



YOUNG MUSICIANS — The Kern County Intermediate String Orchestra will make its first appearance in the local area when it performs at the NWC theater on May 17 at 8 p.m. A number of local elementary school pupils will join others from all over Kern County to form this orchestra and the

Kern County Elementary Honor Orchestra, which also will perform that night. The photo was taken when the youngsters presented their first concert of the 1968 season April 20 in Bakersfield, with William D. Cole of the University of Washington as the guest conductor.

Local Students Join Honor Concert Here

Outstanding elementary school music students from all over Kern County will visit China Lake the weekend of May 17 and 18 to observe Armed Forces Day and to present a concert at the Naval Weapons Center theater.

Approximately 160 students from western Kern County, along with 26 from China Lake and six from Indian Wells Valley schools, will participate in a concert of the Kern County Honor Orchestra and the Intermediate String Orchestra at the theater at 8 p.m. on Saturday, May 17.

The fifth through eighth grade youngsters have been selected to take part in the concert because of their exceptional musical talents, according to Mrs. Alberta Kline, China Lake instrumental music instructor and chairman of this year's honor groups. Although honor orchestras have given over 20 years, this is the first time that the group will perform in the China Lake area.

Students from out-of-town will arrive in China Lake by school bus on Friday of that weekend. They will spend that day rehearsing at Murray School, and will stay over night at the homes of local residents after their concert that evening. On Saturday they will observe Armed Forces Day activities before boarding their buses to return home.

China Lake students selected for the honor orchestra include April Austermann, Cathy Carter, Patty Chase, Gary Corlett, Lisa Hamel, Marc Hirschy, Edith Koff, Bobby Malone, Paul McCorkle, Ed Paine, Carol Seeley, Eric Smith, Terrol Strommen, Talitha Werback and Margaret Knemeyer.

Playing with the intermediate string orchestra, composed of younger students, will be Kim Barkemeyer, Jerry Bruce, Lorna Chadwick, Merrill Koff, Karen Lind, Zachary Paschal, Steven Rehn, Louis Renner, Pamela Renner and George White, all from China Lake.



RISES IN RANK — Smile is the order of the day as Cdr. L. B. Keely is officially promoted to his new rank during recent ceremonies conducted at VX-5. Assisting in the ceremony is Cdr. Keely's wife, Marcia, and the Squadron's Commanding Officer, Capt. W. B. Muncie.

Garden Club Sets Tour-Lunch Date For Local Areas

A garden tour and luncheon will be held Thursday, May 16, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., by the Oasis Garden Club for people interested in seeing the many styles of desert gardening.

The gardens on the tour include a large one in Inyokern, four gardens in Ridgecrest, including a desert landscape, and four at China Lake, including the Wickenden home at 4-A Wasp Circle, where a luncheon will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the shaded lawn.

Mrs. Arthur Harman is chairman of the annual garden tour and tickets priced at \$2 may be obtained from her by phoning 725304 or from Mrs. Frederick Richards, ticket chairman, at Ext. 72043.

Ceramic Displays Set at Community Center May 17-18

The Ceramic Hobby Shop will hold its ninth annual Open House and Ceramic Display at the Community Center Friday, May 17 from 1 to 9 p.m., and Saturday, May 18, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Designs will be displayed by students of the Hobby Shop and children participating in the Youth Center Ceramic Program.

SHOWBOAT

FRIDAY MAY 10
"SONS OF KATIE ELDER" (122 Min.)
John Wayne, Dean Martin, Martha Hyer
7:30 P.M.

(Super Western) Three "black sheep" sons return home for the funeral of their mother and are met with hostile silence regarding the loss of her, and the ranch. A big sprawling story with top cast and loads of action-filled drama. (Adult, Youth, Children.)

SATURDAY MAY 11

—MATINEE—
"JOHNNY TIGER" (101 Min.)
Robert Taylor
1:00 P.M.

Shorts: "Greedy Gabby Gator" (7 Min.)
"Manhunt" No. 11 (13 Min.)

—EVENING—
"ARRIVEDERCI BABY" (100 Min.)
Tony Curtis, Rosanna Schiaffino, Nancy Kwan, Zsa Zsa Gabor
7:30 P.M.

(Comedy) This handsome confidence man loves 'em and leaves 'em in his quest for a fortune—and he's not above murder to get it! His misdeeds with the three girls are guaranteed to keep you laughing if you like spice. (Adult.)
Shorts: "Get in the Swim" (9 Min.)

SUNDAY-MONDAY MAY 12-13

"DISNEY'S JUNGLE BOOK" (78 Min.)
Voice of Phil Harris, Sebastian Cabot
7:30 P.M.

(Cartoon Feature) Based on a Rudyard Kipling tale of a boy and his life in the jungle among the animals he loves, the engrossing adventures almost come to life with the famous voices on the soundtrack. For all kids—from six to sixty! (Adult, Youth, Children.)
Shorts: "Prowlers of the Everglades" (32 Min.)

There will be a matinee at 1 p.m. Sunday.

TUESDAY-WEDNESDAY MAY 14-15

"THE BALLAD OF JOSIE" (102 Min.)
Doris Day, Peter Graves, George Kennedy
7:30 P.M.

(Comedy/Drama) Pity the poor recent widow whom some of the local ranchers think is guilty of murder. Her attempt to provide for her son meets with aid and resistance until the whole town is in an uproar! Academy Award winner, Kennedy is a real, low-down baddie in this tale of a super-stubborn widow. (Adult, Youth, Children.)
Short: "The Dot and the Line" (7 Min.)

THURSDAY MAY 16

"COP-OUT" (94 Min.)
James Mason, Geraldine Chaplin, Bobby Darin
7:30 P.M.

(Mystery) Reclusive lawyer is forced back into action when his daughter's boy friend is accused of murder because the fatal weapon is found in his locker. A story of the swiftness of justice plus a tune sung by The Animals. (Adult.)
Shorts: "Normal Normal" (7 Min.)
"Thoroughly Bred" (9 Min.)

FRIDAY MAY 17

KERN COUNTY HONOR CHORUS PRESENTATION — 8 P.M.

Test Is Planned Armed Forces Day

The Chief of Naval Operations has announced a communications test will be conducted jointly by the Armed Services on May 18, in conjunction with Armed Forces Day.

All amateur radio operators are invited to participate. Details of the test, giving transmission data, etc., are contained in OPNAV Notice 5720 of April 1, 1968. The Community Relations Office will make automatic distribution of this notice to all known amateur radio operators on the Center and in Ridgecrest.

Operators who have not received a copy by May 13 should contact Community Relations, Ext. 71659 or 71575 and request one.



LT. DAVE PARSONS recently reported to VX-5 from his last duty station at NAS Cecil Field, Florida. A former resident of Tallahassee, Florida, Lt. Parsons is a graduate of the University of Michigan. Parsons and his wife, Rebecca, reside locally at 104-A Byrnes Street.

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Armed Forces Day Program To Show Forces for Freedom

Events Will Show Variety, Scope Of NWC Mission

BY JOHN R. McCABE

The largest, most comprehensive and varied Armed Forces Day program in years is scheduled to begin at the Naval Weapons Center as the Naval Air Facility gates open to China Lakers and visitors at 9:30 a.m. next Saturday, May 18.

Displays and demonstrations ranging from the latest research and development projects at Michelson Laboratory to a high-flying firepower demonstration by pilots of NAF and Air Development Squadron Five are to be the highlights of a full day of activities — both military and civilian — according to Cdr. Robert M. Dodds, Armed Forces Day Project Officer.

