Wildflower Show Sprinkled With **Entertainment, Art Presentations**

The 23rd Indian Wells Val- narrator. ley Wildflower Festival will be held this week-end at the Chi- raphers will be displayed in na Lake Community Center the Panamint Hall in a series from 1 to 9 p.m. Saturday and of their prints of desert scenes. from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday.

The Center will open its gates during the hours of the rock and gem display presentshow so that visitors may have ed by the Indian Wells Valley free access to the event. There Gem and Mineral Society. is no admission charge. Mrs. Etheridge, General Chairman, extends an invitation for all lo- Officers' Mess, sponsors of the cal residents and guests to visit the Festival.

they enter the lobby of the made desserts, soft drinks and Community Center. The wildflower displays and nominal fee.

other desert items of interest, arranged categorically throughout the Community Center, will be in the following locations:

The Cactus Hall will contain wildflower and desert foliage bouquets identified by common names and presented against a background of desert scenes painted by local artists.

On the stage there will be a typical high desert scene created around a Joshua tree James Heflin; 8 p.m., Mr. Carl and mounted birds of the area Morley displayed in their natural hab-

and desert reptiles in the Yuc-

lected will be given an individual display and identified with both its common and botanical name in the Joshua

A 45-minute slide show of desert flowers photographed by Mrs. Juane Beresford will be shown in the Panamint Hall continuously throughout the

The artistry of local photog-

The patio at the Community Center will feature a desert

Members of the Women's Auxiliary of the Commissioned Festival, will serve refreshments in a tearoom set up in All visitors to the flower the Sidewinder Room of the show are invited to register as Community Center. Homecoffee will be available at a

> Background music will be provided throughout the show by local musicians under the chairmanship of Mrs. Ivar Highberg.

The schedule for Saturday is: 1 p.m., Mr. Clayton Akima; 2 p.m., Mrs. Alvin Jacobsen; 4 p.m., Capt. Melvin Etheridge; 5 p.m., Mrs. Peter Dietrichson, Miss Donna Cabe; 6 p.m., Mrs. Daniel Aherin; 7 p.m., Master William Harven; 7:30 p.m., Mrs.

The Sunday schedule is: 10 a.m., Mrs. Jerome Zeutzius, There will be a display of Miss Lorraine Preston; 10:45 Maturango Museum artifacts a.m., Mrs. David Chapman; 11:-30 a.m., Mrs. Alvin Jacobsen: 12 noon, Mr. James McLane: 1 One flower of each kind colp.m., Capt. Melvin Etheridge; ected will be given an indivi- 2 p.m., Mrs. William Werback, Miss Elizabeth Ward, Miss Tally Werback; 3 p.m., Mr. David Colpitts; 4 p.m., Mr. Paul Riy; 5 p.m., Mrs. John Bush;

5:30 p.m., Mrs. Robert Fowler. All visitors to the Wildflower Festival are encouraged to register in the lobby for the large, tinted, bristlecone pine show each hour, beginning on print that will be given as a the hour. Mrs. Beresford is the door prize during the Festival.

Chaplain Odell Wins Honors

(Continued from Page 2) series, "The World Around Us"; and will always be remembered for his infectious mirth as he made his weekly tours of the various work areas of the Center.

While at China Lake Chaplain Odell was commended for his outstanding perform-ance of duty which included the establishment of a Chaplain's Office at NAF and for School's Command.

the fine relations he maintained with other religious groups in the community that contributed to a better understanding of the common concerns of the churches of the Valley.

At present the Odells are living in Newport, Rhode Island where Chaplain Odell attends the senior course for Career Chaplains at the Naval



DR. AMLIE RECEIVES PLAQUE - Brig. Gen. W. L. Hamerick, USAF (ret), on the right, presents a plaque of appreciation to Dr. T. S. Amlie, (I), NWC Technical Director, from the National Security Industrial Association. Over 120 members of the NSIA met at the Center April 16-17. They were welcomed by Capt. M. R. Etheridge, NWC Commander, and afterward took part in talks on the various missile

NEW RATING PROCEDURES

Future ratings for motion pictures shown at the Center Theater will be based on two different types of ra-tings—the familiar Parents' Magazine ratings, and the new MPAA (Motion Picture Association of America) ratings. (The Parents' Magazine ratings will eventually be superceded completely by the MPAA ratings.)

MPAA*

(M)-Mature audiences, parents si

(R)—Restricted, persons under 16 ad mitted only with parent or lega PARENTS'*

(A)-Adult (Y)-Youths 13-17 (M)-Mature for Y & C

"THE BRIDE WORE BLACK" (107 Min.) Jeanne Moreau, Jean-Claude Brialy

7:30 P.M. The cheated bride whose love turned to vengeance as she captivated her victims in this Hitchcock-type thriller. Engrossing, well made. **(A, MY) Short: "Pierre and Cottage Cheese"

(7 Min.)

--MATINEE--"PERILS OF PAULINE" (98 Min.) 1:00 P.M. Shorts: "Goose Is Wild" (7 Min.)

(No. 10, 17 Min.) --EVENING--"WILL PENNY" (109 Min.) Charlton Heston, Joan Hackett

"Return of Captain Marvel"

7:30 P.M. (Western) A care-free cowboy's adventures lead him into trouble when he outguns some Rawhiders. They catch up with down-to-earth, action filled story of the rugged range. **(A, Y, VMC) Short: "Cue Master" (10 Min.)

APRIL 27-28 "SWISS FAMILY ROBINSON" (126 Min.) John Mills, Dorothy McGuire

7:30 P.M. (Adventure) The famed classic done by Walt Disney tells of the castaways' fight or survival on New Guinea as the jungle and pirates become their daily foes. Shipwrecked on an island paradise! **(A, Y,

TUESDAY-WEDNESDAY **APRIL 29-30** "THE BROTHERHOOD" (96 Min.) Kirk Douglas, Susan Strasberg

(Drama) NOBODY bucks the Mafia Syndicate—and lives! The story of a conflict between brothers takes place in Sicily after a background of gangland murder. A strange mixture of warmth, gaiety and brutal vendetta! *(M) **(A, Y, VMC) Shorts: "It's A Bird's Life" (10 Min.)

THURSDAY-FRIDAY "THE PARTY" 9 (9 Min.) Peter Sellers, Claudine Longet

7:30 P.M. (Comedy) DON'T MISS this rib-tickler about a bungling East-Indian actor who is mistakenly invited to a Hollywood studioparty which, in his usual accident-prone nanner, he makes a shambles of. **(A, Y) Short: "Ballet in Blue" (10 Min.)

