



STUART L. ALTON
Sec. Lt. Stuart L. Alton, son of Lt. Col. and Mrs. N. S. Alton of 502 Susana Ave., has been awarded his Air Force silver pilot wings at Craig AFB, Ala. Lt. Alton, who attended schools in Ohio and graduated from the U.S. Air Force Academy in 1965, is married to the former Theresa F. Opel.



DAVID L. SENTER
Airman David L. Senter has been assigned to Keesler AFB, Miss., for training as a communications-electronics specialist in the Air Force. The airman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack R. Senter of 2016 Perry Ave., Redondo Beach, attended El Camino College. He is a graduate of Aviation High School.

Internal Revenue Goes After Prize, Award Tax

Prizes and awards are generally taxable and the fair market value must be included in gross income on tax returns, according to Robert A. Riddell, district director of Internal Revenue.

Examples of prizes and awards which are reportable include items received from radio and television "give-away" shows, contests, door prizes, raffles, lotteries and sweepstakes, and merchandising "bonuses."

Shares of stock, building lots, merchandise, and vacation trips to luxury resort areas received by employees, salesmen, dealers, corporation officers and others are taxable, too. These awards are usually received in connection with sales contests and promotion programs.

Riddell emphasized that the fair market value of the trips, services, or merchandise received is the amount to be included as taxable income. This applies even if the recipient disposes of such items by gift or otherwise.

"However, where a taxpayer does not accept an award, its value does not have to be included in taxable income," he stated.

Although taxpayers are generally aware that cash awards are taxable, Internal Revenue is becoming concerned over misunderstanding by taxpayers who have received non-cash incentive awards and who have either omitted or understated their value for federal income tax purposes.

An enforcement program designed to increase taxpayer compliance in the prize award area is already in effect. "Any individual, business, or organization sponsoring contests or sporting events and making payments of prizes or awards totaling \$600 or more must file an annual information return on Form 1099," Riddell pointed out.

Sponsors desiring further information about the reporting requirements should contact the Internal Revenue Service for Document No. 295-4555.

5572, "Information Reporting Requirements of Sponsors of Contest or Sporting Events."

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JOHN A. HEASTON
Ensign John A. Heaston, son of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Heaston of 17002 Kornblum Ave., is undergoing primary flight training with Training Squadron One at the Pensacola, Fla., Naval Auxiliary Air Station. He will continue training for 13 months before receiving his Navy "Wings of Gold."

Hearing . . .

(Continued from Page 1) representing Knight and Bruno in the matter, said the Supreme Court ruling and the provisions of the Constitution do not prevent the courts from declaring a candidate ineligible to run for election. The constitutional provision, Oppen said, is specific and requires a candidate to be "a citizen and inhabitant" of the district he seeks to represent for at least one year prior to the election.

He said Judge Dills has not been an inhabitant of 32nd Senate District for year and declared. "The court cannot make 266 days a year by any stretch of the imagination."

Oppen told the court the Supreme Court has equated the words "qualified" and "eligible" in its ruling. The two words do not have the same meaning, he declared.

IN HIS ORAL arguments, Oppen contended courts have jurisdiction to declare a candidate ineligible, although the State Senate alone may determine the qualifications of its members.

Oppen said it was the "duty of the court" to declare Dills ineligible since, under the State Constitution, he cannot be seated in the Senate if he is elected. He said Dills' election would leave the 32nd District without a representative until a special election can be held.

"He (Dills) cannot be seated under any circumstances," Oppen told the court.

DILLS WAS IN court under a subpoena issued by Oppen, but Judge Raycraft refused to hear testimony from witnesses during the hearing. Raycraft said he was concerned only with the issue of jurisdiction and not with specific facts in the matter.

"The court is satisfied jurisdiction rests with the California Senate," Judge Raycraft declared. He denied the request for restraining orders and declared the petition to remove Dills' name from the ballot "moot."

Oppen told the Press-Herald he would seek to present the matter to the California State Supreme Court early this week.

BRUNO, WHO told the Press-Herald he and Knight were "prepared to be rebuffed today," said they would press the suit before the Supreme Court and, failing that, take it to the State Senate should Dills be elected.

"The court has said that it did not have jurisdiction," Bruno said, "but in the final analysis, the people have jurisdiction and I suspect they will exercise it on Nov. 8."

Electric Shavers Reported Stolen

Thirty-eight electric shavers, valued at more than \$641, were taken from the offices of James M. Butler and Associates, 23314 Crenshaw Blvd., police were told Friday.

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