### It's Senior Master Sergeant Now For Munitions Supervisor Burchett

An Air Force munitions su- Ohio, then to Westover AFB, pervisor assigned to the Air Mass., before departing for Force Systems Command Sci- Kadena AB, Okinawa. Reentific and Technical Liaison turning from this assignment Office at Naval Weapons Cen- he was stationed at Seymourter recently received a set of Johnson AFB, N.C., and comstripes signifying his promotion to Senior Master Sergeant.

Sergeant Martin B. Burchett, affectionately known to many of his friends at this Center as "Sarge," also received official congratulations from Brig. Gen. Raymond A. Gilbert, Director of Laboratories at Andrews AFB, Washington, D.C.

General Gilbert's letter reads: "Congratulations on your selection for promotion to Senior Master Sergeant.

"As you know promotion to this grade is limited to individuals who have compiled a record of outstanding duty performance and demonstrated the potential to serve as senior leaders in the airman corps of the United States Air Force.

"This well - deserved recognition gives evidence of your capability to assume senior leadership responsibilities. I am pleased to have you as a member of this Command.

"Best wishes for continued

Thirty-seven years old and 17 years of active service with the Air Force certainly is evidence that "Sarge" has demonstrated his potential as a ca-

Sergeant Burchett was raised in Emma, Kentucky by his parents Mr. and Mrs. Belvard

He was graduated from Prestonsburg High School in 1949 and on April 21, 1951, enlisted in the Air Force at Lexington, Ky.

Talking about his basic training experience, he vividly remembers that he was the 21st airman to arrive at Sampson AFB, located in New York State. No plush quarters or even typical open - bay barracks for the new airman; instead he recalls spending the first night sleeping in the base dining hall.

The proud wearer of the Air Force Commendation Medal, earned for service rendered during his last overseas assignment at Udorn Air Base in Thailand, Sergeant Burchett has seen a variety of duty assignments during his service

All his assignments have been with the Strategic Air Command (SAC) until the one here where he is presently replacing a project engineer's slot in free-fall weapons in the Air Force Liaison Office.

Stateside and overseas tours of duty since 1951 have included such places in the SAC organization as Bergstrom AFB, Tex.: an isolated tour in French Morocco; back to Lake Charles, La.: then to the far north with a stint of duty at Goose Bay AB, Labrador, and later returning to Lockbourne AFB,

#### Blue Cross Ins. Agent

Norman R. Smith, Blue Cross Blue Shield (Service Benefit Plan) representative from Bakersfield, will be aboard the Center on Thursday, March 14, at the Community Center from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., according to T. J. Haycock, Head, Employee-Management Relations.

pleting this tour was once

in Thailand. He arrived back in the states and was assigned to his present position on February 13, 1966. The "Sarge" was recently informed that his tour of duty at this Center has been extended until February, 1969.

An all-around sports enthus-

again reassigned to Udorn AB

iast, the senior master sergeant was assistant manager for the Center's Little League last year. This year he takes over the added responsibility of manager for the competitive leaguer's. Fishing and hunting, anytime and anyplace, always seem to beckon the "Sarge" to his favorite pastimes. "I'm interested in participating in all sports, but also thoroughly enjoy watching sports events on television or just as a spectator," he commented.

Commenting about the relationship with his boss, Maj. James Kirwin, his co-workers and other Center people Sergeant Burchett said, "They're all just great."

Sergeant Burchett is married to the former Mary Adkins of Louisa, Ky. She is employed on the Center as a secretary with Code 5516, Material Processing and Evaluation

The Burchett's, with their son, Bland, 12, a student at Murray Elementary School, reside at 203-B N. Dibb on the

(Comedy/Drama) Wealthy widow decides to buy a run-down theatre, rich in memories of her former husband, but her mercen-ary daughters are fearful of losing their potential inheritance. Join the madcap with that merry widow, Rosie! (Adult, Youth.) Short: "On the Tee" (9 Min.)

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1:00 P.M. Shorts: "Lambert, Sheepish Lion" (7 Min.)
"Manhunt" No. 2 (13 Min.)

"THE COBRA" (94 Min.)
Dana Andrews, Anita Ekberg
7:30 P.M.

(Crime Drama) Middle East smuggler plans to flood the U.S. with dope so our government agent seeks out his intended shipping plans and supply sources. Pretty Anita aids him, but the Cobra is a mighty oe. Violent action thriller. (Adult, Very ture Youth.)
Short: "Winter Paradise" (17 Min.)

DESERT COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA PRESENTATION

ONDAY MARCH 11
"ROUGH DAY IN JERICHO" (105 Min.) Dean Martin, Geo. Peppard 7:30 P.M.

(Western) Dino plays the villain who ns a small western town with an iron fist until a pretty little lady tries to start a stage line, and his former buddy helps her battle against him. It's rough and tough sizzler of the West. (Adult, Mature Youth.) Short: "Hell Drivers" (10 Min.)

TUESDAY-WEDNESDAY MARCH 12-13 "TONY ROME" (110 Min.) Frank Sinatra, Jill St. John 7:30 P.M.

(Mystery) Private eye tries to find the ason for strange behavior of a tycoon's daughter and winds up in a maze of black-mail and murder. This above-average eye film has rapid thrills and action all th y. Jill heads cast of beauties! (Adult.)

Short: "Lighthouse Mouse" (7 Min.)

MARCH 14-15 RTHER PERILS OF LAUREL & HARDY (99 Min.) 7:30 P.M.

(Comedy Complication) The silents and talkies of yesteryear show slapstick comedy at its funniest and the best of all is in this



PROMOTED TO SENIOR MASTER SERGEANT - Mrs. Martin B. Burchett (r) proudly admires the new set of Air Force Senior Master Sergeant stripes signifying the recent promotion of her husband, Sergeant Burchett (c), while Maj. James Kirwin, Air Force Liaison Officer beams his approval. Major Kirwin and Sergeant Burchett are assigned to the Air Force Systems Command Scientific and Technical Liaison Office here.

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TURN-AROUND-THE-CLEAT — China Lake Coast Guard Auxiliary members of Flotilla 76 and special guests during a recent training session are (I) Vance Holley, Courtesy Boat Examiner; John Talley, Operations Officer, Flotilla 76; Mrs. Betty Hart, a new member; Bob McKnight, Public Education Officer, Flotilla 76, and Tommy Hilborn, Commander, Flotilla 76, watching as Ed. Vacin, past commander of Flotilla 71, Santa Barbara, demonstrates a turnaround-the-cleat. Fifteen members of the local flotilla took examinations for various phases of the Coast Guard Auxiliary program. Main purpose of the total program is to provide members with instruction in the operation and navigation of small craft with emphasis on safety.

