

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.

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CREDIT CARD CRIMES

Use of credit cards is so county jail term of up to six widespread nowadays that months, plus a fine. some predict Americans will soon give up using money. In- a credit card issued in another stead, every-

one will have his own credit card. Meanwhile the law must protect credit card owners

and companies. Use of lost credit cards by finders and matter where the card was isthieves, for example, has caus- sued, nor where he stole it. ed some great losses. If you lose your credit card, you must cancel a card because the holdnotify the company right away. er's credit is bad, or for other Failure to do so may make you reasons. After notice that the responsible for purchases by a card has been cancelled, confinder or a thief.

A series of recent California A series of recent cannot he with "innkeepers. Any person the misuse of credit cards. An applicant who gets a card by ant, boarding house, lodging using a false name, or who house, apartment motel or auto later shows that he never in-tended to make payment, is guilty of theft by false pre-tenses. 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 A person be person be a person be a person be a person be person be person be credit card by pretending to be the real owner is guilty of false impersonation, which is a fel-

ony. Using credit cards falsely to more morth more 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 pay is "prima facie" evidence \$200 is involved, the crime is a of an intent to defraud.

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

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SHOWBOAT

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

(Crime/Drama) Arch criminal Diabolik oils 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.)

MATINEE_ 'BILLY ROSE'S JUMBO" (129 Min.)

Doris Day 1:00 P.M. "Captain Marvel" (No. 3,

----EVENING-NOBODY'S PERFECT" (103 Min.) Doug McClure, Nancy Kwan

7:30 P.M. (Comedy) Hi-jinks aboard a submarin escue vessel as a Navy chief and his oldtime buddy, now the commanding officer add to the laughs created by the wackies shore leave in Navy history. Seen a missing Buddah?? (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 hriller tells of a daring robbery and the dramatic attempt of an American sea to clear his name after he has been black nailed into crime by a mysterious woman. Suspenseful. (Adult, Very Mature Youth.) Shorts: "By Word of Mouse" (7 Min.) "Thoroughbred Rocing" (17 Min.)

UESDAY-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 beforel Beatles' most famous songs are mixed with a psychedelic cartoon of brilliant flashing colors and the new rock sound. A fascinating treat for everyonel (Adult, Youth, Children.) Shorts: "Pink Is a Many Splintered Things" (Pink Panther, 7 Min.)

nan's Fall" (17 Min.)

THURSDAY-FRIDAY MARCH 13-"GRAND PRIX" (174 Min.)

James Garner-Eva Marie Saint 7:30 P.M. (Adventure) Thrill-packed story of Inter-

onal 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.)

Ceramic Shop Slates Show

The Ceramics Hobby Shop will have classes in the different techniques in ceramics on Wednesday mornings March 5 and 19 from 9 to 11:30 a.m. and on Thursday nights. March 6 and 20 from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Mrs. Marie Loper will be instructing and these classes are opened to all military, their dependents and civilian participating members. The purchase of greenware and supplies will be available at these sessions.

Our Ceramics Hobby Show is slated for Armed Forces Day in May and anvone interested in entering the show is urged to start their ceramic pieces now so they can be done by showtime. A new supply of greenware is expected this week.

Military and civilian members who now have lockers at the shop are asked to contact the manager as soon as possible.

L. A. Show

The Hobby Shop has received applications to the Ceramic Show which will be held in Los Angeles March 21-23. Mrs. Nelson, local Ceramic Hobbyist will sponsor anyone desiring to enter ceramic pieces in the show. All entries and fees must be submitted by March 1. Discount tickets to the show are also available at the shop. Persons interested are asked to contact the shop manager for more information, extension 72942.



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 Wair highlighted all major Naval Weapons Center Federal events of 1968. He informed 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

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

Other members of the Board are: Warren G. Stelzmiller, 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. Arriola were not required to stand for election this year to the Credit Committee. In his annual report, Henry

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 oined the California Credit Union League. He also informed members

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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 yer.

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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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.

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 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.

group hold official Civil De- ty or state. fense identification cards in addition to their own FCC li- ed on charm, beauty, poise, censes.

Corona Amateur **Radio** Association **Helps in Flood**

Twelve employees of the Naval Weapons Center Corona Laboratories-members of the Norconian Amateur Radio As-'sociation-maintained the em ergency 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 raido station moved into the City Hall to set up the communications center. The unit is part of the **Riverside County Civil Defense**

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.

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.



Chief of Navy Information In LA To Accept Navy Combat Artwork

Fifty Paintings Accepted By **Navy Museum**

Eight prominent West Coast artists presented an impressive addition of paintings to the Navy Combat Art Program on February 26 at the Municipal Art Gallery, Barnsdall Park in Hollywood

The occasion marked the official acceptance by the Navy of 50 paintings recently executed by the artists illustrating the U.S. Navy in action. The artists were honored by the Navy Art Cooperation and Liaison Committee for their contribution to the Navy Combat Art Program.

Rear Admiral Lawrence R Geis, Chief of Information, U.S. Navy, accepted the paint-ings on behalf of the Navy. Accompanying Admiral Geis from Washington, D.C. was Charles Lawrence, U.S. Navy Combat Art Curator.

The eight artists honored during the ceremony were: James Scott, San Diego; Larry Zabel, China Lake; Phillip Jenkins, Fresno; Hal McCormick, Ridgecrest; Walter Giordano, Bakersfield: John Houlden, Oxnard; Robert Smith, Long Beach and Leonard Cutrow West Hollywood.

In addition to Admiral Geis and numerous civic dignitaries the ceremony was attended by Captain M. R. Etheridge, Com-NWC and Director of the West Coast Combat Art Program (NACAL-West).

The Navy Combat Art Program was originated in 1941 by the late Griffith Bailey Coale a Navy Commander who graphically portrayed the Pearl Harbor attack in a charcoal and chalk drawing the same year. Since then the Navv's Combat Art Collection numbers over 3,000 paintings. depicting naval activities world-wide and valued in excess of two and one-half million dollars.

The artists spent last year recording on canvas the U.S. Navy's land, sea and air operations in Viet Nam, San Diego, and Hawaii.

After the ceremony in Hollywood the paintings were forwarded to Washington, D.C. to be exhibited throughout the world.

