

SHOWBOAT

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 14
"IN ENEMY COUNTRY" (107 Min.)
Tony Franciosa, Arjanette 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 Dane" (9 Min.)

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 15
—MATINEE—
"TAMMY AND THE DOCTOR" (89 Min.)
Sandra Dee
1:00 P.M.
Shorts: "Tenants Racket" (7 Min.)
"Ghost Riders" (No. 12 (last), 13 Min.)

—EVENING—
"THE ROAD HUSTLERS" (96 Min.)
Jim Davis, Scott Brady, Andy Devine
7:30 P.M.

(Action) A "Thunder Road" story of a family of four men who run the biggest independent stills in the Carolina Hills and their fight against Revenuers and the syndicate. Thrills galore with a 427 cm blown ski-boat, fast cars and swingin' hill gals. (Adult, Mature Youth.)
Shorts: "Pink in the Clink" (7 Min.)
"Way Up and Way Out" (10 Min.)

SUNDAY-MONDAY FEBRUARY 14-17
"LIVE A LITTLE, LOVE A LITTLE" (90 Min.)
Elvis Presley, Michele Carey
7:30 P.M.

(Comedy/Drama) Watch the birdie and the fun fly as Elvis plays a freelance pin-up photographer who takes two jobs trying to duck a persistent romantic. A fun-filled, girl-filled, hide and seek story and psychedelic scene. (Adult.)
Shorts: "Catty Cornered" (7 Min.)
"Of Sea and Ships" (9 Min.)

TUESDAY-WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 18-19
"THE DIRTY DOZEN" (151 Min.)
Lee Marvin, Ernest Borgnine
7:30 P.M.

(War Adventure) Thrill-packed tale of Army major leading 12 condemned prisoners on a mission to destroy an enemy High Command rest resort. Comedy, tragedy and mayhem result at rapid pace. (Adult, Very Mature Youth.)

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 20
CHINA LAKE CIVIC CONCERT
"DECEMBER FOLK SINGERS"

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 21
"INTERLUDE" (113 Min.)
Oskar Werner, Barbara Ferris
7:30 P.M.

(Drama) A strikingly beautiful story of a man torn between love for his wife and a devoted career girl. Each woman knows of the other's presence in the life of their man. Tender subject is tastefully done by superb stars. (Adult.)
Short: "Pink Sphinx" (7 Min.)

ACI B. J. Condon Is Top Sailor For February

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and his wife will drive to Bakersfield in a brand new Ford from Desert Motors in Ridgecrest, where he will be feted to an all-expense paid weekend.

While in Bakersfield, he will be the guest of the Bakersfield Chamber of Commerce, who have arranged gift certificates, food and lodging, and an automobile to be placed at his disposal when he arrives in that city.

He will be hosted by Denny's Restaurant, 1310 Union Ave., for meals; and he and his wife will spend the weekend in delightfully appointed rooms of the Imperial 400 motel located at 906 Union Avenue. He will be furnished a new car to drive by Bill Flinders of Three-Way Chevrolet at 22nd and Chester in Bakersfield. Gift certificates will be provided the couple from Brock's Department Store, 1918 Chester Ave., Valley Office, 1622 Nineteenth St., The Cue Ball, 2111 Chester Ave., and the Kern County Museum. KERO-TV will interview the Condons upon their arrival.



SUPERVISORS INSTALL NEW OFFICERS
— During recent ceremonies at the Center Restaurant, new officers of the local chapter of the National Association of Supervisors in the Federal Government were installed by the Center's Technical Director, Dr. T. S. Amlie (l). Swearing in, (l-r)

Floyd Rockwell, President; Ray Harrison, Director; Louis Sidney, Vice President; Lee Wolf, Director; Bill Sturdy, Chaplain; Charles Rock, Secretary - Treasurer. Not present: Bill Danley, Director; Red Ingle, Historian, and Ralph Patterson, Master of Arms.

Whiskey Flat

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and agile winner of the wiener contest.
At 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, the old-time fiddlers contest will be held at the Kernville Elementary School.

Artist's Breakfast
Miniature paintings, with their own miniature easel will be given to each attendee of the Whiskey Flat Art Fair Breakfast to be held at Ewings, Sunday, February 23, at 8:30 a.m. Among the artists who are painting miniatures to grace the table are: Mary La-Bar of Fontana, Mrs. Lillian Michel of Isabella and Mrs. Winthrop Dapron of Lakeland Estates.

A children's pet parade will be held in Circle Park at 1 p.m. on Sunday. In past years the list of entries for the Children's Pet Parade has covered just about all types of small and large pets. Trophies will be awarded for dress, manner, and group categories. All animals must be either caged or leashed. Entries will be accepted until noon Sunday, the day of the parade.

Programs may be obtained from the Kernville Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 397, Kernville, Calif. 93238. Contest entries may be forwarded to: Whiskey Flat Days, P.O. Box 382, Kernville, Calif. 93238, to the attention of the particular contest.

Whiskey Flat tombstone epitaph contests are popular topics, but this one, entered in 1967 by Frank Smith of Los Angeles, will probably be ascribed to by all participants after the celebration: "For Whiskey Flat, I did my best: I overdid, now let me rest."



HANDLE WITH CARE
— Arming a 500 lb. bomb can be very touchy. Navy A03 Lawrence Sieger of Attack Squadron 165 aboard the carrier Ranger very carefully attaches an arming wire on a 500 lb. missile of death prior to a launch. The Ranger is operating off the coast of Vietnam.

Youth Concert

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Elizabeth Ward, Burroughs co-ed, will be the featured soloist at the Desert Community Orchestra's youth concert, scheduled at 11:00 a.m. tomorrow in the Station Theater.

Robert Cole, of Hollywood, conducts the 40-piece symphonic group in this program which has been sponsored by the entire community including the schools, PTA's and Music Parents Clubs.

Admission is \$1 for adults, 50 cents for students, and under-12 children are free when accompanied by an adult. Servicemen and families are admitted free.

The program includes Mendelssohn's "Piano Concerto No. 1," which Miss Ward will play, Tchaikovsky's Waltz from "Sleeping Beauty," Brahms' "Hungarian Dance No. 1," Haydn's Minuet from the "London Symphony No. 7," and Massenet's Aragonaise and Navarrese movements from "Le Cid." Conductor Cole will deliver a narration on these selections for the benefit of the youth.

Tickets are being sold in advance at the Gift Shop, Ridgecrest, and the Station Pharmacy. Today, tickets also will be sold at tables set up in front of the Bank of America (both China Lake and Ridgecrest) and the Shopping Bag. They are also being sold at the Indian Wells Valley School office, and several school assembly calls are being made to facilitate purchases at China Lake.

Other sources of ticket sales and community support include: the China Lake Elementary PTA, headed by Mrs. Lawrence Mason; Indian Wells Valley PTA, Mrs. Peter Pinto; Indian Wells Valley Music Parents Club, Mrs. A. J. Bergens, and China Lake Music Parents Club keynoted by Mrs. Richard Seeley.

Miss Ward, the 17-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William C. Ward, 111-B Ellis, has studied piano most of her life. She has won superior ratings on both the piano and flute at the Bakersfield Music Festival, and was a semi-finalist in the Staring Kern County Senior Auditions, January 1968. She has played both in the Kern County Honor Band, and the All-Southern California Symphony Orchestra.

The Vehicle Control Office of the Security Department is now located on the first floor of Building 35, the Housing and Internal Security Building, on Blandy Street on the Center.
Non-residents of the Center who require new decals will be issued one trip temporary passes to the Vehicle Control Office by the sentry at the main gate.
Also, the Classification Management/Classified Contract/Passports Office (Code 8402) is now located in the main security building at the main gate.



