



END OF A WILD PARTY?—No, these Murray School music students are returning this accumulation of bottles to the Shopping Bag Market during a bottle drive held January 10, by the Murray School Music Parents

Club. Moneys received helped to provide scholarships to Arrowbear Music Camp. Six instrumental and two vocal students will be selected to attend the camp during the auditions held in the Spring.

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 (The Parents' Magazine ratings will eventually be superceded completely by the MPA ratings.)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 JANUARY 16
"SOME KIND OF NUT" (90 Min.)
Dick Van Dyke, Angie Dickinson
7:30 P.M.
(Comedy) A bank teller in a New York bank (Dick Van Dyke), grows a beard and refuses to shave even though spurred by his fiancée. Fellow workers grow beards and are joined by hippies and other beard supporting cast. Only his ex-wife Angie Dickinson approves. Fun for all! *(M) **A, MY
Short: "Never Bug An Ant" (7 Min.)

SATURDAY JANUARY 17
—MATINEE—
"ATLANTIS THE LOST CONTINENT" (90 Min.)
Anthony Hall, Joyce Taylor
1:00 P.M.
Shorts: "Royal Canoe" (7 Min.)
"Canadian Mounted" (No. 7, 13 Min.)
—EVENING—
"THE SPLIT" (92 Min.)
Jim Brown, Dianah Carroll, Ernest Borgnine
7:30 P.M.
(Action/Drama) He wanted to make one last score before he retired—so he gathered some experts and robbed the Coliseum of \$500,000 in football receipts! That's when the real trouble started! (Adult)
Short: "Woody Freelander" (7 Min.)

SUNDAY-MONDAY JANUARY 18-19
"THE LOVES OF ISADORA" (130 Min.)
Vanessa Redgrave, James Fox, Jason Robards
7:30 P.M.
(Drama) The stormy public life of the famed dancer, Isadora Duncan, beautifully portrayed by the talented Vanessa, as the famous innovator of modern dance. *(M) **A, MY

TUESDAY-WEDNESDAY JANUARY 20-21
"THE UNDEFEATED" (118 Min.)
John Wayne, Rock Hudson, Tony Aquilar
7:30 P.M.
(Western) John Wayne is back again in PLENTY of action. He is an ex-Yankee colonel who is driving a herd of wild horses to Mexico and Hudson is an ex-Confederate colonel escorting a wagon train of Southern emigrants to Mexico. *(G) **A, Y, MC

THURSDAY-FRIDAY JANUARY 22-23
"THE DARING GAME" (100 Min.)
Lloyd Bridges, Nico Minardos
7:30 P.M.
(Adventure) A professor and his daughter, Bridges girl friend, are held captive on a remote island by a South American dictator. Bridges and his air-sea searchers set out to infiltrate the island and emancipate its captives. **A, Y, C
Short: "Rowan & Martin at the Movies" (10 Min.)



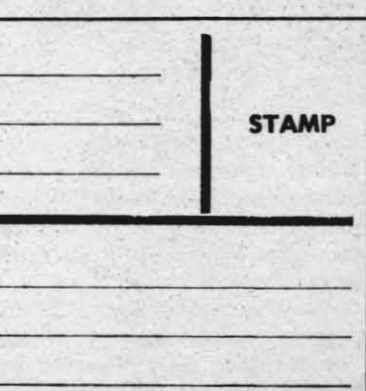
NEW LEATHERNECK — Capt. Gerald H. Conner arrived recently to assume the duties of Aviation Ordnance Officer at the USMC Liaison Office. He is a graduate of Park College, Parkville, Missouri, with a degree in Economics. The 27-year Marine veteran enlisted as a private and received his commission in 1956. He and his wife Janie, have three children: Michael, 21; Craig, 13; and Carla, 12. They reside at 31-B Vieweg on the Center.

IWV ROA Will Hold Election Of Officers Jan. 21

The Indian Wells Valley Chapter of the Retired Officers' Association will hold an election of officers for the coming year at their January 21 meeting, scheduled to follow a 7:30 p.m. dinner in the Commissioned Officers' Mess. Dwight Atkinson, current first vice-president, will head a nominating committee and present a slate of candidates for the approval of the membership. Additional nominations will be accepted from the floor. Members who have not yet renewed are urged to do so by paying chapter dues of \$3 per year, during the social hour that precedes the dinner, in order that they might vote.

Prospective members are cordially invited to attend, and bring their adult dependents, and may join in the election immediately upon paying of dues. Any man or woman who has served or is now serving as a commissioned officer or warrant officer in any of the seven services is eligible to join the ROA. Reservations are not required, and dinner will be ordered from the menu. Persons desiring further information may call Albert Wilson, 375-8182, or Mrs. George Schneider, 375-4291.

Lt. B. W. Cummings reminds residents that the air raid warning sirens will be tested at 12 noon, instead of 1 p.m. on the last Thursday of each month.



POSTHUMOUS PRESENTATION — Mrs. Henry H. Wair, mother of Lt.(jg) Rhio R. H. Wair, USNR, who was killed while in training status as a student naval aviator last August 26, holds her son's wings, presented to she and her husband, Henry H. Wair (2nd from left), along with a Certificate designating Naval Aviator status. The posthumous designation was directed by VAdm. B. M. Streaun, CNATRA, in recognition of young Wair's fine record of service. The wings and certificate were presented by Capt. L. A. Dewing, NAF Commanding Officer, at a ceremony held in his office. Capt. M. R. Etheridge, NWC Commander, who commissioned young Wair, was also present for the ceremony.