Clubs and civic groups of China Lake and Ridgecrest will join with the Center next Saturday in providing hospitality and in spreading out a dynamic display of the activities and interests of the people who make the Naval Weapons Center work.

In the morning, the Ridgecrest Kiwanis will get the day started with their traditional mass Breakfast in the Community Center parking lot beginning at 7:30 as the Center opens to visitors. The Ceramics Hobby Show will start at 8 a.m., as the Maturango Museum and the Weapons Exhibit Center open. Navy and NWC films will begin at the Exhibit Center at this time.

For a close-up view of varied research and development activities of NWC, Armed Forces Day visitors are invited to take a tour of Michelson Laboratory, starting at 12:30, as the demonstrations at NAF conclude. The Safety Department will also be open, with all its concerns from hazardous duty equipment to driver training on display.

The youth of the Indian Wells Valley will be putting on their own displays and demonstrations of skills learned in Boy Scouting, with the start of the annual Scout Exposition at Schoeffel Field. Armed Forces Day will conclude with the Miss Ridgecrest - China Lake Beauty Pageant at the Center Theater, beginning at 8 p.m.

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Mich Lab Awards Luncheon Planned For Next Friday

Presentation of Michelson Laboratories Awards will be made next Friday, May 17, at a luncheon to be held at the Commissioned Officers' Club.

Center personnel are invited to make reservations for the luncheon, which will start at 11:45 a.m., by calling Ext. 72926 or 72934. Wives of those attending are also invited.

All reservations should be made no later than Tuesday noon, May 14.



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"FORCES FOR FREEDOM" PROCLAIMED — Mayor Kenneth Smith of Ridgecrest presents Cdr. Robert Dodds, Armed Forces Day coordinator, with a proclamation making "Forces for Freedom" the watchword for Saturday, May 18, in Ridgecrest. Joining Mayor Smith and Cdr. Dodds, and representing their respective services, are (l-r) Capt. Robert Glosner, U.S. Army; Major Jon Robson, U.S. Marine Corps; and Lt. Col. James Kirwin, U.S. Air Force. Ridgecrest civic organizations will join China Lakers and the Naval Weapons Center in the event. The highlight of Armed Forces Day will be a firepower demonstration at the Naval Air Facility at 10:45 a.m., following a "Welcome Aboard" to visitors from Capt. M. R. Etheridge, NWC Commander. Joining the firepower demonstration by NAF and VX-5 pilots will be a display of silent flight by the China Lake Soaring Club and of precision parachuting by the China Lake Sky Divers.

VX-5 Man Gives Sting To Bomb-Laden A-6's

Returning from a bombing strike in North Vietnam during August of 1967, two A-6 Intruders strayed into Red China territory and were consequently shot down by Communist fighters. The A-6's were not armed with their normal air-to-air Sidewinder missiles because the Sidewinder rack limits the space necessary for the required bomb load.

Upon hearing about this incident, LCdr. Pete Garber, Officer in Charge of Air Development Squadron FIVE's Detachment Oceana decided to do something to enable the Intruder to carry the air-to-air Sidewinder without restricting the air-to-ground ordnance load.

Flight Testing

After thorough study and research, LCdr. Garber learned that, theoretically, a Sidewinder rack used on an F-8 Crusader is adaptable when hung

on an A-6, without hindering the latter's ordnance load. However, theory must be proved by reality, so LCdr. Garber began to flight test his new configuration.

Three Phases

The testing consists of three phases. The first, flight stability, is completed. The system checked out. "The flight characteristics don't seem to be affected at all" said LCdr. Garber.

The second phase, testing the missile for high "G," high angle of attack, is in process. The third phase, that of actually firing missiles, will follow.

If all phases check satisfactorily, the F-8 rack will be recommended for fleet use. A highly experienced Naval Aviator and veteran of two combat tours in Southeast Asia, LCdr. Garber is close to this goal.

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8-Dudes
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15-Supplication
17-Genus of frogs
18-Comfort
19-Choose
21-Social gathering
23-Pedal digits
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29-Anglo-Saxon money
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CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

The Morality Of The Vietnamese War

CHAPLAIN JUDE R. SENIEUR



A number of American moralists have come out firmly against the Vietnamese war. Some of these men are by no means minor league moralists. This fact adds more to the confusion than to the conviction of their conclusions.

In no uncertain terms these moralists have condemned the Vietnamese war as "immoral, unchristian, barbarous, stupid, tragic." Any brutal conflict between two individuals or two million intelligent human beings is unchristian, barbarous, stupid, and tragic.

In theory, any violent conflict is immoral. But the morality of a specific conflict is judged not on the basis of what is happening but why it is happening.

Some of our moralists substantiate their conclusion on the immorality of the Vietnamese war with a long list of bloody details about the American forces "raining destruction and death with our bombs . . . burning alive or disfiguring for life thousands of innocent civilians, men, women, and children."

The average reader is inclined tearfully to agree with their conclusions as he shudders at their graphic and gruesome descriptions. But these moralists never seem to be willing frankly and factually to confront themselves or the general public with the reason WHY we are involved in these "horrible atrocities." When someone tries to bring this facet of the problem into focus up goes the cry of "red herring!"

Neither the moralists nor the editors who publish their sweeping condemnations ever seem to take time to evaluate the alternative to the Vietnamese or any other war against communism.

They seem to have selectively forgotten the millions purged in Siberian prison camps, the Hungarian slaughters, the multi-millions of Chinese who have been killed, maimed, mentally enslaved, or divested of all their belongings and deported. They ignore the history of Ho Chi Min and his present terrorist program. They seem to blink at the same bloody details that are true in the history of every Communist take-over. Yet, like the post-war Germans, knee-deep in the bones of the concentration camps, these moralists shake their heads and insist it couldn't be that bad.

With the finest rhetoric they proclaim there are other alternatives, other ways to stop the spread of atheistic and de-personalized communism. Yet they fail to cite one instance where it has been so stopped. They spell out in high sounding phrases the insistent plea to "negotiate now" — as if they were not aware of the fact that not a single instance of just and fruitful negotiation with any communist power stands on the record.

Pope Paul's pleas for a cessation of the bombing and negotiation did not indicate or even imply that these were to take place at the price of selling anyone out to communism.

Any act of violence used as a counter measure is regrettable. We wish all men were at a level of maturity in which we didn't have to use it. But the morality of such an act is judged by determining whether this act is the only effective means of stopping a greater evil.

For anyone who has been involved in a communist take-over and who has the true nature and effects of communism fearlessly and realistically in focus, there should be no question about the morality of our efforts to stop it in Vietnam or in any other area.

The real question is: are we doing enough?

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 May 10 to May 17, 1968.

Joiner, JD No. 196-3, Code 70411 - Construct, install and repairs cabinet work furniture, displays, models, and similar items. Also may construct and install doors, door latches, locks, panic hardware, sash, screens, screen doors, picture frames, sinks and counter tops including the formica, minor framing and construction. Qualifications: Applicants must have had four years of practical and progressively responsible experience, which may have included an apprenticeship in the Joiner trade. The following types of experience may be substituted for not to exceed one year of the required four years experience: Boatbuilder; Cabinetmaker; Carpenter and Millman. Linoleum Layer, JD No. 241, Code 70411 - Removes, old and worn floor coverings. Lays new floor covering of asphalt, vinyl or linoleum. Prepares floor surfaces by removing old material and clears floor of debris. Cuts and fits floor covering to fit around pipes, fixtures and other oddly shaped places, using linoleum knife or tile cutter, etc. Qualifications: Applicants must have had four years of practical experience in the preparation of floors with adhesive and bonding material for the application of linoleum and other types of floor coverings, and in the preparation, cutting, and fitting of such floor coverings. File applications with Dora Childers, Code 657, Rm. 32, Bldg. 34, Phone 71393.

