

SWEET ALOHI—Auntie Becky and her Luau Islanders invaded the Chiefs' Club last Saturday night for what turned out to be a highly entertaining evening for the local senior enlisted men and their guests.

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.

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 5 "THE FIRST TIME" (90 Min.) Jacqueline Bisset, Wes Stern 7:30 P.M.

(Comedy/Drama) Teen's brag about his " conquest " at a non-existent house in Niagara, Canada brings his buddies who want proof. Their meeting with a lady-of-the-evening (who isn't) results in a comic sortie. *(M) *(A)

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 6 —MATINEE— "THE BRAVE ONE" (100 Min.) Michael Roy 1:00 P.M.

—EVENING— "THE LAST SHOT YOU HEAR" (84 Min.) Hugh Marlowe, Zena Walker 7:30 P.M.

(Suspense) When a TV star won't give his wife a divorce, when she can she and her lover do—but murder him! *(M)

SUNDAY-MONDAY SEPTEMBER 7-8 "THE PRIME OF MISS JEAN BRODIE" (116 Min.) Maggie Smith, Robert Stephens 7:30 P.M.

(Comedy/Drama) Compelling story of an eccentric, volatile teacher of a very staid girl's school. Her frank approach to teaching (and unrestrained love life) add spice to the film version of the famed play. *(M) *(A)

TUESDAY-WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 9-10 "FINIAN'S RAINBOW" (145 Min.) Fred Astaire, Petula Clark 7:30 P.M.

(Musical) With memorable, lilting tunes, this tells of an Irishman and his daughter who follow their rainbow from Erin to the Southeast U. S. where he buries a pot of gold stolen from a leprechaun (it allows three wishes). *(A, Y, C)

THURSDAY-FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 11-12 "OTLEY" (91 Min.) Tom Courtenay, Romy Schneider 7:30 P.M.

(Spy/Comedy) Unambitious, perennial "loser" Otley gets invited to a party and ends up the foil of an espionage double-cross in this frantic farce that shows the mod-hippie scene and a hysterical chase scene. *(M) *(A)

CLMAS-GEBA Assessment Due

Lawrence R. Mason, secretary-treasurer of the Government Employees Benefit Association, and the China Lake Mutual Aid Society has announced that Assessments 183-111 are now due for the death of Hulcy B. Ridge, 67, who passed away September 2.

All members are encouraged to contact their collectors and pay the \$1.20 assessment.

For those who wish to mail their payments, advance payments are acceptable. Mail payments to Lawrence R. Mason, 208 Bonita St., Ridgecrest, Calif. 93555.

Members are reminded that all benefits may be cancelled if payment is not made within 15 days of official notification.

Desert Campus Theatre Class Holds Tryouts

Pat Schwarzbach, who will instruct Drama 27 — Theatre Presentation for Bakersfield College, Desert Campus, has announced that the cast for the group's presentation of "The Fantasticks" will be chosen September 9 and 11.

"The Fantasticks," written by Tom Jones and Harvey Schmidt, will be presented in mid-November by the college group. Tryouts for the roles offered will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Burroughs High School Multi-Purpose Room.

Although "The Fantasticks" has a predominantly male cast, Mrs. Schwarzbach will also be considering the casting of "Trojan Women," which is predominantly a female cast, so she urges that young ladies interested in drama attend the opening of this fall's course.

"There is much work to be done behind the scenes in any play which goes before the lights," she commented. "I'm sure that all females who come out for the class will be kept busy," she concluded.

Mrs. Schwarzbach hastened to add that Drama 27 will be a class where students are taught Theatre Arts, and the accent will not be on "just performing." "There is much to learn in this class," she observed, "and much I want to teach.

"This includes costuming, technicals, and all aspects of production, in addition to actual performing arts," she concluded.



CARRIE DENNIS

Mike Weinberg, manager of the Club Chaparral, has announced that the Club will feature bands on both Friday and Saturday, September 5 and 6. On Friday night, the "Blue Mist," featuring Carrie Dennis, will present the finest of music from yesterday and today.

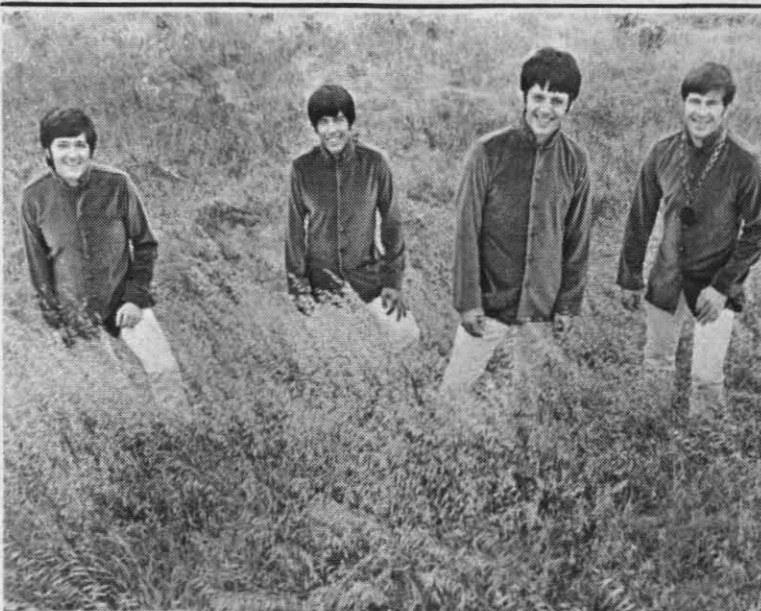
On Saturday night, the Club Chapparral takes pleasure in welcoming back "The Sounds of Time."

All Centerites are invited to an evening of fun and dancing.

FEDCO Store Lists New Hours

The parts house of the Fedco Service Station has announced new hours of operation. On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday the store will be open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. On Thursday and Friday, the hours will be from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., and on Saturday, from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

These hours are for the parts house only, and do not effect the hours of the pumps.



TV CELEBRITIES AT YOUTH DANCE—The above "Tender Lovin' Care" group will provide the music for the China Lake Youth Center-sponsored dance on Friday, September 5 at the Community Center, from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. The affair is open to all junior high, high school and college students; passes may be obtained at the Pass Office, Main Gate. Admission is \$2.00 each, and \$1.00 for Junior and Senior Student Union members.

Form for stamping with fields for FROM, TO, and a STAMP area.

DOD Short-Term Health Program For Military

THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE has established a special, short-term health insurance program for servicemen being separated from active duty. Effective Sept. 1, the new program will also cover their dependents.

Under present law and regulations, all health care benefits under Defense Department-sponsored programs end, both for the serviceman and his dependents, on the day he is released from active duty unless he is being retired.

It was pointed out that a man being discharged who has a pregnant wife is at a particular disadvantage under the present arrangement since most insurance companies exclude any maternity benefits of coverage.

