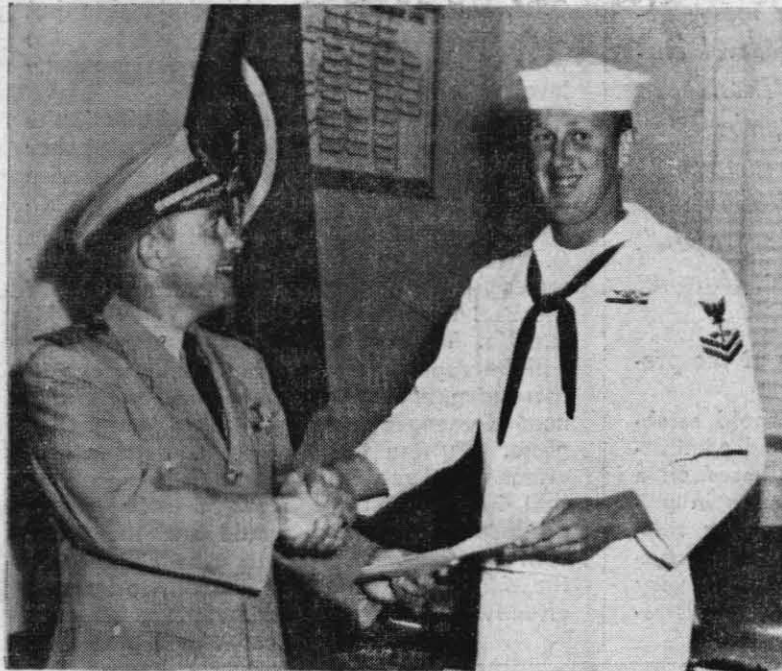


## Pictorial HiLights



**MAKING IT A HABIT** — James G. Shaw, ADJ2, tacks on a six-year stint to his Navy career. VX-5 crewman got the personal endorsement from his skipper, Cdr. W. A. Schroeder, Jr., following brief "shipping-over" ceremony recently.



**DIAMONDS IN THE ROUGH**—Reviewing plans for the new Little League and Pony League diamonds now under construction are (l-r) Dr. G. S. Colladay, Capt. R. A. Davidson, Bill Sorbo, Capt. C. Blenman, and Charlie Martin. Operating the skiploader in the background is Ray Helm.



**MUSEUM MONEY** — Officers of China Lake Natural Science Club recently donated \$411 to Maturango Museum during brief ceremonies. Ken Miller, Sec-Treas. of museum accepts check from Darwin Tieman, former Vice Pres. of Science Club. Participating in ceremony was (from left) Sylvia Winslow, Museum Curator; Rhea Blenman, Vice Pres.; Tieman; Clarence Willey, Museum Pres.; and Miller.



**\$2,500 DAMAGE** — Jerry Woffinden, greens superintendent, surveys vandalism at local golf course where a tic-tac-toe design was gouged about 2 inches deep into turf. Security Police are investigating.

## Volunteers Asked For Construction Of Ball Diamonds

Last weekend's activity marked the start of construction of a Pony League and two new Little League Diamonds on Snackenburg Field. This project, conceived by Pony League and Little League officials, is aimed at starting play on these new diamonds early in June.

Construction is supported by the Station Command with the use of Public Works construction equipment permitted outside of regular working hours, provided qualified volunteer operators man the equipment. All construction is to be completed through volunteer labor.

Continued specialized labor is required as well as general laborer type work. Dads will be called in succeeding weeks to volunteer their time to perform tasks that heavy duty equipment cannot accomplish. League officials urge those contacted to do their best to provide the necessary assistance.

It was announced that Pony League tryouts will be held April 28 at Schoeffel Field.

### Little League

Player assignment to major league teams was completed last week. Each team will now be required to cut back its roster to 15 players by next Monday.

Cut-backs to the AA and AAA teams will be accomplished progressively and boys should receive notification of team placement by the dates indicated:

**AA teams — April 27**

**AAA teams — May 2**

Any boy who has not received team assignment by these dates should contact League President Bob Freedman, Ext. 72683.

