

OPENS FEBRUARY 20—Rosalie Barber and John Vanderbeck talk things out in this scene from "Footsteps of Doves," the second one-act play of four from Robert Anderson's "You Know I Can't Hear You When the Water's Running," which opens at the Murray School Auditorium February 20, at 8:15 p.m., and will repeat February 21, 27 and 28. Directed by Ken Austerman, the China Lake Players production is billed as "Adult Entertainment." Tickets are priced at \$2 general admission and \$1 military, and may be purchased from any cast member or at the door.

### WACOM To Bring Excitement Of Harold's Club to COM February 21

The Women's Auxiliary of the Commissioned Officers' Mess brings the glamour and excitement of the renowned Harold's Club of Reno, Nevada to China Lake with a social "gambling night" scheduled for 8:30 p.m. on Saturday, February 21 at the Officers' Club. Launching the event will be a western style buffet dinner served in the dining room of the Officers' Club from 6 to 9 p.m. at \$3.00 per person. All props and games, donated by the original Harold's Club of Reno, will provide an atmosphere and authenticity not previously duplicated in the Indian Wells Valley area. All guests are urged to wear

western attire in keeping with the mood of the evening. High stakes will be the order of the day as \$100 in "play money" will be given with every admission donation of \$1.00 per person. Games will consist of blackjack, roulette, craps, etc. Prizes of champagne, a barrel of Colonel Sander's fried chicken and Officers' Club dinners, will be awarded every half-hour. Background piano entertainment will be provided by Capt. M. R. Etheridge and Capt. E. L. Snopkowski. The event is open to all Commissioned Officers' Mess members, their families and guests.

### Advance First Aid Course Slated

Those holding a currently valid Red Cross advanced first aid certificate are eligible to take an advanced first aid review class to update their cards. The class will meet for four Tuesday evenings starting February 17 at a time and place to be announced later. To register, call instructors John Ohl, 8289, or Bob Westbrook, 375-8371. While this class is open to everyone, it is aimed specifically for rescue group personnel since the use of oxygen apparatus and external heart massage will be taught in addition to the regular Red Cross review. In addition, a Red Cross Caseworker Volunteer class will be held February 17, 18, and 19. It will meet in the Red Cross office, 55 S. Lauritsen, from 0915 to 1115 and 1300 to 1500 hours on those days. To preregister, call Mary Seaman, 446-5253. Caseworkers assist military men and their families with

emergency communication and financial needs, assist the military in establishing the need for emergency leaves, hardship discharges, and provide a variety of other services. **Volleyball Tryouts To Begin Monday** Tryouts for the China Lake volleyball team are scheduled to begin Monday, February 16 in preparation for the Mojave Desert Interservice League tournament next month. Coach Ray Gier said practices will be held daily at 11:15 a. m. in the Center Gym. Gier asked all players interested in trying out for the team to report ready for practice Monday. The MDISL tournament, played under international volleyball rules, is slated to be held at Nellis AFB beginning March 14.

## 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 MPAA (Motion Picture Association of America) ratings. (The Parents' Magazine ratings will eventually be superseded completely by the MPAA 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 FEBRUARY 13  
"THE COMEDIANS" (130 Min.)  
Elizabeth Taylor, Richard Burton  
7:00 P.M.  
(Drama) NOT A COMEDY! A hard-hitting indictment of Duvalier dictatorship in Haiti as four tourists become embroiled in local politics and police action. \*\*\*(A, M).

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 14  
—MATINEE—  
"SON OF ROBINHOOD" (80 Min.)  
Al Hedison  
1:00 P.M.  
Shorts: "No Smoking" (7 Min.)  
"Canadian Mounted" (No. 10, 13 Min.)

