

'Social Events Scheduling' Service Hopes to Prevent Conflict of Area Dates

As a public service to the Indian Wells Valley, the Community Relations Office, Code 1131, N.O.T.S., is providing a "Social Events Scheduling Point."

The purpose of providing this service is to attempt to prevent conflict of dates between community functions which are of general interest and would normally have a large attendance. In the past there have been instances of two or more groups starting long range planning with the same target dates in mind. Each group had no knowledge of other groups' plans and the events had to either be re-scheduled or had to compete with each other to the detriment of all concerned.

There is no intent to control or schedule these events. The service is intended as an information clearing point for the use of community organizations if they so desire.

It should not be necessary to clear any regularly scheduled meetings, only one-time events dances, picnics, theatrical productions, etc.

In order for this service to be effective, it is urgent that all organizations incorporate a system whereby their program or social events chairman call in every one-time activity of any scope.

If a group is planning any social events, a phone call to COMMANDER, NOTS (Code 1131) will elicit information as to the scheduling plans of other organizations.

Strong Winds and Showers Hit Here; Snow in Mountains

The strongest winds of the season raked China Lake and surrounding areas last Saturday afternoon when gusts up to more than 50 miles per hour were measured at different locations on Station.

NAF Weather Service at Armitage Field clocked gusts at 52 mph. R. C. Gould reported wind velocity at more than 56 mph at times on G Range, and Bel Frisbee said gusts of 55 mph were measured at his home at 49-A Sykes Circle in the B Capehart section.

The dust settled somewhat Sunday and Monday and more so early Tuesday morning when showers brought .08 to .12 inches of rain to various parts of the Station. Snow blanketed surrounding mountain ranges.

More was added to it on Wednesday morning when precipitation was recorded as follows: .02 inches at the Instrumentation Lab; .06 at Charlie Range; .02 on G1 Range, and Trace at Armitage Field.



NEPTUNE BALL producer Capt. Floyd Reck and director Bill Valenteen enjoy a chuckle as Cdr. Robert Hoppe describes the costume he's going to wear in laugh-packed skit to be staged at the Ball on Friday and Saturday, Feb. 7 and 8, at the Community Center. Better order your tickets now—from Maura McCreery or any member of the committee.

SHOWBOAT

FRIDAY "THE HAUNTED PALACE" (85 Min.) Lon Chaney, Vincent Price, Deborah Paget 7 p.m.

(Horror in Color) A superior of its type! An ancient curse made by an ancestor reincarnates in a man who has inherited a castle as he seeks revenge on the townspeople. E-ERIE! (Adult). SHORT: "Little Whirlwind" (7 Min.) "Navy Screen Hillies" P" (18 Min.)

SATURDAY — MATINEE — "THE HAPPY ROAD" (97 Min.) Gene Kelly 1 p.m.

SHORT: "Cueball" (7 Min.) "Captain Video Chapter No. 1" (28 Min.) EVENING "THE MAN WHO SHOT LIBERTY VALANCE" (123 Min.) James Stewart, John Wayne 7 p.m.

(Western Drama) Young eastern lawyer settles in a western town despite opposition of a fiery gangster who later opposes him in bid for Congress. An all-star cast portrays the growing of the west in this exceptional epic of action, romance and comedy. (Adults and Young People). SUNDAY-MONDAY "MCINTOCK" (126 Min.) John Wayne, Maureen O'Hara, Yvonne DeCarle 7 p.m.

(Western Comedy in Color) Rip-snorting wealthy rancher rules everything in sight but his wife, a fiery cultured redhead. He hires a pretty widow as a cook. Indians stage an uprising. Source of 1000 laughs. (Adults and Young People). TUESDAY-WEDNESDAY "WILIGHT OF HONOR" (105 Min.) Richard Chamberlain, Nick Adams, Joan Blackman 7 p.m.

(Drama) Attorney is assigned defense of a hitchhiker who confesses the murder of a prominent citizen as the town talks lynch. The defense develops into a case of the unwritten law. (Adult). SHORT: "Mouse in Manhattan" (7 Min.) THURSDAY-FRIDAY "UNDER THE YUM YUM TREE" (110 Min.) Jack Lemmon, Carol Lynley, Edie Adams 7 p.m.

