.

If you need all four burners to cook your usual meal.... use them.... But

YOU'LL REALLY BE COOKINGif you turn off the back burners when not in use



THE WEATHER

Mostly clear for weekend. Visibility unrestricted. Winds light and variable becoming south to southwesterly 10 to 15 knots. Temperature range minimum 35 to maximum 65.

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U.S. NAVAL ORDNANCE TEST STATION, CHINA LAKE, CALIF.

TEMPERATURES (Housing Area)

	Max.	Min.
March 1	69	29
March 2	76	32
March 3	74	37
March 4	75	44
March 5	72	47
March 6	54	37
March 7	55	26

Seek Entries For 'All Navy' Variety Show

The Commandant, Eleventh Naval District recently announced the forthcoming All-Navy Musical and Variety Show which is being produced to provide entertainment for ships and commands throughout the Eleventh Naval District. The objective is to discover, encourage, and develop talent regardless of former or professional standing to eventually participate in the 1954 All-Navy Talent Contest.

All naval, coast guard and marine personnel are invited to participate. Entries should be mailed to the Commandant, Eleventh Naval District (Code 15) to arrive no later than March 23, 1956. The information required in the entries is as follows: full names of personnel included in the acts, rank, rate, serial or file numbers, duty station, telephone number, name of act, overall timing, and a short biographical sketch of each performer.

Eliminations for participation in the show will be held Saturday, April 7. Entrants will be notified of time and location. Further information can be obtained by calling the NOTS Recreation Office, extension 72017.

Governor Proclaims Navy Sign-Up Month

Governor Goodwin Knight has issued a proclamation designating March as Navy Sign-Up Month in the State of California and it is expected that many mayors will take the Governor's lead by proclaiming Navy Sign-Up Month in their own cities.

"As a nation we have every reason to be proud of the marvelous equipment and the magnificent craft of our Navy," Knight said in the proclamation, "but in the final analysis, the splendid traditions of our Navy for courage and loyalty have always been based upon the character, ability and devotion of those who wear its uniform and who serve under its colors."

Test Dept. Is 6 Years Old

On March 1, NOTS Test Department became six years of age. Department Head Ivar E. Highberg congratulated Test Department personnel for "six years of steady progress and growth."

Key Planning for Armed Forces Day



POWER FOR PEACE is the slogan for the 1956 Armed Forces Day at NOTS and over the nation. Shown above discussing the program to be presented here are Executive Officer Captain F. A. Chenault (left), Lt. Michael Bedwell, public information officer, and Armed Forces Day Chairman Lieutenant Commander Ralph Stell.

Rocket Developers Receive Awards



DR. H. A. WILCOX, Rocket Development Department Head, presents a Beneficial Suggestion Award and a Superior Accomplishment Award to two Rocket Development Department employees. Pictured above with Dr. Wilcox are Elizabeth New, \$25 Benny Sugg recipient and Henry Herschelman (right), \$150 Superior Accomplishment awardee.

College of Pacific Unit To Sing Here March 16

The noted College of Pacific A Cappella Choir will give a concert of sacred music at the Station theatre on March 16 at 8 p.m. The musical ambassadors will appear under the sponsorship of the NOTS Community Church.

The choir, under the direction of Mr. J. Russell since 1934, is a symphony of voices trained and directed to interpret every kind of vocal and choral composition. Their program here will feature sacred and secular music.

No admission will be charged, but a free-will offering will be taken during the evening to help defray the expenses of the choir.

Let's Dispose Of Old Records

"Are your file cabinets bulging? Do they harbor records that could have been destroyed long ago, inactive records that are eligible for transfer, obsolete instructions, informational and reference papers that have served their purpose, papers that NEVER should have been filed in the first place?"

This is quoted from a pamphlet received from the Chief, Bureau of Ordnance titled "Let's Dispose of Records". It is only a part of a Navy-wide campaign to make MARCH an effective records disposal month.

5 Operational Plans Will Be Studied by Community Council

A proposal that would relieve the China Lake Community Council Board of Directors from the need to raise funds was brought before the Board at its last regular meeting on February 28. In reviewing possible methods of operation, the Directors necessarily reconsidered the place of the Council in the life of this community and finally decided to discuss these important matters with all the citizens of China Lake at an open town meeting.

The proposal was made as a possible solution to a serious problem now confronting the board of Directors. Although the Council had a bank account of approximately \$9,000 in 1953, it has since readily decreased until at the present time the Council is faced with a deficit of over \$400.

This gradual decline is due primarily to the loss of revenue from the Fiesta combined with a variety of community activities in which the Council underwrote the financing. Present regulations no longer permit many activities at the Fiesta that once provided a considerable income for the Council.

Fund Raising a Necessity

As the bank account has decreased, the members of the Board of Directors have been forced to spend more and more of their time on the consideration of methods to make money and to provide the manpower necessary to carry out such fund-raising activities as have seemed feasible.

Since the primary purpose of the Board of Directors is to represent the citizens of China Lake in those matters involving important community problems, they are anxious to hold to a minimum any activities that do not contribute directly to this purpose. Therefore, the following five alternative methods of operation of the China Lake Community Council will be considered at a town meeting to be held in the near future, the date of which will be announced in the next issue of the Rocketeer:

Possible Methods of Operation

1. The Council shall continue to (Continued on Page 8)