

DO NOT REMOVE FROM THE FILE EMCO REPORTS

Traffic control, lighting in the Community Center area, wage surveys, and the recent rent increase were among the subjects discussed at the Employee-Management Council meeting held on March 12.

Preliminary Meeting Report on Safe Driving Council: Regarding the restrictions on Halsey Street past Burroughs High School during school hours, the last vehicle count did not warrant closing traffic; a second attempt to obtain a vehicle count is underway.

Traffic citations issued in January show an increase from 96 to 142. There is also an increase in excessive speed and unsafe passing on China Lake Boulevard, of which the Highway Patrol is aware.

Report on Referral Items: Status on lighting parking areas at east end of Community Building. Installation of lights for the parking area has been delayed since the first shipment of the necessary material arrived in a damaged condition.

Bicycle Racks at Michelson Laboratory: The request was referred back to the department representative with a suggestion that it be forwarded through channels to the Building Engineer.

New Tile for Normacs: All available manpower is engaged in replacing faulty tile in the 210 apartments. Normac tenants are not allowed to lay either Navy or privately purchased tile.

General Meeting Rumor Clinic: Rumor is that 10 to 15 employees at the SNORT Track have received RIF notices. No RIF notices have been issued at SNORT. There is considerable speculation about RIF, however, because of a new test track at Holloman Air Development Center, which may mean a reduced workload at SNORT.

Rumor that control and supervision of private child-care centers in the China Lake housing area is to be transferred to Kern County. Because of recent complaints, the Station invited Kern County health and welfare officials to the Station to discuss health regulations and standards for child-care centers.

Old Business: Correction of erroneous impression in Report of Wage Survey. A joint Navy Department-Bureau of Labor Statistics Wage Survey, with complete disregard for current rates of pay, is conducted on even-numbered years.

Final Report on Bank Facility Survey: The initial responses recorded from 1272 employees show that 65.6 per cent rejected the proposition of discontinuing facilities on the Station, 23.1 per cent favored the proposition, and 11.3 were indifferent.

New Business: Distribution of rent increase by housing types. Captain C. K. Phillips, representing management, made a full-dress presentation on the regulatory necessity for the rental survey, and the orderly sequence of operations leading to the change in rentals.

The basic directive was issued in 1952 by the Bureau of the Budget, and is binding on all Federal agen-



THRIFTY \$300—Mary Lou Gott (center) general chairman of WACOM Thrift Shop, presents a \$300 check to Cdr. J. J. S. Daniels, vice-president of the Desert Area Family Service.

Ground rules specify that utilities rates must meet the "best local rate," or the actual cost to the Government, whichever is higher. Adjustment of rates for faulty facilities, such as the steam heating system on the Station, cannot be made.

The Board excluded tenant-built facilities and air-conditioning, a desert necessity, from the adjustment factors.

A work-sheet for adjusting the shelter rental was processed for each type of housing. At the meeting, a three-bedroom Hawthorne was compared with its counterpart "comparable unit" at 1937 North Harper, Los Angeles, on a blackboard.

Comparison Work Sheet 1. Monthly charge to tenant in Los Angeles \$75

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Includes Range and Refrigerator, Garage, Water service, Utilities, Adjustment for extra facilities and services, etc.

It should be noted that the Station did not take the former rental figure (in this case \$29.10) and add a percentage, but had to work their adjustments to the Los Angeles figure of \$75.

The Board's recommendation, based on the individual work-sheets, was accepted by Captain Hollister. He also accepted the Board's recommendation that an additional charge be made for tenant-built garages when a new tenant moves in.

Department representatives of EMCO were impressed by the amount of work performed by the Station Housing Rental Board during a seven-month period, and of the ingenuity, persistence and thoroughness of the operations leading to the adjusted shelter rent figure.

At the present time, Station management is attempting to formulate a request for, exception to the ground rules established by the directives, in order that rental figure can be kept stable. They would like to include such tangibles as geographical isolation, lack of opportunity for China Lake residents to buy a house, the malfunctioning of utility systems, and so forth, in future rental surveys.

