

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 leader? YES!

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 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 department?

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.

PROMOTIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

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

The vacancies listed below are effective from 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 establishing 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 aeronautical 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 departments.

File applications for the above with Corde Cadde, Bldg. 34, Rm. 26, Ext. 71648.

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 Proaslowicz, Bldg. 34, Rm. 28, Ext. 71577.



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

Table with bus schedule details including Southbound and Northbound routes, departure/arrival times, and station names like R'crest, Mojave, L'caster, LA, and Mojave.

Tickets and additional information concerning the Greyhound Line may be obtained at Hucek's Travel Center in Ridgecrest, Ph. 375-1338.

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 is available in the library.

- List of new books categorized by Fiction and Non-Fiction, including titles like 'A Place Called Saturday', 'The Americans and the French', and 'The Dark Side of the Marketplace'.



DESERT MARDI-GRAS - Joanne and Dick Rusciollelli are semi-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.

Former Senior Chaplain Odell 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 for "... meritorious service from April 1966 to January 1969 while serving as Flotilla Chaplain on the staff of Commander Submarine Flotilla TWO.

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 four 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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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.

The Rocketeer

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DIVINE SERVICES

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

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

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 Friday.

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

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

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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 afternoon 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-Telegram.

"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 Bernardino Valley College. She has won numerous awards for her own paintings and she painted two murals for St. Catherine's Church in Ri-alto.

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



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.

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.

Ceramic Art Show At Community Center



CERAMIC HOBBY SHOW

Above is a sample of the fantastic variety of 162 entries displayed at the Desert Ceramic Club Hobby Show April 21 and 22 at the Community 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.



Desert Art League To Exhibit Rev. Neipp's Art

The Desert Art League will present the oil paintings of Reverend Paul C. Neipp, pastor of Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Ridgecrest, beginning Monday April 28, in the Community Center. The one man show, which will be on display for two weeks, will be available to visitors of the Wildflower Festival this weekend.

Rev. Neipp, publisher and editor of Through to Victory, as well as pastor of his church, has been in the area

for 27 years. He first began painting in 1953. The Pastor calls himself a "Monday painter." ... provided his pastoral duties allow him the time. The exhibit will consist primarily of desert scenes, but will also include portraits and mountain-meadow scenes. The Reverend catches the moody, free transient silence of the scenes he paints.

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

has not only brought him a means of expression, but has brought him back to good health. This love is quite evident in his majestic mountains, serene wildness and brilliant wildflowers of his palette.

You're an old timer if you can remember when mother's meals were carefully thought out instead of thawed out.

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 similarly affected.

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 activities.

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:

ALASKA 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 December, 1969.

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 September 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.

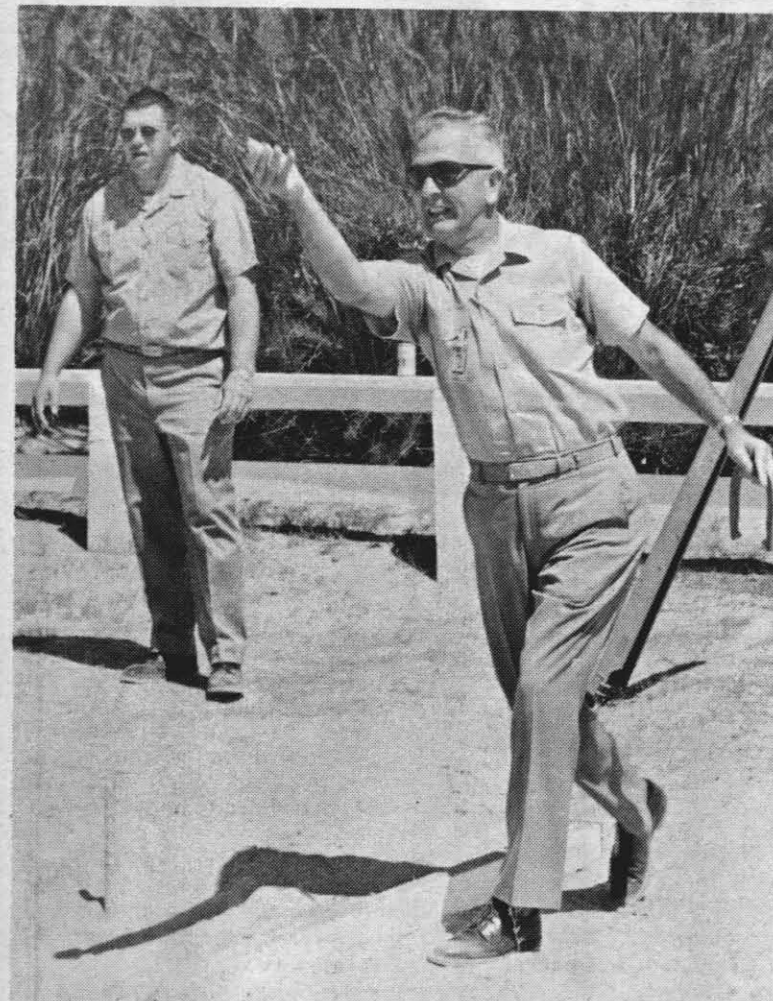
Port Moller - The Air Force's Detachment 4714th Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron at the Port Moller DEW Station will be inactivated and the facility declared excess by September 1969.