Secretary of Defense Melvin Laird said that the new program evolved from a suggestion made to the Department last year by Rep. L. Mendel Rivers, Chairman of the House Armed Services Committee. Chairman Rivers has proposed that the Defense Department develop, in cooperation with the health insurance industry, a short-term low-cost health insurance policy which would be offered servicemen during separation processing and which would cover them for the following 90 days.

Under the new program, servicemen initially will have a choice between two plans, one of which is being offered by Blue Cross—Blue Shield and the other by Mutual of Omaha. The Blue Cross—Blue Shield plan will include maternity benefits. The serviceman will pay the entire cost of whichever plan he chooses.

The amount he will be required to pay will depend on the particular coverage he selects and whether he obtains coverage for "self" or "self and family." The lowest charge will be \$16.50 for self only. For comprehensive coverage for self and family, including maternity benefits, the charge will be \$90.

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COMOPTEVFOR Visits Airtevron 5 On Whirlwind Command Shuttle



FIRST FLIGHT IN TA-4F — RAdm. A. S. Goodfellow, COMOPTEVFOR, in rear of TA-4F, is shown prior to his first flight in this type of aircraft. Capt. C. W. Fritz, C.O. of VX-5, (in forward seat) took the Admiral up during his whirlwind tour of the Test and Evaluation Squadron. Two unidentified men of the VX-5 line crew assist the officers.

VX-5 Praised As Outstanding TEV Squadron

As the second stop on a whirlwind tour inspecting Test and Evaluation Squadrons, RAdm. A. S. Goodfellow, COMOPTEVFOR, spent September 2 and 3 at NWC reviewing the effectiveness of VX-5 as a Test and Evaluation Force.

During his visit to the Center RAdm. Goodfellow enjoyed recalling the days in the early '50s when he commuted to the Center nearly once a week. Although he felt there was little actual change in the physical makeup of the Center, he recollected that the Randsburg Wash area was "a lonely deserted Valley" when he last saw it.

RAdm. Goodfellow toured the Range facilities and spent Wednesday afternoon listening to in-depth progress reports on several projects currently underway by VX-5.

Late Wednesday afternoon, Capt. C. W. Fritz, Commanding Officer of VX-5, took the Admiral up in a TA-4F. This was the visitor's first ride in one of the attack aircraft.

As a result of his visit here, RAdm. Goodfellow praised VX-5 as one of the outstanding commands in the Operational Test and Evaluation complex.

RAdm. Goodfellow recently took overall command of the testing and evaluating facilities of the Navy, whose central offices are located in Norfolk, Va.

New Supply Director

Capt. Edward M. Wieseke (pronounced we - see - kee), relieved Capt. C. R. Lee, as Director of Supply on August 29.

Capt. Wieseke reported aboard from the Pearl Harbor Naval Ship Yard where he was Supply Officer. Previously, he was Officer in Charge of the West Coast Branch, Navy Ships Store Office, and the Navy Purchasing Branch, Hong Kong. And, from 1953 to 1955, he served aboard the USS Los Angeles.

The new Director of Supply is married to the former Elsie P. Knudson, of Rugby, North Dakota, and they have one daughter, Diane, who will be 18 this month.

The Minneapolis, Minnesota, native received his B.A. from Harvard and after entering the service attended the Supply Corps School; Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island; Navy Ship's Service School; and had other advanced Navy schooling.

Capt. Wieseke keeps active by playing golf, and enjoys hunting and fishing. As Director of Supply at



CAPT. E. M. WIESEKE NWC, Capt. Wieseke will be responsible to Center management for interpretation and advice in the field of Supply policies and regulations.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down. Clues include: 1-Once around track, 4-Pierce, 8-Male sheep, 11-Couple, 12-Assistant, 13-Period of time, 14-Teutonic deity, 15-Lubricate, 17-Trader, 19-Mature, 21-Spread for drying, 23-Afternoon party, 24-Lace, 26-Place, 28-Heavenly body, 31-Parent (colloq.), 33-Falseness, 35-Female sheep, 36-Parent (colloq.), 38-Assuage, 41-Latin conjunction, 42-High mountain, 44-Monetary unit of Bulgaria, 45-Devoiced, 47-Scorch, 49-Condensed moisture, 51-Wolfhound, 54-Bone of body, 56-Take unlawfully, 58-Time gone by, 59-Puffers, 62-Communist, 64-Exists, 65-Measure of weight, 66-Semi-precious stone, 68-Eye closely, 70-Unit of Siamese currency, 71-Staff, 72-Golf mound.

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

Form Fitting



By Senior Chaplain Harold A. MacNeill

My wife greeted me, "What's the matter with you? You have that cheerful gloom of a ladies room attendant."

I had just purchased a second uniform shirt, my usual size 15 1/2 and it was tight, all around. I knew that I was slipping a little each month, but not in such a dramatic way. The shirt said, "form fitting."

After all, I had the same measurements as Frank Gifford, even if mine were reversed a little. It occurred to me that while I had that "form fitting wedge-look," the triangle must have become inverted. The base of the triangle was around the middle.

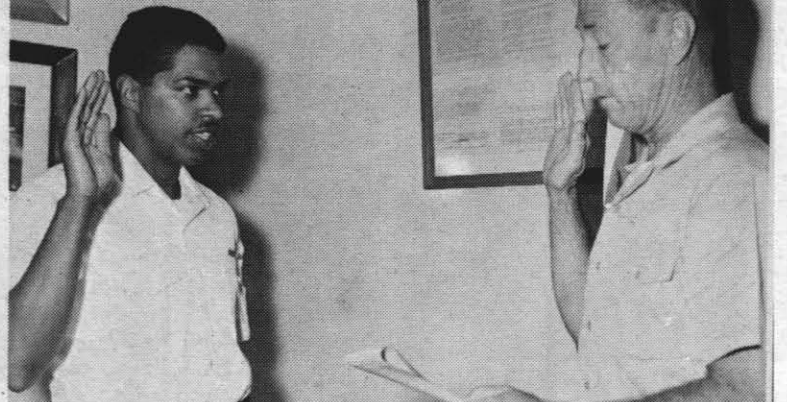
Scripture says, "A man ought not to think of himself more highly than he ought." And, one would not want to be accused of Narcissism. Just give me 90 days before the Annual Physical and the configuration problem would be taken care of by a serious program of diet and exercise. Too many saints were digging their grave with their teeth and here was one who was going to "shape-up."

The problem, while a problem of attitude, was not spiritual or metaphysical — it narrowed out to that eternal problem of "the flesh."

In desperation, it seemed that one should not be "psyched out" or depressed by one ordinary Navy khaki shirt. Why accept the label? That was it, "truth in packaging." Stupid, measure the old one and the new one!

Well you guessed it, someone had doped off at the factory and switched labels. My sudden peace of mind washed out that desire to blame that great horde of the working men and women of America who are constantly plotting against the buying public.

Frankly, I did give some consideration to my "inner core" which someday would have to measure up to some kind of an unimpeachable standard. They say that they don't make mistakes there.



