United Fund Contributors Help To Aid 22,000 Storm Victims

More than 22,000 victims of eastern storms and blizzards have received help from the Red Cross, according to Lola Runchey, Chairman, Board of Directors Indian Wells Chapter, Kern County Branch of American Red Cross.

All of the help was given to the 22,000 victims as a gift by Red Cross, Mrs. Runchey said. It was made possible by contributions from citizens everywhere, including those of Indian Wells Valley who gave to United Fund.

President Eisenhower declared the stricken region as a disaster state, and Red Cross set up their emergency headquarters at Columbus, Ohio. Their operation covered the entire area of 65 counties in five states, including Ohio, Indiana, Pennsylvania, New York and Mississippi.

Eighty-two shelters were set up in churches, schools, public buildings, etc., to accommodate more than 6,000 persons actually evacuated by flood waters. They were provided food, clothing, blankets, beds, and medical help.

After the storms subsided, rehabilitation played a large part in the project, Mrs. Runchey pointed out. The amount of help given depends on the individual's ability to help himself, she stated, and no repayment was asked in return.

During the disaster Red Cross set up a communications system with the various military and law enforcement agencies, in which all displaced and injured persons were listed in the various areas. This enabled friends and relatives in other geographical regions, such as the residents of China Lake, Ridgecrest and Inyokern, to know the whereabouts and conditions of loved ones.

In case of a similar emergency in the Indian Wells Valley, the national funds of Red Cross would come to the assistance of the local group, Mrs. Runchey said.

School Benefit Show Planned For Next Week

A benefit performance sponsored by the Music Parents Club will be held next Tuesday and Wednesday nights, Feb. 10 and 11, at 8 o'clock in Burroughs Cafetorium. Proceeds will be used towards the purchase of robes for the China Lake Elementary Schools Glee Club, and awards and uniform striping for Burroughs Junior High concert band.

Featured at both performances will be Wayne Gray's Studio Revue, "Cyclone of Youth." Fifty students, ranging in age from four to fourteen years, will appear in many original numbers written for them by Mr. Gray.

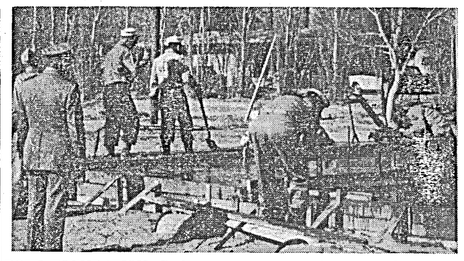
Tuesday night's performance will feature, as an added attraction, three concert numbers by the Burroughs Jr. High School Concert Band under the direction of Theldon Myers.

Wednesday night's additional attraction will be the China Lake Elementary Schools Glee Club composed of 130 voices under the direction of Ruth Kirley.

Tickets may be purchased from members of the Glee Club, the concert band, the Wayne Gray Revue, or at the entrance on both nights of the performances. Adult admission will be 60 cents, children 35 cents.

'Can Do' SeaBees Construct Building in 2 Weeks

WORK STARTS—Men from San Diego's Naval Reserve Construction Battalion Division 11-15 start excavation for laying a water line to the new rest room and storage building at McBride Park.



POUR FOUNDATION—SeaBees pour a 30x30 foot concrete slab for the foundation and floor for the new cinder block building.

Job Seekers May File For Examinations Now

Applications will be accepted until further notice for examinations for Clerk, GS-2 and GS-3; Central Office Repairman; Metalsmith (Aviation); Electrician (Lineman); Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Mechanic and Electronics Mechanic, announces the representative of the Board of U.S. Civil Service Examiners here.

Those applying for examinations should file a completed Form 57 and Card Form 5001-ABC with the Board.

Announcements, listing specific qualification standards, are available in the Personnel Building and are posted in local post offices.

A competitive promotion examination for Leadingman Electronics Mechanic is also open to career or career-conditional employees of NOTS. Closing date for applications is February 13.

