

Oriental Floral Arrangements Highlight Garden Club Meet

The 11th anniversary meeting of the Oasis Garden Club will feature "Oriental Flower Arrangements for the American Home" demonstrated by Mrs. J. W. Dennison. The meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m., February 13, at the Commissioned Officers' Club.

The flower arranging demonstration will start at 10:30 a.m. and luncheon will be at 12:30 p.m. The menu is beef stroganoff, \$1.65, including tax. Reservations can be made by phoning Mrs. Edward Benton at Ext. 723024.

Mrs. Dennison is from Muscog, California, and is the current chairman of the Flower and Garden Show of the National Orange Show to be held in San Bernardino March 6-16.

She first became interested in flower arranging when her husband was stationed at Hamilton Field, California in 1938 and she attended garden club programs and flower arranging was taught by a Japanese instructor.

Eight years ago, while the Dennisons were stationed in Japan for three years, Mrs. Dennison was a student of Ikebana at four different schools. She now has teaching certificates from three of the schools.

Mrs. Dennison is a past president of the San Bernardino Valley District of California Garden Clubs, Inc. and also past president of Arrowhead Garden Club and of several garden clubs in the east.

Organizations Here and There

The China Lake Tennis Club will hold its annual business meeting February 13 at 7:30 p.m. in the Plaque Room of the Commissioned Officers' Mess.

Agenda items include the election of officers for 1969 and a discussion of the tennis clinic.

Prospective members of the Tennis Club are especially invited to attend this meeting.

Bowling Tournament

The Women's City Bowling Tournament will be held this weekend at the China Lake Bowl. Competition is expected to get underway on Saturday morning and continue through the day. During the event the Bowl will be closed to open bowling but is expected to reopen on Sunday.

JAMTO Has Moved

The Center's Travel and Transportation Branch, Code 8517, and the Airline Traffic Office (JAMTO) are now located in Wing Two of Bldg. 880 (Navy Enlisted Barracks). The telephone numbers will remain the same.

The travel offices will remain in this location until further notice.

PTA Features Choruses



THAT'S THE ENTERTAINMENT — A "Tri-Choral Treat" combining the choruses of Burroughs High and Monroe and Murray Junior High Schools will be presented Feb. 13 at 8 p.m. in the Burroughs Multi-Use room. An added attraction will be the performance of "The New Sound Singers," pictured above. The program will be presented for the benefit of the PTA Scholarship Fund. Shown above are (l-r): David Davis, Libby Edwards, Jim Harrellson, Thessa Cox, Nina Sorenson, Lorraine Strathdee, Jim Cornish, Robbie Fox, and Janet Wilson.

SHOWBOAT

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 7
 "KISS THE OTHER SHEIK" (88 Min.)
 Marcello Mastroianni, Pamela Tiffin
 7:30 P.M.
 (Comedy) Struggling bank clerk tries to sell his extravagant, oversexed wife who can't cook, to an Arab sheik or sultan and the fun begins. It's a gay and spicy Italian romp with two lovely ladies and a desperate wife. (Adult.)
 Shorts: "Car of Tomorrow" (7 Min.)
 "Getting Welter" (9 Min.)

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 8
 "INDIAN PAINT" (91 Min.)
 Johnny Crawford
 1:00 P.M.
 Shorts: "What's Opera Doc" (7 Min.)
 "Ghost Riders" (No. 11, 13 Min.)

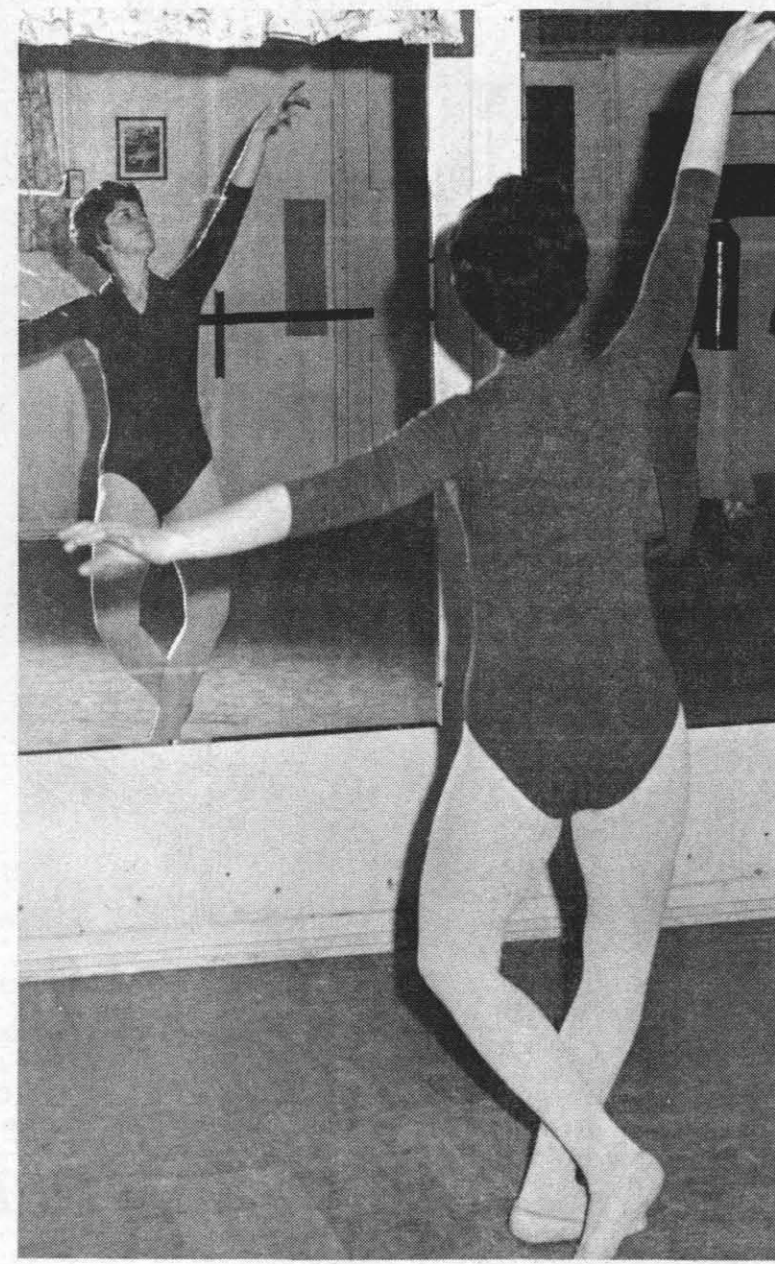
—EVENING—
 "THE BIG GUNDOWN" (90 Min.)
 Lee Van Cleef, Tomas Milian
 7:30 P.M.
 (Western) Texas lawman trails and approaches a fugitive time and again only to have the cunning Mexican foil him with a ruse. The hunter and the hunted match wits in a game that only death can settle—but does it? (Adult, Mature Youth.)
 Shorts: "Magoo's Lodge Brother" (7 Min.)
 "Who Dunnit?" (16 Min.)

SUNDAY-MONDAY FEBRUARY 9-10
 "RACHEL, RACHEL" (104 Min.)
 Joanne Woodward, James Olson
 7:30 P.M.
 (Drama) A perceptive story of a repressed, middle-aged schoolmarm whose only escape from drab daily routine is remembrance of her childhood—until she has a romantic fling. Artistic depth may get Academy Award attention. (Adult.)
 Short: "Chimp & Zoo" (7 Min.)