### T-Ball

The successful operation of the T-Ball clinics prompted league officials to schedule additional clinics for the next three Saturdays. Each clinic will be held at Little League Diamond No. 1 at 8:30 a.m. Teams for the T-Ball League will be formed following the May 5 clinic.

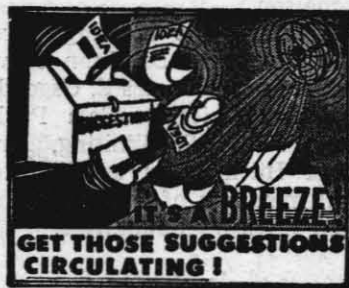
This league is primarily for 8 and 9 year-old boys who have not played baseball before. However, 9 year-old boys who played ball last year may join the T-Ball League by contacting Bob Freedman, Ext. 72683, no later than tomorrow, April 21.

## What's My Line

It wasn't too difficult for Rocketeer readers to figure out that attractive "Lou" Quinn is your personable Navy Exchange clerk. Married to Bob O. Quinn and a resident here at 205A Independence, "Lou" has been a member of Navy Exchange for eight months. She's also the mother of two sons.

"Doc" Wright is your genial Guard Mail man, a young blue-jacket with his sights set on duties in and around Japan, comes next August.

After 18 months of Navy life, most of which has been spent in our NOTS community, "Doc" says he likes the duty fine. And, except for the feel of a fast ship under his feet, he'd prefer doing his enlistment here.



## RECREATION BILL

## Dance Group Preps For Easter Activities

The Cactus Squares will host a special Easter Eve Dance tomorrow at 8 p.m. in the Community Center. They will continue the season festivities with an egg hunt at Sandquist Spa Sunday at 3 p.m. Participants are asked to bring a picnic lunch.

Special discount coupons are available at the receptionist's counter at the Community Center for the International Circus held at the Los Angeles Sports Arena. Performances end this Sunday. The super circus features Emmett Kelly heading a group of 30 pranksters, three rings of elephants, the famous Hanneford bareback riding family, the Wallendas—the world's greatest aerialists, and many other outstanding acts.

### Flower Show

The fifth annual standard flower show, sponsored by the Oasis Garden Club, will be held tomorrow from 2 to 9 p.m. and from noon to 6 p.m. Sunday, in the Kern County Library in Ridgecrest.

The public is invited to view the horticultural and artistic exhibits of the finest flowers grown in local gardens. The out-of-town judges are accredited by the state and national garden clubs.

### Radio Club

The Indian Wells Amateur Radio Club held its annual election last Tuesday. New officers are: Charles Armstrong, president; M. E. Robinson, vice president; Ben Turner, secretary; David Ross, treasurer; Jim Hurtt, activities manager; and his assistant John Vanderbeck.

The Club will furnish communication for the local motorcycle race slated for April 28.

## SPORT SLANTS

## Annual Hollister Golf Tourney Set May 5

The Hollister "Best Ball of Partners" Tourney has been slated for the weekend of May 5 and is open to all members in good standing of the China Lake Golf Club. Entry fee is \$3 per player.

One player, representing the team, may register the team entry at the Pro Shop. Registration must be conducted in person and entry fee submitted at that time. Early entrants will be given their choice of starting times. Registrations close April 29.

Prize distribution will be to three places in the best ball twosomes, plus low individual gross and low individual net. Low gross and low net winners are excluded from best ball twosome prizes.

### Pro Baseball

The Los Angeles area USO has announced that a policy of reduced admission has been arranged for service personnel with the managements of the Los Angeles Dodgers and LA Angels baseball club.

All service personnel, in uniform, will be admitted to the General Admission Sections at all home games for a service charge of 50 cents each.

### Exhibition Game

First exhibition softball game of the season will be played next Thursday at the Beer Hut

## SHOWBOAT

TODAY "THE INNOCENTS" (99 Min.)

Deborah Kerr, Michael Redgrave 6 and 8 p.m.