ENLISTMENT OATH—Capt. Charles W. Fritz (r), C.O. VX-5, administers the enlistment oath to Petty Officer, First Class, Donald C. Primus during recent ceremonies in Capt. Fritz's office. By "shipping-over" for six years, Primus has earned a reenlistment bonus of over \$1900.

PROMOTIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Employees are encouraged to apply for the positions listed below. Current applications (SF-171) or Standard Form 58 bringing your work history up-to-date should be forwarded as described below.

The vacancies listed below are effective from 5 September to 12 September, 1969. Clerk, GS-301-02 or GS, PD No. 17386, Code 8412—Processing incoming official visitors.

File applications for the above with Carolle Castle, Bldg. 34, Rm. 26, Ext. 71648. Supervisory General Engineer, GS-801-13, PD No. 345097, Code 4533—This position is Head of the Test Management and Product Evaluation Branch and manages weapon qualification programs to ensure that guided, free-fall, and ballistic ordnance meets fleet specifications.

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

COMPETITIVE PROMOTION EXAM The Naval Weapons Center, China Lake, California announces a Competitive Promotion Examination for Leader, Stockman, Announcement No. NWC-145-3(69), issued 9 September 1969.

'DESERT PHILOSOPHER'

Desert Heat



By "POP" LOFINCK

You may have heard some moaning about the desert heat recently. Justifiably!

But remember this—every great civilization evolved from a desert area.

So either the dry air or the heat must make for constructive thinking.

The great Pythagoras (600 BC), Greek philosopher and mathematician, had the mathematics for the moon exploration worked out eight centuries before the attempt was made to land on the moon.

Pythagoras said, "Go to the desert—or it will come to you." What he meant was: if you don't go to the desert to think, your mind will become like a desert.



FOUR MORE—ABCM F. W. Lawrenz, Chief Master of Arms at NAF, right, is shown being sworn in by Capt. L. A. Dewing, Commanding Officer of NAF, as Lawrenz ships on for four more years.

CENTER LIBRARY LISTS NEW BOOKS

- A complete list of new books is available in the library. Fiction: Davies—Twilight Journey. Gallico—Poseidon Adventure. Redgate—Barlow's Kingdom. Slaughter—Surgeon's Choice. Vonnegut—Slaughterhouse-Five. Wollaston—Pharaoh's Chicken. Non-Fiction: Anti-Ballistic Missile: Yes or No? Cleaver—Soul on Ice. Ellis—Run, Rainey, Run. Guiles—Norma Jean. Jones—John Muir & The Sierra Club. May—Decorative Stitchery. Shenton—Exploring the Ocean Depths. Sunset—Adventures in Food. Thomas—The Day the World Ended. Wilder—The Macmillan Guide to Family Finance.

Oasis Garden Club Meets Sept. 11

Mrs. Naida Hayes Palmer, well-known flower arranger, will present a program of holiday decorations at the first fall meeting of the Oasis Garden Club beginning at 9:30 a.m., September 11, at the Commissioned Officers' Club.

The next regular board meeting will be held September 25 at 9:30 p.m. at the Oasis Garden Clubhouse. A program of "Miniature Arrangements of Flowers or Dried Plants" will be presented by Mrs. Robert F. Roundtree and members of California Garden Clubs are invited to attend.

Council Lists Vacancies In Four Precincts

China Lake residents are reminded by the Community Relations Department that four vacancies exist on the China Lake Community Council for Precincts three, seven, five and six.

Centerites, over the age of 18 and who live within one of these four precincts, are eligible to serve as a Director of the Council. These terms will expire in December 1970 when an election will be held for a new Board of Directors for the next two-year term.

Those who are interested in serving their community in this capacity should contact Mrs. Wardna Abernathy the Nominations Committee Chairman, at 446-2272 after 4:30 p.m.

Day Nursery Facilities Now At New Location

On September 8, the Day Nursery facilities located on Halsey Avenue will move to new quarters in Dorm 6 (Building 00461), announces the China Lake Day Nursery Association.

The new facility is located in the "old dorm" area. The China Lake Day Nursery provides a developmental and instructional program for preschool children and a program of child care for children of working parents.

Parents wishing to enroll their children in the program may call Mrs. Knoblauch, director of the Day Nursery, at 446-3066.



CAPT. JOHN HARDY

Word was received this week that Captain John I. Hardy, USN (Ret.), former Center Commander, has been appointed as Director of Engineering for Honeywell Inc's Ordnance Division in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

The appointment was announced by L. E. Sheehan, Vice President and General Manager of the division. Hardy, a native of Mahanomen, Minnesota, became principal staff engineer for the Honeywell Ordnance Division in September 1968.

His naval career, spanning 27 years, include command of the aircraft carrier U.S.S. Hornet, executive assistant to the Assistant Secretary of the Navy, and ended as Commander of the Naval Weapons Center. His first duty at the Center began in 1954 when he was assigned as Experimental Officer. Ten years later he returned to assume the duties of Commander, NWC.

Desert Orchestra Holds Fund Drive

The Board of Directors of the Desert Community Orchestra Association has recently announced plans for an area-wide campaign to solicit memberships and contributions to support the Orchestra's 1969-70 concert season.

According to Gene Richardson, newly-elected president of the Board, this campaign will include mailing out informative brochures and the personally contacting "a wider spectrum of the residents and music-lovers in the desert area than has ever been done before."

"We are quite sure," he added, "that if more people are aware of the existence of this fine orchestra, they will want to see it perpetuated."

The Orchestra Board expects to aim its campaign at several specific segments of the local citizenry. First, the so-called "culture-minded" individuals who usually support and populate the audiences of most of our concerts, recitals, and plays, as a matter of course; and second, persons and families that are not always aware of the cultural offerings available to them or who are not normally inclined to attend them.

"This is the group," Richardson states, "that we want to get through to the most. Many of these people will be happy to join with us in supporting our local symphony orchestra when they realize the inherent advantages to the development of our musicians, as well as the value of an educational and enter-



FIRST CONTRIBUTION—Esther Guffy, right, member of the Board of Directors of the Desert Community Orchestra Association, is shown receiving the first contribution to the fund drive now underway from Capt. and Mrs. M. R. Etheridge. The Board would also like to remind local residents that musicians as well as money are vitally needed by the Orchestra.

tainment nature to our residents." Finally, it is hoped that more of our local businesses, industry, clubs, and organizations will become interested in furthering the cause of good music in their midst.

In an effort to garner greater support for the Desert Community Orchestra, the Board wishes to cite a few "pluses" on tap for the coming concert season.

First, there is a new conductor—Charles Wood, currently the Music Department Chairman and director of Bands at the main campus of Bakersfield College. "We think Mr. Wood is going to give us the shot in the arm that we need," says Gene Richardson.

"He is a fine musician with a solid background in conducting, performing, and teaching. Besides this, he is young, enthusiastic, and a real showman. We're quite sure that our musicians and audiences alike will strongly endorse him."

Next, the Orchestra Association has arranged to combine the orchestra rehearsals with an orchestra class offered (for credit or adult) by the Desert Campus of Bakersfield College.