—EVENING—  
"THE PRIVATE NAVY OF SGT. O'FARRELL" (92 Min.)  
Bob Hope, Phyllis Diller, Gina Lollobrigida  
7:00 P.M.  
(Comedy) Whatta lousy enemy! They sunk the ship carrying the beer ration for troops on Funapee Island! But that long back of Bob's finds the subs as he chases Gina and Phyllis chases him, and the kooky war goes on. \*\*\*(A, Y, C).  
Shorts: "Le Pigal Patrol" (6 Min.)  
"The Kisser Plant" (7 Min.)

SUNDAY-MONDAY FEBRUARY 15-16  
"THE FILE OF THE GOLDEN GOOSE" (105 Min.)  
Yul Brynner, Charles Gray, Edward Ward  
7:00 P.M.  
(Crime-Drama) Yul Brynner portrays an American agent in a British adventure about a powerful counterfeit ring. This is one modern film where the good guys triumph over the bad guys in international intrigue. \*(M) \*\*\*(A, Y).  
Short: "Twinkle Twinkle Little Pink" (7 Min.)

TUESDAY-WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 17-18  
"RING OF BRIGHT WATER" (107 Min.)  
Bill Travers, Virginia McKenna, Peter Jeffrey  
7:00 P.M.  
(Adventure) A writer (Bill Travers) acquires a pet otter (Mij) who refuses to live in a city apartment. Mij is taken to a new home on a hilarious trip to a beautiful Scottish seacoast village. \*(G) \*\*\*(A, Y, C).  
Short: "Red Tractor" (7 Min.)

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 19  
CHINA LAKE CIVIC CONCERT PRESENTATION

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 20  
"DARK OF THE SUN" (106 Min.)  
Rod Taylor, Yvette Mimieux, John Brown  
7:00 P.M.  
(Adventure) Two companions are assigned to go into the interior of the troubled Congo to rescue some white inhabitants who are threatened by rebel forces and to return 50 million dollars in diamonds. \*\*\*(A, V.M.).  
Short: "Short Term Sheriff" (7 Min.)

### Youth Dances

The Blues Crusade hits the downbeat for a music-filled month of Youth Center Dances tonight at the Community Center. The dance begins at 8 p.m. and admission is \$2 per person or \$1 for Teen Club members. Other dances scheduled for this month are February 20 with the Giant Crab and February 27 featuring the Electric Chair.



DEMISE OF A WINE TASTER—Mr. Hoskins, portrayed by Curtis Barker, is being "laid out" in the window seat by Teddy, played by Eugene Warren, in this scene from "Arsenic and Old Lace," the Burroughs High School Drama Club production which plays tonight and tomorrow night in the Multi-purpose Room. The play is directed by Alan Kubik, an instructor of speech, drama and music. Tickets are available at the door and are priced at \$1. Curtain time is 7:30 p.m. —Photo by PH3 L. H. Detweiler

### CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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1-Ripped  
5-Discharged a gun  
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14-Instructed  
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17-Man's nickname  
19-Scatter  
20-Period of time  
21-The sweetsop  
23-Piece out  
24-Tiny particle  
25-Piece of cutlery  
27-Warning device  
29-Ancient  
30-Obstruct  
31-Crawl  
33-Let in  
35-Academic subjects  
36-Silkworm  
38-Supercilious person  
40-Ethiopian title  
41-Heavenly bodies  
43-Organ of hearing  
44-Pronoun  
45-Heavenly bodies  
47-Spanish for "yes"  
48-Negation  
50-Signify  
52-Melody  
53-Provides crew

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32-Part of flower  
33-Ventilated fabric  
34-Browns, as bread  
35-Dry  
37-Hurried  
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51-Preposition

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### Labor-Manag'ent Negotiations Open At China Lake