Code-A-Phone, Ext. 72411. Changeover **Requires Contact** With Phone Co.

Center residents that now have Navy telephone service and who have not been contacted by a representative of the California Interstate Telephone Company must call 375-8441 immediately for an appointment to arrange for future

Changeover to new cables in the near future requires that all subscribers be contacted by the Telephone Company to insure continuous service.

It's expensive to raise a teenager these days. You can go broke just buying transistor radio batteries.

Corona To Be Relocated

(Continued from Page 7) Novato - The Air Force's Combat Center and 4th Air Force (Aerospace Defense Command) at Hamilton Air Force

Base will be inactivated by September 1969. San Bruno - (See above).

San Francisco — (See above). ILLINOIS

Arlington Heights — The Air Force's 755th Radar Squadron at the NORAD Center will be inactivated by September 1969.

Waverly - The Air Force's 788th Radar Squadron at the Waverly Air Station will be inactivated and the facility declared excess by September 1969.

Topsham — The Air Force's 36th Air Division (Aerospace Defense Command) at Topsham Air Force Station will be inactivated and the facility will be declared excess by September 1969.

MARYLAND

La Plata - The Army's Radio Receiving Station will be inactivated by July 1969.

MINNESOTA

Chandler - The Air Force's 787th Radar Squadron at Chandler Air Force Station will be inactivated and the facility declared excess by September 1969. FAA operations will

MISSOURI

Kansas City — The Defense Supply Agencies Regional Headquarters will be consolidated with similar headquarters in Chicago, Illinois and New Orleans, La., by January 1970. MONTANA

Great Falls - The Air Forces 801 Radar Squadron at Monstan Air Force Base will be inactivated by December 1969. FAA operations will continue.

NEVADA Lake Mead — The Department of Defense's Lake Mead base will be inactivated and placed in stand-by status by December 1969.

NEW YORK

Brooklyn - The Naval Applied Science Laboratory functions will be reduced and limited to its current navigational effort by June 1970. Selected functions of this activity will be transferred to other naval research and development activities.

Bellefontaine - The Air Force's 644 Radar Squadron at Bellefontaine Air Force Station will be inactivated and the facility declared excess by September 1969. Columbus — The Naval Weapons Industrial Reserve Plant

will be declared excess to government by July 1969. Garfield Heights - The Army Reserve Training Center will be declared excess by December 1969.

Corvallis — The Air Force's SAGE Direction Center in the 26th Air Division (Aerospace Defense Command) at Adaire Air Force Station will be inactivated and the facility declared excess by September 1969.

NNSYLVANIA Oakdale - The Air Forces 622 Radar Squadron at the Army Oakdale installation will be inactivated by December 1969. FAA operations will continue.

Philadelphia - Research and development functions of the Army's Frankford Arsenal will be consolidated with various other Army research and development activities which have similar missions by January 1973.

Bristol — The Naval Weapons Industrial Reserve plant will be declared excess to government ownership by August 1969. Clarksville — The DOD Clarksville base will be inactivated and placed in stand-by status by December 1969.

Dallas — The Naval Weapons Industrial Reserve plant will be declared excess to government ownership by May 1969. Kaleen - The Department of Defense's Kaleen base will be inactivated and placed in stand-by status by December

Pottsborough — The Air Force's 745 Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron at Perin Air Force Base will be reduced

to a training operation by September 1969. Sweetwater - The Air Force's 683rd Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron at Sweetwater Air Force Station will be inactivated and the facility declared excess by Septem-

VIRGINIA

Woodridge - The Army's Radio Transmitter Station will be inactivated by July 1969. WASHINGTON

Seattle - The Defense Supply Agencies Subsistence Regional Headquarters will be consolidated with a similar headquarters in Alameda, California by January 1971.

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NWC Corona To Be Relocated To China Lake



Naval Weapons Center, China Lake, California

Fri., April 25, 1969

Center, China Lake by June 1971 as part of a planned consolidation and closing of Navy, Air Force and Defense Supply Agency bases in the interest of efficiency and economy. Currently, there are 939 full-time civilian personnel and three military personnel employed at the Corona Labs, and the physical plant is made up of 645 acres of land and 98 buildings. Approximately another 410 civilians and six military personnel are located at Corona as tenants, the largest of which is FM-

June 1971 Is Effective Date

To Complete Incorporation

Secretary of Defense Melvin R. Laird announced on April

24 that the laboratory facilities of the Naval Weapons Center at

Corona, California will be consolidated with the Naval Weapons

SAEG, the Fleet Missile Systems Analysis and Evaluation Group. The present mission of the Naval Weapons Center's Corona Laboratory is to support NWC in the performance of its research, development and test work, as well as in systems integration and engineering of naval weapon systems for naval air

RESULT OF STUDY

A recent DOD study indicated that the Corona Laboratories be consolidated with the China Lake facility in order to enhance the technical efficiency and management effectiveness of both activities by providing the Corona mission with increased accessibility to the special facilities and test ranges that are unique to China Lake. The consolidation is a direct result of the above named stu-

dy and will result in annual savings of approximately four million dollars. The Fleet Missile Systems and Evaluation Group (Continued on Page 7)



SURPRISE AWARD - Mr. A. G. "Gus" Gaar (I) of the Engineering Department was the surprised recipient last Friday of a Special Award for Value Engineering Savings (over nine million dollars worth) signed by RAdm. R. C. Townsend, Commander Naval Air Systems Command. The award was for Gaar's efforts on a Value Engineering Study for the Sidewinder/Chaparral Refrigerated Detector Unit (RDU) which resulted not only in changes providing better reliability, but in cutting the production cost per unit by approximately one-half. In fact, total estimated savings to all users of Sidewinder/Chaparral, less all redesign and implementation costs, will be over nine million dollars by the end of FY 1970. This Value Engineering improvement made it possible for NWC to exceed the FY 1968 value engineering savings goal of 7.6 million. The award was presented to Gaar by Capt. M. R. Etheridge (r), NWC Commander. Others attending the ceremony were: Mrs. Gaar, Mr. F. A. Chenault, Head Engineering Department; Mr. F. L. Carlisle. Head Electromechanical Division, and Mr. W. G. Zellmer, Head of the Value Engineering Group.



