

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

The Spoiler



By Senior Chaplain Harold A. MacNeill

I picked up my car at its point of origin in Europe. It was soon apparent that I was inappropriately dressed for such a vehicle. Arriving in England, the proper vestments were purchased: car coat, cap and gloves. Now, I was correct.

After settling in the U.S., a witness from the local owner's club, visited our home and invited us to the area meeting. It was like an old fashioned testimony meeting. Some had problems with tires and others gave up-to-date information on modifications and new equipment.

One lady in her seventies had overcome "hard brake lining" problems on her sports rig by using a popular brand of the kitchen type cleaning compound on her brake drums. A gentleman, prosperous and evidently retired, told about his pilgrimage to the factory. This made me feel guilty, as I had used the factory as only a place where an American could save money.

After the testimonies, there was a rite similar to the ancient and historic tribal communions. We sat in a circle with a beverage and pretzels. This was a time of reflection and self examination — no one spoke. I felt ashamed for I had allowed "the Detroit iron boys" to work on my car. After all, a close-fused experience with my car in a mood of tender-loving-care might help me to handle my aggressions and hostility.

After the period of silence we went into our host's garage, which resembled a white room. Here we saw the ultimate — this was the high point of the entire drama — a long black meticulously polished \$23,000 model. This beauty was three years old and it had traveled only 4000 miles. It was saved for the missionary journeys or the rallies.

Reverently, our host put on a pair of surgical gloves and opened the bonnet. In single file, counter-clockwise, we filed around the vehicle pausing only briefly to look at the handsome engine and to make a few whispered comments to the person next in line, known or unknown.

We left the meeting and headed back to Chevy Chase. Something was wrong. I checked my vestments and I was correct. My signals of recognition to the oncoming brother and sisters in similar vehicles were proper and in due form. No, I was not questioning the ethical demands of my group nor did I feel a personal disloyalty. The spoiler was a haunting verse of Scripture that I had learned in Sunday School. "When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became . . ." — I can't bear to finish the column — you must look it up for yourself.

CENTER LIBRARY LISTS NEW BOOKS

A complete list of new books is available in the library. Fiction: Dickens—The Landlord's Daughter; Leonard & Crybaby of the Western World; Linkroom—One Before Bedtime; Lofts—Lost Queen; Amblor—Intrigue; Fleming—Counter-Paradise; Fletcher—The Girl in Cabin B54; Pohl—The Tenth Galaxy Reader.

Non-Fiction: Anderson—Two-ton Albatross; Falk—The Vietnam War and International Law; Gunther—Twelve Cities; Katz—Eve-witness; Kehm—Let Children be Children; McAlmon—Being Geniuses Together; Moore—The Diary of the American Revolution, 1775-1781; Phillips—Big Wayward Girl; Saxton—Basic Principles of Data Processing.

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PROMOTIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Present Center employees are encouraged to apply for the positions listed below. Applications should be accompanied by an up-to-date Form 58. The fact that positions are advertised here does not preclude the use of other means to fill these vacancies.

Vacancies listed below are effective from April 11 to April 18, 1969.

Clerk-Dictating Machine Transcriber—GS-3 or 4, Code 4543—Incumbent provides clerical, stenographic and administrative services for professional and technical personnel of the Pyrotechnics Branch and the Chemical Applications Research Branch. In addition the reviews and edits work of professional 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. Incumbent makes travel arrangements for all personnel of the Branch.

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File application for above with Jan Bixler, Rm. 24, Bldg. 34, Phone 72723.

Warehouseman, WB-6907-05, Code 2591—Performs a number of tasks in connection with the physical receipt, storage or issue of supplies. Receives, checks, stores, counts, issues and assembles supplies of all types in accordance with established supply systems, procedures and methods. RE-QUIREMENTS: Must have had six months experience in warehousing.

Crate-Packer, WB-46021-06, Code 2598—Packs, crates, straps and stencils material and equipment incident to shipment off station. This includes blocking, bracing and shoring of heavy equipment and machinery on to and in railroad cars and motor trucks. File applications for the above with Carole Cadie, Bldg. 34, Rm. 26, Ext. 7168.

Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Mechanic, Code 70423, JD No. 212—Installs, maintains and repairs refrigerating and air conditioning equipment and components used in providing refrigeration and air conditioning for living quarters, offices, and industrial uses. QUALIFICATIONS: J-Elements.

Electrician (Lineman) JD No. 182-1, Code 70432—Installs, maintains, and repairs electrical transmission and distribution lines and equipment and accessories connected with power transmission, including overhead and underground power lines, transformers, street lighting systems and switching gear. Works on "hot" lines, up to and including 5000 volts; performs other related duties as required. QUALIFICATIONS: J-Elements.

Plumber, JD No. 209, Code 70421—Lays out, cuts, bends, assembles, and installs pipe, fittings, and fixtures to construct or maintain piping systems such as fresh water, hot water, salt water, sanitary drain, sewer pipe, fire - protection sprinkler, and fuel gas systems. Locates leaks and obstructions, and repairs or clears them. QUALIFICATIONS: J-Elements.