TUESDAY-WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 11-12
 "THE SOUND OF MUSIC" (172 Min.)
 Julie Andrews, Christopher Plummer
 7:30 P.M.
 (Musical) Delightful tunes of Rodgers & Hammerstein, the superb Julie and exceptional photography tell a story of a governess whose patience and tact win the hearts of seven rebellious children and their father. Their escape from Hitler-annexed Austria is even a hi-jinx. A superb classic. (Adult, Youth, Children.)

THURSDAY-FRIDAY FEBRUARY 13-14
 "IN ENEMY COUNTRY" (107 Min.)
 Tony Franciosa, Anjanette Comer
 7:30 P.M.
 (Spy/Drama) She became the prettiest double-agent in Germany during WW II but her heart remained in France. Where was the famed factory that produced the computerized torpedo that wrecked Allied shipping? Suspenseful. (Adult, Mature Children.)
 Short: "Nothing Like a Dame" (9 Min.)

Dance, Ballerina, Dance



THE ART OF DANCE — is the theme of the WACOM luncheon program for Tuesday, February 11. Maelo Pickett, shown above, rehearsing, will present the program assisted by Ann Short. To contrast the building of the artistic technique of the ballet dancer with the stylization and technique of the jazz dancer, Maelo will demonstrate the jazz technique and Ann will demonstrate the ballet technique. Maelo has studied at Fishback Studios in Albuquerque and Robert Rossellat's Studio in Beverly Hills; during the past two years she has taught ballet, tap, jazz and acrobatics to children and adults for the China Lake Ballet Society. Ann, a Burroughs junior, is studying with Mrs. Pickett and periodically studies at the George Zoritch School in Hollywood. Luncheon begins at 12 noon in the Mojave Room of the Commissioned Officers' Mess. Reservations can be made by calling Pat Williams at 723104. You can still join WACOM — just phone Virginia Murphy at 725402.

Local Group Schedules Rehearsals

Tryouts for the Community Light Opera and Theatre Association (CLOTA) spring production, "A Thousand Clowns," are being held at 7:30 p.m., February 12 and 13 at the hangar of the old Ridgcrest Airport at China Lake Blvd. and Upjohn Street.

Director Ed Romero needs actors for the four men, one woman, and one 12-year-old boy cast and technical help.

Publicity chairman, John Woolridge stated this will be a difficult but rewarding spring project and urges all who are interested to come to the tryouts.

The production is scheduled for April 25 and 26 and May 1, 2 and 3.

Blue Cross Ins. Agent At Community Center Wednesday, Feb. 12

Norman R. Smith, Blue Cross-Blue Shield (Service Benefit Plan) representative from Bakersfield, will be aboard the Center on Wednesday, February 12 at the Community Center from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., according to T. J. Haycock, Head, Employee - Management Relations.



WESTERN BAND AT CLUB CHAPARRAL — Anita Cross and her band will be at the Club Chaparral to entertain members and guests tonight, February 7. All members are urged to attend for an evening of fun and dancing.



LT. ANGALENE F. WALTERS — has assumed the duties of NWC's Communication Officer, relieving Lt. I. R. Moore who has orders to the Naval Communication Station, San Francisco. Lt. Walters entered the Navy in October 1958 and received her commission December, 1958. Sedalia, Missouri is her hometown and she attended Central Missouri State College where she received a B.S. degree in mathematics. She also has studied at the Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, Calif. She was Intelligence Officer of Commander, Oceanographic System Pacific from January 1966 to December 1968. During September 1964 to December 1965 she was the U.S. Navy's Liaison Officer in operations at HMCS Shelburne, Shelburne, Nova Scotia, Canada. Her duty with the Canadianians included acting as Division Officer of Canadian Sailors and Wrens, using the Queen's Regulations.

Shreve To Be Liaison Officer



Lloyd H. Shreve of the Center's Engineering Department will serve as NWC's Liaison Officer in our Nation's capitol from February 17 until the end of March.

Shreve, head of the Systems Electronic Branch (Code 5532) since 1966, brings a wide experience to his Washington, D.C. assignment. He technical-



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Limited War Laboratory's New Technical Director Visits Center

Dr. Shelton Former NASA Plasma Chief

The Center was honored this week by a visit from the recently appointed Technical Director of the Limited War Laboratory, at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Dr. R. D. Shelton.

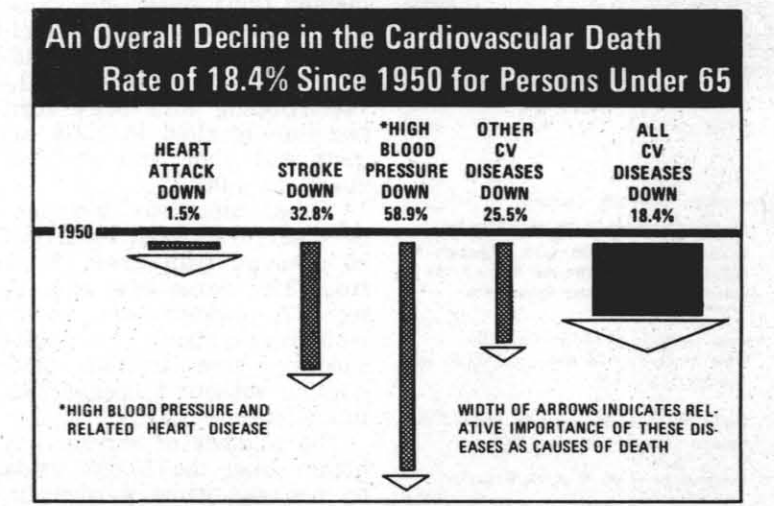
During his stay at China Lake, he was taken on a tour of the facilities and generally made familiar with the many and varied capabilities of the Center.

Dr. Shelton joined the Limited War Laboratory as its Technical Director on October 21, 1968. Previous to his appointment to that position, he was Chief of the Nuclear and Plasma Physics Division of the Space Sciences Laboratory at NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center at Huntsville. While serving in that capacity, he was responsible for activities involving Ion, Plasma, Nuclear and Radiation Physics, Cryogenics, Seismology, Planetology, Soil Mechanics and other areas of Applied Mathematics.

Married, and the father of three children, Dr. Shelton is a graduate of Eastern Kentucky University. He received his doctorate, however, from the University of Tennessee, where he also did some teaching.



TECHNICAL DIRECTOR VISITS — Dr. R. D. Shelton, (c) recently appointed Technical Director of the Limited War Laboratory, Aberdeen Proving Ground, visited the Center this week for an orientation tour. He is pictured above prior to a briefing in Michelson Laboratory with Captain R. Williamson, II, NWC Executive Officer, and Hack Wilson, Deputy Technical Officer. He was aboard Feb. 4 and 5.



William F. Laporte 1969 Heart Fund Chairman

GREAT ACHIEVEMENT OF MEDICAL HISTORY is reflected by this chart, an overall reduction since 1950 of 18.4 per cent in the death rate applying to men and women below 65. Downtrend began with massive research programs, initiated in 1950, utilizing both tax and voluntary dollars. More than 145 million Heart Fund dollars have been channeled into these programs. The Heart Fund is conducted here and in 8500 other American communities throughout February.

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TO _____

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CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

Letter To A Young Man Born 1969
CHAPLAIN JUDE R. SENIEUR



Dear David Vincent,
A fellow by the name of Dean Martin has been singing a song entitled, "Welcome To My World." I don't know all the words but one phrase is both interesting and true. It says, "the world was made with YOU in mind."