Negotiations between the Naval Weapons Center and the Indian Wells Valley Metal Trades Council were opened on February 9 by Capt. M. R. Etheridge, NWC Commander. Subjects for negotiation encompassed Center policies and programs relating to working conditions of non-supervisory per diem employees, including safety, training, labor-management cooperation, employee services, methods of adjusting grievances, appeals, leave, promotion plans, demotion practices, pay practices, reduction-in-force practices and hours of work. In opening the discussions, Capt. Etheridge emphasized the importance of providing a meaningful and workable agreement, and adjustment of matters of mutual interest to employees and management. J. J. Deffes, Head of the Mechanical Division of the Engineering Department is the Chief Negotiator for NWC. Members of the Center Negotiating Committee are W. R. Riley, E. C. Shaw, D. P. D'Anza and LCDR. S. G. Johnston. Richard Hawkins of the Sheetmetal Workers International is the chief spokesman for the IWV Metal Trades Council. Other members of the negotiating committee for labor are Joe Lechner, Frank Young, Harry Thacker, Jay Oliver, Andrew Barkhurst, and Don Fuller. The Indian Wells Valley Metal Trades Council consists of four affiliated local unions: The Sheetmetal Workers International Association Local No. 551; the International Association of Machinists Desert Lodge No. 442; the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local No. 729, and the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners Local No. 2224. The Council represents, on an exclusive basis, all direct hire, non-supervisory, per diem employees at the Naval Weapons Center, China Lake.



## Aviation Storekeeper Myers Is February 'Bluejacket Of Month'



HUNTER, OUTDOORSMAN—AK2 Eddie M. Myers, his wife Bernice and three children, (l-r) Michael, 7, Tammy Jo 8 and William 3, review dad's weapons as he prepares for a hunting trip, into the area surrounding the Indian Wells Valley. The February "Blue-

### Louisiana Native Regards Selection As 'High Point'

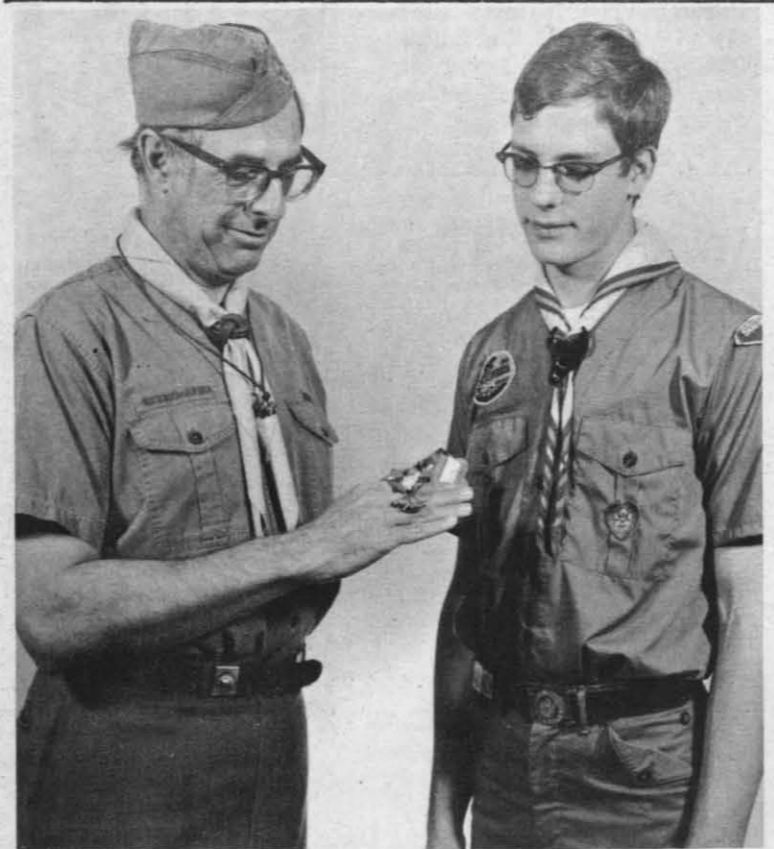
"This has to be the high point of my Naval career." This was the statement AK2 Eddie Max Myers made when informed he had been chosen "Bluejacket of the Month" for February. Eddie is in charge of the Program Management Branch of NAF Supply, located in Warehouse 64. Myers is unique in that he is the Bluejacket from NAF, but is a VX-5 sailor TAD to NAF. "I reported directly to NAF," he said, "in July 1968, which was the month I came to China Lake." As a result of his having been chosen Bluejacket of the Month, Myers and his wife Bernice will be treated to an all-expense paid weekend in Bakersfield by the Bakersfield Chamber of Commerce. The local couple will receive their room and meals from the Hyatt Lodge Sand Inn, 701 Union Avenue. Myers will have the use of a 1970 Ford, provided the Bluejacket by Doug Butler, of Desert Motors in Ridgecrest. Upon his arrival in Bakersfield, Myers will be met by representatives of the CofC and taken to KERO-TV, where he will be interviewed for a later (Continued on Page 5)

