

Newly Seated United Fund Directors



NEW BOARD members of the IWV United Fund Directors from NOTS (from l. to r.) are: Russel Huse, publicity chairman; Art Reich, treasurer; Amy Griffin, secretary; Richard Potter, 1st vice-president; James Judin, campaign chairman; and John Emery, president.

Per Diem Supervisory Workshop Series Underway; First Session Began Tuesday

A series of three "two-day workshops" for per diem supervisory personnel have been planned for the remainder of fiscal year 1956. The first session took place on Tuesday and Wednesday, April 17 and 18.

The second workshop session is scheduled for April 24 and 25, and the last workshop of the series is scheduled for April 30 and May 1. All sessions are similar in program content and are conducted from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Community Center.

The goals and content of the workshops have been developed jointly by department representatives, a steering committee, and the staff of the Employee Development Division. The workshops will be devoted to such aims as thinking through the supervisor's responsibilities to management and employees, motivation of employees, evaluation of one's own performance as a supervisor, supervision of apprentices, and institution of appropriate administrative action on the basis of employee performance. Group discussions and the contributions of resource personnel will be utilized to fulfill these aims.

The planning groups suggest that each department divide leadingmen selectees into three groups, approximately equal in number, and that each group attend one of the workshops. Inasmuch as a sub-group for quartermen is planned for the second workshop, a group of these supervisors should be formed to attend the second workshop.

The names of per-diem supervisors selected to attend each of the workshops need not be submitted by departments in advance. Participation by each supervisor in a workshop for two consecutive days is expected to promote maximum development.

Marines Say 'Adieu' By Holding Parade

Marines of the First Terrier SAM Battalion will hold a "farewell parade" at 1:30 p.m. today at the Bank of America parking lot. Music for the parade is being furnished by the El Toro Marine Band with the marching units all from First Terrier SAM Battalion.

Lt. Col. Norman Pozinsky is Commanding Officer of Troops for the parade, which will be the unit's farewell salute to this Station, prior to moving to Twenty-Nine Palms in May. The parade lasts for one hour.

The Bank of America parking lot is closed today until after the parade as it is necessary to utilize the area for preparation purposes for the parade. The lot will be open after 2:30 p.m.

The automobile is dividing mankind into two groups; the quick and the dead.

Your Share of the BILL



**\$172** was what you spent last year ON THE JOB for utilities. If you lived in family quarters at NOTS add another **\$470** for utilities for your house.

It costs just as much to burn an unnecessary light in the office as it does at home. It takes just as much to heat an office to take away the morning chill as it does to do the same thing at home.

In this changeable weather **WATCH THE HEAT!!** Daylight comes early **TURN OFF LIGHTS** at home or on the job

It's YOUR dollar **1.00** SAVE A DIME - **.10** LOWER TAXES



LENA WADDOCK, teacher at Burroughs Junior High School is the new president of the local teachers club, the China Lake Educational Association.

Teachers Name Club Officers

Mrs. Lena Waddock, teacher at Burroughs Junior High School, was elected this week to the presidency of the China Lake Educational Association for the academic year 1956-57. Retiring president of the local chapter of the California Teachers Association is Norman E. Young, instructor at Burroughs High School.

Elected to assist Mrs. Waddock on the executive board were: Wayne C. Harsh as vice-president; Alice Sullivan, secretary; and Carl Zahn, treasurer.

Listing 100 per cent membership among the 112 teachers of the China Lake Schools, the China Lake Educational Association is designed to promote professional spirit, to unify the purposes and interests of the teachers and to insure complete cooperation among those directly concerned with the welfare of the public schools.

Projects completed annually by the group include the presentation of a series of educational and social activities, promotion of teacher recruitment through a \$200 scholarship to a member of the Burroughs High School Future Teachers Club which it sponsors, and assistance in school and community activities.

A member of the local schools since 1948, Mrs. Waddock is presently seventh grade teacher at the Junior High School. She is a graduate of Illinois State Normal University at Normal, Illinois, and received her Bachelors degree in Education at Fresno State College.

The new executive board will be installed at the teacher group's May meeting.

Stop-Signal Legislation Passed

New legislation permits drivers to make left turns against stop signals—after stopping—from a one-way street into a one-way street, says the Automobile Club of Southern California.

THE WEATHER

Partly cloudy with unrestricted visibility. Surface winds will be light and variable night and morning becoming southerly 10 to 15 knots during afternoons. Temperature range minimum 50.

# Rocketeer

TEMPERATURES (Housing Area)

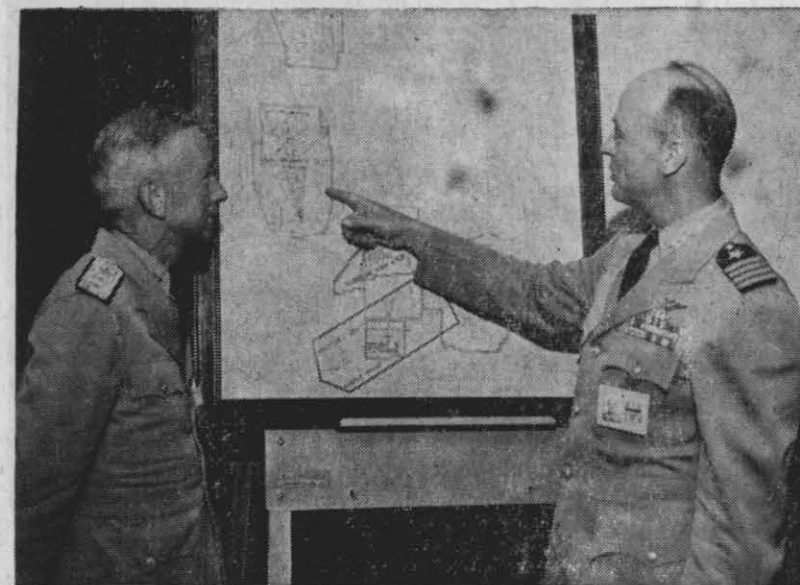
	Max.	Min.
April 12	54	43
April 13	57	38
April 14	65	40
April 15	73	39
April 16	74	48
April 17	78	49
April 18	71	46

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BuOrd Chief Visits NOTS



RADM. F. S. WITHINGTON, Chief of Bureau of Ordnance (left) is shown receiving an area breakdown of NOTS from Capt. F. L. Ashworth during his recent visit to the Station.

