

Bakersfield Symphonic Wind Ensemble to Present Concert



IN CONCERT, ON TOUR—The Bakersfield College Wind Ensemble, under the direction of Charles Wood, will be touring the Center before their performance in the Center Theatre on April 24. Miss Sandra Beach, the tour

guide, will escort the band to the Center gym where they will enjoy the recreational activities. The band will then be the guests of the Center galley for dinner. Community Relations and Special Services set up the tour.

Special Armed Forces Weekend Set By Disneyland for Navy Personnel

The Anaheim Visitor and Convention Bureau (V&C) and Disneyland are holding special "Armed Forces Weekends Open House" for servicemen during weekends throughout April and May.

Navy men in the Eleventh Naval District are being "welcomed aboard" April 26, 27 and 28 in a special community-wide effort. Hotels, restaurants and other businesses, as well as Disneyland, are offering discount rates to Navy men for the weekend.

Disneyland is selling, through Navy special service offices, a limited number of weekend ticket books — good during Saturday and Sunday, April 27 and 28, a \$15 value for \$5.

According to Naval Weapons Center Special Services, tickets have already arrived and are selling at a fast rate.

Disneyland, Melodyland and Angels' games tickets must be purchased at Special Services on the Center. Discount tickets will be available at the Orange County International Raceway box office, upon presentation of an identification card.

All branches of the Armed Forces are invited to participate on each of the four weekends: April 20-21, Marines; April 27-28, Navy; May 4-5, Air Force and May 11-12, Army. Tickets will be sold only at the Special Services office . . . there will be no "Weekend Passes" on sale at Disneyland.

Special Services has additional information on these and other attractions, including the Movieland Wax Museum and Anaheim Symphony, plus hotel and meal accommodations.



NAVY ARMED FORCES WEEKEND — Disneyland has set April 27 and 28 as Navy Armed Forces Day. Chicken of the Sea's Pirate Ship is one of many attractions to be viewed by visitors to Disneyland's Fantasyland. Naval Weapons Center Special Services will get the advantage of a reduced rate Angel's ticket, a Disneyland "Weekend Pass," and special military rates at Anaheim area hotels and motels. Special tickets for all events are available at Special Services



PAIRS OF STRIPES — Capt. R. Williamson II, (l), Naval Weapons Center Executive Officer, congratulates two Center men on their recent promotion. Advanced-in-rate-to Chief Fire Control Technician "M" is Robert H. Stanford (c); to Hospital Corpsman First Class, Cecilio B. Gonzales (r).

Oasis Garden Club Presenting Spring Flower Show April 25

The Oasis Garden Club of the Desert Empire District will present a Standard Spring Flower Show at the Community Center, Thursday, April 25. The theme of the show is "See the U.S.A. the Floral Way," and will be open to the public from 2 to 9:30 p.m. The co-chairmen are Mrs. Kenneth Burke and Mrs. Robert Rowntree. As a standard flower show it will be judged by nationally accredited judges.

Special awards will be given to outstanding entries besides the awards for first, second, third places and honorable mention. Among the special awards is the Award of Merit, a trophy in the form of a silver bowl which goes to the highest scoring exhibit in the Horticulture Division.

Entries in the Artistic Division are open to California State Garden Club members, but are restricted in the Horticulture Division to garden club members who are residents of Indian Wells Valley. Entry forms will be accepted until 12 noon, Wednesday, April 24, by Mrs. Leonard Licwinko, 613 Ticonderoga, China Lake, phone Ext. 723-182.

Included in the Horticulture Division are roses, annuals and perennials, iris, spring - flow-

ering bulbs, flowering branches, potted plants, and bonsai. A few of the classes in the Artistic Division include The Rose Parade — Pasadena, using roses only; Houston — Space Center, a mobile arrangement in the modern manner (limited to 6 entries); Fun City — New York, an assemblage in the spirit of the metropolis; and Williamsburg — Virginia, beauty preserved from an earlier time in dried flowers.

The Junior Section includes both artistic and horticulture divisions, and the consultant is Mrs. Roger Wickenden, phone Ext. 74161.

Special exhibits by garden club chairmen will feature displays of house plants, bird pictures, and the efforts of the California Roadside Council.

SHOWBOAT

FRIDAY — APRIL 19
"NEVADA SMITH" (130 Min.)
Steve McQueen, Karl Malden, Suzanne Pleshette
7:30 P.M.

(Super Western) With a horse, a rifle and \$8,000, Nevada sets out to find the killers of his parents. His chance meeting with a traveling gunsmith shortens the trail of vengeance. Not for the squeamish — it's a rough tale. (Adult.)

SATURDAY — MATINEE — APRIL 20
"NAMU, KILLER WHALE" (89 Min.)
Robert Lansing
1:00 P.M.

Shorts: "Baggage Busters" (7 Min.)
"Manhunt" No. 8 (13 Min.)

—EVENING—
"WAY, WAY OUT" (101 Min.)
Jerry Lewis, Connie Stevens
7:30 P.M.

(Comedy) The year 2194 finds Jerry an astronaut who, to get a moon assignment, must marry. He wed the reluctant Connie and the fun and frolic begin. Not the usual "family-type" Lewis story with monkeyshines on the moon. (Adult.)
Short: "Harried & Hurried" (Roadrunner, 7 Min.)

SUNDAY — APRIL 21
"TAMING OF THE SHREW" (122 Min.)
Elizabeth Taylor, Richard Burton
1:00 P.M. & 7:30 P.M.

(Comedy) Shakespeare's bawdy frolic about the fiery eldest daughter of a household who must be wed before her younger sister. And the poverty-stricken tailor who is determined to tame the pretty temptress. It's a DON'T MISS film! (Adult, Mature Youth.)

MONDAY — APRIL 22
COMMUNITY CONCERT PRESENTATION
Chamber Symphony of Philadelphia
8:00 P.M.

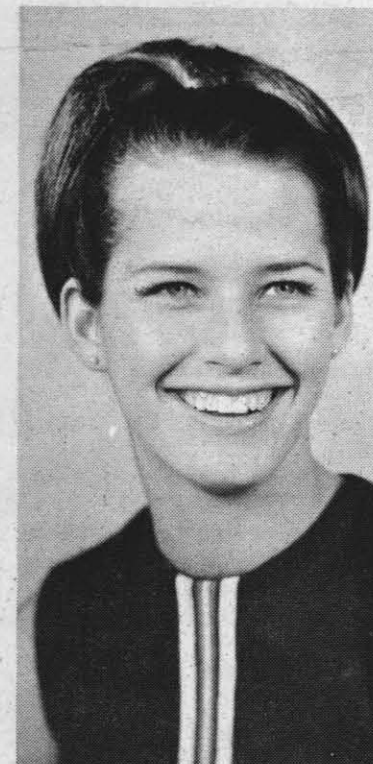
TUESDAY — APRIL 23
"NOBODY'S PERFECT" (107 Min.)
Doug McClure, Nancy Kwan, James Whitmore
7:30 P.M.

No synopsis available.
Short: "Highway Runaway" (Roadrunner, 7 Min.)

WEDNESDAY — APRIL 24
BAKERSFIELD COLLEGE WOODWIND GROUP
8:00 P.M.

THURSDAY-FRIDAY — APRIL 25-26
"SAVAGE PAMPAS" (98 Min.)
Robert Taylor, Ron Randall, Ty Hardin
7:30 P.M.

No synopsis available.
Short: "Duck Soup to Nuts" (7 Min.)



MARGARET ANN BRADY

Marnie Brady Will Represent NAF in Pageant

The Naval Air Facility has chosen Miss Margaret Ann Brady, 17, to represent it in the Miss Ridgcrest - China Lake Pageant set for May 18 in the Center Theater.

Marnie Brady is a junior at Burroughs High School, where she is learning gymnastics in addition to her regular studies. She is an outdoor kind of girl, who plays tennis, swims and water skis whenever she has a chance. She also enjoys drama, modern dance and her French studies.

