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"INCHWORM FOXTROT CALLING"

by

Captain Thomas J. Christman, USN

I have always had a hidden ambition to write a newspaper column. In any event, one of my most important duties is to maintain communication with all of the depot personnel. I trust that this column will contribute to that end in a newsy, informal fashion.

I invite your comments. There are a variety of routes by which you can contact me: e.g. your supervisor, Industrial Relations, the Employee's Council members, and AFGE officers. You may wish to drop me a note or speak to me as I pass your workplace during my future tours. If all else fails, speak to Hazel or Norma Lee.

If I have achieved my objectives, this column will encourage thought and reflection -- never offend. It will clarify pros and cons of depot challenges, so that (in the thought of Mary Parker Follete) an integrated solution can be achieved.

On Sunday morning (2 July), the Indianapolis Star reported the 316th Hoosier killed in Vietnam. Amid all the beauties and serenity of our station, we must shoulder the sobering responsibility of our contribution to the National defense of our country. With our rapid expansion in personnel, our experienced employees must redouble their efforts to insure that our young inexperienced employees (including your new C.O.) learn correct operating procedures. First, this is essential to insure the personal safety of the individual worker and those in his area. Second, the ability of our product to perform in the field under operational conditions depends upon the initial care in manufacture provided by each individual employee.

My personal philosophy of management is quite simple: i.e. in harmony with the directives and instructions of higher authority, concentrate on providing the individual producer with the resources to do his job.

Where do I fit in? My initial efforts will proceed in at least three major areas:

(1) Gain the Respect of the Individual. There is no certain way to achieve this objective. I shall be meeting with a variety of station officials, including members of the Employee's Council and officers of the AFGE, to operate the depot in a manner intended to serve the needs of DOD and the individual. Either Commander Chase or I shall be discussing with all new employees the responsibilities and challenges of our depot.

(2) Continue the External Public Relations. Captain Pettebone has set an enviable record in his relations with off-station personnel. My wife, Kathy, and I shall continue to represent the depot -- as each employee's representative -- in the many public functions.

(3) Promote a Fine Station Team. The depot's ability to maintain employment, to give satisfaction to the individual, and to have something to require conduct of public relations depends upon our ability as a team to execute the tasks assigned by higher authority. The departments must learn their respective roles so that tasks are executed in a professional, cost effective manner. As each Department Head trains and adjusts to a new C.O., we shall all have to approach our jobs with a sense of humor as the rough edges between departments are ground off during this initial adaptive period.

My family (Kathy, Toni, Patty, Susan, our dog Gator, and our parakeet "Sko-Shi") and I are delighted to join the Hoosiers in executing their vital depot responsibilities.

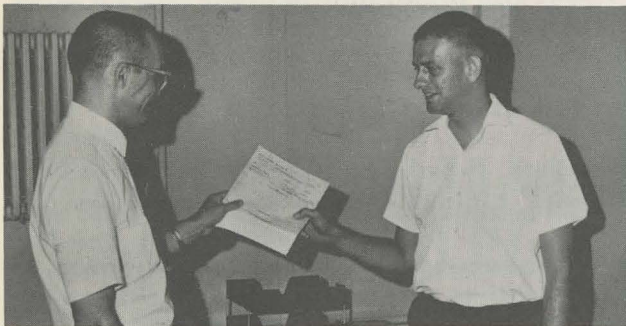


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David Scales (right) is shown here receiving an Outstanding Performance Rating and Quality Step Increase Award from Dwayne Johnson, Supervisor, in the Research and Development Department. Mr. Scales, an Engineering Aid in the R&D Department, makes his home in Linton, Indiana and has had one year in Federal Service - all at NAD Crane.

EMPLOYEE SERVICES

For Sale: Four Goodyear tires, 6.95 x 14. Warranty is still good. \$50. Also, 1966 Honda 90. \$200. Call Butch Rausch at Bldg. 51, after 3:30 p.m. or call 21R3 at Pleasantville.

For Sale: 14 ft. "Lone Star" fiberglass boat and trailer with twin 40 HP motor. Excellent condition. May be seen at 510 "E" St., Linton. (Phone 847-7712 or ext. 447 or 287). A good buy at \$600.

For Sale: 1965 Corvair Monza, excellent condition, reasonable price. Margaret Strange, Bldg. 148, phone 644 or Loogootee 295-3860.