This, they believe, will tend to serve the needs of the community to an even greater extent by making it possible for more young, budding musicians to gain the valuable experience of ensemble performance, not otherwise possible.

This class is entitled Music 70, and will meet once a week on Wednesday evenings, from 7 to 10 p.m. in the Burroughs High School Bandroom.

Mr. Richardson is quick to point out that the "key" to our success lies within the orchestra itself. "If we can't pool the great amount of musical talent that we know we have here, all of our other efforts will be in vain."

The Board issues a cordial invitation to all musicians wishing to participate in the Orchestra, regardless of age. Finally, an exciting and diversified concert season is planned.

The average guy is one who thinks he's above average.



VX-5 INSPECTION—Capt. Charles W. Fritz, Commanding Officer of VX-5, presented a variety of awards to the men in the photograph at a personnel inspection held August 29 in Hangar One. From left to right, the men are: AMS1 Jack Williams, commended for "remarkable achievement"; ATC Charles F. Carter, who received a Letter of Commendation for "leadership and professionalism"; AEC George L. Horn, a Letter of Commendation for "... technical ability"; ST3 Renato Salas Endozo, who received the Good Conduct Medal; AO2 Sam-

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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.



Waterfowl Season Opens Oct. 18; Ducks, Geese, Coots Limits Set

The California Department of Fish and Game has announced that the 1969-70 waterfowl season will open Saturday, October 18, for ducks, geese, and coots under regulations adopted by the Fish and Game Commission.

At their August 22 meeting the DFG adopted an 86-day straight season of October 18-January 11 for the general season area, the northeastern area, and the Colorado River area.

Bag limits which were set at the meeting for the general season area will be six per day, six in possession; in the northeastern and Colorado River zones it will be five ducks per day, 10 in possession.

A new Southern California subzone was established by the Commission which includes generally the area south of the Tehachapi Mountains, including all or part of the 10 southernmost counties. The Commission also set a split 77-day season of October 18 to November 26 and December 6 to January 11 with a duck limit of six per day, six possession.

The goose season dates for the various areas will coincide with those set for ducks. The general season area and Southern area will have a limit of six geese per day, six in possession, of which at least three must be white geese and no more than three may be of the dark species.

In the northeast, the limit is three per day, six in possession, but the limit may be increased to six provided three or more are white geese.

In the Colorado River area

the limit is six in bag or possession, and such limit must contain not less than three white geese and not more than three of the dark species, of which only two may be Canada geese or its subspecies.

In the balance of Fish and Game District 22 (Imperial County, eastern Riverside County and southeastern San Bernardino County) only one bird may be a Canada goose or its subspecies. Hunting for Canada geese in this area will stop at sunset December 21 on state and federal areas—the Imperial Wildlife Area and the Salton Sea National Wildlife Refuge.

For all of California, the daily bag and possession limit may not include more than one Ross' goose.

The statewide bag and possession limit for coots and gallinules is 25 birds, singly or in the aggregate of species.

The hunting season for black sea brant is November 22, 1969 through February 22, 1970, with a daily bag limit of four and total possession limit of eight.

The season for jacksnipe—moved up two weeks from last year to catch the peak of the migration—is 50 days November 8 through December 27 with bag limits the same as last year, eight per day, 16 in possession.

The U. S. Department of the Interior abolished the species restrictions on mallards which limited hunters to three last year. The only remaining species restriction is that no more than two canvasbacks may be included in the daily bag and possession limit.



FLOATING TO EARTH—Steve "Crash" Rainey, jumper of the China Lake Sky Divers Club, floats gently to earth following a jump from a C-117 aircraft. The organization, which has approximately 20 active members, is looking for new students to train. There are now eight new students being checked out on skydiving. Membership is open to anyone over the age of 21, and under the age of 21 with parent's notarized consent. New members are required to have a third-class flight physical. Membership is \$10, which includes seven jumps, and \$2 per month thereafter. Anyone interested in joining the Club is asked to call Rainey at 8378 or 72030. Club meetings are every Monday following payday at 6:30 p.m. in the clubhouse.

Billy Brown will be the starting pitcher for the China Lake Rockets in the first game of a double-header to be played at 7 p.m., Saturday, at Reardon Field, against the Lancaster All-Stars. Bobby Kochman is listed as the tentative starter for the second game, slated to go off at 9. Admission is free, and all Centerites are cordially invited to attend.

Elks Hold On To Win First In Handicap League

The Elks, of the Wednesday Night Handicap League, barely managed to squeak out a victory for the summer season, finishing only 1/2 game ahead of the second place COM squad. This league, which was closely contested all summer long, saw many fine scores shot over the 68 game circuit. Ken Dalpiaz finished with a 187 average for 30 games, high for the season. Dick Furstenberg averaged 184 for 36 games and Bob Tegowski had a 183 for 45 games.

High scores for the season were: High team series, 2759, shot by the Blazers; high individual series, Ken Dalpiaz, 665; high individual game, Ken Dalpiaz, 253; and high team game 993, by the Elks.

On the closing night, Dalpiaz hit 232 and 643 to lead individual scoring, and the AMF team, which finished third in the league, shot high team series of 2645, followed closely by COM with a 2644. The Elks hit 917 to lead high team game.

The winter season is now started, and bowlers wishing to bowl in the various leagues at the China Lake Bowl are instructed to contact the league secretaries, or Fred Dalpiaz, ext. 72006.

Junior Archers Hold Tourney

The China Lake Junior Olympic Archery Development (JOAD) club will hold its second annual championship tournament Saturday, October 4, at Schoeffel Field. Trophies will be awarded up to third place in all divisions.

This year, announced Robert Stedman, president of the organization, the trophies will be donated by VFW Ship No. 4084, in Ridgecrest.