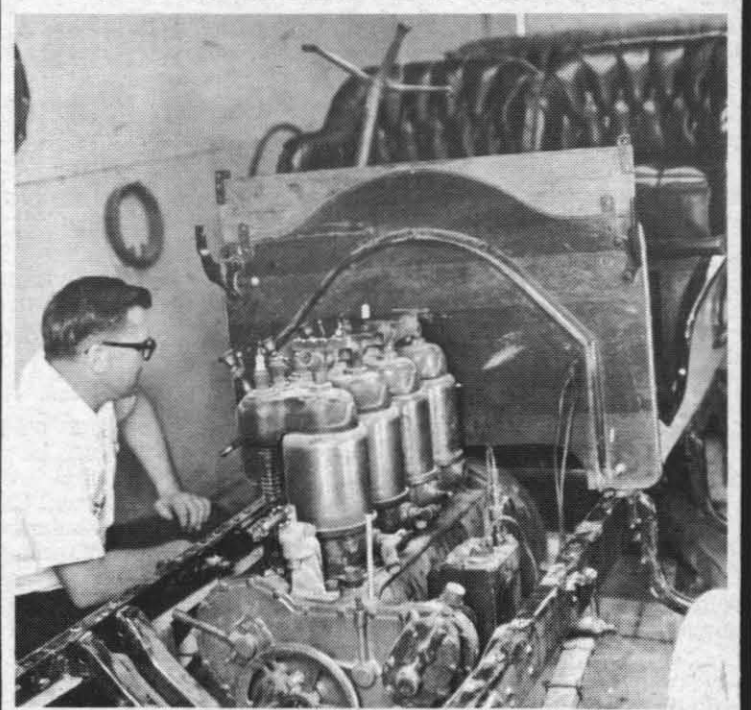
Electrician (Telephone) JD No. 168-1, Code 70432—Installs, maintains, and repairs telephones, telephone lines, switchboard connections, and related equipment. Installs and relocates telephones in buildings. Runs telephone wire from available circuit outside building or from switchboard to requested location of telephone, drilling holes for wire passage and installing conduits, clamps, hangers, and similar equipment. QUALIFICATIONS: J-Elements.

Power Plant Controlman, JD No. 243, Code 70451—Controls the operations of boilers where the normal evaporation capacity of the individual boilers operated have an evaporation rate of up to 30,000 pounds of water per hour and the boilers normally operate at steam pressures above 75 psig and up to 200 pounds per square inch gage. Operates steam turbo-generators with individual capacities up to 5,000 kW. Also operates other steam or electric-powered equipment, such as air compressors, water pumping plants, and sewage pumping plants, when such equipment is located in the power plant area. QUALIFICATIONS: Applicants must have had three years of progressively responsible experience in the operation, control, and maintenance of coal, oil, or gas fired boilers used to generate steam for industrial processes and heating purposes.

File applications with Vera Childers, Code 657, Room 32, Bldg. 34, Phone 713193.

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Antique Car Show Local Club To Attend



NEARLY RESTORED — Gary Kvammen, president of the local Antique Car Club, inspects a 1909 Cadillac, owned by Orville Neill. The vintage automobile, which is presently being restored in a garage behind Neill's home, will be completed in a few weeks after seven years of loving labor by Neill and other members of the Club, principally Maynard Craig, chief mechanic of the group.

Museum Heritage Days will be celebrated in Bakersfield April 19 and 20, according to Richard C. Bailey, chairman of the annual event. The two-day observance marks the centennial of the city of Bakersfield and the bicentennial of the entrance of the Spaniards into California.

A principal attraction of the celebration will be a vintage car display at the Pioneer Village, 3801 Chester Ave., in Bakersfield. Under the direction of Jim Tyack and Don Fowler of that city, the assembly of vehicles will offer a striking spectacle to those who attend Pioneer Village's many attractions.

Entries From China Lake Two men from China Lake, Gary Kvammen, president of the local Antique Car Club, and Maynard T. Craig, a member and chief mechanic of the local group, plan to attend the festivities.

Kvammen, an avid Model A restorer, drives a 1931 model everywhere he goes, and will baby his car to Bakersfield. The car runs beautifully, but is not quite completely restored.

When interviewed, Kvammen was asked if he planned to finish the restoration but replied he wouldn't, as he used the car merely "to get around in." He does have, however, another 1931 Model A in the Club's garage, which he has built from the frame up, and intends to restore completely.

Inside the same garage is the body and parts for a 1932 Model A Ford Roadster, also Kvammens, which will be his next project.

Painstaking Process The restoration of vintage automobiles can be a time-consuming venture at best, and an expensive one at least, but esthetically is a rewarding labor of love. At least, that's the opinion of the members of the local hobby group.

A good case in point is the 1909 Cadillac, perhaps the most luxurious of all the vintage cars belonging to the local club, which is presently being restored by Orville Neill in a garage behind his home on the Center. Neill has labored seven long years and put \$4,200 into the old Cadillac, but it is finally near completion. Craig, the master mechanic of the group, stated it will be running in another two or three weeks. The coach-work and leather is new, built to specifications of the original model, and the engine is rebuilt.

Many Projects Craig, an exceptionally energetic man, keeps three or four different projects going at a time. Presently, he is building a three-quarter scale model of a 1903 Oldsmobile. This simulated version of the original, will sport a two-stroke engine, a 44" tread (between the axles), and a 67" wheelbase.

The body, frame and engine have been built entirely by Craig, and he expects to have it on the road in a matter of weeks. This is in addition to his other projects of maintenance on the other members' cars, (he is also currently working on Neill's Cadillac), and the routine maintenance on his other car, a 1915 Ford Model T Runabout, that he frequently drives around the Center.

Craig is an ex-Ford dealer and pointed out a unique aspect of his '15 Ford. The mold for the block and the engine were both poured on the same day in 1915, something he has never seen before in his many years of fooling around with Ford products.

The group plans to enter their cars in two or three local events this year, including the Desert Empire Fair Parade, and the Spring Festival Parade.

Center Military Personnel Receive Awards, Medals

Bronze Star To HM3 Olstad

L.Cdr. C. M. Bates, Commanding Officer, Enlisted Personnel, held an Awards Ceremony in the Enlisted Personnel office, April 4, at 2 p.m.