For Sale: Stoker furnace, complete with pipe. Harold Briner, ext 401 or Bloomfield 384-4774.

For Sale: Four (4) room house in Scotland; gas heat, situated on two lots. Contact Luella McClure, Owensburg 863-4344.

For Sale: Six (6) room modern house on 2¼ acres. Eastside Park Road, Washington, Indiana. Phone 254 5216 or ext. 303 - Martha Stites.

IN A CLASSIC PIECE OF one-upmanship on one occasion during the Pacific campaign, the Seabees managed to best the Marines' proud boast of always getting places first. At New Georgia in July of 1943 a detachment of Marines charged ashore from landing craft in a dawn assault and rushed up the beach looking for Japanese troops, only to be greeted by a party of Seabees that had already landed on the enemy-held island to make a reconnaissance for an airfield site.



DEPOT CHAPEL

CATHOLIC	PROTESTANT
Wednesday Mass 5:00 p.m. (1st, 3rd, & 5th Wednesdays)	Church School ... 9:45 a.m. (Club Bldg at Officers' Residential Pool)
Sunday Mass 10:00 a.m.	
Confessions .. 1600-1700 p.m.	Worship Services 11:15 a.m.
Saturdays, Depot Chapel	Consultation - Wednesdays by appointment. Call 640.
No confessions before Mass on Sunday.	Bus service each Sunday, leaving Crane Village at 8:20 and 10:45.
Saturdays, Depot Chapel	
Catechism Instructions 9:00 a.m. (Sunday at Chapel)	

CRANE VILLAGE CHURCH

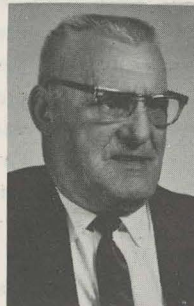
Sunday	Wednesday
Sunday School .. 9:30 a.m.	Bible Study 7:00 p.m.
Worship Services 10:30 a.m.	

CRANE BAPTIST CHAPEL

"On the hill entering Southwest Crane Village"

Sunday School .. 10:00 a.m.	Evening Service .. 7:00 p.m.
Worship Service . 11:00 a.m.	Wed. Midweek 7:00 p.m.

RETIREE



Mr. Samuel P. Conway, Heating Plant Operator (Large) in the Public Works Department, retired effective 1 June. Mr. Conway had over 10 years military service in the Navy and Army, and has worked at NAD Crane for 12½ years. He and his wife Leona live at 1315 Buntin Street, Vincennes. Mr. Conway said he plans to do some traveling and spend his spare time painting signs.

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY OFFICER DESIGNATED

Mr. Robert H. Willey, Director, Civilian Manpower Management, was designated as Department of the Navy Equal Employment Officer, replacing Mr. Charles R. Peck. Mr. Willey has been authorized by the Deputy Under Secretary of the Navy for Manpower to make final decisions on complaints of discrimination based on race, creed, color, or national origin.

Mr. Willey's address is: Office of Civilian Manpower Management, Department of the Navy, Washington, D. C. 20390.

CAPTAIN PETTEBONE RETIRES FROM THE NAVY TO TAKE A POSITION WITH INDIANA STATE UNIVERSITY

Captain E. R. Pettebone retired from the Navy on 30 June 1967 after 23 years of active duty. On that date, he relinquished command of the U. S. Naval Ammunition Depot, Crane, Indiana to Captain Thomas J. Christman, USN. Captain Pettebone came to NAD Crane on 30 June 1963 from his post as Assistant Director for Munitions Programs in the Bureau of Naval Weapons, Navy Department.

Captain Pettebone leaves his command with a distinguished record of service to both NAD Crane and to the civilian community surrounding the depot. When he came to Crane, the depot employed nearly 2600 people. It now employs nearly 5000 people. The annual payroll then amounted to about 15¼ million dollars; it now amounts to more than 31 million dollars. With this increased personnel, the depot has widely expanded its operations. Each year the scientific and research work has increased, requiring many more professional people. The Research and Development Department recently produced an electronic/pyrotechnic ground target marker which guides attacking planes to ground targets with both a radio signal and then smoke when the pilot signals for it. Of recent development too is the 38-caliber Star Signal. This distress signal can be fired from a standard 38-caliber sidearm. And for the Army, a waterproof and shock-proof container for their Chaparral missile has been developed.