UCLA Awards M.S.E. To William B. Simecka

In partial fulfillment of requirements for the M.S. degree in Engineering, awarded last week by UCLA to William B. Simecka, guided missile design engineer, Weapons Development Department, a thesis entitled "Control Aspects of the Hypersonic Missile" was submitted. The thesis was written under the guidance of a committee composed of Ray Van Aken, A. A. Fojt and two members from the University.

Simecka is continuing his studies pursuant to an Education Fellowship awarded by the Station. He plans to complete requirements for the Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering at the University of California in Berkeley, by January, 1961.

Area Juvenile Officer To Discuss Delinquency At Council Meeting

Robert Nelson, Juvenile Officer assigned to the eastern Kern County area, will be featured as guest speaker at the regular meeting of the Community Council, Tuesday, February 10 at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Center.

With many years experience in working with juveniles, Nelson is well qualified to advise the Council concerning action which might be taken to assist in the prevention and proper handling of local juvenile offenses. Nelson also plans to present his impressions of the NOTS community as it pertains to juvenile problems here and elsewhere.

This meeting of the Community Council is open to all Station employees and adult dependents.

Rocketeer Deadlines

News, Tuesday, 4:30 p.m.
Photos, Tuesday, 11:30 a.m.

Former Burroughs Student Achieves Marked Success

Bill Dodge, Burroughs High School graduate, class of '52, has been named public relations director, along with his business partner, Helene Heigh, of the new million dollar Caravan Inn which opens February 14 in Bakersfield.

Dodge, son of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Dodge, formerly of 306-A Tyler, China Lake, is one of the youngest public relations men in Hollywood. He opened his own firm, after working with several leading publicity firms in Los Angeles, two years ago at the age of 22, and in that short period of time, the team has discovered and groomed a number of important motion picture and television personalities.

In his spare time, Dodge, who wrote and produced "Dear Diary" with Burroughs High students over KAVL (Lancaster), still finds time to pursue his writing hobby.

He has sold a number of articles to All-Pets Magazine, penned a motion picture gossip column for "The Hollywood Talent Scout" newspaper, and recently sold a three-part serial to a leading children's magazine. A science fiction script, "Invasion of the Ice Monsters," which he also wrote, is currently being considered by two motion picture producers.

'Players' Slate Tryouts For Spring Production

Tryouts will be held for parts in the China Lake Players Spring production "Visit to a Small Planet" next Wednesday and Thursday evenings at 8 p.m. in the Players' Hut, 81 Halsey.

This gay, sophisticated comedy about a visitor from space includes six men and two women, and will be directed by Mary C. Wickenden, assisted by Nancy Meloy. Interested persons may obtain additional information by calling the director at Ext. 77971.

Insurance Premiums Due

PESA insurance policy-holders have until next Friday at 5:15 p.m., to pay February premiums. The office will be open until 5:15 p.m., on February 6, 9 and 13.

A twenty-five cent charge will be made after the closing date for payments.

ARTIST-OF-THE-MONTH—Adeline Williams, Art instructor at Burroughs High, has been selected to exhibit her oils, watercolors, serigraphs and mosaics at the Station Library during the month of February. Shown with the artist is "Beach at Laguna." Mrs. Williams majored in Art in college, studied at the Art Institute of Chicago, the Art Center at Kalamazoo, Mich, and with Millard Sheets, noted California artist and educator.

Test Awards...

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were presented to: Merle A. Abbott, Elaine M. Bell, Frank N. Brady, Delores R. Cosenza, D. E. S. Cottingham, Robert D. Emerson, Merion B. Fox, John W. Gardner, Eileen H. Hammam, William A. Jones, Stephen M. Lee, Willis D. Marsing, May L. Memoli, Charles Moore, June L. Nelson, George A. Ness, Leo H. Peterson, Roland M. Roesch, Henry R. Roglin, Charles E. Skidmore, Merle J. Steemput, and Maurice E. Westfall.