Many CHAMPUS Benefits Not Being Used By Uneducated Navy Families

Many military families are missing out on medical benefits because they don't know what they are, according to a Defense Department spokesman.

The official said, "All of the military population that has rights under . . . CHAMPUS does not realize what these rights are, and as a result people who should be getting the benefits are not receiving them."

CHAMPUS is the official acronym for Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services. Basically, it means that dependents of service members can get treatment by civilian doctors if military hospitals are not available.

Actually, dependents of members in all of the Uniformed Services—including the Commissioned Corps of the Public Health Service and the Environmental Science Services Administration—are eligible for CHAMPUS benefits.

TAX REDUCED
Pay checks distributed today reflect the new reduced tax rates enacted by the Tax Reform Act of 1969. New withholding tax rates released by the Internal Revenue Service have taken into account the reduction in income tax surcharge from 10 percent to 5 percent, and the new low-income allowance. Details on the rates of withholding are being distributed in NAVWPNSCEN 7401.

Charity Deduction Changes, and Increased Health Benefits Amounts will be reflected on pay checks distributed January 30. Specific information regarding the latter will be forthcoming in a future issue of the Rocketeer. (Continued on Page 8)



Jan. 'Bluejacket' Honors Given PN1 W. G. De Jesus

NWC Sailor Selected For Excellence

PN1 Wilfrido Garcia DeJesus, known as "DJ" by his friends has been selected "Bluejacket of the Month" for January. The NWC sailor is the leading Petty Officer in the Enlisted Personnel Office. "DJ" is a native of Florida, on the island of Bulacan, in the Philippine Islands. He became a naturalized citizen of the United States on February 22, 1968.

A 14-year Navy veteran, DJ attended the University of the East in Manila, and the College of Commerce. He is a graduate of the Class "P" School in the service.

Prior to his arrival at NWC in October, 1966, he served at NAS Barber's Point, in Hawaii.

As a result of his selection DeJesus will journey to Bakersfield with his wife. He will be met by representatives of the Bakersfield Chamber of Commerce, and interviewed on KERO-TV.

While in that city, the pair will be hosted by the Holiday Inn, 2700 White Lane, where they will receive their rooms and meals.

In addition, DJ will be given gift certificates from Bakersfield merchants, including: Brock's Department Store, 1918 Chester Avenue; Valley Office, 1622 Nineteenth Street; the Cue Ball, 2111 Chester Avenue; and the Kern County Museum, 3801 Chester Avenue.

Discount certificates will be provided the January Bluejacket from other Bakersfield merchants, all contained in a hospitality packet from the C of C.

Prior to leaving the local area, DeJesus will pick up a new Ford from Doug Butler of Desert Motors, local Ford agency, which will be available for his use on his weekend trip.

Special Services will display a plaque, with photograph, of the January Bluejacket in the Station Theatre, and an identification plaque will be given to DeJesus.

DeJesus' selection insures his chance at the "Bluejacket of the Year" Banquet held in October each year.

Family Man
DeJesus and his wife Pacita, called "Tita," by their friends, have three children: Roland, 11; Lilibel, 8; and Raymond, 5.

The two older children were recently granted U.S. citizenship. A story on this event was carried in the December 5, 1969 ROCKETEER. Tita is presently working on her five-year residency so that she might join her family in attaining U.S. citizenship.



JANUARY BLUEJACKET—PN1 Wilfrido G. De Jesus, selected as "Bluejacket of the Month" for January, confers with LCdr. C. M. Bates, Commanding Officer of Enlisted Personnel at NWC, about an administrative problem. De Jesus is married and the father of three children, two of whom recently became naturalized citizens.

Commander To Address Kern Outlook Conclave

Capt. M. R. Etheridge, Naval Weapons Center Commander, will join a panel of ten experts to turn the economic spotlight on Kern County's future when the annual Kern County Business Outlook Conference convenes January 21 at the Casa Royale in Bakersfield, California.

The meeting will get underway at 9:15 a.m., preceded by a "meet-the-speakers" coffee at 8:30 a.m. A luncheon session at 12:30 p.m. will conclude the half-day parley.

Military Influence
The Center Commander and Brig. Gen. Alton D. Slay, Commander of the Air Force Flight Test Center at Edwards Air Force Base, will present information on "The Military Sector and Kern County's Economy", as representatives of the military factor in Kern County's economy.

Prospects of 1970
Chosen for their insight into all major phases of the economy, the platform of ten informed speakers will discuss such questions as: "What factors will influence the county's growth and development in the year ahead?" and "How will Kern County's economy fare during 1970?"

Keynote theme of the 1970 Outlook will be "Spirit of the 70s". The panel will "spell-out" anticipated trends in Kern County agriculture, industry, finance, tourism, education, petroleum and mining, and the military sector. Held under the auspices of the Kern County Board of Trade, the economic outlook parley traditionally gives business, civic and governmental leaders a chance to look at economic prospects of the year ahead through the eyes of experts in a wide range of private and government enterprise. The 1970 BOC will focus on the opportunities and the problems facing Kern economy in the coming year, and its chief purpose is to help business and civic interests obtain the best available information and opinion for planning more wisely and effectively for the future.