AMENDMENTS An amendment to General Foreman I Plumber, Annc. No. NWC-1V0-10(68), issued April 22, 1968, is announced. The Qualification Standards have been amended. The Closing Date has been extended two weeks to read, May 20, 1968.

EDITORIAL

Warm Weather Warning

All of us have plans for a summer vacation. And nine times out of 10 an automobile accident in these plans. For the majority, vacations will be remembered as pleasant ones. But for some, grief, pain and even death beckons. Warm weather, bright sun and dry roads all combine to make good drivers relax after the rigors of winter. The tendency of the



average driver is to think summer roads are safe. This is, of course, an inaccurate impression — an impression that often leads to trouble.

Many circumstances contribute to a single traffic accident, but improper driving is involved in nearly every accident.

The National Safety Council says speed too fast for road conditions is most often a factor in fatal accidents. In some accidents speed and failure to yield the right-of-way cause accidents as well as driver error and inattention to conditions.

These factors, along with drinking-and-driving, contribute to nearly three-fourths of all fatal accidents and to half of injury accidents, the Safety Council points out.

Statistics can be boring. But statistics don't lie. So this summer stay with the majority — the living and healthy ones who had a happy vacation — and a safe one — by using their heads for intelligent driving instead of a windshield ramrod.—(AFPS)

Junior Olympics, Pre-Meet Clinics Set for Youth at Burroughs Field

A Junior Olympic Track and Field Meet, open to all youngsters in Indian Wells Valley 15 years of age or younger, will be held at the Burroughs High School field on Saturday, May 25th.

The Meet is sponsored by the Elks Lodge in Ridgecrest, the China Lake Youth Center, and the Ridgecrest Recreation Department. Assistance is being given by the Burroughs High Athletic Department, who have volunteered to assist in setting up the Clinics and the Meet.

Clinics will be conducted at Burroughs Field for those who wish to prepare for the Meet. The first clinic will be held on Thursday, May 16, from 4 until 6 p.m. and the second on Wednesday, May 22, from 4 until 8 p.m. Youngsters may attend either one or both of the clinics.

The Meet is strictly an age group event with events for both boys and girls. The age

groups are 14 and 15, Senior; 12 and 13, Junior; 10 and 11, Elementary; and 9 years and under, Midgets.

Events will include dashes, high hurdles, low hurdles, broad jumps, high jumps, relays, shot put, and softball throw.

Registration will be at the BHS field prior to the Meet. Further information on the events is available at City Hall in Ridgecrest or at the China Lake Youth Center.

Vampires Alerted For League Fight Against Bandidos

The VX-5 Vampires will take on the El Rancho Bandidos in the opening game of the 1968 China Lake Softball League next Monday evening. The game, which is scheduled to be played at Reardon Field at 6 p.m., will be the first of the league's 112 game schedule.

VX-5 Commanding Officer, Captain W. B. Muncie, will throw out the first ball in pre-game ceremonies marking the league's second year of competition since the dedication of the ball park.

The field was dedicated last year in honor of the late Commander William L. Reardon Jr., former Executive Officer of the Naval Air Facility.

In the second game scheduled at 8:30 p.m., the 1967 champions, Ace TV, will face the Engineers. All games are scheduled to be played at 6:00-8:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday.

SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

- May 13 — El Rancho vs. VX-5, Ace TV vs. Engineers. May 14 — NAF vs. Genge, Magic Cleaners vs. NWC. May 15 — VX-5 vs. Engineers, El Rancho vs. Ace TV. May 16 — Genge vs. NWC, NAF vs. Magic Cleaners.

'Rusty Pickles' Here To Play At Youth Dance

One of the bands which created a sensation at the Teen Fair in Anaheim, "The Rusty Pickles," will play at a dance for the Senior Student Union on Friday, May 17.

The dance, slated for 8 p.m. is open to all high school students, and will be held at the Murray School Auditorium.

Dress for the evening is casual, and admission is free for members and \$1.00 for non-members.

Safe Motorcycle Tips Outlined By Many Researchers

(Continued from Page 6) must face. A small rock in the road will not bother the auto driver but it sometimes is a matter of life or death to the motorcyclist. A car driver may let his attention wander occasionally, but the motorcyclist must stay alert and be prepared for every eventuality.

"Motorcycle safety is the responsibility of the rider" according to veteran rider Skip Fordyce of Fordyce Motorcycle Center, Riverside. He has logged 400,000 accident free miles, first as a stunt rider and the last 26 years in the motorcycle business.

Lela Herigstad Posts Leagues Highest Score To Take Single Title

Lela Herigstad posted one of the league's highest individual games of the season as the China Lake Women's Handicap League entered the final week of competition.

Lela rolled a 222 to take single game honors, while Barbara Larosche hit a 203. Liz Furstenberg had high series for the night with a 496.

In team competition the Checkmates had high single with 946 and Davis Pool and Patio had high team series with 2708.



WINNING SPEAKER — For winning the recent serious speech contest of the China Lake Toastmasters Club, Dan Brown of Engineering Dept. receives certificate from Larry Lincicum, Lt. Gov. of Toastmasters Area 4. At right is Dick Brophy, Inland Gov. of District 12.

Dan Brown Wins Local Toastmasters Contest

Daniel Brown, a general engineer of Engineering Department's Technical Data Division, is a winner of local speech competition held recently by the China Lake Toastmasters Club 853.

In the local club's serious speech contest runoffs held March 28 here, Dan Brown took first place with a discussion of how American parents can best instill citizenship in their children. He compared the discipline of child training in the home to the effective use in Communist nations of "brainwash" type training.

Brown placed second with his speech in Toastmaster District 4 competition held April 11 in Lone Pine. The Club's serious speech contest competition is part of its program for self-improvement in the area of personal communication.

The general Toastmasters program brings men of any and all walks of life together to help and train each other in the arts of communication and group leadership, according to Club 853 president Kenneth La

LSD Film Offered By Safety Dept. To Local Groups

An official U.S. Navy training film portraying the nature of lysergic acid diethylamide tartrate — LSD — and the consequences of its use by amateurs, is now available at the Safety Department.

China Lake groups who could use this documentation in their informational work are invited to contact Safety Department about using the 40-minute color film. It features a Navy doctor, who makes his presentation based on living evidence he has confronted first-hand.

The film will be available at Safety Department through Friday, May 17.

Advisory Bd. Convenes Here In Spring Meet

The spring meeting of the Naval Weapons Center Advisory Board will be held May 15, 16 and 17.

Dr. Gerald W. Johnson, Director of Naval Laboratories, RADM John K. Leydon, Chairman of the Air Warfare Board, and RADM Kenan C. Childers, representing the Naval Air Systems Command, will attend.

Members of the Advisory Board who will attend the meeting are: Dr. Walter H. Brattain, Rear Admiral S. E. Burroughs, Jr., USN, (Ret.), Mr. Richard C. Fuller, Mr. Martin Goland, Mr. Edwin A. Link, Vice Admiral P. D. Stroop, USN (Ret.) and Dr. L. T. E. Thompson.