(Suspense-Drama in color) Governess is baffled by supernatural actions of her boy and girl charges who seem to be reincarnations of former servants on the estate where she's employed. For discriminating suspense seekers. (Adult)

SHORT: "Sock a Doodle Do" (7 Min.)

SATURDAY "RACING BLOOD" (76 Min.)

Bill Williams 1 p.m.

—MATTIE—

SHORT: "Beauty on the Beach" (7 Min.)

"Radar Men No. 2" (13 Min.)

—EVENING—

"INCREDIBLE PETRIFIED WORLD" (70 Min.)

John Carradine, Phyllis Coates 7 p.m.

(Science-Fiction) Professor invents new diving ball and team descends to 2000 ft., level when cable snaps. They escape to underground fresh air caverns until rescue attempts are successful. Action Galore beneath the sea. (Family)

SHORT: "Holiday for Champions" (10 Min.)

"Skyscraper" (20 Min.)

SUN.-MON. "THE HELLIONS" (87 Min.)

Richard Todd, Anne Aubrey 7 p.m.

(Drama in color) South Africa at the turn of the century. Outlaw and sons bully an entire town, taking what they please, until Todd makes the citizens take a stand. Psychopathic brutality. (Adult)

SHORT: "Mogoo Slept Here" (7 Min.)

"Candid Mike" (10 Min.)

TUES.-WED. "PLEASE DON'T EAT THE DAISIES" (112 Min.)

Doris Day, David Niven 7 p.m.

(Comedy in color) Fast moving, cute comedy about a professor turned newspaper drama critic whose "call 'em as I see 'em" policy creates nothing but humorous trouble. (Adults and Young People)

SHORT: "Daredevil Droopy" (7 Min.)

THURS.-FRI. "THE GEORGE RAFT STORY" (105 Min.)

Ray Danton, Joyce Mansfield 7 p.m.

(Biography Drama) Professional hooper drifts into racketeer mob between engagements, finally breaks into Hollywood under the alert eyes of the police. Flavor of the wild 20's, with music. (Adult)

SHORT: "Quackodile Tears" (7 Min.)

## 'ASK THE CAPTAIN'

## Fences Can't Cure All Our Problems

By Captain C. Blenman, Jr.

*Editor's Note: As a continuing feature designed to help answer your questions concerning various topics related to NOTS China Lake activities, the Rocketeer is pleased to present "Ask the Captain." Questions may be submitted to the Rocketeer offices, Bldg. 35. All questions must be signed, however, names will be withheld upon request.*

**QUESTION:** The rumors have started flying around in our neighborhood that an eight-foot fence will be erected between the golf course and homes adjoining that area. Its purpose would be two-fold: to protect windows from flying golf balls, and to help keep children and pets off the course. If true, when will construction start?

**ANSWER:** It is true that there has been some discussion of erecting a fence for the stated purposes. However, it is felt that fences can lick only part of the real source of problems of this nature. Parents of children and owners of pets, it is believed, will exercise parental supervision to the extent that only golfers will utilize the playing course. And, homes adjacent to the golfing areas are, according to experts on the subject, located well outside the "rough areas."



**RAdm. M. E. Arnold** . . . alights at NOTS

## RAdm. Murr Arnold Tours NOTS During China Lake Visit

Rear Admiral Murr E. Arnold, Commandant of the Eleventh Naval District, yesterday arrived at China Lake for a periodic inspection tour of command facilities.

He was scheduled to have departed early Friday morning.

Accompanying Admiral Arnold to NOTS was Captain R. W. Faulk, (ChC) District Chaplain; Larry C. Pautler, Director, Civil Service Personnel, 11th Naval District; E. H. Hammond, Executive Secretary, San Diego Board of Civil Service Examiners; and J. R. Rohrbugh, District Civilian Training Officer.

## Project Michelson Unit Convenes 2-Day Parley

Can the course of history . . . the one that for centuries has led mankind into lethal combat . . . be thwarted?

To China Lake this week for a two-day conference came the Project Michelson Advisory Committee to help provide the answer to that question.