Accident Prevention Awards

Industrial Accident Prevention Awards earned as of December 31, 1958 were made to: 8-year awards—E. A. Cowan, F. R. Fisher and C. P. Theriot; 7-year awards—R. M. Nelson and H. M. Richey; 6-year awards—C. G. Daus and S. R. Stanley; 5-year awards—R. A. Appleton, F. M. Ashbrook, E. E. Coffey, J. H. R. Lytle, O. A. Perkins, and G. A. Torrance; 4-year awards—B. J. Allen, W. D. Caffery, C. T. Daley, Q. S. Dalton, A. B. Dember, R. T. Merriam, R. H. Nesbitt, R. M. Pullen and H. R. Roglin.

Also earning Industrial Accident Prevention Awards were: 3-year awards—J. J. Campbell, J. D. DeSanto, I. E. Highberg, G. R. Schricker and D. L. Tiemann; 2-year awards—R. E. Boyer, L. J. Dinwiddie, D. T. Duckworth, B. G. Ducoff, R. B. Egbert, B. Frisbee, J. P. Judin, B. R. Levan, A. M. Pezzuto, G. M. Reger and N. Rekosh; 1-year awards—C. J. DiPol, J. W. Gardner, B. D. Jones, W. R. Lambert, and D. D. Stevenson.

Safe Driving Awards were made to Cora Spiers (5-year award) and to J. O. Carter (3-year award).

Industrial Accident Prevention Awards made to Shops were accepted by the division, branch or section head in behalf of their group. Shops receiving these awards were: Instrument Development Division—Photophysics Branch, Opto-Mechanical Branch and Electronic Systems Branch; Fuze Evaluation Division—Operations Branch and Measurements Branch; Instrument Operations Division—Photographic Laboratory Branch, General Service Section; Metric Photographic Branch, Trajectory Section, Attitude Section; Metric Correlation Branch, Correlation and Central Section; Metric Electronics Branch, Radar Section, Telerecording Section and Atmospheric Studies Branch.

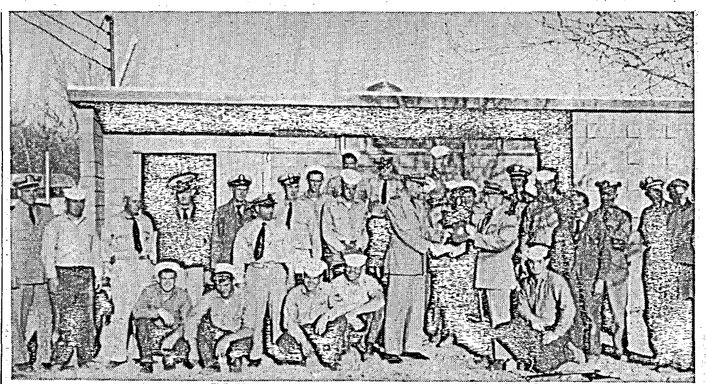
Other shops receiving the award included: Supersonic Track Division—Track Projects Branch, Track Operations Branch and Track Instrumentation Branch; Missile Range Division—Range Operations Branch, Electrical Section and Per Diem Section.

Mop-up Extends '59 Charities Campaign

Today marks the end of the Joint Charities Campaign for 1959. However, in order to assist the Department keymen in performing their wind-up work, turn-in date for keyman kits and envelopes has been extended until Wednesday, February 11, announced H. T. (Ted) Lotee, Campaign Chairman.

Kits and donation envelopes are to be turned in to Rita Summers, Room 1057, Michelson Lab, Code 556, Ext. 72817 and Ext. 71737. Receipts will be completed for envelopes turned in.

Chairman Lotee, in expressing his appreciation to the 21 keymen for their cooperation and support during the drive, wishes also to remind all NOTS' employees contributing to this campaign that it is important to remember that the amount of the contribution is not nearly so important as the fact that each person gave.



