



CHUCKLES THE CHIPMUNK — Tom Turnbaugh (l) who portrays Chuckles the Chipmunk in the Community Light Opera and Theatre Association production, "A Thousand Clowns," tries to win back his chief comedy writer Murray Burns, portrayed by Jim Hess (holding boy), by presenting Burns' nephew Nick Burns, played by Jerry Welsh, with a life-size statue of himself in "Chipmunk" costume. In this scene, the boy registers disapproval of the comic's status. Final performances of "A Thousand Clowns" will be offered at 8:15 p.m. tonight and tomorrow night at Murray School Auditorium on the Center. "Brigadoon," CLOTA's coming attraction, will hold tryouts May 5, 6, and 7 at the Davis Hangar at Upjohn and Ridgcrest Blvd., beginning at 7:30 p.m. There will be a pianist at the tryouts.

SHOWBOAT

NEW RATING PROCEDURES
Future ratings for motion pictures shown at the Center Theater will be based on two different types of ratings—the familiar Parents' Magazine ratings, and the new MPA (Motion Picture Association of America) ratings. (The Parents' Magazine ratings will eventually be superseded completely by the MPA ratings.)
The rating designations are:
MPAA*
(G)—General audiences.
(M)—Mature audiences, parents should use discretion.
(R)—Restricted, persons under 16 admitted only with parent or legal guardian.
PARENTS**
(A)—Adult
(Y)—Youths 13-17
(C)—Children 8-12
(M)—Mature for Y & C

FRIDAY MAY 2
"THE PARTY" (99 Min.)
Peter Sellers, Claudine Longet

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

SATURDAY MAY 3
—MATINEE—
"AFRICA, TEXAS STYLE" (109 Min.)
Hugh O'Brian
1:00 P.M.

Shorts: "Munro" (7 Min.)
"Capt. Marvel" (No. 11, 17 Min.)
—EVENING—

"HALLELUJAH TRAIL" (145 Min.)
Burt Lancaster, Lee Remick
7:30 P.M.

(Western/Comedy) Ply the poor cavalry officer who has to protect 40 wagon loads of barreled whisky everyone wants—including marauding Indians and a fiery, beautiful temperance leader. FUNNIEST WESTERN EVER MADE! (**Adult)

SUNDAY-MONDAY MAY 4-5
"ASSASSINATION BUREAU" (110 Min.)
Oliver Reed, Telly Savallas
7:30 P.M.

(Comedy/Adventure) Rip-roaringly funny Jack London story of a newsman who approaches the head of the titled bureau and offers a reward for his death! (**A, Y, MC)

TUESDAY-WEDNESDAY MAY 6-7
"HELLO DOWN THERE" (98 Min.)
Tony Randall, Janet Leigh
7:30 P.M.

(Comedy) Scientist and his family get stuck with the testing of his newest undersea house. A competing scientist and two porpoises almost wreck the project. See the latest undersea vehicles, the mini sub! (G)
Short: "Race for the Golden Flag" (11 Min.)

THURSDAY-FRIDAY MAY 8-9
"BLACKBEARD'S GHOST" (107 Min.)
Peter Ustinov, Dean Jones, Suzanne Pleshette
7:30 P.M.

(Comedy) Walt Disney's fun-filled tale of a young track coach who finds an ancient book of spells which revives old Blackbeard whom only HE can see! The old pirate helps Dean's team win despite evil gamblers. (A, Y, C)
Short: "Mickey and the Seal" (7 Min.)

EDITORIAL

Check Your Housekeeping Habits

People are accustomed to living or working with fire hazards in their homes or shops and frequently don't realize they exist. This inability to recognize these fire hazards could mean your life or the life of a loved one. Now is the time to learn where these hazards are and how to eradicate them, during spring clean-up.

Good housekeeping plays a very important role in the prevention of fires in the home as well as where you work. And, Fire Prevention and good housekeeping go hand in hand. That is why clean property seldom burns.

The basic means of fire prevention is through the maintenance of a high standard of cleanliness, both within the premises and out-of-doors. The proper and regular disposal of rubbish and other combustible waste material is of utmost importance. Metal containers with covers should be used for the disposal of such trash, and the contents should be removed from shops and buildings at the end of each day's work.

Rubbish and waste should not be allowed to accumulate out-of-doors where it can easily be ignited by a carelessly discarded cigarette.

The use of lockers for waste storage also can create a place for fire to start. In storing oily rags and clothes smeared with paint in the standard locker you create a good situation for spontaneous ignition. The danger of fire originating in such lockers is great. Oily and paint covered rags should be stored only in standard receptacles equipped with self-closing covers and removed from the building at the close of each work day.

Clean cotton waste and wiping rags also are considered hazardous because they are readily flammable and they should be handled in the same manner as dirty ones. Also excelsior, straw, sawdust, burlap and shredded paper are hazardous and should be treated like rags and waste.

Good housekeeping is the key to fire safety. A good workman or housewife not only keeps rubbish at a minimum, but through regular checkups keeps an eye out for any fire hazard or fire threat.

So begin today, check your home, shop or barracks for rubbish and other combustible material which constitutes a fire hazard. Anything that is of no value should be removed from the building and disposed of in the proper manner. (AFPS)

CSC Complaints Procedures

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vidence, so they may be made available to the complainant.

On completion of the investigation the entire investigative file must be made available to the employee or his representative for review. Once the complainant has reviewed the investigative file, the agency must provide another opportunity for informal adjustment of the complaint. If no adjustment is reached, the complainant will be notified in writing of the proposed disposition of the case and will be advised of his right to a hearing before an independent Appeals Examiner from another agency who has been trained and certified by the Civil Service Commission. The entire investigative file must be given to the Appeals Examiner, and he may require a further investigation if he is not satisfied with the extent or quality of the investigation.

May Request Witnesses

The Appeals Examiner may request the agency to make available as witnesses an employee or employees requested by the complainant when he determines that their presence is necessary. He may also request the appearance of other employees whose testimony he deems necessary to supplement the information in the investigative file.

After the hearing, the Appeals Examiner will transmit the entire complaint file including the verbatim record of the hearing, together with his findings and analysis, and his recommended decision, to the head of the agency or his designee. He will inform the complainant of the date on which this is done. The head of the agency or his designee will make a final decision in the case, which must be in writing, and which may adopt, reject, or modify the decision recommended by the Appeals Examiner. When the decision is to reject or modify, the reasons must be set forth. When the agency informs the complainant of its decision it must transmit to him at the same time the recommended decision of the Appeals Examiner.

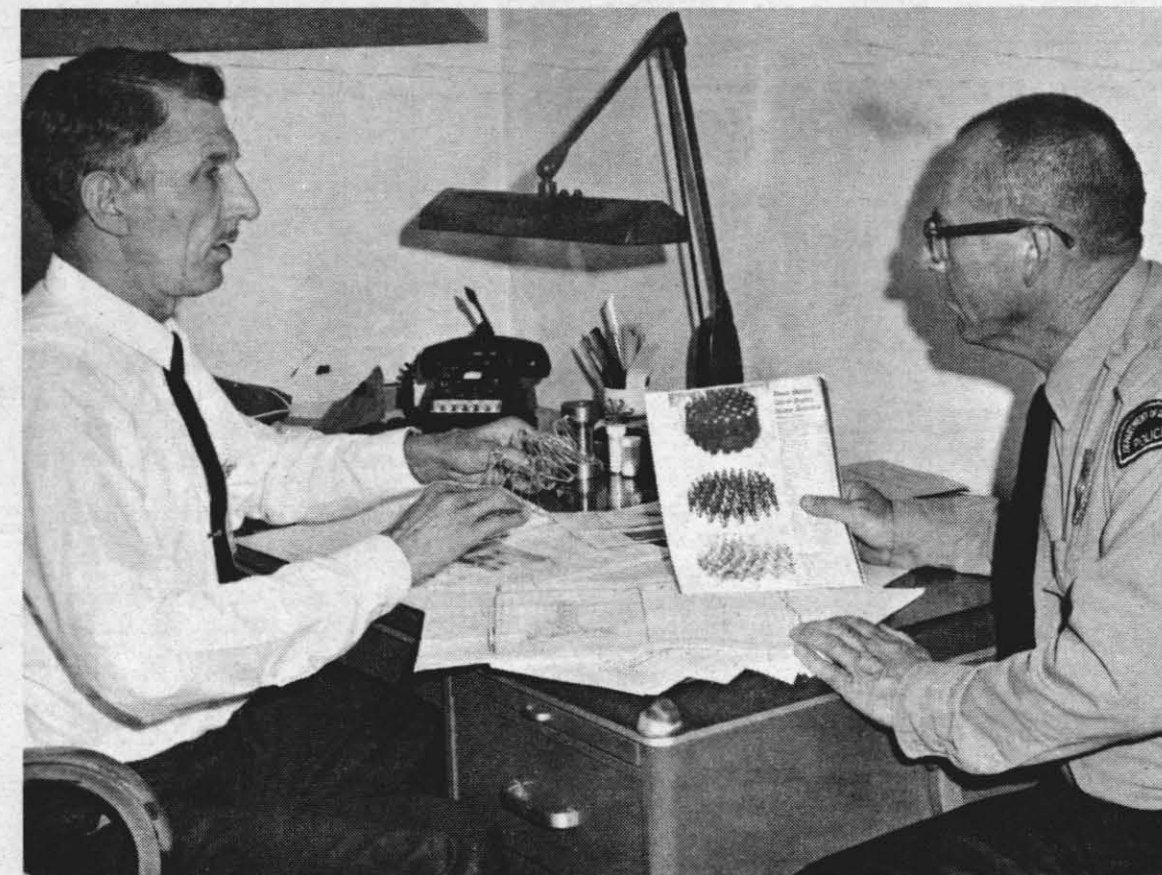
If the complainant is not satisfied with the final agency decision, he may appeal to the Commission's Board of Appeals and Review.