Lake Pageant, Wendy Sorensen, who went on to capture the 1968 Miss Kern County title, and won the best singer award in the 1968 Miss California Pageant finals at Santa Cruz.

Pageant director Margy Zinke noted that choreographers. talent and modeling coaches. makeup artists, rehearsal nianists, sound and lighting technicians. wardrohe 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.

tees and the selection of key officials are now underway for the 1969 Miss Ridgecrest-China Lake Pageant, reports Margy 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 a bout entering the pageant, Mrs. Zinke empha-

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

The candidates will be judg- City, New Jersey. personality, intelligence, ap-

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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 1969 Miss Ridgecrest - China Lake Pag- ter the Miss Ridgecrest - China eant will be entitled to compete in the Miss Kern County Pageant at Bakersfield. Should compete in the Miss California Most of the operators in the versity that is out of the coun-America Pageant at Atlantic

Entry Forms



DEBBIE PETERS

Lake Pageant should contact the Ridgecrest Chamber of Commerce, 375-8331. for entry she win this event, she may forms. Naval Weapons Center departments who would like Pageant at Santa Cruz. Miss to sponsor a candidate should also contact the Chamber of Commerce.

The Weapons Planning Group sponsored the winner of Girls who would like to en- the 1967 Miss Ridgecrest-China



CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

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Fenning Scholarship

BY GUEST COLUMNIST MRS. RON HENRY

A grateful student writes what the spirit of Brignam Young University means to her:

"Every morning at 8 o'clock the National Anthem is played while the flag is raised. Patriotism is displayed as people everywhere stop where they are, in rain or snow, until it is finished. This gives me a chance to stop and think about my goals and blessings for a moment in my busy day and makes me have a deeper feeling for my country.

Also, there is a closeness among the 22,000 students that I'm sure could not be found anywhere else in the world, and it is due to the great influence the church plays on its youth and people. Such respect for so many things, high moral standards and high standards of dress, are shown on campus and make me proud to be a student here."

Her thoughts come as a thank-you note for receiving a modest stipend as the recipient of the Robert C. Fenning* Scholarship for 1968.

The scholarship is named for a former resident of China Lake whose interest in youth was of a positive nature and who encouraged parents and children to take a stand against disrespect for moral and civil law.

The scholarship is awarded to a June graduate of Burroughs High School who wishes further education in any field and who has applied for admission to a trade school, a college or an institution of higher learning. The stipend is sent to the ler, Rm. 24, Bldg. 34, Phone 72723. registrar of the school of the recipient's choice to be used for books and/or tuition

To be eligible for this scholarship the student must be a member of any congregation in the Valley, have the recommendation of his minister, priest or rabbi, in writing, show participation in programs of his congregation, demonstrate leadership and integrity that is consistent with the Ten Commandments and/or the New Testament Faith, have an average of C or better in high school subjects and show an upward trend in scholastic achievement.

The Awards Committee consists of a Catholic, a Protestant, a member of the Jewish Congregation, a Ridgecrest resident and the committee chairman who are active in their respective congregations. The selection is made from those students who complete the application prior to April 15.

Wells Valley who wish to become involved in this type of rec-The scholarship is funded by many individuals of Indian ognition of our young people.

(Guest columnist is Mrs. Ronald Henry, chairman of the scholarship committee.)

*Chaplain Robert C. Fenning was the Senior Protestant Chaplain for the All Faith Chapel from July 1961 to August 1964.

CENTER LIBRARY LISTS NEW BOOKS

A complete list of new books is available in the library. Fiction Clarke-2001. Patten-The Red Sabbath. Shannon-Schooled to Kill. Willingham-Providence Is-

Non-Fiction Bronowski-Science & Human Values. Huston-The Department of Justice.

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

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

Daily Mass—11:30 a.m. in Blessed Sac-rament Chapel. Saturday, 8:30 a.m. Confessions-7 to 8 p.m. Saturday.

NWC Jewish Services (East Wing All-Faith Chapel)-8 p.m. every first and third

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

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

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EDITORIAL PROMOTIONAL **OPPORTUNITIES**

Present Center employees are en-couraged 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 versions s to fill these vacancies.

The vacancies listed below are effective from March 7 to March 14, 1969. • Clerk (Typing), GS-301-03, Code 8412 —

The purpose of the position is to assist the Head, Visitor Control of Controlling access of official visitors to the Center insofar as security clearances are a factor. Duties include meeting official visitors, making various contacts, making up of badges, etc. A general knowledge of typing is required. Supply Clerk, G5-2005-03-04-05, C o d e

2573 - Responsible for the maintenance of the master stock item records, demand of not carried items record, stock item reference media library, the memorandum Navy Stock Fund record.

File applications for the above with Carole Cadle, Bldg. 34, Rm. 26, Ext. 71648. Physicist, Aerospace, Electrical or Elecronic Engineer, or Physical Chemist, GS-9, 11, 12 or 13, Code 4535 - Incumben will serve as project engineer for NWC studies of RF interference by rocket exhaust plumes and as coordinator for NASC work in the same field. Primary responsibility will involve theoretical studies of the effects of exhaust plumes or the propagation of electromagnetic radiation. The incumbent will also be responsible for planning and coordinating experimental measurements of interference and for relating the theoretical and experimental work to problems encountered in guided missile systems.

File applications for above with Jan Bix-

Clerk-Dictating Machine Transcriber GS-4 or 5, Code 4543 - Incumbent provides erical, stenographic and administrative services for professional and technical per sonnel of the Pyrotechnics Branch and the Chemical Applications Research Branch. In addition she reviews and edits work of proessional and non - professional personnel including technical reports for publication Incumbent types letters, memos, reports, etc. from rough drafts or dictating machine and is responsible for establishing and maintaining appropriate files. Incum bent makes travel arrangements for all personnel of the Branch.

File application for above with Jan Bix-ler, Rm. 24, Bldg. 34, Phone 72723. Clerk-Typist, GS-322-4, PD. No. 635043,

Code 3502 - Position is located in the Avrovides clerical and typing services at Diision or Branch levels as needed in the Department. Must meet CSC gualification rements outlined in handbook X118. File

application with Mary Morrison, Bldg. 34, Rm. 32, Phone 72032.