BUILDING COMPLETED—Men and officers of the NRCB Division 11-15 post in front of the completed 30x30 foot cinder block rest room and storage building as Cdr. Edward C. McBurney (right) accepts a plaque from Public Works Officer Capt. T. J. Dumont on behalf of the Division for "a job well done."

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NOTS Civic Concert Association Board

1959-60 DIRECTORS—Newly elected to direct the activities of the NOTS Civic Concert series for the coming year (l. to r.) are: Dr. Rene Engel, treasurer; Albert T. Camp, director; Sylvia Smith, secretary; Mrs. Stuart Robison, director; Cdr. Joseph M. Shea, director; and Dr. Ivar E. Highberg, president.

Test Department Employees Receive 130 Incentive Awards in Mass Presentation

On Wednesday, January 28, Test Department Head Ivar E. Highberg presented Superior Accomplishment Awards, Beneficial Suggestions, service pins, Industrial Accident Prevention Awards and safe driving awards to 130 Department personnel. In addition, Shop Awards for Industrial Accident Prevention Awards were presented to 27 divisions, branches or sections.

Receiving Superior Accomplishment Awards for Sustained Superior Performance were: G. M. Reger, I. C. Vercy, Donald Grasing, Roy M. Pullen, Kenneth O. Bryant, Bernard R. Egbert, Isidore Klein, Dorothy V. Richmond, Priscilla B. Williams, Phillip J. Lilly, James P. Judin (who has left the Station) and William L. Noland, deceased.

Superior Group Achievement Awards were presented to: Ray E. Thompson, H. Norman Ronning, George D. Kimball, Harold B. Kimley, E. A. Thibedeau, Paul E. Payne and Charles W. Adams of Electronic Systems and the Metric Electronics Branches. John O. Lilly, Jack W. Stunkel, Helen C. Morrin and Maxine J. Booty of the Data Computation Branch divided an award as did James M. Brown and John P. Saitz of the Data Analysis Branch.

Other Superior Group Achievement Awards went to Metric Correlation Branch members Wayne J. Allen, Robert C. Burks, Henry A. Doyel, Byron D. Jones, Carl L. Larsen, George R. Meuser, Charles Skidmore, Joseph H. Winter and Willard L. Wright. Photographic Laboratory members Elmer G. Zost, Raymond B. Becker, Alfred J. Bisson, Joseph D. Jacobs, William R. Hitt and Bernice Rogers also divided an award.

Beneficial Suggestions Awards were presented to: Jack S. Newman, Hubert F. Doyle, Alfred J. Bisson and Joseph M. McInvale.

30-Year Award

Single recipient of a 30-Year Federal Service Award at the Test Department Awards ceremonies was Dwight L. Young, whose Federal service began September 26, 1928.

Recipients of 20-Year Federal Service Awards were Earle A. Cowan, Lewis A. Stevens and George Shriner.

Those receiving 10-Year NOTS Service Awards were: Bonson N. Eukel, Samuel Gee, Oliver P. Gentry, Herbert W. Hewston, Duane D. Huff, Isidore Klein, Jack T. Leininger, Mary Latham, Pasqual Mercado, Frank N. Miller, Lena C. Million, Lowman C. Moors, Paul T. Murphy, Earl R. Norman, Oscar A. Perkins and Clyde D. Zills.

Five-Year NOTS Service Awards

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New Credit Union Policy Lifts Former Deposit Restrictions

On Wednesday, January 28, at its first meeting since the election of officers for the coming year, the NOTS Employees Federal Credit Union Board of Directors voted unanimously to lift restrictions affecting shareholders which have been in effect for several years.

Due to the increase in loan volume, the directors voted to suspend the former limitations which restricted deposits not to exceed $100 a month and placed total shares at a maximum of $2,500.

Effective Thursday, January 29, the new policy permits shareholders to deposit unlimited amounts of money at any time with no ceiling on total shares.

Decal Color Altered On Servicemen Cars

In accordance with instructions issued by the Commandant of the 11th Naval District, the red border for all vehicles registered to enlisted personnel must be changed to green border decals to conform with other Navy installations throughout the Eleventh Naval District.