A no-host reception honoring the members of the Advisory Board will be held on Thursday, May 16, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Commissioned Officers Club.

Personnel planning to attend are asked to call Ext. 71654 before 11:30 a.m. on May 16 to make reservations so that name tags may be provided.

Authorized patrons of the Executive Dining Room who desire to stay for dinner following the reception should make reservations prior to 4:30 p.m. on that date by calling 375-5071.

Assessment Waived

Assessment 149-77 will be waived due to the death of GBEA-CLMAS member Grant M. Gorman, former employee of Michelson Laboratories Engineering Division, who succumbed Monday, May 6 at the Ridgecrest Hospital following a lengthy illness, announced Secretary - Treasurer Joseph M. Becker.



Dr. G. W. Johnson Guest Speaker At May ASPA Meet

Dr. Gerald W. Johnson, Director of Naval Laboratories, will be the luncheon guest speaker at the May 16 meeting of American Society for Public Administrators (ASPA), China Lake Chapter, in the Officers Club Mojave Room. His talk titled: "Laboratory Management — A Headquarters View," will be followed by a question and answer period. ASPA members and non-members are invited to attend the affair.

PENNANT RACE — VX-5 will again sponsor the Giants, last year's champions, in the China Lake Little League competition. To kick off the season Captain W. B. Muncie (r), Commanding Officer of Airdevron Five, presented a \$200 check which was donated by squadron members to Max Smith, manager for the Giants.

China Lakers, Coronans Joined In Battle of Chess Game By Mail

A battle of wits has been in progress since October, 1967, between a group of China Lakers and another of Coronans — with the battlefield a chess-board.

The local group is the China Lake Chess Club, and the engagement is a correspondence chess match with men of the NWC Corona Laboratories. The Corona team is represented by Dr. Richard Panzer and the China Lakers by Marko Afendyky. As of last Friday, May 3, 35 moves by both sides have been transmitted.

The Coronans are moving with the white pieces and the China Lakers with the black.

Marko Afendyky describes the game's present situation, after China Lake's 35th move, in this fashion:

"With two pawns down, White sacrificed the exchange (rook for bishop) on his 34th move, to launch an attack against the Black monarch. However, the somewhat denu-

ded White king poses for the White certain problems."

Chess enthusiasts will know the value of the sacrifice, and what the ensuing problems might be.

The China Lake Chess Club meets every Wednesday from 7 p.m. to midnight at the Officers' Club. At present, the Club is also engaged in a Round Robin Interclub Tourney, with 12 players participating. Vernon Fagin, a mathematics teacher from Trona, is now leading the field with an 8-0 score.

New 10 Lane Bowl Set for Keglers Saturday, June 15

The new 10 lane China Lake Bowl will open around June 15, according to a recent announcement made by Special Services Director Gabe Imer.

The Bowl, located behind Bennington Plaza, will feature some of the latest innovations in alley design for the comfort and convenience of local bowling enthusiasts.

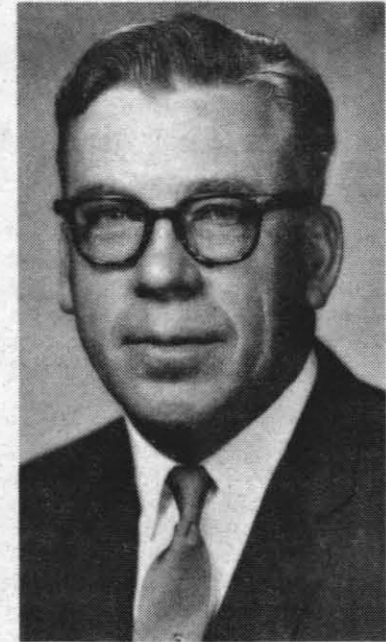
Among the features of the complex will be underground ball returns and an acoustical ceiling arrangement designed for maximum noise suppression.

A snack bar and bowling pro-shop will also be featured at the Bowl. The operation of the lanes will be under the direction of Fred Dalpiaz.

Dodgers-Giants Game Tickets On Sale At NWC Special Services

Tickets are on sale at the Special Services Office for anyone desiring to attend the Los Angeles Dodgers-San Francisco Giants baseball game on Friday May 24.

The game, which will be played at Dodger Stadium at 1 p.m., is the first of several sports excursions planned by Special Services for the upcoming months. Bus transportation will be provided for those who wish to attend the game.



DR. GERALD W. JOHNSON

Doctor Johnson, a Phi Beta Kappa, with a Ph.D in physics, is a native of Spangle, Wash. He served at the Naval Proving Ground, Dahlgren, Va., from 1941 to 1946.

During the '50s he also served as physicist at the Lawrence Radiation Laboratory at the University of California in Livermore and as assistant to the Defense Secretary on atomic energy matters in 1961.

Scout Expo '68 To Gather 400 Boys On Center

To date over 20 Scout Units, representing some 400 boys, are registered to participate in the Scout Exposition at Schoeffel Field on Armed Forces Day, May 18.

Scouts are now selling tickets throughout the District for what promises to be the largest Exposition to date. Tickets are \$1.00 and will admit an adult and his children to the exhibits and demonstrations, to begin at 2:00 P.M. and close at 8:00.

All proceeds from the Exposition help to defray the cost of the program and the Scout Camp Kern.

The primary purpose of the Scout Exposition is to offer Scouts an opportunity to display their skills and to show Scouting in Action.

In addition to exhibits and demonstrations in camp cooking, fire building, mountain climbing, backyard cubbing, first aid, and many others, a special feature for the Explorer age boys and the older youngsters attending the Expo will be Band Concerts throughout the day.

The entire Exposition is open to the public, and tickets may be purchased from any Scout or at the gate.

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DIVINE SERVICES

Protestant—(All Faith Chapel)—Morning Worship—8:15 and 11 a.m. Sunday School—9:30 a.m., Chapel Annexes 1, 2, 3, 4 (Dorms 5, 6, 7, 8) located opposite Center Restaurant.

Roman Catholic (All Faith Chapel)—Holy Mass—7, 9:30 a.m., and 12:30 p.m. Sunday.

Daily Mass—11:30 a.m. in Blessed Sacrament 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 Friday.

Sabbath School—10 a.m. to noon, every first and third Saturday.

Unitarian Fellowship—(Chapel Annex, 95 King Ave.)—Sunday, 7:30 p.m.

THE LOCKER ROOM

Take Me Out To The Ball Game

By ED RANCK



The fireworks begins once again at Reardon Field on Monday evening as the 1968 China Lake Softball League's schedule begins.

Take Me Out to the Ball Game The softball league schedule is probably the most attractive event on the local calendar of sports.

Others, the type who probably don't believe in Mom, apple pie and the Easter Bunny, say that the main reasons for the interest in the league is the fact that the snack bar at Reardon Field has the coldest beverages in town.

Although there are some who say that baseball is on its way out as the national sport, there has got to be a feeling of anticipation prior to the opening of any ball season.

Until the Philadelphia - Kansas City - Oakland Athletics decide to relocate in Inyokern, the China Lake Softball League is the best game in town.

Last year's top club, Ace TV, returns with basically the same lineup. The club will be helped in the field and at the plate with the addition of Bob Palmer and Bret Harney plus the return of Drex Moulder.

The El Ranchito Bandidos, who are really the Ridgecrest Tigers with red sombreros, appear to be one of the more solid contenders. The Bandidos will be tough despite an ordinary defense and a fairly weak attack.

The Engineers could be the best team in the league. With the return of pitcher Bert Galloway, an excellent defensive team and solid hitting the Engineers could win it.