CHINA LAKE BPWC "Rockettes" (left to right) Alice Lefleur, Virginia Barber, Clara Bower, June Renfro, Mary Neufeld, June Brown, Irene Branham, Ruby Shriner, and Polly Fischer, are pictured at dress rehearsal prior to performance in "Roaring 20's Supper Revue," February 15 at Marquardt Corporation, Van Nuys. The Revue is being held to benefit the Tri-Valley District Education Fund. Next performance of the "Rockettes," under direction of Polly Fischer, is scheduled for "Bosses Night," an annual event of the China Lake Business and Professional Women's Club, on February 28 at the Community Center.

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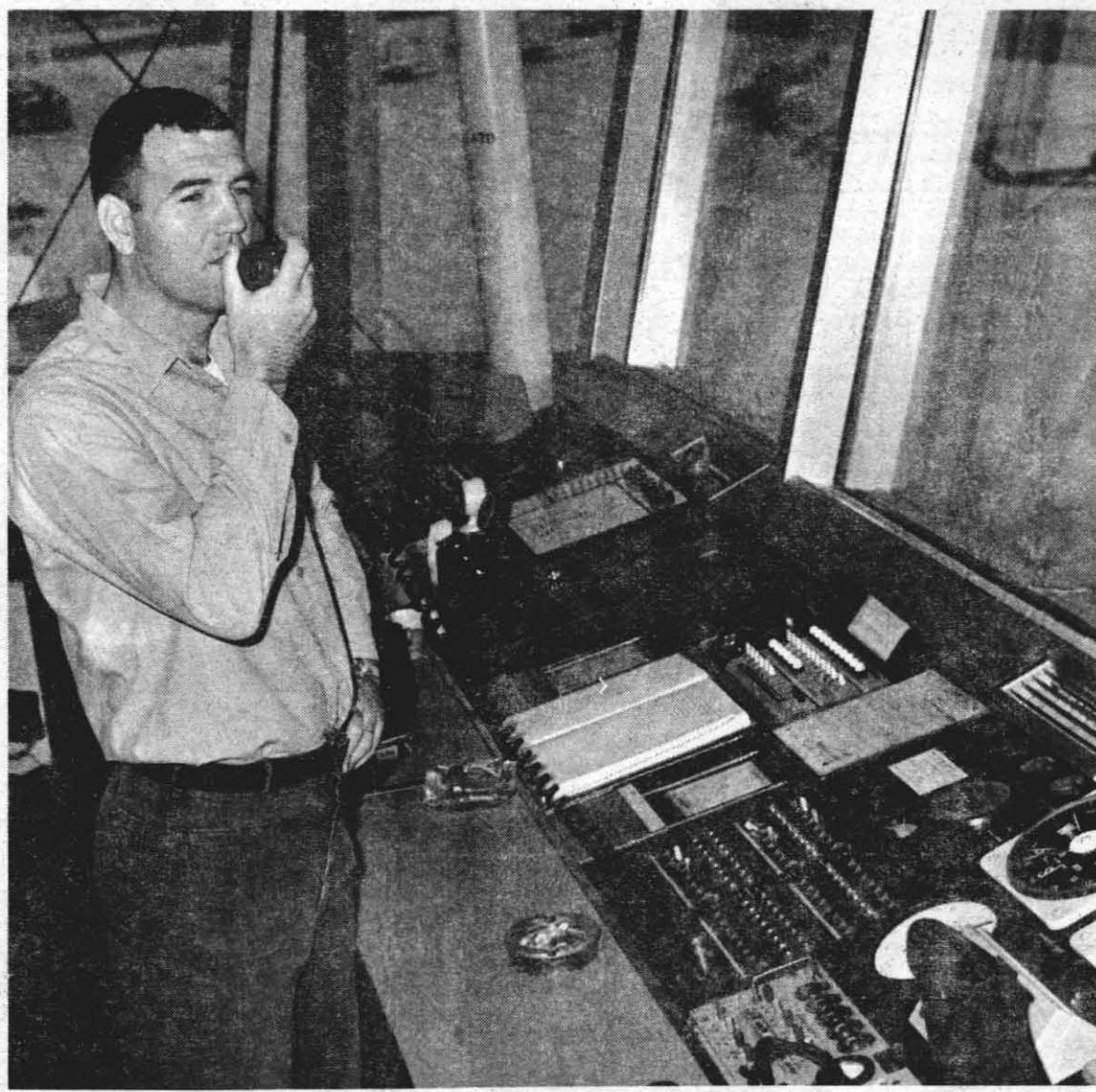
Desert Community Orchestra's Youth Concert

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ROCKETEER
Vol. XXIII, No. 6 Naval Weapons Center, China Lake, California Fri., Feb. 14, 1969

Outstanding NAF Air Controller February's Honored Bluejacket



THIS MONTH'S BEST — AC1 Bernard J. Condon of the Naval Air Facility has been selected by his superiors as Bluejacket of the Month for February. The all-expense

New York Native Captures Top Enlisted Honors

AC1 Bernard J. Condon is February's Bluejacket of the Month. "Bernie" is an Air Controllerman assigned to the Naval Air Facility. He was selected because of his high qualifications as an Air Controllerman and because he is intensely interested in the Navy and his chosen job.

Condon is a native of Waterville, New York. He met his wife, Lillian, while he was stationed at NAS, Sangley Point, in the Philippines. Married in 1966, they now have two boys — Daniel, 2; and Michael, 1 — and currently reside at 218 Toro St. in the Wherry housing area.

Condon has 14 years in the Navy, and says he's sure he'll go for 20, or maybe even more. "The Navy's been good to me," he remarked when interviewed. "I like it fine."

The family of this month's Bluejacket seemed to have taken very readily to desert living and particularly to the duty at China Lake. Bernie has been stationed at the Center for two and a half years where he was transferred after a six-week stint at GCA school. Prior to that duty, Condon was assigned as an air controller at Sangley Point.

For being named by his superiors as February's Bluejacket of the Month, Condon

paid trip to Bakersfield that he has won for himself and his wife will include guest accommodations at the Imperial 400 motel, and gift certificates from merchants.

—Photo by PH2 D. E. Hart

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CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

Modern Blessings



By Senior Chaplain Harold A. MacNeill

I thank you for the common comforts of life: Power steering; A four-way powered seat; A stereo tape deck; My portable sauna bath; An electronic oven that will cook TV dinners in 60 seconds. May I never become so calloused that I will take for granted such little things as: A coupled range finder; or A built-in light meter. For such ordinary things as foam rubber under my feet, seat and head, I will be eternally grateful. Protect me from the basket to the casket so that I will not have to labor without gadgets, and when my life is done may I be automatically ejected from this present veil of tears.

NAF Chaplain Commended



VIET NAM BOUND — Upon the occasion of his detachment during morning quarters at NAF last Friday, Lt. Irvin H. Thompson (l), NAF Chaplain, was commended by Capt. L. A. Dewing (r), Commanding Officer of NAF. The letter of Commendation said "Since reporting on board on September 11, 1967 you have performed your duties and responsibilities as Chaplain with outstanding diligence, understanding and enthusiasm. You have made a significant contribution to the mission of this command by establishing and maintaining a high degree of harmony between military personnel and their civilian counterparts of the Naval Weapons Center." Chaplain Thompson will serve with the 1st Marine Division in Viet Nam.

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 Feb. 14 to Feb. 21, 1969.

Supervisory Computer Systems Analysis, GS-344-12, Code 2517 — This position is the Head, Data Analysis and Processing Branch, Planning Division, Supply Department. The incumbent originates and outlines the broad scope of internal review of Supply Department procedures, methods and organization, providing management direction in the area of computer automated applications. He will serve as liaison for the Director of Supply. He will be the Planning Division consultant in matter related to data processing system development.