#### **CENTER LIBRARY LISTS NEW BOOKS**

A complete list of new books is available in the library.

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Stephens-Who Needs a Road?

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# Dr. Thomas S. Amlie Becomes NWC Tech. Director March 7



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val Weapons Center Commander, announced the appointment of Dr. Thomas S. Amlie as Technical Director for the Center on March 7, 1968. Dr. Amlie has most recently been Head, Development Division IV, Aviation Ordnance Depart-

Captain M. R. Etheridge, Na-

Dr. Amlie considers his appointment an honor and privilege, as evidenced by his comments during a recent interview. "As you know I have been selected for the position of NWC Technical Director to replace Dr. McLean. I feel very much like Harry Truman did on April 12, 1945. All of a sudden I'm going to have very great responsibilities and I'm going to need all the help I can get to properly discharge these responsibilities."

Dr. Amlie continued, "It's indeed a great honor, and more than that, it shows the merit of being in the right place at the right time when the action is going on. The Naval Weapons Center is highly reputed and is probably the most successful Navy laboratory. I don't know exactly what the reasons are for this success, but I'm going to resist any temptation to make changes for changes sake, because whatever we are doing now, even though it may not appear perfect, seems to be better than what anybody else is doing. When you have a good thing going, the obvious thing to do is to take great pains to make sure that it keeps going as it has been. So, the plan is not to rock the boat in any way. Any changes that I propose will, of course, be discussed with all the department heads and the Commander before they are implemented."

**Appointed to Top NWC Civilian Job** Dr. Amlie realizes that every one on the NWC team plays an important role in the overall mission. He states, "I'm going

to need all the help I can get from the people I have known here for a long time and I fully expect that I will receive this help. I have no specific plans or schemes right now to redirect the technical effort of the Center. I think we have done well in the past, particularly in

the recent past.

Former Sidewinder Project Engineer

"The conduct of the war in Southeast Asia indicates that substantially more attention should be paid to the air-toground attack weapons.

"The speed and maneuver ability of present day aircraft require that a second generation air-to-air missile should be considered. The Sidewinder has been extremely successful. but technology now permits the building of a missile with better performance, although certainly not better in terms of simplicity and low cost. I think, though, that the major effort of the Center must be aimed more at the air-to-ground warfare, because the events in Viet Nam have shown that is really our most pressing need."

Asking Dr. Amlie to comment on his personal reactions to his new position, he related: "In terms of what I personally expect to contribute, my hope is to be what the title implies a Technical Director, i.e., to observe what people are doing, possibly to make suggesions, and probably the most important of all, to act as 'chief salesman' to sell programs at the appropriate levels in Washing-

"I'm depending directly on Hack Wilson to continue giving (Continued on Page 3)

#### **Public Works Handy-Men Prepared** For NWC Spring Clean-Up Program

With the official beginning Public Works Housing Inspec-China Lakers are looking at yards and trees with spruceup and gardening projects in service for your residence.

To hasten lawn beautification, Public Works Department announced this week lawn feeding will commence March 18. A contractor will apply pellet-type fertilizer to front lawns in all residential neighborhoods between that date and April 5.

While the application is going on, tenants are advised to remove lawn furniture and other items from front yards so thorough coverage can be effected. Children and dogs should be kept out of the way of machinery during application of the fertilizer to avoid any danger of injury.

Meanwhile, tenants will soon receive notices of dates a pest control contractor will be working in their areas. A call to

Ext. 72652 will let PW people know you wish the pest control

The NWC Fire Division is concerned about tenants who pile trimmings from trees and shrubs in areas where they create fire hazards. With dry spring and summer months just around the calendar these rubbish heaps are not only unsightly but dangerous.

Capehart and Desert Park residents should cut tree trimmings to three - foot lengths, bundle them and put them out beside their "GI" cans for pick up by the rubbish contractor. Leaves, small trimmings and grass clippings should be put in cartons for pickup on collection days. Tenants in areas using "dumpsters" can pile trimmings beside the receptacles. Collection

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# Navy Enlisted Advisor Hosted At NWC



VERY DISTINGUISHED GUEST — Master Chief Delbert D. Black (c), Master Chief. Petty Officer of the Navy, receives a friendly reception during his arrival at Naval Weapons Center, Friday night, February 23, to help the Center's Chief Petty Officers celebrate their 13th Annual CPO Military Ball

the next evening. Greeting Master Chief Black are (left) Master Chief J. R. Banker; Chief E. I. Jones; Mrs. E. I. Jones, and AEC Hal Schmeer, assistant CPO Mess treasurer. Saturday afternoon, Master Chief Black was given a tour of Junction Ranch, the Crystal Silver Mine and the Little Petroglyphs.

#### CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE.

# Keep Talking



By Senior Chaplain Paul Romantum

A wonderful aspect of God's creation of man is the power of speech. Ever since, people have spent much of their time talking. People must talk, for language is an outlet for human expression. Although some talk seems to have little or no significance, talking has real value. It is usually more than just

TALKING IS THINKING. One of the best ways to consider anything is to put it into words. There are some who claim that there cannot be any thought without words. You will agree that expressing a thought out loud usually helps to clarify it. Talking not only involves thinking, it always involves more.

In dialogue, talking is sifting out our ideas. Dialogue or good discussion can help us to sift our good ideas from the poor ones. Talking also clarifies our thoughts by bringing them into sharp focus. It helps define our thoughts showing the true issues involved. It can also point out possible danger or

TALKING IS RELEASE. Through discussion people can rid themselves of poisonous feelings and pent-up emotions. Haven't you seen things differently by airing out your thoughts. Even the world about us can take on a more pleasant atmosphere when tensions are released by talking. I see this many, many times in my work as a chaplain, much of which is just plain listening.

When our emotions are pent-up and our feelings continually suppressed, we are likely to become nervous and ill. These tensions manifest themselves in a variety of symptoms one of which is mental disturbance. Many times talking brings relief. By seeing things more clearly, we feel differently and thus we are better able to cope with difficulties.

TALKING IS THERAPY. Although many of us make jokes of the psychiatrist's couch, many have been kept from nervous disorders by talking. Some have said that people who have serious problems seldom make good adjustments until they

How often I hear the sad story that my husband or wife will not talk to me. How can we understand each other if we do not talk. It is tragic when many people have no one with whom to talk. Such people should seek a counselor or maybe God could use you to listen to someone else's problem.



MOVING UP AT NAF - Capt. R. F. Schall, Commanding Officer at NAF, presents advancements in rate to men of his command at recent ceremonies. Gaining chevrons are (I-r) ADJC Donald R. Billinger, ATR-1 Tony C. Panter, ADR-2 John M. Albers, AMS-2 Arion P. McCartney and AMS-3 Hoyt E. Boyd.