WACOM Thrift Shop Donates \$300 Check to Family Service

A check for the sum of \$300 was presented to the Desert Area Family Service by the Thrift Shop of the Women's Auxiliary of the Commissioned Officers' Mess (WACOM) this week.

At a brief ceremony held in the Thrift Shop on Monday Mary Lou Gott, Thrift Shop general chairman, presented the \$300 WACOM check to Cdr. J. J. S. Daniels, vice president of the Desert Area Family Service.

Present for the occasion were: Rosella Beveridge, VX-5; Betty Fenstermacher, Navy Wives; Beverly Anderson; Helen Mulrone, Marine Wives; Lois Knudson, Billie Hise, WACOM president; Bobbi Miller, Marylee Grasley, and Gean Romero, Thrift Shop treasurer.

Working under the supervision of Dr. W. J. Koehler, Gordon is among nine Burroughs High School students participating in the "work experience" program established through the cooperation of Station scientists and the high school.

To date, Gordon has been doing paper work, drawing analytical rep-



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resentations of wave motions through the use of sine functions. He later hopes to run tests on reflectivity.

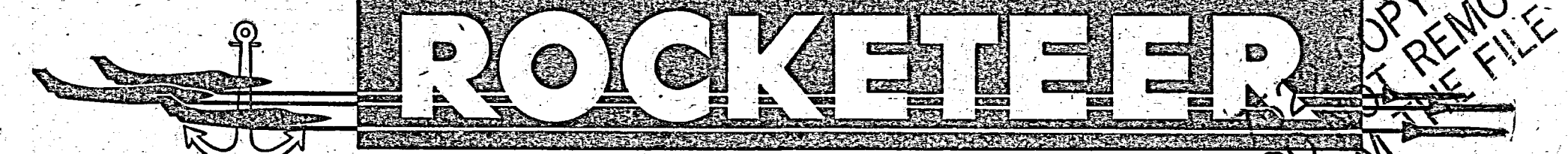
Plans for the program of scientific research and study for high school students of superior aptitude were discussed last December, and the program was put into effect the last of January when nine students were selected to study in Michelson Laboratory two hours after school every day.

Gordon spoke for the entire group of students when he emphasized the advanced learning he is receiving. "I suppose most of the high school students couldn't handle any more science and math than they get now, but some of us who want and need more, are really benefiting from study at the Lab," Gordon stated.

Registrations are taken in the Burroughs School office from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays.

Enrollments Being Taken For Physical Education

Additional enrollments are being accepted for Wednesday night classes in Physical Education—Body Mechanics and Posture which are held in the Station gym from 7 to 9. The class was formerly classified as Physical Education for Overweight Adults.



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HIGHWAY 395 DEDICATION—Acting as representatives of the Station, Captain F. A. Chenault, Station Executive Officer and the Rev. John L. Reid Jr., NOTS Community Church pastor, (fifth and sixth from left) observe Paul Hubbard, Ridgecrest publisher, cut the ribbon which marked the formal opening of the newly-realigned section of U.S. Highway 395 at Inyokern last Friday.

Navy's Operation Dollar Stretch in Effect; Individuals Urged to Give Economy Ideas

Operation Dollar Stretch is now getting into high gear throughout the Navy, according to Secretary of the Navy Thomas S. Gates Jr.

The reason for this six-month campaign to cut down unessential operating costs is to provide money for new, important military requirements and at the same time maintaining the Navy at maximum fighting strength.

The plan of action for Operation Dollar Stretch is to generate and put into effect as many economy ideas as possible.

Here's what you, as an individual, can do to help: First, look around you on the job. Is there any way in which something can be done better, faster or cheaper?

Second, look at your own work performance. Can you save money, time or material by some change in procedure? If so, and if your supervisor approves, do it.

When the Secretary of the Navy sent his speedletter of 8 Jan 1958 launching Operation Dollar Stretch, he pointed out that by using a speedletter instead of the communications network he saved several thousand dollars.

Dollar Stretcher No. 1, the first of a number of bulletins pointing out how commands can save money, listed the following ways to cut overhead:

- Use "imprest" funds for minor and sundry purchases. Curtail rewarehousing. Pool stenographic and typing work wherever feasible. Use coach class travel when it makes sense after considering all factors, i.e., itinerary, cost, commitments, convenience and the like. Economize on meetings. Accept pen and ink changes on correspondence.