Secretary of the Navy Charles S. Thomas Will Visit China Lake Activities Monday

The Honorable Charles S. Thomas, Secretary of the Navy, will visit activities in the Eleventh Naval District area today through Wednesday, April 25, District Headquarters announced this week. His tour includes China Lake.

Secretary Thomas will be accompanied by Mrs. Thomas; Capt. W. F. Bringle, Naval Aide; and Lt. Col. A. W. Gentleman, Marine Aide.

Scheduled to arrive at Naval Air Station, Miramar, at 9:30 a.m., April 20, Secretary Thomas will hold a press conference about 11:30 a.m. at Miramar and then visit Naval Air Station, North Island.

Tomorrow he will visit the Marine Corps Recruit Depot and the Naval Training Center in San Diego, proceeding to Los Angeles about noon. Remaining in the Los Angeles area April 22, the Secretary will tour the Naval Ordnance Test Station, China Lake, on April 23, returning to Los Angeles the same day.

On April 24 he will tour the Naval Air Missile Test Center, Point Mugu, and the Naval Advanced Base Depot, Port Hueneme. Returning to Los Angeles that afternoon, Secretary Thomas will attend the dedication ceremonies of the Transonic wind tunnel at California Institute of Technology at Pasadena on April 25.

'Performance Rate' System To Change

For quite a while study and developmental work has been underway looking toward revision of the Navy Department's performance evaluation program for civilian employees. This work is still in the formative stage, but is approaching the time when specific recommendations for changes will be formulated and tested. The Navy Advisory Committee on Performance Evaluation, formed last year, is playing an important part in this work.

There will not be any changes in the performance evaluation program as of March 31, 1956, the date when a large share of our naval activities prepare the annual performance ratings. However, it is anticipated that a revision of the performance evaluation program in NCPI 130 will be issued within this coming year, probably next fall.

—OIR NEWSLETTER

Erickson, Public Works. Outstanding Performance Ratings William E. Davis, Public Works; Maurice C. Lipp, Public Works; Thomas W. Boyd, Public Works; Martin J. Snow, Public Works; James L. Colson, Public Works; Emilie Cooper, Test; A. R. Blackmon, Test; and Zeva Goken, Test.

Navy Exchange Retail Store to Close April 26

The Navy Exchange Retail Store will be closed for inventory on April 26 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., but the doors will be open for business from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. of the same day, according to Lt. L. H. Benfell Jr., Navy Exchange Officer.

All other Navy Exchange service departments will remain open during normal business hours.

China Lake Employees Receive \$3,250 in Incentive Awards

During March more than \$3,250 of Incentive Awards money was paid out to NOTS employees for their participation in the Federal Incentive Awards Program. Nine employees received Superior Accomplishment Awards (either superior performance or superior accomplishment) of \$200 and \$300 each. Eight employees were rated outstanding. The employees' names, amounts of awards, and the type of awards follow:

- Beneficial Suggestions**
- \$300 Award**
- Ed Casaroli, J. M. Greenfield, Vaughn Corbridge, Public Works (\$100 each).
- \$140 Award**
- V. Peet, John Kahrt, L. Sproul, C. Fike, Test (\$35 each).
- \$125 Award**
- Carl Grimm, Public Works.
- \$95 Award**
- Jack M. Hooker, Engineering.
- \$60 Award**
- Clyde D. Marley, Engineering.
- \$55 Award**
- Harold E. Harney, Public Works; Carl F. Valdez, Engineering.
- \$40 Award**
- Arthur T. Phillips, Public Works.
- \$35 Award**
- P. A. Phillips, Public Works.
- \$30 Awards**
- Alvin B. Oles, Engineering; Kendall F. McComas, Engineering; and L. G. Green and T. Francotte, Public Works (\$15 each).
- \$25 Award**
- Jerome W. Conner, Supply.
- \$20 Award**
- Frank L. Whittier Jr., Public Works.
- \$15 Awards**
- W. T. Schmid, Public Works; Elmer H. Westby, Public Works; and Hans A. Wurster, Public Works.
- \$10 Awards**
- Winsor Josselyn, Command Administration; George F. O'Connor, Public Works; Jacob Bent, Engineering; Victor F. Castenada, Propellants & Explosives; Milton H. Egley, Engineering; George Perrige, Public Works (2 \$10 awards); Allison Tewksbury, Public Works; David H. Tettmar, Test; and Mira W. Lemons and Ann Stith, Public Works (\$5 each).
- Superior Accomplishment Awards**
- Martin J. Snow, Public Works; Edgar J. Snow, Public Works; Edgar J. Seybold, Public Works; and Allen Chandler, Public Works.
- \$200**
- James J. Glaviano, Test; Zeva Goken Test; A. R. Blackmon, Test; Emilie Cooper, Test; James L. Colson, Public Works; and Paul O.

Open House to be Held Tomorrow at SNORT

Open House will be held by the employees of the Supersonic Track Division of Test Department tomorrow morning at SNORT and Baker-4 ranges for their families and friends.

The first event is scheduled for 9 a.m. at Baker-4 range where a high-speed sled firing will be witnessed, followed by a short tour of area facilities. The next event will be another high-speed sled firing on the SNORT track at 11:30 a.m., followed by a short tour of the area and facilities.

A 15-minute movie depicting the various operations of SNORT will be shown as the last portion of technical demonstrations. At noon, the delegation will adjourn to Sandquist Spa where a picnic lunch and refreshments will be served to all those attending the event.

South Gate To Be Kept Open Until 8:30 p.m.

Beginning next Monday the South Gate of the Station will remain open until 8:30 p.m. on weekdays for the convenience of Station personnel, it was announced today by Commander F. R. Whitty Jr., Head of Command Administration Department. The South Gate has been open on weekdays until 6 p.m.