Robert Bovee, BOC general chairman and Bryan Coleman, executive chairman noted that this economic congress will be more significant than ever since it will mark the beginning of a new decade—a new era (Continued on Page 8)

Orchestra Eyes Second Concert

On Sunday, January 25, the Naval Weapons Center Theatre will again resound with the fine music of the Desert Community Orchestra in its second concert of the 1969-70 concert season.

This concert, which is sponsored jointly by the Desert Community Orchestra Association and the Desert Campus of Bakersfield College, will consist primarily of a performance of lighter music, often referred to as "semi-classical." The compositions for this concert have been carefully selected by the conductor, Charles Wood, with two qualifications in mind: universal appeal and genuine musical worth.

The concert will feature a former resident of the Indian Wells Valley, Rosa Lee McKay,

as violin soloist with the orchestra. Mrs. McKay, who now lives in the Los Angeles area, will perform a portion of the well-known violin concerto, Symphonie Espagnole, by Edvard Lalo.

This brilliant work has long been a favorite of both concert violinists and the concert-going public alike. Other selections scheduled for this concert are: the "La Vie Parisienne" Overture by Offenbach; Morton Gould's "American Salute," based on the theme "When Johnny Comes Marching Home"; the ever-favorite Strauss Waltz "Voices of Spring"; a special medley of past academy awards winning songs arranged by Henry Mancini; and the famous Hungarian Rhapsody No. 2 by Franz Liszt.

The fact is stressed that the Desert Community Orchestra Association is a locally-supported, non-profit organization, which is solely dependent upon the community for its existence.

Not only is it an important link in the cultural chain of this area, but it also provides an opportunity for young, aspiring musicians to gain valuable training and experience under a professional conductor. Young students represent approximately one-half of the total instrumentalists in the orchestra.

Many different types of memberships in the Orchestra Association are still available and interested persons are asked to contact any one of the following individuals: Paul Riley (375-5836); John Bugay (375-2610); and Esther Guffy (446-2725).

Memberships, as well as individual tickets, will also be sold at the door on the evening of the performance.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Answer to Puzzle No. 6

A crossword puzzle grid with 15 across clues and 20 down clues. The grid is partially filled with words. Clues include '3-Shipletto', '4-Mountain lake', '1-Cushman', '2-Decorate', '5-Communist', '6-Prefix: not', '7-Slogan', '8-Manner', '11-Macaw', '12-Danish island', '13-Arabian seaport', '14-Tidy', '15-Preventive', '17-Attempt', '19-Diphthong', '20-Alcoholic beverage', '21-Music: as written', '22-Man's name', '23-Equal', '25-Sign of zodiac', '26-Food program', '27-Organ of hearing', '28-Through', '29-Young boy', '30-Near', '31-Followed', '33-Greek letter', '35-Beam', '36-River island', '37-Hindu cymbals', '38-Reach across', '40-High mountain', '41-Pallet', '42-Number', '43-Pronoun', '44-Goddess of healing', '45-Conjunction', '46-Possesses', '47-Begs', '50-Evergreen tree', '52-Falshoods', '54-Mat's nickname', '55-Base', '56-Sicilian volcano', '57-Greek letter', '1-DOWN', '1-Equality', '2-Exit'. The grid is signed 'Distr. by United Feature Syndicate, Inc.' at the bottom.

IN THIS ISSUE:
SPRING SEMESTER COURSE SCHEDULE

Details Of Recent School Board Meetings Include Policy Actions

At an adjourned meeting of the China Lake Elementary School Board held Monday, January 5, Grant Pinney, assistant superintendent of the school district reported on the status of the current school year federal income. Pinney reported that the U.S. Senate had recently approved the appropriation bill which included money for federally impacted areas such as China Lake and Ridgecrest. Since the Senate approval was for 100% funding, the bill went directly to a conference committee. This committee must return the bill to the Senate for action before it is sent to the President of the United States for his signature.

However, Pinney reported, the President of the U.S. indicated in a letter to Congress on December 18, 1969, that he would not sign the appropriation bill as passed by the Senate, and if this happens the next step according to the report is to solicit enough Congressional help to override the President's veto.

The China Lake School District receives 40% of its income from federal funds. The school district is entitled to an amount of money for each child whose parent works on a federal installation but lives off the installation, the school district receives one-half as much since the taxes from the residence is a source of income for the school district.

The current entitlement in federal funds to the China Lake School District is in excess of \$800,000 for one year.

At the January 12 meeting of the Board of Trustees, the board adopted three policies to become effective immediately: Paternity Absence; Certification, Textbook Usage; and Professional Growth, Certificated Personnel. Copies of these policies and the administrative regulations to accompany them will be distributed as soon as possible.

The board also heard its first reading of the proposed policy on Animals on School Campus. The policy proposal was slated to be on the agenda of the next regular meeting.

In further action, the membership of the advisory committee on Program for Gifted Pupils was recommended approved. The members are Mrs. F. R. Phillips, Mrs. Leona Osborne, Mrs. R. H. Knipe, Mrs. Dorothy Jackson, Mrs. Roberta Ward, Mrs. Carolyn Hockett, and Mrs. Sylvia Tillitt.