Employees will be entitled to representation at each stage of the proceedings. Present requirements concerning the conduct of the hearing and the appearance of witnesses will be retained.

Training of EEO Counselors by the Commission began in January, and training of Appeals Examiners will be conducted in Washington in May.

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TO _____



JAMES E. GRASSWICK, r, NWC Security Policeman, and **Gerald Baker**, Patent Officer, look over the plans of Grasswick's latest invention, "Method and Apparatus for Fabricating Structures." The Security Policeman, whose hobby is inventing, has two other inventions currently under consideration by a Navy Evaluation team, and recently received the patent on a new type of material used for raincoats.



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CSC Issues New Regulations for Complaints Procedures to Agencies

Following extensive consultation with Federal agencies and interested organizations, the U.S. Civil Service Commission has issued regulations to place into force by July 1 a new plan for resolving Federal employees as Counselors and Appeals Examiners. Also, agencies will need time to make organizational changes to carry out the new plan. Therefore, July 1 was set as the effective date for agencies to bring their plans into conformity with the new policy.

Complaints now in process and those which arise between now and July 1 will be handled under existing procedures. Announcing publication of the regulations, Commission Chairman Robert E. Hampton said, "Fair, prompt, and impartial handling of discrimination complaints is a vital aspect of an effective program for equal employment opportunity."

Objectives of Procedures

The new procedures for processing complaints of discrimination on grounds of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin have four basic objectives:

- To provide maximum opportunity for informal resolution of problems which might result in complaints.
- To provide an independent investigation of the facts when a formal complaint is lodged.
- To guarantee a fair and impartial hearing by a trained appeals examiner when a hearing is required.
- To speed up the entire complaint process.

An employee who feels that he or she has been subjected to discrimination will, as a first step, discuss the problem informally with a trained Equal Employment Opportunity Counselor. The Counselor will be free from any restraint, interference, or coercion in the performance of his duties. He must keep a record of his counseling activities and brief the installation's Equal Employment Opportunity Officer (EEOO) periodically on his activities.

In trying to resolve an employee's complaint informally, the Counselor will discuss the employee's problems with supervisors or associates as necessary in seeking a solution. When appropriate, the Counselor will make a report to the installation EEOO and recommend a course of action.

Formal Complaint Procedures

If informal resolution is not possible, the employee may file a formal complaint. When a formal complaint is filed, the Counselor makes a report to the EEOO and sends a copy to the aggrieved employee. At this point the Counselor drops out of the picture.

The agency Director of Equal Employment Opportunity will be informed when a formal complaint is filed with the installation EEOO. He will order an investigation which must be conducted by personnel of his agency who are in an echelon or installation which is not subordinate to the head of the installation in which the complaint arose.

Statements of witnesses obtained during the investigation will be under oath or affirmation, and without a pledge of con-

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Security Officer Files Invention

Device Employs Use of Spring Motion to 'Grow' Structures

Recently, considerable attention has been given to the design of machines that can execute movements or maneuvers of living things. A large aerospace industry is in the bug designing business, and the military establishment is exploring the feasibility of using spider-like contrivances for a variety of tasks. Other large companies are testing wheeled centipedes in hopes of alleviating human deployment to accomplish a structural feat.

James E. Grasswick, a member of the Security Police at NWC, recently received an initial award for an invention disclosure titled "Method and Apparatus for Fabricating Structures." His invention is similar to the combination of a seed, seed pod and grown plant, in that it provides a mechanical unit from which a structure may be assembled so that as a seed in a seed pod it may be easily transported. Then, when the seed pod is opened, the structure may be grown to full scale on the desired site.

Gerald (Gerry) Baker, a Patent Advisor in NWC's Patent Counselors Office, states that this initial award means that Mr. Grasswick's invention has been given a Navy-wide evaluation and found to be of sufficient value to the government to warrant patent protection. Application for patent is now being prepared by Baker.

The idea of growing a structure on the site where its use is desired is not new. As early as 1880, inventions of a similar nature were patented. However, most of these devices with structural beams joined together in the manner of the lazy-tongs concept.

Grasswick's invention employs the use of spring modules assembled and folded in a manner to accomplish the structure desired. The assembly is confined until triggered by any one of numerous devices, (explosion, water, gas, etc.), to erect the structure on the chosen site.

The present invention is a by-product of unsuccessful efforts to find some basic unit from which a structure could be assembled in order that the structure could be caused to alternately elongate and retract, executing movements similar to that of a moving leafworm, a basic unit that would perform mechanically, as does a muscle cell.

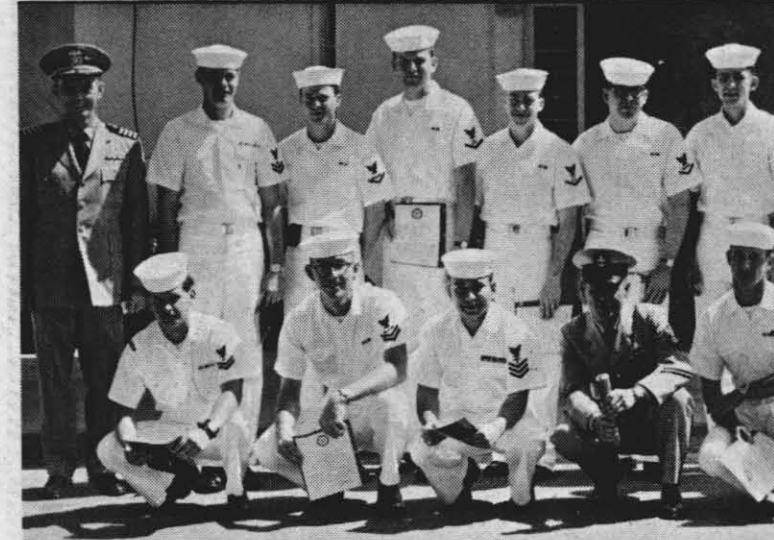
Brick and Mortar Grasswick's brain child is a structural unit which, like masonry bricks, can be arranged in a great variety of designs or patterns in order to provide for the forming of a variety of types of structural members, such as tubes, discs or plates, box beams, angle beams, T-beams, arches, columns, domes or bowls.

Since a complete structure may be formed of various sub-assemblies which themselves may be composed of bricks which stand up, while others lay down, (using the mortar brick concept), it is visualized that structures may be transported in a pod and upon the bursting of the pod, be grown on the site from the seed assembly.