Representing this country's most imminent institutions in the fields of economics, political science, psychology, sociology, history and anthropology, the Committee met yesterday and today with local representatives.

Included in areas to be discussed during the meeting, according to Dr. W. T. Milburn, head of Project Michelson, was behavioral characteristics of the pre-World War I crisis. Scheduled on the agenda were attitudes of Europeans toward weapons system characteristics and the attitudes of Russians and Chinese.

Project Michelson now constitutes some 36 studies concerned with strategic deterrence. Dr. Milburn disclosed this (Continued on Page 3)

## THANK GOD FOR NAVY!

## San Clemente Navymen 'Angels Of Mercy' for Stricken Fisherman

San Clemente Island — The story of a dramatic sea rescue followed by quick Navy teamwork unfolded here early this week as commercial fisherman Boris Alenin returned to his home at Newport Beach.

"Thank God for the Navy!" sighed the 30-year-old man who last Friday lay inches from death after suffering the bends while diving in nearby waters.

Working off the commercial fishing boat, Wetback, Alenin was stricken early Friday. Coast Guard headquarters, notified of his condition by radio from the Wetback, called San Clemente Island officials.

A helicopter was dispatched to the Wetback and returned to its San Clemente base with the victim within minutes after the



**CWO Andersen**

## Trouble? Call Police At Time of Incident

The recent occurrence of disturbances reported to China Lake police were delayed too long for effective police action, according to Chief Groth, who this week advised residents here on reporting incidents.

"Our department needs your cooperation to serve the community in its most effective manner," said Groth.

"This means calling us at the time of a reported incident or as soon thereafter as possible."

Several reports concerning neighborhood disturbances were delayed, according to Groth, until the following morning. By the time reports were received, most of the important details are either forgotten or all leads that could provide police with essential information grown cold.

## Presidential Review Brings Praise For NOTS Teamwork

When President Kennedy, the ambassador corps and "the largest contingent of ranking military officers in years" congregated at Norfolk, Va., last week for a review of this nation's latest weapons display, NOTS China Lake was "front and center."

Civilian and military personnel attached to duties here had flown to Norfolk in advance to the President's visit.

Working with Atlantic Fleet personnel, the NOTSmen presented the Presidential Party with a display of new air ordnance weapons.

Their efforts drew praise in the form of a dispatch received here this week which read:

"The cooperation of your representatives preparing for and during the Presidential visit 13 April was outstanding in all respects."

"The display of the new aerial ordnance received top level attention and much favorable comment."

"To Commander Eason, Lieutenant Johnston and the very capable civilian team, a sincere well done." Rear Admiral Bergin sends.

Representing the command at Norfolk were Glen Hollar, Frank Wentik, Richard Lewis, Robert Cunningham, Jack Crawford, Ray Sinnott, Commander W. R. Eason, Lieutenant Don Johnston and Opel U. Anders, ADI.



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## Housing Bill Boosts Allowances For Lower Pay Grades

A House Armed Services subcommittee has set as Oct. 1 the target date for its bill approved late last week which would raise housing allowances of all active duty officer and enlisted personnel.

The bill passed by the House unit asks for higher allowances for lower pay grade personnel than that recommended by the Defense Department.

Defense Department officials said it would accept the revised bill and went along also with the Oct. 1, 1962 date despite its

	Without Dependents	With Dependents
O-10	\$160.20	\$201.00
O-9	160.20	201.00
O-8	160.20	201.00
O-7	160.20	201.00
O-6	140.10	170.00
O-5	130.20	157.50
O-4	120.00	145.00
O-3	105.00	130.00
O-2	95.10	120.00
O-1	85.20	110.10
W-4	120.00	145.00
W-3	105.00	130.00
W-2	95.10	120.00
W-1	85.20	110.10
E-9	85.20	120.00
E-8	85.20	120.00
E-7	75.00	114.90
E-6	70.20	110.10
E-5	70.20	105.00
E-4*	70.20	105.00

\*Over four years.