WILDFLOWER SCENE — The photograph

above was taken by William Fettkether on a

recent trip into the Caliente area south of

Lake Isabella. Pickings from these and oth-

er varieties of Wildflowers will be on dis-

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS - Patty Gould, Vocalist with the "Sounds Of Time" musical aggregation, reminds residents of the Indian Wells Valley that Time will be moved ahead one hour at 2 a.m. this Sunday morning, April 27. The clock is one of many fine exhibits that were on display this week at the Ceramic Art Show.

Summer Jobs To Be Offered **Again This Year**

play at the 23rd Annual Wildflower show to

be held this weekend at the Community Cen-

ter. A Schedule of Events and details of

this year's show is listed on page 8 of this

Summer employment for ecdisadvantaged youths will again be offered this year at the Naval Weapons Center, according to sources in the Personnel Department.

Interested individuals should refer to the detailed outline of this program in the April 18 issue of the Rocketeer. If requirements can be met, applicants should contact their high school counselor for an appointment with Mrs. Jane Eckhart, a representative of the California Department of Em-

Mrs. Eckhart will be visiting Burroughs High School on April 29 and Trona High School on April 30 for the purpose of interviewing students interested in this program.

General information regarding this program may be obtained by calling George Allred, Employment Division of Personnel Department, Extension 72217.

PROMOTIONAL

OPPORTUNITIES

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

Leadership And The Place of Criticism



By CHAPLAIN GORDON A. READ

A great deal has been spoken in Navy and Civilian circles about the subject of Leadership: What is it and how to achieve it. Also current emphasis upon "Sensitivity Training" is frequently directed towards the improvement of leadership skills.

It is interesting to note, however, that when the term Leadership is mentioned, a variety of responses are heard. Leadership may mean, "You better get the job done or else;" or perhaps "We will get the project finished before the new deadline ... won't You."

That the leadership concept has been maligned by such negative approaches is well known. But there are aspects of constructive criticism in Leadership which should not be linked with the ineffectual negative approaches already mentioned. An old saying warns, "Do not criticize a man until you have

walked a mile in his shoes." How often do we find ourselves sliding easily into the habit of criticizing others for things which are of little consequence when we should be leading them. Experience has shown that the qualities we find most aggravating in others are often the very qualities we don't like, or find most irritating in ourselves. Is there any place for criticism in the example of a good

Criticism, when rightly used (not just negativism), becomes a very useful tool in achieving certain goals in leadership or any other area. The deciding factor in its usefulness is whether it is of a constructive or destructive nature.

As we perform our duties, does our example for those who Chaplain Odell work for, or with us, reflect our desire to: (1) help the other individual become a better person (2) help him or her do the job more effectively, (3) expedite the goals of the Command or

Perhaps more frequently than we would like to admit our criticisms may reflect our own insecurity, jealousy, and inability to accept ourselves as we are, and for what we are.

Good leadership makes use of criticism: The constructive kind that looks to a goal beyond itself, not as an end in itself.



RECEIVES PROMOTION - Former 1st LT David Reed (c), is shown being congratulated by Maj. G. N. Key, US Army Liaison Officer, upon his promotion to Captain. Capt. Reed's wife Lana looks on.

DIVINE

Morning Worship-8:15 and 11 a.m.

Roman Catholic (All-Faith Chapel)-

Sunday School—9:30 a.m., Chapel Annexes 1, 2, 3, 4 (Dorms 5, 6, 7, 8) located opposite Center Restaurant.

Holy Mass-7, 9:30 a.m., and 12:30 p.m.

Daily Mass—11:30 a.m. in Blessed Sacrament 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

King Ave.)-Sundays, 7:30 p.m.

Protestant (All-Faith Chapel)-

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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.

from April 25, 1969 to May 2, 1969.

Supply Clerk (Typing), GS-2005-04, Code 2575 - This position is responsible for reviewing incoming documents and directing them to the proper sources; for establishment and maintenance of suspense and proof-of-delivery files; the preparation of all outgoing documents; the subsequent processing, filing, routing and/or mailing thereof.

Supply Clerk (Typing), GS-2005-04, Code 258 - Provides inventory control for aerotical material in excess of 6,000 items and 2 million dollars value. Processes receipts, issues, and stock requisitions in coordination with supply data processing programs; and maintains liaison for follow-up, status, and expediting with NWC depart

ole Cadle, Bldg. 34, Rm. 26, Ext. 71648. Supply Clerk, GS-2005-04, Code 8811 — Types requisition, etc., for medical and dental equipment, supplies and services. Distributes requisitions, does follow-up, screens vendor bills, weekly accounting reports, types correspondence, etc. Experience: 1 year general and 1 year specialized.

File application for the above with Sue Prasolowicz, Bldg. 34, Rm. 28, Ext. 71577.

Former Senior Wins Honors



Chaplain R. W. Odell

Word was received this week by the Chaplain's Office that the Navy Commendation Medal has been awarded to Cdr. Robert W. Odell, Senior Chaplain at the Naval Weapons Center from August 1964 to April 1966.

Chaplain Odell was cited . .meritorious service from April 1966 to January 1969 while serving as Flotilla Chaplain on the staff of Commander Submarine Flotilla

The award continued: "Displaying outstanding leadership, professional competence, and resourcefulness, Cdr. Odell developed and implemented a progressive and comprehensive program-Layman's Educational and Devotional Project, which successfully met the special needs of personnel assigned to fleet ballistic missile submarines. Through his superior counsel and guidance, Cdr. Odell was responsible for improving the morale of flotilla personnel and their dependents."

"At Large" was the apt description given of Chaplain Odell's range of activities at NWC and in the valley-community during his tour of duty at China Lake. He served as Councilman at Large for the China Lake Community Council; participated in arranging the lecture-travelogue

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BOARD OF TRADE HOSTS — Representatives of NWC flew to Bakersfield recently where they were met by members of the Kern County Board of Trade who feted them at their last social gathering. Shown above being greeted at Meadows Field in Bakersfield are Capt. L. A. Dewing, NAF C.O.; Capt. C. W. Fritz, VX-5 C.O.; Capt. R. Williamson, II, NWC Executive Officer; Capt. K. C. Abplanalp, Public Works Officer; Capt. Chas. Lee, Supply Officer; Capt. G. W. Jauchler, Senior Medical Officer; and Capt. Jackson McKinney, Dental Officer. Jim McGlothlin, Community Relations Head, also attended.