HM3 D. W. Olstad, was awarded the Bronze Star for heroic achievement on Dec. 11, 1967, while serving with Co. "B," 1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion, Third Marine Division.

Receiving the Navy Achievement Medal from L.Cdr. Bates were BTC "J" "D" Brady, for meritorious achievement while serving aboard the USS Ozborn, and GMGC A. Johnson Jr., for meritorious achievement while serving on board the USS Simon Lake.

PH2 D. E. Hart received a Letter of Appreciation from the Commander, NWC, and ETN3 S. R. Lilly, received a Letter of Commendation from Commander Submarine Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet for meritorious service as a member of the USS Simon Lake.

Receiving the Good Conduct Award Certificate were PN1 W. G. De Jesus, fourth award; SD1 J. F. Ibanez, fourth award; PN2 G. D. Morrison, fourth award; and PN1 R. D. Raugust, fourth award, and FTMC R. H. Stanford, third award.



GOOD CONDUCT AWARDS — Shown receiving Good Conduct Award Certificates from L.Cdr. C. M. Bates, Commanding Officer, NWC Enlisted Personnel, are, l-r: SD1

J. F. Ibanez, PN1 R. D. Raugust, PN2 G. D. Morrison, PN1 W. G. De Jesus, and FTMC R. H. Stanford. The awards were presented in the Military Personnel Office.

Eyemobile At Medical Center Parking Lot

The Indian Wells Valley Lions Club will bring the Eyemobile Screening Unit to this community Saturday, April 19, from 1 to 5 p.m., in an effort to find the one in 40 local residents who is suffering from hidden glaucoma.

This disease, termed a "thief" by eye doctors, may present no symptoms to its victim but will steal their sight if not detected and treated in time.

The Eyemobile Unit will offer free, painless tests to persons over the age of 35 or persons over the age of 30 who have a history of glaucoma or diabetes in their families. It will be parked at the Drummond Medical Center parking lot in Ridgecrest.

Bill Bewley, president of the Indian Wells Lions Club, said the Eyemobile Unit is a project of the District 4 L-1 Lions International with technical assistance of the American Eye Bank Foundation. Local Lions and their wives will assist as volunteers on the day of the local visit.

The Eyemobile was postponed from an earlier visit because of inclement weather.

Provident Group Meets Monday

The Desert Empire Provident Association will meet Monday, April 14, at 7:30 in the Joshua Room of the Community Center.

The purpose of this nonprofit organization is to provide immediate financial aid to the family in the event of the death of an association member, through assessment of the other members.

Anyone interested in joining the group, or obtaining additional information, is invited to attend the meeting or to call 375-7631 or 375-8560.



FLOWN BY COMPUTER — Members of the Riverside City College Engineers Club learn how missiles are "flown" by computer at the Naval Weapons Center Corona Laboratories during their recent visit to that ac-

tivity. Shown here are Michael Ward, Richard Matson, Larry Huffman, and Lyle Zardiackas listening to Robert E. Hamilton describe the simulated intercept of a missile with the target on the x-y plotter.

Anaheim Area Armed Forces Weekend

Officials of the Anaheim Area Visitor and Convention Bureau announced recently that they are again coordinating a program involving Disneyland, Knott's Berry Farm, Melodyland, and the California Angels, Orange County International Raceway and hotels and motels in the Anaheim area, to allow servicemen to enjoy a fun-filled weekend at special prices.

Approximately 40,000 members of the Armed Forces will be entertained on four consecutive weekends by residents of Anaheim. The Marines will visit on April 18-20 and the Navy on April 25-27. The Air Force flies in May 2-4, and the Army on May 9-11. Different branches of the service are invited on different weekends.

The program will include a two-day "Weekend Pass" ticket book to Disneyland, free admission to Knott's Berry Farm and Ghost Town, special priced tickets to Angel baseball games, a serviceman's coupon to Melodyland Theatre, special events in the Convention Center and a special price for lodging at any of the 80 hotels and motels.

Only servicemen on active duty and retired military personnel and their families are eligible. Uniforms will not be required. Ann Seitz has announced that tickets to Disneyland for this weekend may be purchased for \$5 per person (a \$15 value), at the Community Center, Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. If enough persons purchasing

tickets wish to ride in busses, the busses will be available, Mrs. Seitz stated. No tickets will be on sale at Disneyland, but the ticket book purchased at the Community Center will be good for both Saturday and Sunday.

Angel baseball tickets may be purchased for 50 cents, and are good for general admission for servicemen and their families. Tickets will be available at the general admission booth, Gate 3, at Angel Stadium, two hours prior to game time, the Military must present their I.D. Card, however, servicemen are not required to wear the uniforms.

There are a lot of girls around who don't have the legs for mini skirts — only the nerve.

Plans Finalized For County Art Festival

The 21st annual Kern County Art Festival will be held Saturday and Sunday, April 19 and 20 at the Community Center.

Kern County is divided into 12 areas for the Art Festival and the local area includes residents of Inyokern, China Lake, Ridgecrest, and that portion of the Rand District which lies in Kern County.

All participants must be residents of Kern County or, in the case of full-time students, must be attending school in Kern County.

The local show, which is sponsored by the Desert Art League, will be divided into four divisions, Elementary School, High School, Adult amateur and Adult professional. Adult professional artists do not compete locally and may exhibit their work without entry stickers. Professional artists interested in showing their work are asked to contact Mrs. D. N. Livingston, Ext. 723071, for details.

First place winners in the local show progress to the County Finals held at the Cunningham Memorial Gallery in Bakersfield where they compete for County ribbon awards.