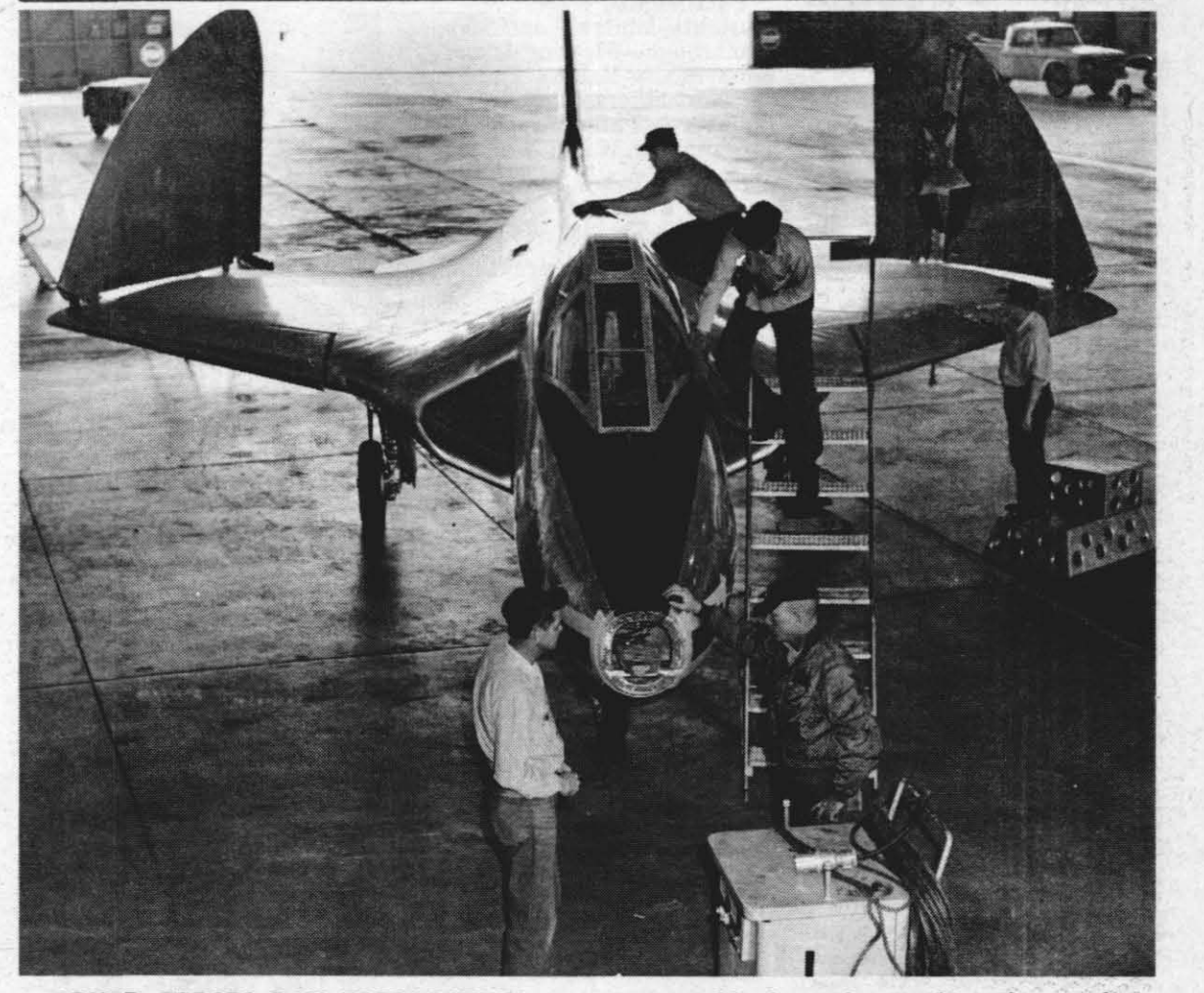
The brick and mortar concept, stated simply, is to imagine that a cylinder, for example, having an inside diameter of 25 feet and a length of 50 feet, be constructed so that upon command the bricks would change from a laying-down position to a standing-up position, or to a leaning-over position. If all the laying-down bricks were made to stand up, the cylinder would then become a tube, having an outside diameter of about 2 1/2 feet and a length of approximately 50 feet.

WILDFLOWER SHOW
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SELLS FIRST SCOUT EXPOSITION TICKETS—Lt. (jg) Jim Terrell sells the first Scout Exposition tickets to Capt. M. R. Etheridge, NWC Commander. Lt. (jg) Terrell is General Chairman of the 1969 Apollo Scout Exposition to be held Armed Forces Day, May 17, at Schoeffel Field at NWC.



ADVANCEMENT IN RATE — Fifteen men of NWC are shown after receiving Advancement in Rate certificates from Captain M. R. Etheridge, NWC Commander, (standing, l), and Cmdr. C. M. Bates, (standing, r), Commanding Officer, Enlisted Personnel. The ceremony took place in front of the Administration Bldg., Wednesday, April 16.



ARMED FORCES DAY PREPARATION — The above aircraft is being readied for Armed Forces Day by (l-r) AE1 B. Paradise, AE1 D. Reid, AA D. Lee, AZ3 J. Matthews, and AN J. Parcellin. This aircraft has held two world airspeed records and was the original test bed for the famous GE J-79 engine. It will be among those aircraft that will be on display at NAF on Saturday, May 17, as part of NWC's Armed Forces Day.

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

Help! Help! Dr. Hayakawa



By Senior Chaplain Harold A. MacNeill

Dr. S. I. Hayakawa, the author of "Language in Thought and Action," was known worldwide as a semanticist; now he is known in "the global village" as an organizer of confusion.

Some of us have heard of his churchmanship and feel that he is desperately needed to organize our confusion. COCU, the Consultation on Church Union, has asked nine denominations to use an updated version of the Apostles' Creed and the Lord's Prayer.

According to feedback, anxiety has appeared. Children learn the old version from their parents only to look at their parents with "So you're pulling a sneaky!" on the expression when they repeat the new version at the 11:00 a.m. service.

Language can be used in many ways, for example, as a weapon or as a manipulator. A prim person may manipulate people by demanding that a certain kind of language be used in their presence.

Now, we have to contend with God and how He is to be properly addressed. It makes some of us angry to hear that He is dead. On the other hand, we don't want Him fully alive.

The terms Mister, Doctor, Admiral, Professor, General or Good Master are all excellent words that assure role distance. They sort of guarantee that our personalities will not be invaded, and that we will stay a comfortable distance from others.

So God, we want the poet to say that "you are nearer than breathing and nearer than hands and feet" and we will agree to sing "GLORIA tibi DOMINE" but, when we pray, please keep your distance, we don't want to get too good a handle on you, nor do we want you to get too good a handle on us.

CENTER LIBRARY LISTS NEW BOOKS

A complete list of new books is available in the library.

- Fiction
Blish—Black Easter.
Klone—The Horse is Dead.
Knowles—Phineas.
White—Nightclimber.
Non-Fiction
American Heritage—History of the Making of the Nation, 1783-1860.
Biddle—Fighting Airman.
Cartey—Whispers From a

- Continent.
Hurlbut—Minerals and Man.
Kimbrough—Floating Island.
Musselman—Making Family Get-togethers Click.
Steinberg—Philippine Collaboration in World War II.
Mason—It Takes "Jack" to Build a House.
Turnbull—Thomas Wolfe.
Roth—Modern Bridge Bidding Complete.

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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.

PROMOTIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

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

Vacancies listed below are effective from 2 to 9 May 1969.

Supply Clerk (Typing), GS-2005-04, Code 2573 — This position is located in the Issue Control Branch, Control Division of the Supply Department and is directly responsible to the Issue Control Branch Supervisor. Duties include establishing authority for the shipment or issue of Government property; preparation of shipping documents; furnishing complete shipment data; maintaining record on all shipments.

File applications for the above with Carole Cadle, Bldg 34, Rm 26, X-71648.

Clerk (Steno) or (DMT), GS-4 or 5, Code 0532 — Secretary to the Housing Administrator handles clerical, personnel and related tasks concerning Center Housing. Interviews and assists tenants with housing policies, FHA 809 applications, tenant interior point, construction permits and self-help programs. Housing experience preferred.

Accounting Technician, GS-25-5, Code 1742 — Maintain and control the Center's official accounting (fund resources) ledgers; prepare and submit periodic financial reports and special financial statements and cost accounting analyses, and edit documents to insure accuracy of accounting data. Required the application of bookkeeping. Qualifications: two years of general experience and one year of specialized.