Warehouseman, WB-69007-05, Code 259— Performs a number of tasks in connection with the physical receipt, storage or issue of supplies. Receives, checks, stows, counts, issues and assembles supplies of all types in accordance with established supply systems, procedures and methods.

REQUIREMENTS: Must have had six months experience in warehousing. File applications for the above with Carole Cadle, Bldg. 34, Rm. 26, Ext. 71648.

Clerk (Typing), GS-3 or 4, Code 14 — Incumbent will provide clerical support for Technical Officer's staff. Prepares correspondence, typing, filing, receptionist, etc.

File applications for above with Sue Prasolowicz, Rm. 28, Phone 71577.

Helper, Electronics Mechanic, Code 3026

These positions are located in the Echo Range Operations Branch, Range Operations Division, Systems Development Department. The Branch's operations are conducted exclusively at Randsburg Wash which necessitates government transportation to and from the operating area. The incumbents will be required to set up test equipment at prescribed locations, help perform equipment readiness tests, and operate optical and electronic trackers during tests. A thorough knowledge of optical tracking devices and test range procedures is required and some knowledge of electronics.

File application with Fawn Haycock, Bldg. 34, Room 34, Phone 71514.

Equipment Specialist (Ordinance), GS-11, Code 5562 — This position is located in the Air and Surface Launched Weapons Branch, Fleet Engineering Division, Engineering Department. The incumbent will be a source of technical information on a weapon system to component project engineers. He will obtain information by direct contact with weapon users as well as through official correspondence. Contact will take place anywhere the system is being used including Air Force, Navy and Marine Corps installations in this country and overseas and on ships at sea. The incumbent must have a broad background in air launched missile systems usage in the Fleet. Military experience as a non-commissioned officer is desirable. While on official travel he must be able to make on-the-spot decisions and give detailed oral presentations.

File above applications with Pat Gout, Bldg. 34, Room 34, Phone 71514

He has served as the vice-president - technical of the AIAA national organization for the past two years and will speak about trends of AIAA policy and how these decisions are made. He will discuss the AIAA position on national issues and will devote some time to the issues surrounding technical meetings, publications and section affairs. All interested persons, member or non-member, are invited to attend this meeting.

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Becker Resigns As Sec.-Treas. Of GEBA Group

The joint Annual Meeting and Election of Officers of the Government Employees Benefit Association - China Lake Mutual Aid Society was held January 29, 1969 at the Community Center.

At this meeting the resignation of Joseph M. Becker as Secretary - Treasurer, who had served in this capacity for five years, was accepted with regret by the Boards of Directors of the organizations. Mr. Lawrence R. Mason of 208 Bonita, Ridgecrest, Calif. was then appointed as the new Secretary - Treasurer of the organizations.

Mrs. Gladys Dunlap Miles was re-elected Chairman of the Board of the Government Employees Benefit Association, and Mr. Forest A. Seaman was re-elected Chairman of the Board of the China Lake Mutual Aid Society.

In the future, all payments of Assessments should be mailed to Mr. Lawrence R. Mason, Secy-Treas., 208 Bonita, Ridgecrest, Calif.

Your Best Valentine!



Organizations Here and There

The February luncheon meeting of the China Lake Section of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics will be held February 19 in the Sun Room of the Commissioned Officers' Mess at 11:30 a.m.

Mr. Edward Price, head of the Aerochemistry Division of the Research Department will be the guest speaker.

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CLUB CHAPARRAL

St. Valentine's Day, February 14, Club Chaparral presents "Yaro and the Nite Crew" for an evening of fun and dancing.

Club Chaparral still has a few memberships open for qualified government civilian personnel, announced Mike Weinberg, club manager. He can be contacted at Ext. 72274.

YOUTH FOOTBALL

A spaghetti dinner, for raising funds to purchase equipment and uniforms for the Indian Wells Valley Youth Football League, will be held Friday, February 21, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the VFW Hall, Alford Street, Ridgecrest.



FORTY-YEAR AWARD — On February 11, Phillip G. Matthews (l) was presented a 40-year federal service award by Center Commander, Capt. M. R. Etheridge (r). The award recognizes a career that began as seaman apprentice in February 1929, and reached the rank of Chief Fire Controlman in 1942. In 1947 Matthews was stationed here as a lieutenant (jg). Employed in Aviation Ordnance Department since 1949, he has been rewarded numerous times for superior performance, including a quality salary increase in 1963, outstanding performance rating in 1962, sustained superior performance award in 1961. Recently he has had an instrumental role in development of the highly successful Walleye weapon system. Also present at the ceremony in the Commander's office were: Mrs. Matthews, Dr. N. E. Ward, head Aviation Ordnance Department and Mr. David Livingston, Walleye Program.



WASHINGTON VISITS — Rear Admiral F. H. Michaelis (l), Assistant Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Air, visited the Naval Weapons Center last Monday to be briefed on latest developments in the Center's technical projects. Above, Capt. R. Williamson (c), Executive Officer and Capt. M. R. Etheridge (r), Commander, accompany Adm. Michaelis to the conferences in Michelson Laboratory.

Washington's Birthday FEBRUARY 22ND with portrait of George Washington



AWARDS PRESENTATION — High Power Shooting Champion, Jack Braun (l), is shown accepting his award from Earl Clark, outgoing president of the Sierra Desert Gun Club. Ray Powis and Bob Gould (background) were awarded the Pistol Sharpshooter and the Smallbore Rifle Championship awards respectively. Not shown is Phil Nelson, who won a high power sharpshooter award. The awards took place at the Annual Banquet, which was also the background for a new slate of officers headed by the new prexy, Don Herigstad.

Combat Artists Present Paintings

Adm. Geiss To Attend Reception

On Wednesday, February 26, Admiral Geiss, U.S. Navy Chief of Information, will be on hand in Los Angeles, to accept fifty Navy Combat Art paintings that have been produced by eight West Coast Artists during the past year.

Capt. M. R. Etheridge, NWC Commander, will attend the presentation which will be made at a reception hosted by

Larry Zabel, of Code 45, has recently returned from Viet Nam where he was on a Combat Art assignment. On Friday, February 21, he will describe his personal experiences and display some of his work on the Johnny Grant show, which will be seen at 11 a.m. on KTLA, Channel 5.



PAINTINGS PRESENTED — Mr. Phil Jenkins (c), a Fresno artist who recently participated in the Combat Art Program, is shown presenting two of them to "J" "T" Bibby, NWC Public Affairs Officer, who accepts for the Navy. Accompanying Mr. Jenkins from Fresno was LTJG Jerry Woods (r), Recruiting Officer from the Fresno District.

Mrs. Lucy Toberman, president of the Los Angeles Patrons of Art.

These works of art are the result of assignments made to local artists for the production of Combat Art from their experiences on trips to actual combat zones.

The paintings will be added to the Navy's collection of Combat Art which is exhibited throughout the world through a program known as "Operation Palette — the U.S. Navy in action as seen through the eyes of the artist."

Engineers' Week Highlights Bishop

The highlight of National Engineers Week, February 16-22, is a banquet and lecture February 20 at the Commissioned Officers' Club. A social time is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. and dinner begins at 7 p.m.

Anthony C. L. Bishop, presentations specialist for Thompson-Ramo-Woolridge, will be the guest speaker. Valleyites will remember Bishop as one of the witty speakers at a special topical presentation last fall at the Center Theatre which was sponsored by the Safety Department.

"Don't Pull Out The Plug" Bishop obtained the theme idea of his talk "Don't Pull Out the Plug" while on tour in Japan. He and several tour members decided to take their first Japanese bath and they were all astounded by the request: "Don't pull out the plug." Using this example, Bishop opens up many avenues of discussion pertaining to how we might reduce the number of "plugs" erroneously pulled out through communication that is scrambled by habit.