J. I. Durk is the area chairman and is assisted by Maxine Booty as co-chairman. Other local Desert Art League chairmen include: Mrs. Duane Mack, adult amateur entries; Mrs. Adeline Williams, high school entries; Mrs. Warren Ridpath, elementary schools chairman; Mrs. R. M. McClung, publicity chairman; Mrs. Lloyd Clarke, special effects chairman; Mrs. Paul Rivette, miniature paintings; and Mrs. William LaCombe, invitational crafts exhibit.

The event will also feature miniature paintings by members of the Desert Art League. In addition a special creative crafts exhibit will be assembled in the Panamint Room of the Community Center, where local artists will be giving live demonstrations in oil painting, weaving and other art techniques.

Refreshments consisting of cookies, cakes, punch and coffee will be served in a snack booth.

Hours for the show will be: Saturday, 2 p.m. to 8 p.m., and on Sunday, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. The public is invited.

Ceramic Club Holds Hobby Show, Apr. 21

The Desert Ceramic Club will present its annual hobby show on Monday, April 21 from 3 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., and on Tuesday, April 22 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Community Center.

Members will enter their finest pieces in competition for trophies and ribbons to be awarded by three competent judges who are well known in the ceramic field. All awards will be based on composition, originality, imagination, craftsmanship and execution.

The best of show award will be determined by popular vote. Mrs. Rhoda Thompson, vice president of the Ceramic Club is general chairman of the annual affair.

The public is invited to visit, and there will be no admission charge.



RINKYDINKS VOLLEYBALL TEAM — 27-1 is the record of the 1969 champions. Shown l-r, first row, are Don Sichley, Roy Miller, Gabe Imer. In the back row, l-r, Dick Bow-

ers, Ed Ranck, Chuck Jones, Roy Deland, Jim Prophet. Not shown are Bob Corzine, and Deane Nelson. The photographs were taken at the Center Gym.

Athletic Organizations Potpourri

The Sierra Desert Gun Club recently began construction of its own club house and pistol range, located adjacent to the NWC Security Police Pistol Range, off Snort Road. The Club was recently granted permission to build the long-awaited structure by the Southwest Division of NAVFAC and the Ordnance Systems Command Support Office in San Diego, thanks to the cooperation provided by the NWC and NAF Commanders.

The concrete slab floor of the 40 x 50 foot building was poured within days of receipt of authorization. Ridgecrest Concrete Co. supplied 37 yards of concrete and the job of pouring and finishing was performed by contractors hired by the club.

The club now plans to begin the erection of the frame walls and commercial truss roof structure.

The venture will be financed

by the sale of life memberships, donations, Building Fund memberships, a raffle of a rifle donated by Triangle Sports Shop, and other projects.

Seabee reservists will construct the earth embankment which will enclose the range as part of a training exercise. Seabees from China Lake, Bakersfield and Las Vegas will participate.

Anyone wishing to aid in the project is encouraged to contact Robert Gould, Building Committee Chairman, or Donald Herigstad, Club President.

Golf Club

Jim Peck won the low net prize of a \$50 gift certificate by defeating Don Sichley in a sudden death playoff, in the first annual President's Golf Tournament, held Saturday, March 29. Peck and Sichley each shot 18 hole scores of 68.

The top gross prize of a \$40 gift certificate was won by Curt

Bryan who fired a 77. Major Art Hickle shot a 38 to win the low nine hole total prize.

Other winners in the 18 hole individual medal play event were: in the net score bracket, Elmer Davis, who shot a 69, third; Vince Villa, Frank Barney, and Roll Morey, all with 70, who tied for fourth.

Don Frasier and Floyd Rockwell each fired 81s to tie for second in the gross score division.

Officials Needed

The China Lake Intramural Softball League is in need of umpires. The league, which consists of 10 teams, will begin action on May 12. The Slo-Pitch League, which begins May 16, is also in need of umpires.

Anyone interested in joining this Special Services activity is asked to call Bill Nicol at the Station Gym, 71334.

Pony League Tryouts

Tryouts for the 1969 Indian Wells Valley Pony League will be held Saturday, April 12, at 9 a.m. at the NWC Pony League Field. Boys who were born between August 1, 1954 and July 31, 1956, and who have registered, are invited to participate, according to Clyde Hazen, League Vice-President.

Team assignments for all players will be made immediately following the tryouts, with practice sessions scheduled to start on or prior to May 1 and the opening league games slated for May 19.

The Pony League still needs both managers and coaches. Adults interested in serving as managers or coaches in this activity are invited to call Bob Nelligan, Ext. 72690, or Clyde Hazen, Ext. 72819 for further information.

Boys who have not registered and who are interested in playing in the Colt League can sign up by contacting the people whose names are Bob Nelligan, Ext. 72690; Gordon Peacock, Ext. 71538 or 71502; or George Wright, Ext. 8441, or they can sign up at the Pony League tryouts at the Pony League Diamond on Saturday.

Fred Dalpiaz Shoots 245 For Week's High Roll

Maggie Branson rolled a 213-580 to lead the way in the Women's Scratch League at the China Lake Bowl last week. Dotty Duncan broke the 200 mark twice hitting 210 and 200 and finishing with a 549 series. Jean Krausman rolled a 519, Mary Schmuck hit 514 and Lee Fox had a 501. Top single games included Sue Haack with 204 and Viv Dalpiaz with 202.

Things were hot in the Friday Foursome with Dick Evert rolling 237-199-222 to lead the way with 658. Ray Freascher was next with 238-608 while Fred Dalpiaz had high game with 245. High individual games for the men included Jim Ball, 229; John Padgett, 221-213; and Fred Deham, 222.