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

Gas Heating Equipment Mechanic JD No. 96, Code 70433 — Incumbent analyzes defective operation, disassembles, makes necessary mechanical and electric repairs, replaces worn or damaged parts, using hand tools of the trade. He installs, maintains, repairs, and/or replaces thermostats, high and low pressure regulators, diaphragm safety valves, thermocouples, combination fan and limit switches, pilots, burners, pumps, motor bearings, pulleys, belts, evaporative pads, filters, float valves, etc. Qualifications: Applicants must have had not less than 2 and 1/2 years of progressively responsible experience.

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

Administrative Assistant, GS-7, Code 305 — The position is that of Administrative Assistant for the Countermeasures Division, Systems Development Department. The physical location of the job is in Randsburg Wash. The incumbent will assist the Division Head in personnel administration, planning, budget and reporting.

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

'DESERT PHILOSOPHER'

Calico Dig

By "POP" LOFINCK



Went over to see the Calico Dig in the Calico Mountains near Barstow — and was amazed at the extent of their digging up to now. They are digging for evidence of prehistoric man in that area.

They can't dig with a shovel — they use a trowel and hammer and chisels of various sizes. That's in case they hit something it won't get broken.

They dig up artifacts — that is, stone hammers — axes — knives etc. Some are in a layer that would indicate their age to be about 8,000 years old.

Someone might ask "Why dig up the past?" Because the more we learn about the past — the better we understand the present and can predict more accurately the future.

This discovery may turn out to be the most important anthropological discovery in America — so far.

The Calico Dig is under the jurisdiction of the San Bernardino County Museum Association, 18860 Orange Street, Bloomington, Calif. I wanted to get the facts straight, so I wrote to Dr. Gerald Smith, the Executive Director of the Museum. In his reply to my letter he said — and I quote:

"The Calico site was discovered back in the 1930's by Dr. Malcolm J. Rogers of the San Diego Museum of Man. Dr. Rogers believed it to be a vast quarry site.

"In the 1940's I made various trips to the area with Ritner Sayles of Bloomington. In the 1950's the Archaeological Survey Association became interested and started making surveys of the dry lakes. Dee Simpson was assigned to make a survey of Coyote Dry Lake. In the process of surveying Coyote Dry Lake, she became interested in the site now referred to as the Calico Dig.

"Miss Simpson interested Dr. L. S. B. Leakey in the site. The three of us met and decided to submit an application to the National Geographic Society for funds to excavate this site.

"I have been designated as Administrator of the project. Dr. Leakey is the Technical Director and Ruth D. (Dee) Simpson is the archaeologist in charge. Dr. Thomas Clements is the Project Geologist.

"Dr. Leakey, who is the greatest contemporary anthropologist and paleontologist in the world, visits us three or four times a year to keep abreast of developments.

"The work so far has produced evidence necessitating the revision of earlier writings pertaining to the story of man in the Encyclopedia Britannica. The Encyclopedia will carry an article by the staff of the Calico Dig.

"There will be a resident caretaker at the site and visitors will be accommodated to the extent of our staff's ability to assist."



Dr. William R. Vivrett

The 11:00 a.m. service in the All Faith Chapel on Sunday, May 4, will include a special sermon by Dr. William R. Vivrett, according to Chaplain Gordon Reed of the Naval Weapons Center.

Dr. Vivrett was named Consultant to the Chief of Chaplains, United States Air Force, by Major General Edwin R. Chess, in July of 1968. Presently, he is also staff secretary of the Commission on Chaplaincy Endorsement of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), and serves as Director of Chaplaincy Services for the United Christian Missionary Society, an agency of the Church.

In these capacities, Dr. Vivrett is responsible for the welfare of approximately 200 Disciple ministers who serve as chaplains at home and



NEW QUEEN — Debbie Zagala (r) who was recently married, officially relinquishes her crown to the 1968 runner-up in the Miss Ridgecrest-China Lake Beauty Pageant, Susan Zissos (c), as Margy Zinke, Pageant Director looks on.

Security Officer Files Invention

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proximately 500 feet. Or, if a tube that is 2 1/2 feet in outside diameter and about 500 feet in length, being constructed of standing - up bricks, can be contracted to the form of a cylinder of any lesser length, down to 50 feet.

Obviously, if you secure one end of the 500-ft. contractable tube to a fixed object and the other to a movable one, the ends can be brought nearly together.

It is also obvious that if the cylinder, or ring, were constructed of laying-down bricks, having a diameter of 100 feet and a height of 1 foot, it can be contracted to form a cylinder approximately 10 feet in height and of a very small inside diameter. Such a change in dimensions, whereby the smallest dimension of the structure becomes the largest, and vice-versa, the ring-like structure can be deployed to close an orifice, or to enclose or trap an object (such as a net) to pick up large items, like jeeps, etc., by helicopter lift.

Less Expensive

General Dynamics, using the structural (truss structures) concept of solid members joined by springs, recently packed a 100-ft. diameter antenna in a 7.5-ft. diameter package. Grasswick's invention, according to Gerry Baker of the Patent Office, is much simpler in concept, and probably would be much less expensive.

Two forms of structural units have been used as "growth material" by Grasswick. The form in which the energy for growth is contained in the coiling of the members of the unit has the advantage of simplicity of design. However, a structure using this type of unit can only be replaced in the pod with considerable difficulty.

The second form of the invention employs structural members having a transverse bar section which serves to actuate the unit and cause the members to lay down or stand up.

When a structure is constructed of torsion bar units, as opposed to coiled spring units, the growth process of the structure may be reversed by the operation of a crank and ratchet so that the structure can be repacked under field conditions.

Grasswick presently has another invention, entitled "Light Dispersing Waterproof Fabric" which was filed earlier this year. In addition, one entitled "Projectile Obturating Method," is now in evaluation process as an invention disclosure.

Grasswick also has numerous inventions which are in the inactive file.



Exercise regularly—physically active people have a lower risk of heart attack!

Vivrett To Give Special Sermon

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abroad in both military and institutional settings. This requires regular visits to the chaplains to help them in their personal and professional growth and current work activities.

The Christian Church has sponsored a program of service to chaplains since the early days of World War II, which was expanded during the Korean conflict until it reached its present level.

A native of Weatherford, Texas, Dr. Vivrett was educated at Weatherford Junior College, Texas Christian University, and Yale University Divinity School. He has done post-graduate work at the University of Geneva (Switzerland) Graduate School of Ecumenical Studies.

He has held pastorates in Texas, Connecticut, New Orleans, Louisiana, and for 18 years was pastor of the East End Christian Church, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Since 1951 Dr. Vivrett has been a member of his denomination's Chaplaincy Endorsement Commission before being named as staff secretary in 1965.

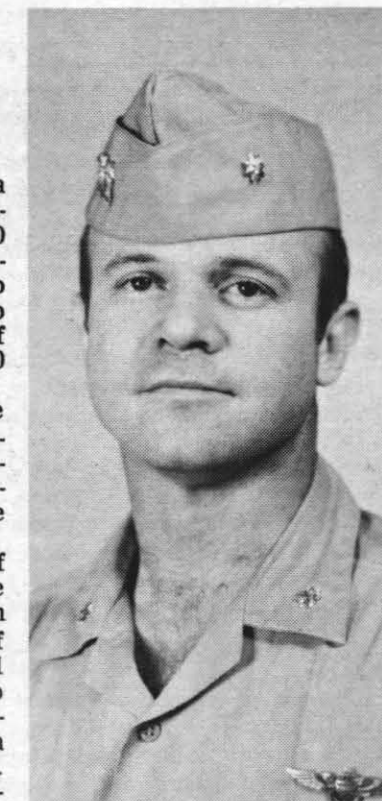
While in Pittsburgh Dr. Vivrett was on the faculty of the University of Pittsburgh lecturing on philosophy and ethics, and in the Graduate School of Social Work.

Dr. and Mrs. Vivrett make their home in Indianapolis.

Chamber Members Visit



CHAMBER VISITS AREA — A member of the Bakersfield Chamber of Commerce delegates at the NAF Terminal Thursday, April 24. The group, 26 in all, arrived in seven light planes. Captain R. Williamson II, Executive Officer, NWC, briefed the men on the mission of the Center, and they were shown the ranges and made a tour of NWC.