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 December 1969.

Uninak - The Air Force's Detachment 3714th Aircraft 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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MINVILLE 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.

Kayak Races Highlight Kern Parade Report

A weekend full of excitement awaits the outdoor enthusiasts in Kern River Valley the Kern County Board of Trade reports. Touching off the busy week end will be the Whitewater Kayak Races at Kernville. 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 1-3/4 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 anticipated for the Kayak races and Whiskey Flat Days events.

Tennis enthusiasts are reminded to be ready for the major spring tournament to be held May 24-25. The club welcomes new members. Interested persons should call Joan Bustard at 723314.

Tennis Club Doubles Tournament

Top-seeded teams were the 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. In women's doubles, Joan

Leipnik and Rita Wack moved through a semi-finals victory over Joan Bustard and Sherry Miller (10-5) to confront B. J. Peck and Janie Cleaves in the finals. The Leipnik-Wack team 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. Interested persons should call Joan Bustard at 723314.

NWC Navy Wins Premier League

The Monday night Premier League wound up the season 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 keepers were 1 1/2 games ahead, and needed to win only one of the three games to win the league. They ran neck and neck until the eighth frame when the first two men on the Taxi squad opened, and Bill Tenan and Bob Owens of NWC doubled, breaking Blue Bird's back. The upshot was NWC took all three to win the title by 4 1/2 games.

Tom's Place 42.5 47.5
Starlite Room 42 48
Vivian Woodard 41 49
Foremost Dairy 26 64

Other League Action
In other league action Maggie Branson shot a 556 to lead the Monday Women's Scratch League, and her 215 was high game for the night. The IAM team took high game honors with an 833 and Millers took series honors, shooting 2329 for three.

Other high series for the evening were: Sally Stephenson, 535; Patty Maxwell, 501; Royce Dowd, 511; Rosie Andre, 503, and Wilma Johnson, 508.

Wednesday Night Handicap
Sally Stephenson blasted the pins for a 240 to lead the scoring in the Women's Wednesday 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 Jerry Holland, 514.

In Desert League action the Aeronauts hit 3031 for high team series and 1109 for high team game for the night.

John Nicholson and Bob Nelligan each shot 242 to lead the way in single game honors, and Nelligan put together games of 171-242-223 to shoot 636 for high individual series.

With just one night left in league action, the Goers, who have won 75 1/2 games and lost 44 1/2 lead the Road Runners, 72-48. Ridgcrest Automotive has third place with a 71-49 record.

Final Standings

Team	Won	Lost
NWC Navy	58	32
Blue Bird Taxi	53.5	36.5
Mercury Movers	50	40
A.V. Trophy	47	43
Davis Pool & Patio	46.5	43.5
Boyd's Auto Parts	45.5	44.5

Second Model Airplane Meeting Scheduled at Fairgrounds May 17

The second in a series of three model airplane contests, sponsored by the Indian Wells Valley Council of the Navy League is to be held at the Desert Empire Fairgrounds parking lot at 8 a.m. on May 17.

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 Frank Zaic design, is known as the Flash X-18 Contest Kit. The 75 cent entry fee also covers the cost of the kit.

Model Airplane Contest Entry Form

Please Print All Information

Name _____ China Lake Inyokern
No. & Street _____ Ridgcrest Trona
Date of Birth _____

Entry is hereby made as a contestant in the model contest to be held _____
I agree to abide by the rules established for the contest. If I am a contestant in Class 2 category, I hereby affirm that I will have constructed the model I fly in its entirety.

(Signed) _____

TO BE SIGNED BY PARENT OR GUARDIAN:
I hereby release the sponsor, the Indian Wells Valley Council of the Navy League of the United States, and contest officials for any responsibility in connection with the conduct of the contest.

(Signed) _____
(Date) _____

KEEP AMERICA GREEN

PREVENT FOREST FIRES



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.