Jean Crom led the Foursome ladies with 572 and Liz Furstenberg was next with 218-563. Sherry Ray rolled 562 while Maggie Branson had 548 and Wilma Johnson hit 201-519. Carol Barker had high game with 231. Other top series included Virgie Owens 554; Wilma Johnson 526; Jeanne Schreiber 517; Neola Crimmins 515; and Darlene Herbstreit, 506.

Social Security Rep. At Community Center Wednesday, April 16

All employees with questions about Social Security provisions may contact a representative from the Administration here next Wednesday, April 16.

He will be at the Community Center from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m., and is available for consultation.



Down to Wire For Handball Tournament

The China Lake Handball Tournament, which began in early February, will enter the final stages during the next few weeks.

The top men in the ladder will compete for the championship in singles and doubles with the final matches being held on May 3-4.

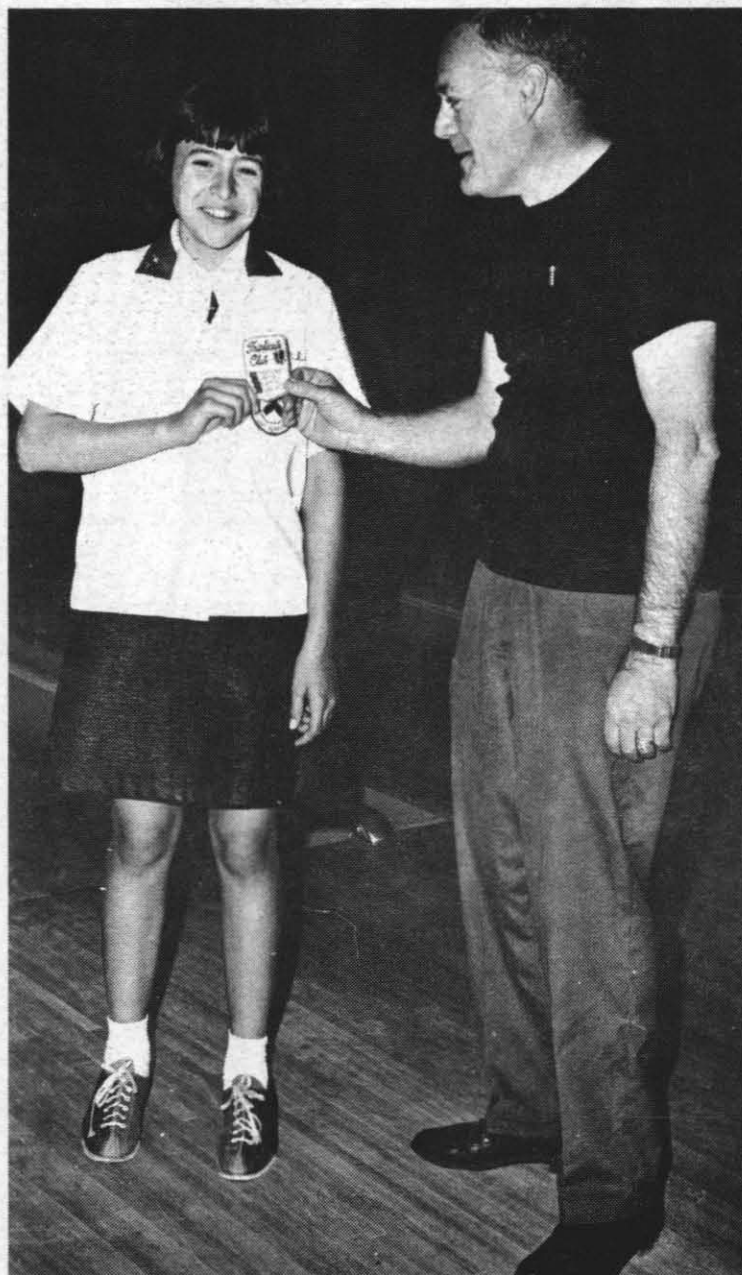
The double elimination singles competition will begin at 9 a.m. on Saturday, April 26 and the doubles will be held on the following weekend.

Costume Party

The China Lake Ski Club will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, April 15, at 8 p.m. in the NWC Community Center, reports Elvy Hopkins, First Vice President.

During the meeting slides of the recent ski races and last year's costume party will be shown. Also, trophies for the annual races will be presented to the winners.

Tickets will be sold at the meeting for this year's costume party — "Mad Mod World" — to be held April 19.



WINS TRIPLECATE PATCH—Diane De La Cruz, on the left, is shown here receiving a patch for bowling three identical games of 92 in Mrs. Wisler's Special Education Class A team of the Special Education class bowlers. Maury Coleman, r, presents the special award.