You see, Dave, Love is what Life is all about. Love is why we were created and Love is our destiny. Love brought your parents together. Love gave you existence. And Love will bring your happiness in time and eternity.

But Love is not automatic any more than is intelligence or maturity. All three must be cultivated and developed. They won't "just come" with time and physical growth.

Dave, if you could read the morning paper you would see that society today is suffering from an imbalance of development. At least, it would seem that we have developed our intellectual and technical power far beyond our Love Power and maturity.

Your future and the future of the world will be pretty much what you make it. My generation and the generation of your parents have had successes and failures. We hope your generation will build on our successes, correct our mistakes, and lead the world into an era of real peace and joy.

My generation will be remembered for learning to fly and reaching the clouds. Your parents' generation will be remembered for learning to launch a rocket and reaching the moon. My generation will be remembered for learning to develop the Love that can reach the hearts of all men.

Welcome to our world, little fellow. Already it's better with the hope that comes with the likes of you!

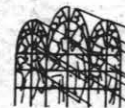
Tickets to the Desert Community Orchestra's youth concert, Feb. 15, at the NWC Station Theater, are now on sale at the Gift Mart in Ridgecrest, and the Station Pharmacy at China Lake. Admission for this concert, which starts at 11 a.m., is \$1 for adults, 50 cents for students, and children free (one for one) when accompanied by an adult. Service men and families are admitted free.



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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, 9:30 a.m.
Confessions—7 to 8 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, 95 King Ave.)—Sundays, 7:30 p.m.

DEADLINES:
News Stories—Tuesday, 4:30 p.m.
Photographs—Tuesday, 11:30 a.m.
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Phones—71354, 71655, 72082

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 vacancies listed below are effective from February 7 to February 14, 1969.

Ordnanceman (A&E) WB-65002-06 - Ordnance Learner (A&E) WB-65011-05 (1 Vacancy), Code 255 - Performs a variety of manual and mechanical tasks in assembly, disassembly, loading ammunition, ammunition components and explosives, and in the receiving, storage and shipping of these items. In the status of a learner, simpler and repetitive tasks in this area.

File applications for the above with Carole Cadle, Bldg. 34, Rm. 26, Ext. 71648.

Clerk-Typist, GS-322-3, PD No. 718009 - Code 1825 - Position is located in the Operations Maintenance Division located at the Naval Air Facility. The incumbent will type official correspondence, process and file correspondence, answer phone and perform general clerical work. Must meet CSC qualifications requirements outlined in handbook X118.

File application with Mary Morrison, Bldg. 34, Rm. 32, Phone 72022.

Carpenter, JD No. 177, Code 70411 - Incumbent builds, repairs, and makes alterations to wood structures of buildings, constructs, repairs, and installs various wooden articles and items of equipment. Qualifications: J-Element.

File applications with Dora Childers, Code 657, Room 32, Phone 71393.

Automotive Equipment Serviceman, JD No. 142-1, Code 707 - Services automotive equipment with gasoline, checks oil level, adds oil, checks radiators, cleans windshield, checks tires, and checks batteries. Lubricates automotive equipment and changes and patches tires on tubes. Qualifications: Applicants must have had not less than six months of experience as a service station attendant, or laborer in the automotive field. Substitution of six months training in a resident automotive trade school may be substituted for the six months of required experience.

File applications with Dora Childers, Code 657, Room 32, Phone 71393.

EDITORIAL

Do You Really 'Know' America?

Members of the U. S. armed forces are the best fed, best dressed, highest paid and best equipped troops in the world—bar none! But, if you notice, there's one thing that isn't listed — how well do they know their country's history and system of Government?

This latter question is not aimed at any one in particular. It's just for those who are personally aware of how little knowledge they have of these two important areas.

Just for fun, ask yourself or the fellow next to you: "How many members are there in the U. S. Congress?" "How many U. S. Senators are there?" "Can you name 15 of them by State and



party affiliation?" "How many U. S. Representatives are there?" "Who was the second President of the United States?" "Name the 37th President." This list goes on ad infinitum.

Every American should know his country's history and how his Government functions. It's an obligation if he or she is to participate in and enjoy a democratic society.

American history and Government go far beyond what you may have learned in high school and college. So, why not read up on these subjects? See what makes your country "tick."

As you read and study about your country and her leaders, you'll be surprised how much personal sacrifice and effort has been made to make America what she is.

Become a part of the BIG team. Become a part of America's heritage. But first, start at the beginning. Learn to understand that America's greatness comes from her people — people like you who make up the best fed, best equipped, etc., troops in the world.

And, one more thing — just for fun — how many stanzas can you recite of our National Anthem? (AFPS)



NAVY RELIEF WORK ACKNOWLEDGED — Presentation of 100-hour Navy Relief pins was made at the Military Wives luncheon last Tuesday at the Commissioned Officers' Club by Chaplain H. A. MacNeill, Executive Secretary of the Navy Relief Society. Members who received the pins for completing 100 hours of service for Navy Relief were (l-r) Jean Mulligan, Judy McCrimmon (standing), Mary Verich, and Kathy Talley.

VA Burial Claims Explained

Up to \$250 for burial expenses for eligible deceased veterans will be paid by the Veterans Administration if the claim is filed within two years after the veteran's burial or cremation.

Burial claims may be filed by the undertaker, if he has not been paid, or by the party who paid the undertaker, the VA spokesman explained.

Burial expenses for servicemen who died on active duty are borne by the military, not the VA.

Almost every deceased veteran is eligible for an American flag for his casket. Flags are furnished undertakers, on request, by any VA office or post office.



1ST ANNUAL MILITARY BALL — A good time was had by all who attended the recent Military Ball held January 31 at the Community Center. To commemorate the occasion, a cake-cutting ceremony was held during the event. LCdr. Carl Bates, NWC Personnel Officer, assisted the Commander, Capt. M. R. Etheridge in slicing the huge cake. The affair was held for the military and their dependents only. A tete-tete from COMNAVAIRPAC provided the music for the festive evening.

Russell Skeeters, Mr. HERO, Retires

Russell N. Skeeters, known from ship-to-shore for the past 10 years as NWC's "Mr. HERO," retired last week after 23½ years with the Navy Department.

An electronics engineer, Skeeters was project manager of the HERO/RADHAZ program (hazards of electromagnetic radiation to ordnance and radiation hazards) since 1958 and, more recently, also head of the RFI/EMI (radio frequency interference / electromagnetic interference) section of the Engineering Department.

While in charge of the

HERO program he worked on NWC problems for most of the Center's air-launched weapons and thereby became known, from the Fleet to the Navy laboratories, as NWC's "Mr. HERO."

From 1956 to 1958, Skeeters worked in the Propulsion Development Department where he first became involved with the problems of radiation hazards to ordnance.

Skeeters work concerned underwater ordnance in 1943 when he worked for the Office of Scientific Research Development (OSRD) at CalTech.

He began his civil service

career in October 1945 at NOTS, Pasadena where he was involved with the underwater ordnance program conducted at the Morris Dam facility.

Later he worked on the design of the China Lake SNORT track for the Pasadena branch of the NOTS Engineering Department. When that department transferred to China Lake in August 1954, the Skeeters family was included in the move.

The Skeeters plan to reside in Indian Wells Valley, which will be their headquarters when not touring the USA in their travel trailer.