With Bobby Kochman handling most of the pitching, Magic Cleaners has got to be considered. If the team has been able to solve the lack of defensive speed in the infield, they could win it all.

Genge, VX-5 and NAF all have good ball clubs but lack the proven pitching. Genge's Tony Scanlan could be the league's top pitcher if he solves a few problems with control.

DEAR FAN: I TAKE MY COMPUTER IN HAND

To hazard a guess on the final standings, we would predict that the teams will finish in the following order: 1. Engineers; 2. Magic Cleaners; 3. Ace TV; 4. El Ranchito; 5. Genge; 6. VX-5; 7. NAF; 8. NWC.

To predict the winners in anything from the presidential election to a cake baking contest is a bit of a hazard.

Buy U.S. Savings Bonds



LEARNING HOW TO DO IT RIGHT—AMSC Bob Campbell of the Sandblasters Motorcycle Club familiarizes Judy Glor with the controls of a lightweight cycle during a recent Saturday morning session of Safety Department's motorcycle safety training course.

12. The program will continue over three or four more weekends, and new students are welcome at tomorrow's session, to meet first at the Safety Building at 9:30 a.m.

Safe Cycling Outlined by Experts

The popularity of motorcycles is increasing. Motorcycle registrations are reported to have doubled in the last five years.

bugs, twigs, and grit in the air can penetrate the eye before one can wink. The ability to put a foot down or to kick the motorcycle back up without endangering the feet and ankles is important also.

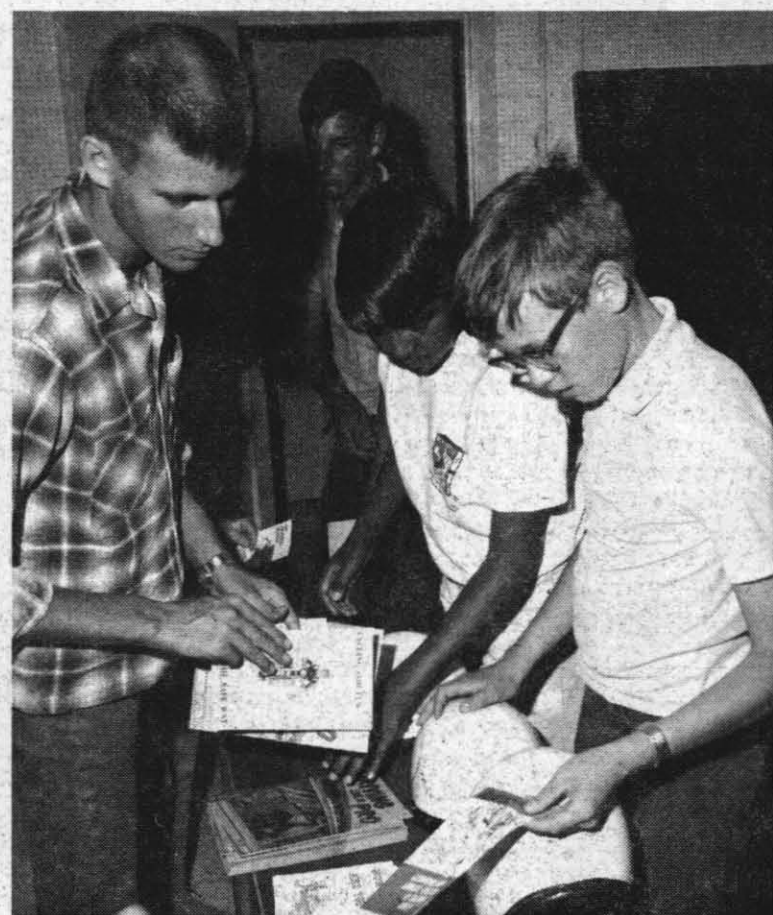
men from the boys. The men use the machine as a fine tool to work with and they give it the proper respect. Alertness and watchfulness and experience are the other keys of safety on a motorcycle.

Many of the deaths and injuries are due to inexperience, showing off, alcohol, the inability of the motorist to see the two wheeler and lack of road courtesy.

Two things make a higher level of performance more necessary for safety in motorcycling than in car driving. First, the stability of the machine is not built in, it is provided by the rider; and second, the rider is exposed rather than protected.

Because of exposure on a motorcycle, protective clothing worn while riding is armor plate for the rider.

The approved safety helmet worn with the strap fastened may be one of the best safeguards from serious injury.



CHECKING SAFETY GEAR — Boys taking part in last weekend's session of the Center's motorcycle safety course look over helmets and instructional material in the Safety Office.

Bud Sewell's Service In Viet Nam Honored

A Naval Weapons Center Superior Accomplishment Award was made to Robert (Bud) Sewell of the Weapons Systems Analysis Division, Weapons Development Department, by Capt. M. R. Etheridge, NWC Commander, on Monday.

The award was presented in recognition of Bud Sewell's outstanding contribution as the NWC Laboratory Representative to the Third Marine Amphibious Force in the Republic of Viet Nam from September 1, 1967, to January 3, 1968.

At the close of this period, a Certificate of Commendation was presented to Sewell by the Commanding General, Third Marine Amphibious Force. It states (in part): "Throughout this period, Mr. Sewell exhibited superior professional ability in rendering advice and assistance to the Force in such areas of operations as Bridge Security, Bunker Construction, Enemy Field Fortifications and Enemy Ordnance."

By his superior professional skill, uncommon initiative and dedication," the certificate continued, "Mr. Sewell provided a substantial contribution to the success of the Military Assistance effort in the Republic of Vietnam."

Armed Forces Day To Show Varied Displays

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The centerpiece of the day's activities will be the firepower demonstration at NAF, which backed up by static displays of equipment on the ground, show the Navy's punch behind "Forces for Freedom."

The demonstrations will begin after a "Welcome Aboard" by Capt. M. R. Etheridge, NWC Commander, at 10:30. NAF and VX-5 pilots will fly A-7 Corsair II, A-4 Skyhawk, F-8 Crusader and F-4 Phantom II jets as they show their techniques in delivering bombs, rockets, Sidewinder air-to-air missiles and simulated nuclear weapons on targets, as well as 20mm air cannon fire.