(Comedy in Color) Wealthy landlord will only rent his apartments to couples, for obvious reasons, until he meets his match with a beautiful college student who already has a husband in mind. A sexy, spicy howl! (Adult). SHORT: "Destination Mogoo" (7 Min.)



W. E. DONALDSON, chairman of Youth Committee of the Rotary Club of China Lake, presents \$100 check to Mary Moore, vice president of Board of Directors of the China Lake Day Nursery Assn., for its scholarship fund. The fund, recipient of contributions from several local organizations, makes it possible for children of needy families to attend the Nursery School on Halsey at Bard and King Streets.

U. of C. Dignitaries 'TIM' Project . . . Accompany Sen. Stiern Here Jan. 29

State Senator Walter W. Stiern, who toured the Station yesterday and was principal speaker at the Community Council installation dinner last night, will return to NOTS next Wednesday with another group of distinguished visitors. The party will include James H. Corley, vice president for Governmental Relations and Projects, University of California; Frank L. Kidner, University Dean of Educational Relations; Richard Maston, assistant to the Dean of University Extension; Keith Sexton, Assistant Director of the California State Coordinating Council on Higher Education, and Willie L. Culver, assistant to Senator Stiern.

ICICE Meeting Set For Monday

A dinner-meeting of the Mojave Desert section of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers will be held Monday, Jan. 27, at the Hideaway Restaurant. Dinner is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. with the meeting to start at 8 p.m.

Donald O. Chessmore, a research engineer with the California Research Corporation, will present a talk on "Computer Control of a Fluid Catalytic Cracking Unit."

Jim Thorpe Is Named January 'Bluejacket'



JAMES E. THORPE, AG1 "Bluejacket of the Month"

James E. Thorpe, AG1, a Naval Air Facility aerographer serving his second tour of duty here, was named this week as 1964's first China Lake "Bluejacket of the Month."

With his wife, Joan, he'll travel to Bakersfield next weekend for a "guest" visit that'll include lodging, dining, entertainment and recognition gifts. The father of five youngsters at the Thorpe home, 31-B Viweg, his family includes Steven, 9; Terry, 8; Trece, 7, Paula, 5, and Kathleen 2.

"Best Duty" Here A career Navyman, Thorpe enlisted in 1949 and, in subsequent years, has served at Guam, Pt. Mugu, Philippine Islands, Adak, Alaska and was transferred here in Feb. 1962 from the USS General Mitchell.

How does he regard China Lake duty? "The best I've ever had in the Navy! That's why I'm back here for my second tour," he commented this week.

Thorpe's wife, the former Joan Turner, is a native of this area. She was born and raised at Johannesburg. Included in next week's visit to Bakersfield will be the use of a new car, provided by the Ed Fanz Buick company.

Started in January 1963, the program which rewards the Command's outstanding enlisted personnel with monthly "guest" weekends at Bakersfield, rotates between NOTS, NAF and Air Development Squadron-Five.

