



MERITORIOUS ACHIEVEMENT — ABCM Paul S. Mandall receives the Navy Achievement Medal from Capt. L. A. Dewing, NAF Commanding Officer for meritorious achievement while attached to and serving aboard the USS Enterprise during combat operations. Born in Newark, N.J., Chief Mandall was a member of the Enterprise crew when it received the coveted Battle Efficiency award in 1966.

LAW IN ACTION

CREDIT CARD CRIMES

Use of credit cards is so widespread nowadays that some predict Americans will soon give up using money. Instead, everyone will have his own credit card.

Meanwhile the law must protect credit card owners and companies. Use of lost credit cards by finders and thieves, for example, has caused some great losses. If you lose your credit card, you must notify the company right away. Failure to do so may make you responsible for purchases by a finder or a thief.

A series of recent California laws calls for stiff penalties for the misuse of credit cards. An applicant who gets a card by using a false name, or who later shows that he never intended to make payment, is guilty of theft by false pretenses. And one who gives false credit information in applying for a credit card commits a misdemeanor, even if the card is never issued.

A person who uses another's credit card by pretending to be the real owner is guilty of false impersonation, which is a felony.

Using credit cards falsely to obtain property worth more than \$200 in any consecutive six-month period is a felony, punishable by a term in the state prison and loss of other rights.

Where merchandise less than \$200 is involved, the crime is a misdemeanor.

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

misdemeanor, which means a county jail term of up to six months, plus a fine.

In a recent case a thief stole a credit card issued in another state. He came to California and tried to use the card. In court he claimed the stiff California laws did not apply, since he acquired the card outside this state. But the court upheld his felony conviction: Since he used the card in California the law of California applied, no matter where the card was issued, nor where he stole it.

Credit card companies may cancel a card because the holder's credit is bad, or for other reasons. After notice that the card has been cancelled, continued use is a crime.

Several special laws deal with "innkeepers." Any person who obtains food or accommodations at a hotel, inn, restaurant, boarding house, lodging house, apartment motel or auto camp, and then fails to pay, with the intent to defraud, commits a crime. Leaving



without paying or offering to pay is "prima facie" evidence of an intent to defraud.

SHOWBOAT

FRIDAY MARCH 7
"DANGER: DIABOLIK" (102 Min.)
John Philip Law, Marisa Mell, Terry-Thomas
7:30 P.M.

(Crime/Drama) Arch criminal Diabolik foils Terry-Thomas and heists a \$10 million currency shipment. This makes Terry angry and he even forces crime syndicates to seek his tormentor. Serio-comic caper moves fast! (Adult, Youth, Mature Children.)
Short: "Keys to Fishin' Fun" (9 Min.)

SATURDAY MARCH 8
—MATTINEE—
"BILLY ROSE'S JUMBO" (129 Min.)
Doris Day
1:00 P.M.

Shorts: "Captain Marvel" (No. 3, 17 Min.)

—EVENING—
"NOBODY'S PERFECT" (103 Min.)
Doug McClure, Nancy Kwan
7:30 P.M.

(Comedy) Hi-jinks aboard a submarine rescue vessel as a Navy chief and his old-time buddy, now the commanding officer, add to the laughs created by the wackiest shore leave in Navy history. Seen a missing Buddha?? (Adult, Youth.)
Short: "Island Spectacular" (9 Min.)

SUNDAY-MONDAY MARCH 9-10
"IT TAKES ALL KINDS" (97 Min.)
Vera Miles, Barry Sullivan
7:30 P.M.

(Drama) Filmed in Sidney, Australia, this thriller tells of a daring robbery and the dramatic attempt of an American seaman to clear his name after he has been black-mailed into crime by a mysterious woman. Suspenseful. (Adult, Very Mature Youth.)
Shorts: "By Word of Mouse" (7 Min.)
"Thoroughbred Racing" (17 Min.)

TUESDAY-WEDNESDAY MARCH 11-12
"YELLOW SUBMARINE" (85 Min.)
The Beatles, Cartoon Feature
7:30 P.M.

(Fantasy) A "happening" like you've never seen on a screen before! Beatles' most famous songs are mixed with a psychedelic cartoon of brilliant flashing colors and the new rock sound. A fascinating treat for everyone! (Adult, Youth, Children.)
Shorts: "Pink is a Many Splintered Thing" (Pink Panther, 7 Min.)
"Fisherman's Fall" (17 Min.)

THURSDAY-FRIDAY MARCH 13-14
"GRAND PRIX" (174 Min.)
James Garner-Eva Marie Saint
7:30 P.M.

(Adventure) Thrill-packed story of international racing teams on the nine race circuit. The excitement, death-defying risks and heartbreaks of their lives both on and off the track. There's more to racing than a throttle! (Adult, Youth.)



STATE OF THE UNION REPORT — Henry H. Wair, President of the NWC Employees Federal Credit Union, gave his annual report to Credit Union members at the recent business meeting and annual election of officials held at the Community Center.

The annual meeting of the Naval Weapons Center Federal Credit Union was held February 18 at the Community Center. President Wair and other Credit Union officials gave their annual reports to the members informing them of the financial and administrative status of the Credit Union.

Elections for Credit Union officials were held with the following results: Henry H. Wair, William J. Baker, Bruce Wertemberger, and Evelyn J. See were elected members of the Board of Directors for two year terms.

Marie Parks and James Peck were elected to the Credit Committee for two year terms. Clyde Burum was elected to the Credit Committee for a one year term.

Other members of the Board are: Warren G. Stelzmler, W. Richard Hitt and Captain Charles R. Lee. They were not required to stand for election this year. Mr. Alexander J. Kowalsky and Mr. William A. Ariola were not required to stand for election this year to the Credit Committee.

In his annual report, Henry Wair highlighted all major events of 1968. He informed the membership of the insurance policy with CUNA Mutual Insurance Society which provided loan protection and life savings insurance up to \$2,000 on share deposits. He stated that when the Credit Union joined CUNA it also joined the California Credit Union League.

He also informed members that arrangements were made whereby the Credit Union can facilitate the handling of 10 year loans under a significant change in the Credit Union Act, which permits the extension of long term loans on certain kinds of non-perishable collateral such as real estate, trailers and objects that have a very low depreciation rate.

President Wair pointed out that the cost of credit is increasing and the Credit Union will be becoming more competitive throughout the year.

In closing, Mr. Wair asked the members for their full and wholehearted support and stated "The Credit Union is not only organized to pay dividends, it is organized primarily for provident and productive reasons."



"HAPPY BIRTHDAY!" — U.S. Navy "Can Do!" Seabees, famed Construction Battalions of World War II, celebrated their 27th year of service on March 5, with all Battalions and Teams committed to construction and civic action in the Northern I Corps battle-zone of South Vietnam.

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Corona Amateur Radio Association Helps in Flood

Twelve employees of the Naval Weapons Center Corona Laboratories—members of the Noronian Amateur Radio Association—maintained the emergency communications that were necessary to carry on the many rescue, traffic control, and other functions during Corona's flood disaster Monday and Tuesday.

Officially designated W6TJ-102, the local ham radio station moved into the City Hall to set up the communications center. The unit is part of the Riverside County Civil Defense organization.

R. Ed Munn is Radio Officer in Charge for District One which includes generally the same area as the Corona Unified School District. Glen Wood Wilson, the Corona City Manager, is the designated Civil Defense Director for the Corona district. There are 8 others in Riverside County.

Mobile Units Activated
In addition to the central station, mobile units which belong to the amateur members themselves, were stationed with policemen directing traffic whose police cars were desperately needed elsewhere.

During the periods the telephones were not operative, emergency messages were relayed by the radio system to Riverside, Norco, and other destinations. Telephone contact between the NWC Laboratory and Corona locations was down for several hours.