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Protestant-(All Faith Chapel)-

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Roman Catholic (All Faith Chapel)-

ment Chapel. Saturday, 8:30 a.m.

Confessions-7 to 8:00 p.m. Saturday.

NWC Jewish Services (East Wing All Faith

Chapel)—8 p.m. every first and third

SERVICES

#### PROMOTIONAL **OPPORTUNITIES**

Present Center employees are en-couraged to apply for the positions listed below. Applications should be accompanied by an up-to-date Form 58. accompanied by an up-to-date Form 58.
The fact that positions are advertised here does not preclude the use of other

Clerk-DMT, GS-4, Code 4022 - Incumbent will perform secretarial duties for the Branch. Duties will include transcribing and typing correspondence and memoranda, travel orders, clearance requests, etc.; screening telephone and office callers; re-ceiving and distributing incoming mail; and

maintaining Branch files.

File applications for a b o v e with June
Chipp, Rm. 26, Bldg. 34, Phone 72676.

Supervisory Administrative Officer, PD
No. 717004, GS-301-14, Code 173 — Planning
execution, and control of the Center's budgett operations, providing audience and ed.

et operations; providing guidance and ad vice to Center Top Management; and other line and staff management regarding the utilization of resources; developing, maintaining and operating the NWC Managemen Information Center; developing analytica and interpretive reports and other financia statistical reports and progress data; provide ing assistance to Center Management and operating departments in the formulation, execution, control and maintenance of long range plans; review of technical progress

Clerk-Typist, GS-322-3 or 4, Code 176 -Provides general office services for the Accounting Division, acts upon routine correspondence requesting project data, technical studies and reports, and loan of documents, reviews and coordinates incoming correspondence and other communication, maintains central files for the Accounting

Division, etc.

Secretary (Steno), GS-318-7, Code 01 —
Located in the Technical Directors Office.
Secretarial duties for Technical Director.

Secretarial duties for Technical Director.
Take dictation, maintain files, etc.
File Application for above with Sue Prasolowicz, Bldg. 34, Rm. 26, Phone 71577.
Voucher Examiner, GS-6, PD No. 725047
(One vacancy), Code 2575 — Receives bills, checks for accuracy against stubs, sorts bills and prepares a summary of accounting data files stubs and maintains constant follow-up of current stubs to manitary timely and proportions. of current stubs to monitor timely and prop-er receipt of ordered material. Applicants with knowledge of Navy billing and receipt operations will be considered among those

Supervisory Supply Clerk, GS-5 (One va-cancy), Code 2575 — Applicants must show one year general and two years specialized experience to qualify. This position will be as Head, Naval Material Section.

Supply Clerk (Typing), GS-3 or 4 (One vacancy), Code 258 — Controls levels and

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movement of stock through analysis of IBM listings. Orders stock, ensures that excess stocks are not accumulated and takes immediate action to dispose of such excesses as do develop; makes proper substitution of

Supply Clerk (Typing), GS-4 (One vacan-y), Code 2575 — Insures the timely processing and completion of documents for the terial categories, high priority, and surplus material to meet planned requirements and to perform all necessary clerical functions dent and common to the operations o

Clerk Typist, GS-4, (One vacancy), Code 2575 — This is the Branch Secretary position. Duties include personal and telephone contacts with individuals at all levels of the NWC, and representatives of business and industry; the typing of correspondence, preparation of time cards, and other clerical duties assigned by the Head, Receipt Con-

trol Branch.
File applications for above with Vicki
Mead, Bldg. 34, Rm. 28, Phone 72218.
Mechanical Engineer, GS-830-9, 11, or 12,
PD No. 555061-1, Cede 5524 — The position is that of Project Engineer in the Electro-mechanical Division, Engineering Depart-ment. The incumbent is responsible for the Design and/or production engineering redesign, test, documentation, and evaluation of anical components and/or assemblies which improve the producibility ease of usage, conservation of essential materials, and improves the performance and the reliabil-ity of miniature inertial systems of advanced guided missiles. The incumbent must have a Engineering and a minimum of three years experience in the design and development

of inertial systems for guided missiles.

Electronics Technician, GS-856-9, 10, or 11, Code 5523 — Incumbent is involved in the major functions of this Section in the Guidance Evaluation Branch, Electromechanical Division, Engineering Department, which include production evaluation, design which include production evaluation, design evaluation, component redesign, and assist ance to contractors and other government agencies engaged in the manufacture and rehabilitation of air launched weapon guid-Sunday School—9:30 a.m., Chapel Annexes 1, 2, 3, 4 (Dorms 5, 6, 7, 8) loance systems.

Clerk-Typist, GS-322-4, PD No. 755062, Code 5554 — This position is located in the Documentation Distribution Branch, Engineering Department. Incumbent prepares and distributes correspondence; maintains distri-Holy Mass-7, 9:30 a.m., and 12:30 p.m. bution lists; maintains files, and prepares Daily Mass-11:30 a.m. in Blessed Sacra

File application for above with Loretta Estep, Bldg. 34, Rm. 34, Phone 71514. Civil, Mechanical or General Engineer, GS-9 or 11, Code 3023 — Incumbent's duties and responsibilities consist of the engi-neering design of and liaison with off-Cener contractors and Public Works forces for the fabrication, erection, or construction of Sabbath School-10 a.m. to noon, every the services, equipment, and facilities to support the testing programs being conduct-ed on the Systems Development Depart-

ment's Ground Ranges.
File application for above with Fawn Hay-cock, Bldg. 34, Rm. 34, Phone 71514.

'DESERT PHILOSOPHER'-

# Wildflower Season



By "POP" LOFINCK

This area should enjoy a wonderful wildflower crop this

Good spring rains are not so beneficial unless preceded by good fall rains to process the inhibitor on the seed. Like winter

Last September, October, November, and December this area received 3.24 inches of rain. And so far this spring, 1.46 inches of rain have fallen. Total at present is 4.70 inches for this '67-'68 season. Good! And there may be more rain yet in March and April. Although I've seen snow on the north area of the Center

There are usually two springtime flower seasons in this Mojave Desert. The early bloomers come out first and are usually followed by a short return of winter weather — when the early flowers die. Then comes the second springtime when the late germinating varieties come out in profusion. They require a longer freezing period to crack the inhibitor on the

One flower much sought after by photographers is the Mariposa Lily (calochartes). Other names of this lilly are Startulip and Butterfly-tulip. It is a late bloomer-ranging in color from deep vermilion red to pale pink or lavender to almost white. They grow in limited areas. Color transparencies of these lilies are negotiable. Like postage stamps or butterflies. People trade these transparencies for colors they don't have . . .