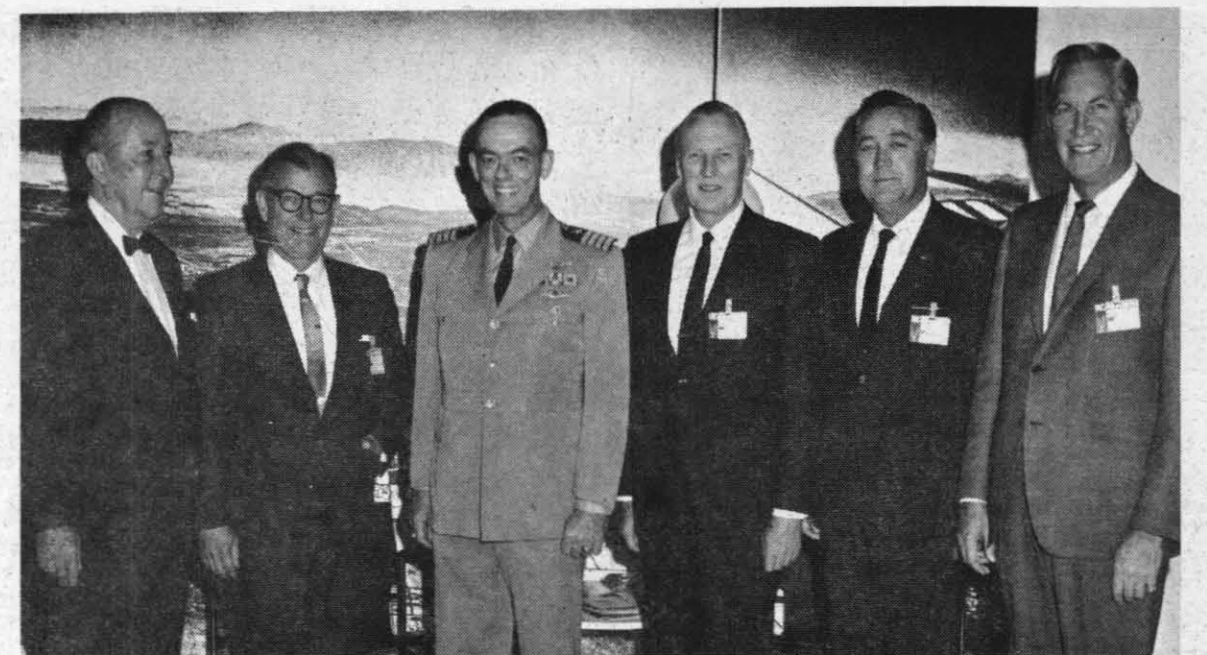
Other events planned for the demonstrations at NAF will include several low passes by one of the Navy's early training aircraft, the N3N "Yellow Peril," a single engine open cockpit biplane from NAS LeMoore. Visitors will watch a demonstration of helicopter rescue techniques of a downed pilot, with an H-34 Seahorse craft in the starring role.

Men Behind Scenes

Assisting Cdr. Dodds in making arrangements for Armed Forces Day activities are Cdr. Demetrio A. Berich of NAF, Lt. Norman L. Morton of VX-5, Stanton L. Cox for Weapons Development Department, Belmont Frisbee for Systems Development Department, William Steel for Research Department and William Arnold for Engineering Department.

Glider Techniques

The China Lake Soaring Club will show their techniques of silent flight during the demonstrations at NAF. Their tow plane is to bring an M-100S Standard Class glider over the field from Inyokern Airport and release it at NAF, then land and take an HP-11A Open Class high-performance glider in tow.



NSIA VIP'S VISIT CENTER — Representatives of the National Security Industrial Association (NSIA), paid a one-day visit to the Center and with Captain M. R. Etheridge, Naval Weapons Center Commander recently. From (l), are Rear Admiral R. W. Berry, (USN-Ref.), Vice-president of NSIA and Pacific Coast Regional Director; Captain C. Blenman (USN-Ref.), Board of Directors, American Electronics, Inc., and former NOTS Commander (1961-1964); Captain Etheridge; Rear Admiral L. D. Coates, Program Manager of ASW & Ocean Systems, Lockheed-California Co.; Brig. Gen. W.

L. Hamrick, Deputy Director, Pacific Coast Region NSIA, and Maj. Gen. D. E. Wilson, Director, Western Regional Office, Bell Aerospace Systems Co. Approximately 100 NSIA members were guests at Michelson Laboratories where they received briefings and participated in discussions with laboratories personnel. NSIA is composed of nationwide contractor representatives teaming together for mutual cooperation in a multitude of programs involving the National Security of the country. Each year, NSIA people visit NWC to coordinate efforts and keep pace of Navy procedure and techniques.



WORLD-WIDE VISITORS — Forty-two scientists from industrial, educational, and governmental agencies visited NWC Corona Laboratories to exchange information on Long Radio Wave Propagation. Included among the group were Dr. Jean Rieker (l), Labora-

toire de Radiometeorologie, Payerne, Switzerland, and Dr. Ben Segal (r), Defence Research Telecommunication Establishment, Ottawa, Canada. Verne Hildebrand (c), Head of Electromagnetic Ranging and Detection Techniques Br. at Corona was host.



CENTRAL STAFFERS HONORED — M. B. Sorge, (right), head of Central Staff, presents pins for 20 years of service with the federal government and at China Lake to Code 17 workers. From left are Roco Cichetti, computer programmer (Fed); Blanche Wood, computer systems operator (Fed, NOTS); Mary L. Flannery, budget analyst (NOTS), and Donna Glaviano, computer systems operator (Fed, NOTS).



PRIZE WINNING BOOK — Mary Neufeld (l), Junior Past President of the China Lake Business and Professional Women's Club, and June Brown, Club Bulletin Editor, display the book containing the "China Lake Chatter" and the First Place trophy it won in competition at the Tri-Valley District Annual BPW Meeting held recently at the Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel, Hollywood, California.

Menace of Narcotics

BY MILT SHEELY

"Kids like to talk. Sometimes a thing like this builds up, but when we try to track it down, it turns out to be only a rumor."

"I think this rumor plays right into the hands of the pushers."

"If we don't have the parents behind the school—we're lost, we have a real problem."

"I really do not think there is a sincere, deep-seated problem in dope here."

"Just because a young man joins the Navy doesn't mean the Navy can rectify in two years what the parents were not able to accomplish in 20 years."

These are a few of the comments voiced by representatives of Naval Weapons Center and officials of the China Lake-Ridgecrest schools in a conference which took place recently at the Center. Gathered together to report their first-hand observations and experiences of a rumor that marijuana, heroin, LSD, etc., does or does not exist in the community were Kenneth Westcott, principal, and Lloyd Lundstrom, vice principal at Burroughs High School; John Cupps, principal, and Douglas Brewer, vice principal at James Monroe School; Richard Jones, Dean, and Raymond Marsh, administrative assistant, Bakersfield Junior College (Desert Division), and Mrs. Betty Jane Tiffany, director of guidance at Murray Junior High School.

Also present at the beginning of the conference were Captain M. R. Etheridge, NWC Commander; J. H. McGlothlin, Head, Community Relations, and J. T. Bibby, Public Affairs Officer.

When the commander reported aboard this Center he was assured no problem existed with dope, or drugs including marijuana, heroin or LSD. He definitely felt, and still does, that the China Lake-Ridgecrest community is a good one.

But the rumor that China Lake-Ridgecrest produces the largest number of narcotics users per capita in this part of the United States has continued to rake up old coals and the flames have spread until they have gone out of proportion to what actually exists in the community.

Something had to be done about the rumor—either prove it to be a reality or dispel it completely. The only systematic approach to this problem was to personally interview, starting with our law enforcement officials, people known to have factual information available on this touchy problem. In short, the law enforcement officials agreed there is no so-called dope, or narcotics problem existing in this community. The rumor was just that, only a rumor.

The next step was to arrange a meeting with the educators in the local area and ask them how they view the

problem in the schools if such a problem actually existed.

Probably one of the first articles to appear in print that brought the subject to the surface was the recent poll conducted by students at Burroughs High School, an article which has caused quite a "stir" here and in other Southern California communities.

Naturally, Kenneth Westcott, principal of Burroughs High School was asked to comment first on the situation and how it may have affected his students. The first thing Westcott commented about was the pride he has in this year's senior class and the entire student body. "This senior class has impressed me more than I've been impressed for quite some time with good leadership and citizenship. I'm making it a special point on graduation night to emphasize this point to all the parents because it is indicative of the home life of the students," Westcott said.

"To have a rumor sprout up during this year when we have such a wonderful group of young people who are the leaders of our school really shakes me."