Her current hope for the future is to attend college, and then to become an airline stewardess.

Marnie is the daughter of Cdr. and Mrs. R. L. Brady of 617 Ticonderoga. Cdr. Brady is NWC Undersea and Surface Weapons Officer. Marnie has two older brothers, Bob, 20, and Mike, 19, and two younger brothers, Pat, 12, and John, 6. The Bradys have been China Lakers since June, 1966, with residence in Virginia, Florida, South Carolina and Turkey behind them. Marnie was born at Quonset Naval Air Station, Rhode Island.

In her after-school hours, Marnie works as a receptionist and general helper in Camilla's Beauty Shop in Ridgcrest two days a week. She indicates that it was her exposure to the public there that brought her to the eye of NAF. Marnie Brady is now one of five pretty girls on the list of contestants for the title of Miss Ridgcrest - China Lake. The girls will be judged for beauty and talent at the Pageant.

NAF 'Copter Rescues Scout

A helicopter-borne rescue mission from the Naval Air Facility last Saturday helped save the life of an injured Boy Scout in the Dome Land Wilderness area above the Kern River's South Fork.

Major Robert L. Peterson, USMC, piloted the NAF copter with Surgeon Lt. P. J. Clements and Lt. Joseph Ainsworth (Continued on Page 3)



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Dr. Charles Lauritsen Honored As NWC's Founding Scientist

World War II Weapons Leader Dies, Lauded for Advances in Rocketry



DR. CHARLES CHRISTIAN LAURITSEN in the 1940's when he was the key figure in the Navy's rocket programs.

Dr. Charles C. Lauritsen, the leading civilian scientist during the establishment and early period of the Naval Ordnance Test Station (now NWC), died Saturday, April 13 at Huntington Memorial Hospital, Pasadena. He was born April 4, 1892 in Holstebro, Denmark.

Dr. Lauritsen's early influence on the Station and on the nation's wartime rocket program is portrayed by the wartime words and actions of Captain (now Rear Admiral Retired) S. E. Burroughs, Jr., the Station's first Commanding Officer, who in August 1944 officially proposed that the local "village and administration area be named LAURITSEN in honor of Dr. Charles Christian Lauritsen of the California Institute of Technology, who has contributed more than any other individual to the development of rocket weapons now widely used by the Navy. Dr. Lauritsen is widely known for his vision, imagination, and abilities, and it is considered that his outstanding contributions to the war effort could well be thus fittingly recognized." Had the Station Commander's proposal been acted upon, the establishment would have become "Naval Ordnance Test Station, Lauritsen, California."

Although the nation had the beginnings of a military rocket program before August 1941, it was not until a Lauritsen proposal on that date that a truly significant and effective program was initiated. On that date, following a trip to England, Lauritsen wrote to Dr. Vannevar Bush, the head of the National Defense Research Council, that "there is an urgent need for a considerable expansion of the whole program of development of rockets for military purposes."

He argued that the common objections to rockets, for example, inaccuracy and handling dangers, could be over-

come. Dr. Lauritsen was one if not the only American scientist to have an important role of leadership in the three main weapon development programs of World War II, namely for proximity fuzes, rockets, and the atomic bomb. These three scientific programs were highly significant in shortening World War II. All three would have a direct bearing on the early history of the Center, but it was primarily Dr. Lauritsen's rocket activities which would directly influence the establishment of the Center and dictate the main course of early events.

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Ridgcrest Resident Earns Navy Citation

Robert L. Kessler Jr., Ridgcrest resident and businessman who was recently elected to another term of the Ridgcrest City Council, received the Navy Meritorious Public Service Citation, the second highest recognition which the Secretary of the Navy may award to an individual not an employee of the Department of the Navy.

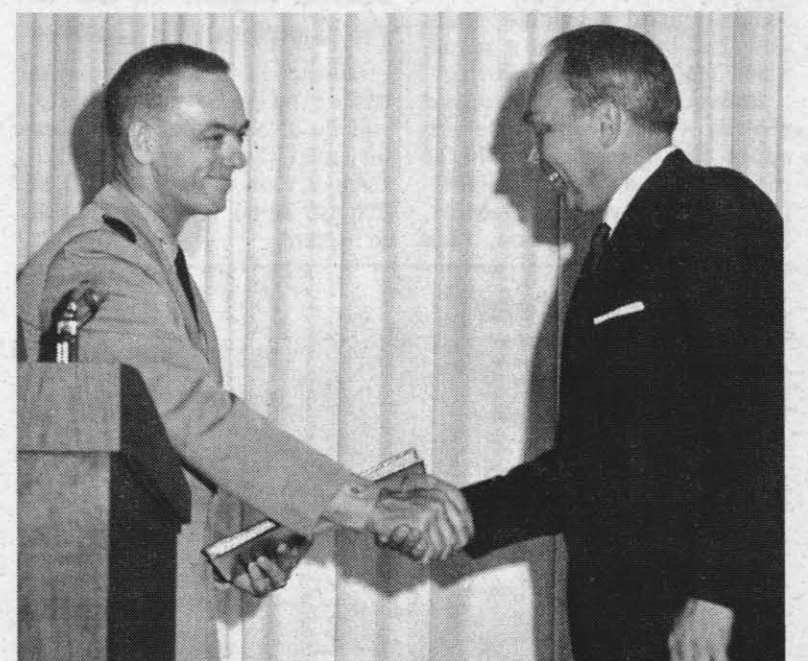
Capt. M. R. Etheridge, NWC Commander, presented the coveted citation to Kessler during last Thursday evening's Town Hall Meeting held at the NWC Community Center.

The citation read, in part: "This award is for services above and beyond those normally expected from a private citizen in support of a Navy mission. During the period of July 1, 1966 through August 1, 1967, Kessler labored tirelessly to support the mission of the Naval Ordnance Test Station

(now Naval Weapons Center) in the community of Ridgcrest, California. He rallied citizen support and the support of business leaders to harmonious relations with top management of the Naval Weapons Center.

"His efforts have resulted in a unity of purpose that has benefited all residents of the Indian Wells Valley. As a member of the City Council of Ridgcrest, California, Kessler has recognized the need for a civilian community in support of the Naval Weapons Center and as a leader in that civilian community has coordinated development of the city in a manner highly responsive to the mission of the Center."

Captain Etheridge outlined some of the outstanding achievements performed by this dedicated and devoted citizen. (Continued on Page 3)



OUTSTANDING CITIZEN — Capt. M. R. Etheridge (l), Naval Weapons Center Commander, congratulates Robert L. Kessler Jr., for receiving the Navy Meritorious Public Service Citation, the second highest recognition the Secretary of the Department of the Navy. The award was presented during last week's Town Hall Meeting.

'Public Schools Week' Proclaimed at NWC



CIRCUIT DESIGNER-AUTHOR — Richard S. Hughes, circuit designer for Weapon's Development Department's Anti-Radiation Guidance Division, evaluates some of the scientific data in his book, "Semiconductor Variable Gain and Logarithmic Video Amplifiers."

Shrike's Dick Hughes Writes Special Book

One of the few books published by scientists and engineers at R&D laboratories has come out in print recently over the name of Richard S. Hughes, circuit designer for Weapons Development Department's Anti-Radiation Guidance Division.

His book, "Semiconductor Variable Gain and Logarithmic Video Amplifiers," is a compilation of many articles he has published in open literature—some 15 in all. The Continuing Education Institute, Inc. is the publisher. It is also the first in a series he is now planning.

"I didn't set out to write the book," he admits. "It sort of evolved. I think it fills a definite gap, since there are no books on the market covering variable gain and logarithmic techniques. We in Code 402 have pressed the state of the art considerably in logarithmic techniques."