The Laboratory Ham Club is also the designated Disaster Communications Unit for the Naval Weapons Center and normally operates under the call, WA6BAH.

Those members who serve with Civil Defense too, switch to W6TJ, the County call letters for Civil Defense. The numbers 102 added to this call, pinpoints the local unit.

In addition to Munn, the others who took turns at the controls, or manned outlying units were, John R. Campbell, Donald L. Hendrix, John R. Alday, Earl E. Morris, Barry S. Todd, Elbert O. Lindley, Vernon O. Lieb, Clifford R. Lundquist, William A. Burns, Alan Kiecker; and Calvin R. Hughart from FMSAEG.

El Toro Chopper
When a Marine helicopter arrived from El Toro, it was discovered that communication with the pilot in the air would only be possible through a ground station maintained at the Naval Weapons Center. This station is normally used for communicating with military fly-overs during tests at the Laboratory.

The station was quickly activated, and contact established with the helo pilot. Barry Todd manned the equipment relaying messages between the City Hall headquarters station and the rescue helicopter.

The arrangement proved effective, and communications were maintained until about six o'clock when the 'copter had to return to El Toro. When Todd left, he went home, switched on the mobile unit in his car, and returned again to help during the night.

Most of the operators in the group hold official Civil Defense identification cards in addition to their own FCC licenses.



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Chief of Navy Information In LA To Accept Navy Combat Artwork



CHINFO ACCEPTS—RAdm. Geis (c), Navy Chief of Information, was on hand in Los Angeles recently to accept Combat Art paintings from West Coast artists. Shown chatting with the Admiral are two Ridgecrest artists, Hal McCormick (l) and Larry Zabel. Right, Capt. M. R. Etheridge, NWC Commander, looks over "Machine Gunner" with artist Leonard Cutrow.

Plans For Beauty Pageant Take Shape

The formation of committees and the selection of key officials are now underway for the 1969 Miss Ridgecrest-China Lake Pageant, reports Marge Zinke, this year's pageant director.

The China Lake Community Council and Ridgecrest Chamber of Commerce sponsored event will be staged at the Center Theater on Saturday, May 24.

However, it is not too early for girls of the area to be thinking about entering the pageant, Mrs. Zinke emphasized.

Contest Rules
Candidates may be between the ages of 17 and 27. They must never have been married, divorced or had a marriage annulled.
Candidates must have resided in Kern County for the past six months. This rule is waived, however, for local girls who are attending a college or university that is out of the county or state.
The candidates will be judged on charm, beauty, poise, personality, intelligence, appearance in swim suits and evening wear and talent.

Entry Forms
Girls who would like to enter the Miss Ridgecrest - China Lake Pageant should contact the Ridgecrest Chamber of Commerce, 375-8331, for entry forms. Naval Weapons Center departments who would like to sponsor a candidate should also contact the Chamber of Commerce.

50 Points for Talent
The talent portion of the contest will count for 50 points in the judging. It may be a three-minute presentation of singing, playing a musical instrument, a dramatic or poetry reading, an art display, dress designing, or a talk on the career the candidate wishes to pursue.

The current reigning Miss Ridgecrest-China Lake is Debbie Peters. The 18-year-old beauty is a senior at Burroughs High School. She is the daughter of Master Chief and Mrs. Ray M. Peters of China Lake. The winner of the 1968 Miss Ridgecrest - China Lake Pageant will be entitled to compete in the Miss Kern County Pageant at Bakersfield. Should she win this event, she may compete in the Miss California Pageant at Santa Cruz. Miss California competes in the Miss America Pageant at Atlantic City, New Jersey.

Debbie Peters
Pageant director Marge Zinke noted that choreographers, talent and modeling coaches, makeup artists, rehearsal pianists, sound and lighting technicians, wardrobe mistresses and typists will be needed for presenting this year's pageant. Those who would like to assist in the production may call Mrs. Zinke, at 375-4007, to volunteer their services.



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THE LOCKER ROOM

Spring Fever

BY ED RANCK



The China Lake athletic schedule has reached its spring-time hiatus with the basketball season consigned to posterity and the formation of the volleyball league still underway. The lull in activity will be a bit short this year however, as the volleyball season gets underway next Tuesday evening.

Nine teams are currently in the fold for this year's play. There are a few familiar entries such as Ace TV, VX-5 and the Redbirds, but as usual several strange athletic organizations have been formed in order to enter the competition. It seems that during the past two years naming the team has been one of the highlights of the volleyball season. Last year we had the Half Fast Six and the Maladroits, this season the award for originality has to go to the team known simply as Snorts.

CONTEST DISAPPOINTING

The recent VX-5 Loewen's Falcons championship basketball game had to be one of the major disappointments of the year, at least from a spectators standpoint. The Vampires played what was easily their worst game of the year, while the Falcons put on their coldest performance in the past three seasons. The Falcons were so frigid that when VX-5 went ahead by five points with six minutes left you got the impression that it was all over. Poor shooting plus the absence of all-star forward Gary Jacobs really hurt the defending champions. Still, with both clubs on their game, the Vampires would have probably won. VX-5 simply had superior balance and firepower.

We mentioned prior to the game that the Vampires had the makings of a new basketball dynasty here at the Center. Actually, the team will be largely broken up during the off-season due to military transfers. VX-5 has become the most successful athletic group on the station during the past three years. They have won five intramural championships since January 1966, two each in volleyball and football and one in basketball.

China Lake has been chasing an MDISL championship for so long that the story of the center's last inter-service championship is probably recorded on a parchment scroll. However the Center has at least become competitive during the past year and later this month will have two more cracks at winning an MDISL crown.

Next week the volleyball tournament will be held at Edwards AFB and the following weekend China Lake will host the bowling tournament. China Lake finished second to Edwards in volleyball last year, but there is a certain amount of doubt as to whether the team has improved enough this year to finish first. The bowlers however, have an excellent chance to come out on top.

Team captain Ed Albright has assembled a group which should prove to be China Lake's best varsity bowling team in years. There isn't a member on the squad with an average of less than 180. The fact that the team is also on its home lanes should also be worth a few pines.

SOFTBALL

Athletic Bulletins 11 and 12, recently issued by Bill Milligan set forth information concerning this year's softball and slo-pitch schedules. The softball league will open up on April 28 while slo-pitch is scheduled to begin on May 2. There has of course been the usual amount of behind the scenes intrigue during the off-season.

In a move that startled the softball world, Bert Andraesen transferred his franchise down the street and around the corner to the Ridgecrest Shell Station. Owner Jim Poore won't be stuck with a weak-sister expansion club however. Ace TV will be represented by Joe Seibold's Engineers this summer.

Things that are guaranteed to happen during the next two months: A half dozen or so of China Lake's top ball players will be rumored to have joined three or more teams. One club will start practice sessions six weeks before the season and half the team will be down with sore arms before the end of the first week. Approximately 100 players will attend VX-5's first practice session. By the end of the week the list will be down to 10. Bob Hooper, Denny Crager and Bobby Kochman will claim that they have retired.

Seibold's team will begin working out much later than everyone else, but will get off to a fast start when the league opens. Jerry Tyler will hit the longest homeruns during the spring, and Tony Scanlan will nearly disconnect someone's head during batting practice.

The league should be a good one again this year and Seibold and Andraesen appear to have the strongest clubs. There will be several familiar faces missing during the season, most notably Red Aucoin, Mike Rowell, Roy Deland and Bob Palmer. All have left or are leaving the area shortly.

Archery Instructions Begin at Schoeffel Field

An eight-week class in Beginner Archery is being offered by the China Lake Bowmen starting this Sunday, at 1 p.m. at Schoeffel Field, according to Bob Stedman who will be present for instruction. Although the class is designed to permit normal progression through the eight week period, those interested should not be discouraged from attending just because they cannot make all eight classes. The course, which is free, also includes the use of the club's equipment.



