

'Retirement Legislation' Gets Attention In Congress as Hearings Are Continued

Retirement legislation is receiving the attention of this session of Congress. Hearings have been held recently by the Senate Post Office and Civil Service Committee on S. 2875, a bill introduced by Senator Johnston of South Carolina. Major features of this bill are as follows:

(1) Extension of coverage to all employees with temporary and indefinite status after 6 months of service.

(2) New formula provided which would increase annuities by one-third over annuities computed under the present formula.

(3) Permits retirement after 30 years of service regardless of age, with the following deductions: 1/12 of 1% for each month employee is under age 60 down to 57 years, 6 months; 1/2 of 1% for each month under age 57 years, 6 months to 55 years; and 1/6 of 1% for each month under 55 years. Employees age 50 or more, with 20 or more years of service could retire on an immediate annuity computed in accordance with the foregoing formula, if separated by reduction in force.

(4) Upon death of an employee who has completed 10 years of civilian service, his widow would be entitled to an annuity of 50% based on the employee's years of service and average salary over a period of five consecutive years. The annuity would begin on the first day of the month after the employee died, regardless of age of the widow.

(5) A disabled employee, with 5 or more years of service, could be paid an annuity which, in most cases, would not be less than 40% of his average salary.

(6) The bill would make retirement at age 70 mandatory regardless of length of service.

When hearings were being held on S. 2875, Mr. Philip Young, the President's advisor on personnel matters, testified that the Administration favored enactment of S. 3041, introduced by Senator Carlson. This latter bill carries out the recommendations of the Kaplan Committee, which were reported to the Congress pursuant to Public Law 555—82nd Congress. S. 3041 would provide for social security coverage of employees now subject to the Civil Service Retirement Act. The major features of this bill are as follows:

(1) A new appointee would have social security coverage from his first day of employment, and after three years of continuous service he would also be covered by the Civil Service Retirement Act.

(2) An employee subject to both systems would pay into the retirement fund at the rate of 3 1/2% of his first \$4200 of salary, and at the rate of 6% on salary over \$4200. He would also pay social security tax, which is now 2 1/2% on the first \$4200 of salary. Under present law, social security deductions will be increased gradually until after 1974, when 4% will be taken from the first \$4200 of salary. Thus after 1974 the

combined security deduction on the employee's first \$4200 of salary would be 7 1/2%, the Government to pay the social security employer tax at the same rates.

(3) S. 3041 does not change any of the age and service requirements of the civil service retirement system, nor change the annuity payable to an employee before he reaches age 65. However, at age 65 when the employee could also qualify for social security old age benefits, his civil service annuity would be reduced, but the combined retirement and social security benefits would, on the average, be about 8% higher than present civil service retirement annuity alone.

(4) Employees with at least 10 years of civilian service, retiring for disability would receive, as a minimum annuity, the lesser of 40% of his average salary of the annuity he would have earned if his service had continued to age 60.

(5) Civil Service retirement survivor benefits for widows, where death occurs after at least 10 years of civilian service, would be retained and similar benefits for disabled widowers are added. These benefits would be in addition to survivor benefits payable by social security. However, the civil service retirement annuity of a survivor would be reduced at age 65, but the combined civil service retirement and social security benefits payable thereafter would exceed those now paid by civil service retirement alone.

— OIR NEWSLETTER

Announce Finalists In 'Legion Contest'

The Americanism Essay Contest sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary of the John H. Armitage American Legion Post was in its last phases this week, according to contest chairman Mrs. G. H. Mayberry. The contest was open to China Lake area school children ranging from the fourth grade through the ninth grade.

Divided into two contest groups, the fourth, fifth and sixth grade children wrote essays on "The Care and Use of Our Country's Flag" and the seventh, eighth, and ninth grade pupils wrote essays about "The Liberty Bell."

Finalists in the Americanism Contest are: Jackie Leininger, Kathleen Thompson, Martha Pike, David Ashworth, Geraldine Reinhardt, and Carol Anderson. Contest judges are Mrs. Robert Olds, Richard O'Reilly and Ed Laney. The winners will be announced by Mrs. Mayberry on or about May 1.

Scene from Picture To Be Shown Sunday



A JET FIGHTER PICKUP of the NOTS developed "high-speed DART" tow target is one of the scenes you will see in the movie to be shown at the Station theatre on Sunday and Monday. The film is a new documentary picture describing DART.

NOTS Presents—

Editor's Note: This is the first of a weekly series describing current and forthcoming presentations of the Station's work. For further information concerning these items, call Presentations Division, Technical Information Department, extension 72209 or 71370.