COM Manager

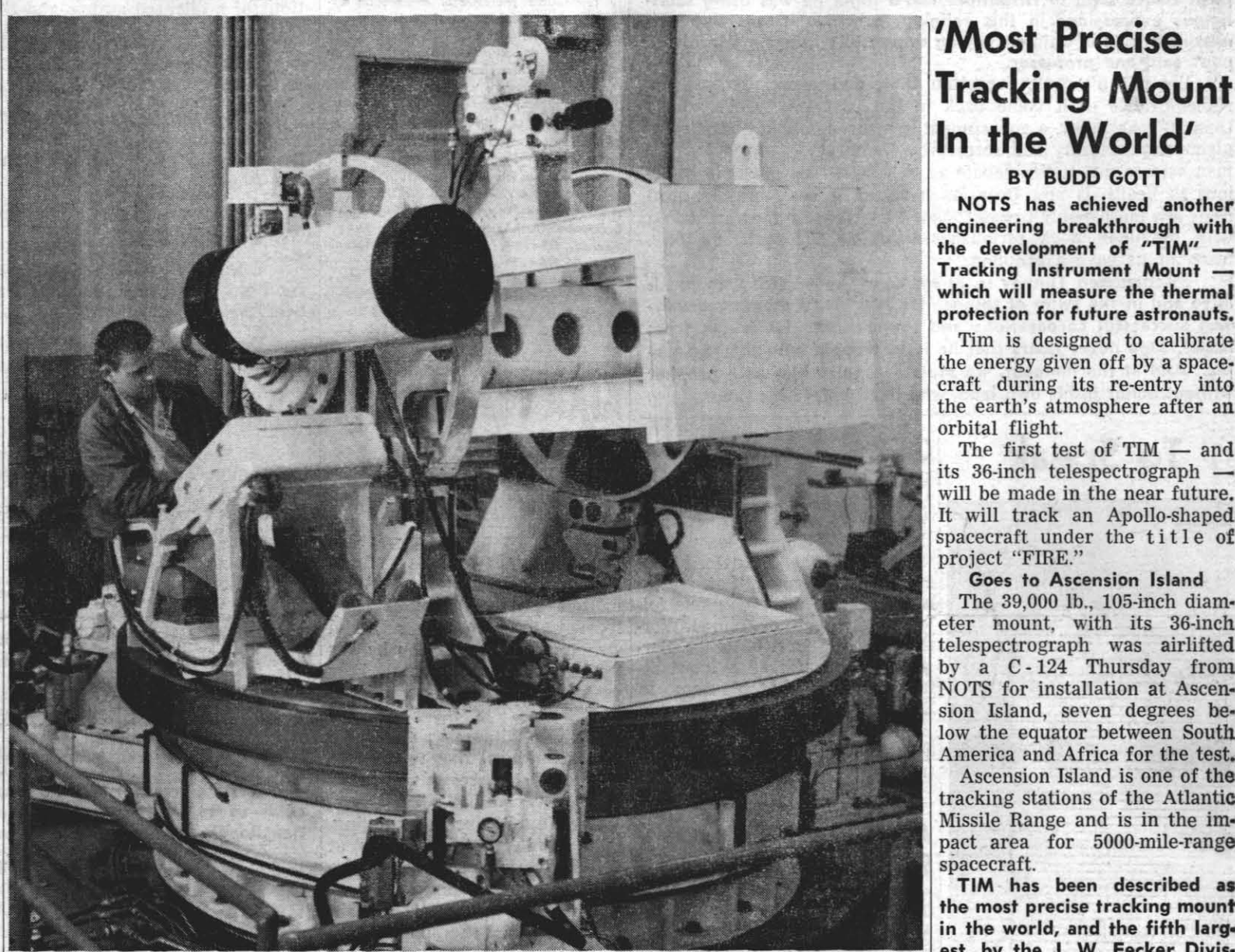


PAUL J. DIEHL has been appointed Manager of the Commissioned Officers Mess (Open) and Executive Dining Room. Formerly associated with the Bob Rand Co. the new manager brings to China Lake a wealth of club and restaurant experience in Europe and the U.S. that spans 16 years. Married and the father of one child, Diehl is a native of Boundbrook, N.J.

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Another NOTS Breakthrough

'TIM' DEVELOPED TO PROTECT SPACEMEN



ASCENSION ISLAND BOUND — Operator Jimmy Josephson tries out "TIM" mount. He will track the re-entry of an Apollo-shaped vehicle at Ascension Island in the South Atlantic. Phil Roper, Arvin Hammerly and Frank Massaro will check out the installation.

'Most Precise Tracking Mount In the World'

BY BUDD GOTT

NOTS has achieved another engineering breakthrough with the development of "TIM" — Tracking Instrument Mount — which will measure the thermal protection for future astronauts.

TIM is designed to calibrate the energy given off by a spacecraft during its re-entry into the earth's atmosphere after an orbital flight.

The first test of TIM — and its 36-inch telespectrograph — will be made in the near future. It will track an Apollo-shaped spacecraft under the title of project "FIRE."

Goes to Ascension Island

The 39,000 lb., 105-inch diameter mount, with its 36-inch telespectrograph was airlifted by a C-124 Thursday from NOTS for installation at Ascension Island, seven degrees below the equator between South America and Africa for the test.