So be prepared. Make sure your camera shutter functions properly and you have plenty of film, then get out early some bright Saturday morning. Color transparencies are best.

To get good pictures, go out in the early morning when the bloom is wide open. As soon as they get enough sunshine they close up. On an overcast day you might get good pictures later on. Early is better. Also, generally speaking, flowers bloom earlier on the south slope of a hill than on the north

One favorite deep vermilion lily grows between 5,000 and 6,000 feet elevation, from the top of Mountain Springs Canyon to the slope down into Echeron Valley.

You must have a permit from NWC Security Office to go into the range areas on the Center and have at least two

In walking through the brush you should wear boots or carry a stick to prod the bush before you step over it.

On a hot day rattlesnakes sometimes coil up to sleep in the shade of a bush and they don't hear well. So if you step over a bush onto a snake - you might be a bit late in your discovery of the snake. Although no one has died of snake bite in this area since the Center was established — it's very unpleasant to get a snake bite. Kids have a built-in safety - they make so much noise they scare the snakes away.

Many people are concerned about bands of sheep eating up (or down) all the wildflowers on the flats. But I'm told by semi-authority that enough flowers go to seed in the bushes and among the rocks where sheep can't get them. The wind blows the seeds over the desert — so the flowers are reseeded every year in spite of the sheep.

Oddly enough, Rabbit Brush blooms in the fall of the year instead of springtime. The only plant I can think of that does.



PRESENTED AWARDS — Two Federal Civil Service employees assigned to Naval Air Facility were recently presented awards by Capt. R. F. Schall, NAF Commanding Officer. Lloyd Holt (I) Targets Department, received a safety award for seven years of accident-free service and Don Hart, Operations Department, was presented a 20-year pin. THE LOCKER ROOM

Friday, March 8, 1968

# Lifetime Sports: The Second Year



One of the items on today's sports page is a picture of China Lake's Special Services Director Gabe Imer and Athletic Director Ray Gier accepting an award in recognition of China Lake's participation during the past year as a member community of the Lifetime Sports Foundation's physical fit-

China Lake is one of more than 100 communities across the country that have joined the program and is the only naval installation involved. Although the various phases of the Lifetime Sports program have been well documented during the past year, a quick review of the project, and how it concerns China Lake, might be in order.

Two years ago a group of national leaders in sports and private industry created the Foundation. The idea behind Lifetime Sports was to encourage physical fitness for all people regardless of age. Former Oklahoma football coach Bud Wilkinson was the first director of the program, which began as a pilot project in eight cities in early 1966.

#### IDEA: GET READY FOR SPORTS

Rather than try to put the whole country on a training program, the Lifetime Sports idea was to encourage fitness by teaching the skills needed to thoroughly enjoy certain sports. Tennis, badminton, bowling and golf were the sports that were originally chosen. The theory was that these four were the type of sports that most people could enjoy throughout their lifetime.

The idea has apparently been sound, because since the beginning of the program Lifetime Sports has expanded from the original eight cities to more than 100, and is still growing. The four basic sports are still the core of the program, but because of the past success it is expected that several other types of athletic endeavor will be added in the future.

At China Lake during the past 12 months, all four sports have been utilized in promoting the program and in the year ahead, Lifetime Sports should acquire a few new customers. Although several clinics were held in the past year to varying degrees of success for badminton, bowling and golf, the success of last year's tennis program is probably the best illustration of what a program like this can do to promote active par-

Last March, shortly after it was announced that China Lake was to participate in Lifetime Sports, the tennis program was organized. Before the tennis clinics got underway, six members of the China Lake Tennis Club attended a one-day clinic at Pierce College under the direction of tennis pro Paul Xantos. It was Xantos' job to teach the selected club members the art of conducting a tennis clinic.

On March 18, the six-week program began with approximately 70 prospective tennis players from the Ridgecrest-China Lake area participating. The clinics began with instruction in the elementary phases of the game, and continued on until most of the new players had acquired the skills needed to participate in the club's weekend tournaments. At the end of the program in late April, there were 55 new players who were still active, many of whom had become reasonably proficient

It is interesting to look back on the program after a year and find out what happened to the 55 who completed the course. Commander Buck Bustard, who was club president at the time says that of those who graduated, 17 are members of the tennis club and are avid tennis players. Sixteen others still play the game regularly, although they may not participate to the extent that the club members do. Of the remaining 22. some have quit playing entirely, while the status of others is unknown, due to transfers away from China Lake

#### EXPERIENCE SHOWS BRIGHT FUTURE

Considering that the badminton, bowling and golf clinics probably had a measure of success similar to the tennis program, it is likely that there are 50 to 75 people in this area who are sports participants because of the Lifetime Sports program. Multiply this by the more than 100 communities that are participating and make a few adjustments for varying populations, and it becomes apparent that from 10 to 15 thousand people throughout the country have benefitted from the Lifetime Sports program.

The second year of the Lifetime Sports program will begin soon. As before, the tennis program will be first on this year's agenda. It is expected that the program will be essentially the same as last year, with the emphasis on instruction for the new players. Anyone interested in joining the program can get the details by contacting Joan Bustard at Ext. 723314.

#### McGlothlin Wins Election for '68

Scott McGlothlin, an eighth Student Union. Young McGlothgrader at Murray Junior High, lin has been active with the single game with 197. Sherry was elected president by a group since its beginning and Ray rolled a 197 to take sinlandslide vote at the recent served as an ex-officio presi- gle game honors in the Thurselections held by the Junior dent until the formal election. day Afternoon Trio and Wanda



SPORTS AWARD-Captain M. R. Etheridge presented an award from Lifetime Sports Foundation to Athletic Director Ray Gier (I) and Special Services Director Gabe Imer (r). In 1967 NWC was one of two bases in the U.S. which participated in the LSF program. Clinics were held in four lifetime sports: badminton, tennis, bowling and golf.

# **Woodard Leads Pack** In Premier Bowling

Alice Cutsinger led the la-

With less than two months Magars had high series with to go in the Premier League, the Vivianne Woodard bowlers appear to have the inside track the race for the 1967-68 championship. Despite the fact Johnson rolled second high that they lost two out of three games last Monday, the Woodard team maintained a sevengame lead as it neared the final weeks of action.

George Bowles rolled high game and series last week in the Premier, hitting 244-180-217 for a 641 series. Chuck Albright was the only other bowler over the 600 mark, finishing with a 604 which included a 238 game. Other top scores in the Premier included Ray Freascher 225; Bill King 211-224; and Bob Hooper

Andy Petach rolled the high game for the week at the China Lake Bowl. Bowling in the Desert League, Petach had games of 212-151-252 for a 615. The 615 was also high series for the league. Sal Briboneria had second high game with 244 in the Desert League, while other 200's included Dick Mc-Laughlin 224; Joe Jones 230; John Nicholson 223 and John Dowd 220-210.