## Ron Aaron to Receive CAP's Medal of Valor

James Ronald Aaron, the teen-aged air cadet who last month played the role of hero following the crash of a plane in which he was a passenger, will receive the Civil Air Patrol's Bronze Medal of Valor at Washington, D. C., May 7.

The medal will be awarded the China Lake youth in conjunction with the National CAP's 20th anniversary Congressional Banquet at the nation's capital.

### Father Works Here

The son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Aaron, of China Lake, 14-year-old Ronny is a student at Burroughs high school. His father is employed here as a heavy equipment operator.

The crash in which Ronny was involved occurred last Mar. 18, during a cadet orientation flight that originated from near Kern County airport at Inyokern.

Accompanying Ronny to Washington will be his parents and Lieutenant Colonel Fred L. Richards, commander of the China Lake Civil Air Patrol Squadron.

Ronny was nominated to receive the medal, the third highest given by the Civil Air Patrol, by Colonel Herbert Barnett, California Wing Commander in that organization.

The party will depart Hamilton Air Force base via Air Force plane in early May, Richards said this week.

Officers, Warrants: Rates the same as recommended by Defense.

Non-rated and Petty Officers: E-4s with more than four years' service and all other noncommissioned and petty officers are removed from the Class Q system and put back on the officer allowance system.

This means quarters money will be paid to the serviceman instead of going to his dependent as an allotment.

Pay grades E-4 with less than four years' service came out exceptionally well. Defense had recommended a cut from the present \$77.10 to \$60 for those with one dependent. The sub-

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# World Awaits Resurrection Of Christ

## Protestant

Easter Sunday morning services will be held at the NOTS All Faith Chapel at 9:45 and 11 a.m. Chaplain Robert C. Fenning, USN, will deliver the sermon "He Has Risen."

The All Faith Chapel Choir present a special rendition entitled "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring."

A breakfast will be held in the east wing of the All Faith Chapel from 7 through 8:30 a.m.

But on the first day of the week at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared, and they found the stone rolled back from the tomb. Upon entering, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. And it came to pass, while they were wondering what to make of this, that, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling raiment. And when the women were struck with fear and bowed their faces to the ground, they said to them, "Why do you seek the living one among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he spoke to you while he was yet in Galilee, saying that the Son of Man must be betrayed into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and on the third day rise." LUKE 24:6

## CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

### Eternal Life Offered By Death of Christ

By Fr. Joseph Cannon

We have just finished the season of Lent. All of us have tried to do some form of Penance and think about our salvation and our last end. We have made resolutions, but will they be ineffectual? Will we soon forget these resolutions and revert to our former selfish existence?

Christ died that we may have eternal life. We shall die, but shall we avail ourselves of the redemptive merits of Christ? A solemn thought indeed, and well calculated to rouse us from dangerous lethargy and to stir us to zealous, efficacious effort.

The path upon which we are traveling is very short. It leads

to eternity. On how we conduct ourselves along the way, eternity depends. We shall never pass this way again. We cannot retrace our steps. To a thoughtful soul there is something utterly shocking in this note of finality.

God has given us one life, just one—and a fleeting moment it is at the most—as a brief term of probation. If we fail, the failure is irreparable, the disaster is eternal. If, then, there is in us a spark of supernatural wisdom, we will resolve today to grasp each fleeting moment as the good God gives it to us and to fill it to its utmost capacity with merit for eternity.

## EDITORIAL

### Antique, Flower Shows Rate Hearty 'Well Done'

Above and beyond the many achievements for which our NOTS family of employees and military members can feel justifiably proud stood yet another area of distinction last weekend.

By late Sunday evening, thousands of "outsiders" had found new respect for our desert community through our annual Wildflower and Antique shows.

Reduced to pure and simple terms, these programs were produced only through the effort of "hard work and selfless effort." Indeed, the unified effort demanded in presenting these spectacles is a true manifestation of community spirit at its highest level.

Through the year, we, here at China Lake, are often the subject of national and international attention resulting from our technological research and development programs.