Hughes has been the chief design engineer for the Shrike missile electronics. He states that no one else has done as much work as Code 402 in semiconductor variable gain, and that the group is a recognized leader in the field.

Encouraging letters received already from people interested in the specialized field of the book have come from England, Germany, Israel, India, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, the

Netherlands, Yugoslavia and Canada.

A second, more general type of book is in Dick Hughes' mind for the future. He is gathering material, also in his "spare" after work hours, for a title, "Handbook of Selected Video and Pulse Circuitry."

Hughes came to work at China Lake in 1960, after receiving his B.S. degree in electronics at the University of Nevada, in his home town and birthplace of Reno. During his career here, he has garnered 10 pending patents and one "notice of allowability" patent, for a "Pulse Repetition Frequency Detection and Lock-On System."

He brought his hobbies and sports along with him from Reno's desert country when he came here: hunting, fishing and — mostly and especially — motorcycle desert racing.

Dick Hughes makes his home at 38-B Hubbard Circle with his wife Janet and children Stan, 7, and Tammy, 5.

Aetna Agent To Be At Community Center

Howard Kennan, representative of the Aetna Insurance Co., will be at the Community Center next Thursday, April 25, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Friday, April 26, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

PROMOTIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

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

The positions described here are effective from April 19 to April 26, 1968.

Mechanical or General Engineer, GS-11 or 12, Code 4561 — Incumbent will perform design and development studies on an advanced cluster weapon. Will do liaison with other naval activities and contractors. Prepare project plans and reports.

File application for above with Jan Bickler, Bldg. 34, Rm. 24, Phone 72723.

Accounting Technician, GS-5 or 6, Code 405 — This position is located in the Shrike Program Office, Weapons Development Department. The position is that of a Budget Clerk, providing Shrike program management with statistical data concerning the programs budget.

File applications for above with June Chipp, Bldg. 34, Rm. 26, Phone 72674.

Clark (Typing), GS-301-04 or 05 (one vacancy), Code 7321 — The incumbent will be responsible for filling requests for special publications, photographs and visual aids; and will maintain inventory lists. He will perform a number of editorial duties; will fill requests for special publications and visual aids; will establish and maintain a filing and retrieval system of slides, etc.; will be required to act as an alternate projectionist (including set-up, operation, adjustment and repairment). Skill of typing is required.

Fire Fighter, GS-081-03 or 04 (two vacancies), Code 842 — The incumbent will perform normal duties in combating fires involving airfield and/or structural fire fighting and rescue work.

File applications for the above with Carol Cagle, Bldg. 34, Rm. 28, Phone 71448.

Missile Quality Control Representative, GS-1950-10, Code 5503 — This position has a potential of supporting a GS-11 grade classification. The position is that of Quality Assurance Director and is located in the Chief Engineer's Office. He will implement an extensive quality assurance program for the Sidewinder, Chaparral, and Shrike Programs, and several of the free fall projects which are assigned to the department.

Incumbent will be called upon to monitor and evaluate the quality assurance programs being performed by contractors on programs under the cognizance of the Naval Weapons Center. Incumbent should have two years of college experience and general experience of three years in the area of manufacturing processes and techniques and three years of specific experience in the area of quality control and quality assurance techniques.

Mechanical Engineer, GS-830-11 or 12, PD No. 553661-1, Code 524 — The position is that of Mechanical Engineer in the Electro-mechanical Division, Engineering Department. The incumbent is responsible for the design and/or production engineering redesign, test, documentation, and evaluation of mechanical components and/or assemblies which improve the producibility ease of use, conservation of essential materials, and improves the performance and the reliability of miniature inertial systems of advanced guided missiles. The incumbent must have a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering.

File application for above with Pat Guent, Bldg. 34, Rm. 34, Phone 71514.

COMPETITIVE PROMOTION EXAMS

Three Competitive Promotion Exams are being announced. General Foreman 1 Plumber Annc. No. NWC-IVa-10(68), issued April 22, 1968. Leader, Sheet and Plate Metal Worker, Annc. No. NWC-IVa-11(68), issued April 22, 1968, and Foreman (Leadmaking) Chauffeur, Annc. No. NWC-IVa-11(68) issued April 22, 1968. Applicants must be either Career or Career-Conditional employees of the Naval Weapons Center, China Lake, or Corona, California. File Card Form NAVEXOS-4155-AB and Standard Form 57 with the Detached Representative, Board of Examiners, China Lake, Calif. Card Form NAVEXOS-4155-AB and Standard Form 57 must be received or postmarked not later than May 6, 1968.

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

Uncertain Morality



CHAPLAIN JUDE R. SENIEUR

The atmosphere of uncertainty which pervades the area of morality in the latter part of the 20th Century does not arise at the point of judgement but at the point of establishing standards.

A person or a thing is good or bad according to the degree to which it fulfills its purpose. An action is right or wrong depending on whether or not the action contributes to or detracts from the fulfillment of purpose. We all pretty well operate along this line.

Every day we make decisions on "goodness and badness" from tapping a head of lettuce to checking the trend in the stock market. Inspectors and repairmen are forever handing down decisions on whether a piece of equipment is "still good" or "gone bad."

The principle behind these decisions is the appraisal of whether or not, or to what degree, a certain item is fulfilling the purpose for which it was made. When we do not agree on what the purpose of something is, we can hardly agree on whether or not it is fulfilling that purpose.

If we cannot agree on the ultimate purpose of man, we cannot agree on or arrive at an ultimate code of morality. However, this need not eliminate the entire code of morality nor inject uncertainty in a functional code of social ethics.

We can agree on many secondary purposes such as health, peace, common good, progress, various types of success, and quite a few other limited goals. We can then determine the value of an action in relation to the achievement of these goals. Thus we can make rules for harmony in family life, order and discipline in school, operational effectiveness in offices and factories, safe and smooth flow of traffic, for the broadest use of public facilities.

For the sake of discussion we might sight one possible source of "uncertainty" which is frequently referred to as "the generation gap." The generation which grew up during or immediately after the great economic depression of the 30's is inclined to relate almost every goal to some phase of economic security. Success for that generation is almost consistently spelled out in terms of financial achievement.

The present generation is less concerned about financial security. They have come to take for granted what we regarded as luxuries and they are not worried about "getting a job" or "making a living." For this reason they have time to ask and pursue a much deeper "why" about life and living.

It is regrettable that we, in our day, with all our scientific and technical advances, with all our educational and research facilities, are not able to give them an acceptable answer to the ultimate questions: where did I come from; why am I here, and where am I going?

When we set up and agree on limited goals we can explain to young people the code of ethics in relation to reaching those goals. But when they reach out for an answer to questions about the meaning of life . . . when they ask about an ultimate "why" . . . about all we can do in our enlightened age is light a cigarette, lean back and reply, "well, it all depends . . ."

CENTER LIBRARY LISTS NEW BOOKS

- A complete list of new books is available in the library.**
- Fiction**
 - Starbird—Watch Out for Mules.
 - West—The Tower of Babel.
 - Wilson—The Glass Cage.
- Non-Fiction**
 - Hess—The Republican Establishment.
 - Kennedy—Kennedy System of Bridge.
 - True—Smithsonian Treasury of 20th-Century Science.



PLANNING WILDFLOWER FESTIVAL — WACOM ladies of the 1968 Wildflower Festival committee gather to plan displays and arrangements. Led by general chairman Mrs. M. R. Etheridge (front, left). Her assistants include (l-r front) Mrs. David Chapman, Mrs. Herbert T. Lotef, Mrs. D. T. McAllister, Mrs. C. Douglas Lind and (l-r, back)

Mrs. Duane Mack, Mrs. Robert Williamson, Mrs. Richard Willett, Mrs. Kenneth Abplanalp, Mrs. R. Howard Bodwell, Mrs. Frank Knemeyer, Mrs. Roderick McClung and Mrs. Ivar Highborg. Not present for the picture are Mrs. Robert Berry and Mrs. Jack Robcke. Festival is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, April 27 and 28.

