



TENSE MOMENT is depicted as Charlie, four time loser, attempts to escape from a trap set by Detective McLeod in a scene from "Detective Story". Members of the cast (l. to r.) are: Jim Rhodes as Charlie; Bea Goodie Moore as the Shoplifter; Ed Romero as Detective Brody; and Bill Spafford as Detective McLeod.

CL Players Rehearsing 'Detective Story'; Will Give Proceeds to Navy Relief Fund

"Detective Story" will be presented by the China Lake Players at the Station Theater June 28th and 29th. All proceeds after expenses will go to the Navy Relief Fund.

"Detective Story," a three-act play by Sidney Kingsley, was first presented at the Hudson Theater, New York, March 23, 1949. The entire action of the play takes place in the detective squad room of a New York precinct police station. The tragedy, humor, and some of the evil of a big city provide the background for one detective's struggle with himself.

The New York play starred Ralph Bellamy as Detective McLeod and Meg Mundy as Mary McLeod. The movie version starred Kirk Douglas and Eleanor Parker.

Detective McLeod will be played here by William Spafford. Bill appeared in "The Glass Menagerie" and other China Lake Players productions, and he co-directed "The Moon is Blue."

Valerie Bales directs "Detective Story" and plays Mary McLeod, wife of Detective McLeod. Valerie appeared here in "Blithe Spirit," is a graduate of Pasadena Playhouse, and has appeared on television.

Others in the cast are Marvin Backman as Joe Feinson; Lt. L. H. Benfell as Detective Dakis; Bea Goodie Moore as the Shoplifter; Johnnie Bales as Mrs. Farragut; Bill Nolan as Detective Callahan; Ralph Claassen as Detective Keogh; Eduardo Romero as Detective Brody; Lang Sykes as Endicott Sims; and Lt. (jg) R. G. Stevenson as Arthur Kindred, a disillusioned and bitter young veteran.

Patrolman Barnes will be played by Gerald Shavlik; Jim Rhodes will play Charlie, a four time loser;

Mrs. Bagatelle, one of Charlie's victims will be played by Lyn Brandt; Lewis, a real dumb burglar, will be played by Jerry Royce; and Detective Gallagher will be played by Lt. (jg) M. A. Bedwell.

Max Braswell, previously active in the China Lake Players, will play "Doctor" Kurt Schneider, a man without a conscience but with a smart lawyer. M/Sgt. Al Hinton will play Lt. Monaghan who knows McLeod for what he really is.

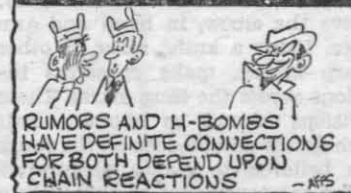
Jody Carter who appeared here in "Hell Bent for Heaven," "Everyman," and who was in dramatic activities at Pomona College, will play Tami Giacoppetti.

Job Opportunities

Electronic Scientist, GS-12. Located in the Propellants and Explosives Department. Electronic, electrical or physics background. To head electrical section in branch recently formed for developing new and improved methods of evaluating rocket components. Involves cooperation with other engineers and physicists investigating sonic, ultrasonic, nuclear, radiographic, and gauging techniques. Call Personnel Dept., extension 72723.

Clerk-Typist, GS-3, Command Administration Dept. Work is in the Telephone Business Office, call Ext. 72931 or 71648.

Rhymes of the Times



By "Dutch" Dremann
Knowledge Is Power

Ever notice those gems of knowledge that newspapers are forever sticking in at the bottom of a column?

● Important things like:—On Aug. 12, 1928, the first image was sent over television; that's 24 years ago last Wednesday! —Oh, boy.

● Or: —Putting all the speakers under oath would ruin a testimonial dinner. —Yeah.

● Then there's: —One of Carl Coby's hens laid an egg with a "C" on the shell! —Wow.

Ho, hum.

Better get your shoes resoled now... EM Club Manager Haley sez: "There'll be seven straight Saturdays of dancing at the Anchorage—Hal Campbell's 'Millionaires' start it off this Saturday, the 'Moonlighters' next."

Incidentally, the EM Club softball team is doing right well—if you don't believe it ask the Chief's Club.

A coffee break with Lt. (jg) J. C. Alex, athletic off. uncovered these items—six new tennis rackets... four new sets of horseshoes... all available at the gym.