Bishop attended the Royal Naval College, served in the Royal Navy, was active in British politics and local government, and held several elected and appointed positions. After coming to the United States in 1958 he worked in various personnel positions, one of which was presentations specialist at Douglas Aircraft.

The beef stroganoff dinner is \$3. Tickets may be purchased from the sponsoring societies. Bob McLaren of AIC-E, Ext. 9593; Bill Ladden of AIAA, Ext. 9243; and Don Ruff of CSPE, Ext. 9240. All interested persons and their wives are invited to attend.

ASPA Holds Wednesday Luncheon

The American Society for Public Administration (ASPA), will hold a sit-down luncheon Wednesday, February 19, at 11:30 a.m. in the Mojave Room, Commissioned Officers' Mess announced Dr. Robert Rowntree, ASPA president.

Dr. Leland M. Swanson, business management consultant, will speak on "Modern Concepts of Community Development."

Dr. Swanson, former assistant city administrative officer of the City of Los Angeles, is a senior associate of Darling and Alsobrook, business management consultants. As such, he has performed many research studies on community development, including one this past spring on the China Lake community.

Former posts of Dr. Swanson include: City Manager of Manhattan Beach, California, and Pendleton and The Dalles, Oregon; Director, Small Business Development Centers, Los Angeles area, Economic Development Agency; Administrative Officer, Youth Opportunities Board of Greater Los Angeles; and local government marketing manager, Western Region, Univac Division of Sperry Rand Corporation.

He is a member of the International City Manager's Association, the American Society for Public Administration, the Operations Research Society of America, and the Association for Computing Machinery.

The luncheon charge for ASPA members is \$1, non-members \$2. The public is invited to attend.

Each contestant will be permitted to make five hand-launched attempts, with the best total time of three or less flights to be used for scoring. Trophies will be awarded for the best total time in each age group. Class one is for age 10 and younger; class two is for age 11 through 14. Fathers or older brothers will be permitted to help build the models to be flown by class one entrants; class two entrants are required to build the model without help.

A 50-cent entry fee will cover the cost of the glider kit. Kits and entry blanks are available at contest headquarters at the NWC Youth Center (behind the NWC Post Office) and at the Valley Independent Newspaper office in Ridgecrest. Each entrant must have an entry form completed, including parents or guardians signature and 50-cent entry fee.

Contest officials stress the importance of early entries which will give contestants more time to build and adjust their gliders. Models should be well-tested prior to the contest, officials point out.

Navy League Sponsors Model Meet

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gress in 1946 went on record as being grateful to model aviation for its contribution to the war effort.

The gliders to be constructed and flown for the contests were chosen by V. A. ("Val") Luce who was at one time technical director of the Academy of Model Aeronautics, national governing body of competitive model aviation and an affiliate of the National Aeronautics Association.

Luce is the author of numerous magazine articles on model aircraft design and model aviation activities and in the 1940's was editor of "Dope Can," a column in Air Trails Magazine.

He built and flew his first model in 1920 and in the intervening years held a number of national records. Luce said the choice was dictated by the need for performance coupled with simplicity — a difficult combination to find.

First Contest The first contest will be held at Burroughs High baseball field on March 1 at 8 a.m. In the event of adverse weather, the contest will be held March 8.

THE LOCKER ROOM

Skiing

BY ED RANCK



If you happen to be a skiing nut, and a member of the military, there is a new promotional deal at Mammoth Mountain that may be hard to pass up.

Skiing is not a sport that we are too familiar with, and in researching the subject we decided not to risk a couple of broken legs in order to get the feel of the game.

Roy is a reasonably familiar figure in athletics at China Lake. He is a top-notch tennis player and skier and one of the better volleyball players around.

Legs Must Be In Shape

Roy feels that conditioning is one of the most essential prerequisites of a good skier. As part of his own program he runs up and down B Mountain each day.

"Anyone with a reasonable amount of coordination can learn to be a good skier," he explained, "the mechanics of the sport aren't really that hard."

In the course of the conversation it was established that a person who wasn't in great shape could survive. There are of course, hills for the novice and plenty of instruction available.

There is of course a certain mystique surrounding the sport. One of the common conceptions is that the ski lodge is an absolute bachelor's paradise.

Miller is the first to admit that there is a certain amount of danger involved. "If you are coming down a hill fast enough you almost get airborne at times."

Although there are a lot of leg injuries connected with skiing, Miller stated that the injuries usually happened to novices. "Good skiers are in better condition and know how to fall," he said.

Expensive Sport

Besides bringing a healthy pair of legs to the mountain it is a good idea to bring money. This is not a sport to be pursued by members of the poverty corps.

Most of the resorts, Mammoth Mountain included, do have reasonable instruction rates, however, and equipment can be rented for just a few dollars a day.

California Hunting Seasons Set

California's 1969-70 hunting seasons won't be set officially until May 23, but hunters can make tentative plans on the basis of the "permanent opening" policy adopted by the Fish and Game Commission last year.

A list of tentative opening dates, based on the commission's policy, follows:

Deer — early season, August 2 (first Saturday in August); late season, September 20 (Saturday closest to September 23);

Bear — September 20 (Saturday closest to September 23);

Pheasant — November 22 (Saturday before Thanksgiving);

Quail and chukar — October 25 (last Saturday in October);

Dove — Northern California, September 1; Southern California, September 6 (first Saturday in September except if the first falls on a Sunday);

Rabbits — early season, July 5 (first Saturday in July); late season, September 1;

Tree squirrels — early season, August 2 (first Saturday in August); late season, September 20 (Saturday closest to September 23);

Special Mountain Quail and Sierra and Ruffed Grouse — September 20 (Saturday closest to September 23).

VX-5 Threatens Falcons For NWC Cage Title

The VX-5 Vampires and Loewen's Falcons continued their neck and neck race to the wire as action continued through the next to last week of the schedule in the China Lake Basketball League.

The Falcons had their hands full Tuesday evening as they came from behind to defeat the fourth place NAF Hawks, 57-56. The Falcons fell behind by as much as nine points during the first three periods, but key baskets by Jim Ayers and Carl Ames pulled the league leaders ahead in the final minutes.

VX-5 had an easier time of it, rolling to a 91-63 victory over Ace TV. Four men hit double figures for the Vampires with Ron Lyons and Ken Cappell leading the way with 22 and 20 points respectively.

In earlier action, the Hustlers downed archrival OMD, 58-44 to vacate the league's cellar for the first time this season. Gary Ziegler led the Hustler scoring parade in this one, hitting 22 points, while Gary Johnson was high for OMD with 19.

Kit Carson hit 16 points and Don Williams had 11 as the NAF Hawks won their sixth game of the year downing Ace TV, 57-52. Down 42-40 at the end of the third period, the Hawks outscored the cold shooting Ace team 17-10 in the final eight minutes to move to within one game of third place. Tim Higins continued his league leading scoring pace for the losers, hitting 21 points.

Loewen's won a close one from OMD, downing the tail-enders 59-56 to win their 11th game of the year. Henry Costes scored 15 and Gary Jacobs had 13 to lead the Falcon scoring while Gary Johnson had 22 for the losers.

Ken Cappel hit 29 as VX-5 downed the Hustlers, 76-65. Ziegler was high for the Hustlers once again hitting 26.

Table with columns: STANDINGS, W., L., Points, Avg. Lists teams like Loewen's, VX-5, Ace TV, NAF, Hustlers, OMD and their records and averages.

A great paradox of our age is the simultaneous emergence of the beatnik and the stainless steel razor blade.