In the Midway League, Ed Albright led the way with 187-210-228 and a 625 series. Ken Dalpiaz rolled a 619 and Maury Coleman had 607. Chuck Albright and Benny Whiteside also broke the 600 mark, posting scores of 603 and 602 respectively.

Dottie Duncan rolled 203-540 and Dorothy Wilson had 206-530 to pace the Women's Monday Night Scratch League. Jerry Holland had high game for the night with 209 while Rita Perozek also broke the 500 mark with 511

In the China Lake Women's Handicap League, Gloria Ashcroft led the way with 529, while Wilma Johnson had high

# Colorado River **Trip Planned By Local Boat Club**

China Lake Boat Club activities are including a varied program for the remainder of this year. A trip to Death Valley was recently completed by members of the local club. Other similar trips are planned for the near future.

For example, members are scheduled to make several tours to local, navigable waters. One such trip will take them to the Colorado River from April 6 through April 13, which occurs during the first week of Easter vacation for school youngsters.

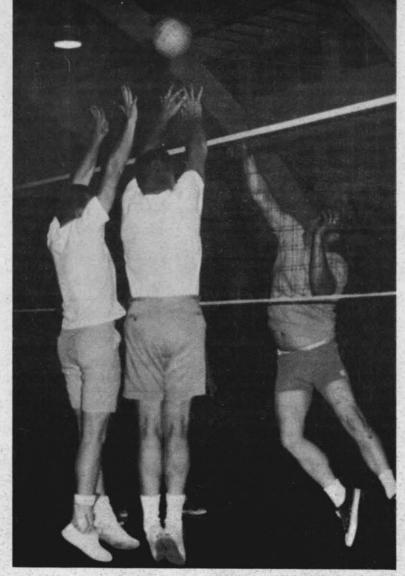
Members are also preparing for the club's first gear locker sale set for 10 a.m., Saturday, March 16 at 355 McIntyre on the Center. A variety of items will be on sale to the public.

Additional information about the sale or club membership and meeting dates may be obtained by calling 375-7687 or Ext. 73563.

# **City Bowling Tourney Starts**

The first half of the City Bowling Tournament will be held last weekend at the China Lake Bowl. The annual affair is sponsored by the Ridgedies in the Friday Mixed Four- crest - China Lake Bowling Association.

some, rolling 205-544. Wilma Team events will be featured this weekend while the singles game with 195. Chuck Cutsingand doubles will be held at the er led the men with 215-578 Ridgecrest Lanes the following while George Barker had high weekend. Late entries will be single game with 220. Other 200's included Fred Dalpiaz at taken at either the China Lake 211 and Dan Branson at 209. or Ridgecrest alleys.



REACHING FOR POINTS - Players skirmish at the net in volleyball play last week between the Half Fast Six and the Red Birds. The Birds won all of their three games that night to stay undefeated in league play so far this season. Game nights at the NWC Gymnasium are on Tuesdays and Thursdays.



mine which produced a healthy

profit for the operators. Some-

thing else happened also to

keep the mine going more or

less on a shoe-string operation,

tungsten was discovered and

the owners were then able to

realize a profit from the gold

over and above their mining

expenses. When things were

really booming in Randsburg,

there were more than 4,000

people living in and a round

Today, Randsburg's Desert

Museum is probably one of the

most noted of its kind any-

where in this country. Small,

it may be, but it is as of para-

mount importance, not only to

the town itself, but to miners

throughout this area. In the

museum is maintained a com-

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Aster mine and its successes

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formation about other mining

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ord of mineral history. The

records of other mining activ-

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of Red Mountain, Johannes-

burg, Atolia and Goler and the

be easily referenced in this

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out our history have exploded

into larger cities and have con-

tinued to increase in size;

others have had their day of

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kled reminders of the almost

Randsburg and her people to-

day, for Randsburg is very

much alive, alive with hope for

future which may once again

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cal museum.

the Randsburg strike area.

GRADUATION DAY — M. R. Sorge (I) Head, Central Staff and Lary Buckley (r) Division Head, Personnel Division 1, were among the well-wishers extending congratulations to 3 recent graduates of the Center's six month Administrative Management Internship program. Receiving graduation certificates from Capt. M. R. Etheridge, NWC Commander, are: (second, left) William Shaner, Budget Analyst, Central Staff; Stephen Sanders and Jerry Maxwell, both assigned as personnel management specialists to Code 656, Div. 1.

#### Yellow Aster Mine – Historical Past

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in the earth without tunneling or shafts for operating the mine. This enabled the operators to mine the ore at a minimum cost. The richest ore, however, was deep underground, going far back into the hills and under the dwellings. It has been said there were about 80 miles of underground mining in the townsite.

In 1895, the first frame building was constructed and was soon followed by a hotel and saloon with more structures cropping up in what is now known as Randsburg.

#### Boom Town—Busted Town

Boom town to busted town, from the liveliest town to what many folks might refer to as a typical ghost town is the historical past and record of Randsburg today. But the people inhabiting the dwellings and other structures in this town now don't believe this one bit for they still have "high hopes" of making other prosperous finds in the area.

Roving gangs of toughs, demonstrations or riots were unfamiliar to the Randsburg oldtimers working the gold strikes, but they managed to pull through a time of disorder with a rough and tumble gang known as "The Dirty Dozen." Their control of terror over the town was short lived, however, because the law of the land was in the hands of the citizens who called the gold strike area their home. A group of people formed the only type of law they knew in the wild west in these early times and came up with what was known as a the waste - lands of our des-Vigilante Committee who quickly disorganized "The Dirty Dozen" bringing peace once forgotten past. Not so for again to the town's people.

#### Closing Down

Another change took place in the town in the early 1900s for the future, alive with people this is when the mines closed who can recall the glorious down and Randsburg became a days of the big strike and alive much smaller town without a with more hope for the near paying industry to support its displaced miners and other bring thousands, maybe hunbusinessmen depending on the resources of the mines for their

'Game Warden' **Small Boat War** Even so, the Yellow Aster continued to produce its ore until sometime in 1942. Forty-**Coming on Film** seven years of digging extracted some \$16 million from the

The mission of America's small - boat Navy in the Mekong Delta region of South Viet Nam is described in a 30minute documentary movie to be shown here at the Center Theater this coming Monday and Thursday.