Westcott feels there is not a deep-seated problem in dope, etc., at Burroughs and he has not seen evidence of it.

As for the article appearing in the "Blockbuster," Westcott said at first he was rather shocked, but after talking with the journalism teacher, he felt it should not be shelved. The school does not believe in suppressing the news so they went ahead and published the survey or poll taken of the student body. It was felt by the school administrators and teachers, also the students, that the more students talked about drugs the more they would think about it; the more they would know about it and the more they would learn from the problem.

Furthermore, the principal felt if the article aroused interest in our community, if it really got the parents interested in their children — where they are, what they are doing and who they are associating with — and provided closer supervision, then the school would have gained something by publishing the article in the Blockbuster.

As far as the schools are concerned they can only attempt to do the best possible job in educating the children. They are responsible for these young people during their time in school, after that it becomes the responsibility of the parents.

Academically, there have been several changes in the school program to try and offset rumors such as the one the schools have been confronted with in recent weeks.

There has always been a state law in California requiring material be presented dealing with liquor and narcotics. Each year the school principals are required to submit a written, detailed report to the

California Department of Education outlining the course contents and certifying the courses have been presented to the students.

Recently Burroughs has instituted several novel programs dealing with the use of narcotics, the effects a narcotic can have on an individual, etc. The material is being taught in Health, Science and Physical Education classes, even though in the past they were only taught in the Science class.

In addition, sophomore students are required to take the course and pass it. The course covers alcohol, alcoholism, smoking and cancer, backed up with lectures and films from outside sources and experts in the field of marijuana, heroin, LSD, etc.

Three main areas of concentration presently pursued at Burroughs, according to Lloyd Lundstrom, assistant principal at the high school, are on education, supervision and cooperation with law enforcement agencies.

The recent publicity on the subject of narcotics has done the schools an injustice. It has been strongly critical of the youngsters — sort of throwing all the more than 1,000 students into one basket — thus tearing down all efforts of school personnel in maintaining school pride. It has definitely had a personal effect on each student and in turn has gone home to effect most of the parents. Again, if the parents say, "Burroughs must be a lousy school if this sort of thing takes place," then what are their sons and daughters going to think when they hear this type of comment? If the parents don't back the school, the administrators feel then they're lost and they have a real problem.

According to Dean Jones of the Bakersfield Junior College, he and his staff have tried to track "the rumor" to its source, but with no success. Even when pinning down some of the students in what he terms as almost embarrassing situations asking them, "Where did you hear this, etc.?" he still has not been able to find a source.

Jones feels that the rumor plays right into the hands of the "pushers." It's also his feeling the rumor could be perpetrated by those who are profiting from the sales of the pot.

The Dean stated we are not the first, second or third in the country, but instead are a very average community in relation to the usage of marijuana. Furthermore, past experience has pointed out to Jones that the small minority of students usually involved in the use of marijuana, if this could be proved, have been students having difficulty adjusting to the school and social environment; they were the people needing help in other ways and were usually the "rejects" as far as the total life of the school was concerned. Nat-

urally, the school, parents or society has failed these youngsters in some way.

In the past, marijuana was limited to the lower class elements of our social structure, but in this day and age, it does not restrict itself to one particular social class. This probably is one of the reasons young people, today, are participating in an experimentation with marijuana.

We know that marijuana does not have predictable results, reflected Dean Jones, but we do know it is less dangerous than say, heroin or LSD. Certainly we cannot for a minute be responsible adults and try to prevent youngsters from using marijuana by lying to them. We have to get into the act of finding out the reality—the truth. Just how bad is the pot? If medical research can show its effects are not as severe as now believed, then, as Captain Etheridge suggested, probably the best thing to do is to enforce the laws as they now exist and encourage a change in legislation.

Dean Jones stated he knew personally of no specific incident this year where a local junior college student was involved in the use, procurement, sale, etc., of marijuana. He believes that no more than one percent uses marijuana.

Attitudes are important among the students as Raymond Marsh, administrative assistant for the college pointed out. He has been teaching students about marijuana and narcotics for the last three years. His program includes discussions, textbook lessons, films which portray experts with knowledge about narcotics and its effect on the individual.

Marsh recalled the attitudes of students varied after presented with such a program. Some laugh at the presentations. One student, in particular, commented, "Heck, five years from now the pot will be legal. Why do you present these programs in the first place?" But, Marsh says, most of the students accept this type of instructions at face value. They are not using marijuana, heroin, or LSD in any way whatsoever.

Junior high and elementary school people are concerned about the rumor and the adverse publicity about the use of narcotics in the area. At James Monroe School, Douglas Brewer, vice principal, and John Cupps, principal, feel the rumor has been definitely overstated. They haven't turned up one single case of a student being involved in the use of marijuana or anything else.

Kids like to talk and sometimes a rumor such as this will build up, but when an effort is made to trace the source, it fails to materialize. Not too long ago a sixth grade boy became suspect. He had a drawing depicting LSD, but when Monroe school officials investigated further, they found

the lad was preparing a report for one of his classes. Brewer and Cupps could easily have jumped off the deep-end and said the lad was mixed up in the use of narcotics, when actually he wasn't.

One of the main complaints Monroe school officials voiced were about some of the television shows depicting the use of narcotics by adults. Most recently, for example, a news program showed a police officer standing on the steps smoking marijuana. Children viewing this scene might say to themselves, "if police officers can get away with smoking the pot, why can't we?" (This policeman was arrested on the spot — he didn't get away with it.) It's tragic that television programs similar to this are allowed to remain on the air. This type of thing does nothing to help the present situation in the schools or in the local community.

Many of the youngsters at Monroe are at the highly imaginative stage in their development — they want to know all about marijuana, etc., or for that matter, about everything Monroe conducts a program for its youngsters dealing with alcohol, cigarette smoking and narcotics in their classrooms. As time goes on, commented the officials, more programs along these lines will be presented to our young students.

Director of Counseling at Murray Junior High School for the last 10 years, Mrs. Betty Tiffany commented, "nothing has been going on at the school as far as marijuana, etc., is concerned. Plenty of rumors were checked out, with no factual results." In close touch with Kern County Probation Department, Mrs. Tiffany was told that some parents see nothing wrong in children using marijuana.

Evidently some parents are ignorant of the law. There are four things which are illegal for parents to allow their children to do: cigarette smoking; partaking in alcoholic beverages, driving and drug use. Parents are supposed to set an example, but when children see them violate the laws of society, they feel they have the right to also violate these laws.

Murray administrators and teachers have stepped up the education program devoting time to health education, science classes, etc., presenting lectures, discussions and films on the narcotics subject. The school officials feel a diverse publicity has done more damage in the past few weeks than the exposure of the truth.

It is unfortunate such a disastrous rumor had to begin in the first place. Rumors are nasty things, especially when they are allowed to be blown completely out of proportion. They can destroy confidence, faith and trust of the people of any community who have strived to make their hometown a good place to live and

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School Officials Talk About Drugs

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a place to raise their children.

The school officials hope China Lake-Ridgecrest communities will not become complacent. The rumor, if it has done any good at all, has at least brought the realization to people here that the possibility might exist that narcotics could be in use. Some people may have felt the community was too highly developed, technically, scientifically, educationally, for something like this to happen.

In concluding the interview, a unanimous agreement was reached by the officials and included the following: first, they do not know of any serious dope, etc., problem existing in the schools of China Lake-Ridgecrest; second, they all feel, strongly, the rumor has completely gotten out of control—it has gone beyond all bounds and there is absolutely no truth to it; third, marijuana is a serious problem and it hasn't been dealt with properly by our society yet.