Burros Ready for League Opener



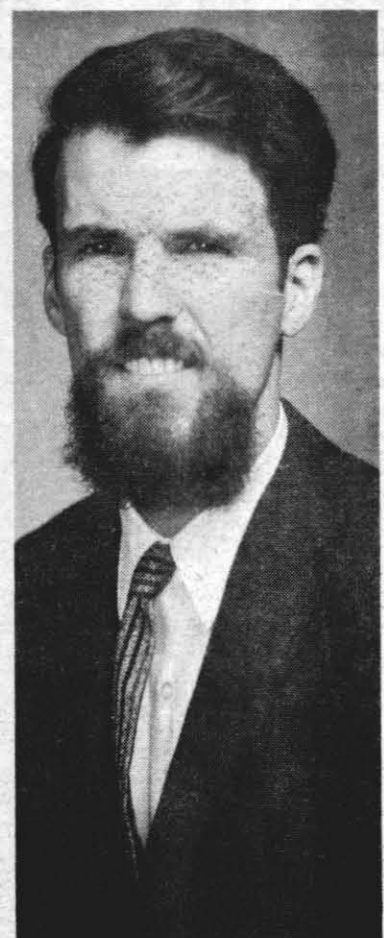
NEGLECTED EVENT — It's been a long time since a Burroughs athlete showed any prowess with a vaulting pole. Above, Jeff Little, who has shown prowess in the event, practices for the upcoming track and field meet with Palm-dale that will be held at the Burroughs field at 3 p.m. on February 20.

Bluebirds Maintain Happiness Role

Action in the China Lake Premier League continued last week with the Blue Bird Taxi team maintaining their grip on first place. Individual results in the Premier had Brian Schuetze leading the way with 217-207 and a 621 series while Dan Branson was next with 214-608.

In the Desert Handicap League last week, Dick Evert led the way with a 211-602 while John Dowd rolled high game with 235. Ridgecrest Automotive rolled the high team series with 2983.

In the Thursday Afternoon Trio, Sally Stephenson was a high with 506 and Wanda Magars hit high game with 200. Estella Paine led the Women's Handicap League with 190-504.



AL HARD

The University of Southern California recently announced the awarding of the Master's Degree in Public Administration to William Allen (Al) Hard of the Naval Weapons Center.

Hard, a Management Analyst attached to Central Staff, formerly received a B.A. in Economics from USC in 1962. A tour of duty with the Navy brought him to China Lake where he remained after being discharged.

He began his work toward the advanced degree at the Center in Public Administration while he was with the Navy in 1966. He completed the program in January with a specialization in Comparative Administration.

Hard, his wife Suzanne and their family reside at 413-B Nimitz at China Lake.

Whiskey Flat Celebrates 105th Anniversary

The gaiety of Kernville's gaudy past will come alive next weekend, February 21-23, when the celebration of Whiskey Flat Days will be staged in Kernville. This event marks the 105th anniversary of the old mining camp and is Kern County's first major celebration of the year.

Principal festivities include an all-western parade, old-time fiddlers contest, art exhibits, a horseback trip, costume contest, historical tours, tombstone contest, children's pet parade, greased pig contest, talent contest, and the crooked mayoralty race.

Whiskey Flat Days will start off on Friday, February 21, with a historical tour at 1:30 p.m. and a talent contest at 7:30 p.m. on the stage of the Kernville Elementary School.

The grand parade will be from 11 a.m. to 12 noon on Saturday, February 22, starting at James' Store, proceeding across the bridge and through the town.

Two special events — the costume contest and greased pig contest — will get underway at 2 p.m. Saturday. The costume contest at Riverside Park includes categories for best dressed gentleman, best dressed lady, frontier man, frontier woman, best dressed couples or group.

New this year, the greased pig contest will be held in downtown Kernville. Prizes will be awarded to the lucky

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Navy League Sponsors Model Airplane Meet

Howell Sumrall, president of the Indian Wells Valley Council of the Navy League, announces that plans have been made for a series of model airplane contests in the Valley.

Each year since 1940 the Navy has hosted National Model Airplane Championships and permitted the use of Naval air station facilities to the model flyers. The Navy hopes to attract young people to a Naval career through this sponsorship.

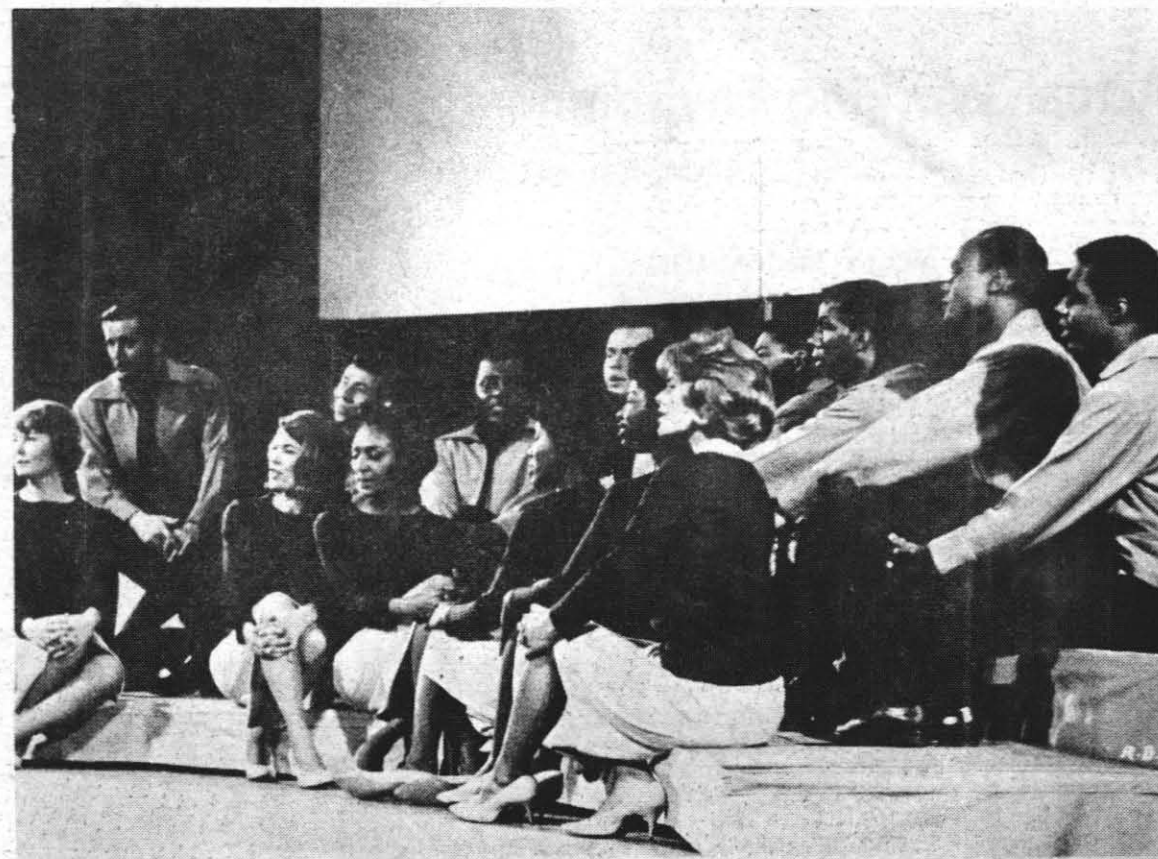
Under the direction of the Alkali Angels, local model airplane club composed of older, experienced model plane builders, emphasis at the outset will be placed on participation by youth under 15 years of age which is in line with Navy policy.

In addition to handling the administrative details and officiating at the contests, the Alkali Angels will be on hand to answer any questions contestants may have.

Contest director Earl Donaldson stated that "sport - science of model aviation has contributed more than any other youth activity to the technical advancement of aviation in this country. In fact, Con-

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Concert Association Presents Singers



THE ROBERT DE CORMIER SINGERS

The Robert De Cormier Folk Singers, 14 men and women vocalists plus two instrumentalists, will appear in concert Thursday evening, February 20, at the NWC Theater at 8 p.m. The program is sponsored by the China Lake Civic Concert Association.