Toolroom Mechanic, JD No. 51-2, Code 70423 — Maintains, adjusts, sharpens and repairs tools and mechanical equipment kept in the shop toolroom for use by work ers. Issues tools and equipment. Disassem es equipment as necessary, cleans and repairs it. Performs additional mechanical work as required. Qualifications: Applicant must show that they have two years experience as a mechanic on the repair and adjustment of tools and equipment such as electric hand drills and impact wrenches, portable grinders, etc., or two years experience in charge of tools and toolroom equipment which included maintenance and repair of a wide variety of portable power tools. Must be able to read blueprints and interpret specifications. File applications with Dora Childers,

Code 657, Room 32, Phone 71393.

Water Systems Controlman, JD No. 261, AMI, Code 70452 - The incumbent's main duties are to provide instructions to, and erations, reservoir levels, pressures, valve positions, etc. as is indicated on the central control panel. Maintains log operations; takes readings of percentage of chloring n water and takes samples for other analy sis as necessary. Qualifications: Must have had not less than 3 years of experience in the operations and maintenance of water pumping equipment and machinery and reating equipment for purifying water. Experience must have included or been supplemented by one (1) year of experience in the operation or control of a water supply system receiving water from various source es such as wells, reservoirs, etc. dispatched over different pipe lines, and controlled at various stations in accordance with deand, capacities and conditions.

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

Clerk Typist, GS-3 or 4, PD No. 28261, Code 300301 - Position is located in the Scheduling Office, Systems Develops Department. Incumbent will prepare, handie and channel all types of correspondence, type daily schedules and experimen tal specifications, monthly reports and perform general secretarial duties for the of-

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

Opportunity Knocks

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Due to an initial shortage of policemen and the ever increasing growth, in size and population, of our major cities there is still a critical need for law enforcement personnel throughout the coun-

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In an effort to help relieve this shortage the Department of Defense has instituted a continuing program of assisting civilian police agencies in bringing their forces up to strength. Under it, servicemen who receive a firm employment or training offer from a legally constituted City, County, State, or Federal Government law enforcement agency can be released up to 90 days earlier than their scheduled separation dates.

Under this program officials of police agencies may interview and examine prospective candidates at military installations, but servicemen also are encouraged to make direct arrangements with any qualified police agency of their choice.

The program is open only to those assigned in the continental United States. However, anyone who is assigned overseas and is interested in becoming a police officer can contact any police agency for employment details but he cannot apply for early release until



has completed his obligated overseas tour

If you are interested in serving on a particular force such as the one in your hometown, you should write to the police agency where you are seeking employment, requesting additional information. Those interested in working for a Federal law enforcement agency should contact their educational officer for additional information.

If you apply for employment as a police officer you can expect to be asked to complete a detailed application form, take a written examination, undergo a physical examination, and participate in a personal interview with police officials.

Your service will assist in this processing by providing physical examination and written test facilities.

Once you have received a firm offer of employment or notice of training, you should contact your personnel officer who will assist you in applying for early separation. However, you cannot apply earlier than 180 days before your scheduled date of separation.

Remember, you must make application for early release. And in order to do so you must have a firm offer of employment from an authorized police agency. Above all, make sure that you have been counseled concerning fraudulent separation, for a mistake now could follow you the rest of your life. (AFPS)

Good Citizenship Awarded



YOUTH AWARDED - A Highlight of the 50th Anniversary Celebration of the Optimists International that was held last Saturday night at the COM, was the presentation of Junior Citizenship Awards to two deserving youngsters from the local area. Shown holding the awards are Scott Charlton (I) and Carol Seeley. Roy Sterling (hat), Chairman of the Optimist Junior Citizenship Committee presented the awards. Mrs. Peg Blount represents the Altrusa Club who did the judging on the award.

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SIGNS FOR FOUR MORE - LCdr. C. M. Bates (I), officiated during the brief ceremony when FTCM Robert B. Galvin re-enlisted to add four more years in the Navy to the 18 years he has already served. Galvin is here on TAD from Staff, Commander, Cruiser-Destroyer Force, Pacific Fleet. His hometown is Mount Kisca, New York,



MEET DONNA KAY HOWELL THE 1969 OFFICIAL EASTER SEAL CHILD

Three years ago, when she was four, Donna Kay was crippled by a rare childhood stroke which left the right side of her body completely paralyzed. She couldn't stand or walk, and she had a problem with her speech Now, Donna Kay is seven and in public school, where she is shown with her teacher and classmates. She's making a remarkable recovery, thanks to the skill of doctors, and the physical, occupational and speech therapists at the Easter Seal Rehabilitation Center in Tallahassee, Florida.

Her speech defect has been corrected, and her physical therapist is working with Donna Kay to make her hand and leg work as they used to.

Donna Kay is one of the guarter-million handicapped children and adults who annually depend on Easter Seal services.

Origination Of Bluejacket's Uniform Told

How many times have you listened to your shipmates discussing the origin of the uniform of today's bluejacket? And how many different variations and explanations have you heard them come up with? Well, just in case you are still a bit confused and uncertain, here are the official facts from the Naval Orientation correspondence course concerning the customs from which your uniform evolved.

Jumper collar and cuffs -The old salt of sailing ships wore hair braided into a pigtail and "clubbed" or doubled up into a knot and tied at the back of the neck, perhaps neatly done up in an eel skin. Tar was applied to keep pigtail or clubbed hair in shape. To protect the collar of the uniform from tar - stain, the bluejacket wore a bandana. The collar was often ornamented according to the personal taste of the man who wore it. Fanciful designs appeared on collars in the early days. Possibly, some individual acquired the habit of adorning his with tape around the outer edge. This style was admired by others and gradually spread until it was adopted by most navies.

The practice of sewing three rows of tape on the collar was no doubt selected for decorative effect and has no special significance. Tradition to the contrary, it did not commemorate the three famous sea victories of Great Britain's Lord Nelson.

The use of stripes on the cuffs of jumpers was authorized in 1866, one or more stripes being prescribed to indicate petty officers and nonrated men

Neckerchiefs - The tradition that the black neckerchief was worn for the first time at Lord Nelson's funeral and has since been adopted in commemoration of this great leader is not based on fact.

Silk ties, usually black, were worn by enlisted men in the United States Navy as early as 1776. The black silk neckerchief has been officially a part of the uniform of enlisted men since 1841, the first time enlisted men's uniforms were prescribed in Uniform **Regulations.**

Bell Bottom Trousers -There were probably two rea- the diving board and do not sons for bell-bottom trousersboth excellent ones. First, it was easy to roll up a bell-bottom trouser when washing down decks or working in wet weather. Then, if a sailor found himself overboard, he could easily kick these trousers from his legs.