Mug-o'-Month



BEULAH GLIDEWELL receives the Supply Department Mug-of-the-Month for the month of March from Cdr. J. M. Shea, assistant supply officer. Mrs. Glidewell submitted three beneficial suggestions and was a co-submitter on a fourth.

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## NOTS Advisory Board Holds Conference



MEMBERS of the NOTS Advisory Board present at a conference here at the Station (front row, l. to r.) are: Dr. Norris E. Bradbury, Director, Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory; Dr. Wm. B. McLean, NOTS Technical Director; Capt. F. L. Ashworth, Station Commander; RAdm. F. S. Withington, Chief of Bureau of Ordnance; and Dr. C. C. Lauritsen, California Institute of Technology. Back row (l. to r.) are: RAdm. Calvin M. Bolster, USN (Ret), General Tire and Rubber Company; Robert L. Biggers, vice-president, Chrysler Corporation; E. H. Heinemann, Chief Engineer, Douglas Aircraft Co.; Dr. E. C. Lindvall, California Institute of Technology; and W. Kenneth Davis, Director, Reactor Development Division, AEC.

## 'Reports Clean-Up' Reduces Red Tape

Reports Clean-Up Day on May 1 will kick-off a comprehensive, Navy-wide check of all reports now in use in the Department of the Navy. Each person who prepares or uses reports is urged by Command to pass along his (or her) ideas for improvement to local representatives responsible for coordinating this review.

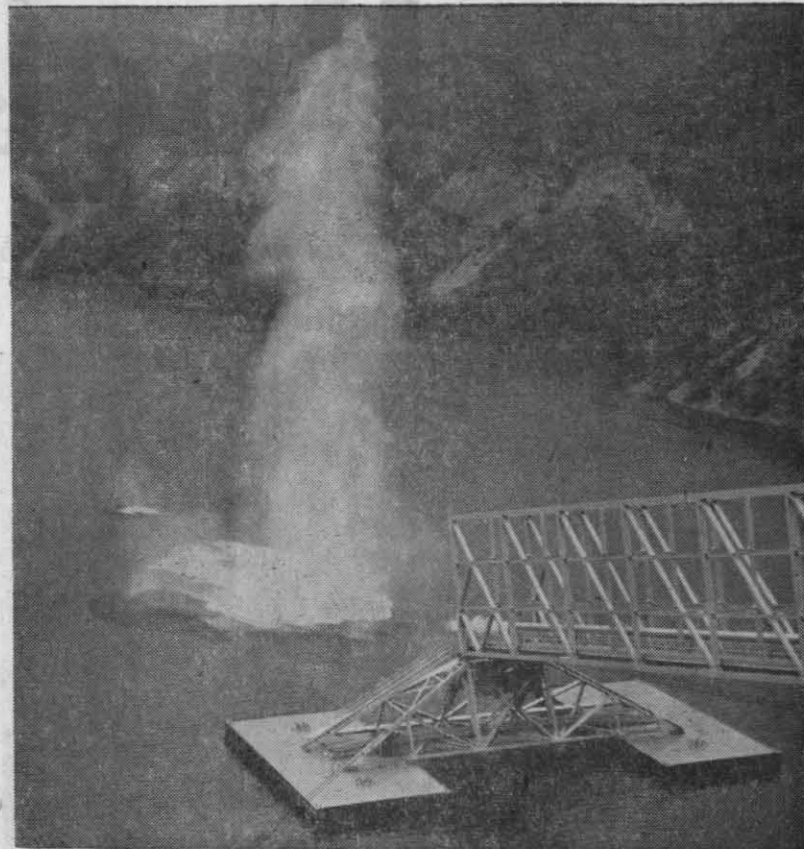
Detailed plans for the campaign are being made and the names of local representatives who will coordinate the review will be announced next week. However, in advance of the campaign, Command believes it would be well for employees to begin now to inspect reports and procedures involved in their preparation and use. If you know of reports that have been a burden in the past, now is the time to think about them. Turn your gripes into constructive suggestions and start getting your ideas and recommendations ready for Reports Clean-Up Day.

## 'Engineering' Plans Mammoth Bar-B-Q

The Recreation Association of the Engineering Department is planning a unique, large-scale beef barbecue at Ridgecrest Park on May 6, for department employees and their guests.

Gene Brooks will prepare the beef in a specially-built pit 4 feet deep by 8 feet long. The method of cookery, which requires 24 hours of preparation, will involve alternating layers of hot charcoal, wet sand, fired wood and steel mesh. The meat, carefully wrapped in tin foil, is inserted within these various layers and cooked slowly by a vapor-lock process. The menu also will include potato salad, baked beans, relishes, rolls and butter. Games for young and old will be part of the program.

Submarine nets are made of thousands of intertwined steel rings called "grommets," about 16 inches in diameter.



NOTS' VARIABLE ANGLE LAUNCHER at Morris Dam, north of Azusa, will be described in a new documentary motion picture to be shown at the Station theatre on Sunday and Monday, April 22 and 23.

## NOTS Presents—

"The world's largest blow-gun!" That's what Station engineers call the unique Variable Angle Launcher near Azusa, which is used to study characteristics of full-scale torpedoes developed by the Underwater Ordnance Department at Pasadena. This interesting facility is described in a new technical film fare at the Station theatre shown as a part of the regular film fare at the Station Theatre on Sunday and Monday, April 22 and 23.

**New Employees Tour Station**  
The first of a series of orientation tours for new employees is being held this morning. A two-hour bus trip will cover ground and aircraft ranges and major shopping points in the community. Additional tours of this type will be given by Presentations Division as a part of each Personnel Department orientation program for new employees.

**Navy Secretary Here Soon**  
The Honorable Charles S. Thomas, Secretary of the Navy, will visit the Station on Monday, April 23, for a review of major Station technical programs.

**Visiting Groups**  
Naval Reserve Ordnance Company 11-1, China Lake, will conduct a

training program on Saturday and Sunday for 42 Reserve Intelligence Officers from the 12th Naval District and 11 members of Naval Reserve Composite Company 11-14, from Santa Ana.