BASKETBALL CHAMPS — The Vampires of VX-5 made a great attempt toward the end of the season and took the title from the Falcons who led throughout most of the season. Shown above with their hard-

won trophies are (front row, l-r) Jim Prophet, Ron Lyons, Charles Fleming, and Doug Karptien. Back row (l-r) are Ken Middleton, Bob Baugher, Ken Cappell, Terry Atkinson and Gary Ellwanger.

Deep Sea Fishing Trip Planned For Military

The Special Services Department will sponsor a deep sea fishing trip for military personnel on Friday, April 4th. The trip will be made aboard the 83-foot converted Coast Guard Cutter, "Miss Norris," out of NAS North Island.

Thirty places are available for the trip at a cost of \$5 per person. Air transportation to San Diego is being provided via the aircraft leaving the NAF Terminal at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, April 3, and returning at 2:30 p.m. the following day.

Fishing equipment and bait will be provided aboard the Miss Norris, but hooks and sinkers must be furnished by the individual. Luggage will be limited to shaving kits and civilian clothes will be authorized for the trip.

All interested personnel are requested to contact their Enlisted Recreation Committee Member no later than 4:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 26.

Volleyball

NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE
 March 11
 6 p.m.—Rinkydinks vs. FP-M's, Saints vs. Vampires.
 7 p.m.—Snorts vs. Redbirds, Mammonites vs. Ace TV.
 8 p.m.—Hospital vs. BB Stackers.
 March 13
 6 p.m.—Mammonites vs. Saints, Rinkydinks vs. Redbirds.
 7 p.m.—FP-M's vs. Hospital, Snorts vs. BB Stackers.
 8 p.m.—Ace TV vs. Vampires.

Blue Cross Ins. Agent At Community Center

Wednesday, March 12

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

Crom Rolls Second High Series

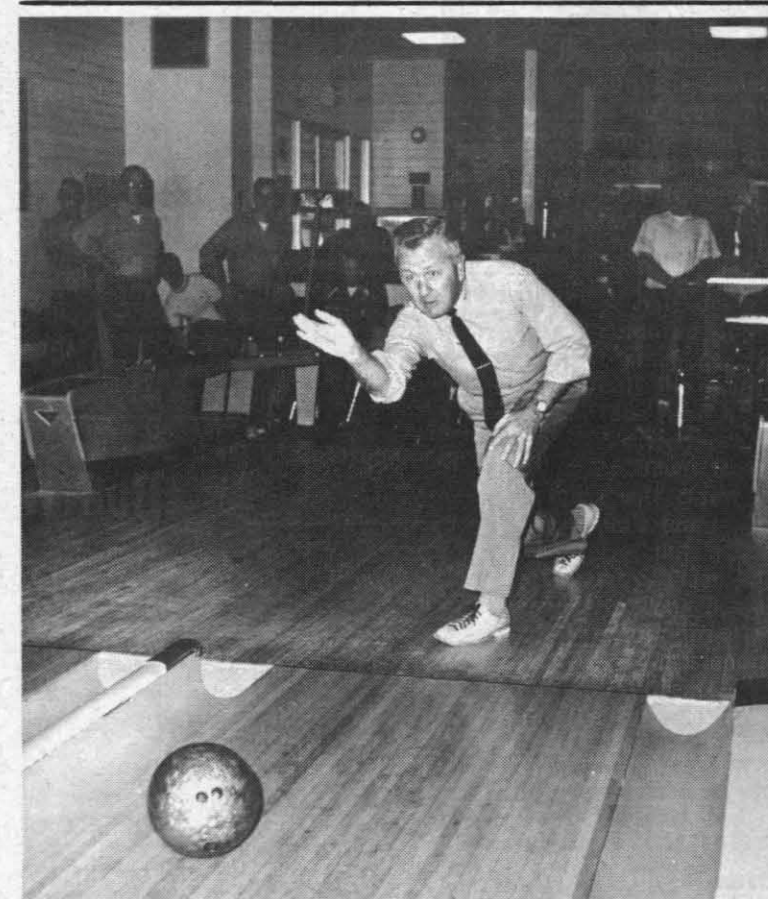
Jean Crom rolled the second highest series ever in the China Lake - Ridgecrest Women's Bowling Association last week, hitting a 606 while competing in the Thursday Afternoon Trio. Jean had single games of 210-170-226 along the way. Joy Godett also broke the 200 mark in the Trio, hitting a 218.

In the Premier League, Dick Furstenberg led the way with 243-225 and 653 while Jack Herbstreit was next with 255-638. Top series also included Maury Coleman 219-227 and 636; Bobby Lockwood 200-267 and 631; Thad Brightwell 209-235 and 615; Ray Schreiber 224-203 and 614; Ed Albright 213-200 and 604; George Bowl-

es 203-215 and 600. Top single games included Roger McCullough 243; Benny Whiteside 240; Warren Schad 226 and Allen Smith and Joe Koko-senski at 225.

Willie Johnson rolled a 200-205 and 576 to lead the way in the Monday Women's Scratch League. Mary Jane Clark was next with 555 while Pat Maxwell hit a 546. Other top series included Maggie Branson 538; Val Strommen 535; Alice Cutsinger 532 and Charlotte DeMarco 525. Joyce Zurn rolled the high single game with 207.

In the Desert League, Stan Ziegler led the way with 244-621 and Connie Evens was high in the Women's Wednesday Handicap with 202-526.



IN-FORM IN UNIFORM — That's the way Capt. R. A. Dewing, NAF Commanding Officer, rolled the inaugural ball to kick-off the recently organized NAF Bowling League. The ten-team league will run for 12 weeks with three-position rounds. A modified Petersen Point System is being used for scoring wins and losses.

Adm. Moorer Cites Need For Balance



ADM. THOMAS H. MOORER

Adm. Thomas H. Moorer, Chief of Naval Operations, believes that the Navy of the 1970's will need a balanced fleet of about 850 ships capable of meeting our cold war deployment requirements or of prevailing in general war.

Testifying Jan. 21 before the Special Subcommittee on Seapower of the House Committee on Armed Services, Admiral Moorer said, "Within this range is a need to be capable of responding to crisis situations in the Atlantic and Pacific at the level of our Vietnam operations, for example."

Discussing the principal components of this future Navy, he said it should consist of, "Attack carriers; strategic offensive and defensive forces; nuclear attack submarines; anti-submarine warfare support carriers; escort ships such as frigates, destroyers, and ocean escorts; amphibious ships; and an appropriate number of other combatant and support ships for such tasks as mine countermeasures, under way replenishment, tender basing and resupply."

Admiral Moorer then stated, "Today, the threat to the United States' supremacy at sea is real. I expect it to increase in the years ahead. It will most assuredly take on greater dimensions if we create any impression of weakening the seapower upon which this nation depends."

He said although our ships must be fully capable of pre-

is clearly intended to offset the capabilities of our carrier striking forces and their operations in the Mediterranean bear this out.

"The ships that will constitute our Navy must anticipate future trends and future tasks in light of the opposition we may be called upon to face. Moreover, in protecting our own national maritime interests, we must also continue our protective role at sea for our dependent allies and friends.

"Most of the destroyers on active duty today fought through World War II. Many of these participated in Korea and, more recently, have been in combat off the coast of Vietnam. During the periods between conflicts, they have been deployed routinely to the Western Pacific or to the Mediterranean.

"It is a matter of fact that 58 percent of our ships are at least 20 years old. At the same time, for example, less than one percent of the Soviet Navy's surface combat ships and submarines are 20 years old or older.

"As a result of the continuing deterioration of our older ships and the limited building program of recent years, we now require an expanded ship replacement program for the years ahead, if the Navy is to be capable of performing its foreseeable tasks."

servicing our national interests at sea, wherever and by whom they may be threatened, the Navy's need for ships stems in large degree from the maritime and naval challenge posed by the Soviet Union.