### Life Insurance Open Season Set For Next Month

An Open Season for regular and optional life insurance will be held during the entire month of March, and a reduction in premium rates for optional insurance will become effective the first pay period in April. Any eligible employee who waived his regular insurance will be given an opportunity to cancel the waiver and obtain regular life insurance or the regular plus the optional insurance without evidence that he is in good health and without regard to age. Similarly, any employee who has regular insurance but who declined to take the optional insurance will be given an opportunity to elect the optional insurance without evidence of good health and without regard to age. The reduction in premium rates for optional life insurance will become effective the first pay period in April. Premium rates for the \$10,000 op- (Continued on Page 4)



BOSES' NIGHT BANQUET—Irene Branham (r), president of the China Lake Business and Professional Women's Club, presents a ticket for the Bosses' Night Banquet to her boss, June Nelson, Head, Editorial Branch in Systems Development Department. The annual event will be held in the Mojave Room of the Commissioned Officers' Mess on February 17, with a social hour at 6:30 and dinner at 7:30. Julia Arri, a business woman from Pomona, Calif., will be the guest speaker. —Photo by PH3 M. I. Dias



SILVER BEAVER RECIPIENT—Bill Werback, left, head of the Structural Mechanics Branch at NWC, holds the Silver Beaver award presented him at the Boy Scout Council Recognition Dinner in Bakersfield January 30. The Silver Beaver Award is the highest honor a Scout Council can bestow on a Scouter and requires years of exemplary service to the Boy Scouts. Bill's son Norman, a local Boy Scout, looks on.



CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

"Change and Charisma"

By CHAPLAIN GORDON A. READ

A full-page advertisement declares, "The woman who wears it, has it. Charisma has brilliance and excitement, a fragrance that communicates. —Charisma. Wear it and start a reaction."

By some, charisma has been reserved for a few and attributed to the masses by others. The word has been lost to the theologians and captured by politicians. It may be the concern of the politician as he tries to produce a particular image or discussion at the ladies afternoon tea.

We live in an age of revolutions—social revolution, political revolution, educational revolution, technological revolution, and religious revolution. We live in an age when the war score and the football score are viewed with equal detachment by many people.

McLuhan's "Electric Age" pulls all of us into the revolutions, one way or another. The pervading idea about charisma is that it is a rare gift bestowed upon but a few individuals in history.

For instance, the time must be right, people must be distressed, and they are not only dissatisfied with conditions as they are actually distressed over their social, political, or religious situation. Erik H. Erikson has suggested that there are certain conditions such as the waning of religion, or fear, or anxiety, or an existential dread which cause people to become "charisma hungry."

The apostle Paul spoke of the gift of the Spirit. Paul said all people have the potential for the Spirit. Charisma is the created potential of every person. Man is created in the image of God and has the power within him to be a unique extraordinary individual who is directly connected to a transcendent power.

In the midst of change, the Christian and the Church can no longer be content to deal with the external show of people's actions and to drift aimlessly among social change and revolution. The Church cannot continue to deal with the surface of man's life but must plumb to the very essence of his existence in helping him to discover his identity in Christ.