FESTIVITIES OPEN REMODELED LIBRARY — Official opening of the Center's remodeled library on January 30 was attended by a number of Valleyites and Mrs. Cecile Ritter, District Librarian of the Eleventh Naval District. Mrs. Maryon Ward, Librarian, cuts the cake for serving to (l-r) Cdr. S. M. Dunn, Head, Special Services; Mrs. Leola Skeeters, Mrs. Jane LaRosa, Mrs. Betty Wilkie and Mrs. Winifred Troy, all on the library staff; and Capt. R. Williamson, Executive Officer. This occasion also marked the retirement of Mrs. Leola Skeeters who was presented the NWC plaque.

LAW IN ACTION

RIGHT OF WAY

You come to an intersection at the same time as another car. Who has the "right of way," the privilege of immediate use of the highway?

In most cases the stoplights tell. In some, signs on side streets do.

But who gets the right of way when no lights or signs direct the drivers?

In California the approaching driver must yield to a vehicle already in the intersection.

What happens if two cars enter the intersection from different highways at the same time?

The car on the left yields to the vehicle on the right.

Although one motorist has the right of way, he still must use reasonable care in crossing the intersection.

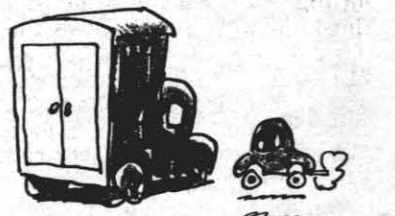
Recently a crash resulted because one driver with the right

of way crossed the path of an oncoming car.

The California court held: Under some traffic conditions, ordinary care may call upon the driver with the right of way to yield to avoid a disaster, even though he may have entered the intersection first and would, as a rule, have the right of way.

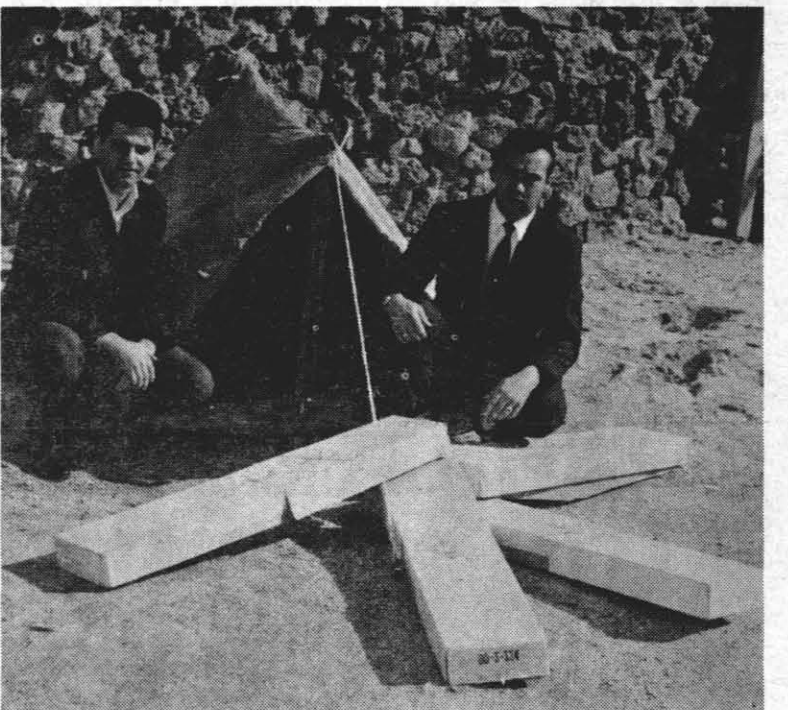
Look out for the "right of way" rule when you make a left turn. Wait in the center lane while signalling, to let all the oncoming cars cross the intersection. Then you may turn.

But even with the legal right of way, be careful. Let the other driver have his way if you think he's crowding you



or his luck. He may be under the influence of a drug or alcohol, or he may be ill.

Note: California lawyers offer this column so you may know about our laws.



CLUB CHAPARRAL DONATES PUP TENTS — Mike Weinberg (r), manager and Joe Sheets (l), assistant manager of Club Chaparral demonstrate one of the five pup tents the club members will donate to the Porterville State Hospital. When the club learned of a Boy Scout Troop at the Porterville Hospital, and very much in need of pup tents, \$100 was raised by the club to purchase five new two-man tents. Club members will be taking the tents and other donations to Porterville in the near future. Anyone interested in donating toys, magazines, hobby or craft-type items, and clothes may phone Club Chaparral at Ext. 72274.

CENTER LIBRARY LISTS NEW BOOKS

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

- Fiction
Boyd—The Last Starship from Earth.
MacLean—Force 10 from Navarone.
Marin—The Clash of Distant Thunder.
Solmssen—Rittenhouse Square.
Cadell—Golden Collar.
Hesse—Narcissus and Goldmund.
Snow—The Sleep of Reason.
Wallop—The Good Life.
Williams—Whipple's Castle.

- Non-Fiction
Brennan—The Elegant Solution.
Johnson—To Heal and To Build.
Lindheim—Facts & Fictions About Coins.
Maisy—Memoirs of a Soviet Ambassador.
Sunset—Cook Book of Chicken and Turkey.
Wilkinson—Modern Physical Fitness.
Wilton—Wonderland of Cake Decorating.
Wooldridge—The Machinery of Life.
Reference
Chapman—Put-offs and Come-ons.
Colle—Make-it-yourself Boutique.
Farb—Man's Rise to Civilization.
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Sunset—Desert Gardening.
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Goodman—Sun Signs.
Sunset—Desert Gardening.
Travell—Office Hours Day and Night.
Kerrigan—American Badges and Insignia.
Sunset—Los Angeles.
Worldmark Encyclopedia of the Nations.

Title Race Tightens For Bowling Buffs

The race for first place in the China Lake Bowl's Premier League continued to be tight last week as five teams stayed in contention for the top spot. Blue Bird Taxi held a two game lead as the league completed its 19th week of action, while NWC and Tom's Place were practically tied for second.

Ken Dalpiaz had high series for the week in the Premier, hitting 214-211 enroute to a 617 series. Jim Peck was next, hitting a 252 single game and finishing with a 605. Dave Bonema had a 600 with games of 210 and 202. Top individual games included Craig Rae 234; Bob Sickles 233 and Stan Ziegler and Jack Herbstreit each with 224.

Ed Albright rolled the highest series of the year in the Military Handicap League two weeks ago, hitting 223-205-223 for a 651 series. John Dowd led the Desert League with a 625. Dowd took single game honors for the week at the Bowl with a 253. Bob Kochman also broke the 600 mark in the Desert League with 216-611 while Ralph Pinto had 228-607.

In the Women's Monday Scratch League, Maggie Branson was high with 203-539 while Pat Maddux had 523. Alice Cutsinger led the Thursday Afternoon Trio rolling a 206-528. Mary Jane Clark was tops in the Women's Handicap League with 540 and Mary Anne Gibbons took single game honors with 193.

Pony and Colt League Officials Hold Meetings

The Indian Wells Valley Pony and Colt League officials will hold a meeting Wednesday, February 12 in Room 101 of the NWC Training Center at 7:30 p.m., according to Bob Nelligan, League President.

Both the Pony League (boys 13 and 14) and the Colt League (ages 15 and 16) will need a number of new managers and coaches this year. Many other adults will be required to operate this Indian Wells Valley Boy's Baseball Organization which will offer some 175 teenage boys the opportunity to enjoy this late Spring and Summer sports program.

Candidates for League Director vacancies and managing and coaching openings are invited to attend this meeting. These positions will be filled within the next 30 days.