Ascension Island is one of the tracking stations of the Atlantic Missile Range and is in the impact area for 5000-mile-range spacecraft.

TIM has been described as the most precise tracking mount in the world, and the fifth largest, by the J. W. Fecker Division of the American Optical Co., manufacturer of the mount's 36-inch telespectrograph. (Continued on Page 3)

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down. Includes a small grid for 'Answer to Previous Puzzle'.

Form for placing a stamp, with fields for 'From', 'TO', and 'PLACE STAMP HERE'.



GRADUATES — Holding their Management Intern Program certificates (l-r) are Billy Powell, Stephen Carney, and John Metroulas. Watching Capt. Blenman make the presentation (l-r) are Jack Webb, program coordinator, and Ray Harrison, Personnel Dept. Head.

Incentive Awards Net 81 Employees \$7,600

Thirty employees received Sustained Superior Performance Awards totaling \$5,300 and 51 employees received \$2,300 in Superior Achievement Awards to make a grand total of \$7,600 netted to employees under the Station's Incentive Awards Program for the fourth quarter of 1963.

Awards authorized for NOTS employees are listed by departments as follows:

- SUSTAINED SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE AWARDS**
- Supply Dept.**
 - \$200 — Elayne W. Colson.
 - \$100 — Erle B. Odekirk.
- Test Dept.**
 - \$200—Jason E. Kephart. \$150 each—Roy E. Casard and John E. Sprouse.
- Aviation Ordnance**
 - \$200 each—Bernard M. Jones and Jared W. Shaw. \$100—Lois E. Mennard.
- Propulsion Development**
 - \$250 — Ralph G. Hough. \$200 each—Donald Ruff, Irvin F. Witcosky, Richard M. Joyce, Monroe E. Trimble. \$150 each — Chester E. Colclasure, Francis W. George, Houston A. Vaughn.
- Research Dept.**
 - \$200 each—Zelman W. Hohanshelt and Alfred E. Lewis. \$150 —Mabel J. Madden.
- Public Works**
 - \$200 each — Howard E. Auld and William H. Parks. \$150 each —Marjorie B. Reed and Cecil W. White.
- Underwater Ordnance**
 - \$250—James W. Taylor. \$200 each — Alice M. Anderson and William C. Shealy. \$150 each — Ruth H. Seaton, Milton A. Fredrich, Ralph W. Myers Jr., and Michael A. Santeramo.
- SUPERIOR ACHIEVEMENT**
- Weapons Planning**
 - \$150 — Joseph S. Bottero.
- Naval Air Facility**
 - \$150 group — Lloyd J. Holt and Harry L. Myers.
- Test Dept.**
 - \$100 additional patent award —Irvin S. Yavelberg.
- Aviation Ordnance**
 - \$150 patent award—David W. Kermode. \$100 patent award — Mel Cresuere. \$50 group patent award—Earl J. Donaldson and James W. Oestreich.
- Weapons Development**
 - \$100 patent award each—Paul T. Barnes (former employee) and Donald J. Stewart (former employee). \$100 group patent awards — Carl Rhodes (former employee) and E. O. Hagenlock (deceased); Bernard Smith (former employee); Jim Bartling and Orville J. Saholt (former employee); Robert A. Weinhardt and Paul T. Barnes (former employee).
- Propulsion Development**
 - \$250 patent award — Martin H. Kaufman. \$100 group patent award—Richard A. Breitengross and W. E. Donaldson.
- Research Dept.**
 - \$150 — William L. Burson. \$100 patent award — Ronald A. Henry. \$100 group patent award —William A. Gey and Russell Reed Jr.
- Engineering Dept.**
 - \$250 group patent award — Alton P. Elder and T. P. LeGrand (former employee). \$100 patent award — Ronald C. Noles. \$100 group patent award — Roman Curtis and Eugene Thirkill.
- Public Works**
 - \$300 group — J. R. Ford, R. J. Hatton, L. D. Hayton, G. N. Millington, P. B. Johnson, W. T. Schmid, and R. N. Tuttle. \$250 —Fred T. DeHam.
- PASADENA O-in-C**
 - \$150 group—Annella LeCraft, Patty S. Land, Alyce V. Tate, Elizabeth L. Toth, Ethel L. Nichols, and Hildegard M. Walbert.
- Underwater Ordnance**
 - \$300 group — Frank E. Bertholet, Harold E. Donze, George K. Jennings, Richard P. Hamilton, John M. Oliver, Grant T. Parks. \$150 group — Keith C. Maxwell and Winslow L. Rainbolt.