Summer Salaries
A salary schedule for summer program director, assistant director, teachers, and student aides was adopted by the board. The hourly rate for teachers was raised to \$6.50. Aides found their hourly rates increased by 10 cents. The pay for the director and assistant is to be based upon the hourly rate for teachers, plus additional hours and a responsibility factor.

January 28 was declared a minimum day for pupils in order that the District might offer a compulsory workshop for certificated personnel on drug abuse. The workshop will be held at Murray School. Further details will be available at a later date.

The board called a special meeting to take place at 7:30 p.m. on January 19, in order to discuss items of mutual concern with the Boards of Trustees of the Indian Wells Valley and the Rand School Districts. The place of the meeting was decided at the January 15 special meeting. Persons interested in attending the January 19 meeting may call the China Lake School District Office to learn the meeting place.

Regular meetings in February will be held on February 2 at 8 p.m. at Richmond School, and on February 16 at 8 p.m. at Groves School.



HELP FOR RETARDED CHILDREN—D. Robert Hooper (r) and C. E. Miller, Jr. (l), journeymen in the Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Shop of Public Works Maintenance Utilities Division, present a check for \$157 to Mrs. Susan Fisher, president of the Indian Wells Valley Council for Retarded Children. For the past five years Public Works employees have donated money to the local Retarded Children's Council in lieu of sending Christmas greeting cards to each other. Attractive posters, prepared by PW painters, and collection containers are located throughout the Public Works Department by the Maintenance Utilities Division, sponsors of the campaign.

PROMOTIONAL OPPORTUNITIES (Continued from Page 2)

File application for the above with Sue Prasolowicz, Bldg. 34, Rm. 28, Ext. 71577. Clerk-Typist, GS-322-2 or 3, PD No. 718009, Code 1825—Position is located in the Operations Maintenance Division located at the Naval Air Facility. The incumbent will type official correspondence, process and file correspondence, answer phone and general clerical work. Minimum Qualification Requirements: A. One year of appropriate experience or, B. education and/or experience as allowable in X-118, for Series GS-322-3.

File applications with Mary Morrison, Code 657, Bldg. 34, Rm. 32, phone 72032. Supervisory General Engineer, GS-801-13, PD No. 6955098, Code 5561—The position is that of Head, Weapons Installation and Support Equipment Branch, Fleet Engineering Division, Engineering Department. The incumbent is responsible for administering and planning programs assigned to the Branch. This includes cost estimates, budget estimates and test plans on work to be performed by branch personnel. As supervisor of the Branch, the incumbent reviews personnel performance, advises on advancement, directs training and recruitment. He provides technical supervision on all programs. This includes production support,

COMNWC Will Speak At Kern Outlook Conclave (Continued from Page 1) of opportunity.

Conference Keynote
The panel of authoritative speakers will be led by one of the nation's leading business executives—John V. Vaughn, president of Dartell Laboratories, a pharmaceutical manufacturer of ethical biochemical specialties with nation-wide distribution. As the keynote luncheon speaker, Vaughn's topic will be, "Where Do We Grow From Here?"

Vaughn has been prominent in Southern California business, industry and civic affairs for more than three decades. President of Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce, he also serves as an officer in a score of state and national organizations. A graduate of UCLA, he has resided in Los Angeles since 1917. He began his distinguished career in 1935 with the National Lead Co., and is listed in Who's Who in the West and Who's Who in Commerce and Industry.

Tells Navy Impact
In a recent news release reviewing the Kern County economy, the Kern County Board of Trade listed the expansion of the Naval Weapons Center, China Lake with 635 additional jobs and an annual payroll of more than \$54 million through consolidation of the NWC Corona Laboratories, among the significant contributions to the county's economic posture during 1969.

The idea for an "Outlook Conference" was approved by the Board of Directors of the Kern County Board of Trade in mid-1957 and the first BOC was presented on January 29, 1958. The BOC is recognized as one of the outstanding meetings of its kind on the San Joaquin Valley business calendar. The Board of Trade considers that no other conference affords the opportunity for conferees to obtain in a half day the best possible summation of business prospects.

The conference is open to all persons desiring to gain facts and perspective on future trends in the county's economy. Kern Outlook

Dr. E. L. Davis Featured Speaker At Maturango Museum Annual Meet

Dr. Emma Lou Davis, Curator of Archeology, Museum of Man, in San Diego, will be the featured speaker at the annual meeting of the Indian Wells Valley Maturango Museum, Tuesday, January 20, in the Mojave Room of the Commissioned Officers' Mess. Dinner will be served at 7, preceded by a no-host cocktail hour.

Dr. Davis will speak on "The Search for Ancient Man in the Mojave Desert." She is currently involved with "MOSARC" in a two-year study of early man on the Naval Weapons Center.

Highlighting the business meeting, with President James W. Baird as master of ceremonies, will be election of three members to the Board of Trustees. The nominating Committee, headed by Kenneth D. Miller, Past-president, has announced that Charles Van Hagen, Maturango Press Publisher, and Donald W. Moore, well-known amateur naturalist, long associated with museum activities, will be candidates.