On Thursday, April 26, the Station will welcome for the third consecutive year a group of 70 Naval Reserve Officers' Training Corps midshipmen from the University of Southern California. This group of young men will spend the day witnessing range firing and receiving briefings on Station technical programs.

Approximately 40 test range instrumentation specialists will gather at NOTS on Thursday and Friday of next week for the first Southwest Instrumentation for Flight Testing Symposium (SWIFT). Dr. A. B. Dember will serve as local host.

The Council of Librarians of the West Coast Navy Laboratories will meet at NOTS on Friday of next week. Miss Madeline Canova will act as host.

**Senior Personnel Conference**  
A meeting of NOTS Senior Personnel will be held in the Community Building next Thursday morning, starting at 10 a.m. Capt. F. L. Ashworth, NOTS Commander, and Dr. W. B. McLean, Technical Director, will describe plans for personnel education and development.

For further information concerning these items, contact Presentations Division, Technical Information Department, phone 72209 or 71370.

## Naval Air Facility Chief Retires



ANTHONY MATWEECHA, aviation chief machinists mate at NAF, retires after more than 20 years of Navy Service. He is being congratulated for his fine record here by NAF Executive Officer Cdr. C. C. Calloway. Upon discharge, Matweecha transferred to the Fleet Reserve.

## Rockhound Unit Features Winner

The guest speaker for the NOTS Rockhounds meeting to be held at the Rockhound Hut at 7:30 next Monday night will be Mrs. Vivienne Dosse. Her subject will be on collecting and displaying "thumb nail specimens."

Mrs. Dosse was a recent winner of the Harry Woodruff perpetual trophy for the best national exhibit at the convention of the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies held in Washington, D.C. in September, 1955. Her prize winning display was of "thumb nail specimens" and many of these fine pieces will be on display at the meeting.

She is well known to mineral collectors throughout the nation and has won many prizes for her fine displays in various mineral and gem shows. Her talk will include comments and experiences in collecting, purchasing, preparing and displaying small mineral specimens. The public is invited.

## Thrift Shop Moves To Bennington Area

The Thrift Shop, sponsored by the Women's Auxiliary of the Commissioned Officers' Mess, opened for business yesterday at its new location in back of the Enlisted Mens' Club. It is located between the Station pool and the Station theatre. The announcement was received this week from Mrs. Norman Pozinsky, chairman.

Business hours continue to be Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7 to 9 p.m. until further notice. Donations or articles to be handled on consignment basis are being accepted and proceeds continue to be used for philanthropic purposes.

Remember the 11th Annual Desert Wildflower Show, sponsored by the Women's Auxiliary of the Commissioned Officers' Mess, to be held at the Community Center on Saturday and Sunday, April 28 and 29.



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

**TODAY** APRIL 20  
"THE BIRDS AND THE BEES" (94 Min.)  
George Gobel, Mitzi Gaynor  
Shorts: "Museum" (7 Min.)  
"Volcanic Violence" (9 Min.)

**SATURDAY** APRIL 21  
"SERENADE" (121 Min.)  
Mario Lanza, Joan Fontaine, Vincent Price  
MATINEE  
"OFF LIMITS" (90 Min.)  
Bob Hope, Mickey Rooney  
Shorts: "Wicket Wacky" (7 Min.)  
"Perils of the Wilderness" No. 7 (16 Min.)

**SUN.-MON.** APRIL 22-23  
"ON THE THRESHOLD OF SPACE" (95 Min.)  
Guy Madison, John Hodiak  
Shorts: "Uranium Blues" (7 Min.)  
"Ski Flying" (9 Min.)  
"The Variable Angle Launcher," USNOTS, (Color, 16 Min.)

**TUES.-WED.** APRIL 24-25  
"A DAY OF FURY" (79 Min.)  
Dale Robertson, Mara Corday  
Shorts: "Good Deed Daily" (7 Min.)  
"Queen's Guard" (17 Min.)

**THURS.-FRI.** APRIL 26-27  
"THE VIRGIN QUEEN" (92 Min.)  
Bette Davis, Richard Todd  
Shorts: "Mixed Master" (7 Min.)  
"Time Stood Still" (10 Min.)

**CORRECTION**  
Advance Your Clocks  
Sunday, April 29th  
Daylight Saving Time will go into effect in the State of California, and at NOTS, at 1 a.m., Sunday, April 29. At that time all clocks should be turned ahead one hour in compliance with the new time schedule, according to NOTS Instruction 5330. This means that all NOTS workers will, in actuality, be coming to work one hour earlier and leaving one hour earlier than before.



HELEN V. MICHEL is selected by the 11th Naval District to navigate the uncharted course of the first Station Recreation Director in the Navy.

## Navy's First Station Recreation Director Arrives at NOTS

Helen Michel, NOTS recreation director and coordinator, and first to fill a billet of this category at a naval station, reported for duty last Monday in the Recreation Division of the Command Administration Department. The 11th Naval District Command realized the need for recreational leadership and thus initiated this program.

The duties of this position will be to formulate a balanced recreational program for servicemen, their families, and any other group on the Station designated by the Special Services Officer. The planned activities for civilian and military groups will emanate from the Community Center and other facilities on the Station. Such activities as coordination of teen-age groups, off-Station trips, swimming parties, picnics, tours, talent shows, and tournaments are planned, in addition to establishing an information and publicity center for recreational purposes.

Since her graduation from San Jose State College, Miss Michel has served as Service Club director with Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas, recreation leader in military hospitals for the American Red Cross, and recreation leader for the Veterans' Administration in Long Beach. Her favorite sports are golf and badminton.

## Job Opportunities

**Editorial Clerk, GS-4.** Editing of technical reports. Call extension 71471.

**Clerk-Stenographer, GS-4.** Public Works Department, Transportation Division. Contact Fred Dille, extension 72218.

## Missed Kid's Movies Will Be Re-Scheduled

Directors of the children's Film Society announce that films scheduled, but shipped too late to show in recent programs this Spring are being re-scheduled for the 1956-57 film series. Films missed were "Abraham Lincoln," "Safety to and from School," "Goggles and Gauntlets," "Instruments of the Orchestra," and "Man Without a Country."

Steps have been taken to prevent further late shipments for the remaining programs this season.