PREPARE FOR FSJC FUND DRIVE—NOTS 1964 chairman Jim Greenfield (center) receives Federal Joint Crusade Drive Fund literature from Wayne Montgomery and Helen Bates of Bakersfield. Drive will be conducted here during the month of February.

Three Complete Intern Program

Three graduates of the Station's Management Intern Program were awarded certificates last week by Capt. Charles Blenman Jr.

The program consists of an intensive six-month orientation and training period in four areas: administration within technical departments, management analysis, personnel management, and budget analysis.

Billy Powell, a Los Angeles State College graduate, has accepted a social science analyst position with the Behavioral Science Group.

Stephen Carney, also an LA State College graduate, will join Central Staff as a management analyst.

John Metroulas, a San Diego State College graduate, has accepted a personnel management assistant position with the Personnel Department.

Combat Artists' Work Accepted by Navy at Exhibit

The Navy officially accepted 22 on-site paintings last week in ceremonies held at Los Angeles, honoring six combat artists who completed the paintings at key southern California Navy installations.

cepted the paintings for the Navy. The six combat artists whose work is represented in the collection, are Robert Ellis, Edgar Ewing, Frederick Hammersley, Ernest Lacey, Jonathan Scott, and Jirayr Zorthian.

the visit here of the late President Kennedy, Skytop and Naval Air Facility, and several scenes at NOTS' San Clemente Island installation. The artwork will be included in the Navy Art Cooperation and Liaison Committee, western

area, which is coordinated by the Naval Ordnance Test Station, China Lake. The ceremony was held on Tuesday, Jan. 14, at the Hollywood House in Los Angeles. The dignitaries in attendance included, in addition to Captain

Charles Blenman, Jr., Station Commander, Mayor Samuel Yorty of Los Angeles. The paintings will be maintained at China Lake with showings scheduled in cooperation with the Los Angeles Municipal Art Department.