Elks Announce Winners In Youth Leadership Contest

Local winners in the Youth Leadership Contest sponsored by the Elks' National Foundation was announced this week by the local Ridgecrest Lodge No. 1913.

Winners in the boys' division were: Jay Carty, first place; and Charles Thorne, second place. Judy Wilson placed first in the girls' division, and Lorrie Furman placed second.

Judy Wilson and Jay Carty are seniors at Burroughs High School, and Lorrie Furman and Charles Thorne are freshmen.

Awards will be presented to the first and second place winners at a dinner dance in the Ridgecrest Elks Lodge on Youth Activities Day, May 1.

VX-5 Officers Get Promotions

Promotions and reassignments of officers were effected in the Air Development Squadron FIVE this month, according to Lt. (jg) J. H. Thacker, Assistant Personnel Officer.

Among the promotions from Ensign to Lieutenant Junior Grade were: Daniel L. Strang, James H. Thacker, and Alvin D. Netten. Lt. Strang, Communications Officer for the last 14 months, has received orders to report to VA-93 this month.

Lt. Netten has orders to ComAirPac for further assignment in May. He has been the Material Officer for VX-5 for the last 12 months.

Lt. Thacker has orders to VA-93, N.A.S. Alameda in June. He is the Assistant Personnel Officer, and will have been here 15 months in June.

Lt. (jg) Herbert C. Pearson, Ordnance Division Officer for the last 12 months, has orders to Fasron 11 in Japan in April.

Lt. Col. Hershel C. Burson, Assistant Operations Officer, was released to inactive duty on Feb. 28. Recent arrivals to VX-5 are: Lt. Robert S. Moore, Loft Officer, reporting from VX-2; Lt. M. L. Minnis, Project Reports Officer, from VX-2; Lt. David E. Gates, Ordnance Department Officer, from VX-2; and Capt. R. E. Brinckmann, USAF, Schedules, Officer from Eglin AFB.

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Service Families Benefit

Fair Rental Proposal Signed by President Dwight D. Eisenhower

Washington (AFPS)—Service families living in government housing found to be inadequate will be charged a fair rental value and will be paid the difference between this value and their quarters allowance.

Such payments, according to the Defense Department, will be retroactive to Jan. 1, 1958.

A DOD directive establishing the conditions and standards by which military housing will be judged adequate or inadequate has been approved by President Eisenhower as provided by Public Law 241, passed in the first session of the 85th Congress.

Expected to save more than 30,000 military families and bachelor officers \$10 to \$15 million annually for the next two years, rentals for sub-standard quarters will be determined by the services on the basis of the new directive now being published.

In the U.S. and U.S. territories, rentals will be comparable to rates charged for private dwellings with similar living facilities; in foreign countries, the rates will compare to local rents or those of like stateside communities, whichever is lower.

The fair rental value, in no case, will exceed the occupant's quarters allowance. Under the law, housing units declared inadequate will be altered or improved to meet prevailing living standards, converted to other uses, or torn down by July 1, 1960.

The President is to give approval to another paper—an Executive order—which will delegate to the Bureau of Budget the authority to administer the program.

The new directive, when published, will allow the assignment of NOTS government trailers to enlisted personnel on a rental basis. Implementary instructions are expected within the next 60 days.

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FRENCH MILITARY VISITORS—Major General Jean A. Crepin, Inspector General of Fabrications & Programs of the French Armed Forces, and five French military experts, visited the Station recently to observe testing facilities and methods of military equipment production. Shown in conference, seated (l. to r.) are: Maj. Gen. Crepin, Dr. Wm. E. McLean, Dr. W. F. Cartwright, Lt. Col. D. P. Colombani, Col. Pierre Schnerb, standing (l. to r.) are: Lt. Col. Andre Vialatte, Lt. Col. H. C. Crim Jr., USAF, Lt. Col. Collet Billon, Cdr. Andre DeLassus, Lt. Col. E. V. Conking, USAF, W. E. Vore, and Lt. Col. Alonzo Mercier.