Each of these programs involves elements designed to help preserve our American way of life.

None could be more typical, however, than the good, old American spirit of community endeavor.

And, in traditional Navy parlance, the Rocketeer extends to all who made these shows so attractive, its heartiest "Well Done!"

## Roman Catholic

Good Friday services will be held today at 4:45 p.m. in the All Faith Chapel.

Confessions will be heard tomorrow from 9-10 a.m., 4-5:30 p.m., and 7-8:30 p.m. "The Vigil of Easter" will be celebrated in Solemn Mass following the blessing of New Fire, Paschal Candle and Baptismal Water at 11 p.m.

Easter Sunday masses will be held at 7 and 8:30 a.m., and 4:45 p.m.

## NOTS PROFILE

### 'Prissy' Works In Man's World And Likes It!

Slender, dark-haired Priscilla B. "Prissy" Williams spends an estimated eighty percent of her life in a man's world.

And, prefers it that way.

"I'd be bored stiff if my biggest challenge of the day consisted of deciding on what to prepare for dinner, or how much to spend on shoes for the family this month," explained the outspoken, Mississippi-born electrical draftsman.

Now in her seventh year of employment here, the hazel-eyed woman told a Rocketeer reporter this week of the satisfaction and feeling of accomplishment that goes with her work.

"Through the years, I've developed a real capacity for doing what's considered a man's job out on the ranges. And, I think I perform as good as most men," she added, her eyes flashing a spark of excitement.

"Prissy" calls the G-1 range, "my baby," explaining that she has periodically been assigned to work in that area over the past several years.

She presently divides her time between the Snort area, G-1 and R ranges, sandwiching in stints at Michelson Laboratory as work loads demand.

"I had the darndest urge to become a civil engineer several years back," Prissy recalls.

An ability to speak fluent Spanish prompted Prissy to seek work in S. America in the civil engineering field. "I soon found out that this one area that females simply can't succeed in," she explained.



"So, I turned to another area . . . and here I am," she added, shrugging her shoulders as though her role as a supervisor merely "came with the job."

"Truthfully, I've never been happier in my life."

"I think I'm respected by the Navy men with whom I work and I try to return this respect in my daily contact with all personnel."

This attitude has endeared Prissy to the men with whom she spends most of her eight-hour work day. They claim that she serves as a link between military and civilian personnel, frequently offsetting indifferent attitudes that result from lack of understanding.

Has living in a man's world influenced Prissy's attitude toward the female's natural place in life?

"Heck no! I enjoy a wolf call just as much now as ever," she chuckles, commenting that, "after all these years of working side-by-side with my male counterparts, they sometimes forget I'm female!" "I try not to let 'em forget, altogether," she adds with a twinkle in her eyes.

## QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

## PART I

### How Much Do You Know About Pay Bill?

Editor's note—Because of the many inquiries being received from federal employees and others about the President's proposal for salary reform, the Civil Service Commission has prepared the following questions and answers about the background and effects of the proposal. They will be presented in a continuing series.

Q. What are the major features of the proposed pay reform bill?

A. The bill for the first time would establish a basic policy for adjusting and administering federal statutory salaries, based on a yearly review of comparable salaries in private enterprise, would provide proper relationships among various statutory salary systems and would provide additional and very much needed flexibility in salary administration.

Q. What method was used to determine that the proposed new salaries are comparable with salaries in private industry for the same levels of work?

A. The basis of the proposed salaries is the 1961 survey report of the Bureau of Labor Statistics, which furnished private enterprise salary information for occupations representative of the Classification Act.

Q. Will the revisions of the proposed pay scales take place automatically as a result of the BLS findings?

A. No. The results of future annual surveys will be reported to the President, who will thereupon make recommendations for any needed changes and submit them to the Congress. Putting these recommendations into effect would require legislation. It is possible that the surveys made in the meantime would produce results which would lead the President to recommend subsequent changes in the schedules included in the bill to become effective in 1964 and 1965.