GREYHOUND BUS SCHEDULE

Effective April 18, 1969

CHINA LAKE - MOJAVE - LANCASTER - LOS ANGELES

Northbound (Daily) Leave Leave Leave Arrive Leave Leave Arrive R'crest Mojave L'caster LA LA L'caster Mojave R'crest 0835 0905 1130 0845 1120 1900 2120 1830 0900 0945 1830

Tickets and additional information concerning the Greyhound Line may be obtained at Hucek's Travel Center in Ridge-

The Greyhound Bus will make "flag" stops for passengers at the Naval Weapons Center's main gate.

CENTER LIBRARY LISTS NEW BOOKS

A complete list of new books Barnes-Starting From

Fiction Airth-Snatch. Astor-A Place Called Saturday.

Best Detective Stories, 1968 Poyer-Operation Malacca. Solzhenitsyn—Cancer Ward. Stevenson—The Marriage of Katherine

Wilson-The Feuding Postmasters.

Scratch. Brinton-The Americans and the French.

Craig—21-day Shape-up Program for Men and Women. McMillan—Man and the California Condor. Magnuson-The Dark Side of

the Marketplace. Rogers-Ancient Hunters of the Far West. Teague-Lettters to a Black



DESERT MARDI-GRAS - Joanne and Dick Rusciolelli are shown purchasing their tickets to the WACOM-sponsored semi-formal to be held May 9 at the Officers' Club from Sharri La Pierre. Desert Mardi-Gras is the theme for the dance which is open to all COM Club members and bonafide house guests. Tickets are on sale now at the Officers' Club for \$2 each - for the dance only. Dinner reservations can be made by phoning 375-5071.



Ceramic Art Show At Community Center

COMING ATTRACTION —Men at the Naval Air Facility are checking out aircraft and equipment in preparation for the coming Armed Forces Day program scheduled at the Naval Weapons Center on Saturday, May 17, from early morning to late afternoon.

Friday, April 25, 1969

The above aircraft and many other interesting displays will be awaiting visitors at NAF. Left to right, AOAN R. A. Plank and AO2 R. D. Plotkin check-out the A4 Skyhawk while AO1 G. D. Beale "stands by" in one of the vehicles designed for use at NAF.

Amateur Radio Seminar Ready At Murray School

A seminar, consisting of four speakers on amateur radio subjects, will be held May 3 at Murray School. More than 50 "hams" in the Indian Wells Valley are expected to attend the all-day event.

The speakers and their subjects are Bernard Sword, "Radio Procedure;" Claude Wood, "Antenna Principles;" Charles Swedblom, "VHF, UHF Antennas;" and after lunch, Gordon Greene, "Modulation Problems." The remainder of the aft-

ernoon will be announced at a later date, but will include films provided by the American Radio Relay League, the national "ham" fraternity.

The purpose of the seminar is two-fold: to provide additional training for the 40 Murray electronics students, and to gather together the amateurs of the Valley to further enjoy their hobby.

All amateur radio "hams" and other interested persons are invited to attend. For further information, contact L. W. Brubaker, science club sponsor, at ext. 725044.





HILDA MOHLE

The Desert Art League will hold its regular monthly meeting on Monday, April 28, at 8 p.m. in the Community Center. The guest speaker will be Hilda Mohle, writer of the column "All About Art" for the San Bernardino Sun-Tele-

Her program is titled "Significant Trends in Painting Today" and will be supplemented by paintings and

reproductions.

Mrs. Mohle is a past president of the San Bernardino Art Association and a retired art instructor from San Bermardino Valley College. She has won numerous awards for her own paintings and she painted two murals for St. Catherine's Church in Ri-

A short business meeting will precede Mrs. Mohle's talk. Officers will be elected for the coming year at this

Corona To Be Relocated

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will remain at Corona In line with the Defense Department announcement, two

other Naval Research and Development Laboratories are to be The Naval Radiological Defense Laboratory located at Naval

Shipyard will be disestablished by December, 1969. Selected functions of this activity are to be transferred to other naval

The Naval activities located at the Naval Facility at San Bruno will be relocated to the Naval Shipyard at Hunter's Point, San Francisco, and the facility declared excess by June 1970. The Marine Corps Reserve Training Center will remain at

the San Bruno facility. A complete list of individual actions is as follows:

ASKA

Anchorage - The Air Force's 626th Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron at the Fire Island Air Force Station will be inactivated and the facility declared excess by Decem-

Dutch Harbor - The Air Force's Detachment 2714th Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron at the Driftwood Bay DEW Station will be inactivated and the facility declared excess by September 1969.

Kulowiyi - The Air Force's 712th Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron at the Northeast Cape Air Force Station will be inactivated and the facility declared excess by September 1969.

Nikolski - The Air Force's Detachment 1714th Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron at the Nikolski DEW Station will be inactivated and the facility declared excess by Sep-

tember 1969 Port Heiden - The Air Force's Detachment 5714th Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron at the Port Heiden DEW Station will be inactivated and the facility declared

excess by September 1969. Port Moller — The Air Force's Detachment 4714th Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron at the Port Moller DEW Station will be inactivated and the facility declared excess by

September 1969. Unalakleet - The Air Force's 718th Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron at the Unalakleet Air Force Station will be inactivated and the facility declared excess by Decem-

Uninak - The Air Force's Detachment 3714th ircraft Control and Warning Squadron at the Cape Sarichef DEW Station will be inactivated and the facility declared excess by

September 1969. CALIFORNIA

Corona — (See above).

Los Angeles - The Defense Supply Agency Subsistence Regional Headquarters will be consolidated with a similar headquarters in Alameda, California by January 1971.

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Desert Art League To Exhibit Rev. Neipp's Art The Desert Art League will for 27 years. He first began has not only brought him a

present the oil paintings of painting in 1953. The Pastor means of expression, but has Church, Ridgecrest, beginning Monday April 28, in the Community Center. The one man show, which will be on

CERAMIC HOBBY SHOW-

Above is a sample of the fantastic variety of 162 en-

tries displayed at the Desert

April 21 and 22 at the Com-

munity Center. At the right

is the 1st prize winner "Best

of Show" - a work of art in

the craft of glass - sagging.