Lauritsen Honored For Scientific Advances

(Continued from Page 1) member of the military-civilian team that planned the facilities for the new Station. During World War II the Station's mission was two-fold. The prime mission was to support the CalTech weapon programs and the second mission was the building of a permanent weapon research and development center. In respect to the first mission, the development work on rockets was centered at CalTech's Kellogg Laboratory and the testing was done at NOTS; hence the main technical effort at NOTS was under Dr. Lauritsen. He also provided a strong influence on the planning for the Station's permanent facilities and its organization.

The program did not at first receive the military support Lauritsen felt it needed, particularly in obtaining a supply of propellant ingredients. On December 18, 1941, as an example of his forcefulness, he wrote: "By operating the presses one day a week we can extrude all the powder needed for experimental purposes as soon as sufficient sheet material becomes available. There is, however, little likelihood that a sufficient supply will be made available to us unless we succeed in gaining more active interest in and support for this work from high ranking Army and Navy officers. I am confident that the lack of interest is due largely to lack of information regarding the possibilities of rockets."

Lauritsen's scientific knowledge and penetrating insight into fundamental problems, both technical and administrative, soon made him a chief spokesman of the scientific community to the highest levels of the wartime military structure.

Through his initiative and drive and the loyal support of his CalTech associates the obstacles were overcome in the early rocket programs. When traditional production procedures failed to provide the rockets needed at the war front, Lauritsen led a production effort by CalTech. When no one else had success with dry extruded propellants, he led the efforts to successful production.

When the early rockets were ready for use in the Normandy invasion, Dr. Lauritsen was personally among the first to provide direct scientific liaison in the field for the firing air groups. Dr. Lauritsen was quick to give his support to the proposal made in the fall of 1943 by (then) Commander Burroughs, recently returned from combat in the Pacific, for a large Navy Proving Ground on the West Coast, and it was in fact on the basis of the initial studies made by Lauritsen and his associates that the specific area near Inyokern, California, was considered. The decision to officially propose this particular location was made when a flight scheduled to go from Goldstone to the Burbank airport with a group of officers, including Burroughs, and some of the CalTech scientists, including Lauritsen, took a detour over the Inyokern area. The next day Burroughs left for Washington to continue pressing his proposal for the West Coast facility and Lauritsen and some associates drove by auto to Inyokern in search of the "beautiful" dry lake they had seen from the air.

On November 8, 1943, the Naval Ordnance Test Station was officially established. On November 9 through 16, Lauritsen was the leading civilian

member of the military-civilian team that planned the facilities for the new Station.

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The China Lake Propellant Plant and the Salt Wells Pilot Plant were planned and designed by a CalTech group under Lauritsen's direction. Much of the Center's operational philosophy goes back to the exemplary military-civilian relationship between Dr. Lauritsen and Captain Burroughs.

After getting the rocket pro-

grams to an advanced state, Dr. Lauritsen shifted much of his personal effort to the work of the Manhattan Project at Los Alamos where along with Dr. Niels Bohr he became one of the "elder statesmen" to the laboratory.

At the end of World War II Dr. Lauritsen took an active part in bringing the attention of the Navy to the continuing needs to bring new scientific approaches to bear on the nation's defense problems. Dr. Lauritsen's scientific contributions covered a wide range as indicated in the statement by Dr. Lee A. DuBridge, President of CalTech, who said of him, "Few men have so effectively contributed their talents in such a wide range of activities, ranging from basic science to the defense policy of the nation and to our relations with other nations around the world."

Dr. Lauritsen was on the Center's first Advisory Board which met in 1949. He served from 1949-1956; 1958-1961, and from 1963-1966.

Doctor Lauritsen is survived by his widow, Dr. Sigrid Lauritsen, of Pasadena and one son, Dr. Thomas Lauritsen, Professor of Physics at CalTech.

On November 4, 1964, Dr. Lauritsen gave a summary of the Station's early history at the dedication of the Weapon Exhibit Center. His closing comment was:

"My last remark is that what I have said and what you see around you here (in the Weapon Exhibit Center) is not the important thing. It's important to see what has been going on, to remember what has been going on, is not the important thing. The important thing is what you do from now on.

Human knowledge has doubled, more than doubled, since the war, and there is every reason to think that it will more than double in the next 20 years. Life has never been as exciting, or as interesting, or as promising as it is now. Your opportunity is greater than anybody has ever had in the past."

University Women Sponsor Show For Area Youngsters

Children of the China Lake-Ridgecrest area will have an opportunity to attend the live performance of "The Wonderment of Gleep" Thursday afternoon, April 25 at 3:30 at the Center Theatre. This child's fantasy follows the adventures of a brother and sister and a silent friend, Gleep, in their search for hidden treasure.

The appearance of the White Oaks Theatre Touring Repertory Company is sponsored by the American Association of University Women.

According to Mrs. McBride, chairman of the event, tickets at 50 cents each are available now at the Gift Mart in Ridgecrest and the Center Pharmacy. They will be on sale at China Lake Schools Wednesday morning, April 24 and Thursday morning, April 25 as well as at the box office the afternoon of the performance.



Chamber Symphony of Philadelphia To Present Season's Final Concert

The China Lake Civic Concert Association will present the Chamber Symphony of Philadelphia, Anshel Brusilow conducting, at the Center Theater on Monday, April 22, at 8:15 p.m.

Dr. Lauritsen was quick to give his support to the proposal made in the fall of 1943 by (then) Commander Burroughs, recently returned from combat in the Pacific, for a large Navy Proving Ground on the West Coast, and it was in fact on the basis of the initial studies made by Lauritsen and his associates that the specific area near Inyokern, California, was considered. The decision to officially propose this particular location was made when a flight scheduled to go from Goldstone to the Burbank airport with a group of officers, including Burroughs, and some of the CalTech scientists, including Lauritsen, took a detour over the Inyokern area. The next day Burroughs left for Washington to continue pressing his proposal for the West Coast facility and Lauritsen and some associates drove by auto to Inyokern in search of the "beautiful" dry lake they had seen from the air.

might not be able to bear the expense of a full symphony orchestra and to play works that a major orchestra cannot afford to program.

Brusilow made his debut as a violinist at Carnegie Hall when he was 17. He has conducted the renowned Philadelphia Orchestra and other symphonies of major calibre. Most recently he guest conducted the National Symphony in Washington, D.C.

This will be the final concert in the current 1967-68 series of five concerts sponsored by the China Lake Civic Concert Association.

People who wish to purchase tickets for this performance may do so by coming to the Theater Box Office on Friday and Monday noon from 11:30 to 1 p.m. The box office will be open on Friday evening, April 19, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. and on the concert evening from 7:30 until concert time. Tickets are priced at \$3, \$4, and \$5, depending upon location in the theater. Children's and servicemen's tickets are a half-price.

The Chamber Symphony is composed of 36 musicians. It is able to travel to places that

Yard Contest Follows Clean-up Fix-up Week

China Lake's annual debris derby gets under way tomorrow. Clean-up, Paint-up, Fix-up week is set for May 4 through 11 by the Community Council. The following week, said Hal Harney, Chairman of the Housing and Community Improvement Committee, will be the yearly "Yard Beautiful" contest. Entries close May 10, 1968.

Mrs. Wardna Abernathy, committee-woman, states those wishing to enter the affair may fill out the coupon below and mail it to the Community Council. Gift certificates totaling \$30 will be awarded, with a \$15 certificate going to the first place winner, \$10 for second place and \$5 for third place.

Youth or adult groups wishing to volunteer for clean-up projects may contact Harney at

Ext. 72020 to make the necessary arrangements.

To put muscle in the clean-up campaign, Public Works Officer, Captain K. C. Abplanalp announced that Public Works trucks will haul excess trash to the dump. Groups or individuals who have gathered up rubbish that cannot be handled in normal pick-ups may call Ext. 7177 to request disposal aid.