Production at Crane has increased too. The filling of 250 and 500 pound bombs has begun, and now 80,000 of these low-drag bombs are produced a month, and Mk 24 flare production has increased nearly six fold during the past four years. In calendar year 1963, a total of 58,164 flares were produced, and in 1966 622,500 were produced. These flares are vital to the lives of our fighting men, especially during night operations in the jungles of Viet Nam; and until recently, this depot supplied all of these flares used by our armed forces.

To a great extent this development and advancement of NAD Crane has been due to Captain Pettebone's leadership and management capabilities. In a farewell statement, an "Acknowledgement of Appreciation," the employees of NAD Crane stated in part, "Your management concepts and practices were manifested in diverse manners. Recognizing a need to know what was being done compared to what should be done resulted in the formation of the MUST Group. Work functions and performance quality were complemented by the introduction of the ZD and PAR programs, and safe work habits were extolled through the ACTION plan. The Management Coordination Department was formed to exercise the functions of a centralized management direction and the long range planning required for quality management. The spirit of professional management was elevated by the formation of the Executive Club which became affiliated with the National Management Association. Your management and leadership attributes and practices brought you the highest award the NMA bestows, the Silver Knight of Management.

"Public relations at NAD Crane were never better

than during your tour... Your interest and active support of public participation in wildlife, hunting, and recreation on the depot has done much to foster goodwill among station employees as well as residents throughout the entire state. Crane now has a nine-hole golf course and a rifle and pistol range is under construction. Relations with colleges and universities in this area are excellent. Recruitment of graduates to enter the ranks at Crane has been most successful and long range planning is such that a source of professional and scientific talent will be readily available... Your support of the "Girl Friday" Club has done much to improve the morale of the female employees on the depot, and your founding of "Old Timers' Day" has made a hit with retired and disabled employees."

This past year, following an inspection to determine if a total effort had been made to achieve maximum economy and efficiency of operation, NAD Crane for the second straight year received a rating of "Outstanding". Just recently Crane was verified as a model activity for Public Works operations in the Ninth Naval District. And in addition, NAD Crane has been designated the cognizant field activity for the basic and in-service engineering for pyrotechnic devices. Captain Pettebone's service to the civilian community surrounding Crane has also been noteworthy. For the last two years he has served as Chairman of the Lincoln Trail District of the White River Council and as vice president of the executive board of the White River Council of the Boy Scouts of America. And for the past year he has served as president of the Sons of the American Revolution chapter at Bedford, Indiana.

Captain Pettebone has been appointed as coordinator of cooperative work-study programs at Indiana State University, Terre Haute, Indiana. The appointment was effective 1 July 1967. It is Captain Pettebone's responsibility to help ISU students to gain valuable work-study experiences in their specific study areas in cooperation with on-campus study. His duties involve development and implementation of work-study programs with businesses, industries, and other organizations. This, of course, will involve a continuing relationship with NAD Crane, and the personnel here as well as Captain Pettebone are looking forward to this relationship.



Captain and Mrs. Thomas J. Christman and Captain and Mrs. E. R. Pettebone, take time out from the receiving line to pose for a picture at the Change of Command Reception held at the Commissioned Officers Mess on 24 June.



Mr. John H. O'Bannon, General Foreman (A&E) II in the Ordnance Department, has earned a \$200 award for Sustained Superior Performance. Mr. O'Bannon has been in the Federal Service for 24 years, all of which have been at Crane. He lives at 200 North Spring Street, Odon. Mr. Finley Troutman, Manager of the Production Division, presented the award.



Albert E. Dillon, Electronic Equipment Assembler in the Ordnance Department, has received an Outstanding Performance Rating and a \$100 award for Sustained Superior Performance. Mr. Dillon, who lives at Montgomery, has been in the Federal Service for 14 years. All of his service has been at Crane. Mr. Harvie Meadows, supervisor, presented the award.



These employees in the Transportation Division of the Public Works Department were recently presented Shop Safety Awards. They are, first row (l to r): CDR F. M. Hardin, Public Works Department Director; Herbert H. Freeman (13 yr.); Millard W. Hammersley (13 yr.); Edward J. Toon (11 yr.) plus a one year award for the Operations Branch; Glenn D. Woody (15 yr.); Harold O. Meadows (15 yr.) plus a one year award for the Automotive Section; Carl E. Chastain, one year award for the General Cargo Unit; and Mr. O. H. Fultz, Manager of the Transportation Division.