Enlisted personnel should report to the Traffic Control Office at the Main Gate between 7:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m.

Personnel with last names starting with letters in the order specified should report on the following dates:

A, B, C	Feb. 16-27
D, E, F	Mar. 2-13
G, H, I, J	Mar. 16-27
K, L, M	Mar. 30-Apr. 10
N, O, P, Q	Apr. 13-24
R, S, T	Apr. 27-May 8
U, V, W	May 11-22
X, Y, Z	May 25-June 5

SecNav Gates Resigns June 1

Undersecretary of the Navy William Franke has been selected by President Eisenhower to succeed Secretary of the Navy Thomas S. Gates, Jr. when his resignation becomes effective June 1.

Franke's nomination must be confirmed by the Senate.

It is planned that Fred A. Bantz, now assistant secretary in charge of material, will succeed Franke as undersecretary.

Gates has been civilian head of the Navy for two years. Prior to that he served as undersecretary since 1953.

Soaring Record Set With Powered Craft

One of the most unusual flights ever to originate from the Ridgecrest Airport was made on Sunday, January 25, by Al Berryman of the Test Department's Metric Correlation Branch, according to Jim Craig, president of the China Lake Soaring Club.

To qualify for an FAI (Federale Aeronautique Internationale) soaring award, known as the Gold "C" award, usually obtained through the use of a sailplane, Berryman demonstrated unusual resourcefulness when he adapted his powered craft, a Cessna 170 B, with oxygen and instruments to record and verify its use as a sailplane.

At 12:15 p.m. on the above date, Berryman took off from the Ridgecrest Airport and 15 minutes later, at 11,000 feet altitude, cut the engine of his aircraft and began to soar in the Sierra lee wave, a smooth updraft created by high winds blowing over the Sierra mountains.

High Glide Point

The highest point reached during his gliding flight was an indicated 23,400 feet. With this much altitude gained since power shutoff, he had satisfied the altitude requirement for the soaring award. Now he had to remain aloft for at least five hours without power in order to satisfy a duration requirement for this award, so Berryman made a quiet and effortless trip to Lone Pine and back to Inyokern to pass the time away.

When he was certain that he had remained aloft the necessary five hours, he radioed to Ridgecrest and requested the runway lights be turned on. To his dismay he learned that the strong surface winds were in line with the diagonal runway instead of the main runway, he only runway equipped with lights. A cross wind landing would not have been too difficult if he had power, but to start his engine would disqualify him for the soaring awards.

However, a good cross wind landing was made at 5:48 p.m. with the engine still dead and two of the three tasks required for the coveted award had been accomplished.

A cross country flight of 186 miles must be made by Berryman before he has completed all the requirements for the award. He said, "I would like to make this requirement in my Cessna also."

The flight, installation of the instruments, and the official calibration of these records were witnessed by members of the China Lake Soaring Club.

Golf Tournament Winners

BEST GOLFERS—Kermit Beaver (left) presents 17-year-old Dale Mead a certificate for his low individual net score of 136 in the 2nd annual "Best Ball" Golf Tournament held last weekend. Mead with teammate Frank Sima (center) were 1st place team winners with a 127; while Leo Enriquez (left) took low individual gross with a 152. Team winners for 2nd place with a 131 were Pat Cropper and Joe Boatright. The team of Bill and Don Mitchell tied for 3rd place with George and Bob Lockwood with 152. An 'Open House' 9-hole Tournament will be held February 14.

DOD Allows Officers Inter-service Transfers

Washington (AFPS)—The Defense Department has published a new directive which permits the transfer of regular officers from one service to another.

The directive (1300.4) was authorized by the 85th Congress under Public Law 85-599.

The three departments—Army, Navy, Air Force—are to implement the new DOD directive within 60 days after publication. Defense officials said the new directive is now at the printer and distribution can be expected soon.

With the exception of medical officers, the new directive applies to officers holding regular commissions in the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps.