The film "River Patrol" was aired recently on network television. It presents vividly the dangers, tensions and routine of our small-craft Navy in action in the continuing "Game

Warden" interdiction campaign. The Theater showings are for jeeps with Roadrunner emfree, and both Center person- blems, a yellow triangle with nel and the general public are a red and black roadrunner invited to attend at 1:00, 2:00 and 3:30 p.m. Monday, March al information may be obtain-11, and Thursday, March 14. ed from Tilly Chamness, resi-The 3:30 showings were set dence phone, Ext. 73414. especially for the convenience of high school and elementary

### **Contractor Saves Cash Bundle For NWC Corona Labs**

A saving of \$63,000 on the Target Detecting Device for the Phoenix missile, achieved for the U.S. Navy by a contractor, Bendix Corporation, was recently reported by R. R. Emerson (Code 50) NWC Coro-

Twenty-one changes on the original design suggested by D. A. Roos, project engineer, Corona Labs, and Bendix personnel reduced the production cost to effect the savings.

Value Engineering, "The same performance at a lower cost," is reported under the Cost Reduction Program of the Department of Defense. Bendix people participated active-

In reporting the savings, Emerson, who serves Corona Labs in this capacity, said the total amounts to over \$1,000 per un-

The only other value engineer assigned to Corona Labs is J. B. King (Code 4203).

### **Center Library Has Latest Source Available for Summer Employment**

ter Library, according to Maryon Ward, librarian.

The new 1968 "Summer Employment Directory" lists specific openings, salaries, dates of employment, names and addresses of employers helps on making application. Employers invite applications from high school seniors, college students and teachers.

Also available this year at the Library is the Summer Employment Guide, 1968, published by Doubleday and Company, Inc. This guide includes jobs available abroad as well as in the United States.

Outlook for 1968 summer jobs is cheerful! There are 12 per cent more jobs than last summer; salaries are \$50 to \$200 higher for the season.

Roadrunners

**One-Day Trip** 

China Lake four wheelers and their families are invited to

join the Roadrunners, Kern

River Valley four - wheel drive

club, for a one-day run into

east Red Rock Canyon this

weekend. Sunday, March 10,

the Trail Master will start the

trip at 8:30 a.m. from the east

entrance to Red Rock Canyon

from State Route 14. It's a

Bring your own lunch, drink-

ing water, extra gasoline and a

shovel. Picture taking opportu-

nities are plentiful in this area.

sprinting across it. Addition-

At the meeting place, watch

rough, four-wheeling route

most of the way.

Latest information on 50,000 Camp counselors and resort summer jobs throughout the workers continue to be great-United States and Canada has est in demand; students for just been received by the Cen- camps of special children and adults are increasingly needed Also, for the more unusual jobs, counselors are wanted for fly-tying, origami, judo and karate, fencing and puppetry.

College students are the most sought - after summer workers, followed closely by teachers; high school seniors are a definite third.

Information on summer job openings is obtained from extensive research conducted among many thousands of potential summer employers throughout the country. Included are camps, resorts, resort hotels, national parks, ranches, restaurants and summer theaters. Findings are compiled before December for each annual edition of the book.

### McManee Special **Guest at Meeting** Of ASPA Chapter

Norman A. McManee, Kern County Administrative Officer, will be the guest speaker at the ASPA China Lake Chapter luncheon on Friday, March 15. The meeting will be held at Officers' Club Mojave Room at 11:30 a.m. McManee will discuss "Politics and Administration in Kern County Govern-

The talk will begin with brief survey of the Kern County government scene, covering organization, financing, and intergovernmental relationships. He will also discuss such current issues as use of the one-half cent sales tax money and relationships between elected and appointed county officials.



COST EFFECTIVENESS SAVES BUNDLE - R. R. Emerson, Value Engineer (Code 50), NWC Corona Laboratories and D. A. Roos (seated) Engineer Head of Fuze Project II, scan the recent report from Bendix Corporation which showed a \$63, 000 saving on the Phoenix Target Detecting Device.

#### Former Sidewinder Project Engineer **Appointed to Top NWC Civilian Job** (Continued from Page 1)

me the same magnificent support he has given Dr. McLean. Those of you who have known me for a long time know that I do get enthusiastic about my work. I hope in my new position that if I am wrong, people will tell me so, because I believe that is the greatest single service anyone can do for me. Therefore, anyone who doesn't agree with me is more than welcome, in fact, is requested, as part of his normal duties to tell me he doesn't agree with

Dr. Amlie is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas R. Amlie of Madison, Wisconsin. He graduated from West High School in Madison, Wisconsin in 1943 and entered the University of Wisconsin to study mechanical engineering. In March 1944, he entered the Navy V-12 college training program at the same

Receiving his degree and Navy commission in February 1946, he was assigned a fourmonth training cruise aboard a light cruiser. Six months later he was released to inactive duty and returned to the University of Wisconsin to study Electrical Engineering. Just as he finished the requirements for the doctorate in 1952, he received orders to report to sonar school in San Diego prior to reporting aboard

Captain Thomas Moorer presently Admiral Moorer, Chief of Naval Operations) who was then the Experimental Officer, heard about Dr. Amlie's assignment to San Diego and arranged to have the orders rewritten to report directly to China Lake.

Dr. Amlie's arrival at China Lake in July of 1952 was one he remembers vividly. He recalls the first sight of miles of desert and the heat of July, and on the night of his arrival the Tehachapi earthquake. "Had I been a civilian," he said, "I would have left, but I had no option so I simply had

# **PW Handy-Men Prepared For Spring Clean-Up**

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will be made once a week. na Lakers to keep streets dry for the street sweepers so a good clean up job can be accomplished. Don't water lawns from noon of the preceding day. Park in driveways and off the street on the days slated for your neighborhood. Capehart "A" streets are

swept each Monday; Capehart "B" on Wednesday and Desert Park (Wherry) on Tuesday. Remember your clean-up day for a better looking home and

Grass clippings, leaves or other rubbish should not be put in gutters where they will stop the flow of run-off water. During warm weather puddles along the streets quickly spawn algae and even mosqui-

Any questions about lawn fertilization between March 18 and April 5 or the pest control service may be referred to Ext. 72636 or Ext. 72652.

to stay. Of course, by the end of two years when I was released to inactive duty, I had come to love the place.'

On reporting to China Lake, Dr. Amlie was assigned to work with the Sidewinder program and did the original systems analysis for the Sidewinder. With no previous experience in an airplane, he drew the interesting assignment as Sidewinder project observer to fly with the now famous astronaut, then Lt. Walter (Wally) S. Schirra. After being released from ac-

tive duty in 1954, Dr. Amlie joined the civilian work force at China Lake in charge of the Sidewinder flight test program. This included readying missiles for firing, performing necessary modifications and repairs, planning flight tests and assessing the data. "In those days," he continued, "working on the Sidewinder was a thoroughly wonderful experience, because it was a new and successful program.