NWC Employees Get Automatic Rent Deduction

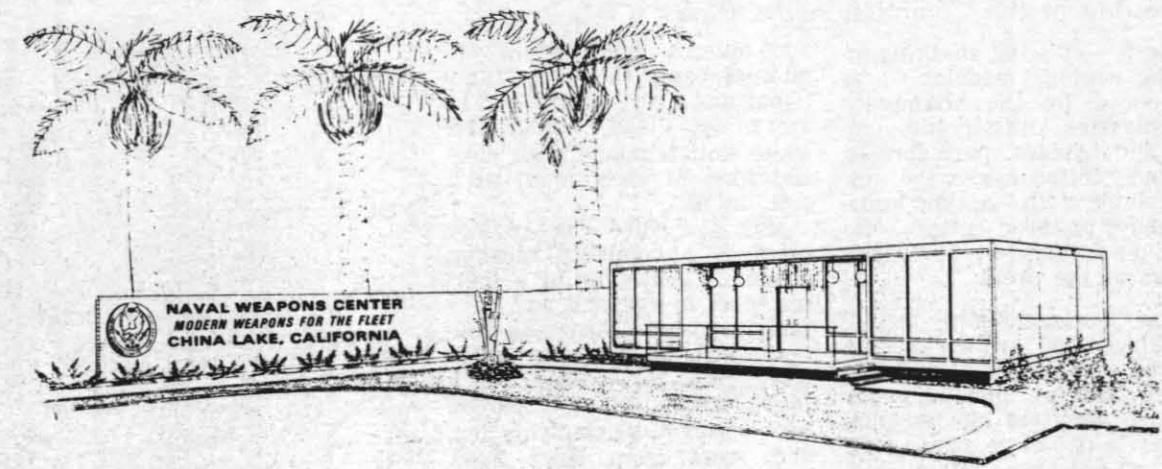
Center employees occupying Navy housing will be given the opportunity to pay their rent in two equal amounts per month through payroll deduction beginning in June, 1969.

This service is being extended to employees for two purposes. One, as a convenience, meaning no more standing in line to pay rent, and paying only half a month's rent in advance, and two, a more efficient accounting and reporting system which will eventually benefit the Center. Participation will be on a voluntary basis initially. Informal probes indicate there will be wide acceptance.

The Housing Office will mail an authorization card to each tenant during the month of April. This card will be accompanied by instructions to tenants, who will be asked to return the card stating whether or not they wish to take advantage of the service.

Arrangements are being made for extending the service to those school employees who wish to participate. Information will be passed through the school administrative offices. Due to a different accounting system a delay in picking up school employees is expected.

Stop Sign To Be Replaced By Building



NEW MAIN ENTRANCE—A new approach to the Naval Weapons Center is planned for August, according to Public Works Officer Captain K. C. Abplanalp. The front door to the Center will be improved by a new pass office located on the south side of Blandy. This will eliminate pedestrian traffic at the Main Gate by allowing visitors to park and obtain passes without making two trips across a busy thoroughfare. Relocation of the Official Visitor Office and Pass Desk

will relieve a traffic problem and will spruce up the appearance of the Main Gate. First step toward this was undertaken last year when Garden Club members volunteered to keep seasonal flowers blooming in the planter at the gate. Then some of the palm trees donated to NWC by Kern County Land Company were planted at the site. Addition of three modular units to house the Pass Office and landscaping by late summer will complete the project.

Public Works Tags Paint-up, Fix-up Week, Apr. 20-26

The annual clean-up, paint-up, and fix-up week at the Center has been set for April 20 through April 26 announced the Public Works Department this week.

A limited amount of fence paint and lumber is available for minor repairs to existing fences. Those tenants who desire paint or lumber should contact the Housing Office at Extension 72222. Also, two heavy-duty paint sprayers are being made available to tenants with large paint-up, fix-up projects.

Capt. K. C. Abplanalp, Public Works Officer, reports that Public Works' trucks will haul excess trash to the dump. Groups or individuals who have gathered up rubbish that cannot be handled in normal pickups may call Extension 71771 to request disposal aid.

Recent instructions indicate that this will be the last year that the Public Works Department will be permitted to provide fence repair material.

Cal Homeowners Refund Filing Deadline Near

The deadline for claiming the \$70 property tax refund and the \$750 home owners' exemption is April 15, warns Herbert E. Roberts, Kern County Assessor.

This date applies also to Veterans Exemptions, he stated. Of the approximate 72,000 forms mailed to home owners in Kern County, Roberts states they have received only about 50 per cent back.

Roberts also warns that there is no provision in the law to allow for late filing. He states that many persons, apparently, believe the yellow form is for their files, or a duplicate. They are returning the white forms to claim the \$750 property tax exemption provided for in Proposition 1A last fall. But, they keep the yellow forms, which are worth \$70 if filled out properly and returned to Roberts' office by the April 15 deadline. The yellow forms, Roberts explained, is the claim for the \$70 property tax refund promised by Proposition 1A. The white form is the claim for property tax exemption during the 1969-70 tax year.

Roberts urges home owners to return their forms as soon as possible. If there are any questions taxpayers are asked to call the county assessor's office in the Civic Center, in Bakersfield, or visit the assessor's desk in the Civic Center lobby, 1215 Truxtun Ave., Bakersfield.

Reception For IWV Teachers

A reception honoring the teachers of Indian Wells Valley public schools will be held on Thursday, April 17, at the Masonic Temple, 625 Norma St., from 7:30 to 9 p.m.

The public is invited to come out and meet with the teachers of this area, and to recognize them for the valuable services that they have furnished to the children and to the community.

4-H Club Members Test Dogs In Michelson Lab

Train Guide Dogs for Vets

Even though they are too young to join the military, enterprising boys and girls of the 4-H Clubs are doing their part by helping to train guide dogs for our returning heroes.

Future guide dogs undergoing training in the local area are from the Guide Dog School for the blind located in San Rafael. Veterans returning from Viet Nam who have need of a guide dog are given first choice of these companion guides.

For the past 26 years the San Rafael Guide Dog School, a non-profit organization, has been farming the dogs out to 4-H Clubs for obedience training. The 4-H'ers take the three-months' old pups and teach them basic obedience until they are one year old. Then the dogs are returned to San Rafael for further training as guide dogs for the blind — a three to five months training program.

Of the 18 puppies being trained in Kern County 4-H Clubs, three are being trained in Indian Wells Valley by Debbie Williams, daughter of Mrs. Adeline Williams of Ridgecrest; Christina Fowler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fowler of 35-B Vieweg Circle, China Lake; and Wendy Bryan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Bryan of China Lake. All three girls are training their first guide dog, a Golden Retriever.