The square flap which is buttoned in front at the waistband was also designed for speedy removal by a man overboard. With one quick yank the flap could be torn loose. If there is any significance in the number of buttons - thirteen - it has never been officially explained.

Trooping the colors origin-ated in the days when mercenaries were used. The men used their flag as a rallying point in battle and "trooping" the colors before a battle assured that recruits would recognize



NAVY LEAGUES VISIT - Navy League Councils of Oak land, Ukiah, and Boise visited the Center last week. Standing in the left bottom section of the reviewing stand, LCdr. R. S. Willett, VX-5 Operations Officer, gives the commentary for the weapons delivery tactics developed and demonstrated by VX-5. Standing to the right (I-r) is Jack Mussler, presentations coordinator of the visit; Cdr. Gus Knutson, USN (Ret.), who served at NAF in 1956-58; and Robert McClarry of the Aircraft Range Division, Aviation Ordnance Department. There were 83 members representing the three Navy League councils.

Red Cross Advises Learn To Swim for Safe, Happy Summer

Sixty percent of the Ameri- a conductor of lightning. cans who drown do so because they have fallen into the water accidently; hence, the first water safety precaution is learn to swim.

If you can swim, learn to swim better. Your Red Cross chapter can tell you when its next swimming classes are cheduled

Watch small children most carefully around the water, even in supervised and guarded areas or shallow wading pools. Mere seconds of inattenion can be fatal.

Other swimming safety tips are these: Always swim with a compan-

ion - never alone. On a longdistance swim, arrange for someone in a boat to accompa-

Swim in a safe place. The presence of lifeguards usually ndicates the area is safe for swimming. Stay away from the area immediately in front of swim near piers or pilings.

Before diving, make sure the water is deep enough and there are no hidden objects such as submerged rocks. In pools look for depth markings before entering.

If you have not been swimming since last summer, take limitations, and stay within

Wait at least an hour after eating before swimming, and don't swim when overtired or overheated.

Make certain that reaching poles, buoys, and similar rescue equipment are readily available at your swimming

Don't depend on an inflated innertube or toy to hold you up. They may slip away from

Whenever a storm approaches, get out of the water - it is ing "rules of the road."

Skin Diving Tips

Be in good health and a better than average swimmer.

Use equipment designed for skin diving, and learn how to use it.

Dive with a "buddy" and at all times know where he is. Know and respect your lim-

itations. Don't take chances. Have flotation gear handy. Know and respect the condi-

tions of the diving area. Scuba Diving

The skin diving tips are applicable also to scuba diving. In addition

Use equipment designed for scuba diving; learn how to use it from a qualified instructor. Keep equipment in good condition, and examine it each time before using.

Water Skiing Tips for

Skiers and Boatmen: Be a good swimmer before

trying to water ski. Always wear an appropriate ski belt or life jacket.

Take instruction from a qualified ski instructor

Stay away from all objects such as docks, sea walls, and boats. (Skiers seldom get hurt from hitting the water, but have been killed from hitting solid objects.)

Be thoughtful of the rights it easy at first. Know your of swimmers, other boatmen, and fishermen

> When landing, come in slowly, and release the tow bar a

safe distance from shore. Do not land in swimming areas. Always test equipment be-

fore skiing. Have one person in the boat at all times to watch the skier. Skiing areas are becoming more congested everywhere, and the boat operator must continually be alert.

Turn off engine when skier is in the water near the boat. Know and practice the boat-

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BY ED RANCK

Spring Fever

The China Lake athletic schedule has reached its springtime 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 offseason 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 baskethall

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 Guard Cutter, "Miss Noris," 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 pins.

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 Andreasen 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 hs: 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 evervone 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 Andreasen 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 Be- ed to permit normal progresginner 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 design-

sion 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-

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 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 with 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 Noris, 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 Bakersfield, 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.

et, Ron Lyons, Charles Fleming, and Doug Karpstien. Back row (I-r). are Ken Middle ton, Bob Baugher, Ken Cappell, Terry Atkinson and Gary Ellwanger.

won trophies are (front row, I-r) Jim Proph-

Crom Rolls Second High Series

ond 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 535; Alice Cutsinger 532 and 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 213-200 and 604; George Bowl- Handicap with 202-526.

Jean Crom rolled the sec- es 203-215 and 600. Top single games included Roger McCullough 243; Benny Whiteside 240; Warren Schad 226 and Allen Smith and Joe Kokosenski 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 Strommer 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 224-203 and 614; Ed Albright in the Women's Wednesday



IN-FORM IN UNIFORM - That's the way Capt. L. 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.





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Adm. Moorer Cites Need For Balance

Adm. Thomas H. Moorer, Chief of Naval Operations, be-lieves 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, Admi-ral 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.



ADM. THOMAS H. MOORER

serving our national interests at sea, wherever and by whomever they may be threatened, the Navy's need for ships stems in large degree from the maritime and naval challenge posed by the Soviet Un-

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 He said although our ships number of their warships with must be fully capable of pre- surface - to - surface missiles

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. Morever, 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."



INSPECTORS VISIT - Capt. R. D. Greer (r), Eleventh Naval District Inspector General, and Capt. H. F. Menges (I), 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

Chaparral will be held by the crest, 375-8088. Fleet Reserve Association 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 na Lake Ext. 725711, or Sec-

A no-host dinner at Club retary Gary B. Kraft, Ridge-At 8 p.m. the regular month-

Branch 95 and its Ladies Aux-iliary on Wednesday, March 12 at the Clubhouse, 365 McIntyre Street on the Center. Following the meeting, refresh-ments 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 President Floyd B. Goldy, Chi- 12 celebration also will provide (Continued on Page 7)

Calif. Vehicle Registration Fee **Part Deductible**

What portion of last year's California vehicle registration fee is deductible for income tax purposes in the federal and state returns which taxpayers are preparing to file by April 15th?