Under the guidance of Robert De Cormier and his associates, the Folk Singers present a new concept in concert entertainment. The voices of the singers blend with the varied instrumental accompaniment and lighting effects to present a unique theatrical experience.

Their aim is to recreate the cultures of many lands and variety is the keynote with songs from England, Scotland, Ireland, Norway, Russia, Poland, Croatia, French Canada, Africa and the West Indies.

Included in the program is a group of American folk songs, showing the cultural backgrounds and variety of activities within this country.

Mr. De Cormier gained nationwide fame through his work as conductor and arranger for the celebrated Harry Belafonte, both for his personal appearances and recordings. When the Belafonte Folk Singers were formed, Mr. De Cormier became its arranger and conductor and for two seasons the Belafonte Folk Singers filled sold-out tours of 90 engagements across the continent. The formation of his own group, the De Cormier Folk Singers, in 1962 was the natural outgrowth of De Cormier's experience with the Belafonte Folk Singers.

Robert De Cormier is a graduate of the Juilliard School of Music in New York. He has composed original scores for Broadway plays and has also done choral arrangements on Broadway. He has arranged music for an album of Jewish folk songs by Jan Peerce on the Vanguard record label. On Columbia Masterwork Records, he did the arrangements for the Mormon Tabernacle Choir and the Philadelphia Orchestra under the direction of Eugene Ormandy. In addition to composing and arranging music, Mr. De Cormier also has won praise as a conductor of his own compositions and arrangements in all media. In the spring of 1967 he acted as musical director

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Underground Cabling Installation Begins Here

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Practically all underground cabling will be directly buried in earth, except for one or two areas under pavement where conduit will be used. Trenches across streets will be 6 or 8 inches wide, and will be back-filled within one day. They will be temporarily back-filled with earth, and then later pitched with asphalt paving.

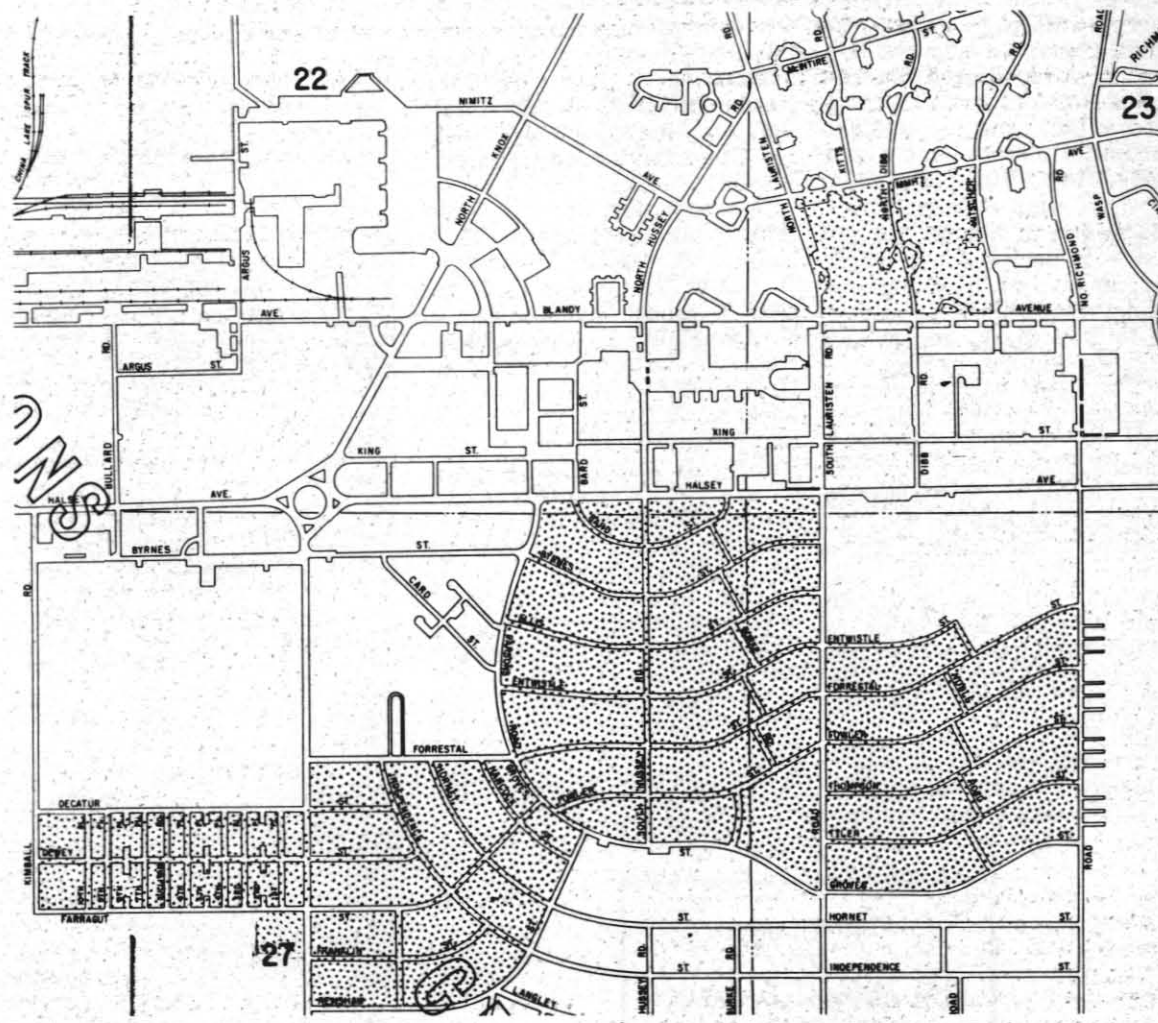
The contractor will use the area between Halsey and Byrnes and west of the new telephone company building for a staging area.

The rest of the Center's housing area will be hooked up by means of overhead drops from main poles and cables in the area.

The telephone company has assigned a trouble number — 375-8441, extension 35 — for reporting difficulties encountered by residents as a result of the construction.

The date of cut-over (transfer of service to California Interstate Co.) will be August 2, 1969 at 11:01 p.m. At this time, all existing telephone numbers with a 375 prefix and all residential telephone numbers within the NWC fenced - area will receive new numbers having a 448 prefix. (This includes the South Capehart site, but excludes the Wherry Area.

The Center's listed number, 375-1411, will remain unchanged.



UNDERGROUND CABLING AREAS — The shaded areas of the above map are the districts that are earmarked for trenching and digging as part of the installation project

involved with changing over to the new telephone system at NWC. Residents will be given 24 to 48-hour notice before work will begin at their domicile.

Center Co-operates With Burroughs High School On Work Experience Program

Actual Working Environment Supplements Classroom Texts

by
MOLLY McCAMMON
Work Experience Student
Assigned to The Rocketeer

Forty-three High School students began their tours on February 3 at the Naval Weapons Center as participants in the Burroughs High School Work Experience Program.

The students will work in various areas about the Center in a program designed to put their textbook experience to practical use.

The Work Experience Program provides an opportunity to gain experience in a practical working environment in five different areas. Specifically, there is a Laboratory Program for science and math students; a Clerical Program for students who are planning to enter office-support vocations; an Administrative Program for administrative and management levels of interest; a Vocational Program for students who are interested in the many skilled trades represented within the station work force, and a Teaching Program, whereby students planning teaching careers can get a taste of how it feels to run a classroom.

Each of the respective programs are sponsored by progressive, responsive groups at the Center who are interested in helping the students (mostly seniors) become familiar with the "meat and potatoes" side of making a living.