The modern tree design is

an original creation by Dixie

Pace. It contains 2,000 leaves

cut from bottles, fired and

fused together.

editor of Through to Victory, as well as pastor of his church, has been in the area

Reverend Paul C. Neipp, pas- calls himself a "Monday brought him back to good tor of Our Savior's Lutheran painter," . . . provided his pas- health. This love is quite evitoral duties allow him the The exhibit will consist pri-

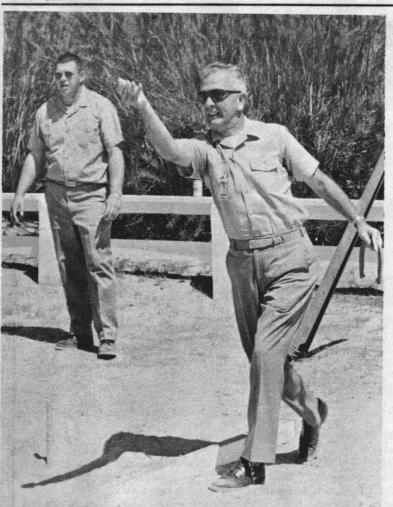
brilliant wildflowers of his marily of desert scenes, but display for two weeks, will be will also include portraits available to visitors of the and mountain-meadow scenes. Wildflower Festival this week- The Reverend catches the moody, free transient silence. Rev. Neipp, publisher and of the scenes he paints.

Pastor Neipp proclaims a profound love for this part of the country, stating that it out instead of thawed out.

You're an old timer if you can remember when mother's meals were carefully thought

dent in his majestic moun-

tains, serene wildness and



MINVIELLE PARK OPEN-Capt. L. A. Dewing, Commanding Officer, NAF, tries his hand at horseshoes at the official opening of the NAF Recreation area held April 18. An All Hands party marked the occasion and it is reported that a good time was had by all. Chief Mandell awaits his turn with the irons in the background.

Tennis Club Doubles Tournament

Top-seeded teams were the Leipnik and Rita Wack moved winners last Saturday in the China Lake Tennis Club's Pick-Your - Own - Partner Doubles

Tournament. Jim Smith and Fred Hagist defeated Dave Keranan and Duncan Cleaves in the semi-finals (10-2) and then went on to wage a tough battle in the finals, beating Dick Mello and Dick Boyd in two hard-

fought sets, 7-5, 6-4.

won 6-3, 6-1. Tennis enthusiasts are reminded to be ready for the major spring tournament to be held May 24-25. The club welcomes new members. Interest-

Other League Action

gie Branson shot a 556 to lead

the Monday Women's Scratch

League, and her 215 was high

series honors, shooting 2329

Other high series for the

Royce Dowd, 511; Rosie Andre,

503, and Wilma Johnson, 508.

pins for a 240 to lead the scor-

ing in the Women's Wednes-day Night Handicap League

April 16. Her 593 was high

series for the night, followed

by Willie Johnson, 544; Marie

Peck, 522; Barbara Larosche,

521; Betty Kirwin, 521, and

Aeronauts hit 3031 for high

team series and 1109 for high

ligan each shot 242 to lead the way in single game honors,

and Nelligan put together

team game for the night. John Nicholson and Bob Nel

In Desert League action the

Jerry Holland, 514.

Wednesday Night Handicap

Sally Stephenson blasted the

In other league action Mag-

through a semi-finals victory

over Joan Bustard and Sherry

Miller (10-5) to confront B. J.

In women's doubles, Joan Bustard at 723314. **NWC Navy Wins Premier League**

Starlite Room

for three.

Vivian Woodard

Foremost Dairy .

The Monday night Premier Tom's Place League wound up the season Starlite Room this week at China Lake Bowl. All the action was on lanes 9 and 10 as NWC Navy prepared to fend off a bid for the title from Blue Bird Taxi. The Navy keglers were 1½ games ahead. and needed to win only one of the three games to win the game for the night. The IAM team took high game honors with an 833 and Millers took

til the eighth frame when the first two men on the Taxi squad opened, and Bill Tenan and Bob Owens of NWC dou- evening were: Sally Stephenhled, breaking Blue Bird's son, 535; Patty Maxwell, 501; back. The upshot was NWC took all three to win the title by 41/2 games.

Final Recap Earle Roby wound up the vear with high average in the league, a respectable 189. followed closely by four other men with 188. Bill Esch, of Boyd's Auto Parts finished with the season's high series, a resounding 765, and Jim Ball and Roby tied for high game honors, both shooting 277.

On the final night Thad Brightwell fired a 276 and earlier in the season Benny Whiteside had a 275.

A. V. Trophy shot the high team game, 1069, and NWC Navy fired a 2991 to take high team series honors.

eam series honors. Final Standings Won Lost	games of 171-242-223 to shoot 636 for high individual series. With just one night left in
NWC Navy 58 32	league action, the Goers, who
Blue Bird Taxi 53.5 36.5	have won 751/2 games and lost
Mercury Movers 50 40	44½ lead the Road Runners,
A.V. Trophy 47 43	72-48. Ridgecrest Automotive
Davis Pool & Patio 46.5 43.5	has third place with a 71-49
Boyd's Auto Parts 45.5 44.5	record.

Kayak Races Highlight Kern Parade Report

A weekend full of excitement awaits the outdoor enthusiasts in Kern River Valley the Kern County Board of

Touching off the busy week end will be the Whitewater Kayak Races at Kern-The races will start at 10 a.m. Saturday, followed at 11 a.m. by the postponed Whiskey Flat Days parade.

The Kayak races will be resumed Saturday afternoon and will continue throughout the day Sunday, according to the sponsoring Kernville Chamber of Commerce.

The Kern River is rapidly gaining renown as one of the nation's finest kayak and canoe racing courses. Three national champions have been developed at the Kernville-Kern River training site in the past two years.

Fishing Picks Up Action on the fishing front perked up at Lake Isabella over the weekend, under sunny skies. Crappie up to 1-34 pounds are being taken by trolling with spinners, Kern River Valley Visitors Council scouts report.

Catfish were on the move with the best area in Kissack Cove and Paradise Cove in the South Fork area. Best catches were made with clam

and night crawlers. Visitors planning an overnight stay in the Kern River Valley this weekend are advised to make advance reservations because of the influx Peck and Janie Cleaves in the anticipated for the Kayak finals. The Leipnik-Wack team races and Whiskey Flat Days

Entry Deadline ed persons should call Joan For Softball **Entries May 2**

The deadline for entries in the 1969 Intramural Softball League is 4:30 p.m., May 2. Entries are open to both military and civilian employees of Naval Weapons Center. Team rosters should be submitted to the NWC Athletic Director, before

The 1969 Intramural Softball season will start on May 12. Each team will consist of 9 players, and a roster not to exceed 15 members. A Captains' meeting will be

held Friday, May 9, 4:30 p.m. at the Center gym where schedules will be handed out. The Slo-Pitch League will be-

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the NWC Athletic Director. A Captains' meeting will be held Friday, May 9, 4:30 p.m. at the Center gym, where schedules will be given to the team captains.