Gun Club Meets

Local Game Warden, Carl McCammon will be the featured speaker at the annual Sierra Desert Gun Club dinner meeting to be held at the Community Center on Monday, February 10, according to Don Herigstad, incoming club president.

The local event will also feature the election of a new slate of officers and a display of unusual weapons.

Tickets to the affair can be purchased until today and are priced at \$3 each. Those who wish to attend may contact Herigstad at Ext. 72773.

ATHLETE OF THE MONTH



BILL ESCH

To the surprise of few, bowler Bill Esch has been named China Lake's Athlete of the Month for January. Esch was the cause of a major rewrite in the China Lake bowling record book recently when he hit a 765 series on the night of January 13 at the China Lake Bowl. It was the first 700 series at the Bowl since the opening last summer and the highest series ever rolled in the area.

Esch had single games of 269-240-256 during the performance. He hit 27 strikes, 7 spares and one miss. His only bad frame was in the second game when he admittedly "eased up" on a 7 pin and failed to convert.

Ironically, Esch's series came just a few hours after Bowl manager Fred Dalpiaz had mentioned the possibility of league bowlers having a tough time of it that night. Dalpiaz had completed the weekly refinishing of the lanes earlier in the day and had commented on the fact that they were a bit faster than usual.

Esch remembered that the lanes were a bit slick that night but discounted any thoughts that this may have affected his game. "I knew they were fast and a lot of the other bowlers were moving a bit to the outside," he recalls, "but it didn't bother me at all." Bill's explanation for the series was simple. "My timing was near perfect and I just clicked."

Esch had been a 172 average bowler prior to the start of this season and had brought his average up to 178 when he hit the 765. He feels that the big series has helped him to improve even more. "It really raised my confidence and I've been getting better each week." The statistics seem to bear him out. In the past 9 games that he has rolled in the Premier League, Esch has averaged well over 200 and has raised his season's average to 184.

'Cycle Safety Classes

Community motorcycle safety classes will begin again on Saturday morning, February 8, according to Safety department officials. The class will start at 9 a.m. at the Traffic Safety Building at the corner of Hussey and Nimitz.

A new motorcycle safety film produced by the U.S. Air Force entitled, "Cycle Logic" will be shown. Information such as riding tips for this area, protective clothing, defensive riding on a motorcycle and facts about helmets for motorcycle riders will be discussed.

Classes will be held each Saturday, weather permitting. The lecture portion will be given on the first Saturday of each month and those persons who sign up then may take the riding instruction. This is given on the dry lake bed. The skill course allows participants to determine just how good their riding is.

Members of the Sandblasters and Gypsy Wheels Clubs give the riding instruction and both street riding and sand riding that are covered in the course. All persons must have a signed release to take the riding portion of the class.

Motorcycles will be furnished for use by course members by Ridgecrest Honda and B & B Cycle Shop in Ridgecrest. Helmets for the students have been furnished by Buco Division, The American Safety Equipment Co. The course is sponsored by the China Lake Community Council, the Lions Club, and the Safety Department.

Moderate exercise is good for your heart but blow the whistle when you've had enough. Quit BEFORE you're tired. A SERVICE OF YOUR HEART ASSOCIATION

Loewen's Falcons Take Over 1st In Center's Basketball League

The Loewen's Falcons defeated the VX-5 Vampires 74-71 Tuesday night to move into undisputed possession of first place in the China Lake Basketball League. The win, 10th in a row for the Falcons since an early loss to Ace TV, moved them into a two game lead and put them one game up on the Vampires in the loss column. It was the second loss of the year for VX-5 and ended a six game winning streak. The Vampires had also lost to the Falcons earlier in the season.

Gary Jacobs was the hero for the Falcons, scoring 18 points in the third period as Loewen's overcame an eight point Vampire lead. Down 35-27 at halftime, the Falcons outscored the Vampires 28-19 in the third period to take a one point lead. The Falcons pulled ahead by as much as six points in the fourth period, then withstood a late Vampire rally to take the win.

Jacobs finished as high point man for the game, hitting 27 points and Bruce Fagaley had 16. Ken Cappell led the VX-5 scoring with 20 points.

Earlier, the Falcons had won their ninth game of the year, scoring an impressive 78-56 win over third place Ace TV. Henry Coates and Jim Avers led the way in this one as Loewen's jumped to a 22-11 lead in the first period, then coasted to their second straight win

over Ace. Coates had 18 points for the night, 8 coming in the first period while Avers had 16. Ted Bailey was high for Ace with 17.

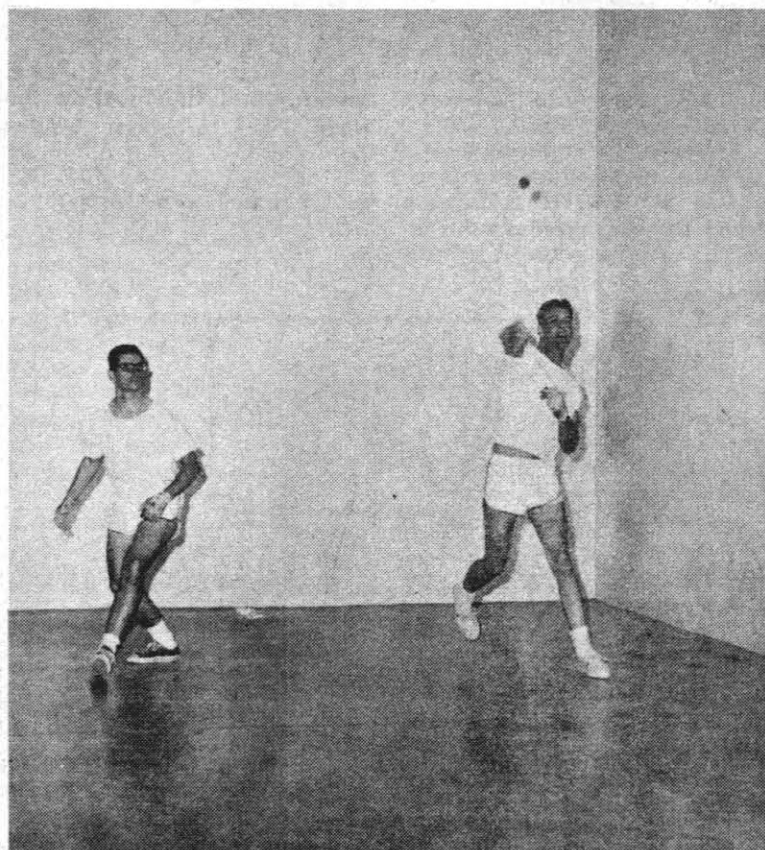
VX-5 won their seventh game of the year, downing OMD 81-54. After a tight first period, the Vampires broke it open prior to halftime, taking a 38-23 lead at intermission. Gary Ellwanger led the scoring with 16 points and Ken Ginson had 14 for the losers.

In other league action, Ace TV won a pair of games, downing the Hustlers 57-55 and OMD, 56-49.

STANDINGS		W.	L.
Loewen's		10	1
VX-5		7	2
Ace TV		8	4
NAF		5	5
OMD		1	10
Hustlers		1	10

SCORING		
	Points	Avg.
Higgins, Ace TV	197	16.4
Kinney, Hustlers	149	13.5
Coates, Loewen's	139	12.6
Jacobs, Loewen's	138	12.6
Gipson, OMD	136	13.6
Ellwanger, VX-5	127	14.1
Ziegler, Hustlers	126	11.4
Johnson, OMD	125	12.5
Burke, Ace TV	121	10.0
Cappell, VX-5	109	13.7

NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE	
February 11—Hawks vs. Falcons, Vampires vs. Ace TV.	
February 12—Hawks vs. Vampires, Falcons vs. Hustlers.	
February 13—Hawks vs. OMD.	