News from and for the summer bowling league... "Smitty," YN2, sez these are the standings as of last Tuesday:

TEAM	WINS	LOSSES
"Missileers"	8	1
"Jarheads"	4	2
"Communicators"	4	2
"Medics"	3	3
Bomb Disposal	3	3
"King Pins"	3	6
"Strikers"	3	6
Commissary	2	7

League nights are Tuesday and Thursday... keeping in training Pinkerton?

Make your spare time profitable... there are 25 Bakersfield College evening classes and 20 evening high school classes being offered this fall... regardless of your future plans—education always pays off... registrations will be in August... watch for the dates in the Rocketeer.

Navy airplane specifications were published on July 25, 1912... see what I mean about the bottom of a column?... bye now.

Ideas Result in Improvements

Ideas resulting in improvement of matters not directly concerned with a productive operation, such as safety conditions, plant housekeeping, quality of production, working conditions, etc., can also receive generous cash awards under the Beneficial Suggestion Program. For exceptional ideas of this type, it is possible to receive a special award.



Noted Religious Lecturer Slated To Speak Here

Dr. James L. Carter, Station Chaplain, has been successful in obtaining the valuable assistance of the Reverend Dr. Louis Hadley Evans Sr. to address NOTS employees and military personnel during Religious Emphasis Week, October 14-18. Various organizations in the area will be privileged to see and hear Dr. Evans during this speaking tour.

Dr. Evans holds honorary degrees of Doctor of Divinity, Doctor of Laws, and Doctor of Humane Letters. He was chosen in a nationwide poll by LIFE magazine as one of the twelve outstanding religious leaders of America. He was also chosen in a national poll by NEWSWEEK magazine as one of the ten greatest Protestant preachers of America.

Included in other honorary degrees and recognitions, Dr. Evans was named by Tau Kappa Alpha, national speech society, as "Speaker of the Year (1951) in the Field of Religion." He is the author of "Youth Seeks a Master" and "The Kingdom Is Yours."

Since September 1953, Dr. Evans has been associate General Secretary and Minister-at-Large for the Board of National Missions of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A. He travels about the United States for nine to ten months of the year, speaking at colleges, universities, and educational conferences; before lay conventions, and conventions of labor, business and professional groups; at seminaries, Bible conferences and religious conventions; before civic groups, and service and civic clubs; at conventions, general assemblies and national conferences of the governing bodies of many denominations, etc.

For the past three years, Dr. Evans has served part of each summer as summer pastor of the National Presbyterian Church, among whose members are President and Mrs. Eisenhower, Mr. and Mrs. John Foster Dulles, J. Edgar Hoover, and many other cabinet, congressional and government figures. He will again supply pulpit in the national church during the summer of 1956.

THE WEATHER
Good visibility with variable high cloudiness. Surface winds light and variable becoming southwesterly 10 to 20 knots during afternoons. Temperature range minimum 65 to maximum 100.

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TEMPERATURES (Housing Area)

	Max.	Min.
July 7	97	60
June 8	100	58
June 9	101	62
June 10	98	64
June 11	102	60
June 12	101	61
June 13	101	60

New Provision Allows 'Appeal' On Job Rates

The Department of the Navy has now made a provision for consideration of "appeals" from ungraded employees where the sole issue is "appropriate" rating of work assigned. The new procedure is similar to that previously existing for graded employees except that appeals may only be made to the Civil Service Commission for a ruling on whether or not a position is "graded" or "ungraded."

The final determination of appropriate ratings in Wage Administration rests with the Navy Department. Authority for final determination of whether positions should be "graded" or "ungraded" is vested in the Civil Service Commission by the Classification Act. Appeals may be initiated at any time. However, if retroactive restoration of rank or compensation resulting from adverse action is desired, appeals have to be initiated within 30 calendar days following receipt of final notice on the adverse decision.

The procedure provides for the initiation of appeals by an official letter via official channels to the authority which made the rating determination. This may be the Station Commander, the Bureau of Ordnance, the Area Wage and Classification Office or the Office of Industrial Relations in Washington, D.C.

Specific information regarding this new provision is contained in NCPI 250.3-9, dated May 4, 1956. Questions from supervisors about this provision should be referred to the appropriate Personnel Service Team in the Personnel Department.