Department of Motor Vehicles Director Verne Orr says most passenger vehicle owners can find the deductible amount by subtracting \$11 from the total on each car, and \$12 on each station wagon. paid at registration time in 1968. The \$11 car fee and \$12 station wagon fee were flat annual registration payments imposed by the vehicle code, and not deductible," he explained. The balance was a 2 per cent tax based on the value of the vehicle, collected in lieu of local property taxes and returned to cities and o under the Revenue and Taxation Code. The 'in lieu' portion is deductible.'

Owners of vehicles paying weight fees and/or paying quarterly may need to consult local offices of the Internal Revenue Service or State Franchise Board before April 15 to establish legally deductible amounts paid during 1968. Take along DMV receipt.

If payments due in 1969 were prepaid during 1968, the property tax portion is deductible on 1968 returns.

Taxpayers who bought new or used vehicles during 1968 may have paid a use or sales tax which is deductible under the sales tax heading, Orr said.

He added that. under a new law, persons who registered vehicles last December had to prepay 1969 fees. The property or sales tax portions of such fees are also deductible under the appropriate headings on 1968 returns since they were paid in 1968.



Harrison Takes Two-Year Hiatus

LEAVES FOR PHILIPPINES - At a farewell party last week, Raymond A. Harrison (I), 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,

Bill Wm. B. McLEAN

CAPT. M. R. Etheridge China Lake, Calif. 93555



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.

Aircraft Buffs

Local pilots and aircraft owners are invited to attend a dinner meeting at The Hideaway on Wednesday, March 12 at 6:30 p.m., announced Horace L. Newkirk, coordina-

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.

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DEBATE TOURNEY - Looking forward to the March 7 and 8 National Qualifying Debate Tournament to be held at Burroughs High School are (I 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.



OFFICIAL PHOTOS - President Richard M. Nixon found time in his schedule for his official portraits, two of which are shown here.



PROMOTION - Lt. David L. Priddy (c) was recently promoted to the rank of First Lieutenant in the U.S. Army Ordnance Corps. The silver bars were attached by Mrs. Mary Zagala, Secretary in the Army Liaison Office, and Maj. Gilbert N. Key, Army Liaison Officer. Lt. Priddy received his commission February 1968, after graduating from Officer's Candidate School at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland. He is currently assigned to Project Manager's Office, Chaparral/Vulcan Air Defense Systems, U.S. Army Materiel Command. Dave, previously known to the Center as the Army "Ensign," is assigned to Chaparral Program Office, Code 4007, as Flight Test and Training Officer, Chaparral Project. Lt. Priddy's parents are Mr. and Mrs Walter Priddy of Forrest City, Arkansas.

Brilliant Display of Wildflowers School Views Tourney As Honor

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 wil 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 Cierley. 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 Mc-Cammon, Barry McDonald. Hazel McDuff, Sandra Nicols, Shirley Oftedal, Vivian Parker, John Peason, Patricia Petersoi 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. Radoumis said.



Wet Weather Should Set Stage For

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

Kern's high desert in the Mojave area anticipates dazzling spreads of color. One of the best desert displays traditionally 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,"

North Central Nevada Gold **Diggers' Dream**

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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

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

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 rela-

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.

FAULTY WIRING



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 report-ed 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



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.

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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 convert ed 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 in-surance 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 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.



New Freedom Shares

Now, when you join the Payroll Savings Plan or the Bond-a-Month Plan, you are eligible to purchase the new type U. S.



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Hubbell Military Pay Plan Summarized

The Hubbell Pay Plan is the first of a series of reports produced by an all-service Department of Defense study group headed by RADM L. E. Hubbell. This group is charged with the responsibility of conducting the first quadrennial (four year) review of military compensation called for by the military pay law passed in 1965. Their recommendations are the most fundamental changes to military pay ever proposed. The Hubbell plan is a total overhaul of a pay system that has been called confusing, complex, and vastly outmoded.

The basic objective of the Hubbell Pay Plan is to resolve a major problem in the military career force - the continuing deficit in the 8-14 years of service group. This shortage of midrange experienced personnel reduces fleet readiness and increases training replacement costs as a result of excessive personnel turnover. Lack of confidence by military personnel in the present pay system is believed to be a major cause of this problem.

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of active service

The career men would, under Hubbell, shift to a new compensation system in which they would get a "salary" instead of basic pay and allowances. Their salary is to be similar in comparison to those drawn by civil servants with similar duties, education, and training. The same salary would be paid to all careerists of the grade and years of service without regard to dependency status or quarters occupancy status.

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Center Exchange Wins Display Award

Local Exchange **Cops First Place**

The Naval Weapons Center Navy Exchange took on all comers and succeeded in winning the top prize in this year's Christmas Display and Visual Merchandising Contest for Group III Exchanges (\$500,-000-\$1,000,000 annual sales category).

Ensign W. F. Linslev, Navy Exchange Officer. and D. Tucker. Retail Store Manager will receive their trophies at a later date.

The contest is sponsored by the Display Branch of the Navy Ship's Store Office (NSSO) on an annual basis in an effort to encourage retail store personnel to creatively and practically improve visual merchandising of all Navy Exchanges. NSSO is headquarters for the Navy Resale System.

Judges are chosen on an impartial basis to view color photographs of actual displays installed during October 15 to December 10. 1968 at the Weapons Center Exchange. Displays are judged on originality of design. proper merchandise correlation. application of techniques suggested by the Navy Exchange display guide. craative use of a special events sign kit and visual impact of the presentations.

Local Students Notified About Scholarships

The California State Scholarship and Loan Commission recently notified 34 students of their selection as semifinalists in the 1969 State Scholarship completion. These students, the largest number in the history of Burroughs High School, will be among the candidates competing for 5,800 new scholarships and Junior College Reserve Scholarships awarded under legislation passed by the State Legislature. Selection for semifinalist standing was based on Scholastic Aptitude Test scores. Final selection of award winners will be based primarily on financial need. These will be announced April 11.

wards at independent coltange from \$300 to \$2,-Awards at the University lifornia are \$300 and at of eges are in the amo int. of the fees charged, ximately \$120. State app rships are one - year renewable until such aw: s a student has received tin alaureate degree or comab eight semesters beyond ple

Not simply a prize for academic aptitude and achievemente a State Scholarship is a gran of money to be used to pay uition and fees to students who have exceptional ability. The amount awarded to the recipient is based upon the amount of financial assistance the family can give to the student. Families where circumstances such as number of children, several students in college or high medical bills would affect their ability to pay are not expected to give as great a contribution as those possessing higher incomes and assets. The money received must be used solely for tuition and fees, not for subsistence or books.