Discussing the Soviet threat, he said, "The Soviet Navy is building and deploying sophisticated warships that have been carefully designed to serve Soviet interests. The large number of their warships with surface - to - surface missiles



INSPECTORS VISIT — Capt. R. D. Greer (r), Eleventh Naval District Inspector General, and Capt. H. F. Menges (l), Eleventh Naval District Chaplain, Inspector General and Assistant Inspector, respectively, represented the Commandant, Eleventh Naval District in an Area Coordination Review they conducted on the Center last week. Capt. M. R. Etheridge, NWC Commander, met with the inspectors for a general briefing and presentation of the Center's technical programs. Capt. R. Williamson, Executive Officer, accompanied the inspectors during the review which included a visit to the NWC Disaster Control Center and a tour of the China Lake community.

Fleet Reserve Hosts Dignitaries

A no-host dinner at Club Chaparral will be held by the Fleet Reserve Association Branch 95 and its Ladies Auxiliary on Wednesday, March 12 from 5 to 7 p.m. to observe the annual visitation of their respective Regional Presidents, Southwest.

A no-host cocktail hour will precede the dinner. The "Dutch Treat" dinner will be ordered from the Club's menu at prices featured for that day. Reservations are required and can be made by calling Branch President Floyd B. Goldy, China Lake Ext. 725711, or Secretary Gary B. Kraft, Ridgecrest, 375-8088.

At 8 p.m. the regular monthly meeting will get underway at the Clubhouse, 365 McIntyre Street on the Center. Following the meeting, refreshments will be served in the ladies' wing of the clubhouse. Invitations in the form of copies of the regular monthly bulletin have been sent to eligible prospective members and their wives to attend all or part of the evening's events. The social aspects of the March 12 celebration also will provide (Continued on Page 7)

Harrison Takes Two-Year Hiatus



LEAVES FOR PHILIPPINES — At a farewell party last week, Raymond A. Harrison (l), Head of Personnel Department since 1966, was presented the NWC plaque by H. G. Wilson, Deputy Technical Director. Harrison, his wife Natalie and their children left China Lake Tuesday for the Philippines where he has accepted the senior civilian position of Head, Industrial Relations Department at the U.S. Naval Station, Subic Bay. Harrison arrived at NWC in November 1953 as a placement officer, moved up through the ranks to become Associate Department Head in March 1959, then Acting Department Head in June 1963, and became Head of the Personnel Department in April, 1966.

Dr. McLean's Send Thanks



TECHNICAL DIRECTOR
 NAVAL UNDERSEA WARFARE CENTER
 February 24, 1969

Dear Mel:
 LaV and I would like you to express our appreciation to all our friends at NWC who were so thoughtful in remembering me while I was confined to the hospital.
 All of the nurses at St. Luke Hospital were much impressed by the originality of the cards which we received. They borrowed them frequently to show to other patients.
 At the present time I am feeling fine and am looking forward to an early resumption of official duties.

Sincerely,
 B.L.L.
 Wm. B. McLEAN

CAPT. M. R. Etheridge
 Naval Weapons Center
 China Lake, Calif. 93555



Aircraft Buffs

Local pilots and aircraft owners are invited to attend a dinner meeting at The Hide-away on Wednesday, March 12 at 6:30 p.m., announced Horace L. Newkirk, coordinator.
 Director of Kern County Airports Department, Mr. R. G. Schmitz, will speak at the meeting and describe his modernization plan for the Kern County Airport System — one of the most extensive airport systems of any county in the country.
 Interested persons are invited to attend, but reservations are necessary and should be made before Tuesday by calling Ridgecrest 375-8013.
 INVITATION TO ESCAPE — from the Twentieth Century. A calesa, the centuries old method of transportation in the Philippines, awaits customers at the Subic Bay Naval Base. The calesa takes personnel to the riding stable, where horses are available for exploring miles of scenic trails.

Burroughs High Hosts Debate Contest

School Views Tourney As Honor



DEBATE TOURNEY — Looking forward to the March 7 and 8 National Qualifying Debate Tournament to be held at Burroughs High School are (l to r) Jim Braun (Original Oratory), Kristine Bachinski and Jolene Johnson (Girls Extemporaneous), and John Pearson (Boys Extemporaneous). These four students are top contenders in a tourney that will include students from 49 high schools throughout California.

Burroughs High School will play host on March 7 and 8 to the top debaters from 49 schools from Santa Barbara to Sacramento who will be competing here in the National Qualifying Debate Tournament. Approximately 200 students will vie for first places in the four scheduled categories which will make them eligible to compete in the National Forensic League's national finals in Washington, D.C., next summer.

It is a significant honor that such a large tournament is taking place at the local high school since, in former years, it has been held at Fresno State College and next year's locale will be the University of the Pacific.

In addition to debate, three other events are scheduled: extemporaneous speaking, original oratory and dramatic interpretation. In extemporaneous speaking the contestant is allowed one-half hour to prepare a speech on a current topic and present it without notes within a seven minute period. The contestant must memorize a 10 minute speech written by himself in original oratory and in dramatic interpretation the speaker presents a 10 minute memorized dramatic selection.

In the debate portion of the tournament, debaters will speak on both sides of the issue. "Resolved: That the United States should establish a compulsory service by all its citizens." Local residents will serve as judges for all events.

The tournament will begin on Friday, March 7, under the direction of Miss Ann Clerley, Burroughs debate teacher, and will last through Saturday, March 8. The number of contests being held will necessitate the use of every room on the Burroughs campus. All of the visiting students will be lodged with local families.

Those reaching the semifinals from Burroughs High School are Kristine Bachinski, Robert Bechtel, David Becker, John Bucher, Mary Finch, Kathleen Ford, Philip Gieg, Charles Goff, Glen Griffith, Jane Hart, Eric Haseltine, Linda Haymaker, Janet Howell, Leland Huff, Kathleen Kelly, Michael Livingston, Mary McCammon, Barry McDonald, Hazel McDuff, Sandra Nicols, Shirley Oftedal, Vivian Parker, John Peason, Patricia Peterson, Donna Rowell, Margaret Runchey, James Simmons, Mary Suydam, Mark Viers, Elizabeth Ward, Susan Williams, Dana Williamson, Robert Wisdom and Elizabeth Young.