(Continued Next Week)



NEW HALF-STRIPE — Up to Lieutenant (jg) this week moved Public Works' Roy G. Adamson. Brief ceremony in office of Capt. R. A. Davidson (left) was held Monday morning. Helping transfer new shoulder boards was Mrs. Adamson.

### Vets Reminded To File Exemption

Veterans have until May 7 to file claims for the annual \$1,000 property tax exemption. Those claiming the exemption for the first time must show evidence of honorable discharge.

The tax exemptions are granted by the State to resident veterans, and are limited to veterans who do not own property with an assessed value of \$5,000 or more. However, under California community property law, the veteran and spouse together may own property up to a value

of \$10,000 and retain eligibility. A new provision in the '61 Legislature permits a veteran who has an unrecorded interest in real property, to qualify for the property tax exemption by filing a specified affidavit.

Further information is available from Mack Thompson in the Assessor's Field Office, 236 W. Ridgcrest Blvd., Ridgcrest. He can be contacted Wednesday from 1 through 4:30 p.m. and Saturday from 8 a.m. through 12 noon.

### Sliding Glass Doors Spell Disaster For Unwary Capehart Residents

The sliding glass doors in your Capehart home may provide you with a panoramic view of the mountains. But, for safety's sake, guard against accidental breakage.

This was the warning issued this week by Safety Department officials following an accident in one Capehart home in which a young boy ran into a glass door.

Luckily, the youth sustained only slight abrasions.

Station officials have recommended numerous methods of marking the panels for the benefit of youngsters. One temporary measure recommended the use of adhesive tape in a manner that would catch the eye of tenants.

Another tenant came up with a totally simple solution: "Just don't wash 'em."

### Life Gets Easier

WASHINGTON — Sailors will soon be sleeping on top of their lockers, troops will find living easier, and candy vending machines will be located at strategic places in the Navy's new ships. These are some of the latest habitability improvements the Navy is putting into its new ships. Other improvements are being made in the galleys, laundry spaces, wardrooms, mess compartments and barber shops of ships.

### New Bill Benefits

(Continued from Page 1) committee sharply rejected this proposal and wrote in a rate of \$83.10 for these men, an increase of 39 percent over Defense's recommendation.

Here are the rates approved by the subcommittee and accepted by the Defense Department:

### WHAT'S MY LINE?

How good are you at guessing a person's occupation? As a continuing feature with a two-fold purpose, the Rocketeer will publish pictures of personnel employed here. It'll be your job to guess their occupations. Once you do, of course, you'll also have had the chance to meet some of the people who make ours the world's finest command. See page four for their identities.



Staff Photos by Lee Mascarello

## PROMOTIONAL OPPORTUNITIES AT NOTS

To apply for positions, contact Nancy 3012 — As Branch Secretary, Ordnance Branch, Reardon, Pasadena Personnel Division, Ex-Project Engineering Division, handles official correspondence, test plans, and all clerical functions. 104.

Mathematician, GS-11 or GS-12, PD No. 030007, Range Section, incumbent will assist in all Code 3031 — Serves as Senior Member of a phase of operations, including direction and group whose function is to plan and develop administration of the work of the Section, automatic data processing techniques to test Stockman, Hourly Salary Range \$2.51 to and evaluate complex weapon systems. \$2.71, Code P2583 — Physical receipt, storage, Mechanical Engineer (Ordnance), GS-13, code, and issuance of supplies and equip. PD No. 230019, Code 3015 — Engages in evaluating the compatibility, reliability, and safety of mechanical components and the measurements of movements, pressures, forces, yield strength, life, flight characteristics, and effectiveness of weapons systems under evaluation.

An up-to-date SF-58 must be submitted safety and operability of mechanical components and the measurements of movements, pressures, forces, yield strength, life, flight characteristics, and effectiveness of weapons systems under evaluation.

Present Station employees are encouraged to apply for the positions listed below. As parameters, effectiveness, etc. of weapons systems under evaluation.