They believe the laws should be enforced, and last, they could not emphasize enough that parents should know, must know where their children are at all times, what they are doing and who their friends are, etc. Get to know your youngsters, don't ignore them. How long has it been since you, the parent, has taken time from your schedule to sit down with your child or children for an honest, sincere family discussion about what is good, what is evil, what they like or dislike? You might be amazed at what you find out from this conversation. The kids are maturing, probably faster than we want to believe, but they have suggestions, ideas and feelings about how they, as individuals, hope to fit into the social structure.

These kids need the support of their parents, their love, confidence, and understanding first, before the schools will be able to provide satisfactory education programs helping these future citizens to stand alone.

Navy League Council Meets

Announcement of his appointment of new council chairman by Howell Sumrall, newly elected president, will highlight the meeting of the Indian Wells Valley Navy League Council at The Hideaway Monday. The event starts at 7:30 p.m.

In addition, reports will be given on the National Navy League Convention held in Honolulu April 21-27. Convention attendees expected to report on various phases of the convention are Mil Carlson, Leo Simonton, Lee Warner, and George Hucek.

Other new officers, in addition to Sumrall, participating in their first official meeting Monday night, will be Herb King, first vice president; Dr. Henry LaFortune, second vice president; Archie Meyer, secretary; Francis Carlisle, treasurer; Jim Wheeler, judge advocate, and J. Bibby, military liaison.

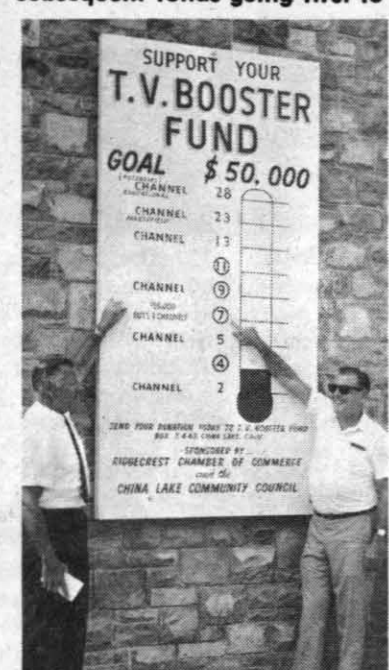
Funds Paid For New Television Equipment

New equipment for relaying channels 4, 7, 9 and 11 was purchased Monday, May 6, from donations collected during the current TV Booster Fund Drive, announced R. K. McKnight, chairman of the drive.

More than \$20,000 has been received within the first 30 days of the drive, he said.

"Channel 4 equipment is already installed," said Henry Wair, spokesman for the men in charge of hooking up the new gear. "This equipment for Channel 4 was sent by EmCee Industries for demonstration, and it is quite possible that the additional channels can be installed within four weeks," he explained.

McKnight said some 40 percent of the \$50,000 goal has been raised so far, and that it would be spent now on the two best channels, 4 and 7, with subsequent funds going first to



THERMOMETER RISES — Ready to raise the "temperature" of the TV Booster Fund thermometer at the Center Theater are (l-r) Warren Stelmiller, treasurer of the Fund, and O. A. "Gabe" Imer, Special Services Director. Equipment for four channels has been bought so far, and the gear for Channel 4 installed.

improve channels 9 and 11, the two most in need.

Teams of firemen, under the direction of Chief Jack Brust, visited over half the households in China Lake by last weekend and expect to visit the rest this week, between 5 and 9 p.m. each day. Their efforts have accounted for over \$6,500 of the amount now in hand, according to McKnight. He said a similar person-to-person method is being worked out for Ridgecrest by Gene Richardson and Straud Stacke of the Chamber of Commerce. Jim Poore of Ace TV is to provide a sound truck for this work.

A recent review of the status of the fund drive and of technical work, called by Capt. M. R. Etheridge, NWC Commander, indicated that donations of from \$10 to \$20 per family in the Valley should enable workers to install equipment for Channel 23, Bakersfield's KE-RO-TV, according to McKnight. He added that this should also permit installation of Channel 28, KCET, the public educational channel.

Desert Orchestra Elects Trustees

A new board of trustees was elected at the annual meeting of the Desert Community Orchestra Association, at Murray School, May 6. It includes: Mrs. Richard Jones, David Karenan, Sandy Rogers, and Dr. Donald R. Villars, all of China Lake.

At a recent orchestra rehearsal, members of the group elected Mrs. Ken Bichel, China Lake elementary school teacher, and prominent churchwoman, as their president and representative to the board of directors.

The Desert Community Orchestra will play its final concert of the season, Sunday, May 26, at a concert hall location to be announced. President Ward said. Orchestra rehearsal nights include Monday, May 13, Monday, May 20, Saturday May 25, and Sunday afternoon dress rehearsal.



TAKING CARE — Capt. M. R. Etheridge, NWC Commander, opens the 1968 Navy Relief drive by buying the first ticket from Lt. W. L. Czerwonka, special ticket representative for Code 14. Sales will continue through June 6. Tickets will be available on the Center and in Ridgecrest.

Navy Assists Its Own With Community's Aid

"I have seen Navy Relief in action and am aware of the good that it does," said Capt. M. R. Etheridge, NWC Commander, as he purchased ticket number 1, officially opening the annual call for voluntary contributions to the Navy Relief Fund.

"It is the one agency that the boys can turn to with assurance that they will get help," the Commander commented.

Some 196 local servicemen and their families received substantial assistance in emergency situations in 1967. Financial aid may be in the form of an outright grant, a loan without interest, or a combination of the two. Usually support given to the dependents of a deceased Navy man amounts to a gift. During 1967 assistance was given to 106,486 service families on an international basis.

"From an administrative point of view, it is exceptionally effective in that no overhead is involved. All work is carried out by Navy personnel who volunteer their efforts," Capt. Etheridge pointed out. Navy wives, 6,900 strong, volunteer their services. The contributions made annually dur-

ing this drive are the only source of funds available for this organization.

One hundred per cent of every dollar donated to Navy Relief is used for Navy personnel emergency, a record-breaking achievement for any organization. The Navy Relief Society is organized on a national basis and operates through 53 auxiliaries and 61 branches located in Navy and Marine Corps bases throughout the world.

The committee for the local drive has arranged to award five U.S. Savings Bonds: \$1,000, \$500, \$200, or one of two \$100 bonds.

Navy Relief posters will be prominently displayed in many areas aboard the Center, as well as in Ridgecrest business establishments. Tickets will be on sale throughout the drive at the Officers' Mess, the Chief's Club, the Chaparral Club and off the Center at the Ace TV and Western Auto stores.

SHARE IN FREEDOM
★ U.S. Savings Bonds
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DEDICATION CEREMONIES — The Honorable John V. Tunney, member of Congress from the California 38th District, makes the dedication speech for the new Fuze Model Range Facility at Naval Weapons Center Corona Laboratories. The ceremony included remarks from the Resident Officer-in-Charge-of-Construction, Lt. Cdr. C. E. Christensen; Capt. R. L. Wessel, Commanding Officer; Dr. F. S. Atchison, Technical Di-

rector, and Cdr. R. E. Forbis, Executive Officer and Master of Ceremonies. "The community should be proud of the laboratories and the high caliber of people who work here," the Congressman said, while commenting that the labs receive more federal operating funds than any other activity in Riverside County. Congressman Tunney's visit included lunch in the labs cafeteria and other technical briefings.