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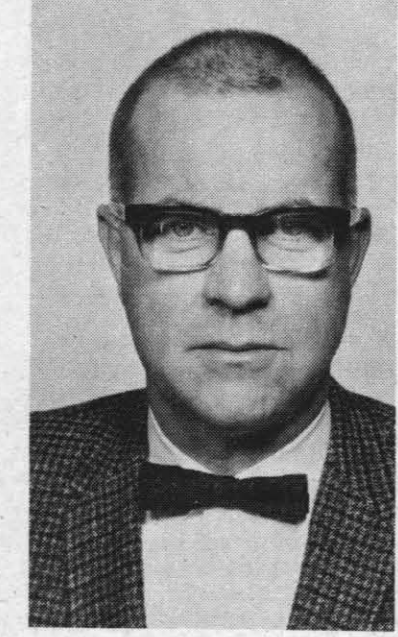
Carl Schaniel To Attend Federal Executive Institute

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 Year 1969.

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 federal 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 qualities.

Over the eight-week period, top scientists from defense and non-defense agencies, education and social welfare specialists, engineers, attorneys, and management people have opportunities to engage in protracted dialog. Their common intellectual ground is their leadership responsibility.

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 processes.

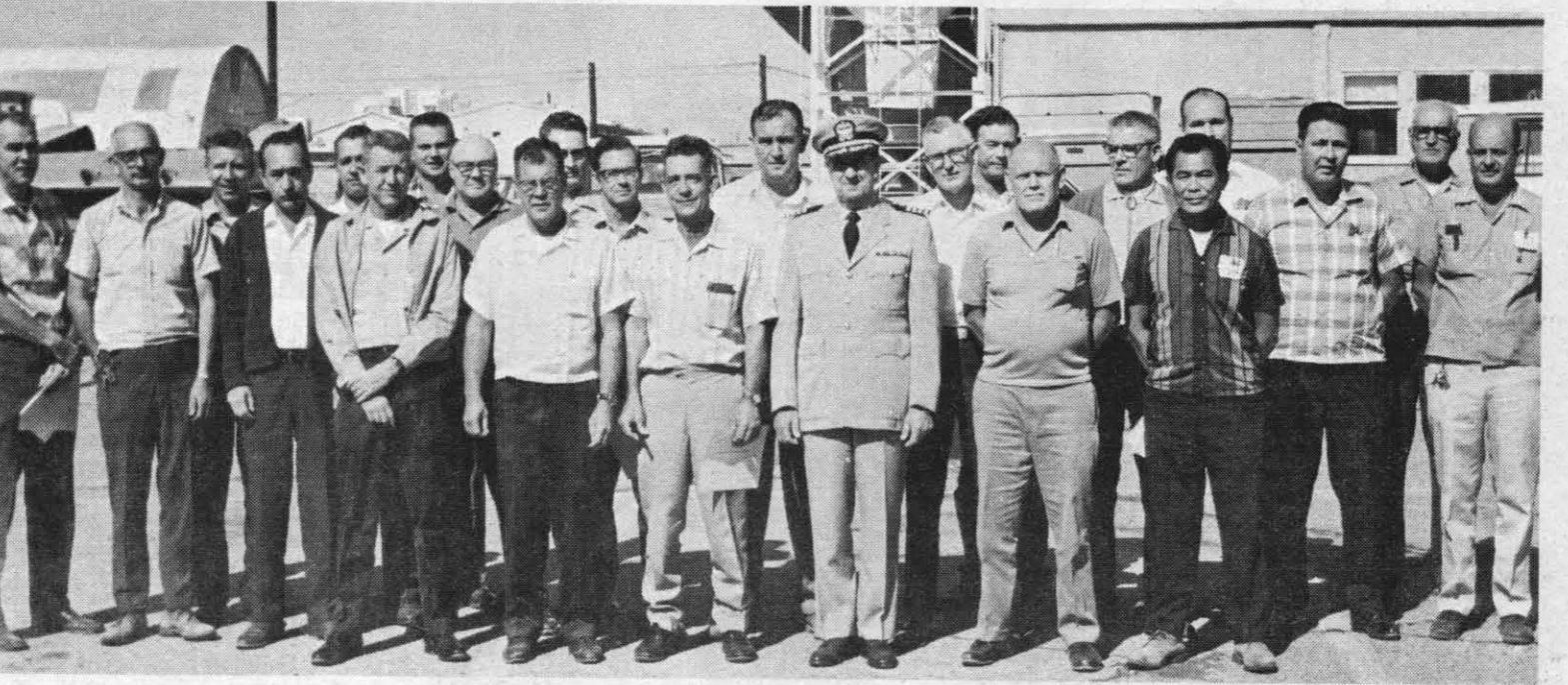
During Fiscal Year 1969 all the major departments and agencies will send their officer to the program. According to the statistics for the first and second sessions of the Institute participating executives will be in the top three grade levels, about 47 years of age, with over 20 years of service, holders 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 service" applies.