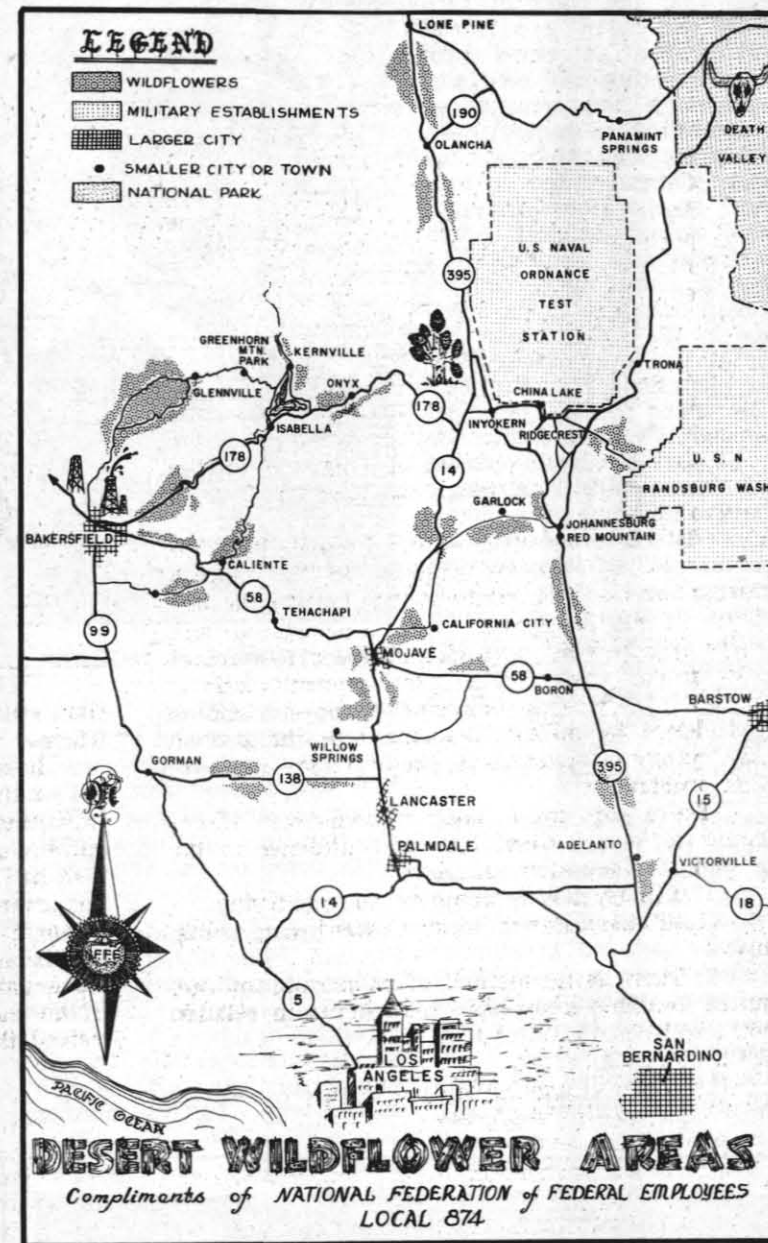
Coast Guard Auxiliary Holds Safety Exams

The Coast Guard Auxiliary will be providing courtesy examinations of the safety of boats this Saturday at Jerry Barry's Marina on Highway 178 in Lake Isabella.

These examinations will be given between the hours of 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

All boat owners are encouraged to take advantage of this excellent opportunity to have their boats thoroughly checked out by qualified inspectors.

Wet Weather Should Set Stage For Brilliant Display of Wildflowers



Warm spring weather, in the wake of above-normal rainfall, could touch off one of the most spectacular Kern County wild-flower displays in years, the Board of Trade said today.

In its first wild-flower bulletin this season, the Board of Trade said usually unimpeachable observers agree that bright skies could trigger Kern County's best floral show since 1952.

The wet weather has set the stage for brilliant vistas of color, the Board said. However, it will take warmer weather for the blossoms to burst forth in full glory.

Holding promise for one of the brightest panoramas of color in years are Kern's picturesque foothill areas. Foothills and higher-elevation areas surrounding Arvin, Edison, Granite Station, Tehachapi, Kern River Canyon, Kern River Valley, and Blackwell's - Keck's Corners are expected to unfold vivid vistas of blossoms.

Veteran observers also forecast excellent spreads of color up Rancheria and Breckenridge Mt. Roads, at the foot of Grapevine Grade along U.S. 99, in the Caliente - Walker Basin district, and in Bitter Water Canyon area off Highway 46 at the western tip of Kern County.

The exact time of the wild-flower displays is difficult to forecast. March and April usually are peak months in Kern County, but displays may vary according to location and elevation.

Poppies, lupine, owl's clover, brodiaea, butter cups and other varieties are expected to dominate the county's wild-flower displays.

Kern's high desert in the Mojave area anticipates dazzling spreads of color. One of the best desert displays traditionally is found along Backus Road at Mt. Soledad south of Mojave. Soledad's east and west slopes are expected to burst forth with yellow woolly daisies.

Other outstanding displays in east Kern generally appear at Red Rock Canyon, Jawbone Canyon in the hills above Cinco off Highway 14, and on Backus Road in the Middle Butte area.

Frothy-topped Joshua trees, with head-size blossoms, should be in full bloom later in the month and in April, the Board of Trade reports. Forests of the blooming Sentinels of the Desert may be found in the Walker Pass area, along highway 58 in Cameron Canyon and the Mojave Desert.

The giant Joshua blooms are always favorite subjects for shutterbugs.

In anticipation of a visitors' influx, Tejon Ranch plans to install stiles at wild-flower areas along Bear Mountain Boulevard east of Arvin. The Arvin Chamber of Commerce is urging visitors to cooperate with Tejon Ranch by using the stiles.

An all-out effort will be made to avoid recurrence of past experiences when damaged fences and other wanton acts harassed ranch and farm operations, James Radoumis, Board of Trade manager, said.

"Enjoy, Do Not Destroy" will again be stressed as the slogan during the wildflower season.

"If you must take the flowers with you, do it on film," Radoumis said.

North Central Nevada Gold Diggers' Dream

A 20-square-mile area on the west flank of the Sheep Creek Range, Lander County, in north-central Nevada, is considered to be "an attractive target" in the search for gold deposits, according to a new report by the U.S. Geological Survey.

Commenting on the geological investigations of the area, Dr. Garland Gott, senior author of the report, said "modern geochemical techniques were used to detect the presence of gold and other metals in such concentrations as to suggest a tell-tale 'halo' around a concealed mineral deposit."

Gott said "the geologic setting of the area, including the geochemical association of arsenic, mercury, antimony, and tungsten with gold, is similar to the recently discovered gold-producing areas at Carlin and Cortez, Nev."

The USGS geologist noted that while checking out several magnetic anomalies known on the west flank of the Sheep Creek Range, a possible 'source rock' lying at shallow depth near Rennox was recognized, and "appears to warrant a limited amount of drilling to clarify geologic relationships."

Such shallow drilling would test the possibility that the magnetic anomaly is caused by igneous (once molten) intrusive rocks with which ore deposits may be associated."

The report, "Geochemical and Geophysical Anomalies in the Western Part of the Sheep Creek Range, Lander County, Nev.," by Garland B. Gott and Charles J. Zablocki, is published as USGS Circular 595, copies of which may be obtained free upon request from the U.S. Geological Survey, Washington, D.C. 20242.



PROMOTION — Chief of Naval Material, Admiral I. J. Galantin (r), presents a third star to Vice Admiral J. D. Arnold, upon his recent promotion. Adm. Arnold will continue as Vice Chief of Naval Material. The Naval Material Command provides material support for the Navy's operating forces.



LT. CHARLES W. TURLEY, USN, has reported aboard the Naval Weapons Center, Corona for duty. He reported directly from the Post Graduate School in Monterey, where he did advanced work in Electronic Engineering. In addition to his campaign and service medals, Lt. Turley wears a Unit Commendation, and a Navy Achievement Medal for "superior performance of his duties as Fire Control Officer on board the USS Waddell from March 22 to April 21, 1967." Lt. Turley was born in Kansas City, Mo. and is married to the former Yvonne E. Hansen. They have two children, Ole Keith, and Flora Jean. The Turleys are currently living in Anaheim.

Returning Vets Should Consider VA Insurance

Each month, only about 16 per cent of the 7,000 disabled veterans eligible to apply for special low-cost RH insurance from the Veterans Administration submit applications for the insurance.

The VA said the application rate was low partly because the veterans do not realize the advantages of the program. A 25-year-old veteran, for example, can start a \$10,000 insurance program for a premium of only \$2.60.

RH National Service Life Insurance is available only to veterans separated from service after April 24, 1951, who have been rated by the VA as having a service-connected disability.

After the rating is established, VA insurance offices in Philadelphia or St. Paul inform each veteran that he is entitled to apply for low cost RH insurance.

Applications for the insurance must be submitted within one year from the date the disability is established.

The VA emphasized that veterans who receive disability ratings may apply for RH insurance whether or not they converted their Servicemen's Group Life Insurance (SGLI) to a private policy after they got out of military service.

Even if the veteran converted his SGLI policy, the VA encourages him, if he can afford to do so, to apply for the RH insurance.