The mission of the Church in a time of change is not to tell people what they already know—that they do not love people, nor is it to make them feel guilty for not loving them, but to help them discover why they do not love other people and to create the "scenes" and situations where they can learn to do so.

The Church's mission is to help people discover the charisma—the love—within them and offer channels of expression for their uniqueness in the new life.



SHIPS OVER—Capt. C. W. Fritz, left, Commanding Officer of VX-5 swears in AO1 Theodore J. Trujillo during reenlistment ceremonies held in Capt. Fritz's office January 23. Petty Officer Trujillo, a recent arrival at VX-5, is the husband of Nellie J. Trujillo, and the son of Mrs. Clemente Trujillo, of Pueblo, Colorado.

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 fact that positions are advertised here does not preclude the use of other means to fill these positions.

The vacancies listed below are effective from 13 to 20 February 1970. Clerk-Typist (part time), GS-322-3 or 4, Code 4055—Incumbent will serve as Branch Secretary and will be responsible for the typing of official correspondence and memoranda; preparation of travel orders and stubs, filing, receives telephone and office calls, receives and distributes incoming mail and other duties as may be required to maintain an efficient office.

File applications with June Chipp, Bldg. 34, Rm. 26, phone 72676.

Engineering Documentation Specialist, GS-301-5, PD No. 7040004, Code 4014—This position is located in the Documentation Branch of the Development Department.

Program Planning Consultant, GS-401-340, 341, 345-11, 12, or 13, PD No. 7040005, Code 4009—Advise Code 40 project managers in the organization and planning of their program structure. This includes the definition of total project objectives, development of plans and formal planning documents, and selection of the data to be presented for sound program management.

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AFRICA COMES ALIVE—Third graders of the China Lake School District were taken on a tour of Africa January 29 by Mr. and Mrs. Lynn A. Blackmum, of Westend, through the use of slides, artifacts and a description of the "dark continent." The Blackmums, who recently returned from a Safari of Africa, showed slides illustrating the primitive and modern cultures of Africans today. The children toured mountainous and valley regions, Victoria Falls, and Mt. Kilimanjaro. Much of the Safari touched places that the children will be studying in the year to come. The Blackmums exhibited many beautiful artifacts of African culture, including carvings, skins of different animals, and items used in ceremonial activities. The slide show and talk was a part of the Black History week, February 8 through 14.

PERCOLATOR 1970 Is Place For Residents To Meet, Relax

Residents and military men of NWC with nothing to do on Friday nights are invited to an open house at 639 N. Norma St., in Ridgecrest. Known as PERCOLATOR 1970, the coffeehouse-type operation will open its doors each Friday evening at 8 p.m. and will provide visitors with an informal atmosphere for conversation, creative activity, and fun for all ages.

Live entertainment will be a continuing aspect of the PERCOLATOR format. Opening night stars the vocal-guitar duo of Julie and John. Recurring PERCOLATOR features will be Graffiti Wall, the Editor's Chair, the Hobby Corner, the Reading Center, and refreshments.

Future programs include a

Drama Night (Feb. 20), a Youth Night (Feb. 27) and folk music by the Silver City Singers of San Diego (Mar. 6).

All operating costs for the PERCOLATOR are to be covered by donations.

The PERCOLATOR is a community involvement project of the United Methodist Church of Ridgecrest.

SUPPORT YOUR RED CROSS

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SIGNS UP FOR SIX—For his first re-enlistment, AC-22 Robert Wheeler (l) decided to go for six more years. His wife, Pam, attended the recent swearing-in ceremonies, conducted by Capt. L. A. Dewing (r), Commanding Officer, NAF. An air controlman, second class, Wheeler joined the Navy in 1966. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Wheeler of Reseda, California. Mrs. Wheeler is the former Pam Fletcher, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Fletcher of China Lake. Wheeler has orders to report to NAS, Barbers Point, Hawaii after six weeks of Ground Approach School at Glyncro, Ga.