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Woodrow Everitt is in charge of the local 4-H Club for training guide dogs, and Mrs. Eugene Shaffer of Bakersfield heads up the 4-H Guide Dog Clubs for all of Kern County.



4-H GUIDE DOGS VISIT MICHELSON LABORATORY — Future guide dogs for the blind accompanied their 4-H Club trainers and parents on a tour of Michelson Laboratory this past week as a part of the dogs' "new experience" training. Two of the three dogs being trained by local 4-H'ers are shown in the front row with their trainers (2nd

and 3rd from l) Wendy Bryan and Christina Fowler. The other dogs and their trainers are from the Bakersfield area. In the back row (l-r) is Mrs. Eugene Shaffer of Bakersfield who is in charge of the Kern County 4-H Guide Dog Clubs and Woodrow Everitt, in charge of the Indian Wells Valley 4-H Guide Dog Club.

Wildflower Show Needs Volunteers

You don't have to be a member of WACOM, sex is no barrier, and you may only be a visitor to Indian Wells Valley, but if you would like to volunteer your assistance on one of the committees for the community's Wildflower Festival, there is still time to do so.

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In conjunction with plans to get the Wildflower Festival into full bloom, there will be a

coffee at the home of Mrs. David Chapman on Thursday, April 19 at 9:30 a.m. for all volunteers interested in picking flowers for the Festival. Permission to pick the flowers has been obtained from the County Agricultural Commissioner's Office.

At the coffee Mrs. Chapman will have maps available with the blooming areas marked according to information from the scouting teams so volunteers may select their locations for gathering flowers.

Also, Mrs. Douglas Lind, in charge of wildflower identification will help volunteers at the coffee to identify which species to look for. Further identification will be given with color slides shown by Mrs. Rod-erick McClung.

Mrs. Franklin Barney will explain methods of preserving the flowers during picking and transporting.

More volunteers are needed and are encouraged to phone Mrs. Chapman at Ext. 723324. Also she hopes that all volunteers will attend the coffee, and new volunteers can sign up at that time.

Mrs. Carl Schaniel, in charge of flower arranging, needs more volunteers to assist in developing artistic settings for the flowers. She can be reached at Ext. 725963.

Chairman of the Wildflower Festival is Mrs. Melvin R. Etheridge. If you would like to help on one of the other committees, please phone her at Extension 72200.

WACOM's Spring Fashion Show Features Bright, Kicky Ensembles

LADIES WERE URGED to "sell their irons," "try a tunic for a spring tonic," and "indulge in the power of pink" when Mrs. Leah Little described the feats of engineering to be found in today's spring and summer fashions at WACOM's Spring Fashion Show held Tuesday at the Commissioned Officers' Club.

In addition to the easy-care fabrics created through chemical engineering, construction engineering was demonstrated in the daisy-chained swimsuit engineered by a hook and a few snaps to create a bikini, and in the lime-colored polyester knit dress with back, side zipper.

Show-stoppers were the teeny-weeny, polka-dot bikini modeled by Doris Valitchka, and when Ida Davis made the scene in a fresh-as-a-daisy-cotton, daisy print with large, white organdy collar and wide belt with bow.

Among the sleeveless shells, pants dresses, free-swinging bell-bottoms, high-rise waistlines, box pleats, racy-lacy looks, belted bows, dropped waists, wrap-arounds, bikinis, hip-huggers, and Nehru collars were soft-hued flowers spilling down sleeves, polka dots, silver buttons, shiny black buttons, narrow stripes, bike-stripes, black and white prints, brass buttons for that slightly military-look, square dots, flag-waving colors, jaquard prints, mosaics, and spatter prints of flowers.

In 1969, everybody will be

doing it — tossing anything into the washing machine — as evidenced by the abundance of polyester knits, cotton piques and batistes, permapprests, dacron-cotton mixes, the new "spectator cloth," acrylic knits, organdy, textured cottons, and bonded linen-type fabrics shown at the event.

The "pant-a-monium" included black and white awning-striped pants, sashed in lemon yellow; flowing, pleated pants-skirt; bell-bottom hip huggers; capris, a two-piece pants suit; and a one-piece, flaired-leg, step-in pants dress, lavish with colors of sunset pink and gold.

How to "plant-a-smile" wherever you go described sunny — but cool — casuals in jersey tricot with polka dots and startling silver buttons. One sportacular shown was the white jamaicas with multi-colored "T" shirt.

For "keeping America beautiful" there was a sea-foam colored polyester knit dress with stitched panels; a cherry-red knit with a slash of white stripes; a two-piece knit ensemble in the season's most popular color trio — red, white

and blue; a lemon-yellow mini-mini; and the very functional and "very now look" in a crisp, clean, uncluttered white knit trimmed with navy and lime in neck detail and soft tie belt.

Mrs. K. P. Rice won the door prize — a complete vacation ensemble consisting of a four-piece set in eggshell and navy jamaica shorts, skirt, and bell-bottom pants with a crop top from Kings for Women; and a four-piece set in white polyester — jacket, skirt, nylon top, and scarf from Mary Sue's Shop.

The Decorating Committee, Ida Davis, Doris Valitchka, and Chairman Dodie Gorrone did a magnificent decorating job complete with rose trellis and white picket fence.

WACOM's fashion show was well attended with approximately 150 ladies present.

Modeling these latest fashions were: Dodie Gorrone, Ida Davis, Phyllis Wair, Mary Snopkowski, Nancy Funkhouser, Mary East, Mary Jane Oliver, Barbara Hintz, Doris Valitchka, Dorothy Cowan, Sharri La Pierre, Alice Wenzl, Kathi Moe and Pat Williams.