Second Model Airplane Meeting Scheduled at Fairgrounds May 17

The second in a series of the cost of the Kit.
three model airplane contests, Trophies will be donated by Valley Council of the Navy League is to be held at the Desert Empire Fairgrounds parking lot at 8 a.m. on May

The contest will again be held under the direction of the Alkali Angels, local model airplane club, with Earl Donaldson as Contest Director.

The model that is to be used for the second contest will again be constructed of Balsa Wood, similar to the first, but this one will be powered by a rubber band motor and will be larger in size. The model, a ficials stress the importance of Frank Zaic design, is known as, early entry, which will give apthe Flash X-18 Contest Kit. The plicants more time to build 75 cent entry fee also covers and adjust their models

sponsored by the Indian Wells the Navy League and will be awarded for the best total time in each of two classes. Prizes

by the NWC Hobby Shop.

for Runner-ups will be donated

The kits will be available at Contest Headquarters in the NWC Youth Center, at the Valley Independent, and the NWC Hobby Shop. Each entrant must have an entry form completely filled out, including the sig-nature of a parent or guardi-

An entry blank for the contest is printed below. Meet of-

Model Airplane Contest

Entry Form





TENNIS CLINIC - Jim Smith, one of the many coaches at the Tennis Clinic sponsored by the China Lake Tennis Club, is shown instructing a pupil in the proper way to hold a racquet. The popular clinic is held each year by the Tennis Club for youths and adults of all ages in order that they might benefit from the fitness aspects of the game.

Carl Schaniel To Attend Federal **Executive Institute**

Friday, April 25, 1969

Carl L. Schaniel, Head of the Weapons Planning Group, will be away from the Center attending the Federal Executive Institute from 27 April

through 20 June.

Mr. Schaniel was selected by the Department of the Navy's Office of Civilian Manpower Management to be one of the Navy's thirteen participants during Fiscal

The Federal Executive Institute is held in Charlottesville, Virginia, in collaboration with the University of Virginia. It is an eight-week residential, advanced study center for top-level employees from every branch of the fed-

eral service.
The Federal Executive Institute was established in May 1968 by Presidential Order and opened its doors for its first session on 13 October 1968. Mr. Schaniel will be attending the fourth eight-week



CARL SCHANIEL

session of the Institute. Its residential setting, along with its interagency character provides the program in executive education with unique

Over the eight-week period, top scientists from defense and non-defense agencies, education and social welfare specialists, engineers, attor-neys, and managemant people have opportunities to en-gage in protracted dialog. Their common intellectual ground is their leadership re-

The broad goals of the Institute are: (1). To heighten responsiveness to national needs and goals; (2). To increase appreciation of the totality of the governmental system; and (3). To improve knowledge of managerial pro-

During Fiscal Year 1969 all the major departmens and agencies will send their officer to the program. According to the statistics for the first and second sessions of the Institute participating executives will be in the top three grade levels, about 47 years of age, with over 20 years of service, holders of an advanced degree, and from a variety of educational backgrounds.



July 1, 1969 Military Pay Schedule

HERE are the new basic pay scales which will go into effect 1 July 1969. Each pay step for each pay grade shows the former pay rate, the new pay rate, and the dollar increase. If no amount is shown, amount under preceding "years of

Present basic pay for members of the Joint Chiefs of Staff is \$2,493; this will be increased to \$2,807.10 per month. Basic pay for the Army and Marine Corps Sergeants Major, the Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy, and the Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force, presently \$902.40, will be increased to \$1,016.10.

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	Present Difference	1425.00	184.20	1493.70	1493.70	1493.70	192.90	192.90	201.00	201.00	217.80	1728.00	1860.60	1860.60	
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	Present Difference	135.00	144.30	144.30	144.30	150.60	150.60	159.60	159.60	167.40	184.20	196.80	196.80	1563.00	
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RECEIVE SAFETY AWARDS - Captain K. C. Abplanalp, Public Works Officer, poses with a group of First Line Supervisors after they were presented with Safety Awards for their part in the Public Works Department's one million manhours without a disabling work injury. Public Works has had no disabling injury since July, 1968, improving their record by almost 500 per cent. Captain M. R. Etheridge, NWC Com-

mander, recently awarded a Certificate of Significant Achievement to Capt. K. C. Abplanalp for the historic feat. Capt. Abplanalp was quoted as saying "The credit for such an achievement must be shared by all hands in the Department. Without the complete and total support of every individual, the goal could never have been achieved." The photo was taken in the Public Works compound.

LT. ROBERT McLEAN reported aboard as the Flight Surgeon for VX-5 on Febru-ary 11, 1969. The Jackson, Mississippi native is a graduate of Washington University School of Medicine, in St. Louis, Missouri. Since entering the Navy in July, 1968, he has attended the Naval Aerospace Medical Institute, (Flight Surgeon School), his last duty assignment before joining the staff at the NAF Dispensary. He and his wife Helaine reside at 306-A Thompson St., on the Center.

Personnel Warned Against Remarks Aboard Airlines

Military personnel and their wives traveling on civil air carriers are warned that Federal regulations require the personnel of the carriers to report immediately to local police and the FBI any comment pertaining to bombs, explosive devices, weapons or piracy in connection with a flight.

Any careless remark, no matter how innocent, overheard by an airline employee is treated as a direct threat to the safety of aircraft and passengers. Jokes and lightheart- ship ed comments can result in heavy fines or imprisonment.

Airline personnel have been directed not to weigh the validity of intent of any such statement, but to report it and identify the source for arrest pur-

Pageant Contestants Meet Sponsors At Center Party

Fifteen Beauties Vie for Title

Fifteen comely candidates, who will vie for the top title in the Miss Ridgecrest - China Lake Pageant on May 24, met with members of the pageant staff Wednesday evening, dur-ing a Pepsi Party held in the Community Center.

The Pageant candidates are: Miss Aero Science, Lauri Neil; Miss Dealers' Association, Sybil Aulds; Miss Desert Campus, Carol Brown; Miss California Interstate Telephone Company (CITCO), Debbi Dalton; Miss Genge Industries, Susan Par-ry; Miss Huceks Travel, Ann Washburn; Miss Kiwanis, Vivi-an Parker; Miss Lions, Susan Wilson; Miss USMC, Debi Huntley; Miss NAACP, Mary Davis; Miss NAF, Cherie Kohlenberg; Miss NWC, Susan Williams; Miss Optimist, Jean Cadman; Miss Special Projects, Diana West; and Miss WACOM, Linda Rainsberger.