Medical officers will continue to be governed by existing regulations, the directive states.

The transfer of reserve officers on extended active duty is not appliable to this directive and will be covered in a separate DOD regulation, to be published later.

Although intended primarily for officers in technical fields, the new directive is not restricted to the technicians, the DOD said.

Defense Department policy, officials pointed out, dictates that an officer of any military service who is especially qualified to contribute to the success of an activity of another service will be given the opportunity without interruption to his career.

In addition, no officer transferred from one service to another will be appointed in another service with a higher rank or precedent than that held on the date prior to his transfer.

Requests for transfers will normally be originated by an appropriate agency, a military department desiring the services of an officer, or by the officer himself.

The Secretary of Defense will recommend to the President those requests for transfers he considers in the best interest of the Department of Defense.

Continuity Retained

The new DOD directive states that the continuity of the transferred officer's total military service will not be interrupted. Termination of presently held commissions and reappointment in another service will be handled by the affected service.

An officer's temporary grade and date of rank will remain the same as that held in his parent service on the day prior to transfer.

Officers transferring to another department under the new directive will be placed on the applicable promotion list or lineal-list of the armed service to which transferred.

The officer will be placed in an appropriate position as determined by the amount of promotion list service with which he was credited in his present service on the day prior to transfer.

Permanent grade and date of rank will be determined by applying that amount of promotion list service to the appointment laws pertaining to the gaining service.

Officers transferred under the new directive will be credited with unused leave accrued at time of transfer and also retain the total military service longevity they had on the date prior to transfer.

FSEE Exam Deadlines Set

Civil Service renewed its bid for a share of the Nation's talented college-calibre people with the re-opening of the Federal Service Entrance Examinations last fall.

Announcement of the exams, now geared to the school year, are sending Government recruiters to about 900 college campuses before next June.

Forthcoming tests are scheduled for March 14, April 11, and May 9. Deadlines for filing for these exams are February 26, March 26, and April 23 respectively. The additional test for Management Internships will be given only on the March 14 date.

Application cards, Form 5000-AB, may be obtained from the Post Office or Eloise Buck, Reception Desk, Personnel Department. When completed, cards should be mailed to the Civil Service Office having jurisdiction over China Lake. Applicants will be sent detailed information about the written test and other requirements, in addition to time and place to report for the test.

Designed as an avenue through which young people with promise, who desire not just a job but a career, the FSEE exam is given to offer advantages to people who have college education as well as those who have equivalent experience. Through this exam, persons may be considered for trainee fields in a wide variety of Federal agencies and geographical locations.

Most positions will be filled at the grade GS-5 level, now starting at $4,040 a year. However, outstanding graduates or persons with sufficient graduate study or qualifying work experience may be offered advance-trainee positions at grade 7, paying $4,980. A limited number of management-intern positions will be filled through the exam, generally at grade 7, but a few at 9, starting at $5,985 a year.

CanineRabiesShots, Licenses Available

Next Monday, February 9, the Rabies Clinic will be held at the Station Kennels, from 10-12 a.m. and 1-6 p.m., announces Perry Stone, DVM. The Clinic will be sponsored by the Kern County Health Department, and is available to both Station and Wherry dogs.

According to County and Station regulations, all dogs over four months of age must be given an annual rabies shot, and all dogs must be licensed by Kern County. The license fee is $1 per dog, while the vaccination cost is $1.50.

Wherry residents, as well as Ridgecrest people, may have their dogs vaccinated and licensed at the Rabies Clinic to be held tomorrow, Saturday, February 7, at the Fire House on Station Street in Ridgecrest. Hours will be from 10-12 a.m. and 1-5 p.m.

Reputation is what men and women think of us; character is what God and angels know of us.
—Paine

TEMPERATURES

	Max.	Min.
Jan. 29	63	30
Jan. 30	59	36
Jan. 31	57	29
Feb. 1	56	35
Feb. 2	60	39
Feb. 3	62	31
Feb. 4	66	29