FAREWELL MESSAGE FROM THE HONORABLE PAUL H. NITZE, SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

"I complete my tenure as Secretary of the Navy with the conviction that the Naval service can meet any challenge; that it can do so with speed and with consummate skill; and that our Sailors, Marines, Waves, Women Marines, and their officer leaders are the finest professional military men and women in the world today. You have acquitted yourselves with distinction in Vietnam and were first on the scene in the Dominican Republic. You have kept troops in the field, planes in the air, aircraft carriers and escorts, submarines and auxiliaries at sea past the normal bounds of expectation. You have salvaged a nuclear weapon half a mile beneath the sea and pioneered a new form of naval warfare in the rivers off the coasts of Vietnam. You have kept pace with the technological and managerial demands of this age. All this and more you have done with honor and at the price of self-sacrifice, long hours and deprivation of home life. Your uniformed leaders, Admiral McDonald and General Greene, have been superb under the heavy burden of their responsibilities to this nation. I am proud to have been numbered among you. Goodbye, Good Luck and God Bless You All."

S/PAUL H. NITZE

GIRL FRIDAY CLUB JUNE MEETING

Special guests at the 27 June Girl Friday Meeting were Captain and Mrs. Pettebone and Captain and Mrs. Christman. In his short farewell message, Captain Pettebone urged all members to continue doing the best work possible. Captain Christman gave a brief resume of his past career and urged all employees to work in harmony during these trying times.



Seated at the head table were (l to r): Mrs. Hazel Neidigh, Secretary to the Captain; Captain Pettebone; Mrs. Katherine Christman; Mr. B. E. Gallagher, Director of the Industrial Relations Department; Mrs. Eva Nell Hasler, Secretary in Industrial Relations; Captain Thomas J. Christman; Mrs. Peggy Pettebone; and Mrs. Stella Hammersley, Chairman of the Girl Friday Executive Committee. Congratulations to the girls from the Industrial Relations Department for a very nice meeting. The next meeting will be sponsored by the Research and Development Department.

COMPETITIVE PROMOTION EXAMS ANNOUNCED

The Industrial Relations Department has announced Competitive Promotion Examinations for the positions of Leader Oiler, \$2.98 to \$3.22 per hour, and for Leader Setter (Automatic Machine Tool), \$3.53 to \$3.83 per hour.

Detailed information concerning requirements for the Leader Oiler position may be found in Announcement No. 13 (1967). Standard Form 57 must be received by the Employment Division, Code IREX, not later than the close of business on 12 July 1967. Applicants must also submit Card Form NAVEXOS 4155-B.

Detailed information concerning requirements for the Leader Setter position may be found in Announcement No. 14 (1967). Standard Form 57 must be received by the Employment Division not later than the close of business on 13 July 1967. Card Form NAVEXOS 4155-B is also required.

Further information concerning either of these positions may be obtained from the Employment Information Office, Crane Elementary School, 854-7811.



On 20 June 1967, Rear Admiral E. P. Irons, Inspector General of the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, and Commander W. J. Green, MCUSN, conducted a one day inspection of the Medical Department. Admiral Irons is shown here with Captain Pettebone in the Captain's office.

SOCIAL SECURITY

The U. S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare Social Security Administration District Office is located at 310 North Second Street in Vincennes, Indiana 47591. The phone number there is 882-6950; the District Office hours are: Monday through Friday 8:30 - 4:30 Eastern Standard Time. Monday evenings open til 7:30 p.m. For social security number, information, and assistance in claiming benefits, visit the District Office. If you are unable to call at the District Office, you may contact a Social Security Representative in Shoals, Indiana at the New Federal Building every 2nd Wednesday - July 12, Aug. 9, and Sept. 13; and in Washington, Indiana in the Courthouse Basement every 3rd Wednesday - July 19, Aug. 16, and Sept. 20. Speakers, films, and informational materials are available without charge. For further information, write or telephone the District Office



Mr. Garland R. Fellers (center), Foreman (Leadingman) Ordnanceman (A&E) in the Ordnance Department, has received an Outstanding Performance Rating and a \$150 award for Sustained Superior Performance. Mr. Fellers, who lives at 511 Park Street, Loogootee, has been in the Federal Service for 21 years. Mr. Finley Troutman, Manager of the Production Division, presented the award in the presence of Mr. Walter Hinkle (right), Supervisor.