To date Form 58. The fact that positions are Clerk-Typist, Clerk-Stenographer, or Clerk advertised here does not preclude the use (DMT), GS-3 or 4, PD No. 31335 or 14610, of other means to fill these vacancies. Code 2511 — General Secretarial duties. Clerk (DMT), GS-4, PD No. 930010, Code General Engineer, GS-13, PD No. 240031,

Code 405 — Incumbent will be Project Engineer for the Guidance and Control Section, MK-2, and the Guidance and Control Group, MD-17. He provides technical direction and guidance to branches in this Division, and to contractors, working on this project.

File applications for above positions with Betty Fowler, Personnel Building, Room 34, Ext. 7-1514.

Engineering Technician, GS-11, PD No. 055019, Code 5361 — Tests the compatibility of rocket and missile systems with various type aircraft. Also, do minor design work.

Inspector (Public Works Structures), \$3.39 to 3.67 p/h, Code 7082 — Applicants must have had four years of progressively responsible experience in the inspection of existing structures and facilities to determine the requirements for maintenance and repair.

File applications for above positions with Wilma Smith, Personnel Building Room 31, Ext. 7-1393.

Machinist, \$3.02 to \$3.28 p/h, Code 4542 — Explosive and propellant machining using precision lathe, milling machine, shaper, grinder, etc. Special tooling used. Remote

control requires complicated set-ups.

File applications for above position with Mary Watts, Personnel Building Room 28, Ext. 7-2723. Deadline date for all applications: April 27.

Competitive Exams

Quartermaster, Machinist (Maintenance) — \$3,788.40 to \$9,547.20 p/a. Announcement No. NOTS-IV-9(62). Apply to Div. 3, China Lake Personnel. Closing date: May 7.

Head, Electronics Mechanic — \$7,196.80 to \$7,779.20 p/a. Announcement No. NOTS-IV-8(62). Apply to Div. 1, China Lake Personnel. Closing date: May 7.

Apprentice Training

Apprenticeship training at China Lake for the following listed trades: Electrician, electronics mechanic, machinist, pipefitter, and plumber. Announcement No. SF-5076(62). File Card Form 5900-AB with the Civil Service Representative at the Personnel Bldg. Applications must be received no later than May 15.

Applicants will be notified of the time and place to report for the written test. For information concerning veterans' preference, nature of appointments, etc., see Form entitled "General Information for Applicants for Civil Service Examinations" available at the Personnel office.

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### Project Study . . .

(Continued from Page 1) week the pending publication by a San Francisco newspaper of a serialized story on Project Michelson.

Attending the meeting were scheduled to be Dr. John Craven, Professor Charles E. Osgood, Professor Ithiel de Sola Pool, Dr. Allen S. Whiting, Dr. Roger Hilsman, in addition to local members of Project Michelson Advisory Committee.



FRIGID ZONES—NOTSmen Edward V. Ashburn and Harold E. Cronin had their picture taken by third man in trio, James G. Moore, erecting electronic devices at Fairbanks, Alaska, early last month. They're back at China Lake now, sifting through data compiled on northern lights.

### China Lake Trio Back From Alaskan Project

NOTSmen are the sturdiest folks in the world. And, if you doubt this statement, examine the circumstances under which a trio of Earth and Planetary Science department personnel returned to China Lake recently.

Within one month, James G. Moore, Harold E. Cronin and Edward V. Ashburn have switched living conditions from 35 degrees below zero to the high eighties!

"It comes with the job of chasing rainbows," joked Cronin, wiping perspiration from his forehead this week. He explained that the NOTS contingent had returned from a month-long visit in Fairbanks, Alaska.

In conjunction with programs conducted in their department, they installed devices at the University of Alaska's facilities for measuring night sky light.

Included in their studies was the mystifying northern lights which has held the fascination of scientists since the year 1700.

Which do they prefer, the frigid zones of the north, or the burning sands of the Mojave?

"Wherever home happens to be," they agreed.



CONFIRMATION—Divine services at Station Chapel were highlighted during Palm Sunday services by confirmation of twenty-two youngsters. Chaplain R. C. Fenning (rear row) conducted confirmation services and baptisms that followed.