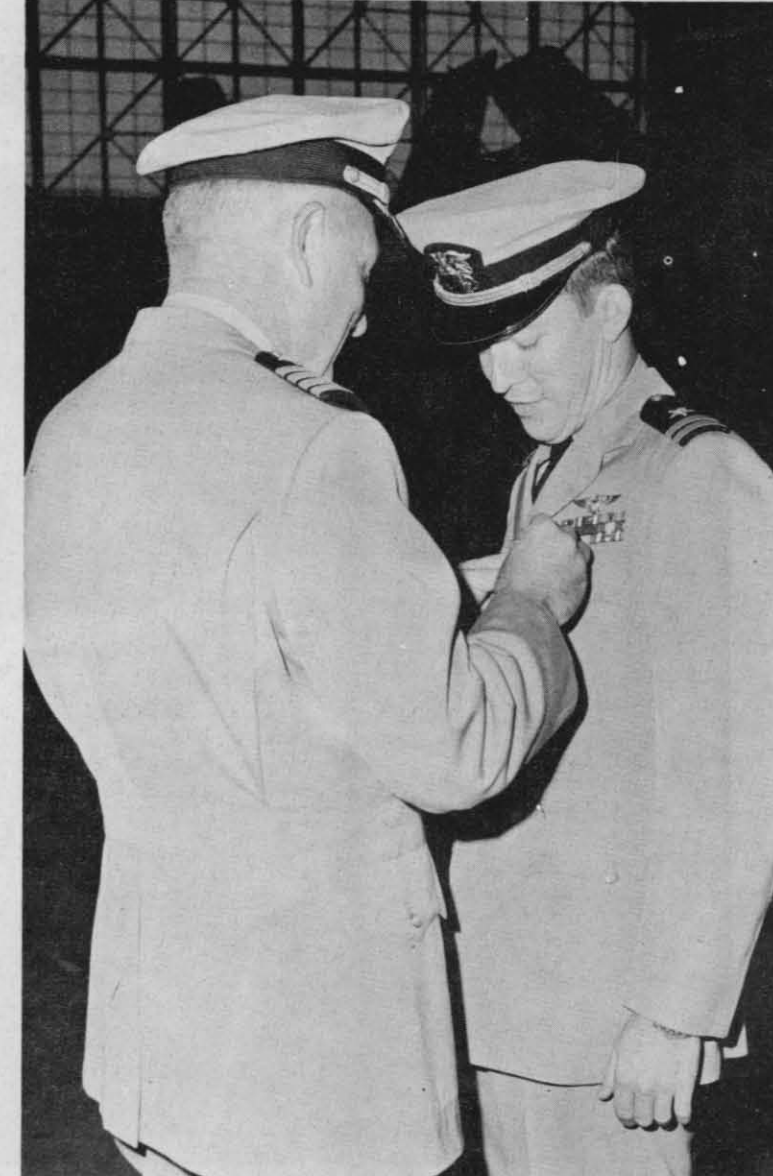
Present Trustee Barbara Sewell will stand for re-election. Further nominations will be entertained from the floor, with the understanding that any candidate so proposed must be a member in good standing of either the museum or the archeological society, or both, and must have given prior consent.

As is customary, awards to those who have rendered significant service to the museum will be presented.

Attention has been drawn to the museum ever since dedication of the Petroglyph Landmark several years ago by tours to the Petroglyph Area guided and escorted, in collaboration with the Center command, by museum personnel.



NEW ARRIVAL—Lcdr. S. G. Johnston reported aboard recently to assume the duties of Commanding Officer of Enlisted Personnel at NWC. The newly arrived officer has been in the Navy since 1941 and received his commission in 1961. He and his wife Huguette have four children: Helen, Michael, David and Louise. The Johnstons reside at 100-A Richmond Rd. on the Center.



AWARDED CROSS OF GALLANTRY—During morning quarters at NAF last week, Capt. L. A. Dewing, NAF Commanding Officer, presented the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry to Lt. Gerald L. Hall (r), for 153 combat missions flown while based aboard the USS Coral Sea from June 1967 to October 1969. Lt. Hall is the Aviation Safety Officer at the Naval Air Facility.



JOINT MEETING—Dr. Paul F. Romberg, President of the California State College in Bakersfield, addressed a joint meeting of the China Lake Branch of ASPA, and the local AAUW. His topic was "Making the College Campus Relevant." He also spoke about plans of the new campus in Bakersfield, scheduled to open in September, 1970. More than 60 persons attended the luncheon meeting, held January 6 at the Commissioned Officers' Mess, in the Mojave Room.

principally featured the local petroglyphs. As a result of this article, requests poured in from all over the southwest for participation in such a tour; and consequently the director, Baird, and Pringle, escorted over 650 people on five different weekends to the Petroglyph Area. Each group was brought back to be shown the Visitors Center by the curator. The favorable impression generated has brought in many new members and stimulated a number of projected associations in scientific and public relations circles.

In accordance with corporation by-laws, invitations have gone out to all members in good standing as of the first of the year, and reservations for the dinner at \$4 a plate are now in order. However, this is a final opportunity to pay renewal dues for 1970 for 12 full months of membership; and it is not too late for new members to join by mailing a check to the museum (P.O. Box 5514, China Lake) covering dues and dinner costs, and thus have a voice in naming trustees to fill the three vacancies for the coming administrative year. Dues remain the same: \$10 Family; \$5 Individual; \$1 Student.