## Kids' Tennis Clinic Meetings Are Discontinued Until Fall

The regular Saturday meetings of the China Lake Kids' Tennis Clinic are being discontinued, according to President H. W. Howard, until the resumption of school this fall. When the meetings are resumed, a notice of resumption will be carried in the ROCKETEER.

## Raise Salaries For 3rd Time In 12 Months

Faced with an urgent Government-wide need for an estimated 8,700 professional engineers and certain categories of physical scientists in the next 12 months, the Civil Service Commission this week raised starting salaries for these jobs for the third time in approximately a year.

Beginning today, persons hired for such positions in all Federal agencies will receive a starting salary of \$4,480 a year instead of \$4,345 if they have a bachelor's degree or equivalent experience. They will be hired at grade GS-5. Those with a master's degree or equivalent experience will receive a starting salary of \$5,335 a year instead of \$4,930. They will be hired at grade GS-7.

Affected are professional engineers, physicists, chemists, electronic scientists, metallurgists, astronomers, mathematicians, architects, patent examiners, meteorologists (grade GS-5 only), seven types of technologists, and geophysicists specializing in earth physics, geomagnetics and seismology.

Above-minimum pay increases are authorized under 1954 legislation designed by Congress to give the Federal Government a fair share of critically needed personnel. This latest raise is intended to bring into Federal service by April 1, 1957, an estimated 3,700 employees at grade GS-7 and about 5,000 at grade GS-5.

It is estimated that about 1,200 employees already are employed in these categories at grade GS-5 and 2,800 at grade GS-7. These employees also will receive the new minimum salaries.

## Family Service Annual Dinner Is Monday Eve

Richard A. McGee, Director of the California State Department of Corrections, will be the guest speaker at the fifth annual dinner meeting of the Desert Area Family Service Agency to be held Monday evening, April 23, at 6:30 p.m. at the Community Center Building, China Lake. His topic will be "The Community's Responsibility in Prevention of Delinquency and Crime."

All persons wishing to make reservations for the dinner may do so by calling Dr. W. O. Vandenberg's home on extension 725314, by Friday. The price of the dinner will be \$2. Persons who are unable to attend the dinner are invited to the program at 8:15 p.m.

McGee obtained his B.S. and M.A. degrees from the University of Minnesota. He served in the United States Marine Corps in World War I. In 1931 he was employed by the United States Bureau of Prisons, and he has been continuously engaged in the administration of penal and correctional programs since that time. He did administrative work in the Federal penitentiaries at Leavenworth, Kansas, and Lewisburg, Pennsylvania. In 1935 Mayor Fiorello LaGuardia appointed him warden of the New York City penitentiary at Riker's Island. He became Supervisor of Public Institutions for the State of Washington in 1941, where he directed all of the state's fifteen penal, correctional, and charitable institutions.

When the California Legislature passed the Prison Reorganization Act in 1944, Mr. McGee was selected by Governor Earl Warren as director of the new Department of Corrections on the basis of nation wide competition. The California Department of Corrections is now recognized as one of the foremost in the United States.

## Council Announces One Vacancy Exists

Contrary to information released by the Community Council last week, only one vacancy currently exists on the Council. This vacancy is that created by the resignation of Herschel Hicks in precinct four, according to a release this week by Council officials.

There is no vacancy in precinct one, as R. A. Ragsdale plans to continue on the Board of Directors. The vacancy in precinct four is to be filled next Tuesday at a special election.

### Rhymes of the Times

PROMOTION IS SURE TO COME YOUR WAY IF YOU PREPARE TO MEET THE DAY

## Supply Awards



SUPERIOR ACCOMPLISHMENT awardees of the Supply Department, Inventory Division, shown above (front l. to r.) are: Fred Trussler, Frank Romero, Ingrid Worley, and Joanna Gniewek. Back row (l. to r.) are: Harold Williams, George Taylor, Harry Falk, and James Marshall.



FIVE YEAR PIN recipients of the Supply Department drink a toast (of coffee) to celebrate the occasion. Shown (from l. to r.) are: Jim Poore, W. Dockendorf, and K. Torkelson.

## Career Day Planners



POURING PUNCH at the social hour which concluded the annual Burroughs High Career Day are some of the planners of the affair. From right, Mrs. A. W. Howell of the local A.A.U.W., Sallye Walden, Girls' League committee member; Mrs. Eunice R. Barnes, faculty advisor who directed Girls' League planners; and Mrs. E. V. Ashburn, chairman of the A.A.U.W. planning committee. Other A.A.U.W. committee members were Mrs. Ann Carter, Mrs. R. Gray, Mrs. R. E. Johns, Mrs. H. J. Hockett, Mrs. L. M. Bieberman, and Mrs. Alice Kirwan.

## Housing Needs Critical Here, Says H. Hagen

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Congressman Harlan Hagen today reported he has taken steps to bring about an on-the-spot study of critical housing needs in Mojave, Ridgecrest and Rosamond by high ranking federal officials.

Hagen said he has written the director of the Federal Housing Administration in Los Angeles and the chief underwriter of the Los Angeles Veterans Administration office urging that top officials of their offices visit the three east Kern County communities.

The Congressman said he believes a conference with local realtors, military authorities and other interested individuals would be of value in obtaining federal commitments to guarantee housing construction loans.

In his letters to the FHA and VA officials, Hagen declared:

"The problem in each community is different and varying policies contribute to the problem in each case. However, it can truly be stated that the problem is very serious, both from the standpoint of the FHA program and the Veterans Administration program."

Hagen suggested a series of conferences by the FHA and VA officials with local interests over a period of a full day or more.

He declared such a visit by the housing officials would permit them to study the local problems at first hand, learn the serious need for housing and perhaps determine such factors as the amount of financing which can be issued and the suitable locations.