WINNING DISPLAY - Even facilities not designed as retail stores can take on the appearance of the holiday season, as evidenced by this display prepared by D. Tucker, retail store manager at the Naval Weapons Center, China Lake. This visual merchandising presentation won first prize in Group 3 Navy Exchanges. The contest was conducted largely as a result of photographs submitted by the contenders. This photo was taken originally in color by Rocketeer photographer PH1 Gary Bird.



\$AVING\$ EARN AWARD - AMS1 Floyd B. Goldy (r) receives congratulaions from his Commanding Officer, Capt. L. A. Dewing, during NAF morning quarters. Goldy received \$100 for suggesting that a piece of pipe be installed between towing pins on an NT-4 tow bar to act as an aircraft axle when the tow bar is being towed. This prevents uneven wearing of wheels since without the pipe the tow bar has a tendency to run at an angle to the deck. This is the second Benny Sugg award for Goldy who was the first enlisted man at NAF to receive an award under the revised beneficial suggestion program that now includes grant-ing of awards to the military for their suggestions.

Library Cites Aid to Studying

Much is said today about the following suggestions helpful: necessity of getting a higher Use encyclopedias for backeducation, but comparatively little time is devoted to helping people develop the basic skills required to achieve this goal.

In acknowledgement of this fact, theories and advice of the expert on grade improvement through better study habits is available now at the Center Library. "How to Study Better and Get Higher Marks" by Ehrlich, and "The Effective Student" by Elliot are both suggested for aid in developing a more constructive method of study.

Also, "A Manual for Writers of Term Papers, Theses, & Dissertations" by Turbaian and "College Handbook of Composition" by Woolley are included in the Center Library collection to aid one in preparing an effective paper.

In the meantime, if you don't get a chance right away to profit from these books and you happen to have a term are required to receive matepaper due, you may find the rial from other libraries).

ground and general information on the topic — use the encyclopedia indexes, crossreferences, and bibliographies; look up key words in an unabridged dictionary; use the card catalog to locate books on the subject and ask the librarian for help if you cannot find the subject listed; check the Reader's Guide to Periodical Literature for magazine articles on your topic: ask the librarian for possible reference material such as pamphlets and government documents and for special source books such as almanacs, yearbooks, etc.; keep a record of each source consulted, with complete information on title, date of publication, etc.; and finally, if after exhausting all local sources (school library, Ridgecrest Library, and Center Library) you find you are still in need of material, take advantage of the Interlibrary Loan System (two weeks or more

DEF Officials **Install New Fair Directors**

Six of ten officials to be installed at the fourth annual installation banquet of the Desert Empire Fair and its Advisory Council of Clubs at the Elks Lodge, Ridgecrest, tomor-row evening, March 8, a re NWC employees - a significant commentary on the totalcommunity character of the Fair operation, it was ob-served by Daniel Lydon, chairman of the dinner committee.

Council delegate from the Eagles Lodge, Lydon himself works on the Center. Going in as president and vice - president of the board of directors respectively, C. W. ("Zip") Mettenburg and Robert Waters are Center personnel, as are Pamela Marker and Roy W. Martin, both starting threeyear terms as directors in 1969. Of the two Council of Clubs officers being installed, Vice - Chairman C. Rae Leonard earns his living at China Lake, while Secretary Bette Noonan is a former NWC em-

The remaining four being sworn in are: Patty Musser, reelected to the board last December and continuing as its secretary; two new directors. Al Adams and Don Jo McKer-nan; and A. Bell Sidney, replacing herself as treasurer of the board. Mrs. Sidney is an accountant at Hildreth Motors in Ridgecrest, but her husband Lou, also a DEF director, works for the Navy, and the couple live in Navy housing

The public is cordially invited to the dinner, and all present will have an opportunity to contribute suggestions and opinions on the future of the Fair via a survey sheet. Of particular moment, according to President Mettenburg, is the pending consideration of forming a state - assisted fair district in the Indian Wells Valley. To this end, the main speaker tomorrow night will be Ray Harrington, chief of the California State Division of Fairs and Expositions. Honored quests will be Senator Walter Stiern and Assemblyman Kent Stacey.

"This dinner will be an excellent opportunity to have our questions answered." Mettenburg commented. "Mr. Harrington is familiar with problems faced during the formation of fair districts in other areas of the state and will undoubtedly be able to clarify several important issues which face us in making this decision.'

"It's really difficult," continued Mettenburg, "to make any often the assumption is made appreciable headway in devel- that 'someone else,' usually oping a community recreation government, is doing the job area when your profits amount to approximately \$2,500 a year will cost \$65,000. Perhaps the educational program in our formation of a district agricul- schools a program that will tural fair is our answer."

bers and various local officials, us. they announce a no-host "redeye hour" beginning at 6:30 p.m. and the dinner, prime rib of beef at \$3.25 per plate, at 7:30

375-8000 before 4 p.m. today. ture."

Cowboy, rolling a cigaret: "I them. It's putting on the filter that gets me."



AWARD - Dr. Marguerite M. Rogers, Head of Weap-Systems Analysis Division, is seen holding the Engineer's Merit Award presented to her by the Institute for the Advancement of Engineering on February 22. Dr. Rogers was awarded the certificate for her outstand ing contributions in the field of weapons development. Six such merit awards are presented annually at the Enineering Honors and Awards Banquet to engineers superior in professional qualities and with top reputations for engineering ac-complishments in particular technical fields. The Awards Banquet, held at the Sheraton-Universal Hotel in Los Angeles, culminated Engineer's Week, February 16-22.

Conservation Week Seen March 7-14

"Join the crusade for conservation" is the theme of the 33rd annual observance of California Conservation Week, March 7-14.

The Department of Fish and Game urges sportsmen and conservationists throughout the state to join in the effort, which stresses the importance of conservation education for voungsters.

Governor Ronald Reagan, honorary chairman of California Conservation Week, noted in a statement that state law now requires — for the first - that schools provide time courses of instruction on the conservation of our natural resources and man's relation to his natural environment.