The Archeological Society dues are the same. Any member of either the museum or MOSARC can pay an additional \$2 and become an associate member of the other with full privileges.

Anyone preferring to pay at the door should make reservations by calling the museum—NWC ext. 72368—by Friday, January 16. An open gate policy will be established for new and old members the night of the annual meeting.

Euripides' 'The Trojan Women' Opens Jan. 22

"The Trojan Women," a tragedy by the great Greek dramatist Euripides, will be presented by Theatre 27, Desert Campus, Bakersfield College on January 22, 23 and 24 in the Burroughs Multi-purpose Room beginning at 8:15 p.m.

The play, translated by Edith Hamilton, was first produced in 415 B.C., and since has come to be known as one of the finest pieces of anti-war literature ever written.

The setting of the play is outside the gates of Troy following the defeat of the Trojans by the Greek armies. The women of Troy are waiting to be taken to ships and hence to Greece where most of them face a life of slavery. Their suffering is the basic theme of the play.

Members of the cast include Leroy Carson, Joan Leipnik, Sherry Parker, Don Savelle, Pam Hemingway, Art Schaper, Diane Dickinson, Randy Carson, Jean Cadmun, Debra Duncan, Jack Lindsey and Nancy Hoyem.

The play is under the direction of Pat Schwarzbach, instructor of speech and theatre at the local college. Other members of the staff include: Jack Chandler, student director; Mark Goza, technical director; Nancy Hoyem, costume design, and Jeanne Gritton, set design.

Tickets are now on sale at The Gift Mart, the Station Pharmacy, and from members of the cast. Admission is \$1.25 for adults and 75 cents for students and children.

Servicemen On Active Duty Are Eligible For VA Educational Aid

Servicemen on active duty may be eligible for educational assistance up to \$130 a month, according to the Veterans Administration.

Citing the provisions of U.S. Title 38, the VA says servicemen who have been on active duty at least two years are eligible for benefits. Those who had prior service may establish eligibility by proving they were discharged or released under conditions other than dishonorable. However, the prior service must have lasted for more than 180 days, and some part of that must have occurred after Jan. 31, 1955. If the prior service was for less than 181 days, eligibility could still be established if the discharge — after Jan. 31, 1955 — was for a service connected disability.

Allowances are designed to help the active duty serviceman meet the cost of tuition, fees, books and other education costs, at least in part. Payments will be computed at the rate of \$130 per month for a full time course, whichever is less.

In-service educational benefits are accrued at the rate of eligibility for each month of active duty. The maximum period of entitlement is 36 months, but the VA says that can be extended to 48 under certain circumstances.

There is virtually no limit on program selection under the new law, according to the VA. The serviceman's goal "may be purely educational, such as obtaining a college degree; professional, such as becoming a lawyer; or vocational, such as becoming a barber or air conditioning serviceman."

VA form and detailed information on this and other in-service benefits are available at local education offices.

PTA To Discuss Drug Abuse, Sex Education

The China Lake Elementary PTA will discuss drug abuse and sex education at their next meeting, Tuesday, January 22, at Groves School, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Robert Hamilton, PTA Legislative Chairman for the Seventh District in Bakersfield, will be the guest speaker. Following his presentation he will answer questions from the audience.

An opportunity will be made for parents to purchase the School Record Books following the meeting.

Coffee and cookies will be served.

RArm J. E. Clark To Speak On 'Mars Fly By' At AOA Dinner

Rear Admiral John E. Clark, USN (Ret.), Deputy Director of Jet Propulsion Laboratory, will be the featured speaker at the annual installation dinner of the American Ordnance Association, Friday, January 23, beginning at 8 p.m. at the Commissioned Officers' Mess. A no-

host reception will precede the dinner at 7:30 p.m. Rear Admiral Clark will speak on the "MARS Fly By," and the role JPL played in this event. He is the former Commander of the Pacific Missile Range, Point Mugu, California, and prior to his retirement in 1967 was Commandant of the 12th Naval District, San Francisco.

Rear Admiral Mel Peterson, USN (Ret.), Executive Director of the Los Angeles Chapter of AOA, will install the new officers.

Wives and guests of members of the AOA are cordially invited to attend the dinner. Tickets may be obtained from the following:

Bill Arnold, ticket chairman, Engineering Department; John Black, Genge; Walt Kuzmin, CAI; Fred Chenault, Code 55; Jim Smith, Code 4005; Jack Sherman, Code 4562; Lynn Barker, Code 3561; Ray Reed, Code 555; George Cleary, Code 4003.



RArm. J. E. Clark

Effective immediately, the phone number for ordering forms stocked in the Supply Department has been changed to 72975.

CHAMPUS Not Being Used By Navy Families (Continued from Page 1)

Completion of the first 13 items on the claim form is the responsibility of the patient or the sponsor.

Retired members are reminded that their dependents must have been issued identification cards (DD-1137) which reflect their eligibility for CHAMPUS benefits. Such entitlement is shown in item 15B on the reverse side of the card.

Officials point out that there are many sources of detailed information about the program. One is the Department of Defense pamphlet entitled "Uniformed Services Health Benefits Program." Local military installations will also have information about CHAMPUS, or individuals may write to the Executive Director, OCHAMPUS, US, Denver, Colo. 80240.