GEBA-CLMAS Assessments Announced by L. R. Mason

One GEBA-CLMAS assessment has been waived and another one is due it was announced this week by Lawrence R. Mason, secretary-treasurer of the Government Employees Benefit Association and the China Lake Mutual Aid Society.

Assessment No. 200-128 is waived for the death of Robert Roberts who passed away at the Ridgecrest Community Hospital on January 31, from a heart attack. He was 66 years old and lived in Ridgecrest since his retirement from the Transportation Division of the Public Works Department.

Assessment No. 200-128 is due for the death of John Marcus Hodges, age 73, who passed away February 1 from lung cancer at the Veteran's Hospital in Long Beach. Hodges was a retiree from the Public Works Metal Shop.

Members are again reminded to check the names and addresses of beneficiaries to ensure that information is up to date.

IN AN EMERGENCY CALL: 446-3333



1970 DIRECTORS AT WORK—Members of the China Lake Little League Board of Directors held a conference February 3 to establish some new procedures for the coming year and map out plans for the 1970 baseball season. Seated around the table beginning, left to right, are: Bill Lalar, President; Beverly Weisbrich, Secretary;

NWC Employees Receive Master's Degrees In P. A.

This past semester five Naval Weapons Center employees received their master's degrees in public administration from the University of Southern California Graduate Extension Program at China Lake. Dr. Ross Clayton, coordinator and instructor for the program from USC, received his doctoral degree at this time. A former NWC employee, he started in the Public Administration Program while working at the Center.

The recipients included: Eva Bien, Code 656; John Barhoum, Code 652; George Craig, Code 1711; Bernard Connolly, Code 4001; and Terry Haycock, formerly of Code 651, who is now working in Washington, D.C.

The awarding of these degrees represents from three to six years of work by the individuals. Originally begun in 1960, there are approximately 60 people enrolled in the three classes being offered in the spring semester. By taking the nine classes required for the degree, an employee can complete the entire program at China Lake. Three different classes are presented each semester on a rotating basis.

Navy Department Issues Warning To D. C. Visitors

The Navy Department Administrative Office in Washington, D.C., has issued a notice warning all travelers to the Main Navy-Munitions compound to stay away from the barricaded areas surrounding the "W" building during the next few weeks during the remaining phases of the building's demolition.

The barricaded areas surrounding the W Building will be considered "no man's land" and GSA police have been ordered to arrest and prosecute personnel who violate the danger areas.

Demolition of the building is considered to be extremely dangerous and Defense personnel are forbidden to endanger their lives or safety by entering the restricted areas.



AIR FORCE VISITOR—Brig. Gen. W. S. Chairsell, r, Vice Commander of ADTC, Elgin Air Force Base, Florida, paid a brief visit to NWC February 8 and 9 to participate in technical operations. He was accompanied by Elgin Chief Scientist T. H. Dalehite, on the left.

Promotional Opportunities

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Advancement Potential: The position may be classified at the GS-13 level depending upon the qualifications and performance of the incumbent.

File applications for above with June Chipp, Bldg. 34, Rm. 26, Personnel Dept. Phone 72676.

Supply Clerk (Typing), GS-2005-04, PD No. 725025-1, Code 258—Incumbent verifies all requisitions for "Direct Turnover" for correctness; completes requisitions for routing and identification; checks for exception data in accordance with MILSTRIP procedures; sends out mechanized requisitions; verifies stock numbers and prices on paperwork submitted to him; audits transaction cards; works on rejection listing, checks price varior list, the processed transaction list, the item change report and Inventory General Report; screens all Price Management Data Section issued by ASC, etc. Minimum Qualification Requirements: One year of general experience which is clerical experience of any kind and one year of specialized experience which is supply or closely related activities: (a) which has required the applicant to acquire and apply knowledge of the rules, regulations, procedures and program systems; and (b) which has demonstrated the applicant's ability to perform at the level of the position to be filled.