More help for householders is offered by the Housing Office. In addition to small hand tools, two heavy-duty paint sprayers may be borrowed by people with big paint-fix-up projects. Loans of tools or paint sprayers may be arranged during working hours by calling Ext. 72222. Fence paint and lumber also will be available from the Housing Office.

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THE LOCKER ROOM

Augusta Fiasco: A Challenge

By ED RANCK



There has been some talk during the last few years that if the game of professional baseball were to survive as the national pastime, it wouldn't be the fault of the officials that control the sport.

With the events that have taken place during and after last week's Masters Golf Tournament in Augusta, baseball officials can take heart. Although most of the criticism leveled at baseball regarding poor management hasn't been justified, golf officials have finally disproven the theory that baseball has a monopoly on boo-boos.

IN THE CONFUSION, EVERYBODY SUFFERS

Consider the aspects of the case. Bob Goalby and Roberto De Vincenzo finish in a tie for the Masters title, a fact that can't be disputed, not when there were 30 million people watching the event on the tube. In the excitement of the aftermath, De Vincenzo signs his scorecard. Considering that the card has been kept by a man with a master's degree in mathematics, Tommy Aaron, De Vincenzo doesn't take time to scrutinize it too closely. After all even some high school graduates know that 1 plus 1 equals 3, the number of strokes Roberto needed to get down on the 17th hole.

But Aaron, possibly because he had his mind on less important things, such as trying to play his own golf game, inadvertently gave Roberto a 4 on the 17th. The result is that De Vincenzo has to take the 4, and loses his share of first place.

De Vincenzo, an extremely popular man playing on his 45th birthday, loses what is perhaps his last chance to become one of the truly big names of golf. He is the recipient of a million dollars worth of sympathy, which doesn't buy as many groceries as a million dollars in cash, the estimated value of a Masters victory.

Goalby, another veteran pro who needed the victory, suffers because there will always be an invisible asterisk next to his name whenever they talk about the '68 Masters. It's going to cost him money in endorsements too, because a lot of companies are not going to want their product to be associated with the fiasco.

Aaron has to be touched by it too. It didn't cost him any money, but there are bound to be plenty of clods around who will remind him of the affair in years to come.

Goalby says after the match that he is sorry about the affair and expresses sympathy for De Vincenzo. He believes that Roberto should have had his chance at winning it on Monday. De Vincenzo says that it was his own fault; he violated the rules by signing an incorrect scorecard; he should have checked it more closely. He says that it was all brought about by his own "stupid mistake." Most of the thoughts expressed by Aaron are unrecorded, but it is safe to say that he would like to have one more chance to make out De Vincenzo's card. Goalby, De Vincenzo and Aaron all react to the affair like gentlemen, proving that there are still more people with class playing the game of golf than any other sport.

There is an outcry from the public demanding that De Vincenzo get his chance to win the title. Parallels are drawn giving examples of similar circumstances in other sports. Are you going to take away a homer from Willie Mays because he thought he hit a curve instead of a slider? Are you going to disallow a touchdown in the Super Bowl because someone was standing on a defensive lineman's face, thereby obstructing his vision to the point that he missed the play? Of course not, but here you are talking about baseball and football, not professional golf.

The rules of pro golf are explicit; the players keep each others score cards. When you sign the card at the end of a round it had better be correct or you might lose a stroke or face possible disqualification. All pro golfers know this rule. Under the circumstances the officials at Augusta had no choice but to use the card that De Vincenzo had signed. But rules can be changed, and here the attitude of the officials involved is slightly more than amazing.

WHY NOT USE OFFICIAL SCORERS?

One official says that you can't use official scorers because the golfers are the only people competent enough to keep track of the strokes. But anyone who watches a major tournament on TV is constantly bombarded with such trivia as the fact that all scores for a certain hole since 1942 are say, 4.215. The information is provided by an IBM computer.

With golf entering the computer age, it is hard to believe that they can't find enough people who can count to four who might be willing to take the job of official scorers.

Buy U.S. Savings Bonds



TOWN HALL MEETING "PEP GIRLS" — Town Hall "Pep Girls," Mindy Smith (l), Sybil Aulds, Mary Moore, and Sally DeSanto, collected voluntary donations for the current Television Booster Fund Drive. The "Pep Girls" then turned the contributions to Straud Stacke (third, left), president of the Ridgecrest Chamber of Commerce and Ken Miller, president of the China Lake Community Council.

Art Festival

The area competition of the Kern County Art Festival will be held this weekend at the Community Center.

Hours for viewing the show at the Community Center will be from 2 to 8 p.m. Saturday and from 11 to 7 p.m. Sunday. There will be weaving demonstrations by Jo Downing on Saturday beginning at 2 p.m. and at 6 p.m. and on Sunday at 2 p.m. Mildred DeHarrold will also give an acrylic painting demonstration Saturday.

Judging of the competitive entries will be done by Dan Castro, County chairman of the Kern County Art Festival; Donna Friedmann from North Edwards, County co-chairman; and Mary Weigel.

Town Hall Meeting Covers Topics Of Interest to Local Area People

Kenneth Miller, president of the China Lake Community Council and other representatives conducted the Town Hall Meeting in the Naval Weapons Center Community Center last week.

Discussions during the evening covered by panelists and audience members dealt with important issues of concern including the status of the current Television Booster Fund Drive, home construction, crime rates, the narcotics problem in the local area, bus transportation and other material of interest to the China Lake-Ridgecrest Community.

A progress report was given on the successful start of the television booster fund drive to raise money needed to finance replacement of equipment at the TV booster station. According to a report released yesterday by Robert McKnight, the drive has accounted for nearly \$9,000 already contributed by volunteer donors.

Another area discussed in detail pertained to private construction of homes in Ridgecrest for civil service employees and employees of contractors doing work for the Center.

The need for initiating a bus service was discussed, both pro and con between the panelists and audience members.

During the forum, Robert L. Kessler Jr., a Ridgecrest merchant, was presented the Navy Meritorious Public Service Citation by Captain M. R. Etheridge, NWC Commander.

Another area of concern was urged by the audience in that they thought crimes taking place on the Center should be published in local media. Jim McGlothlin, NWC Community Affairs Officer suggested taking another look and approaching the problem from a discretionary basis while the NWC Commander said, "We'll try to publish this type of information that will bridge the credibility gap."

Captain Etheridge also mentioned that a series of articles on narcotics... is being prepared for publication in the Rocketeer... in an effort to get the facts before the public.

It was also noted that Public Works Department has developed long-range plans extending to 1980 indicating when certain major repairs or repainting of homes will be needed, according to Harold Harney, an employee of public works and a director of the China Lake Community Council.

Audience participation included questions regarding keeping open the Burroughs High School gates, and hazards of bicycle riders.

The Town Hall Forum ended with Ken Miller expressing his appreciation to those persons taking time to participate in the panel discussion and to audience members for their interest in the evening's program.

Other panelists were: Kenneth Smith, Mayor of Ridgecrest; Straud Stacke, president, Ridgecrest Chamber of Commerce, and Robert McKnight, vice-president, China Lake Community Council.

Rocketeer Earns Merit Awards For Each Quarter During 1967

The Naval Weapons Center Rocketeer has received its fourth "Merit Award" for 1967 for exemplary achievement, placing the Navy offset publication in line as contender for the coveted Silver Anchor Award for 1968.

Twenty sea publications are now being judged for this highly prized award. All 20 publications won one or more journalism awards during calendar year 1967. The Rocketeer was selected to receive the Chief of Naval Information Merit Award for each quarter during the past year.

The Rocketeer was one of 500 Navy periodicals judged on the basis of reader interest, coverage, news balance, layout and reproduction, and use of photos and art. Winning publications were selected by a panel of judges including a public affairs specialist, civilian newsmen with Navy experience and a senior Navy journalist.