LADDER TOURNAMENT — Handball buffs Arnold Yukelson (l) and Rick Roberts practice up in their spare time for the tournament that is to be held over the next three months at the Center Gym. Entries are now closed.



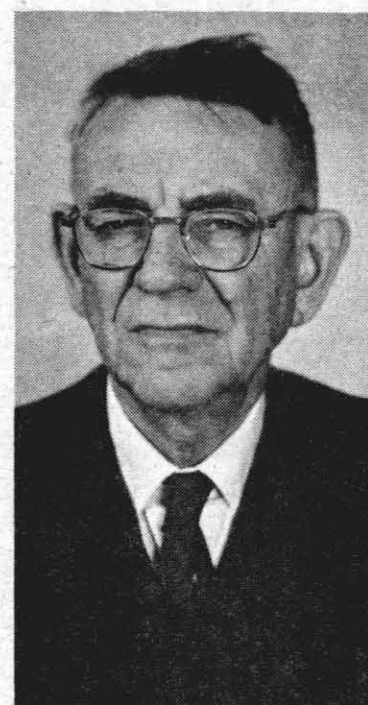
Moderate exercise is good for your heart but blow the whistle when you've had enough. Quit BEFORE you're tired. A SERVICE OF YOUR HEART ASSOCIATION

Volleyball

Practice sessions for the China Lake Varsity Volleyball team are expected to begin Monday, February 24, according to Special Services Director Gabe Imer.

The team will participate in the Mojave Desert Interservice League Tournament at Edwards AFB on March 15, and possibly in the 11th Naval District Championships at San Diego later in the month.

Anyone desiring to try out for the team is requested to contact Imer or Athletic Director Bill Milligan at extension 72017.



DR. D. S. VILLARS

Dr. Donald S. Villars, a Naval Weapons Center chemist, has been included in a new publication, the "World's Who's Who in Science." He is listed among 30,000 names and backgrounds of scientists from the ancient alchemists through the modern day nuclear physicists.

The book took almost four years to compile. The planning began in 1964 by the publishers of Who's Who in America, and consists of a single volume covering all major sciences from antiquity to the present. The book was compiled with the help of over 100 researchers.

Dr. Villars and his wife, Clarine, came to China Lake in 1949. Before coming to China Lake Dr. Villars was associated in the field of chemistry with such companies as the General Electric Co., the U.S. Rubber Co., and the Standard Oil Co.

He also served as an assistant professor in physical chemistry at the University of Minnesota, and was head of the science department of Jersey City Junior College.

Dr. Villars is the author of "Statistical Design and Analysis of Experiments for Development Research" published in 1951.

Villars is among the three Ph.D.'s to be listed in the publication out of the 83 Ph.D.'s at the Naval Weapons Center.

He was chosen for listing in Who's Who in Science due to his scientific contribution and influence on science.

Dr. Villars is considered an expert in his field and has done research and has numerous patents and articles on thermodynamics, photochemistry, and chemistry.

Fleet Reserve

Festive plans are being made by the local branch of the Fleet Reserve Association in preparation for the annual visit of both the Branch's Regional President and the Ladies' Auxiliary's Regional President. The pair are scheduled to come to the area on March 12.

The event will be honored by a joint meeting of the two groups as a means of saluting the two dignitaries. The Regional officers are expected to bring up-to-date news of the national organization and to discuss pending legislation and other matters that affect the entire association.

The next regular meeting of the Fleet Reserve Association will be held on February 12, Lincoln's Birthday.

Telephone Co. To Canvass NWC Residents

Word was received from California Interstate Telephone Company that residents of the Center will be provided with full commercial telephone service on August 2, 1969. This is the culmination of several years of effort and negotiation.

The new service will offer many advantages over the Navy telephone service. Subscribers will be offered one, two or four party service. Incoming long distance calls will no longer be intercepted at the Navy switchboard. Under the present system such a call is considered completed at the switchboard and the caller is charged whether or not the called party is at home.

Private subscribers also will have access to Direct Distance Dialing and there will be one bill involved instead of two under the present system.

Representatives from the Ridgecrest office of California Interstate Telephone Company, Continental Telephone System, will begin a door-to-door canvass of residents of the Naval Weapons Center on February 17 to take orders for service.

Every resident who does not presently have California Interstate Telephone Company service will be contacted and it will not be necessary to call the telephone office in Ridgecrest. It is estimated that the canvass will be completed in three months.

Enough facilities are being constructed to provide everyone with one party service. In addition, no service or connection charges will be levied for changing over existing service. There will be future Rocketeer articles containing details as to numbers, etc.

New SecNav Assumes Office

Today, I have assumed office as Secretary of the Navy. I rejoin the Navy and Marine Corps team for the third time with great pride and a strong sense of anticipation. This team is second to none and enjoys universal respect for its professional competence, desire for excellence and dedication to the ideals of our nation.

I pledge my best efforts in joining with Admiral Moorer and General Chapman to build on these long standing elements of success. The value of the flexibility and mobility of our Navy and Marine Corps forces is demonstrated daily, not only in Southeast Asia, but all around the globe.

The challenges ahead of us are great, especially that of adapting seapower to the rapid changes of technology and international relations.

I count on each of you for the same loyal support and assistance you so ably and willingly gave my predecessors. I am confident that as we strive together toward our common goals we will continue the Navy/Marine record of outstanding service to our country. I am proud to be aboard.

(s) John H. Chafee
Secretary of the Navy

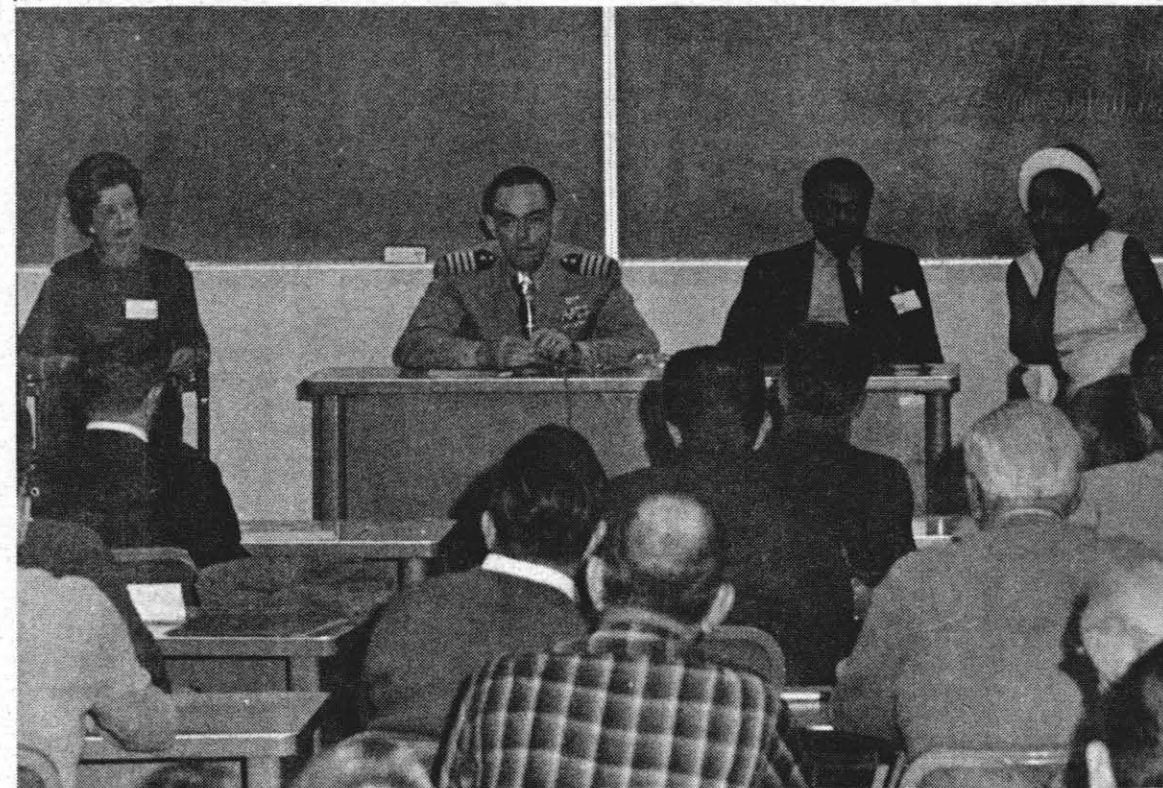
Crippled Kids Can Be Helped!