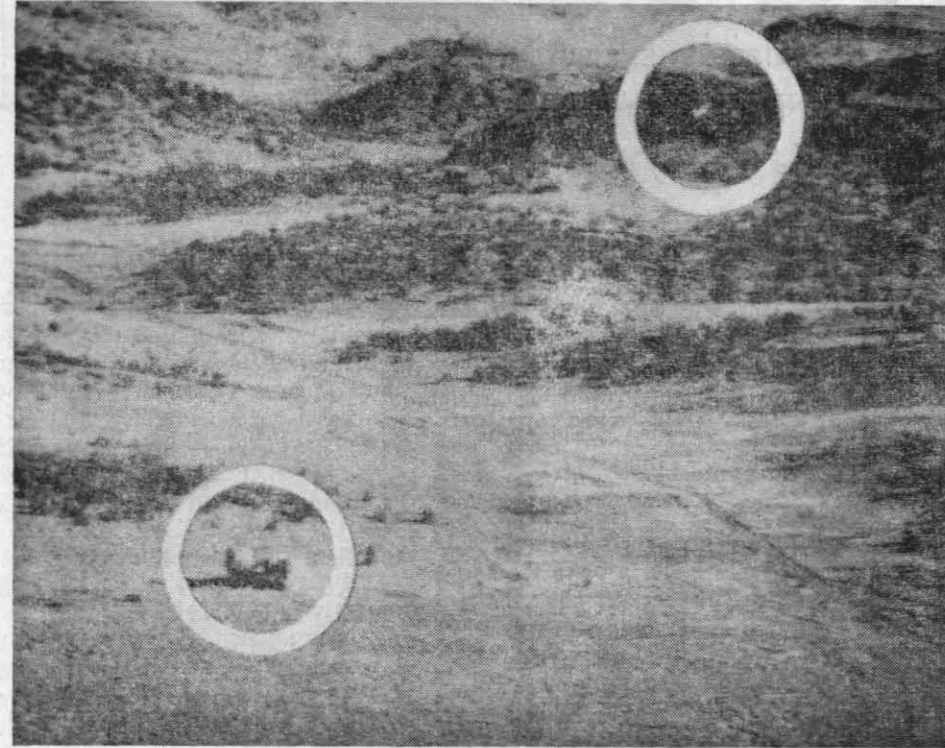


NAVAL COMBAT ARTISTS were honored for their paintings last week when officially accepted by Navy Chief of Information Rear Admiral William P. Mack (far right). Artists are (from left) Edgar Ewing, Jirayr Zorthian, Frederick Hammersley, Ernest Lacey and Robert Ellis. Not present for photograph was Jonathan Scott. Artists contributed 22 on-site paintings.



KEY NAVY INSTALLATIONS represented in paintings include canvas of late President Kennedy, talking with Capt. Charles Blenman, Jr., Station Commander, and Dr. Wm. B. McLean, Technical Director, during Presidential visit last June 7. Several paintings were based on underwater diving operations conducted at NOTS facilities at San Clemente Island (left).

Coso Range Scene of Navy-Marine Air Exercise



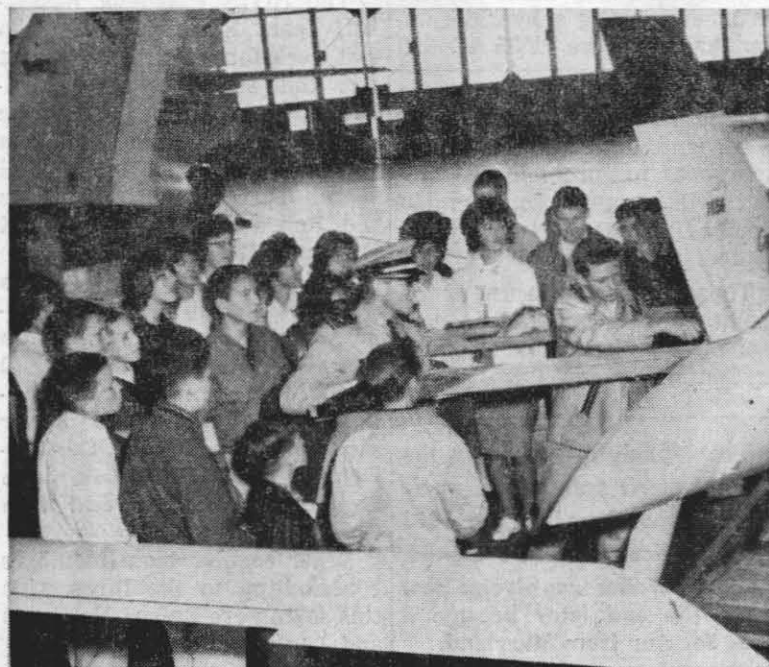
NEAR MISS is scored by plane (top circle) which has just dropped bomb on tank target (left of lower circle) during two-day exercise which seasoned pilots reported was "highly successful."



RANGE PERSONNEL under direction of Duane Mack, AOD, manned instrument tracking and control facilities. NAF employed helicopters, while VX-5 supplied observers and supported day and night sorties.

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Eighth Grade Visitors



NAF VISITORS this week included 70 eighth graders from Trona Jr. High School, who were given tours of hangar facilities and brief presentations on mission of command. Escort for the group, Lt. (ig) Stuart Mann explains characteristics of planes to youngsters.

What to Do, If Anything, About Military Smokes?

The Defense Department's top health officials met Wednesday of this week to discuss what, if anything, to do about cigarette smoking among the 2.7 million men and women of the Armed Forces.

One news source stated that no ban on smoking is now under consideration, or even thought possible. But, there could be a change in policy regarding the acceptance of free cigarette samples or the sale of cigarettes in military stores.

The Defense Department's medical and health director, Dr. Shirley C. Fisk, will confer with the Surgeons General of the Army, Navy and Air Force to discuss the recent report of the U. S. Public health service advisory committee.