"We all realize the importance of conserving our natural resources but most of us do not become individually involved," the Governor said. "Too

"This is a belief that must and one exhibition building be overcome by an effective produce future citizens con-"Ware yore ranch clo'es," cerned and committed to perstates the invitation which was sonal involvement in the con-"written" and "signed" by servation of our natural re-Joshua the burro, symbol of sources and the improvement the Fair. Sent to life mem- of the natural world around

"Such a program requires the personal involvement of California's teachers, backed by the support of the citizenry. California Conservation Week is a most appropriate Reservations may be placed time for each of us to make by calling the Fair office at this commitment to our fu-

Materials on conservation education are available from the Department of Fish and don't have any trouble rolling Game, other state and federal agencies, and the California Conservation Council, Box 5572, Pasadena, CA 91107.

would be converted to self-supporting operations. As it stands today, they are subsidized by the Government. The amount of this subsidization amounts to \$105 million annually. Measuring this against their total volume of sales of \$4 billion annually one can see that this amounts to only a three per cent to four per cent markup. ADM Hubbell is quoted as saying, "The three per cent to four per cent markup could be absorbed in improved management and marketing techniques." FHA mortgage insurance premiums would be discontinued (except for the widows of men who die

before the proposal becomes law.) D. An increased charge would be made for in-

patient dependent care in military facilities from \$1.75 per day to \$5.00 per day for the first ten days and \$1.75 thereafter. There would be no increase in the cost of care in civilian hospitals under the Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services. E. Income taxes would be levied on the entire salary and a 6.5 per cent deduction would be made



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ROCKETEER

The following is a summary of findings on the Hubbell Pay Plan condensed by LT John R. McGran, NFO officer in charge at the U.S. Naval Construction Battalion Center, Port Hueneme, assisted by DK3 Eddie A. Mittlestet from articles in the Navy Times, from the career information news letter (NAVPERS 15887), and from the NFO New London memorandum of Nov. 6, 1968.) BACKGROUND

There are three basic reasons why there seems to be a distinct lack of confidence in the present compensation program.

1. Military pay is complex and confusing. 2. Military salaries do not reward men equita-

3. There is no method of comparing and adjusting military compensation benefits in relation to their civilian counterparts ..

RECOMMENDATIONS Under the Hubbell plan the military force will be divided into two segments:

A. Career personnel.

- 1. All personnel in pay grade E-6 and
- 2. E-4s and E-5s with over four years of active service

3. E-4s and E-5s with between two and four years of service for pay and a six year active duty obligation.

4. All warrant officers.

5. All commissioned officers.

B. Non-career personnel. 1. All personnel in pay grades E-1, E-2,

2. All E-4s and E-5s with under two years

3. All E-4s and E-5s who have between two and four years of active duty service but less than a total of six years active duty commitment. CAREER PERSONNEL

A. All careerists would pay for their meals and quarters unless they are in the field or at sea. For quarters, see "B" under DELAYED ACTION (column 3).

to include both social security tax and a refundable retirement contribution. 4.8 per cent of all salaries up to \$7,800 would be deducted for social security tax the remaining 1.7 per cent of the total 6.5 per cent would be for retirement contribu-



tion. On all money earned over \$7,800, the full 6.5 per cent would go for retirement.

If a man leaves the service before retiring he would get his contribution to retirement back with interest at three per cent a year, compounded annually. If the man should die after retiring and had not received in retirement the amount of his contribution his survivors would get a cash payment. The payment would equal the amount of the balance including interest, which had not yet been paid to the retiree out of his contribution. If he should die on active duty and his wife received the Dependency and Indemnity Compensation, the retirement contribution would not be returned

Only members of the career segment of the force would contribute to the retirement program. All members of the force would contribute to social security, however, just as they do now.

F. Men who are involuntarily separated after four years of active duty for non-promotion or reduction in force would get a month's salary for each year of service up to a year's salary. Men separated in "show cause" proceedings would get half as much. Both would be able to recover their retirement contribution plus interest.

G. Under the new rules the \$30 monthly FSA would go only to career personnel.

H. The normal reenlistment bonus would be eliminated. Officials say it would not be needed because a man would make more in salary over the second hitch than he does now in pay plus reenlistment bonus. The VRB would be changed so that men could draw it on the first and on subsequent reenlistments.

I. Under the Hubbell plan the following payments (in addition to salary) will remain fixed at present dollar amounts.

1. Pro pay

- 2. Hazardous duty incentive pay
- 3. Physician and dentist pay
- 4. Hostile fire pay

5. Dislocation allowance 6. Family separation allowance

NON-CAREER PERSONNEL Although the Hubbell plan recommends that the present system of pay and allowances should be retained for non-careerists, they should establish some definite guidelines to insure adequate pay for them in the future.

These guidelines are:

A. That non-careerists should not receive a residual income less than that received by either a single full time employed male civilian or a single full time employed high school graduate of the same age.

B. That fully qualified non-careerists should be promoted to pay grade E-2 not later than on completion of four months active service and to pay grade E-3 not later than on completion of 12 months active service.

C. That the pay of the non-careerists should be adjusted annually to keep it abreast of increases in the civilian economy.

Non-careerists with dependents would continue to be paid comrats and BAQ allowances to cover these costs as they are presently being paid. All non-careerists would get a raise over present rates, but not at the same percentage that is presently planned. The amount of the new raise would be the same per cent of basic pay as the average per cent of salary raise that the careerists receive. For most non-careerists this would be a smaller raise than is presently planned on July 1, 1969. But it would be enough in each case to meet the guidelines established for adjusting pay for non-careerists.

RETIREMENT

The proposed Hubbell plan for retirement is a two-step system. Step 1 would be payable immediately on retirement and until the member reaches age 55 to 60 depending on his years of service at retirement (age 60 for 20 years of service, 591/2 for 21 years of service, 59 for 23 years and so on to age 55 for 30 years of serv-

A higher step 2 designed to provide a fully adequate annuity when the member will normally be "really retired" and won't have the income from a second job, would be paid after age 55 to 60.

No one would get any less retired pay under the Hubbell plan than they would receive under the present system. Under Hubbell, those staying longer not only get a boost earlier but they get more.

Because the future 6.5 per cent retirement contribution will be for both social security and retirement benefits when military men qualify for social security at age 65, they would not get additional money.