The Administrative Program is sponsored by the Administrative Development Committee (ADC), under the general direction of Jerry Maxwell; The Clerical Program is supported by the Department Staff Assistant Council (DSAC), coordinated by Alma Cowan; The Laboratory Program, guided by Milt Ritchie, is handled by the Research Society of America (RESA); The Vocational Program, headed by Bob Clark, is sponsored by the Technicians and Artisans Committee (TAC); and the Student Teaching Program is being handled by William Stokes.

Credit Gained
In order to qualify for the Work Experience Program, students must meet the following requirements, according to Bob Clark, general coordinator for the project.

All students must possess (1) a scholastic record satisfactory to the selection committee (a grade point average of "B" or better for those wishing to enter the Laboratory and Administrative programs); (2) a sincere interest in the program; (3) an eager desire to obtain as much knowledge as possible from the program; and (4) a desire to cooperate fully with school and NWC sponsor personnel.

When selected, the students are assigned to sponsor personnel at the many and various

activities around the Center who have indicated an interest in working with the young high school people.

During the semester, the students selected spend an average of 12 hours a week on the job, performing practical and meaningful duties, and for which they receive only one-half credit on their transcript. At the end of the semester, the students are expected to write a critique of their experiences before they receive a final grade.

Program's History

The experimental stage of the Work Experience Program began during the 1955-56 school year with only the Laboratory Program. It was so well received that in its third year it became part of the school curriculum. Participating students were then given 1/2 unit of credit. In 1962-63 the Administrative Program was begun, and in 1964-65 the Clerical and Vocational Programs were added. 290 high school students have taken part in this program over the past 13 years.

Students who are participating in the program include: Jim Simmons; Susan Williams; Allison Aherin; Jim Appleton; Patricia Taylor; Jean Boyack; Karen Lundstrom; Cindy Kochman; Beth Young; June Graham; Susan Parry; Paula Brown; Dave Cassel; Patrick Getusky; Gary Jeffries; Molly McCammon; Cherie Kohlenberg; Hazel McDuff; Bill Peoria; Joseph Stone; Andrew Bischel; John Bucher; Robert Buck; Joseph Eisenhour; Mary Finch; Charles Goff; Eric Haseltine; David Haymaker; Ivar Highberg; Andrea Hinz; Leland Huff; Diana Murback; Shirley Oftedahl; John Pearson; Mary Schaniel; Richard Weiss; Dana Williamson; Mary Farmer; Karen Peterson; Bonni Rosellini; Pat Rampy; Sue Christly; Sally Davis and Donna Rowell.

Sponsors who are cooperating in this effort are: D. Rusciolielli; B. Davis; M. Butler; B. Baker; A. Cowan; E. Johnson; B. Johnson; B. Glidewell; H. Campbell; L. Oldfield; R. Huse; R. Carter; L. Sidney; R. Gallup; W. Valenteen; P. Dietrichson; J. Barra; W. Kirk; J. Stanfork; F. Ashbrook; C. McGuire; J. Seibold; E. Swann; J. Saitz; I. Wertenberger; C. Morley; Dr. R. A. Roberts; J. Zaharias; Dr. A. T. Nielsen; J. Dalton; E. Breitenstein; J. Adler; Dr. R. A. Henry; L. Marguardt; Shirley Sims; Stanley Kus; Frances Morgan; Richard McCowan.

Michael McGrath is the High School's Coordinator for the program, and John Dowd is handling security matters for NWC.



PHYSICAL OPTICS — John Pearson (l) is shown being taught the finer points of using a densitometer in the Research Department. Richard Roberts explains the operation of the machine.



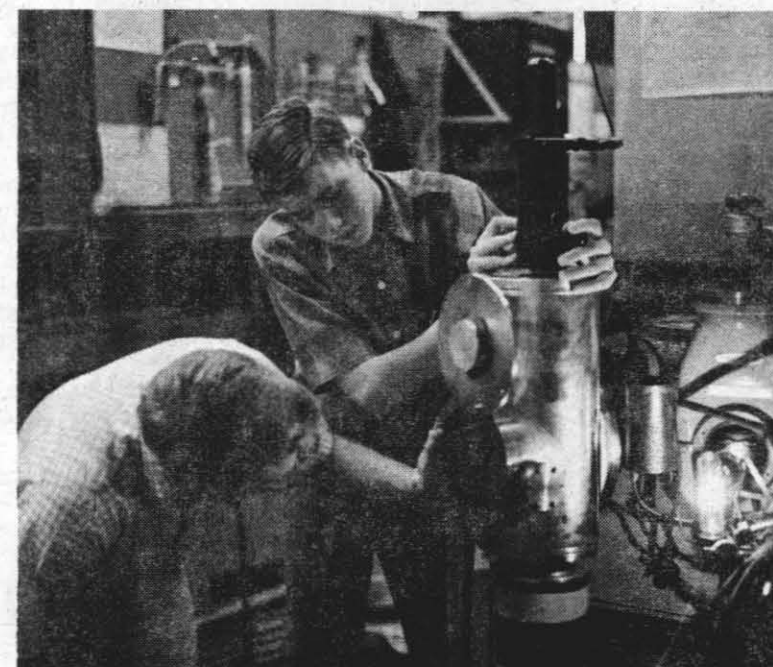
FILLING AN ORDER — Bill Baker (l) of the Center's Supply Department discusses the fine points of acquiring needed material with Jim Appleton. Jim is interested in pursuing an Administrative career.



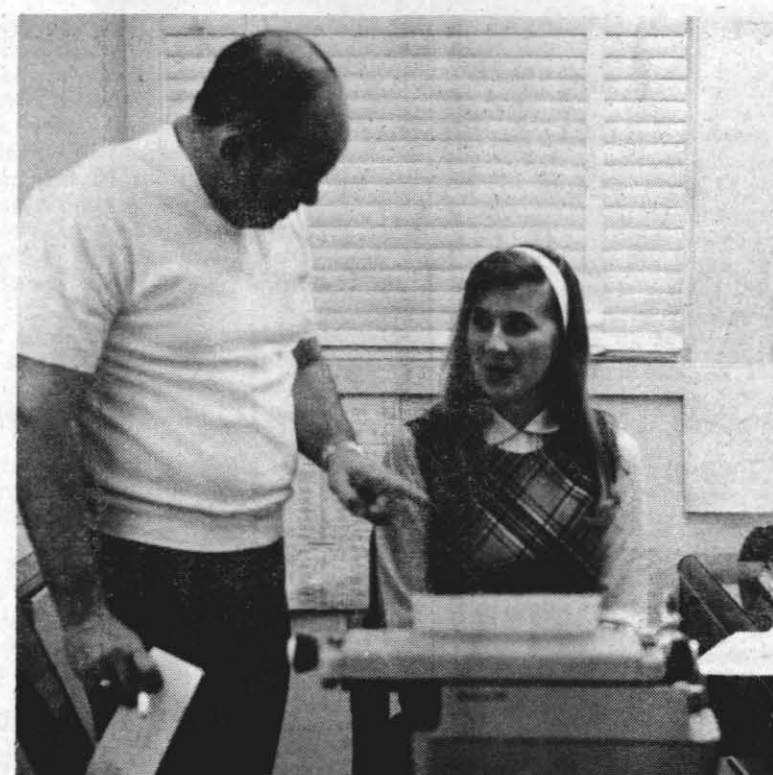
MANY, MANY CARDS — Beth Young tries her hand at one of the many data gathering machines that are now part of an extremely modernized accounting system in the Supply Department. Beulah Glidewell is her sponsor.