Season Tickets Still Available For Balance of Concert Series

"Good season tickets are still available for the balance of the Civic Concert Association season," states F. A. Chenault, Sales Manager. Three outstanding programs are still to come in 1970.

On January 28, the Vienna Academy Chorus, now on their seventh tour of the United States, will present a varied program from the music of Europe. On February 19, the Center will host the outstanding young pianist David Barillan and on April 30, the nationally prominent Utah Symphony Orchestra will be here.

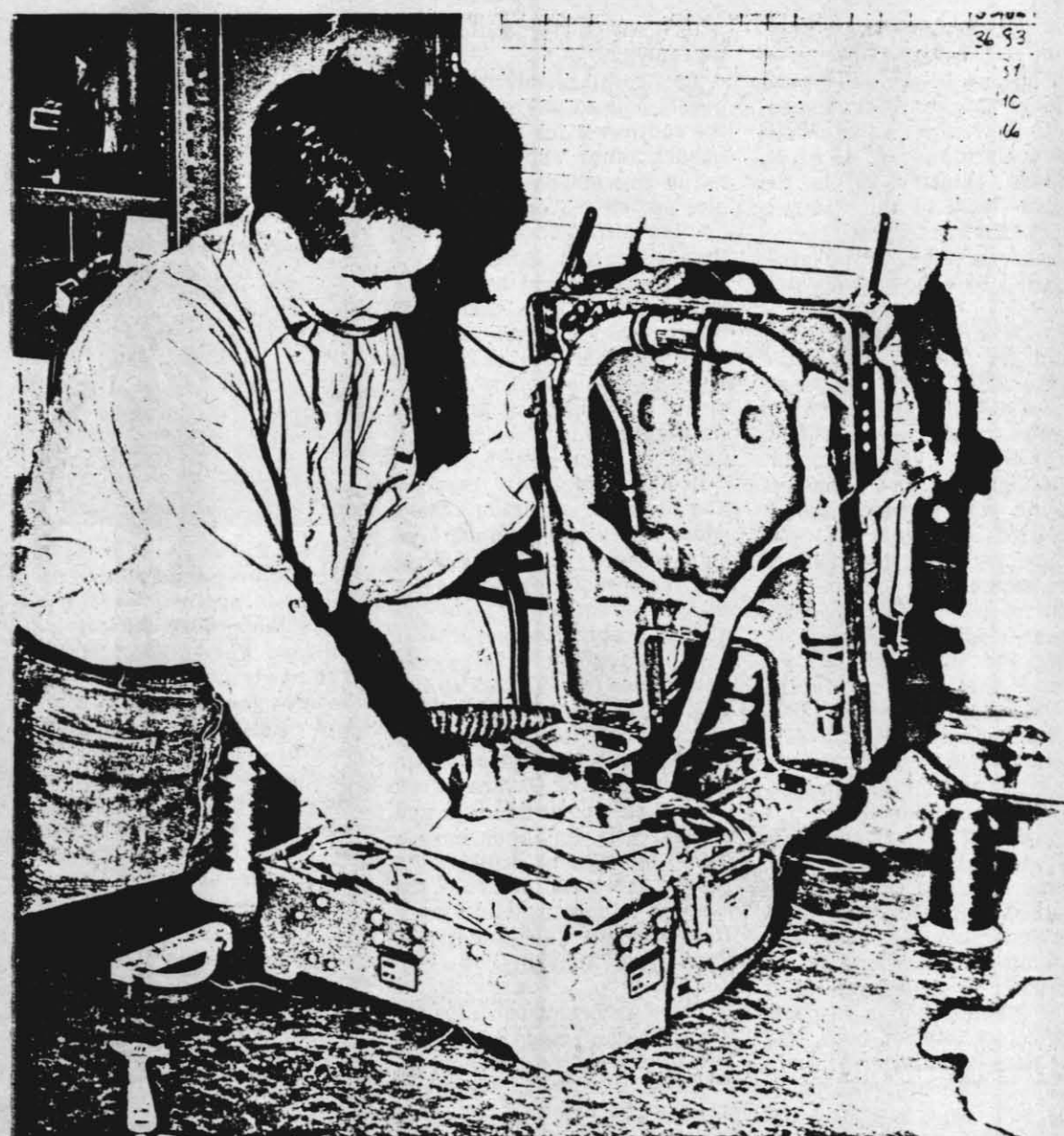
This full symphony, well known to record buffs and listeners to KFAC for their recordings, will climax the concert season in the Valley.

Sea-on tickets for the balance of the season have been prorated and are now \$13, \$11 and \$9, depending on seat selection, with half prices for students and enlisted personnel and their wives.

Tickets may be obtained from Mr. Chenault, Mrs. David Chapman, President of the Board, or from Board members Mrs. B. A. Breslow, Mrs. L. R. Housden, Mrs. R. A. Jones, K. Okauchi or H. E. Bennett. They may also be purchased at the door on the night of the performance.