The purpose of the meeting was for the candidates and their parents to become acquainted with members of the pageant staff who will be working with the candidates during the next five weeks of rehearsals in preparation for the pag-

View Miss America Film In addition, the candidates met representatives of local business firms, service clubs, and fraternal organizations who will be their pageant sponsors, and viewed the film "Who Will Be Miss America" which tells the history of the Miss America Pageant.

The local pageant is affiliated with the Miss America and Miss California Pageants. The winner of the Miss Ridgecrest-China Lake Pageant competes in the Miss Kern County Pageant. The winning Miss Kern County will compete in the Miss California Pageant at Santa Cruz in June and could even go on to become Miss America and receive a \$10,000 scholar-

Mrs. Florence Green, hostess committee chairman, outlined for the candidates and their parents what is expected of a candidate and how much time she must devote to rehearsals.

Experiences Related Susan Zissos, winner of the



CANDIDATES FOR THE Miss Ridgecrest-China Lake Beauty title were announced last Wednesday evening at a Pepsi Party held at the Community Center, at 7:30 p.m. The Pageant, which is sponsored jointly by the Ridgecrest Chamber of Commerce and the China Lake Community Council, will be held Saturday evening, May 24. After a welcome by Margy Zinke, Pageant Director, and an introduction of past Pageant directors

and the present staff, the candidates and their sponsors were introduced. The candidates for this year's Pageant are: Back row, I-r, Diana West, Ann Washburn, Linda Rainsberger, Susan Parry, Vivian Parker, Lauri Neil, Susan Williams and Susan Wilson. In the front row, I-r, are: Sybil Aulds, Carol Brown, Jean Cadman, Debbie Dalton, Mary Etta Davis, Debi Huntley and Cherie

candidates as "five weeks of finishing school."

"The professional tips one receives on grooming, personl appearance, and fashion will nhance the personality of any girl," Miss Zissos said.

Darlis Owen, a 1968 pageant contestant, told the candidates that the swimsuit portion of the pageant was the most difficult for her. "You are inclined to hurry your walk. You feel uncovered indoors. It's a

Miss Congeniality title in the different story on the beach, 1968 pageant, described the but on stage you are the cenfive weeks of rehearsals to the ter of attention and you can't hide any faults under a swimsuit," she said.

Other former pageant candidates relating their experiences and answering questions for the girls were Vicki Romero, Terry Fox, and Becky

Terry Fox and Lana Abbott will coach the candidates in modeling. Miss Abbott is a newcomer to the area from Portland, Ore., where she was a

Will Be Chaperoned Pageant director Margy Zinke pointed out to the parents that the candidates will be chaperoned at all rehearsals and public appearances. Darlis Owen and Becky Vincent will serve as chaperones. Wives of sponsors will also serve as chaperones when candidates visit ervice clubs or busines

groups.

Pageant producer Herb Childers, who will coach the candidates in their talent presentations, told the candidates to choose the one that was most natural to them whether it be dancing, singing, or playing a musical instrument.

A resident of the area for 22 years, Childer's experience covers both acting and directing. He has directed such productions as "The King and I," and "The Odd Couple" and has appeared in "Barefoot in the Park" as Paul Bratter, the straightlaced bridegroom.

Other pageant staff members on hand to answer questions were John Emery and Glenn Shoblom, assistant pageant directors; Ed Barnett, of radio station KLOA, who will serve as master of ceremonies for the pageant; Vernon Green, program chairman; Jim Adamson, program ads; Ray Marsh and Frank Backus, public re-

Dick Zurn, ticket sales chairman, announced that the Pep Club would assist in ticket sales. Eyeing the bevy of comely candidates to tell the pageant story in pictures were photographers Chief Ray Peters and Jack Oliver. Also present was LT(jg) Jim Changaris, who is in charge of securing udges, and will assist Betty Emery and Danny Rode with Scholarship Fund dona-

Applaud Committee ripple of applause greeted the introduction of the entry committee which screened and interviewed the candidates. The committee is comprised of Elizabeth Ahern, chairman, Anne Etheridge, Lurlene Kemp, Tony Squillace, O. A. (Gabe) Imer, Jim Poore, and Rev. Fred Strathdee.

Further applause greeted the announcement that Miller's for Men and Women are securing swimsuits for the pageant from Catalina Swimwear. Sponsor's banners will be donated by Butler Home Appliance and be made by Jessie Turnbow, Singer manager.

Book Moratorium At Kern Library

During the week of April 20-26 all books, regardless of the length of time overdue, may be returned to any Kern County Library branch without fine and without questions.

In announcing the week-long moratorium, Library officials urge patrons to look through their closets, check book shelves, peek under car seats and into dark corners in order to find those long-overdue and long-forgotten books and get them back to the library. There are just two days left, today and tomorrow, so hurry!

Community Council Discusses NWC Animal Control, New TV Channel

man were picked to represent the Council at the meeting which was held at the home of Mr. Jim Heck, Ridgecrest City Administrator, Monday, April 21.

Friday, April 25, 1969

A tentative date of November 1 was chosen for the next Congress for Community Progress. A letter, signed jointly by the Council and the Chamber of Commerce, will be sent to organizations in the Valley, asking that they choose representatives for the help map out plans for the

Animal Control In other action at the April 15 meeting of the Council, it was decided to wait for a period of four to six months while the new program for control of domestic animals on the Center is tested. This new program, which includes regular patrolling of housing areas on the Center by the Indian Wells Animal Contol Officer, will be carefully watched to see if it brings about the desired results.

The Council reminded residents of the Center that dogs in their neighborhoods who become nuisances by being out or otherwise disturbing the

NEW STAFF WRITER - Jack Lindsey, new staff writer on

the Rocketeer, looks over the Kern County Civil Defense

and Disaster Council booklet, "Desert Survival." The Di-

rector of the IWV Civil Defense has made a supply of

these booklets available to the Safety Department. Interest-

ed individuals may obtain a copy either by stopping at the

Department office located just east of the Center Dispen-

sary or by calling 72215, 72267 or 71362.

At the regular meeting of cer at 375-5044 or by issuing a the China Lake Community complaint against the owner, Council April 15, Ralph Nuc- if known. Two complaints kolls of the Ridgecrest Cham- within a six month period ber of Commerce attended to bring about a citation to the request Council participation Community Hearing Board, in a meeting to discuss and which could result in the set up another Congress for owner being deprived of the Community Progress. Mrs. privilege of owning an ani-Ruth Schuyler and Ted Berg- mal on the Center.