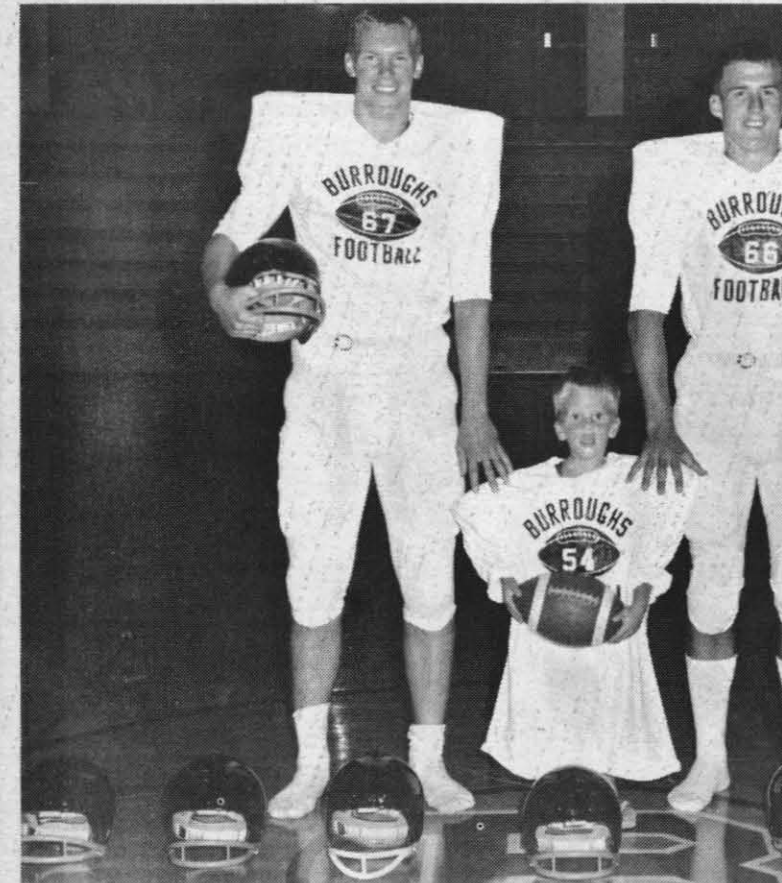
Any local youth who has participated in the JOAD program is eligible to participate in the tournament providing they pre-register before September 20. This may be done by calling either Mr. or Mrs. Stedman, at 446-5723. There will be no target fee for this event.

Loper Wins State In the California State Championship shoot held August 30 and 31, Mark Loper, 12 year old son of John Loper, won the California State Junior Target Championship at Coalinga. Young Loper shot 2145 out of a possible 2430 total points.

Junior Bowlers

An organizational meeting of the Ridgecrest - China Lake Junior Bowling Association will be held Tuesday, September 9 at 8 p.m. at 220 Florence Street, Ridgecrest. All adults interested in the youth bowling program are urged to attend this meeting.

According to Fred Dalpiaz, manager of the China Lake Bowl, registration for junior bowling at China Lake is now in progress at the bowl and will continue through Saturday, September 13. On this date, leagues will be organized.



I'M READY, COACH — Says little Robby Bernhardt, 4, son of Bruce Bernhardt, coach of the Burroughs High School varsity football team. Robby, wide-eyed and apprehensive, is flanked by Kerm Jackson, left, and Jeff Little, right, both tackles on the squad. The team, which is currently undergoing conditioning and practice, will open the season against Bishop Gorman High School, from Las Vegas, Nevada.

11 Naval District Talent Contest Set for Oct. 11

It's time to brush off your act again—this year's annual Eleventh Naval District Talent Contest is set for Oct. 11.

The contest is designed to discover, develop and encourage talent, regardless of former amateur or professional standing.

All Navy, Coast Guard and Marine Corps personnel within the 11th Naval District, including those attached to ships, are eligible to compete if on active duty for more than 90 days.

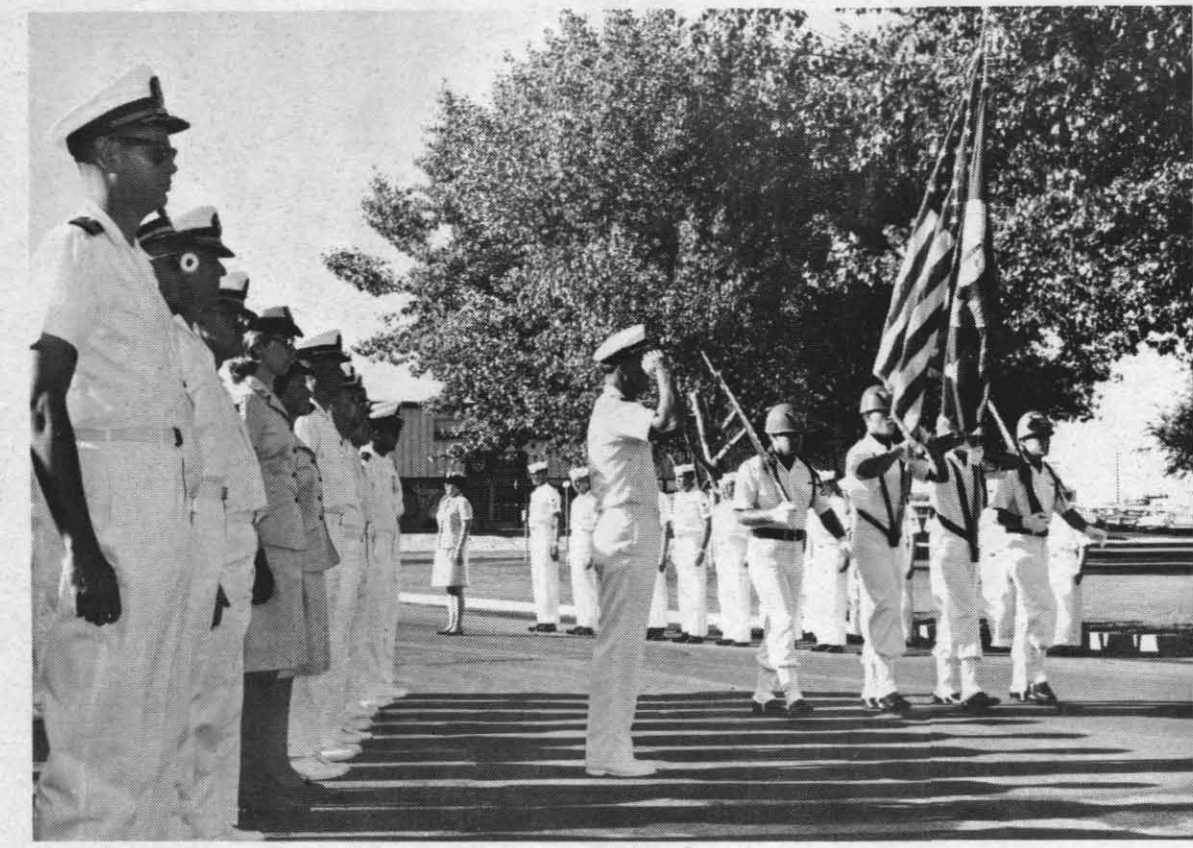
Acts can be by an individual performer or group of not more than four persons able to present a performance in good taste and of an entertaining nature. The running time of an act must not exceed five minutes. Other rules of the contest are contained in COMELVENOTE 1700 of Aug. 5, 1969.

Awards will be presented to the top three acts, and the first and second place winners, along with an alternate, will be nominated for the all-Navy contest finals.

There will be no regional eliminations this year. The 11ND finals will be held at 500 W. Broadway in San Diego, beginning at 7:30 p.m. on Oct. 11. This will be the qualifying event for the All Navy Talent Contest to be held at the Naval Training Center, San Diego, Nov. 5.