RH and a converted SGLI policy offer disabled veterans an opportunity to carry \$20,000 worth of insurance at standard premiums. Many could not qualify for other insurance or could do so only at increased premiums.

Disabled veterans are urged to get additional information on the insurance program from their local VA office.

A legally appointed guardian or other person acting in a veteran's behalf may apply if the veteran is incompetent.

Astronomical Society Explores 'Milky Way'

A motion picture entitled "Exploring the Milky Way" will be shown at the next meeting of the China Lake Astronomical Society to be held Monday, March 10, at 7:30 p.m. at the clubhouse at 401 McIntire.

Plans for a star party will be discussed. All are invited.

Club Chaparral Features 'Gents' And Bierstube

Entertainment at Club Chaparral will feature "The Gents" on Friday, March 7.

Tickets are still available for the Bierstube Party (German Night) scheduled for Saturday, March 29. For further information, contact Club Chaparral at Ext. 72274.

New Carrier Skipper Takes Helm



NEW COMMANDER — Captain Newton P. Foss (inset) has assumed command of the attack aircraft carrier USS Hancock. He was formerly on the staff of the Commander, Naval Air Forces, Pacific Fleet in San Diego, as Assistant Chief of Staff for Readiness.

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BEST OF FRIENDS — PH2 Gene Hart shot this picture of his two dogs, Lady (foreground) and Skeeter. It seems the dogs enjoy resting together in this manner. Gene and his wife, Gloria, and their son, Wesley, live at 325 Dorado in the Wherry housing area. PH2 Hart is a staff photographer for the Rocketeer.

New Lifetime PTA Member



PTA HONORARY MEMBERSHIP — Mrs. Nick Kleinschmidt presented a PTA Honorary Life Membership to Mr. William Stokes, Principal of Desert Park School, at the recent meeting of the China Lake Elementary PTA.

At the February 27 meeting of the China Lake Elementary PTA, Mr. William Stokes and Mr. Dick Chatterton were presented Honorary Life Memberships, reports Mrs. Margaret Freeman, PTA Publicity Chairman.

Each year two awards are given — one to a teacher and the other to a layman — commemorating Founder's Day, February 17, 1897, the birthday of PTA.

Stokes, principal of Desert Park School, came to Indian Wells Valley in 1952. As a principal for the past five years, he has introduced the Enriched Kindergarten, the Junior Primary, and the High School Aide Program to the local school system. In addition,

he was one of the writers of the Title I ESEA Project.

Chatterton helped organize the Indian Wells Valley Swim Team in 1958, and was head coach of the team for two years. For the past 12 years he has helped with the meets; in addition, he designed the starting blocks and the swim team emblem.

Mrs. Nick Kleinschmidt, teacher at Desert Park School, presented the life membership to Stokes on behalf of Mrs. Lenore Palmer, recipient of last year's award who was unable to attend.

Mrs. William Werbeck, last year's recipient of the layman's award, made the presentation to Chatterton.



BRUSH CLEARING — Clearing is made easy as brush and tall grass, concealing enemy spider holes and bunkers, are set afire during joint Army-Navy operations along Saigon River, 50 miles north of the capital. In foreground is Navy Lt. C. P. Metzler, officer-in-charge of River Division 594, which is taking part in the operation.

Kennedy Honored For Flu Vaccine Development

A former member of the Center's Medical department, HMI Roger G. Kennedy has been honored for his role in developing a new vaccine that has proved effective in combatting the Hong Kong Flu.

Kennedy was involved in experiments conducted aboard a radar picket ship, the USS Finch, while the ship was on station at Hong Kong. Crewmen of the vessel served as guinea pigs for the experiments.

Working with Dr. W. D. Kundin and George Irving, members of Naval Medical Research Unit 2 at Taipei, Kennedy drew blood samples from about 125 of the crew of 140 in August. Two more drawings were made later in August, and another in mid-November.

In addition, Kennedy made numerous throat swabs and kept data on the number of men who contracted the flu.

It was discovered the Hong Kong flu was a variant of the Asian flu, unaffected by present vaccines. Information gathered solely from the ship was excellent for research under controlled conditions.

Capt. R. H. Watten, commanding officer of the medical unit, said the most significant thing about the experiments was that for the first time, they were able to observe and study the outbreak of influenza aboard a naval vessel before the disease actually got started.

As a result, the virus collected from the crew, 70 per cent of whom contracted the flu to some degree, was made into a new vaccine which was made available December 1, first to the armed forces, and then to the general population.

Kennedy served two tours at the Naval Weapons Center — his last tour ended in November, 1967 after two years with the department.

United Methodists Invite Valleyites To 'Percolator'

An outreach and community involvement project known as "Percolator," a product of the United Methodist Church in Ridgecrest, will get underway at 8 p.m., Friday, March 7, at 639 Norma St.

As the name implies, "Percolator" will highlight coffee as the drink of the evening. Light snacks such as popcorn and potato chips also will be provided. Costs for coffee, snacks, and entertainment will be defrayed by free-will donations.

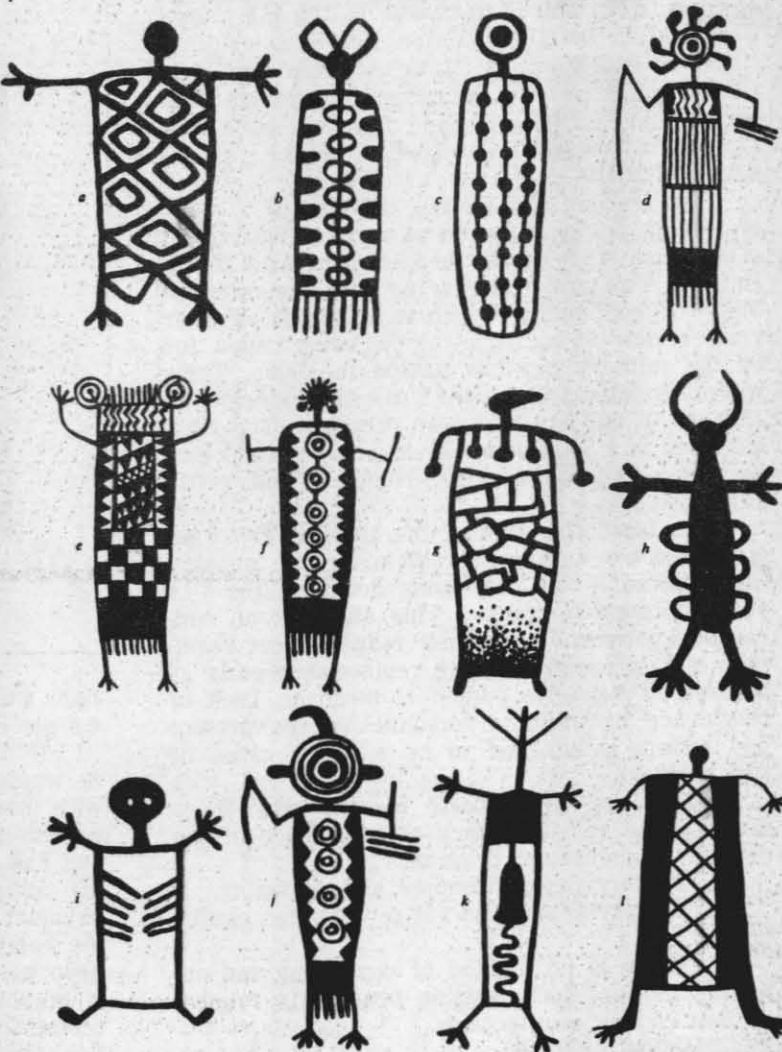
The project is being undertaken to promote relaxed, mature discussions. Everyone is invited to attend.