See Channel 29

The Council also announced that negotiations are in process with Channel 29, CBS-KBAK, in Bakersfield, which will result in this channel being received in the Valley. Equipment is presently being borrowed from the Electronic Missiles and Communications Co., Mt. Vernon, Virginia, which will be installed in the very near future.

Another topic of discussion Project Committee. This com- was the feasibility of bike mittee will meet May 19, also paths. Mr. Ted Bergman rea tentative date, to set up the ported that bike traffic on the programs for the next Con- roads which presently holds gress. Tom Ludke, of the up rush hour traffic might PG&E Community Develop-possibly be alleviated by put-ment Office, will attend to ting in bike paths along the more heavily travelled streets.

Don Cooper reported that he has written to the student body representative of both Murray Junior High School and Burroughs High School asking that they speak to the students of both schools regarding proper conduct while cycle riding.

The Community Council meets in the Joshua Room, Community Center, at 7:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month. All China Lake residents over the age of 18 are automatically members of the Community Council and are encouraged to attend these meetings. Residents are also encouraged to contact of control. barking excessively their precinct representatives to relay any community propeace. may be reported to blems which they would like the IWV Animal Control Offi- brought up at these meetings.



RICHARD A. HALEN, principal of Groves School, is shown holding a picture of LT-GEN. L. R. Groves, USA (ret), for whom the school and the street it is on, are named. The picture was presented to the school by Capt. R. Williamson II, Executive Officer,

NWC, at a program Monday, April 21, at the school. The fifth graders at the school put on a playlet about how a school on a Navy base came to be named after an Army General. Gen. Groves was the director of the Manhattan Project from 1942 to 1947.

Board of Trade To Hold Meeting At China Lake

The Naval Weapons Center will be the site for a meeting of the Kern County Board of Trade directors, Thursday, May 8. The members will make a tour of the NWC facilities which will be coordinated by Joe Miller of Ridgecrest, a Director on the Board of Trade.

Miller and Robert Duguid president of the Ridgecrest Chamber of Commerce, are coordinating with Capt. M. R. Etheridge, NWC Commander, in making arrangements for the meeting and special tour.

Members of the Board of Supervisors and representatives of Chambers of Commerce throughout Kern County will be invited to participate in the day-long program.

Milller noted that NWC is the largest single employer in the county with a payroll that compares with the total industrial payroll in the area. NWC's annual budget exceeds \$150 million, with the payroll for the more than 12,000 residents at China Lake in excess of \$46 million annually.

"NWC has an important bearing on Kern County's total economy," Miller said. "We feel this civil exchange will give leaders throughout the County a better insight into the magnitude of this vital facility and further strengthen the good relations that now exist," he stated.

The business session for the directors of the Board of Trade will be held starting at 10 a.m. in the Commissioned Officers' Mess.

Capt. Etheridge will brief visitors following a civic 23, the couple honeymooned luncheon. After the briefing, Board of Trade directors and guests will be guided on a tour of new developments in the City of Ridgecrest, followed by a tour of facilities and technical projects at NWC.

Robert Bovee, president, said it is the policy of the Board of Trade to hold meetings in different areas of the county in order to discuss mutual community - county will be at the Community Cenmatters and strengthen intra-county ties.



John C. Shepherd, a member of the systems analysis group, Code 55034, is the latest recipient of the Master's degree in engineering from UC-

Currently involved in studies of systems simulation, failure reporting data, and related projects, Shepherd wrote his hesis on the subject, "Parameter Estimation as Applies to the Problem of Pseudo Con-trol Tracking Infrared Air-to-Air Missiles." Allen R. Stubberud, Associate Professor of Engineering, was chairman of the

Mr. Shepherd first came to NWC in the summer of 1964 as a student employee. After where he remained until as-

Special credit should be givwork that he married her 10 at 72714 or 71790. days after obtaining the final approval of his thesis.

in Code 5531. After their wed- p.m. ding in San Francisco on March at 214-A Langley.

Aetna Agent At **Community Center** On April 29

The Aetna Insurance representative, Mr. Howard Keenan, ter next Tuesday, April 29, from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Dr. George Davis **Featured Speaker** At Annual Dinner

Dr. George Davis who is in charge of Public Information and Mental Health Education for the Los Angeles County Mental Health Department will be the guest speaker at the Eighteenth Annual Dinner Meeting of the Desert Counseling Clinic to be held Tuesday, April 29th, at the COM. His topic will be, "Direction of the Company of the Compa ections of Social Conciousness from One Generation into Another.

Dr. Davis holds a Master's degree from Bradley University in Peoria, Illinois and a Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology from UCLA. Dr. Davis was a student of Dr. George Lehner who was originally scheduled to speak but who was forced to cancel due to unforeseen circumstances.

While on the staff of a surgical hospital, Dr. Davis conducted a study of anxiety related to surgical patients and was also staff psychologist at Chest Disease Hospital. Since joining the staff of

the Los Angeles County Mental Health Department, Dr. Davis has worked in several areas including welfare, pareceiving his B.S.E.E. from Chi- role, probation and law enco State in February, 1965, he forcement. He has also been returned as a Junior Profes- working in mental health sional assigned to Code 5522 programs for the public schools in both drug educasuming his present position in tion and adolescence prob-Code 55034 in the spring of lems as they relate to the public schools.

Tickets for the dinner may en to the typist of Shepherd's still be obtained by calling thesis, as she did such good the Clinic, as soon as possible,

Persons unable to arrive for the dinner at 7 p.m. are wel-Mrs. Shepherd, the former come to attend the program Doris Lukens, is the secretary which will begin about 8:30

in Hawaii, and now are at home Boat Inspections

On the first and third Saturdays of each month, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., the US Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 76, will perform Courtesy Boat Examinations at Lake Isabella. at the request of boat owners.

The examinations, which will take place at the permit station, are given as a service to boat owners in order that the Auxiliary might continue their practice of ensuring the public's safety while afloat.



CODE 17 AWARDS - Monroe B. Sorge, Head, Central Staff, presented Outstanding Performance Ratings, giving them a Quality Step Increase, to, from I to r, Jim Fath,

Norma Jones, Sorge, Robert McKenzie and Gale Poppen. The presentations were made in the Administration Building, Thursday, April 17.