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Retirements Dominate NWC Inspection Scene



NWC PERSONNEL INSPECTION — In the top photo, the NWC Color Guard is shown as they "Troop the Colors" to the strains of the COMNAVAIRPAC Band from San Diego in colorful opening ceremonies of a Personnel Inspection which took place in front of the Administration Building on August 28. Three officers, Capt. C. R. Lee, Capt. J. F. McKinney, and LCdr. R. L. Perkins, and PHCM Ray M. Peters, were retired at the inspection. In the middle photo, Capt. J. F. McKinney, NWC Dental Officer, is shown as he was piped over the side, ending 31 years and 3 months of Naval Service. In the bottom photo, Master Chief Ray M. Peters, is shown receiving a plaque from Capt. L. A. Dewing, Acting COMNWC, as Peters' wife, Lil, second from right, and his oldest daughter, Debbie, left, look on. Peters brought a 21-year career to a close.

Captains Lee and McKinney, LCdr. Perkins and Chief Peters Retire

Officers and enlisted men of the Naval Weapons Center witnessed retirement ceremonies for three officers and one Master Chief at a NWC Inspection held August 28 in front of the Administration Building.

The COMNAVAIRPAC Band from San Diego took part in the impressive ceremony which saw Capt. C. R. Lee, Capt. J. F. McKinney, LCdr. R. L. Perkins, and PHCM Ray M. Peters piped over the side.

Capt. L. A. Dewing, Acting COM NWC, presided over the ceremonies.

Capt. Lee, Director of Supply at NWC for the past two years, ended 30 years, 7 months and 25 days of Naval Service. He and his wife Lois will retire to San Diego, where they will relax and enjoy the benefits of retirement.

Capt. McKinney, NWC Dental Officer for the past year, and his wife Florence, will reside in Oceanside, where they too will do nothing but enjoy retired life. Capt. McKinney saw 31 years and 3

months of continuous Naval Service end at the ceremony.

LCdr. Perkins reported aboard the Center in February 1968, as the Assistant Technical Officer. His career of 28 years, 6 months, and 29 days was brought to a close during the personnel inspection. LCdr. Perkins and his wife Wyona will retire to Baldwinville, New York, where the former officer will seek employment.

PHCM Ray M. Peters, Photographic Technical Assistance Officer, and Division Officer, 13th Division, wound up 21

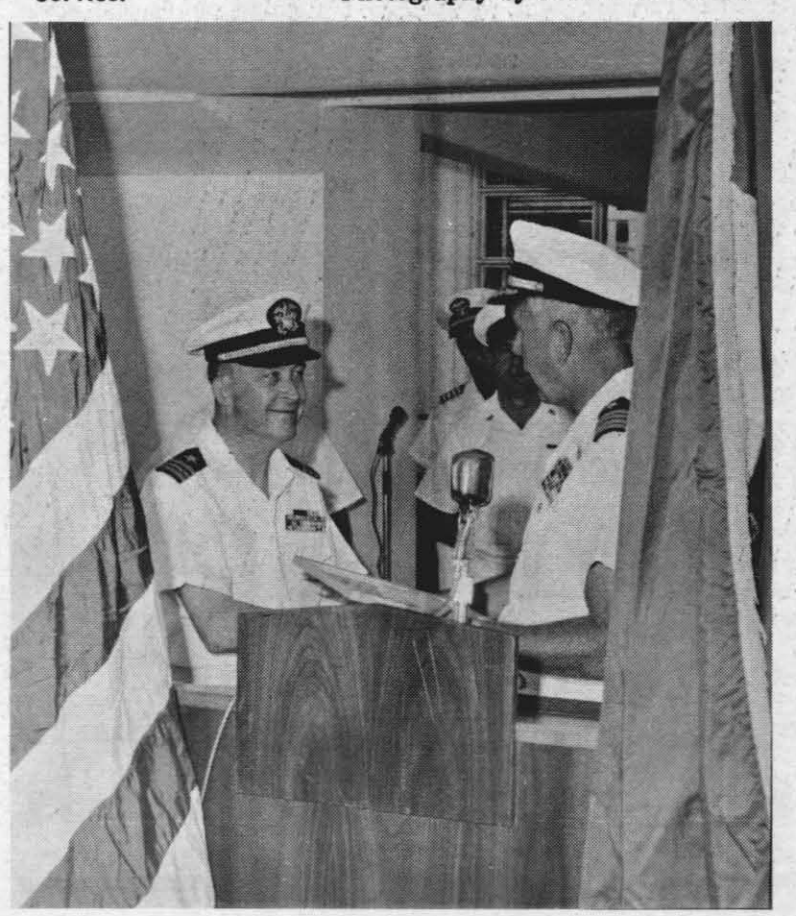
years of service in the US Navy. He, his wife Lil, and their four children, will move to Gilroy, Calif., where Chief Peters has a job waiting.

Chief Peters, who spent 27 months at NWC, said his oldest daughter, Debbie, a former Miss Ridgecrest-China Lake, will remain in the local area with her husband.

All four retirees received letters of commendation and NWC Plaques.



ABOVE—Capt. L. A. Dewing, Acting COMNWC, is shown above as he reads the Letters of Commendation awarded to the four men who were piped over the side at the NWC Personnel Inspection, August 28. Standing to Capt. Dewing's right is Capt. Charles Lee. **BELOW**—LCdr. R. L. Perkins, Assistant Technical Officer for the past 1 1/2 years at NWC, is shown receiving a framed copy of his retirement papers. LCdr. Perkins completed 28 1/2 years of Naval Service. —Photography by PH2 M. F. Krause



Elementary School District Lists Schedules for China Lake Pupils

The China Lake Elementary School District is preparing for an enrollment of 2,400 students on opening day. Ninety-six classroom teachers will be on hand to greet the rush of students.

Kindergarten classes will be in session from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. and from Noon to 3 p.m.

First, second and third grade sessions will vary slightly at each building due to the special programs which are in operation. All first, second and third grade classes will begin at 8:30 a.m.

Groves school first second and third will dismiss at 1:35 p.m.; First and second at Richmond will dismiss at 1:45 p.m., and third grade at Richmond will be out at 2:10 p.m.

First and second grades at Desert Park will be dismissed at 1:20 p.m. and the third grades will dismiss at 2 p.m.

Vieweg first and second graders will be dismissed at 1:30 p.m. Third graders will finish at 2:10 p.m.

All fourth and fifth grade classes will start at 8:30 a.m., and dismiss at 3 p.m., with the exception of fourth grade at Desert Park, which will dismiss at 2:45 p.m.

Special information of interest to pupils who will be attending 6th, 7th, and 8th grades at Murray School was released by China Lake School District officials for the school year which will begin September 8.

Sixth Grade

A regular school day will be in operation for 6th grade pupils on Monday, September 8, the opening day of school. Sixth grade classes will be in session from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The cafeteria will serve lunch to 6th graders from 11 a.m. to noon. Sixth grade classes are located in the southwest wing of Murray School. Class lists showing student assignments to classes will be posted on hallway and outside door entrances to classrooms.

Seventh and Eighth Grades

There will be a special schedule in operation for Murray School 7th and 8th grade pupils on Monday only, with 7th graders attending school in the morning only and 8th graders attending school in the afternoon only. Beginning Wednesday, September 10, the regular schedule will go into effect. School will begin at 8 a.m. and end at 3 p.m.