VX-5 and NAF Joined by Ten Other Air Units

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Ron 11 and representatives of 3rd Marine Air Wing and Com-AirPac.

Helicopters and support personnel from China Lake's Naval Air Facility were also participants in the event.

Range is AOD Unit

Coso target range is located 40 air miles and 80 land miles northwest of China Lake and is a unit of the Aviation Ordnance Department.

Maintained by Range Engineer Duane Mack and a crew of 12 NOTS personnel, all of whom were engaged in this exercise, the Coso Range is the Navy's most "realistic target area," according to pilots who participated in the event.

They praised the contributions made by Mack's range crewmen in manning instrumentation and control facilities.



NEW NAF OFFICER, Lt. Richard S. Thomas, has assumed duties as Flight Officer. Formerly attached to Attack Squadron 55 based at LeMoore, Calif., the newly assigned officer resides with his wife, the former Betsy Campbell, and son, Richard, 1, at 1801-A Young Circle.

"GET WELL SOON, MIKE!"



TEDDY BEAR AND PRESENTS went by air from China Lake this week to San Diego's Balboa Hospital where little Mike Rice, 4, son of Lt. and Mrs. Henry L. Rice, 1804-B Withington Rd., is confined. Teddy bear is from Elaine Darnell, manager of the Navy Exchange Child Care Center, and the presents are from his classmates there and co-workers of Lt. Rice.

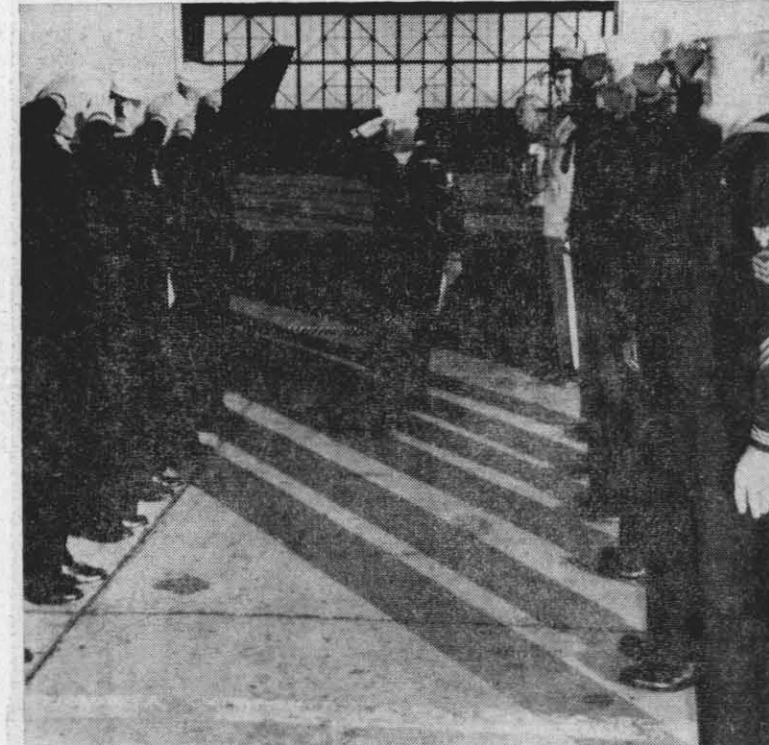
Over 300 NAF Men Ready to Take Exams

Reflecting the "advancement-minded" attitude of Naval Air Facility based personnel, the Information and Education office this week disclosed that 312 NAF-based men have been recommended for exams which start early next month.

This represents better than half the total NAF enlisted military population.

Photography Featured By Desert Art League

The Desert Art League will hold its regular business meeting at 7:30 p.m. followed by a program at 8:30 on Monday, Jan. 27, at the Community Center. Featured in the program on photography and its relation to the fine arts will be Gordon Stovner and Charles Vollmer.



RETIRING ON TWENTY—Naval Air Facility's John E. Decker, ABF-1, took final salutes of shipmates this week in retirement ceremony. Attached to the Services Division since assignment here in 1962, Decker and his family will live in Whittier, Calif.