Mrs. Janice Hawks, Clerk-Typist in the Ordnance Department, is shown above receiving a \$100 award for Sustained Superior Performance. Mrs. Hawks lives at 208 West Main Street, Worthington. All six years of her Federal Service have been at Crane. Mr. F. R. Troutman, Manager of the Production Division, presented the award.



Mr. Carl P. Wyman, Foreman (Leadingman) in the Ordnance Department, is shown above receiving a \$100 award for Sustained Superior Performance. He has four years Federal Service, all at Crane. Mr. Wyman lives at Roosevelt Street, French Lick. The award was presented by Mr. Finley Troutman, Production Division Manager.

CHANGE OF COMMAND CEREMONIES

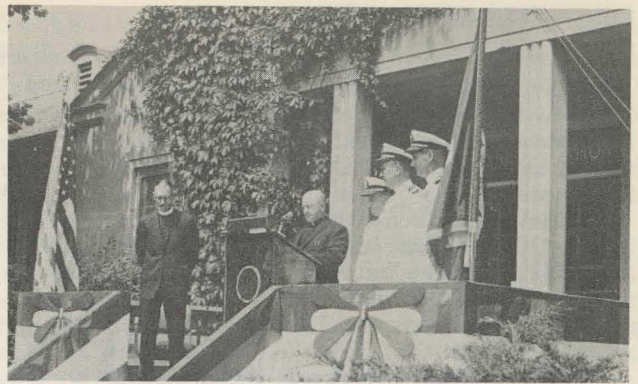
The Change of Command Ceremonies were brief as Captain Pettebone had desired and were impressive. Following the reading of the orders for the change of command, the new Commanding Officer and the retiring CO each spoke briefly.

Captain E. R. Pettebone, who had been in command of NAD Crane since 30 June 1963 and now has, upon his retirement from the Navy, moved to Terre Haute to be associated with Indiana State University said that, "We have had four mighty wonderful years here at Crane, and we want to thank you all for making it that way." Captain Pettebone also said that his experience here helped prepare him for his new career and that the Depot employees had a hand in his new position at I.S.U. by helping provide a fine Depot record for the past four years. Captain Pettebone also stressed that he is not retiring but simply moving to a new career.

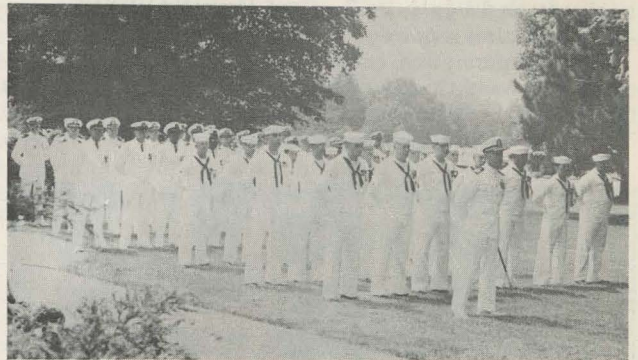
Captain Thomas J. Christman, the new Commanding Officer, graduated from the U. S. Naval Academy in 1944 and in 1950 received an Electrical Engineering degree from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Captain Christman, who comes to NAD Crane from duty as Deputy Technical Director, Navy Special Projects Office in Washington, D. C., stressed three things in his remarks: First, that one needs only to look to the front page of the Indianapolis Star where nearly every day it is reported that another Hoosier has died in Vietnam to see the vital importance of the work being done at NAD Crane. Secondly, that NAD Crane and her employees are not only getting a new Commanding Officer but a family as well, a Navy family. And third that the spirit of work in the future is to be built around "togetherness." The new Command, Captain Christman said, hopes and expects to get to know, personally and well, the personnel of NAD Crane, both military and civilian.

Captain and Mrs. R. L. Statler were here for the Ceremonies. Captain Statler is the Commander of the Naval Ordnance Station in Louisville, Ky. At the Ceremonies too were **Captain and Mrs. H. R. Hitpas**. Captain Hitpas, from the Great Lakes Naval Base, was representing the Commandant of the Ninth Naval District, RADM Wm. S. Guest. Captain Hitpas read a letter of commendation to Captain Pettebone from RADM A. R. Gralla, Commander, Ordnance Systems Command, Washington, D. C. The letter cited Captain Pettebone's achievements during his career in the Navy and said in part, "Your career has spanned an era of complete change in Naval Ordnance." Following the ceremonies, Captain Pettebone reviewed the assembled military personnel and bade each farewell.