Anthony Miller Receives Naval ROTC Award

Anthony V. Miller, son of Arthur Miller of the Supply Department, received the first place "Silver Medal" for rifle match excellence at the final dress parade and review of the Naval ROTC at the University of Southern California last week.

Joins ROCKETEER



Budd Gott

New Ass't. Editor Welcomed Aboard

The ROCKETEER welcomes aboard Budd Gott this week as a member of the staff in the capacity of Assistant Editor. A Federal Civil Service career employee, with 12 years service, he transfers to this activity from San Francisco Naval Shipyard. While there he was the official Design Division reporter for the Station's paper, The DRY-DOCKER, as well as feature writer of special and technical articles.

In addition to his Civil Service work he has been serving as reporter for the South San Francisco Enterprise-Journal, the Government Standard (official publication of the American Federation of Government Employees), and the Methodist Layman.

He attended the Eastern Oregon College of Education at LaGrande, the Oregon College of Education at Monmouth, and San Jose State College. During his college years he wrote and edited for college papers and served as correspondent for city papers in the locale.

An Oregonian by birth, a Californian by choice, he and his wife, Mary Lou have resided in the San Francisco Bay area for 17 years.

Formal Application for Facilities, Funds For New High School Filed by District

A formal application for facilities and funds for a new high school to replace Burroughs High School in the China Lake-Ridgecrest area has been authorized by the board of trustees of the Kern County Union High School and Junior College District.

District Superintendent T. L. McCuen was directed by the trustees to prepare the application destined for the U.S. Commissioner of Education. The application is to be forwarded to the California State Department of Education which in turn will send it to Guy Clark, western representative, U.S. Office of Education for forwarding to the United States Commissioner of Education.

The application for facilities is based on the anticipated enrollment in 1960 of a little more than 900 students, and, in accordance with Chapter 19, California State Aid formula and supplementary State Board of Education rules and regulations, which calls for 80 square feet per student plus 4,000 square feet, for a total of 77,280 square feet.

The preparation of the application is a further step toward the solution of problems related to the enrollment increases at Burroughs High School and the matter of providing equal accessibility to off-Station students and parents as well as those on-Station. A series of meetings has been held for several months with representatives of the County Committee on Re-Districting, the U.S. Office of Education, State Department of Education, county superintendent of school's office, interested elementary school districts and the Kern County Union High School and Junior College District.

Recently District Superintendent McCuen and Dr. Frank Wright, associate superintendent of public instruction, California, appeared before the House sub-committee on labor and education in Washington, D.C. The district subsequently has been advised that the committee has recommended an amendment to Public Law 815 which would provide approximately \$800,000 toward the construction of the new high school, with the present high school to be used by the elementary school district.

Inasmuch as it is estimated that at least \$2,082,000 will be required for the facilities proposed, additional sources of revenue are being sought through the U.S. Commissioner of Education and through appropriations for enrollment increas-

es since 1953-54. Construction of the new school is dependent on Congress extending P.L. 815 with the above recommended amendment and providing of the necessary additional funds by the U.S. Commissioner of Education.

Navy Approves Pay Increase For Per Diems

The Navy Department has granted a new wage schedule for certain per diem workers in the Mojave Desert area, it was announced this week by Robert Anderson, head, NOTS Personnel Department. Confirmation of the new pay schedule came from the Office of Industrial Relations in Washington, D.C.

The pay raise will become effective on the first pay period after June 23. The following is a listing of the trades and amounts of the pay increases:

Machinist	14¢ per hour
Instrument Maker	14¢ per hour
Laborers	8¢ per hour
Machine Operators	8¢ per hour
Welders Combination	13¢ per hour
Tool Makers	16¢ per hour
Welders (other)	12¢ per hour
Experimental Mach.	16¢ per hour
Helpers	3¢ per hour

All pay rates quoted here are in the second step. Further information will be printed in the ROCKETEER when it is available.

Eisenhower Nominates New Navy 'Air Aide'

Washington (AFPS) — President Eisenhower has nominated Garrison Norton, now a research and development consultant to Air Force Secretary Donald A. Quarles, to be assistant secretary of the navy for air. Mr. Norton, who has been with the Defense Department since 1952, succeeded James H. Smith Jr.