Over the past years the Rocketeer has amassed a total of 13 CHINFO Merit Awards. Adding to these accomplishments are other awards including recognition from the Federal Editors Association, Department of Defense and Armed Forces Writers League.

In 1966, the Rocketeer was the only Navy newspaper to be rated, internationally, and placed third in the newspaper category of all military papers, receiving the "Blue Pencil Award" from the Federal Editors Association, Washington, D.C.

For October, November and December, 1966, the Department of Defense presented its

"Certificate of Merit" award to the Rocketeer. A publication can only get one of these awards per year.

In making the award presentation, DOD's Certificate of Merit reads: "The Armed Forces News Bureau has selected this newspaper for the Department of Defense Newspaper Award as a positive factor in promoting efficiency, welfare and general morale of personnel through its excellence of content, news interest and effectiveness of design."

The Armed Forces Writers League conferred its award on the Rocketeer for "Outstanding Achievement" for Runner-Up in the 1965 Silver Anchor Awards program; eighth place in the 1966 program, and again, eighth place for the 1967 Silver Anchor Awards program.

Two other Armed Forces Writers League awards went to a contributing writer. The Rocketeer's "Desert Philosopher," Sewell "Pop" Lofinck received recognition for his outstanding achievements in writing his column and placed first for 1964 and 1965 in the Silver Anchor Awards program.

Papers entered in the Silver Anchor Awards contest are rated on reader interest, local and command news coverage, sports and recreation news, intelligent use of fillers, layout and typography, reproduction, photos and artwork, features and use of available resources.

The Silver Anchor Awards program was established in June 1965 for Navy writing and photography and for emphasizing outstanding work in Navy publications.



PROCLAIMING WEEK FOR SCHOOLS — Capt. M. R. Etheridge, NWC Commander, signs the China Lake Public Schools Week proclamation in the company of educational and civic leaders. Standing (l-r) are Carl Barker, Murray School vice-principal; Robert Cartwright, Public Schools Week Committee co-chairman; Albert Gould, president of the Kern County Joint Union High School District Board of Trustees, and Richard Halen, Groves School principal and Committee co-chairman. Seated around Capt. Etheridge are (l-r) Kenneth Westcott, Burroughs High School principal; Roy Brown, Worshipful Master of Masonic Lodge 691, which sponsors the Week, and Mrs. Lawrence Mason, president of the China Lake Parent-Teachers Association. Valley public schools will hold open house next week in observance of the event.

'Public Schools Week' To Present View of Education to Community

"Whereas the Public Schools are an integral part of our American Way of Life," Capt. M. R. Etheridge, NWC Commander, has signed a proclamation making April 22 through 26 "Public Schools Week" at China Lake.

From Monday, April 22 through the next Wednesday, the schools of China Lake will be holding open house and inviting the public to view their materials, books and curriculum, reports Richard Halen, principal of Groves School and representative from the China Lake Education Association to the Public Schools Week Committee.

Co-chairmen of the Committee are Robert Cartwright of Ridgecrest, an engineer at American Potash in Trona, and Donald Wittenbrink of China Lake, a Propulsion Development Department employee in its Development Engineering Branch.

Both Vieweg and Desert Park Schools will hold open house from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Monday. The following day, Richmond and Groves Schools will

be open from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Murray School will hold its open house for the sixth grade from 6 to 7 p.m. and for the seventh and eighth grades from 7:30 to 8 p.m.

Burroughs High School will hold its open house on Thursday, April 25, beginning in the gymnasium at 6:30 p.m. School departments will show exhibits and samples of student work there, even including demonstration performances of instrumental and choral music under the direction of director of music Earl Sherburn.

At 8 p.m. the girls of the Home Economics department will offer their annual fashion show, displaying their own classwork creations. The fashion show is under the direction of Mrs. Martha Harrod, department head. Donations will be invited toward a scholarship for one of the girls.

Public Schools Week, sponsored by the Indian Wells Valley Masonic Temple, will be capped Thursday evening by a reception honoring Valley public school teachers at the Temple, 625 Norma St., in

Ridgecrest, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Special awards for teaching service will be given.

This observance will be the 49th annual Public Schools Week since the Grand Masonic Lodge of California began it. Increasing and enhancing the involvement of parents with the education of their children has always been the underlying theme of the event.

The special theme for this year's observance is contained in the proclamation for China Lake. It points out that "the public schools give every person an equal chance of education regardless of color, creed, religion, sex or financial standing" and that "an education becomes more and more essential to the ability to earn a living as mankind progresses."



Earns Navy Citation

(Continued from Page 1) iciency change which will permit strong FHA support in the local area. The Department of Defense has released 200 Section 809 certificates under the National Housing Act which guarantees the FHA reserve fund against loss. Two major southern California home builders have decided to move into the local area; one has broken ground for his first 40 unit tract, and, during the past year, Kessler has exerted effort to attract major providers of goods and services in the area. For example, there is no department store in the area at this time. As a result of presentations of need and the provision of economic data, a major developer is now constructing a shopping center complex to be opened in late 1968. This Center will include a 50,000 square foot chain department store and smaller satellite shopping facilities. At present naval personnel and their dependents must travel at least 80 miles to find these types of facilities.

Many more important problems were taken into consideration by Kessler always with a primary concern in mind for the general welfare of his community, which he considers to be both the City of Ridgecrest and Naval Weapons Center. Team effort on the part of Kessler was never more evident than through the unselfish consideration he has demonstrated for his fellow man.

This, then, is one of the few reasons for his being presented the second highest recognition by the Secretary of the Navy to be awarded to a community citizen, Robert L. Kessler Jr., of Ridgecrest.

Robert Kessler has rendered sustained and exceptional community support for the Navy in the City of Ridgecrest, the Captain continued. This effort came during a most critical period when the Naval Ordnance Test Station at China Lake was changing to Naval Weapons Center and regrouping its resources for better application of its mission. Kessler provided community leadership in support of the Navy mission in the fields of housing and support services.

The Naval Weapons Center Commander cited other examples of Kessler's accomplishments. He took the lead in establishing a citizens committee to study and recommend solutions for commercial housing problems in the area.

Kessler represented the City of Ridgecrest in visits to FHA officials in Los Angeles and Washington, DC. A few of the results of his efforts on behalf of the local housing problems are: Headquarters, FHA, in Washington has made a pol-

NAF Helicopter Rescues Boy Scout

(Continued from Page 1) aboard, to a clearing just below the site where Scout James Stewart of Tehachapi had fallen over 50 feet off a sheer cliff to a steep slope of rocks and trees below. The site is over 5,000 feet in altitude.

James Stewart was in a group of 13 Scouts from Tehachapi, led by Scoutmaster George Campbell. He walked 20 miles through rugged terrain to the Bloomquist Ranch on the South Fork to get help, after the boy's fall. Stewart's companions had wrapped him in a sleeping bag by the time the copter arrived early Saturday afternoon, and the NAF officers carried him down the slope to the landing site on a stretcher made of tree branches and coats.

Maj. Peterson then flew the boy to the Ridgecrest Community Hospital, landing in its parking lot. He was recently reported in satisfactory condition at the Tehachapi Valley Hospital.

Kern County Sheriff's Deputy Duane O'Kane had called the Center for assistance at 2 p.m. Saturday, and with China Lake Assistant Chief of Police Aaron Jones coordinating, the mission took off from NAF at 2:40 p.m.

"The boy fell quite a distance toward some big rocks, and I think he was quite lucky not to have been killed," Maj. Peterson commented. "It took us about three and a half hours to get him down to the copter, and we were lucky to take off just before the daylight failed."

The mission used the near-by Cane Brake Inn as an impromptu rescue headquarters, and was in contact with the Kernville Search and Rescue Team there. The boy's father met the copter at the Inn on its way down, and accompanied his son to the Community Hospital, where James was admitted with a possible skull fracture, abrasions and a possible back injury, according to Asst. Chief Jones.