LCDR. THOMAS LEO PATRICK COOK, 34, recently reported aboard the Center to assume the duties of Fighter Weapons Systems Officer in the Project Office at NAF. Cook entered the service in June, 1952 and graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1957. He wears the Strike Air Medal; Navy Unit Citation; Navy Expeditionary Medal; National Defense Armed Forces Expeditionary; Vietnam Campaign, and the Vietnam Service Medal.

Navy League To Install Hucek As President

Captain M. R. Etheridge, NWC Commander, will install George Hucek, Ridgecrest businessman, as the 13th President of the Indian Wells Valley Navy League Council in a ceremony Saturday evening at the Commissioned Officer's Mess.

The event will get underway at 7:30 with a social hour, followed by the installation dinner. Bob Smith, Navy League national director, will emcee the event. Smith, a former local auto dealer, was the founder and president of the local council from 1957 to 1958.

Hucek, owner of the Hucek Travel Service since 1958, has been a resident of the local area since 1944. He succeeds Howell Sumrall as president.

Other officers to be installed are: Francis Carlisle, first vice president; Archie Meyer, second vice president; "J" "T" Bibby, secretary; Jack Koehne, treasurer; and Jim Wheeler, judge advocate.

Red Cross Holds Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Indian Wells Valley Branch of the American Red Cross will be held as a no-host luncheon at the Officers' Club Wednesday, May 14, at 12:30 p.m.

Residents of the Valley, interested in Red Cross activities, are invited to the meeting. Luncheon reservations should be made on or before May 9 by calling Mrs. Ben Tozer, 375-8253; Mrs. Robert Dillinger, 375-8101; or Mrs. Gail Poppen, 375-2036.

Club Chaparral managers Mike Weinberg and Joe Sheets are pleased to welcome back on Friday, May 2, the "Gents."

IWV Stamp Club Elects Juniors As Club Officers

Members of the Indian Wells Valley Stamp Club met at the home of Jack Lindsey, 323 Dorado Street in Desert Park Thursday evening, April 22, to hold an election of officers.

Steve Eisenger, 16, was elected Club President, and Chris Lee, 17, was made Secretary-Treasurer. Two adult advisors to the office holders were also elected. They were: James Cooke, President Emeritus, and Jack Lindsey, Secretary-Treasurer Emeritus.

There were seven junior members and five adult members present at the meeting. The Club meets twice monthly, on the second Wednesday and the fourth Thursday of each month.



CANCER DRESSING STATION HONORED — Each April tribute is paid to California's 118 Cancer Dressing Stations. Sponsored as a community service project by the Order of the Eastern Star, the Cancer Dressing Stations make and distribute thousands of dressings each year, free of charge, to cancer patients. The local Cancer Dressing Station under Desert Holly Chapter No. 558, Order of the Eastern Star, is served by: (1st row, l-r) Edith Haley, Co-Chairman; Virgin-

ia Sappington, Chairman; and Madge Sroufe; (2nd row, l-r) Ruth Andrews, Eloyd Brady, Jaquelin Helfer, Bille Bergren, Cleo Church, Alice Herling, Maude Osborn, Dora Lee Rodgers, Hallie Murray, Dewey McPhail, and Hazel Martin. The group meets at 513-C McIntire Street, China Lake, on the 2nd Wednesday of each month from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and the 2nd Thursday of each month from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Interested persons are invited to attend.

Bowling Races In Final Threes Of Winter Play

The Goers, captained by Dean Ray, finished in first place in the Desert League at China Lake Bowl. The Road Runners finished second, and The Weapons squad captured third.

High man for the last night of the season was John Dowd, 194-215-224 for a nice 633 series. Cy Chamberlain punched out a 234 to lead the single game category.

In the Women's Wednesday Night Handicap League, Lorraine Johnson fired a 538, followed closely by Willie Johnson with a 504. Willie Johnson also had high game for the night, a nice 186.

The Monday Women's Scratch saw Patty Maxwell getting all the honors, a 564 series and high game of 234. Other nice high games were Erma Erickson 204, Marian Sievert, 220 and Alice Cutsinger, 200.

Erma Erickson shot 516, Dottie Klamt, 527, Lee Fox, 528 Liz Furstenburg 517, and Diane Richardson, 512.

Miss J's had high single game and high series in the team events for the night. They hit 814 enroute to a 2363 series.

The China Lake-Ridgecrest Junior Tournament was held April 26-27, the singles and doubles being rolled at the China Lake Bowl, and the team event at Ridgecrest Lanes.

There were two divisions, bantams and juniors, in each event. The winners were:

Singles
Bantam boys - Pfauf, 553; Schad, 526; Whaley, 518. Bantam girls - Shreve, 496; Heeke, 495; and Stedman and Forrest-er, tie, 458. Junior boys - Graham, 668; Clark, 662; Keck, 654. Junior girls - Larosche, 646; Cutsinger, 620; Smith, 609.

Junior Team Event
The team of Roulund, Roets, Roulund C., King and Pfauf won with a 2988.

Bantam Team Event
Whaley, Crom, Eacret and Stedman shot 1940 to win this event. All events were won by: Boys, Senior-Roulund J., 1863; Junior-Graham, C., 1908; Bantam-Thurm, M., 1518; Tiny Prep-1601. All Events girls: Senior, Christly, 1793; Junior, Scranton, 1889; Bantam, Shreve, 1405; Tiny Prep, Crom, 1401.



NWC NAVY, winners of the Monday night Premier League, pose happily for this victory photograph. Standing, l-r, are Ed Albright, team captain, Bob Owen, Bill Tenan, and Ken Dalpiaz. Kneeling, l-r, are Chuck Albright and Dave Bonnema. The team from NWC wrapped up the league on the final night by whipping second-place Blue Bird Taxi all three games.

Organizations Here and There

Camping Equipment
Special Services has announced that camping equipment may be checked out at the special office located in the Center Gymnasium by all military personnel and civilians who have been employed at NWC for less than a year.

There will be tents, cots, sleeping bags, lanterns, ice chests, shotguns, rifles, stoves, rod and reels, heaters, and other equipment available.

Pony/Colt Leagues
League play for the Indian Wells Valley Pony/Colt league will begin May 19, 1969. Practice sessions began April 30 1968; Junior-Graham, C., 1908; Bantam-Thurm, M., 1518; Tiny Prep-1601. All Events girls: Senior, Christly, 1793; Junior, Scranton, 1889; Bantam, Shreve, 1405; Tiny Prep, Crom, 1401.

Bob Nelligan has announced that boys interested in playing this year have until Sunday, May 4, to sign up. After that

date only those boys who are newcomers to the area may sign up.

Any boy wishing to register may call Bob Nelligan, Ext. 73193, Gordon Peacock, 375-2257, or Ron Covert, Ext. 75052.

Handball Finals
Rick Roberts won the NWC Handball Singles Tournament on Monday, April 28, climaxing nearly three months of eliminations. Arnold Yukelson finished second and Roger Peck took the third spot.

A ladder-type tournament, the event has been in progress since February 5 to establish the top eight players, who will now compete in the final double elimination tourney. Some 40 contestants competed over the past 11 weeks.

The doubles tournament will take place Saturday, May 3. Trophies for both the doubles and singles winners will be awarded after the doubles play.

Model Airplanes
Earl Donaldson, Contest Director for the Model Airplane Contest which was originally scheduled for May 17, has informed The Rocketeer that the contest has been rescheduled to take place May 24. The changed was made due to Armed Forces Day being celebrated at NWC May 17.

The contest, sponsored by the Indian Wells Valley Council of the Navy League, and directed by the Alkali Angels, will be held at the Desert Empire Fairgrounds parking lot at 8 a.m. on May 24.

The kits of the model airplane to be used are available at the Contest Headquarters in the NWC Youth Center, at the Valley Independent office, and the NWC Hobby Shop. Each entrant must have an entry form completely filled out, including the signature of a parent or guardian.

For further information, refer to the Rocketeer issue of Friday, April 25, 1969, or call in at the Contest Headquarters.

Trout Season Opens This Weekend Despite High Level Area Snowfall

The general trout season opens Saturday, May 3, with the prospects mixed for the opening weekend but will turn excellent over the season due to an abundant supply of water, stated the California Department of Fish and Game.

Low and middle elevation reservoirs and streams will be the fisherman's best bets for the opener, although many of the streams will be high and roily.