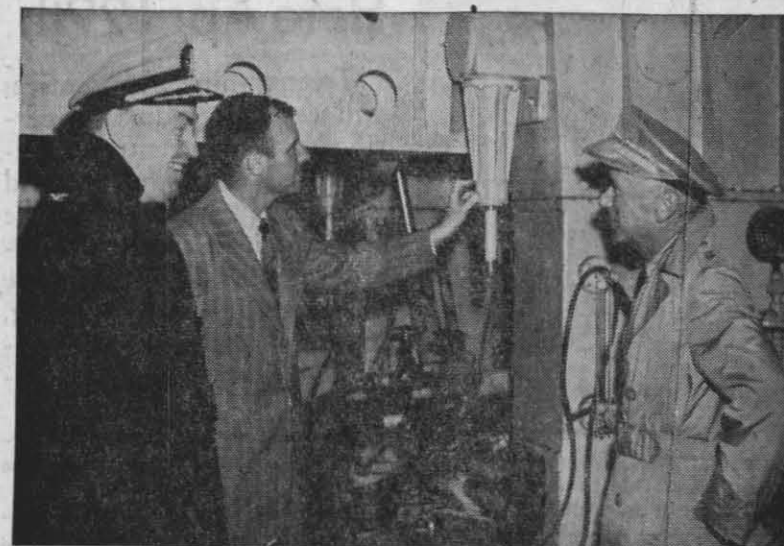
Immediately after the series of conferences, the Congressman said, he will urge both the FHA and the VA to announce definite policies concerning housing commitments in the area and to approve as many applications as possible.

## 'Operation Pick-Up' To Start Monday

"Operation Pick-Up" is scheduled for next Monday morning from 7:30 to 10:30, at which time Navy trucks of the Public Works Department will cruise the housing area to pick up unneeded fence lumber, paint, sprinkler pipe, fittings or any other surplus material.

Residents need only to place materials near the edge of the road or curb to have them picked up. The improvement and inspection branch records show that quantities of materials have been issued but never used. The purpose of the operation is to redistribute this excess to areas where they are needed.

## News from Pasadena



REAR ADMIRAL F. S. WITHINGTON (right), Chief of the Bureau of Ordnance, receives a rundown on the hydrodynamic simulator from C. G. Beatty as he tours the Annex on his recent visit with Capt. W. T. Groner, Officer-in-Charge.

## Ordnance Chief Visits Annex

At China Lake to attend a three-day meeting of the NOTS Advisory Board, Rear Admiral F. S. Withington, USN, Chief of the Bureau of Ordnance, paid a visit to NOTS Pasadena last week.

Members of the Advisory Board who also visited the Annex were Robert L. Biggers of the Chrysler Corporation and E. H. Heinemann, chief engineer of Douglas Aircraft. Other recent visitors were F. J. Reilly, representative of the British Joint Service Mission, Navy Staff, and Cdr. I. R. Johnston, Royal Navy, who were here on matters relating to underwater weapons and associated equipment.

## Superior Accomplishment Award



ELLEN O'BRIEN accepts her check for superior accomplishment from her supervisor, Fred Nathan, acting head of the personnel division.

Ellen O'Brien, chief classification clerk in the Pasadena personnel division, has received a superior accomplishment award for sustained above-normal performance for the past year. The award brings with it a check for \$200.

Miss O'Brien, who has worked at Pasadena Annex since 1952, has a

background which includes an 80-hour Army course for position classifiers, and experience as a salary and wage analyst. The combination of initiative, interest, and background have enabled her to make a contribution beyond that ordinarily called for by the requirements of her position.

## 'Benny Sugg' Ideas Click, Bring Rewards

Nancy Kempster's suggestion for a functional chart of boards, councils, panels, and committees attended by NOTS Pasadena Annex personnel resulted in a handbook which Nancy compiled last year. The suggestion has now brought her a more tangible reward in the form of a \$30 award from the Beneficial Suggestion Panel. Nancy is secretary to the officer-in-charge.

Dick Frederick, head of UOD's illustration unit, has also received his \$30 award for the suggestion which resulted in the honor roll board on the west wall of building 3, pictured in a recent issue of the Rocketeer.

Lauren Sterling of Morris Dam received a \$20 award for suggesting a launching number slate for use at the Morris Dam Range.

Ernest Oeland of the industrial division, Engineering Department, received a \$10 award for suggesting a simplification of the process of producing ditto masters for weekly logs.

## Trophies Awarded, Summer Bowling Season Begins

Trophies for high scores during the winter season have been awarded to teams and individual members of the NOTS mixed bowling league.

Top team award went to the "Feverish Five" whose members include Lyle Emerick, Elaine Colson, and Jerry Nail, former Supply employee. Each member of this winning team received an individual trophy. Lyle Emerick also won a trophy for men's high series.

In the sweepstakes, Danny Moore was tops for men's singles; Marie Broshius captured the same prize for women's singles; and Bill and Georgia Smith took top award for mixed doubles.

The summer league has started, but there are still a few openings. Interested bowlers are invited to get in touch with Bernie Pennino at Morris Dam or Georgia Smith at Foothill.

## Annex Vacancies

Ordnance Mechanic (Experimental Test), UOD, duty at Morris Dam. Contact Dorothy Seaman, Extension 103.

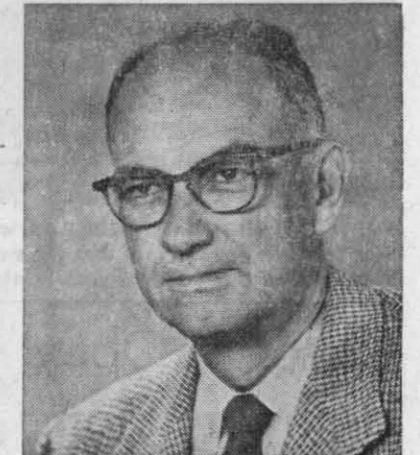
Supervisory General Engineer, GS-13. Responsible for conducting development testing and evaluation programs for new torpedo systems, and torpedo system performance analysis to establish system design acceptability.

Supervisory Ordnance Engineer (Editing), GS-12. Completion of engineering documents. Provides engineering information to manufacturers. Contact Bernie Silver, extension 110.

## Pasadena Profiles

Halley Wolfe received his B.S. in electrical engineering in 1932, his master's in 1934, and his Ph.D. in 1935, all from Caltech.