Dart Movie to Be Shown at Theatre

A new documentary motion picture describing the Station's high-speed DART aerial tow target will be shown as a portion of the regular film program on Sunday and Monday, April 15 and 16, at the Station theatre. An actual DART target and display will also be exhibited in the vicinity of the theatre entrance. Additional Station documentary films will be shown in the future, at the rate of about one per week.

NOTS Guide Distributed

Distribution started today of two publications which provide information about NOTS, its organization and mission, and business hours of various activities found at the Station. Initial distribution will be made to all China Lake employees. Additional copies of YOUR NOTS GUIDE and GUIDE TO CHINA LAKE ACTIVITIES will be made available at various points throughout the Station.

Next Week's Visits

On Monday and Tuesday of next week approximately 50 Supply Corps officers from various offices in the Southern California area will tour the Station to witness test firings and receive information concerning the Station's technical programs. These officers are responsible for procurement of the tremendous amount of technical equipment and supplies required to operate the Station's programs, and NOTS is pleased to have the opportunity to

show them the manner in which the items are put to use.

On Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday of next week the Station will host a meeting of the Proving Ground Instrumentation Committee, American Ordnance Association. This group of 20 representatives from leading industrial firms and other government test ranges will be shown examples of the Station's work in instrumentation of ordnance tests.

'Career Day' Plans Include Discussions

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producer in Technical Information Department.

Physical Education, Mrs. R. J. Baggott, former school teacher. Physics, Dr. Howard Wilcox, physicist, Head of Rocket Development Department. Psychology, H. H. Dixon, psychologist with the China Lake Schools. Secretarial Work, Mrs. L. W. Nichols, recorder for the Research Board, Technical Director's Office.

Teaching in the elementary level will be discussed by Mrs. D. W. Cowan, former China Lake teacher, Teaching, secondary level, Mrs. P. Buchanan, substitute teacher at Burroughs High School. Telephone Operator, R. A. Dinsmore, district manager of Interstate Telegraph Company. Trucking, John Savage, Western Truck Lines. Welfare and Social Work, Mrs. G. McDaniel, social worker with the Desert Area Family Service.

Chairman of the planning group for the AAUW is Mrs. E. V. Ashburn. Students assisting with the project for the Girls' League include Alice Cotner, Barbara Mussler, and Annie Majors.

THE WEATHER

Mostly clear over weekend. Surface winds light and variable night and morning becoming southerly 10 to 15 knots during afternoons. Temperature range minimum 45 to maximum 75.

Rocketeer

TEMPERATURES

(Housing Area)

	Max.	Min.
April 5	81	38
April 6	84	41
April 7	84	47
April 8	84	44
April 9	84	42
April 10	71	46
April 11	61	42

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Navy Personnel Will Discuss Vocational Fields at Second Annual 'Career Day'

More than 35 speakers who will discuss the various vocational fields at Burroughs High School's second Career Day to be held Wednesday, April 18, were listed this week by the Girl's League planning committee which is assisting the local chapter of the American Association of University Women in sponsoring the affair.

Representing the various trades and professions in the China Lake area, the speakers will discuss training requirements, personal qualifications, salary ranges, job opportunities such as openings, advancement, outlook in the field and environment and location of jobs.

Prior to scheduling the discussion groups, which will take place from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m., students were given opportunity to select, with parental advice, the three discussion groups they wished to attend.

Objectives of Career Day in addition to encouraging student thinking on occupational choice by providing first-hand occupational information, include the improving of student achievement by better course scheduling in harmony with vocational plans and the bringing about of a closer cooperation between teachers and representatives from industry, business and agriculture.

The activity is also designed to improve school-community relations through such a joint enterprise.

The fields to be discussed, speakers and their professional backgrounds, are as follows:

Agriculture, by John Hoyt, Farm and Home Advisor, U.C. Extension Service of Kern County. Air Hostess, by Mrs. R. J. Felton, former United Air Lines stewardess. Armed Forces for men or women, recruiting teams from Bakersfield. Commercial Art, Mrs. Nancy Glover, illustrator in Test Department. Aviation, Lt. (jg) H. C. Quitmeyer, Guided Missile Unit 61. Auto Mechanics, Bob Smith, owner and operator of Bob Smith Buick and Chevrolet Sales Agency and Garage.