As development of advanced versions of the Sidewinder began, Dr. Amlie became project engineer for the radar guided Sidewinder and Head of Development Division IV in the Aviation Ordnance Department. He recalls a period of long, frustrating hours working with the radar missile before it went into Operational Evaluation in January 1964 and emerged with very successful results. Since that time, Dr. Amlie's division has continued to work on the radar Sidewinder production support as well as undertaking new designs in the field of airborne radar and assisting in other programs such as Walleye and Condor.

Dr. Amlie met his wife, the former June Townsend of Glasboro, New Jersey, at China Lake. Mrs. Amlie earned a Ph.D in Analytical Chemistry from Rutgers University. They live at 112 Blueridge Road with their three children, Tommy, 6; Laura, 9; and Marcie, 10, who attend Richmond Elementary School. Dr. Amlie's hobbies are working on old cars and particularly 16-cylinder Cadillacs, swimming, and playing an electronic organ. Concluding the interview, Dr. Amlie stated, "The committee selecting the technical director must have been looking for a man with rare judgement, and when they found a man who had two Irish Wolfhounds, ten cats, and seven disreputable cars, they may have decided you couldn't get judgement like that hardly anywhere . . . and that's probably the reason was selected."

#### To Help People With Tax Returns

An auditor from the State Franchise Tax Board will visit State income tax returns on 8 a.m., and a bus tour of the Wednesday, March 13 from 8 near range areas and the Sua.m. to 5 p.m. in the Commun- personic Naval Ordnance Reity Center.

All Californians who earned \$2,750 or more if single, \$5,-500 or more in combined income if married, or who had a gross income of \$6,000 or more must file a State income tax return. The deadline for filing returns and paying the tax due is April 15, 1968.



LCDR. ROBERT G. CON-**AUGHTON** reported to VX-5 for duty recently. His hometown is Miami, Florida, and before his arrival at the Center Conaughton was serving duty with the Seventh Fleet Staff. Conaughton is a grad-uate of the US Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md., and has been in the service since June, 1949. Conaughton and his wife Shirley reside locally with their four children Gail, 12 years; Gary, 10, Kim, nine and Kel-

# **Top Stars Galore** Highlight 11-Day Nat'l Orange Show

for the 53rd National Orange Show is "Symphony in Citrus," opened this week in San Bernardino for an 11-day run through Sunday, March 17.

Highlight of opening - day activities is the Southland's most exciting beauty contest with 48 contestants from South-California communities vied for the coveted "California Citrus Queen" title in a gala spectacle last Thursday night in Swing Auditorium.

Entertainment stars headling ing the free nightly stage shows, with afternoon performances added for each Saturday and Sunday, will be: Ken Curtis, the Festus Haggen in "Gunsmoke," today; Lorne Green, tomorrow; Zsa Zsa Gabor, Sunday, March 10; Geoff Edwards, Monday, March 11; Eddie Peabody, Tuesday, March 12; Gary Crosby, Wednesday, March 13; Jim Roberts and Arthur Duncan from the Welk Show, Thursday, March 14; Rosemary Clooney, Friday, March 15; Bob Hope, Saturday, March 16, and Jack Benny, Sunday, March 17.

#### **New Enlisted** Men and Wives **Tour Center**

Newly arrived enlisted men and their wives will tour the Center ranges and receive orientation Monday, March 11.

The program calls for orien-Naval Weapons Center to aid tation in talk and film to betaxpayers in completing their gin in Michelson Laboratory at search Track (SNORT) in the

Free baby - sitting service will be available for the enlisted families at the Child Care Center at Nimitz and Lauritsen. Further information is available from the Technical Presentations Office at Ext.

# Commander-in-Chief Pacific Due To **Arrive Monday for Conferences**



Commander-in-Chief Pacific

Admiral Ulysses S. Grant Sharp, Commander-in-Chief Pacific is scheduled to arrive Naval Weapons Center, Monday morning, March 11 for a conference with Capt. M. R. Etheridge, NWC Commander and his staff in Michelson Laboratory.

The morning program for the admiral includes briefings by Center representatives on activities involving the Echo Range, the Focus Program, Air Launched Ship Attack Missile (ALSAM), Rockeye II, FAE, the status of Walleye, Shrike and the Standard ARM pro-

Admiral Sharp has been Commander-in-Chief Pacific since June 30, 1964, and directs United States military operations in the U.S. Pacific Command - a unified military command covering an 85 million square mile area extending from the west coast of the Americas into the Indian Ocean, and from the Aleutian Islands down to the area of the South Pole. As commander of all U.S. Armed Forces assigned

to the Pacific, he is responsible directly to the Joint Chiefs of Staff As CINCPAC, Admiral Sharp is also the U.S. Mili-

tary Adviser to the Southeast Asia Treaty Organization (SEATO), U.S. Military Representative to the Philip pine - United States Mutual Defense Board, the U.S. Military Representative to the Australia-New Zealand-United States Council (ANZUS), and Military Adviser and Member of the United States-Japanese Security Consultative Committee.



YOUNG GOLFERS GET STARTED — China Lake youngsters absorb instruction in the game of golf from China Lake Golf Club pro Paul Someson near the clubhouse. This youth golf clinic, now in progress, is the latest in an annual series sponsored by the Club.

# **Buy U.S. Savings Bonds**

# Yellow Aster Mine-Randsburg's Historical Origin

#### Town's Hallmark Friendly People, **Historical Past**

BY MILT SHEELY

Randsburg, California, is located over the hills from the Naval Weapons Center as the crow flies or down the road away's if you're not equipped with wings. Most of us headed in that direction will use some type of motor transport, but regardless in which direction you drive from the China Lake area if you remember to take a left turn onto Highway 395 and proceed for approximately 25 minutes you'll see the Randsburg sign pointing to a most interesting and unusual area for people wanting to sightsee or explore.

Just up over the hill on the turn-off and Randsburg will pop into sight. Don't forget your camera for use in capturing some quaint and historical keep - sakes of your trip. Friendly People

The people of Randsburg are friendly and always ready to greet visitors to their town and if you're lucky some will even relate stories about the town's adventures and historic-

The trip we're on is dealing primarily with the famous Yellow Aster Mine located in Randsburg at the base of Rand Mountain and once hailed as California's largest gold mine.

Historically speaking, in 1895, three prospectors were scraping for pay dirt at a site known then as Summit diggings at the eastern end of the El Paso Mountains.

Charles A. Burcham, John Singleton, and Frederick M. Moorers were the men who became completely disgusted with the hard work and no profit for their digging labors. They finally moved closer to a place near the Rand Mountains where Moorer had remembered seeing earlier unusual coloring in the rocks.