His early work included an electrical process for dehydrating crude oil. For two years he worked with the Walt Disney studios developing



Halley Wolfe

unique cartoon equipment, including automatic equipment for the multiplane camera.

He directed a research group at Lockheed in the development of electrical measuring equipment, and spent eight years with Western Electric, evaluating very early radars in the Radio Division, and later working on wartime devices in the field of sound.

His research and development work on sound continued after the war as it applied to the motion picture industry. He is co-author of the book *Elements of Sound Recording*.

In January 1950, Dr. Wolfe came to NOTS Pasadena as an acoustics consultant in the Underwater Ordnance Department, working on noise measurements. The work expanded and Dr. Wolfe's responsibilities increased, as indicated by the successive name changes of the branch he now heads—first Noise and Vibration, then Acoustics, now Guidance. At the present time he continues his research on noise and vibration, homing systems, and fundamental acoustics of the ocean.

In addition to gardening as a hobby, Dr. Wolfe engages in weekend research and development of model airplanes in collaboration with his young sons.

## Underwater Ordnance Greets New Employees

Six new employees have reported to work in UOD. They are Richard K. Heller, ordnance engineer, P8082; Richard G. Black, ordnance mechanic, detailed from China Lake to P8084; Olympia Y. Tokuda, clerk-stenographer, P8087; John H. Campbell, engineering aid, P8023; John T. Trzinka, machinist, P8094; and Grant T. Parks, electronic mechanic, P8089.

Spring is Here, So They Say!



SNOW-COVERED LOW SIERRAS, west of the Station, bear testimony to the fact that the weatherman has not been notified that it's spring. A belated snow and rain-fall that covered the area last week only goes to prove how unpredictable he can be at this time of the year. The storm brought .61 inches of rainfall.

Observe, Obey Highway Signs

"Watching for signs of spring is all right but motorists and pedestrians have a much more important job learning and obeying traffic signs of life."

This note came today from W. A. Huggins, Executive Secretary of Governor Goodwin J. Knight's Traffic Safety Committee, who urged all street and highway users to be especially alert and not indulge in day-dreaming.

"Traffic signs and signals are placed at trouble spots by expert decision, and are intended to help motorists and pedestrians stay out of traffic accidents," Huggins stated, listing the various types of signs by shape and suggesting that all motorists learn them:

- An eight sided octagonal sign always means stop.
- The inverted yellow triangle, California's newest traffic sign, is a yield sign. It means slow down, and stop if necessary, in order to give the right of way to cross traffic.
- Round signs warn of highway-railroad crossings ahead.
- Diamond shaped signs warn of dangerous or unusual road conditions ahead.
- Rectangular signs tell of traffic laws relating to speed, parking, turning, passing and other regulations.

"Motorists, and pedestrians too, can help save their own lives if they know and obey these signs of life," Huggins reminded.

The day you stop learning is the day you give up hope of making any real progress . . . While you are "relaxing"—someone else is learning and training to move forward.

China Lake Civic Concert Association's 1956 Series Ends With London Appearance

NOTS Civic Concert Association will present George London, celebrated American bass-baritone of the Metropolitan Opera Association and the Vienna State Opera, on Wednesday evening, April 25 at the Station theatre. London's appearance will conclude the 1955-56 concert series.

Prior to London's 1956 season in the United States, he fulfilled his annual series of European engagements where he sang the title role in Don Giovanni, and Amonasro in Aida. Earlier in the season he recorded in Cologne, Germany, for the West German Radio Network, and sang extensively in the Vienna State Opera Festival last May.

London made his Metropolitan debut as Amonasro in Verdi's Aida November 13, 1951, the opening night of that season and was hailed by Virgil Thompson of the Tribune as "one of the greatest singing actors any of us have known or remembered."

George London was born in Montreal, Canada, the only child of naturalized American-citizen parents, who returned to the United States when he was fourteen and settled with his parents in Los Angeles, Calif., where he received his elementary and high school education.

After a series of successful engagements in the United States, London took a decisive step in 1949 when he temporarily abandoned his career as a concert singer in America to go to Europe, where he was unknown, because he realized the value of further study and experience. He was heard by a representative of the Vienna State Opera, a contract followed, and his first performance made him an overnight sensation.

Word of his tremendous popularity in Vienna reached the States via Variety, which cabled the report, "Local bobby-soxers flock after him as an operatic Sinatra." Time Mag-

azine then acknowledged London to be the "operatic find of the year . . . the rage of Vienna." Opera News affirmed, "London is truly great . . . the Vienna public is raving."

Rudolph Bing, General Manager of the Metropolitan Opera became interested, auditioned him, invited him to sing at the "Met," and on the opening night of the 1951-52 season, he sang in Aida and made musical history.



GEORGE LONDON, renowned bass-baritone and Metropolitan Opera star, is the last artist of the 1955-56 NOTS concert series to be heard this season.

Employ Over Half of New Government Employees

Over half the new hires in the Federal Government are made through boards of examiners in Federal agencies. A little over one-fourth are recruited by the Civil Service Commission directly.

29 Apprentices Will Graduate Here April 29th

Twenty-nine Apprentices will receive graduation certificates at Apprentice Graduation Exercises to be held next Friday at 10 a.m. in the Community Center. The exercises will be under the chairmanship of John Trigg, master mechanic of the Station's Engineering Department.

The following dignitaries and organizations will participate in the exercises:

Commander J. L. Carter, Chaplain — Invocation; Captain F. L. Ashworth, Commander NOTS — Welcoming Address; Harold D. Langley, Personnel Director, Bureau of Ordnance—Main Address; John Van Osdel, District Apprentice Coordinator, Kern County Unified High School and Junior College District — Presentation of Associates of Arts Degrees; H. G. Wilson, Associate Technical Director, USNOTS — Presentation of Certificates; Oscar Hape, Electronic Apprentice — Apprentice's Acceptance Speech; and Local 729, IBEW, Local SMWIA, and Local 442, IAM —Presentations.