The 12 other youths were air evacuated from the Dome Lands Wilderness between 8 and 9 a.m. the next day in three copter flights.



CHIEF SCIENTIST HOSTED — Dr. Edward S. Lamar, (c) Chief Scientist for Research and Technology, Naval Air Systems Command, Washington, D.C., visited Naval Weapons Center Corona Laboratories recently. Most of the Laboratories research and development work is being done for the Air Systems Command. Capt. R. L. Wessel, (l) Commanding Officer, and Dr. F. S. Atchison, (r) Laboratory Director, were hosts.

Center Library Observes National Library Week Here



TABLE-TOP DISCUSSION — Planning new strategy for a display or a children's reading program is only part of the discussions covered during a weekly staff meeting. Library staff members planning new projects are (left), Jane La Rosa, Leola Skeeters, Maryon Ward, Betty Wilkie, and Winnie Troy. This work complements school curriculum.

Efficient Library Staff Always Available To Assist Customers With Reading Projects

"Be All You Can Be—Read" the slogan for National Library Week, April 21 through April 27, reminds us of the importance of reading in our national life, and the importance of libraries of all kinds — public, school, church, and home.

The National Library Week program seeks to promote the value of reading and the library to all citizens. It fosters reading as an essential activity of the inquiring mind, and alerts adults as well as students to the need to keep growing through books.

National Library Week also increases public awareness that libraries are economic as well as cultural assets of the community. "It is a national disgrace that during 1968 at least two million of our fellow Americans were reported to be illiterate," said Maryon Ward, librarian. Another 10 million cannot read well enough to compete in today's world. Millions more do not have access to adequate library service. Something must be done to make books easily available to all Americans and to encourage more of our citizens to read.

It is vital that we all accept the challenge each American has through books, magazines and newspapers to be better read and better informed about the great issues of today — the challenge to "Be All You Can Be."

The Center Library contains 27,681 volumes. The collection is especially strong in history, Naval tactics and strategy. There is also a large selection of books on California and the Pacific Northwest.

Other special collections include publications of the California Division of Mines and Geology. The Verticle File, which is a series of pamphlets, articles and maps, is a popu-

lar collection. Among other topics, this file contains information on the local area (including history of the area) careers, travel, biography, holiday decorations and menus.

Approximately 1,500 new books are added to the library each year. A total of 73,567 books and magazines were circulated by the library in 1967.

The employees of the library spend the morning hours preparing new material for circulation, checking in the magazines and newspapers which are received daily, sending notices to patrons who have books which are overdue, straightening the shelves to make sure the books are in proper order, and in other ways, getting ready to serve the public.

Staff meetings are held once a week to examine new reference items which have been added to the collection, discuss library procedures and to go over plans for coming events.

Classes of elementary school children often visit the library in the morning to hear Mrs. Jane La Rosa review a book and give a presentation on the use of the library.

Boy Scouts who wish to earn a Merit Badge in reading come to the Center Library to be interviewed by Mrs. La Rosa who serves as Counselor for this badge.

The library attempts to satisfy the interests of all patrons in its collection of 93 periodicals. A few examples follow: current events are covered by U.S. News and World Report, Time, and Ebony; hobbies by such titles as Lapidary Journal, Hot Rod, High Fidelity and Pacific Discovery; desert living by Arizona Highways, Desert and Westways; style by Vogue, Mademoiselle and Seventeen; consumer interests by Consumer Bulletin and Consumer Reports; general reading by At-

lantic, Harpers, and The New Yorker; travel by Holiday, Natural History and National Geographic.

Newspapers from 18 different cities bring the latest happenings from the east coast, the midwest and the west coast.

At the Library, patrons will find an experienced staff to help in whatever direction their interests lie.

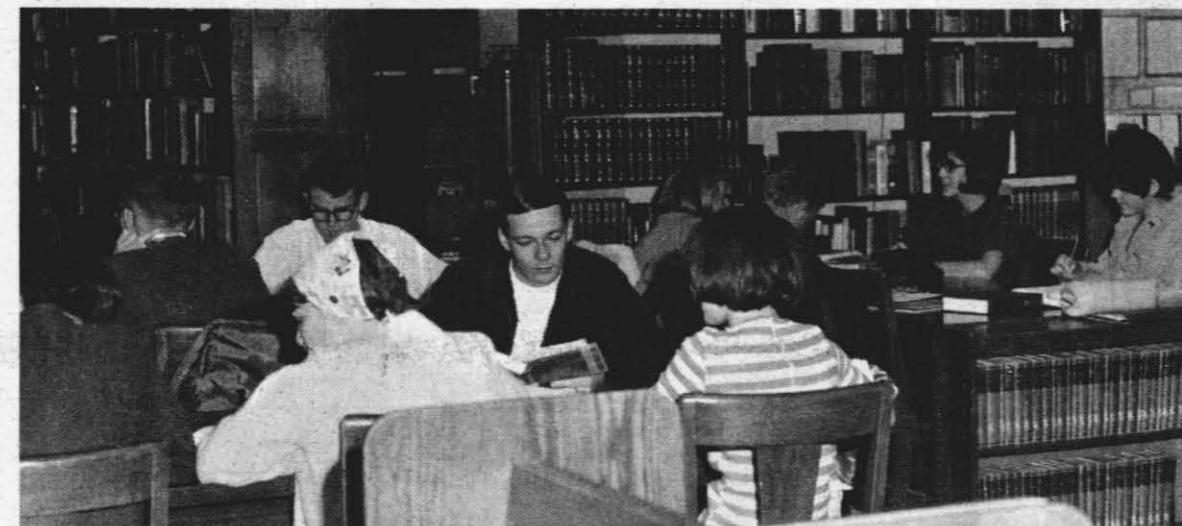
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A BIG HELP — Maryon Ward (l), Librarian, assists a customer, Mrs. Betty Gey, locate reading material in the index file, one of many at the main desk.



BEHIND THE SCENES — Mrs. Jane LaRosa, Library Technician, checks the condition of one of several books each day to assure they are in perfect condition.



MEETING PLACE — Students from local schools find an enjoyable and relaxing place to meet friends and complete homework or special projects in the study area.



FOR FUTURE CITIZENS TOO! — Students from Mrs. Marilyn Alger's Fourth Grade Class at Richmond School examine a variety of books available in the library. Mrs. Jane LaRosa, librarian, discusses the importance of the proper use of the library.

National Library Week Observed By Center Residents

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Maryon Ward, Librarian, who has 16 years experience in library work selects the books to be added to the reference collection and the circulating collection. She is responsible for the overall operation of the library. Mrs. Ward works with her supervisor, O. A. Imer, Director of Special Services, in deciding matters of policy.

Betty Wilkie, Senior Library Technician, has 13 years experience at the Library. She maintains the collection of California Division of Mines and Geology publications; classifies and catalogs children's and youth books.

She is in charge of Interlibrary Loans; works closely with the Librarian in preparing book orders; bibliographies, and doing research on unusual reference questions, plus designing the library's display window.

Leola D. Skeeters, Library Technician in charge of circulation, has worked at the library 11 years. She maintains detailed records of the type and number of books checked out of the library and has charge of the file of those titles which patrons have asked be reserved for them.

Mrs. Skeeters endeavors to build up good will for the Library by encouraging patrons to return library materials on time and by contacting persons who delay in returning books.