The Big Break

After days of discouraging prospecting, Singleton knocked off a corner of a rock outcropping and to his astonishment saw bright ore from the break. Other similar tests were made in the area and all proved the same results — they finally had their big break and had located gold. They gave the place the name of Rand Mine, but the name was later changed to Yellow Aster.

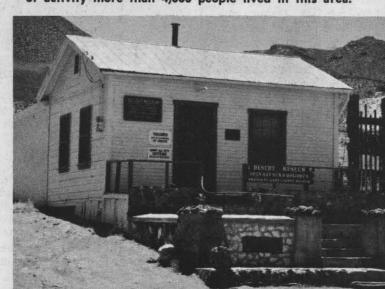
According to Russ Leadabrand's article in Westways, "Let's Explore a Byway," the Yellow Aster would become the major mine in an area of many miles. The mine had miles of tunnels and diggings with a gi-ant stamp mill and recovery plant. Tailings from the Yellow Aster would run down across the face of the Rand Mountains to leave an indelible stain.

"Glory Hole" mining was practiced from the early days of the Yellow Aster strike. A "Glory Hole," described by Erma Peirson in her book, "Kern's Desert," is an open excavation (Continued on Page 6)

> Photography by Frederick L. Richards



RANDSBURG — Created as a result of the April, 1895, gold discovery at the Rand Mine, later named Yellow Aster Mine. The Mine produced an estimated \$16 million. It closed in 1942, and has not operated since. At the peak of activity more than 4,000 people lived in this area.



DESERT MUSEUM - One of the many features in the Town of Randsburg is the Desert Museum, a branch of Kern County Museum and is open Saturday, Sunday and



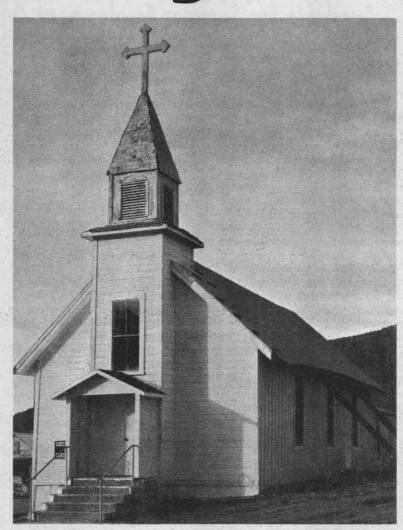
COMPARE NOTES — Charles Bishop (I) holding gold ore from the Yellow Aster Mine and Edward Sweeney, owner of the King Solomon Mine, holding a vial of recovered gold. The Yellow Aster was hailed as one of California's major gold mines.



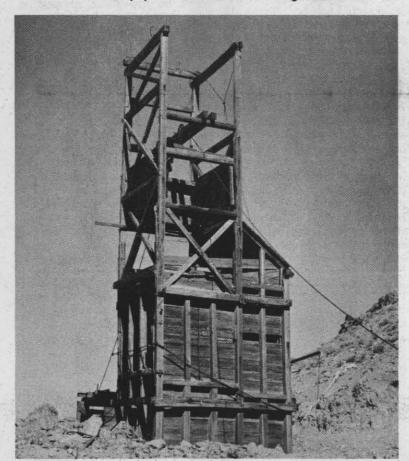
MUSEUM CURATOR — Harold Beck, longtime desert prospector and curator of the Desert Museum explains the weighing process of placer gold finds on an old pair of scales in the museum. Other reminders of days long-past are seen surrounding Beck.



ANTIQUE COLLECTOR'S DREAM — Captivated by the unusual musical sounds emanating from this old relic (over 100 years old) a cherrywood, hand-carved organ in the



HISTORIC CHURCH - The Santa Barbara Church, located on the main street in Randsburg still holds regular services for the local population. Note reinforcing at side.



ONCE UPON A TIME - Standing today as a reminder as "how it used to be," is the ore bin and headframe of the Hercules Shaft at the Yellow Aster Mine where millions of dollars in gold ore was brought to the surface.

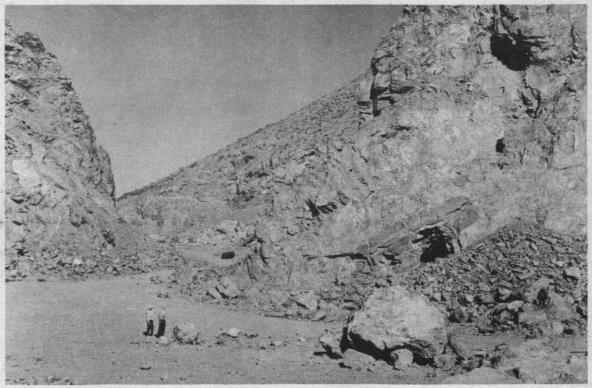


A REAL OLD TIMER - A five-ton steam locomotive used in the Yellow Aster mine in the early 1900's was a gift of the Big Butte Mining Company in 1956, on display at Randsburg's Desert Museum.



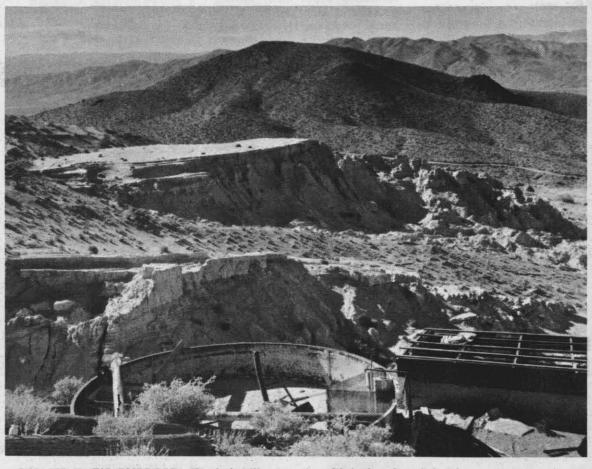
SILENT SENTINEL — Like a silent sentinel of a long-gone, exciting past, the giant mill and engine room at the Yellow Aster Mine

was, in its heyday, an elaborate facility with gold filigree design still to be seen in the spokes of the steam engines flywheel.



THE GLORY HOLE - Two visitors take in the wonders of nature as they stand on the floor of this gigantic open pit mining opera-tion. A "glory hole" is an excavation in the

broken ore. George Post, longtime resident of Randsburg, was our gracious host for this trip.



SERVED THEIR PURPOSE—Eroded tailings bear sculptured evidence of the Yellow Aster's voluminous gold ore processing. Look-

ing like abandoned battle arenas are sections of the mine's recovery plant, seen in the foreground of photo.



famous Whitehouse Saloon, are Hughie Johnson and his wife, Alpha, keeping the keyboard in working order.