FOR SUMMER FUN — Water nymphs or beach beauties who like to "zip" into their clothes will like the architectural lines of this citron cooler engineered to enhance the silhouette. The way to "make a splash at any pool" is modeled by Doris Valitchka.



READY FOR A MEXICAN VACATION — This swinging skirt, riding below the perky-print top, born for globe-trotting and a breeze to wear is a ticket for travel. With its unusual effect the motif of this print, worn by Mary Jane Oliver, could have been taken from one of the Aztec temples.



SPIRITED SWING-SHIFT—Brazen-brass buttons march from the mandarin collar, past the hip pockets and stop short on this bright, lemon-yellow, mini-mini modeled by Mary East. Young and spirited and absolutely smashing, this is the "perfect little dress to take you straight through summer."



DECORATING PLANS FORMULATED — Diligent workers of the Decorating Committee, Jody Hensly (l), Audrey Bowen (c) and Rilla Cordle (r), met frequently to plan and to work on decorations for the WACOM Fashion Show which was very well received. Dodie Gorrone was chairman of the event.



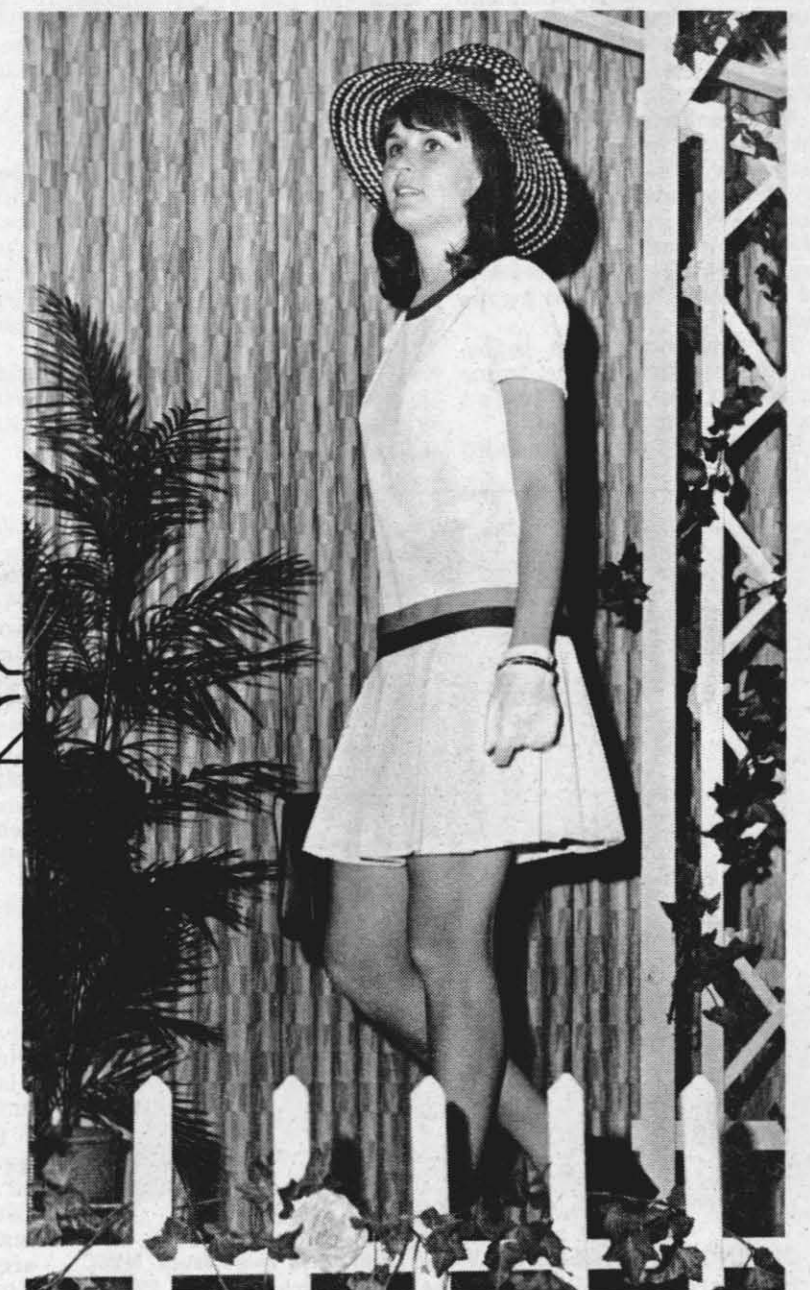
WINS DOOR PRIZE—At the WACOM Fashion Show, Mae Rice (r) was the winner of a complete vacation ensemble. Dodie Gorrone (l), chairman of the event, presented the prizes—two, four-piece outfits with jamaicas, skirts, tops, bell-bottoms, jacket and scarf from Mary Sue's and Kings.



FREE-SWINGING BELLS—Leah Little (l) capable fashion commentator, describes the bell-bottoms "that let you move to where the action is" as shown by Ida Davis. The cut-out top of this two-piece pants suit is sprinkled with petty-point bouquets for a quaintly charming air.



PRESTO! A TRICKI-BIKINI—It was a breath-taking moment when Doris Valitchka demonstrated the unbelievable practicality of this daisy-chained swimsuit in pale batiste. A hook and a few snaps, and presto! It's a bikini! Another flip of the wrist and it's a skirt again.



FLAG-WAVING COLORS — Strike up the band! Here is Barbara Hintz in a daytime edition of the season's most popular color trio — red, white and blue. Comfort and versatility in choice of accessories can take you anywhere in this white, double-knit, box-pleated jersey.