Seventh Grade, Monday morning

8 a.m. Assembly in the cafeteria for general instructions, announcements and assignments to homerooms.

9 a.m. Meetings in assigned homerooms for detailed discussion of individual student schedules, to answer student questions, and to issue locker assignments and locks.

11 a.m. Conducted tour of the campus for orientation and location of rooms and other school facilities.

11:30 a.m. Dismissal. Seventh graders will not return to school on Monday afternoon. A school bus will be at the corner of Prospect and Toro at 7:20 a.m. to bring 7th graders to Murray School on Monday. These 7th graders will be returning, September 10, the regular schedule will go into effect. Dismissal from school at 11:30 a.m.

Eighth Grade

12:30 p.m. Assembly in cafeteria for general announcements, instructions, and assignment to homerooms.

1:30 p.m. Meetings in assigned homerooms for consideration of individual schedules, to answer student questions, and to issue locker assignments and locks.

2:30 p.m. Tour of campus for orientation to room location and other school facilities.

3 p.m. Dismissal. A school bus will be at the corner of Prospect and Toro at 12:20 p.m. to bring 8th graders to Murray School. These 8th graders will be returned to the corner of Prospect and Toro immediately after dismissal from school at 3:00 p.m.

Cafeteria Service

The cafeteria will be open to 6th grade pupils and special class pupils only on Monday, September 8. Service to 7th and 8th grade pupils will begin on Wednesday.

The cafeteria at Murray School will operate on a cash basis this year.

Lunch cards are being sent home with students on the first day of school. Parents are asked to indicate in the proper space on the card their preference for lunch arrangements for their student. These cards are to be returned to the student's homeroom teacher by Wednesday, 10 September 1969.

Transportation

Details on bus transportation for 6th grade pupils who live in the Desert Park area and Site B Capehart area were published in the August 29 issue of THE ROCKETEER.

Correction To Course Schedule

Math 53C, Advanced Math for Electronics, will be offered by Bakersfield College despite the fact that the course did not appear in the course schedule that was printed in last week's Rocketeer.

The course will be offered Tuesday and Thursday from 5 to 6:23 p.m. The instructor will be Ed Patterson.

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SWIMMING INSTRUCTORS—The victim, in the person of David Bischel, is shown receiving artificial respiration by instructor Marilyn Ball at an American Red Cross Water Safety Instructors Course held at the Ridgecrest pool. Shown with them are, from left to right, Mary Bischel, Jim Goforth, Arthur Meier, Vicki Romero, Eric Gossett, and Gene Warren. Carol Chatterton, who co-instructed the course, is seen at the foot of Bischel. The graduates of this program will be qualified to teach.

Colvard Takes Department Head Job at Dahlgren

By Budd Gott

Jim Colvard, head of the Countermeasures Division of the Systems Development Department, has accepted a department head position with the Naval Weapons Laboratory at Dahlgren, Va.

Colvard will head the Advance Systems Department. He will be associated with a former NWC employee, Bernard (Barney) Smith. Smith was head of NWC's Central Staff, 1956-58, and head of the Weapons Development Department, 1958-62. He is now tech-



JIM COLVARD

nical director at Dahlgren. GS-5 To GS-15

Colvard has had a meteoric career, rising from a GS-5 to a GS-15, since coming to NWC in 1958 as a junior professional from the Missouri School of Mines where he was a graduate assistant.

He was recruited by Connie Neal now head of the Guidance Systems Branch of the Weapons Development Department.

Colvard has successively served as head of the Fire Control Branch, head of Staff,



REENLISTMENT—Justiniano F. Barrera (r), shown here being congratulated by Capt. Charles W. Fritz, C. O. of VX-5, recently reenlisted with VX-5 for another four years of Naval service. Chief Barrera, a Chief Metalsmith (hydraulics), was advanced to the rank of chief on December 16, 1968. A former citizen of the Republic of the Philippines, Chief Barrera became a naturalized citizen of the United States in August 1966. He and his wife, Pat, and their two sons, Emmanuel and Joseph, live at 214-B Mitscher St.

head of the Project Division, head of the Range Operations Division, and head of the Countermeasures Division for the Systems Development Department.

He attributes the wide variety of experience gained in these positions as a major factor in being selected for the department head job at Dahlgren.

Credits Highberg

He credits Dr. Ivar Highberg, head of the Systems Development Department, for much of his success. "Dr. Highberg gave me the opportunities to acquire experience in fire control, range operations, electronic warfare and to develop my administrative skills," Colvard said.

Born in Robbinsville, N.C., Colvard worked his way through Kentucky's Berea College. Starting as a dishwasher, he was assistant manager of the college's hotel by the time he received his B.A. degree in physics in 1958.

While a student, he married the former Joy Alexander of

Asheville, N.C., a Berea coed, on June 1, 1956.

Colvard and Smith have much in common in career achievement. Smith, who is considered one of the foremost authorities in weaponry, never finished high school, entered college at the age of 34, and was among the first men to publicly fire a liquid-fuel rocket.

While at China Lake, the Smith family was selected to represent the State of California as the All-American Family at Miami, Fla., in 1957.

Astronomical Society

A film, entitled "Asteroids, Comets and Meteorites," will be shown by the China Lake Astronomical Society, at their regular monthly meeting held September 8, at 7:30 p.m., in the clubhouse, 401 McIntire St., on the Center.

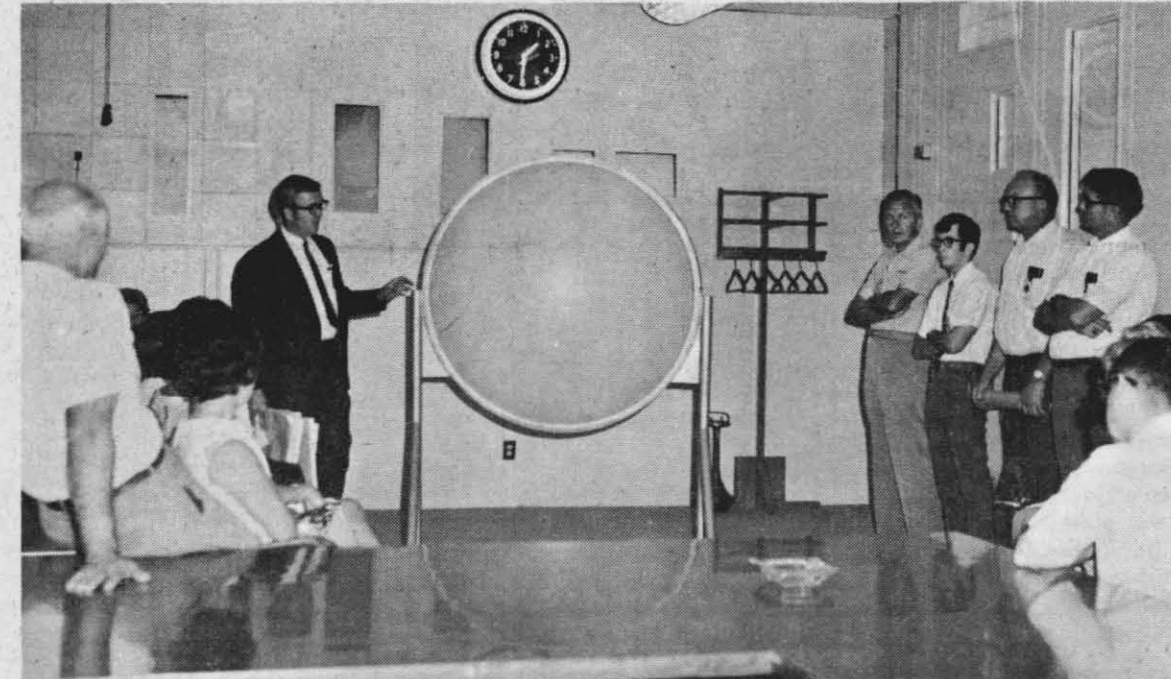
At the same meeting, they will discuss the solar eclipse which will take place September 11, and will show slides of previous eclipses.