1969 Easter Seal Campaign
March 1-April 6

Give To EASTER SEALS

Equal Opportunity Classes Held



WORKSHOP ON EQUALITY — Capt. M. R. Etheridge (c), Center Commander, opened NWC's first Equal Employment Opportunity Workshop for 1969. To his right is Anne Hay, Director, Personnel Management Training Institute, Regional Training Center, U.S. Civil Service Commission, San Francisco, Calif., who directed the two-day workshop. On his left are guest speakers and discussion leaders Marshal Wilkerson and Inez Boyd of I-TAC, an experimental community-oriented project to weld the diverse elements of a middle class suburban community (Whittier, Calif.) into a work-

study, cooperative unit designed to gain knowledge and to evolve meaningful techniques of solving the immense problems of American cities. Mrs. Boyd serves as sociologist and originator of I-TAC and Mr. Wilkerson is Project Coordinator. The workshop was attended by 35 first-line supervisors and employees of NWC China Lake and Corona. The workshop increased understanding of the discrimination background and its effects and provided information on developing and effecting a positive equal employment program in line with national policy.

Voters May Have To Reregister

County Clerk Vera K. Gibson reminds voters whose Affidavits of Registration were cancelled for failure to vote at the November 5, 1968 General Election that if they still reside at the residence address stated on their Affidavit of Registration, they must notify the County Clerk's office either in person, in writing, or by returning the postcard sent them, with their signature, NOT LATER THAN MARCH 1, 1969, in order for their Affidavits of Registration to be restored to the files and to entitle them to retain their vot-

ing privileges; otherwise it will be necessary for them to re-register in order to be eligible to vote.

22,000 notices of Cancellation of Registration as a voter were mailed out from the County Clerk's office to registered electors in Kern County, commencing December 31, 1968. Up to the present date only 1,966 cards have been returned to the County Clerk.

Voters are also reminded that Registration for the April 15, 1969 Governing Board Member Election closes on February 20, 1969.



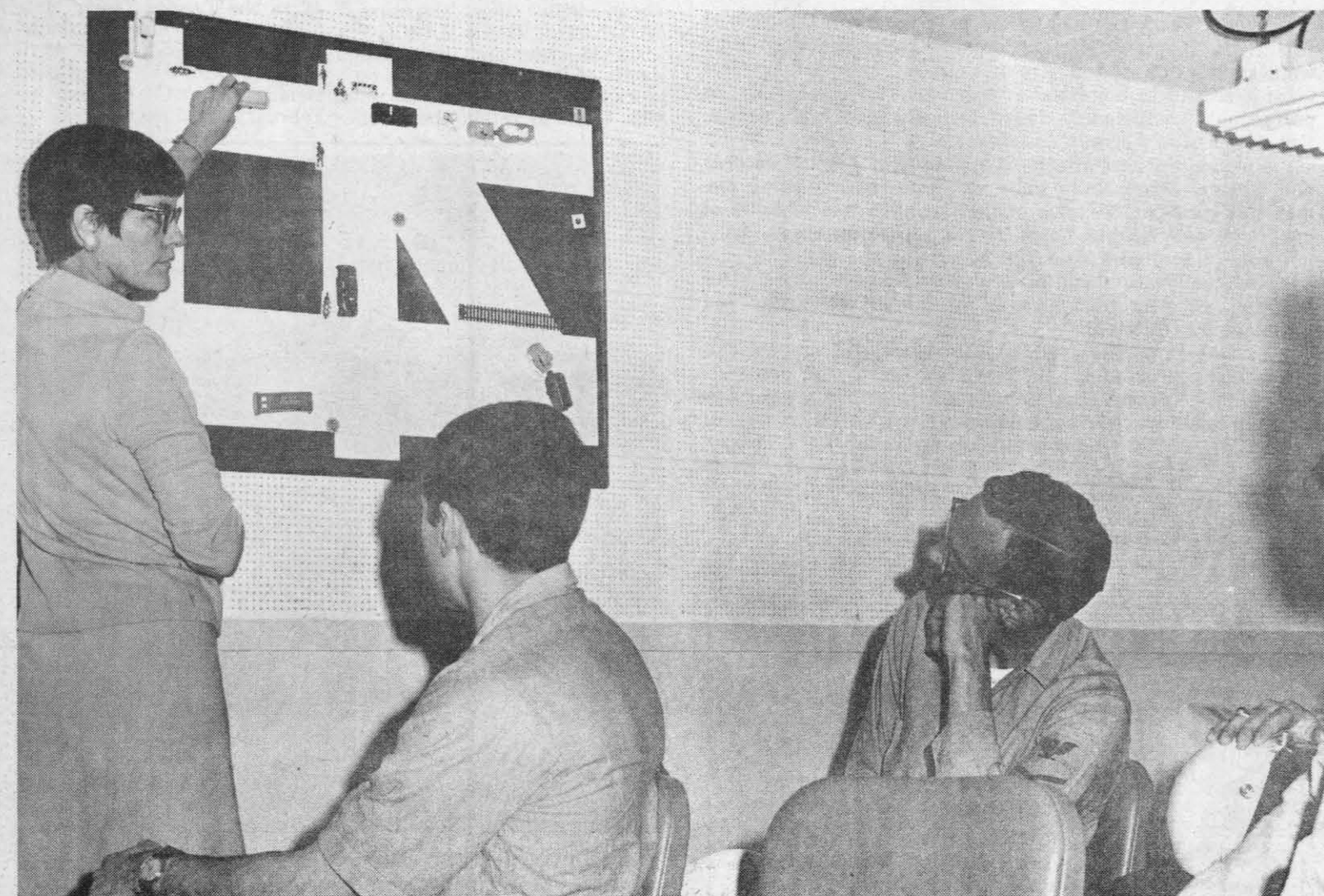
GOOD CONDUCT AWARDS — At the regular monthly inspection of NWC enlisted personnel, five Good Conduct Medals and awards were presented by LCDr. Carl Bates. Shown receiving his medal is AK2 Ira Weinberg. Others who were similarly honored were HMC Ramon Fleming; HM2 Pablo Costa; AK1 Glenn Brown, and SK1 Augusto Vidal.