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.

Pay Grade	Under 2	Over 2	Over 3	Over 4	Over 6	Over 8	Over 10	Over 12	Over 14	Over 16	Over 18	Over 20	Over 22	Over 26
OFFICERS														
0-10	Proposed \$1810.20	\$1874.10	\$1874.10	\$1874.10	\$1874.10	\$1945.80	\$1945.80	\$2094.90	\$2094.90	\$2094.90	\$2094.90	\$2394.60	\$2394.60	\$2394.60
0-9	Proposed \$1607.10	\$1668.40	\$1668.40	\$1668.40	\$1668.40	\$1784.10	\$1784.10	\$1784.10	\$1784.10	\$1784.10	\$1784.10	\$1784.10	\$1784.10	\$1784.10
0-8	Proposed \$1425.00	\$1462.20	\$1462.20	\$1462.20	\$1462.20	\$1531.60	\$1531.60	\$1531.60	\$1531.60	\$1531.60	\$1531.60	\$1531.60	\$1531.60	\$1531.60
0-7	Proposed \$1262.60	\$1299.70	\$1299.70	\$1299.70	\$1299.70	\$1374.00	\$1374.00	\$1374.00	\$1374.00	\$1374.00	\$1374.00	\$1374.00	\$1374.00	\$1374.00
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0-4	Proposed \$794.40	\$822.00	\$822.00	\$822.00	\$822.00	\$854.00	\$854.00	\$854.00	\$854.00	\$854.00	\$854.00	\$854.00	\$854.00	\$854.00
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OFFICERS WITH OVER FOUR YEARS OF ENLISTED SERVICE														
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E-1	Proposed \$14.00	\$14.00	\$14.00	\$14.00	\$14.00	\$14.00	\$14.00	\$14.00	\$14.00	\$14.00	\$14.00	\$14.00	\$14.00	\$14.00
*E-1	Proposed \$11.20	\$11.20	\$11.20	\$11.20	\$11.20	\$11.20	\$11.20	\$11.20	\$11.20	\$11.20	\$11.20	\$11.20	\$11.20	\$11.20



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 man-hours 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 Commander, 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.

MOTHER'S DAY

MAY 11th



LT. ROBERT McLEAN reported aboard as the Flight Surgeon for VX-5 on February 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.

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 Ridgcrest - China Lake Pageant on May 24, met with members of the pageant staff Wednesday evening, during 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 Parry; Miss Huceks Travel, Ann Washburn; Miss Kiwanis, Vivian Parker; Miss Lions, Susan Wilson; Miss USMC, Debi Huntley; Miss NAAAP, 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 pageant.

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 Ridgcrest-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 scholarship.

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 Ridgcrest-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 Ridgcrest 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, l-r, Diana West, Ann Washburn, Linda Rainsberger, Susan Parry, Vivian Parker, Lauri Neil, Susan Williams and Susan Wilson. In the front row, l-r, are: Sybil Aulds, Carol Brown, Jean Cadman, Debbi Dalton, Mary Etta Davis, Debi Huntley and Cherie Kohlenberg.

Miss Congeniality title in the 1968 pageant, described the five weeks of rehearsals to the candidates as "five weeks of finishing school."

"The professional tips one receives on grooming, personal appearance, and fashion will enhance 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

different story on the beach, but on stage you are the center 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 Vincent.

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 model.

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 service clubs or business 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, Childers' 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 relations.

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 lighthearted 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 purposes.



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

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

Community Council Discusses NWC Animal Control, New TV Channel

At the regular meeting of the China Lake Community Council April 15, Ralph Nuckolls of the Ridgcrest Chamber of Commerce attended to request Council participation in a meeting to discuss and set up another Congress for Community Progress. Mrs. Ruth Schuyler and Ted Bergman were picked to represent the Council at the meeting which was held at the home of Mr. Jim Heck, Ridgcrest City Administrator, Monday, April 21.

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 Project Committee. This committee will meet May 19, also a tentative date, to set up the programs for the next Congress. Tom Ludke, of the PG&E Community Development Office, will attend to help map out plans for the Congress.