The exceptional snow fall this past winter will make early fishing poor or nonexistent in waters above the 5,000-foot level in the north and 6,000 to 7,000 foot levels in the south.

Crowley Lake, which usually accommodates 15,000 to 20,000 anglers on opening weekend, won't be available until the second or possibly the third week of the season due to snow and ice, reports the DFG.

The trout season will continue through November 15 in most of the state, with a limit of 10 trout per day, 10 in possession but not more than 10 pounds and one fish. Anglers 16 years and older are required to have a basic angling license which costs \$3, and two license stamps at \$1 each, in their possession while fishing for trout.

A Million Anglers
More than one million trout fishermen among California's 2.2 million licensed anglers will be present on lakes and streams for the opening weekend.

Ice fishing is legal this year, but the DFG cautions anglers that the ice is melting and likely to be dangerous.

The DFG also issued the following reminders to trout fishermen who will be out for the opening weekend:

Check the angling regulations for special rules and closures. Many streams are closed for spawning until July 1;

The trout season does not open until May 24 in North-western California, with the exception of Freshwater Lagoon in Humboldt County and Pillsbury Lake in Lake County;

If you plan to leave the main roads in the mountains, make local inquiries and check weather reports and road conditions. Spring weather can change fast in the mountains.

The following forecasts for weekend activities were compiled by DFG biologists and fish and game wardens. The DFG reminds fishermen that these forecasts and fishing prospects are depending upon the weather and access.

Western Sierra

Lakes above 6,000 feet are frozen over and it is unlikely they will thaw much before June. Almost all roads into the high country are closed; streams will be abnormally high until late season. Mammoth Pool on the San Joaquin River above North Fork will be open to traffic, and snow should be fairly well melted for the opener. The Lower San Joaquin, Kings, Little Kern, North Fork and Middle Fork of the Kaweah should provide fair to good fishing for the opener.

Hunting and Shaver Lakes are both extremely low and will have considerable snow. Sequoia and Hume Lakes will be open but road conditions are poor. Kern River is very high and likely to remain so most of the season. Up to 20 feet of snow is present in the back country at elevations of 8,000 feet and above, and fishing should be excellent in the late season.

Mono and Inyo

The DFG reports that snow and ice will hamper fishing at many Mono-Inyo waters. Fishing on the opening weekend at such popular Mono County waters as Bridgeport Reservoir, Lower Twin Lake (Bridgeport), Convict Lake, and June, Gull, Silver, and Grant Lakes on the June Lake loop will depend on whether the remaining ice melts.

All but Silver and Grant are thawing now and should be fishable if warm weather continues.

In Inyo County, Pleasant Valley Reservoir and the Owens River from Pleasant Valley Dam downstream 20 miles to Big Pine will be restocked and ready for the opener, although the Owens is high and roily.

The DFG will stock the following Inyo County streams, providing water and road conditions permit. Baker Creek, Big Pine Creek, Lower Bishop Creek, Middle and South Forks Bishop Creek, Cottonwood Creek, Goodale Creek, Independence Creek, South Fork Kern River (Tulare County), Lone Pine Creek, North and South Forks Oak Creek, Pine Creek, Shepherd's Creek, Symmes Creek, Taboose Creek and Tinemaha Creek.

For the opener, the reservoirs and streams closer to the metropolitan areas probably rate as better bets.

Vince Barnett To Entertain Armed Forces Day

The Navy League, through the auspices of the Masquers Club, will provide two programs at the Naval Weapons Center on Armed Forces Day, Saturday, May 17. Vince Barnett, comedy star of over 400 motion pictures and internationally known ribber, will star in a variety show for residents and guests of the Naval Weapons Center.

Two programs will be given due to the limited facilities of the NWC Theatre. The entertainment for the children will be scheduled to begin at 4 p.m., with a second program at 7:30 p.m. for Navy personnel and adults of the community.

Barnett is a member of the Board of Directors of the Navy League, and in addition to his entertainment activities, is well known in flying circles. He is a member of the Aviation Hall of Fame in Dayton, Ohio, having been a pilot since 1921. He first flew a mail plane from Pittsburgh to Cleveland in 1927. He is a member of the Silver Wings Fraternity and the OX5 Club. He is presently the chairman of Military Affairs for the Masquers.

The Masquers are a private club organized in Hollywood in 1925 by eight actors from the Broadway stage who were seeking a private place away from the hustle and bustle of their film commitments.

Vince Barnett, a member of Masquers, is famous for his impersonations which have fooled thousands of people over the years, including many of the world's notables.

Mark Hellinger, the famous Hollywood writer, producer and director, once said of him: "Vince Barnett is as elastic as a rubber band. As a judge, doctor, contractor, banker, or dentist, I have seen him fool the same people over and over."

Earl Wilson, the newspaper columnist, wrote: "I was there, I saw Vince Barnett pose as the Chief of Staff of Cambodia and completely fool many of the top brass of our USAF."



FIRST IN WORLD-WIDE CONTEST — Captain M. R. Etheridge, I, Commander, NWC, presents plaques to ENS. W. F. Linsey, Exchange Officer, 2nd from I, and Don Tucker, Retail Store Manager. The plaques were won as a result of the Toyland Display winning first prize in the Group 3 category at Christmastime. Capt. R. Williamson II, r, Executive Officer, NWC, looks on.



PLANE CAPTAIN OF THE MONTH—ADJ-3 James A. Nord is shown being congratulated by Capt. L. A. Dewing, Commanding Officer, NAF, upon his being selected Plane Captain of the Month by NAF and his advancement in rate to ADJ-3. The awards were given at NAF Morning Quarters.

SALVATION ARMY WEEK - MAY 12-18



PERSONNEL OF VX-5 who successfully passed the Navy-wide advancement examinations were honored in ceremonies held recently at Hangar One. Capt. Charles W. Fritz, squadron commander, presented Certificates of Advancement to (1st row, l to r), YN3 Bruce Lund, ADJ1 James Bullis, AT3 Glenn Daubert, AQF2 T. F. Bitowski, AE3 William Gullstad. In the second row, l to r, are AE3 Gerald Longman, AO2 Larry Fitton, YN3 Mike Dehen, and PN3 Garry Black. VX-5 has expressed pride in these men and congratulates them on their advancement to their new grades.

Under New Management Pre-Schoolers' Haven



NWC CHILD CARE CENTER—Doris Sisler is shown here working with children at the Child Care Center, located at Nimitz and Lauritsen Sts., at NWC. The Center is available for children who range in age from three months to sixth grade. There are many programs at the Center which teach the youngsters how to get along with one another, as well as train them in crafts and arts.

The NWC Child Care Center, a branch of the Employees Service Board, has been operating under the new management of Mrs. Shirley Sims since November.

The Center, a non-profit nursery school, will accept children ranging in age from 3 months to sixth grade on a drop-in or regular basis. School-age children are all enrolled at Richmond Elementary School, in easy walking distance of the Child Care Center.

However, babysitting is not the only service provided by the eight-member staff of the Child Care Center. While the children are located at the Center, sounds, colors, shapes, and reading readiness are all informally taught, as well as the teaching of how to listen, share, pay attention, and get along with other children.

In addition, the children can participate in arts and crafts, music, dancing, story hours, special party days, and supervised play. Special days are set aside for Show and Tell, an activity designed to increase a child's poise and self-confidence.

On Tuesdays of each week, Mrs. Jane LaRosa, NWC librarian, conducts a special story hour.

The large building which houses the Child Care Center is located at Nimitz and Lauritsen Streets. Inside are to be found separate playrooms for the various age groups; two dining rooms; a change room and laundry room for the babies, and an isolation room for sick children.

A large outdoor area is equipped with toys for children of all ages.

Lunches are divided into two nutritional periods, consisting of a well-planned, varied menu. Mrs. Claire Real prepares an average of 50 meals daily in the Center's own kitchen facilities.

Employees of the Child Care Center are required to have a background of experience in working with children, and are carefully screened for signs of patience and love for them. They are also required to have a physical examination every six months and to undergo food handling training at the beginning of their employment.

The present eight employees of the Center are: Mrs. Shirley Sims, manager; Reba Lusher; Patricia Fenter; Doris Sisler; Delores Johnson; Mary Johnson; Rita Paradise, and Arlene Meier.

In addition to regular Navy inspection under the Department of Preventive Medicine, the Center is inspected once each week by a Public Health Nurse.