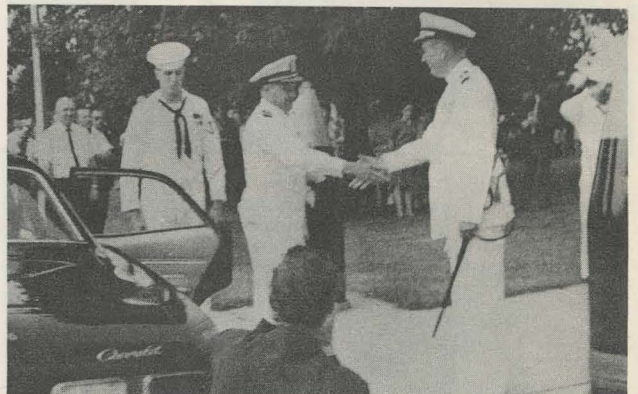
Preceding the Change of Command Ceremony, a retirement ceremony, conducted by Captain Pettebone, was held for SKMC J. Everett, USN. Captain Pettebone noted Chief Everett's record of 25 years of outstanding service, especially the service given to NAD Crane during the past two years. Chief Everett is moving to live in Mississippi. (Picture at right)



Rev. Stevenson, Rev. Terstegge, Capt. Pettebone, Capt. Christman, and Capt. Hitpas.



Military Personnel of NAD Crane.



Chief Everett, Capt. Pettebone.

CAPTAIN CHRISTMAN REPRESENTS DEPOT AT AIRPLANE CHRISTENING

A special ceremony was held at Terre Haute's Hulman Field on Monday, 3 July, to christen an airplane which has flown many missions in Vietnam. The plane is flown by LTJG Steve Hastings and was christened "The Spirit of Linton" in honor of LTJG Hastings' home town of Linton, Indiana.

LTJG Hastings visited the depot prior to his last mission to Vietnam and spoke to a gathering of depot employees at the Commissioned Officers Mess. He is a graduate of the Naval Academy and has earned numerous medals during his Naval career.

During the christening ceremony, Captain Thomas J. Christman, Commanding Officer, read the following message of congratulations from the Naval Academy to LTJG Hastings:

"The officers, faculty, and midshipmen of the Naval Academy wish to take this opportunity to extend our congratulations on your truly outstanding achievement in Vietnam. We are extremely proud to claim you as a graduate of this institution. Performance such as yours brings great credit to the Academy, the Navy, and the United States."



These employees were recently presented emblems and certificates for completion of 20 and 30 years of Federal Service. Top picture: First Row (l to r) - Commander Fred W. Chase, Executive Officer; Arthur C. Trambaugh, OR; Edward R. Cunningham, OR; James L. Lavender, QA; Wilson Gibbs, OR; Second Row (l to r) - Rex O. Stultz, PW; Garvice Herald, OR; and Jack W. Duncan, PW. And Bottom Picture: First Row (l to r) - Commander Chase; Loren A. Yuodzukinas, QE; Orval T. Hollars, OR; William Cunningham, OR; Paul E. Williams, PW; William M. Lehman, OR; Elmer Henderson, Jr., OR; Second Row (l to r) - George R. Pace, PW; Dale M. Bledsoe, PW; Marshall R. Payne (30 years), OR; Orville Caraway, PW; Lee M. Osman, SU; Herbert L. George, OR.



FAREWELL TO THE MULE BARN

This building, located at NAD Crane, is now available for off-site removal and is being offered for sale on a competitive, sealed bid basis. The building is a stable (barn), and was formerly used by Marine Security Officers to house their mules. It is a two story wood frame structure with a wood shingle roof, wood frame walls and partitions and measures approximately 100 feet by 34 feet.

Interested parties are invited to submit bids for the purchase of this property to the Public Works Officer, before 2:00 P.M. CDT, 25 July 1967. The bids will be opened publicly and read at the Public Works Office, Building No. 1, at that time.

This Government-owned surplus building is now available for inspection, and bidders are invited to visit the site to familiarize themselves with the actual prevailing conditions that may affect their bids. Inspections may be arranged by contacting the Public Works Officer, Telephone (Area Code 812) 854-1480. Upon notification of acceptance, the successful bidder will be allowed 180 days to remove his property and complete the site restoration.