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 Control 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 of control, barking excessively or otherwise disturbing the peace, may be reported to the IWV Animal Control Office at 375-5044 or by issuing a complaint against the owner, if known. Two complaints within a six month period bring about a citation to the Community Hearing Board, which could result in the owner being deprived of the privilege of owning an animal 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 was the feasibility of bike paths. Mr. Ted Bergman reported that bike traffic on the roads which presently holds up rush hour traffic might possibly be alleviated by putting 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 their precinct representatives to relay any community problems which they would like 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 Ridgcrest, a Director on the Board of Trade.

Miller and Robert Duguid, president of the Ridgcrest 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.

Miller 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 luncheon. After the briefing, Board of Trade directors and guests will be guided on a tour of new developments in the City of Ridgcrest, 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 matters and strengthen intra-county ties.

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, "Directions of Social Consciousness from One Generation into Another."

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

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

Mr. Shepherd first came to NWC in the summer of 1964 as a student employee. After receiving his B.S.E.E. from Chico State in February, 1965, he returned as a Junior Professional assigned to Code 5522 where he remained until assuming his present position in Code 55034 in the spring of 1968.

Special credit should be given to the typist of Shepherd's thesis, as she did such good work that he married her 10 days after obtaining the final approval of his thesis.

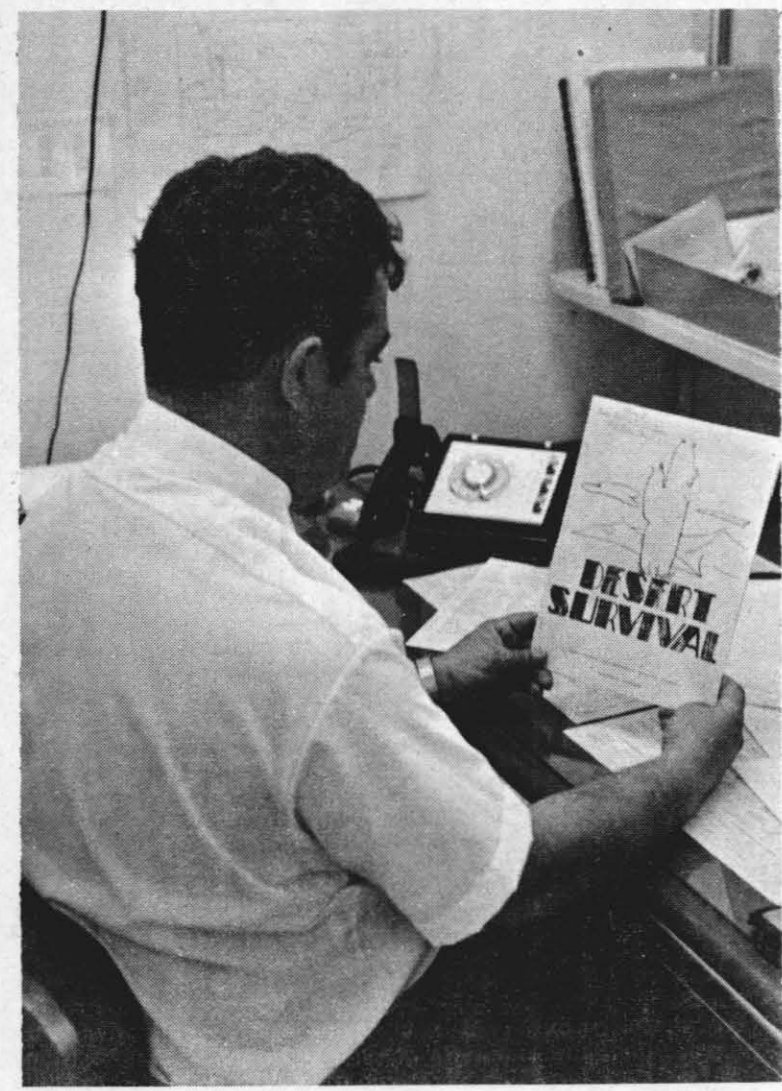
Mrs. Shepherd, the former Doris Lukens, is the secretary in Code 5531. After their wedding in San Francisco on March 23, the couple honeymooned in Hawaii, and now are at home at 214-A Langley.

Aetna Agent At Community Center On April 29

The Aetna Insurance representative, Mr. Howard Keenan, will be at the Community Center next Tuesday, April 29, from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.

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.



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 Director of the IWV Civil Defense has made a supply of these booklets available to the Safety Department. Interested individuals may obtain a copy either by stopping at the Department office located just east of the Center Dispensary or by calling 72215, 72267 or 71362.

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 bookshelves, 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!