The following is the list of graduating apprentices:

Roy Jerome Gerard, Machinist; Emerson Pat Luttrell, Machinist (Inside); Rudolph Oscar Garza, Carpenter; Robert Aguilar, Plumber; Amos S. Ethredge, Machinist; Riley Kenneth Kline, Machinist (Inside); Anthony B. Hernandez Machinist (Inside); Richard L. McLaughlin, Machinist (Inside); Kenneth Paul Jones, Painter; Howard Frederick Bowington, Plumber; James F. Bettis, Sheetmetal worker; Adrian D. McCrede, Electronic Mechanic; Bill G. Owen, Electrician; Wilfred J. Hainley Jr., Machinist (Inside); Albert F. Fowler, Pipe Coverer and Insulator; Grover Armstrong, Machinist; Walter E. Burfeindt, Electrician; Andrew W. Cullinane, Machinist; Floyd P. Walters, Electrician; Lester J. Dalton, Electronic Mechanic; Harold S. Duff, Machinist; Louis E. Jeanjaquet Jr., Machinist; Wilbur O. Hamilton, Electronic Mechanic; Ronald LeRoy Hunsinger, Plumber; Cyril Dean Hansen, Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Mechanic; Oscar R. Hape, Electronic Mechanic; Glen D. Bray, Electronic Mechanic; Gaylon L. West, Electronic Mechanic; Duane W. Goff, Pipe Coverer and Insulator.

In 1883 when the Civil Service Act was passed, only 10 percent of Federal jobs were covered by it; today 85 percent are covered.

Photographs Of the Week

New Chapel for China Lake Residents



COMMANDER F. R. WHITBY JR. turns a "spade of earth" in marking the beginning of the construction of a new Chapel for NOTS residents. Observing the ceremony are Chaplain J. L. Carter (left) and Father J. F. Ryan (right).

Winning Posters Are Displayed



KENNETH ROBINSON smiles approval of the winning posters displayed in the Sherman E. Burroughs High School P-TA contest for Clean-Up, Paint-Up, Fix-Up Week. The winners, pictured here (l. to r.) are: first place—Elizabeth Pike; second place—Leanne Jacobson; honorable mention—Carolyn Haycock; and third place—Joyce Hatton.



By "Dutch" Dremann

Two bounces and in the hole . . . Ray Wagner, AOC (Ordnance line NAF), with 20 years of golfing behind him, finally did it . . . stepped up to the tee for the 17th hole, selected a No. 3 iron and blasted the ball 174 yards for a Hole-in-One! No golf story this—three witnesses popped their eyeballs on this rare feat . . . G. P. Everett, HMC, Roy James, AGC, Paul Someson . . . place: Apple Valley Country Club; time: last Sunday . . . this technique is advised for those of us who find putting a chore.

More dancing this Saturday at the Anchorage . . . the Millionaires are on the bandstand . . . Barnes and Haley say that the "new look" in tables and chairs is about 40% complete . . . more on the way. A new group will play for you next month . . . called the "Moonlighters" . . . incidentally they have a girl vocalist . . . interested?

Cigar sales went up considerably this week . . . 64 happy guys got papers beginning with "To all who shall see these presents . . ." anyway they made the rates . . . will somebody turn on a fan? . . . cough-choke . . . the smoke is thicker than a sea story!

Any golden-throats in the crowd? Barber shop singers would like to have servicemen join in the weekly song-fest . . . meetings every Monday at the Community Center, show up at 1930 and see Tom Leese (he's the prexy).

Just finished talking to a pleasant young lady—the new recreation director—Miss Helen Michel . . . she tells me she's looking forward to the job here, lotsa plans under her bonnet.

Baseball at Schoeffel Field next Tuesday . . . NOTS vs. Trona . . . under the lights for this one—starts at 1930 . . . Lt.(jg) J. C. Alex voiced much confidence on the progress of the team . . . predicted a real goin' season.

One other little item — bowling league for servicemen . . . H. R. "Smitty" Smith, YN2, sez get up a team and submit the names to him before 1 May . . . also mixed four-somes are wanted . . . "Smitty's" phone number is 72246 . . . the league will get underway 'bout 15 May.

Eight airmen are on board—TAD—from Holloman AFB . . . they told me they like the duty here — but since when is a wall called a bulkhead? . . . oh well.

Don't forget—this is your column . . . call me up and give out with the latest scoop . . . the number's 71655 . . . see ya around.

Supply Officials Praise Employees

As a result of the March panel meeting of the Supply Department Performance Recognition Committee, five employees were presented letters of commendation on the basis of excellence of performance. The presentations were made by Cdr. J. M. Shea, Assistant Supply Officer in the absence of Capt. R. L. Myers, chairman of the committee.

Helen Colson and Mary McCleendon were praised in recognition of work accomplished on basic information required prior to preparation of Station non-standard stock listing while on special assignment to the Technical Division.

Victor Scherer earned his recognition on the basis of excellent work as Supervisor of Warehouse No. 22, storage branch, Material Division. His excellent storage procedures and good housekeeping practices in addition to the correctness and promptness of issues of electric and electronic stocks has been reflected in the operational efficiency of the entire Station.

William Lyons, supervisor in charge of Warehouse No. 10, storage branch, Material Division was commended because of his excellent storage procedures and good housekeeping practices in addition to his cooperative attitude and supervisory ability. All this resulted in operational efficiency at a central issue warehouse.

Shirley England received her commendation as a result of initiative, efficiency and loyalty. A noteworthy example was cited when, during the absence of her supervisors, a priority telephone call was received from the Bureau of Ordnance requiring immediate action. The correct action and promptness exhibited in completing the urgency of the request was largely responsible for according her the recognition.

Faulty Checks Threaten Group Ins. Coverage

Pauline McClatchey, head of services branch, Department of Community Affairs, urges persons mailing in checks for NOTS Group Health Insurance payments, to make certain that the proper amounts are remitted. Checks made out for a lesser amount than the due premiums will be returned to the senders, thereby risking a lapse in insurance coverage.

Checks should be made payable to NOTS Group Health Insurance. All checks should be received not later than the 15th of each month in the amount due according to the following type of coverage:

Employee only	\$3.90
Employee and one dependent	7.65
Employee and two or more dependents	11.85

Two finishes for a car:— Lacquer and Liquor