The bid forms and other information about the sale may be obtained from the Public Works Officer at NAD Crane or the Commanding Officer, Midwest Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Real Estate Division, Building No. 1A, Great Lakes, Illinois; Telephone (Area Code 312) 688-2304.



Mr. Marshall Payne, who began his career in the Federal Service on 9 May 1937, is being congratulated by Commander Fred W. Chase. Mr. Payne, a resident of Washington, Indiana, was presented an emblem and certificate in recognition of his 30 years of Federal Service.



THE LAST STANZA

QUANTICO, VA.,(NAVNEWS) These are the last two minutes and 30 seconds of a man's life.

When the song began, its timing meant nothing to the man. Timing was important only to the disc-jockey who played the record in a studio miles away. To the man, it was a band sound, a soothing companion to the "convertible top down" weather and to his own mood:

"Won't the days never end ...

Well, thought the man, I'll be back in an hour or so. Been another long week of work, inspections, mess-hall chow and nothing-but-men-around. But, in maybe an hour if I push it, begin the best two days of the week.

"Why doesn't time roll away ...

It is, honey, contemplated the man. Time is rolling with every mile. Lord love the guy who comes up with this interstate highway idea. Remember, he mused silently to the woman who was waiting for him ...remember how it used to take two hours for me to get home when I had to fight U. S. 1? But, these interstates are made for rollin'.

"When I see you again...

"I'll never let you go..."

The song was nearly half finished now. The man smiled at the lyrics, thinking: you'll have to let me go, come Sunday night. Won't be easy for me, either. But, we've got the weekend: dancing tonight maybe... gotta check those TV tubes tomorrow...or, maybe, we'll pack the kids and head for the country.

At this second, the highway curved left. The car, barely controlled by a man whose concentration was 100 miles farther south, didn't. The convertible was halfway up a 15-foot embankment before the man even realized it had left the road. At the top, still doing 80 mph, the right front wheel hit a tree and sheared, the wheel assembly ricocheted into the woods like a rocket, the shotgun-sounds as it bounced off other trees blending with the whine of an engine wide open, the result of the man being pitched forward, his foot jamming the accelerator. And the sound of the song, nearly ending.

"When you come home...

"Please say you'll stay..."

As the car surged upward like a wave crest, the man shot almost straight into the air, his left leg snapped when it mashed the door, but he was clear. He spun grotesquely, then smashed into the ground, his body writhing before its momentum died. Then, he lay, unconscious.

At this point, he could have lived. His left leg broken, he had a concussion and shattered left

NOTE OF APPRECIATION

We wish to express our sincere appreciation to everyone for their beautiful flowers, cards, and thoughtfulness extended to us during the recent loss of our loved one, James L. Dobson.

Mrs. Donna R. Dobson and Daughters
and Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Carrell



Commander Fred M. Hardin, Director of the Public Works Department, is shown here presenting safety awards to men of his department. Pictured above are, left to right: Lewis Drake with 16 years of service; Frank Thomas, 20 years; Lee Bucher, 19 years; and Donald Weddle, 2 years.

Pictured below are: J. J. Kirby, Maintenance Division Manager; LT R. H. Price, Shops Engineer; and Rex Bruce, 1 year; Clarence B. Speer, 11 years; Claude Hanson, 12 years; Wm. H. Trisler, 12 years; Frank W. Hunter, 12 years; Almon M. Wilcox, 14 years; James R. New, 8 years; Edward W. Witsman and Verne E. Simpson, 2 years; and Commander Hardin. Those not pictured are: Emil W. Ault, 10 years; Herbert H. Hoggatt, 2 years; Auburn E. Sanders, 14 years; Jack C. Steuerwald, 8 years; and Wendell King, 10 years.



shoulder from his impact...but he was still alive.

Then a shadow like the closing of a closet door enveloped him. Nearly a ton of steel slammed onto him, grinding him as if the car contemptuously considered him an insect.

There was no sound from the man when he died. It couldn't have been heard above the groan and screech of the car, convulsing itself into the ground. Nor could it have been heard above the radio which eerily, macabrely, blasted the last bars of the song.

"Won't the days never end..."

"'Til you're back with me?"

By: MSGT Mel Jones, USMC