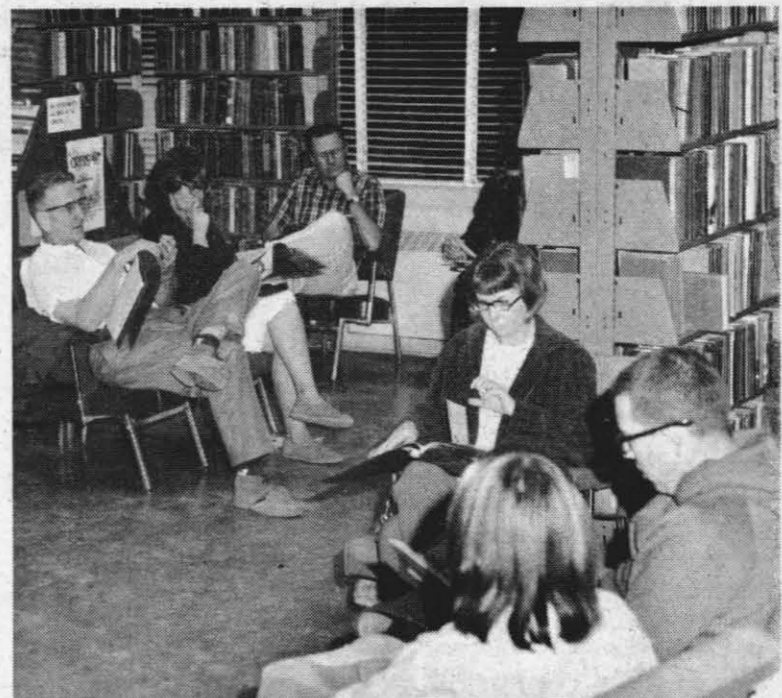
Jane La Rosa, Library Technician, employed by the Library for nine years, processes all new books; is responsible for the acquisition of all library supplies; and keeps the adult and the children's and youth catalogs up to date by filling the cards for books added to the library.

Mrs. La Rosa carries on an active library extension service by providing book reviews each week for the different age groups of the children who attend the China Lake Nursery School and the Day Care Center.

Winnie Troy, Library Technician is the newcomer, having been with the Library for four years. Mrs. Troy accumulates material for the Vertical File and keeps the catalog of the file up to date. She is responsible for the periodical and newspaper collection. She creates the display window at the Center Theatre, and keeps current general information about clubs, transportation and recreation facilities available to library patrons.

The experienced staff is available to provide assistance to patrons seven days a week. The hours, Monday through Friday, are 1 to 9 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday 2 to 9 p.m.

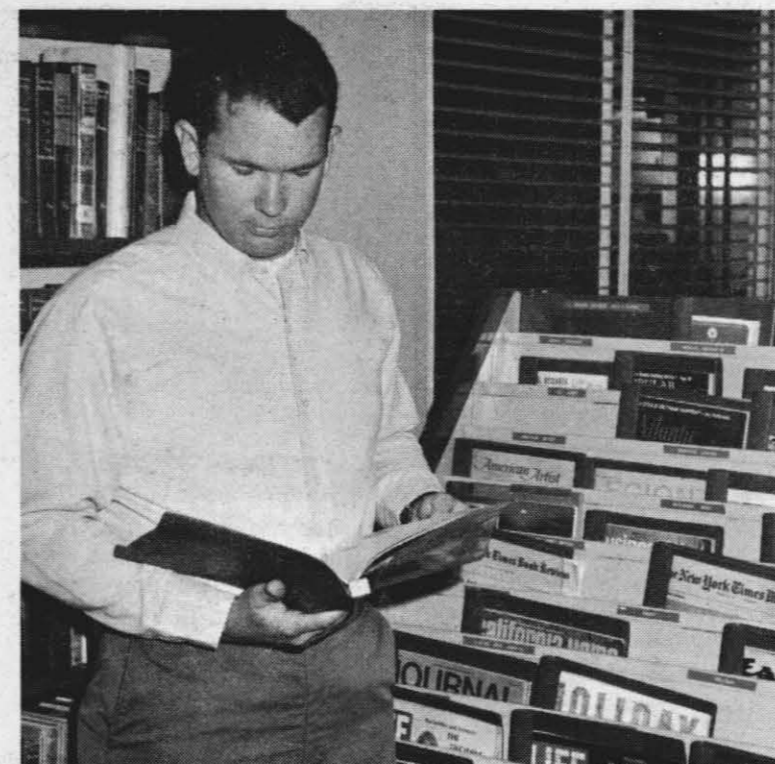
The Center Library is part of Special Services Division, directed by O. A. (Gabe) Imer. Special Services is one of the divisions of Command Administration Department, headed by Commander William P. Baker.



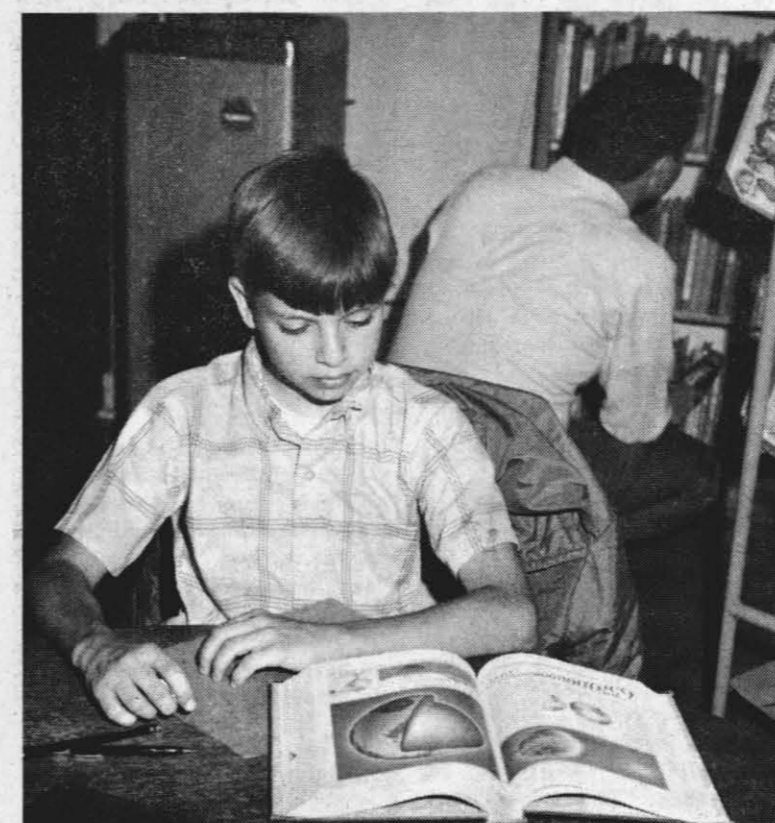
GOOD READING HELPS PASS TIME —Center people find current material available in the library reading room.



MUSICALLY INCLINED? — An "all-out effort" is made by Mrs. Ward to provide the "best" in record selections.



PART TIME ASSISTANT — Clyde Revilee and his co-worker (not shown), work evenings as Pages in the library shelving books and periodicals. Revilee makes it a point to check the condition of each book or magazine before returning it to its proper place in the book racks.



HOMEWORK PROJECT? —Wade Christiansen, a Murray School Student, ponders his homework assignment and knows he can rely on prompt and courteous help from the librarians when he needs their assistance. Wade also uses the library for extra-curricular reading.



STACKS OF BOOKS — Mrs. Betty Wilkie, Senior Library Technician, keeps the stacks in "number one" order so readers have a minimum amount of difficulty locating selections for reading or study purposes.

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Airmen Cited for Achievements



ACHIEVEMENTS RECOGNIZED — Two Naval Air Facility enlisted men were recognized for their achievements and devotion to duty when Capt. R. F. Schall, (left) NAF Commanding Officer, presented awards during recent morning quarters. AO1 Gilbert L. Rittner, (center) earned a Letter of Commendation from his former commanding officer at the U.S. Naval Station, Kodiak, Alaska and was cited for his outstanding performance of duty while assigned to the Armory and Range Division there. Captain Schall also presented AO1 Gerald M. Booth with the fourth Good Conduct Medal. Both are assigned to NAF Ordnance Line.