Military Affairs Committee Visits China Lake

Unit of Bakersfield Chamber Of Commerce Tours Center Facilities



ENJOYED AIR SHOW—One of the highlights of the recent visit by members of the military affairs committee of the Bakersfield Chamber of Commerce was an air show at "C" Range which included a display of ordnance dispersal by the pilots of NAF and VX-5. This committee sponsors the "Bluejacket of the Month" program.



TV DEMONSTRATION—One of the Committee's stops on a whirlwind tour of the Michelson Laboratory facilities was a wide-angle TV demonstration in Conference Room "B." Above, Floyd Kinder, Code 3041, demonstrates the work being done by the Center in this area. Capt. L. A. Dewing, Acting COMNWC, accompanied them.

The Military Affairs Committee, of the Greater Bakersfield Chamber of Commerce, arrived at the Naval Weapons Center on Thursday, August 28, for a tour of the facilities. The visit, which included most of Friday, August 29, took the group out to "C" Range where they were welcomed by Capt. L. A. Dewing, Acting COMNWC, and were shown aircraft delivery techniques.

While on the Center they also visited the anechoic chamber facility; Michelson Laboratory, including the Metal Physics Lab, and were shown other facilities in the Research Department.

The Weapons Exhibit Center and the Maturango Museum were also on the itinerary, as was a wide-angle TV demonstration.

Prior to the tour, on Thursday night, the group was given a no-host reception in the COM, where they also had dinner.

The Military Affairs Committee of the Greater Bakersfield CofC was formed approximately 20 years ago to act as a link between the local Armed Forces unit and the Greater Bakersfield civilian community.

The group consists of about 30 people, including many men and women in the business community. In addition, there is at least one representative from NWC, Edwards Air Force Base, the Naval Reserve Training Center, the U.S.M.C. Reserve, National Guard, the Coast Guard, and the American Red Cross.

The Committee originated the "Bluejacket of the Month" program 10 years ago and has operated it continuously together with a similar recognition program for the "Airman of the Month" at Edwards AFB.

Occasionally, the Committee hosts tours of the Bakersfield area for base personnel. Recently a party of military wives were guests of the CofC's Women's Division in Bakersfield for a shopping and entertainment spree.

Twice each year the Military Affairs Committee plays a home and home golf match with the military personnel at both China Lake and Edwards. The tournament is also sometimes held in Bakersfield.

T. P. Jarvis, Pacific Telephone District Manager, is currently the Military Affairs chairman. He took over the appointment from former Bakersfield mayor, Gene Winer. George Barton is the General Manager of the Chamber, and his job is to coordinate the group's activities.

Employers Can File Now For Fellowships

NWC employees who intend to apply for NWC Fellowships or WEPSCO Awards for support of advanced academic study should take special note of the deadlines for application.

NEC Fellowships should be applied for no later than October 15 for the Winter or Spring quarters or Spring Semester of the current 1969-70 academic year.

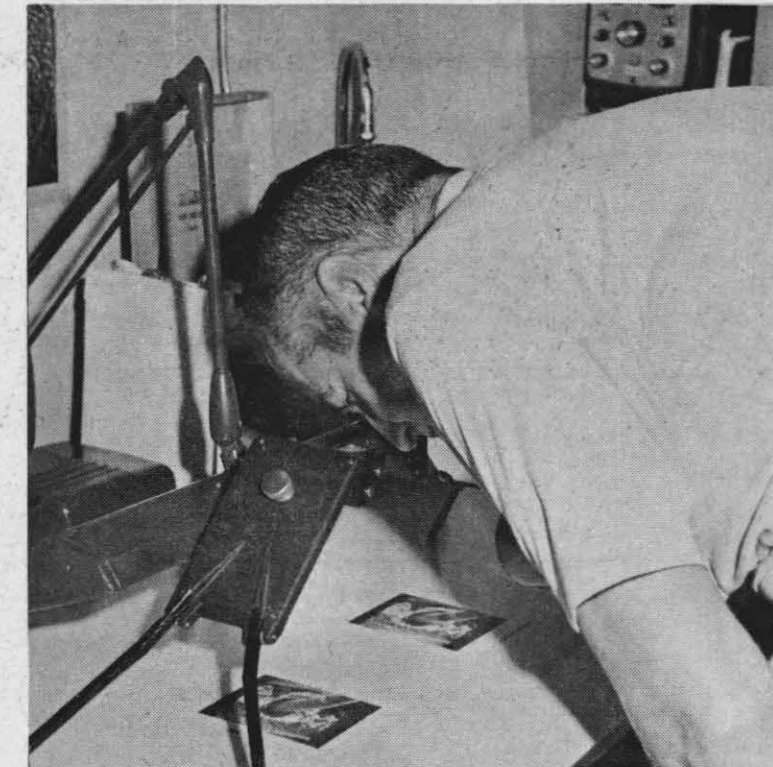
February 1 is the deadline for NWC Fellowships and WEPSCO Awards for the forthcoming 1970-71 academic year.

These deadlines apply for all NWC Fellowships, including Management training and Technical training.

All applicants are requested to contact the Education Director for instructions on application procedures and requirements.

Blue Cross Ins. Agent At Community Center Wednesday, Sept. 10

The Blue Cross/Blue Shield Insurance representative, Norman R. Smith, will be at the Community Center next Wednesday, September 10, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., according to T. J. Haycock, Head, Employee Management Relations.



3-D VIEW—One of the members of the committee take advantage of an opportunity to view prints taken by the Scanning Electron Microscope using a three-dimensional viewer. While at the Center, the Committee also visited the Weapons Exhibit Center and the Maturango Museum.



SCANNING ELECTRON MICROSCOPE — Charles Drew, of the Research Department, explains the role he and other scientists will play in the upcoming Lunar Samples Analyses Program for NASA using the Scanning Electron Microscope.