Twenty Years of Experience

Mrs. Sims began working with children 20 years ago, after first finishing her education at the University of Maryland and the University of Delaware. She has taught mentally retarded children in Maryland and in San Bernardino, California. She recently served on the Indian Wells Valley Council for Retarded Children.

Babysitting and teaching services of the Child Care Center are provided between the hours of 7 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. The rates are 45 cents per hour, \$3.75 per day or \$15 per week. The rates are lowered for each additional child from the same family.

Spring Festival Advance Tickets Available

Dr. R. J. Rungo, President of the Burroughs High School PTA, has announced that advance discount tickets for the Spring Festival, which will be held May 26 to May 31 are available at the Burroughs Attendance Office, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday before school and during both lunch periods, 11:30 to 1 p.m.

Proceeds from the sale of the advance ride discount booklets will go to the Burroughs High School PTA.



MANY TRICKS INVOLVED — Jim Rogers, son of the late Will Rogers, is shown demonstrating the proper way to braid a horse's tail for showing. This and many other tricks of horsemanship were shown and discussed during a riding clinic, conducted by Rodgers, a Bakersfield horse-trainer, held Sunday, April 27 at the Bottom Acre Stables. Some 60 horsemen attended and were given a chance to exhibit their skill and be criticized by an expert.

Pageant Contestants In Rehearsal

Queen Aspirants List Backgrounds

By Lynette Rowin

Vivian Parker, Susan Parry, Debi Huntley, Debby Dalton, and Carol Brown are five of the 15 candidates who will vie for the title of Miss Ridgcrest-China Lake on Saturday, May 24, at the Center Theater. A biographical sketch of each is listed below:

Miss Kiwanis

Vivian Parker, Miss Kiwanis, a slender 5-ft., 7-in. tall, green-eyed ash blonde is a senior at Burroughs High School. The daughter of Chief Warrant Officer and Mrs. Robert L. Parker of China Lake, she was born at China Lake but has lived in Bermuda, Yokohama, and Texas.

The 17-year-old Miss Parker aspires to be a general practitioner or a micro-biologist. She wants to further her education at San Antonio College. She has a brother, Robert, 22, and a sister, Nancy, 19.

Miss Parker lists silk screening, wood block prints, Japanese "batik," and candle making as her hobbies. She reports that she had a pet duck named Sigmund but had to give him away when she moved to China Lake.

Miss Genge Industries

Susan Parry, Miss Genge Industries, a statuesque 5-ft., 8-in. tall, green-eyed blonde, is also a senior at Burroughs. She aspires to be an English or physical education teacher at the high school or college level. She plans to attend California Polytechnic College.

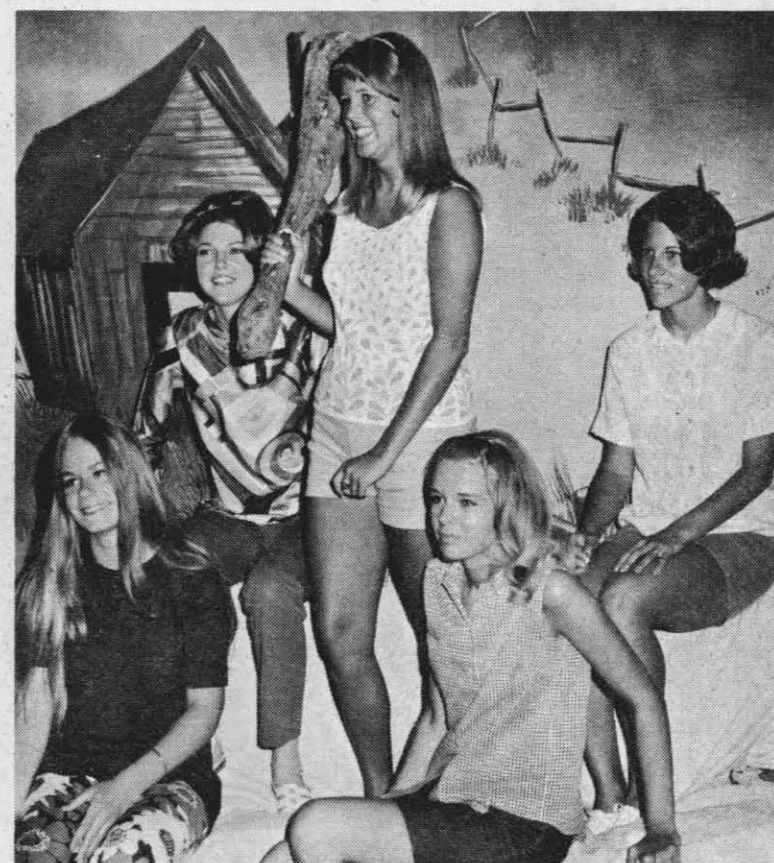
The 17-year-old BHS senior is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James T. Parry of China Lake. Her father is a research analyst with the Weapons Planning Group.

Miss Parry is a participant in the Burroughs High School-Naval Weapons Center Work Experience Program. She is a varsity cheer leader at BHS and has served on the Student Council, the Executive Council, and was a 1968 Homecoming Princess.

Miss Marine Corps

Debi Huntley, Miss Marine Corps, although born at Rhode Island's Quonset Point Naval Air Station, she received her elementary education at Murray School and is completing her senior year at Burroughs. In addition, she is taking business courses at the Bakersfield College Desert Campus.

The 5-ft., 7-in. tall, hazel-eyed, brown-haired Miss Huntley is a tennis buff. She lists her two most exciting mo-



PAGEANT CANDIDATES — Rehearsing their scripts for the Miss Ridgcrest-China Lake Pageant are (front row l-r) Vivian Parker, Miss Kiwanis; and Carol Brown, Miss Desert Campus. In the back row (l-r) are Debi Huntley, Miss Marine Corps; Susan Parry, Miss Genge Industries; and Debby Dalton, Miss California Interstate Telephone. The girls are among 15 candidates who will vie for the title of Miss Ridgcrest-China Lake on Saturday, May 24.

ments as when she won her first tennis match and when it was announced that the Marine Corps Liaison Office was her sponsor.

In addition to participating in the Drama Club, the Pep Club, the Classics Club, the Student Council, and the Debate Club, the 18-year-old senior still finds time in her busy schedule to work part-time at the Food Center Bakery. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Charles Huntley of Desert Park.

Miss Cal Interstate

Debby Dalton, Miss California Interstate Telephone Co., an 18-year-old senior at Burroughs wants to attend the University of California or Pacific Lutheran College. She wants to major in biology, zoology, or ancient history.

The 5-ft. 7-in., green-eyed, brown-haired beauty is an outdoor type of girl, she enjoys camping, fishing, hiking, and tennis. She won her letter in tennis and won two third places in the backstroke and one second place in the free-style while a member of the swim team.

Her favorite woman athlete is Peggy Fleming and her favorite men athletes are Lew Alcindor, Arthur Ashe, Jim Ryan, and Dick Fosbury. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lester J. Dalton of China Lake. Her father works for the Engineering Department.

Garden Club Installs Officers At Inyokern

The Oasis Garden Club will hold an installation meeting at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, May 8, at the Two Sister's Italian Villa in Inyokern. The meeting will be followed with a program presented by Mrs. Maxine Sutherland of Lancaster, well known flower arranger. After the program, luncheon will be served at 12:30 p.m. Price of the luncheon is \$3.00 and includes the program. The program will be only \$1.00 for those unable to stay for the luncheon. For luncheon reservations, please call Mrs. Leonard Licwinko, Ext. 723182.

Using colorful rocks, unusual wood shapes, exotic fresh material, and the little treasures one finds in the high desert and surrounding mountains, Mrs. Sutherland will demonstrate her unusual flower arrangements, in a "Creative Compositions," contemporary manner that may be used in one's home.

Mrs. Sutherland judges at many shows, currently the Lilac Show and the Los Angeles County Fair at Pomona. She is now getting ready for a series of programs for the floral designers. She, herself, continually studies, and is a member of the Flower Arranging Guild of Southern California, and a past president of the Posy Wranglers of Riverside, California.



LIKENESS OF SNOOPY — Atop a Joshua tree at Joshua Tree National Monument, Snoopy sits gazing across the desert. The photo was taken by SSgt. Jack Holsomback, an errant marine on a trip through the National Monument.