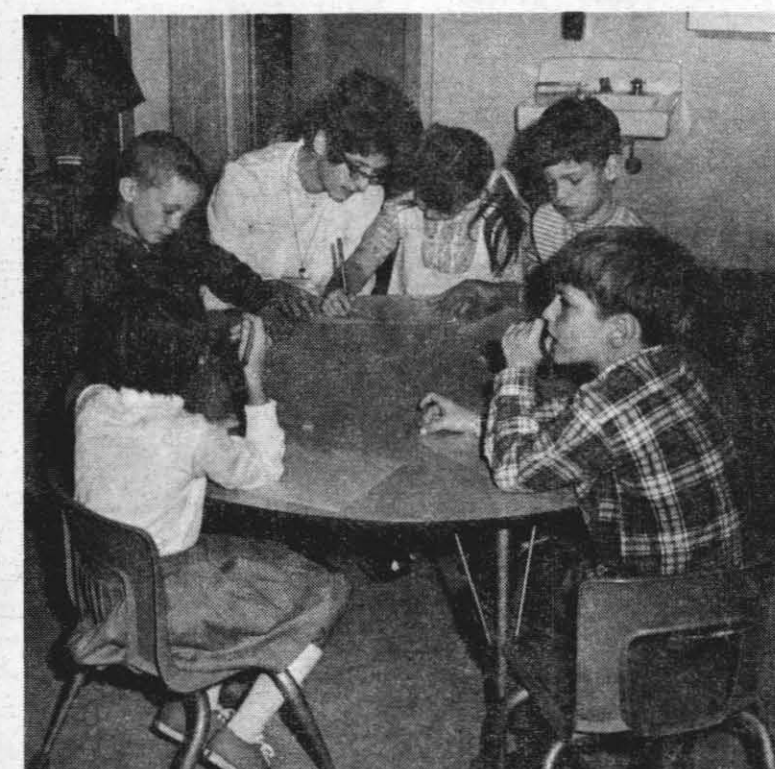
WATCH THAT THUMB! — Pat Getusky gets right down to work his first week on the job. Here, he puts the finishing touches on a tool box in the Carpentry shop at Public Works. He is sponsored by Lou Sidney.



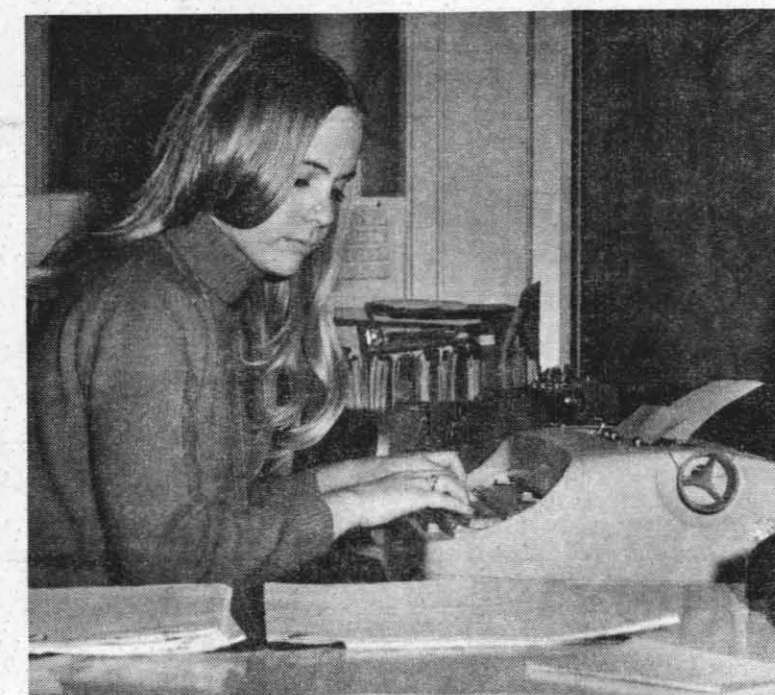
RESEARCH TOOL — Jim Stanford (foreground) explains the workings of an ultraviolet reflectometer to Andy Bischel of Burroughs High School. Andy's assignment is in the Physical Optics Branch of the Research Department.



GET IT RIGHT — Bill Valenteen (l), Editor of the ROCKETEER, guides the enthusiastic endeavors of Cherie Kohlenberg, who has been assigned to the station newspaper. Molly McCammon is also assisting in this office.



A-TEACHING — Bonni Rosellini helps several kindergartners practice writing their names at Richmond Elementary School. Bonni participates in the Student Teaching part of the Work Experience Program.



FUTURE SECRETARY — Susan Williams types a memorandum as part of her duties with sponsor Bill Davis. Susan is aboard as part of the Administrative part of the High School Work Experience Program.



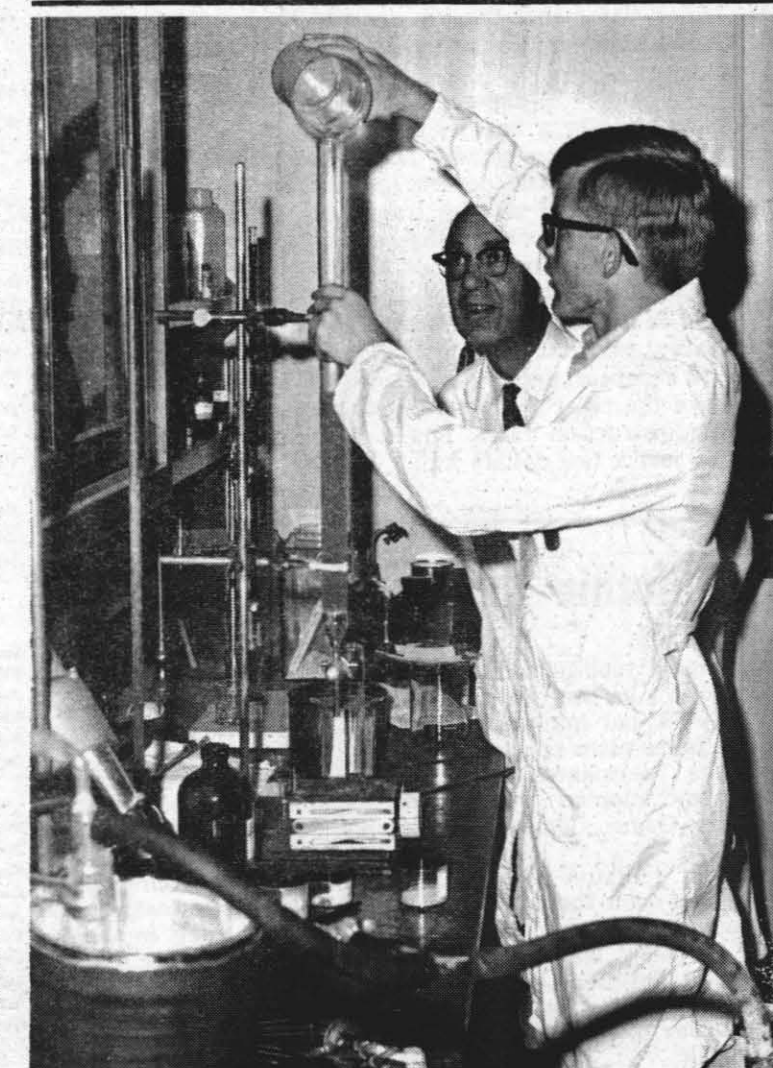
PRINT SHOP — Hazel McDuff spends her weekday afternoons from 2 to 4:30 p.m. helping Pete Deitrichson in the Print Shop at TID. Here, she is shown making prints on a well known copying machine.



CHEMISTRY AIDE — Rick Weiss performs a melting point check on an intriguing chemical in the chemistry division of the Research Department. His sponsor, Dr. A. T. Nielsen will appreciate his help in future weeks.

You cannot help men permanently by doing for them what they could and should do for themselves

A. Lincoln



LABORATORY PROGRAM — Lee Huff (foreground) is seen here performing a chromatographic separation in the organic chemistry branch of the Research Department. Lee's sponsor is Dr. Ronald Henry.

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