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Responsibility Key Word At NAF Parachute Loft And Raft Shops

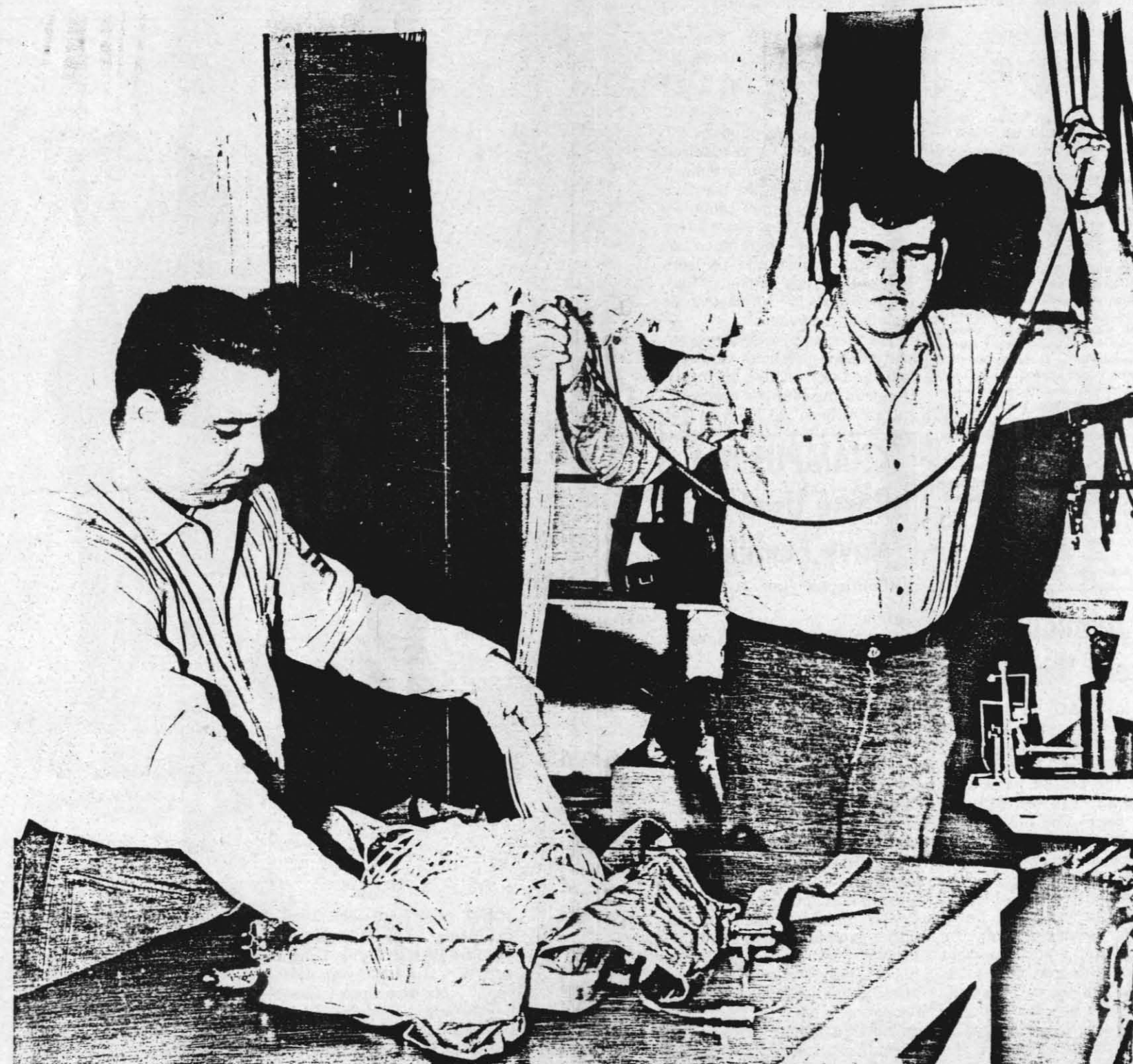


ABOVE—PR3 Ronald Buchanan, of the Raft Shop, a part of the AMD Aviators Equipment Division, deflates a LR-1 Life Raft prior to checking it by inflating it to 2 psi for a 48-hour period. The Raft goes into the container on the right. After being packed, the chute is a part of the ejection seat and is ejected with the pilot in case of an emergency. BELOW—PR1 Fred Mackal (foreground) and PR3 Tom Parrish drop a chute from the drying tower in preparation for repacking. The men in this shop are responsible for the repack and modification of all types of parachutes and life rafts used in both reciprocating and jet aircraft. PR1 John Malan is the Shop Petty Officer.

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ABOVE—PR3 Ronald Buchanan installs a life raft after having run a 48-hr. check on it by inflating it to 2 psi for the time period. The chute, which is ejected with the pilot, inflates itself as it dangles below the pilot and parachute. Pilots literally bet their lives on the conscientious craftsmanship of

the men in the Para Loft and Raft Shop. BELOW—PRAN Fred Krebs and PR3 Tom Parrish check shroud lines for proper order in the Para Loft Shop of the AMD Aviators Equipment Division. Men from NAF and from VX-5 work in the two shops, and are commanded by Lt. R. W. Cummings.



ABOVE — PR2 Robert Ruiz performs the daily maintenance necessary on the sewing machines used by the men in the Para Loft and Raft Shops to repair shrouds and raft equipment. BELOW — PR2 Don Gaines makes a check of oxygen mask regulator