Entertainment will include guitar renditions by Jim Strathdee from Los Angeles. Other entertainment and thought-provoking presentations are planned for the evening and as a continuing format for "Percolator."

All of the above arrangements are aimed at one target — conversation. Any topic is legitimate.

A second session of the project is being planned for March 21. If the venture achieves its purpose, the effort will be continued.

Maturango Press Publishes Unique Petroglyph Record



ROCK DRAWINGS — Pictured above is a typical illustration from a new book from the Maturango Press entitled "Drawings of the Coso Range." Drawn by the principal author, Campbell Grant, they represent stylized figures from the Transitional and late periods of Petroglyph Culture of the Coso Range Area.

Campbell Grant, renowned anthropologist and senior author of the new Maturango Press publication "Rock Drawings of the Coso Range," will make two local appearances Friday, March 7, both open to the public, in order to introduce the "petroglyph book."

Between 3 and 5:30 in the afternoon, he will join China Lake co-authors Jim Baird and Ken Pringle at an Authors Tea in the home of Capt. and Mrs. Melvin R. Etheridge, 1 Enterprise on the Center, autographing copies of the first edition for those present, and for other purchasers who cannot be at the tea, but who have made prior arrangements through the museum.

At 8 p.m. he will give a slide show in the Weapons Exhibit Center hall, adjoining the museum visitors center, projecting and commenting on colored pictures related to field research for the book.

Anyone not equipped with a Center pass who desires to attend either event will be admitted through the main gate during the afternoon or evening. The visitors center will be open before and after the lecture, for the viewing of displays and the purchase of books.

Exhaustive Study

It was the two China Lakers, Baird and Pringle, whose independent pictorial survey of "petroglyphs on the Base" laid the foundation for the present exhaustive study of what Grant, among other authorities, considers one of the major concentrations of rock art in North America.

While the bulk of the manuscript was being written, and most of the 130-plus illustrations were photographed or drawn by Grant, the two local scientists collaborated for over two years in accumulating and codifying the data present-

Air West Flights 333 and 340, to and from San Francisco, are cancelled for the period March 17 through April 26, 1969, announces JAMTO Representative Jim Dandurand.

Both of these flights stop at Bakersfield Airport which will be closed for maintenance work and extension of the runways during March and April.

China Lake BPW Holds 'Bosses' Night at Center

The fifth annual "Bosses Night" of the China Lake Business and Professional Women's Club was held on Friday evening, February 28, 1969, at the NWC Community Center, with President Marjorie Reed as "Mistress of Ceremonies."

Entertainment was provided by the China Lake BPW "Rockettes" and the local chapter of Sweet Adelines, Inc. A "Roaring 20's" and a "Gay 90's" number was danced by the "Rockettes." Performers were Polly Fischer, director, Virginia Barber, Clara Bower, Irene Branham, Alice Lafleur, Mary Neufeld, June Renfroe, and Ruby Shriner. The "Impetuettes," a Sweet Adeline quartet under direction of Eleanor Hartwig sang several numbers, with "When I Take My Sugar to Tea" dedicated to the bosses present. The quartet was composed of Janet Hamilton, baritone; Lee Blaine, tenor; Jan Arisman, bass, with Mrs. Hartwig singing the lead.

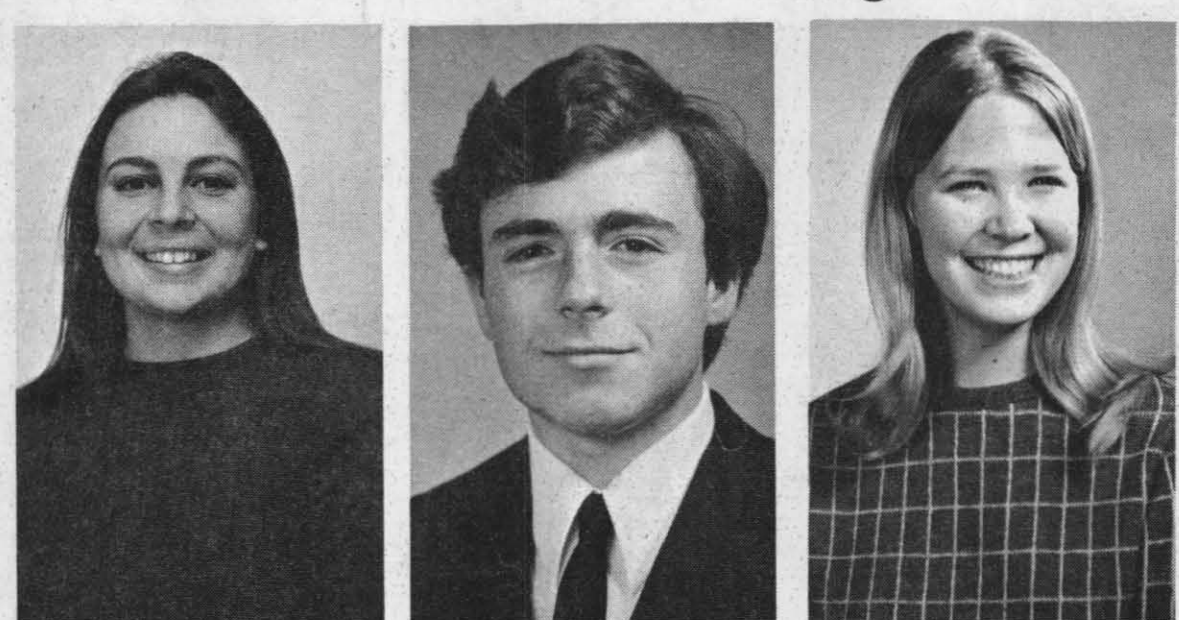
Al Wacker, the "Boss" of President Marjorie Reed, presided over the drawing for more than 25 door prizes. Prizes were furnished by French's Pharmacy, Hildreth Motors, Spectronics, Shopping Bag, and items purchased with stamp books donated by members. Approximately a dozen floral centerpieces created by Alice Lafleur and used for table decorations were also given away during the drawing. Shirley Johnson and Millie Gregory were in charge of door prize tickets.

There were 22 members present with 69 bosses and guests attending. Clara Bower served as general chairman for the event. June Renfroe and Helen Cornett designed invitations and tickets; Lillian Peck and Margaret Craig were in charge of ticket sales; and June Brown was responsible for the programs.



LT.(JG) NORMAN LEE JOHNSON — Lt. Johnson recently arrived at China Lake from Flight Training School, Pensacola, Florida. He is Quality Control Officer in NAF's Operations Department. At South Dakota State University Johnson majored in mechanized agriculture. He entered the Navy in March, 1967, attended Aviation Officer Candidate School and received his commission in June 1967. Dickson, Iowa is his hometown. Johnson hopes to devote some time to his special hobbies of hunting and fishing during his tour of duty at China Lake.

WACOM Presents Local Exchange Students



ROSSELLA FERRARI

Talks and slides by three exchange students, Olivier Borrione, Rosella Ferrari, and Molly McCammon, will highlight the March 11 meeting of WACOM, to be held at the NWC Officers' Club.

Sponsored by the Burroughs High School French Club and the American Friends Service Committee, Olivier Borrione is spending the year in the local area with the Wallace Allan family. Born in Paris, Olivier has lived most of his life in Marseille, France, where he attended Marsilleverrye, the sister school of Burroughs High School. For several years English students at Marsilleverrye and French students at Burroughs have exchanged letters, tapes and photographs. Seventeen-year-old Olivier is the first student from his school to come to Burroughs. However, approximately 120 schools throughout the United States have sister schools in Europe, Asia, and Africa which exchange students under AFSC sponsorship.

Olivier is preparing to enter the University of Sciences in Marseille and intends to major in physics and mathematics. His outside interests include skiing, music and photography.