Beautician will be discussed by Mrs. J. Olson, manager and owner of Miracle of Charm Beauty Shop, Ridgecrest. Bookkeeping and Accounting, John Emery, chief fiscal accountant, NOTS. Chemistry, by Dr. W. S. McEwan, head of Chemistry Division in Research Department. Dr. A. Gordon, head of Combustion Branch and Dr. R. A. Henry, head of Organic Chem-

istry Branch.

Dentistry, Dr. R. C. Millard, Capt. USN, Dental Corps. Drafting, G. Chantler, chief draftsman in Missile Range Division, Test Department. Drama and Entertainment, Miss Valerie Bales, graduate of Pasadena Playhouse.

Electronics will be discussed by R. M. McClung, instrumentation electronics engineer in Aviation Ordnance Department; Dr. T. S. Amlic, missile electronics engineer in this department; and R. A. Dinsmore, district manager of the Interstate Telegraph Company, Ridgecrest. Electrical Engineering, Earl Love, assistant head of Engineering Division, Public Works Department. Mechanical Engineering, James Madden, engineer of the Aviation Ordnance Department.

Fire Department will be discussed by A. C. Wright, fire chief, NOTS. Forestry and Game, William Paldi, ranger with U.S. Forestry Service, Kernville. Home Economics, Mrs. R. B. Becker, home economist and substitute teacher in China Lake Schools.

Journalism will be discussed by Ed Laney, editor of the ROCKETEER. Machine Shop work, E. P. Turse, quartermaster machinist, NOTS. Mathematics, Dr. J. Maxfield, mathematician in the Research Department. Medicine, Dr. W. O. Vandenberg, USN, Medical Corps. Modeling, Mrs. G. R. Schrick, instructor in modeling. Music, Mrs. William M. Moore, former music teacher in the local schools.

Nursing, Mrs. John Cox, registered nurse and insurance adjuster for NOTS Group Health Insurance. Occupational and Physio-Therapy, Mrs. W. F. Brisch, registered occupational therapist. General Office Work, Mrs. Sarah Chedester, secretary to head, Management Engineering, Central Staff. Police Work, ODR. E. V. Horne, legal officer and acting security officer; George Sullivan, chief of security police, R. H. Bodwell, assistant to the security officer. Photography, R. H. Clark, Jr., motion picture

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Superior Achievement Award Recipient



E. O. HAGENLOCK (left) receives a \$200 Superior Achievement Award from Dr. Howard A. Wilcox, head of Rocket Development Department. The award is granted for improving the design of special weapons handling equipment.

BuOrd Chief, Advisory Board Visiting NOTS

The Advisory Board of the U.S. Naval Ordnance Test Station arrived yesterday for a three-day visit on the Station. Rear Admiral F. S. Withington, USN, Chief of Bureau of Ordnance is aboard and expected to attend at least part of the meeting.

Members of the board are: Robert L. Biggers, Chrysler Corporation; Dr. Norris E. Bradbury, Director, Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory; Henry Dreyfuss, Industrial Designer; E. H. Heinemann, Chief Engineer, Douglas Aircraft Company; Dr. F. C. Lindvall, California Institute of Technology; Rear Admiral Calvin M. Bolster, USN (Ret), General Tire and Rubber Company; W. Kenneth Davis, Director, Reactor Development Division, AEC; Dr. H. W. Emmons, Harvard University; Dr. C. C. Lauritsen, California Institute of Technology; and Charleton Shugg, General Manager, Electric Boat Division, General Dynamics Corporation.

An informal no-host reception will be held this evening from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in honor of the group.

Final Plans Outlined For Second Annual Clean-Up Campaign

Final plans for area participation in the second annual Clean-Up, Paint-Up, Fix-Up Campaign which starts next Sunday, April 15, and continues for a period of two weeks, have been announced by R. C. O'Reilly, community manager.

The China Lake Golf Club is going ahead with its plans to sweep down the Bennington Plaza; the Supervisors Association will stencil slogans on the dempster dumpsters at NOTS; the Navy Barracks will paint antennas and other iron work at the TV booster station; the Marine Barracks will pick up trash and paper from the Main Gate south to the Wherry project inside the fence; the Marine SAM Battalion has selected a project to clean and beautify the children's nursery at NOTS and also will paint the little white fence by the Security Building at the Main Gate. Girl Scouts are distributing clean-up literature from door-to-door.

Trees will be planted in Ridgecrest Park by the Desert Sportsmen's Association, and the California Division of Highways will clean the outside of the fence along China Lake Blvd. Final plans for participation also are being completed by Rebekah Lodge No. 412, DAV, Troop 800 of

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