Driver Improvement Program Designed To Enhance Aptitude



STUDENTS OF a recent Driver Improvement Class watch the screen as they drive nowhere, but safely. The training device in which they are being trained contains twelve positions for simulating driving conditions. Members of the class are (l-r):

AQ1 W. H. Johnson; AK3 J. J. Girsch; CYN SA D. V. Pagano; AD-JAN W. D. Sutton; AE2 M. R. Wingate; CS2 N. L. Anderson; ETR2 W. G. Kahrs; AA E. E. Kaps; ADJAN G. L. Smick; and AT1 K. R. Anderson. The course lasts 16 hours.



LECTURES ON Safety, Defensive Driving, and Attitude are a very important part of the Driver Improvement course. In this photo, Billie Hise is shown demonstrat-

ing how to anticipate a dangerous road situation. Film is also used as a teaching aid, and students are asked to offer their own experiences.



ADJAN GORDON SMOCK inspects tires prior to taking test drive in unfamiliar vehicle. Ed Moser (l), supervises the student's actions and keeps track of any mistakes that have been made.

Training Device Simulates Real Driving Experience for Students

The Driver Improvement program at the Naval Weapons Center is oriented around a training device that was developed by the Naval Training Device Center. This device, using wide-screen motion picture and other programmed audio-visual aids, simulates the actual driving experience, but without the risk. This trainer can handle 12 students at one time. Twelve training films are used, which cover varied areas of instruction, including driving in downtown traffic, and whose sound tracks are optically keyed to initiate a required action.

A unique student scoring system which uses a binary-coded keying program that is optically stored on the sound track of the respective film, is used.

A record of the performance of each student is fed into an instructor's console which monitors the tests. And provides instant feedback.

Each of the 12 positions in the simulator have been carefully fashioned into typical automobile cockpits. The stations can simulate automatic or manual driving conditions, as well as traditional or power steering control.

Attitude Important
The 16-hour Driver Improvement Course teaches much more to the student than the mechanics of driving. The course also includes lectures and tests on Safety, Defensive Driving, and Attitude.

The Driver Improvement program was begun here at China Lake in 1960 under the direction of Commander Verhorn and Vince Leape of the

Safety Department. Al Wiruth and Paul Donaldson have been responsible for its success over the past four years or so.

Chuck Willhite, the newly appointed head of the NWC Traffic Safety Branch points out that "Driving itself is an act of faith. The proper attitude of a driver demands that they believe that most of their fellow drivers are decent, courteous and honest. He has to assume that the other fellow will not change lanes without signaling, stop at stop signs, etc. But, at the same time, he must be wary of the one per cent that won't and who cause accidents through discourteousness."

"In these courses, we try to look at everything," he continued. "Bad habits, overconfidence, impatience, as well as basic skills. Even the most careful driver will have an accident, sooner or later. Jamming on your brakes may save your life in some situations — in others, it could be fatal!"

The Naval Weapons Center Commander, Capt. M. R. Etheridge is extremely interested in promoting all aspects of Driving Safety. All persons of the Command who operate government vehicles must pass the rigid requirements of the Driver Improvement Course.

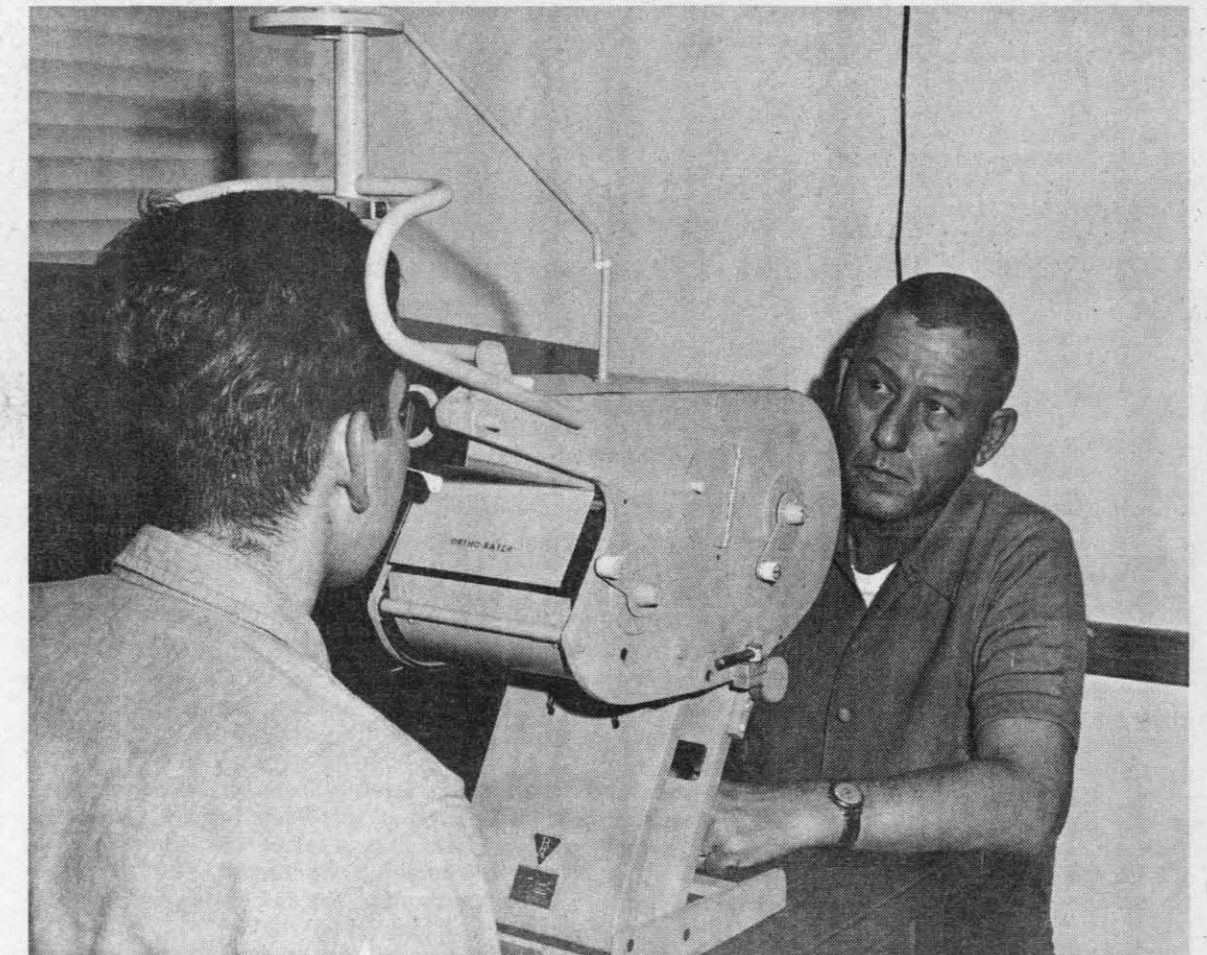
The Driver Training and Driver Improvement courses are handled by Elizabeth (Billie) Hise and Doyle Beach. They also handle examinations for the many kinds of driving licenses issued by the Center. Road tests are conducted by Nick Allen, Ed Moser, and Floyd Wegley.

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TESTING IS naturally part of any good course. Shown struggling with theirs

are (l-r) CS2 Anderson, ETR2 W. Kahrs, AT1 Anderson, AK3 Girsch.



EYE-TESTING for depth-perception, night vision, etc., is handled by Doyle

Beach (r), one of the instructors. AE2 M. R. Wingate is taking the test.



THE BIG MOMENT finally arrives after completion of the intensive Driver Improvement course. CYN SA Dan Pagano

affixes his signature to his permit above as Instructor Elizabeth (Billie) Hise smiles her approval.