A new round of motorcycle Safety Classes will begin again on Saturday, May 3, according to Billie Hise of the Safety Department.

The classes will be continued on each of the following Saturdays at the usual time of 9 a.m. Classes will be conducted at the Traffic Safety Building which is located across the street from the NWC dispensary.

The classes are open to anyone and to all ages over nine years of age.

County Art Festival Played Host To 1500 Visitors at Comm. Center

The fine arts displayed in the area show of the Kern County Art Festival this past weekend attracted well over fifteen hundred visitors. In addition to the competitive work in the elementary schools division, the junior high division, high school, and adult amateur division, there were other things attracting the visitors' attention.

Children attending the show found the Joshua Room just for them where they could participate and create their own works of art. Under the direction of Mrs. Warren Ridpath, Kindergarten teacher at Groves School, this area also attracted parents who looked over the children's shoulder occasionally. Gene Warren, dressed as a clown, drew pictures for the children out in the patio.

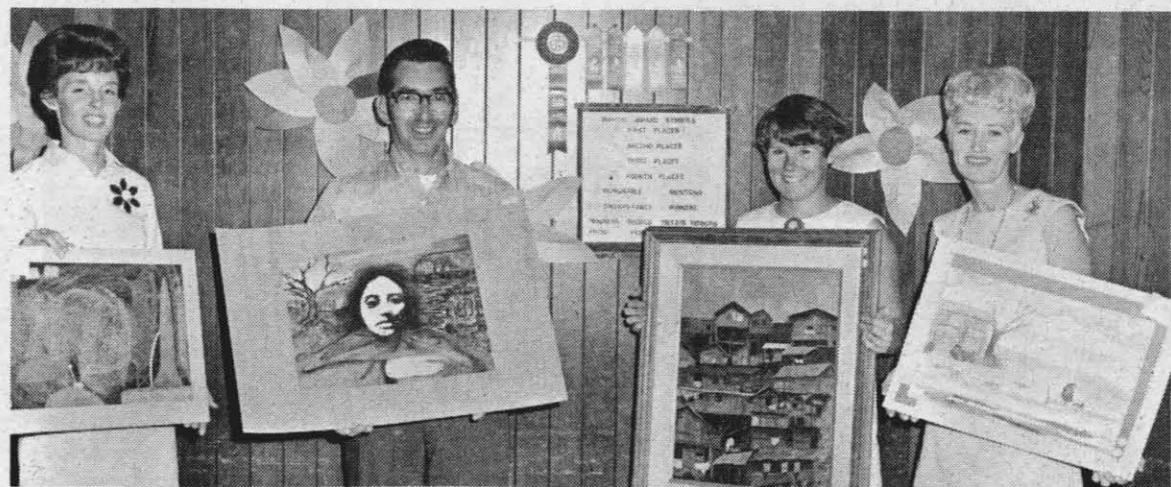
The exhibits of the work of area professional artists and the invitational crafts were displayed in the Sidewinder and Panamint Hall. Demonstrations given in this area included acrylic painting, weaving, portraiture in pastel, pottery, and macramé.

Sweepstakes winners, which in the opinion of the judges, represented the outstanding among other blue ribbon winners in each division were:

Michael Stallings of Inyokern School in the Elementary Schools Division; D'Anne Garretson of James Monroe School in the Junior High Schools Division; Cathy Evans, senior at Burroughs High School in the High School Division; and Terry Anderson in the Adult Amateur Division.

Judges were Dan Castro, Ruth E. Pirtle, and Mary Mueller, all of Bakersfield.

J. I. Durk and Maxine Booty, the show chairmen, expressed their appreciation to all who either attended or helped in any way toward making the show the very successful one it was this year.



ART FESTIVAL WINNERS—Winning paintings in the Kern County Art Festival held April 19 and 20 at the Community Center are shown after the judging. From left to right, Joyce Seibold is holding the elementary school Sweepstakes winner, Michael Stallings' "Trip To Saturn." Jerry Halpin, president of the Desert Art League, sponsors of the Festival, is seen holding the high

school Sweepstakes winner, Cathy Evans' "The Medium." Terry Anderson, the artist, is shown holding her painting which won the Sweepstakes award in the adult amateur division, "Life," and Ida Davis is holding the junior high sweepstakes winner, "David Visits With an Anglemorm," painted by D'Anne Garretson. "A very successful show," according to Chairman J. I. Durk.



... three desert philosophers.



... desert scene dominated entire exhibit.

Wildflower Show

More than 2,000 visitors attended the 23rd annual Wildflower Festival last week-end at the Community Center, making this the third largest attraction in the Valley, approximating the popularity of Armed Forces Day and the Desert Empire Fair, reports Mrs. Anne Etheridge, Chairman of the event.

Thirty-five members of the Santa Barbara Botanical Gardens attended the flower show via a chartered bus tour, and their comments on the entire event were highly complimentary.

Dr. William B. Brierly, who is at the center of liaison matters for the Army's Earth Sciences Laboratory of Natick, Massachusetts, was so impressed with the variety of wildflowers on display that he has arranged to obtain specimens of the flowers from the show for pressing and forwarding to Clark University Herbarium, Worcester, Massachusetts, where he once taught.

There were visitors from the Los Angeles area as evidenced by the winner of the Bristlecone Pine tinted photograph—Elwood Humble of 1457 Westgate, Los Angeles.

Mrs. Stanley Dunn, wife of Cdr. Dunn, Head of Command Administration, remarked that in all her travels of Europe she had never seen anything as beautiful as the Valley's Wildflower Festival.

Since it would be almost impossible to thank everyone individually, Mrs. Etheridge has stated that she and the various WACOM committees give their deepest thanks to everyone in the community-Inyokern, Trona, China Lake and Ridgcrest—who worked so hard and gave so much of their time to make the Wildflower Festival such an outstanding success.

Mrs. Etheridge especially cited the efforts of the flower spotters and pickers, floral arrangers, team room helpers, those who donated baked goods, the registrars, flower identifiers, the Cadette Girl Scout Troup who "babysat" the desert reptile and Maturango Museum exhibits, the flower receivers, and clean-up helpers.

Also, she stressed her gratitude to the Maturango Museum; those who loaned their beautiful desert paintings, birds, photographs, reptiles and other collections; those who helped with the wildflower slide presentation; those who contributed the handsome Bristlecone Pine Print; the exhibitors from the Gem and Mineral Society; those who loaned bouquet containers; and a special thanks to the Properties Committee and Stage Committee under Lt. Bill Cummings, Security Officer, for the lovely desert scene (its natural beauty belied the long hours of searching and composition that it required); and to the local musicians who provided the delightful background for the viewers, many of whom lingered to listen.

Donations and proceeds from the team room will be used to buy colorful bulbs, plants and shrubs for planting around the Center where adequate water exists.

... Wildflower Picking Committee at work.



... musical background provided.



... Maturango Museum artifact exhibits.



... registration of visitors.



... ardent wildflower admirer.

WACOM Plans Officer Installation, Desert Mardi Gras Spring Dance

May 9 is the date and the place is the Officer's Club — for the WACOM sponsored spring semi-formal. Tickets are on sale at the Officers' Club office right now at \$2.00 each. Music will be provided by The Sounds Of Time.

All aspects of the Mardi-Gras theme will be in evidence according to our General Chairman, Sharri La Pierre and co-chairman Flo Carmody. Don't miss out on the splendor and excitement of this gala affair.

Installation

Newly elected officers of the Women's Auxiliary of the Commissioned Officer's Mess will be installed at the banquet to be held May 13. This year's officers, namely Anne Etheridge, president; Dodie Gorrone, vice-president; Flo

Carmody, secretary; Ida Davis, treasurer, and Jo Hoxie, Thrift Shop Chairman have worked very hard and will give the reins over to the new officers that evening. The new officers (elected at the April luncheon) are: President, Ada Scarborough; Vice-President, Mary Snopkowi; Secretary, Audrey Bowen; Treasurer, Mary East, Thrift Shop Chairman, Nancy Funkhouser.

The banquet menu will include prime rib and will start with a social hour at 6:30 p.m. Dinner will be served at 7 o'clock.

This is a good time to say thank-you to all of the people who have made this a very successful WACOM year and to meet the new officers. For reservations call Pat Williams NWC ext. 723104.