Rosella Ferrari arrived in Ridgecrest last August to spend a year with the Carl McCammon family under the auspices of the American Field Service. Although Rosella was born in Rome and lived there for several years, her actual home is close to the sea in Oristano, on the Italian island of Sardinia.

Rosella has three brothers: Massimo, 13 years old, Andrea, 7 years old and Stefano, who is just seven weeks old and whom Rosella has never seen. Her mother is a housewife and her father is the director of an insurance company.

Rosella enjoys school very much and lists physics, English, art and philosophy as her favorite subjects. She also threw the discus at meets held at her high school.

Rosella's future plans include finishing high school and attending college in Sardinia. She is considering a biology or teaching career.

The beautiful isle of Barbados, West Indies, was the home of Molly McCammon, a Burroughs High School senior, for 10 weeks last summer. As a part of the Americans Abroad Program of the American Field Service, she resided on a suvar plantation of which her "father" was part owner and manager.

Since this meeting promises to be exceptionally interesting and informative, all WACOM members are urged to place their reservations by March 7 by calling Pat Williams at 723104. Cancellations should be made by noon, March 10, by calling the same number. A social hour at noon will precede the 1 o'clock luncheon.

FRA Recording Tribute To Sunken Arizona

Americans have not forgotten Pearl Harbor if early sales of the new stereo record, "Voices From the Arizona," are any forecast.

More than 4,000 copies were sold during its first week on music stands in Honolulu, where the record went on advance sale Dec. 7, the 27th anniversary of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor.

About 25,000 copies are slated for national release this month.

"Voice from the Arizona" features a female voice, presumably the battleship herself, speaking to the mothers, fathers and wives of the men who went down with the Arizona.

It is a tribute to the famous battleship written in poetry by a retired Navy chief petty officer, Jack F. Langham, of Phoenix, Ariz.

Pearl Harbor Branch 46 of the Fleet Reserve Association got the idea to produce Langham's poem on a 33-1/3 RPM record, with background music by the Navy choir, to raise funds for the upkeep of the USS Arizona Memorial.

The \$500,000 memorial, built in 1962 over the sunken hull of the battleship, requires constant maintenance because it is exposed to the elements like a ship at sea.

Proceeds from the record also will go to the Fleet Reserve Association's youth programs, including the Sea Scouts, Little League and college scholarships for needy sons and daughters of Navy families.

The "Voice From the Arizona" disc is being distributed this week throughout the nation to record shops, department stores and military PX's. It is available by mail from Pearl Harbor Branch 46, Fleet Reserve Association, P.O. Box 6067, Honolulu, Hawaii 96818.

Engraved in the playing surface of the record is a color photograph of the Arizona Memorial. The outer area is uniquely designed with a hole at the top so that it can be hung like a picture frame.

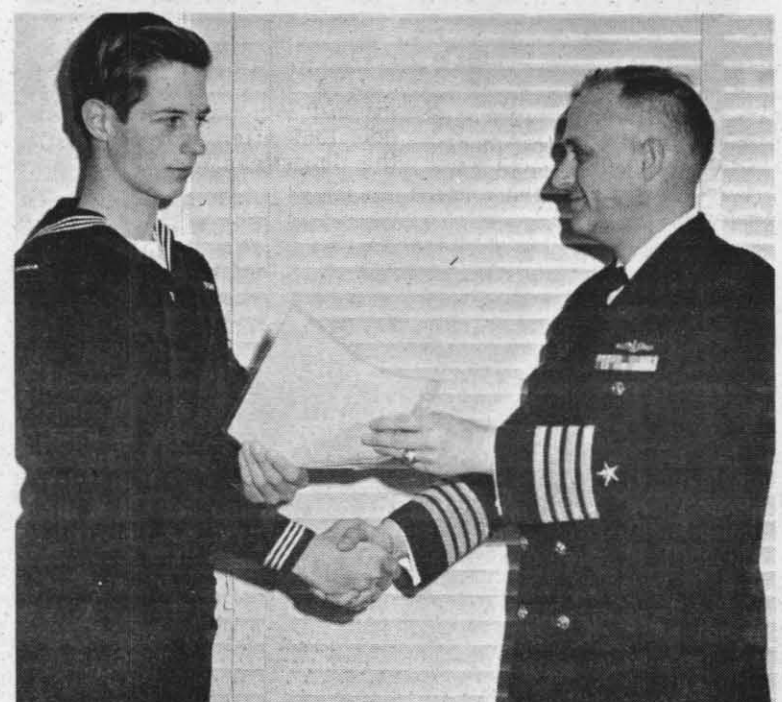
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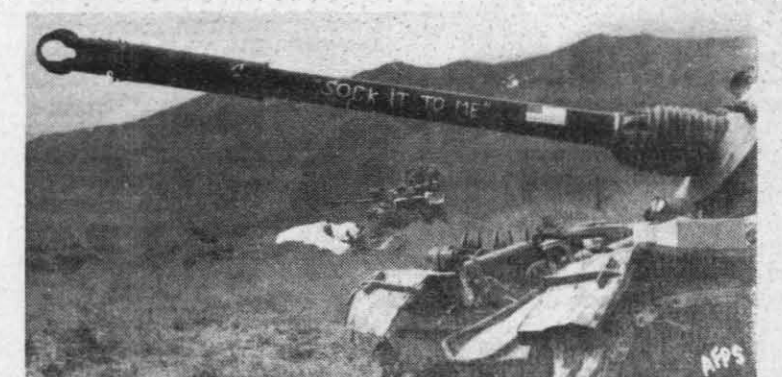
prospective members a chance to get acquainted with local active members and with those who represent them nationally — for the men: Joe Morin of Imperial Beach Branch 289; for the women: Mary "Sunshine" Jarrett.

Anyone qualified for membership in FRA, who did not receive an invitation, is welcome at this or future meetings, always held in the clubhouse the second Wednesday of each month. Any Navy or Marine Corps veteran with a minimum of four years active enlisted duty plus two years of obligated federal service is eligible. Once a member in good standing, he may sponsor his wife and/or daughter over 16 years of age for membership in the Ladies Auxiliary.

The current monthly bulletin summarizes the terms of a "Widow's Equity Bill" initiated by the national FRA in line with its organizational function to gain rights through legislation for career servicemen. In general, the bill aims to include the retainer-pay of the retired military man or woman as a part of his estate — in other words, give the retiree an option to provide an annuity to surviving dependents, equivalent to that now enjoyed by all other retiring federal employees. The bulletin states that FRA believes so strongly in the need for this measure (HR 6226) to be passed that "It is backing its belief with the most concentrated and effective lobbying endeavor in its 44-year history."



PROMOTION ARRIVES — Although GM2 Richard O. June (l), is at China Lake on temporary duty only, the Navy came through with his promotion to second class. Capt. R. Williamson, NWC Executive Officer, congratulates June whose home base is USS Rowan; hometown is Stamford, Connecticut.



NO "LAUGH-IN" MATTER — Tanks and men of the First Marine Division take up position in Operation Linn River, 12 miles southwest of Da Nang. The multi-battalion operation, which began recently, has met with sporadic enemy resistance.

Assessments Due Members Of GEBA Association

Assessment No. 176-104. Members of the Government Employees Benefit Association and the China Lake Mutual Aid Society are advised that assessment 176-104 is due for the death of Leta B. Herndon, former employee of Code 3032 who succumbed of a stroke February 23 at Palomar Memorial Hospital, Escondido, Calif.

Payment of \$120 may be mailed to Lawrence R. Mason, Secretary - Treasurer, 208 Bonita St., Ridgecrest, Calif. 93555.

Mason advised that advance payments are acceptable to save on check costs and postage for those who prefer to mail their payments. Members who are behind on assessments are requested to contact their collector.

Also, Mason said that many beneficiaries are not up-to-date because of address changes. New forms can be obtained from the collectors or from the Secretary-Treasurer.