This would not apply to those who already have substantial service and years of contributions to social security. When they qualify for social security, it will be an additional payment. DELAYED ACTION

If the Hubbell plan becomes law there are two proposals which have delayed action fuses that will have big effects on military people. They are:

A. The proposed bill says that instead of levying social security tax on the total salary for the first year the law is on the books, the social security will be based on the military benefits base amounts table. The MBBA table is the present basic pay table plus nine per cent.

This means that each man will have a larger amount invested in his retirement fund the first year than if he had the tax taken out of his total salary. However, the slices that retirement and social security take out the first year compared with the second would be different.

The social security slice would be bigger the second year (and the retirement slice smaller) because it would be levied against the salary rather than the MBBA table.

B. For the first 18 months of the proposed law's life, career men who live in government quarters would pay rent in the amount of their basic allowance for quarters (BAQ).

This would not apply to those in substandard quarters. They would continue to pay the so-called "fair rental" they are now paying. Officials hope when the 18 months are up all of the government property will have been appraised and all careerists would pay a fair rental. Non-careerists (mostly low and middle ranking enlisteds in their first hitch) would pay no rent for government quarters. They would continue to get basic pay instead of the "salary" which would go to careerists

The 18-month delay in setting fair rents for most of the government housing, bachelor and family, is necessary because Defense can't begin letting contracts to appraisers until the measure becomes law. There must then be some time before all of the appraisals can be made.

Generally, there will be two kinds of appraisal systems used. For family housing the quarters would be compared with similar civilian housing in the surrounding community and rents would be based on that comparison. A ceiling would be put on so that no man would pay more than most of the people in his salary bracket would in the civilian community.

For the bachelor housing there are likely to be standard rates for different types of barracks. dormitories and BOQs all over the world.

The modernized compensation system as recommended by the Hubbell task force is still several critical steps away from military paychecks. These steps include.

Completion of review of the military estate program.

Department of Defense, Bureau of the Budget, and Presidential endorsement of the completed report and the legislative proposals stemming from it.

Formal presentation of draft legislation to the Congress.

mindependent passage of the bills by the Senate and the House of Representatives.

 Presidential signature enacting final legislation into law.

Implementation of the law by Department of Defense and the Services.

New Lifetime PTA Member Kennedy Honored



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 he was one of the writers of of the China Lake Elementary PTA, Mr. William Stokes and Mr. Dick Chatterton were presented Honorary Life Memberships, reports Mrs. Margaret Freeman, PTA Publicity Chair-

Each year two awards are given — one to a teacher and the other to a layman - commemorating Founder's Day, Februarv 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 vears, he has introduced the Enriched Kindergarten, the Junior Primary, and the High School Aide Program to the local school system. In addition. sentation to Chatterton.

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 vears. 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 Werback. last year's recipient of the layman's award. made the pre-



BRUSH CLEARING - Clearing is made easy as brush and tall grass, concealing enemy spider holes and bunkers, are set aflame 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.

For Flu Vaccine Development

A former member of the **T** Center's Medical department, HM1 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, mem-bers 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, com-

manding 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 ber, 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, "Per- research for the book. colator" 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 legitimate.

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



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 ed in the book, and each has 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 canmade prior arrangements through the museum.

At 8 p.m. he will give a museum visitors center, procolored pictures related to field ority.

Center pass who desires to at- ment and answers to specific tend either event will be ad- questions. Refreshments will mitted through the main gate be served by Mrs. Etheridge. during the afternoon or even- vice - president of the hoard of ing. The visitors center will trustees, assisted by the be open before and after the Friends of the Museum. lecture, for the viewing of The new book is now on sale displays and the purchase at the museum at \$3.95 a copy. 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, a m o n g 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-

contributed a valuable appendix in his own specialty.

Baird. who is currently president of the Maturango Museum Board of Trustees, reports on "Adjacent Occupation Sites." Pringle, a geologist in the NWC Research Department, long associated with many aspects of museum activity, and now a trustee, writes on "Geology of the Rock Art Region.

"Rock Drawings of the Coso Range" is Publication No. 4 for the Maturango Press, and Book No. 3 for Grant, his previous works being "The Rock Paint-ings of the Chumash" (1965) not be at the tea, but who have and "Rock Art of the American Indian" (1967)

Now a Research Associate of the Santa Barbara Museum of slide show in the Weapons Ex- Natural History, Grant has alhibit Center hall, adjoining the so written numerous articles on the subject of rock art, on jecting and commenting on which he is a recognized auth-

During the tea. all three au-Anyone not equipped with a thors will be available for com-

> plus tax. Copies are being held aside for those who made advance reservations.

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.

programs.



Friday, March 7, 1969

ROCKETEER

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. Priz-es 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. Shir-ley 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

LT(JG) NORMAN LEE JOHN-SON - 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. Dickens, 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.



ROSSELLA FERRARI

Talks and slides by three exchange students, Olivier Borrione, Rossella 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 tended Marseilleverye, the sister school of Burroughs High School. For several years English students at Marseilleverye and French students at Burroughs have exchanged letters, tapes and photographs. Seven-teen - year - old Olivier is the first student from his school to come to Burroughs. However, approximately 120 schools throughout the United States



OLIVIER BORRIONE

change 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. Rossella Ferrari arrived in Ridgecrest last August to spend a year with the Carl McCammon family under the auspices of the Amrican Field Service. Although Rossella was born in Rome and lived there for Marseille, France, where he at- several years, her actual home is close to the sea in Oristano, on the Italian island of Sardin-

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

Rossella enioys school very have sister schools in Europe, much and lists physics, Eng-Asia, and Africa which ex- lish, art and philosophy as her



MOLLY McCAMMON

favorite subjects. She also threw the discus at meets held at her high school.

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

The beautiful isle of Barba dos, West Indies, was the home Molly McCammon, a Burof roughs High School senior, for weeks last summer. As a part of the Americans Abroad Program of the American Field Service, she resided on a sugar plantation of which her "father" was part owner and man-

Since this meeting promises 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.

Fleet Reserve Hosts Dignitaries

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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 mem-bership 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 (I), 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.

WACOM Presents Local Exchange Students FRA Recording **Tribute To** Sunken Arizona

Americans have not forgot-ten 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 mational release this month

"Voice from the Arizona" features a female voice, pre-sumably 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 Lang ham'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 Arizo-na" 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.

Assessments Due **Members Of GEBA** Association

ssessment 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 \$1.20 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.