File applications for above with Pat Gaunt, Bldg. 34, Rm. 34, phone 71514. Clerk-Typist, GS-322-3/4, Code 851—Incumbent provides administrative, clerical and secretarial assistance to the Head, Administrative Division and Assistant Head, Command Administration Department. Types official correspondence, memoranda, personal action requests, etc. Obtains information for stub requisitions such as correct nomenclature, cost, etc. Maintains various records, reports, etc. Minimum Qualification Requirements: GS-3: 1 year of general clerical experience. GS-4: 1 year of general clerical experience and 1 year of specialized experience. Advancement Potential: GS-3 may advance to GS-4.

Accounts Maintenance Clerk, GS-520-5, Code 1762—Incumbent maintains accounts on procurement transactions which require the application of more difficult accounting methods and procedures. Audits accounting data on documents for legality, propriety, and compliance with regulations. He codes documents. Prepares accounting information to record transactions in the ledgers. Incumbent reconciles total commitments and obligations of funds to master control ledger and investigates discrepancies. Minimum Qualification Requirements: 1 year of general experience (clerical) and 2 years of specialized experience.

File application for the above with Sue Prasolowicz, Bldg. 34, Rm. 28, ext. 71577. Mechanical Engineering Technician or Administrative Assistant, GS-5, or GS-7, Code 7002—Incumbent will coordinate the scheduling of work within the Engineering Division through the appropriate Branch Head. The work scheduled will include both proposed and approved facility projects. He will coordinate time and cost phased schedules for accomplishment of various phases of work. The schedules indicate work by portion of major component systems, and by work stages such as real estate acquisition and construction. Minimum Qualification Requirements: FSE for Administrative Assistant Mechanical Engineering Technician; 2 years general and 1 year specialized experience for GS-5 level; 2 years general

and 3 years specialized for GS-7 level as outlined in X-118 Qualification Standards. File applications with Dora Childers, Code 657, Rm. 32, phone 71393. Clerk (DMT), GS-3/4, Code 5531, PD No. 755116—This position is located in the Guidance Branch, Engineering Department. The incumbent will perform secretarial duties for all Branch personnel, including the following: (1) preparation of official letters, memorandums, and messages from hand-written drafts and recordings; (2) preparation of forms (procurement requests, travel orders, etc.); (3) set up and maintain administrative and project file systems and retrieve information; (4) receives official visitors and telephone calls and directs them to appropriate personnel—secretary telephone calls for the Branch Head; (5) prepare technical reports which include graphs, tables, and mathematical equations, and (6) provide follow-up action on stubs, travel orders, memos, etc. so that current status is known. Many of the above duties require frequent contact (liaison) with a wide variety of people (contractors, personnel from other departments, etc.), hence a good personality and even disposition is necessary. Minimum Qualification Requirements: Applicants must meet the requirements of Civil Service Handbook X-118. Relevant Position Elements: In addition, the following are desirable qualities: (1) the ability to interpret published instructions so as to cover abnormal situations such as non-standard procurements as defined in CSC Qualification Requirements; (2) the ability to operate punched-card equipment (card punch, duplicator, etc.) to facilitate the Branch's work with digital computers (familiarity with computer languages such as Fortran would be helpful); and (3) the ability to compose Branch reports for existing record on such items as expenditures, leave, training, etc.

File above applications with Pat Gaunt, Bldg. 34, Rm. 34, phone 71514. Clerk-Typist, GS-322-3/4, Code 5503 — Provides typing and clerical services support to Chief Engineer's Office. Maintains office files. Makes travel arrangements and maintains records of itineraries. Procures supplies, equipment and maintenance services. Receives and screens telephone and business callers. Minimum Qualification Requirements: Appropriate education/experience as defined in CSC Qualification Handbook X-118 for Clerk-Typist series. Relevant Position Elements: Ability to express self and communicate with visitors. Knowledge of good grammar and typing practices.

File above applications with Pat Gaunt, Bldg. 34, Rm. 34, phone 71515.

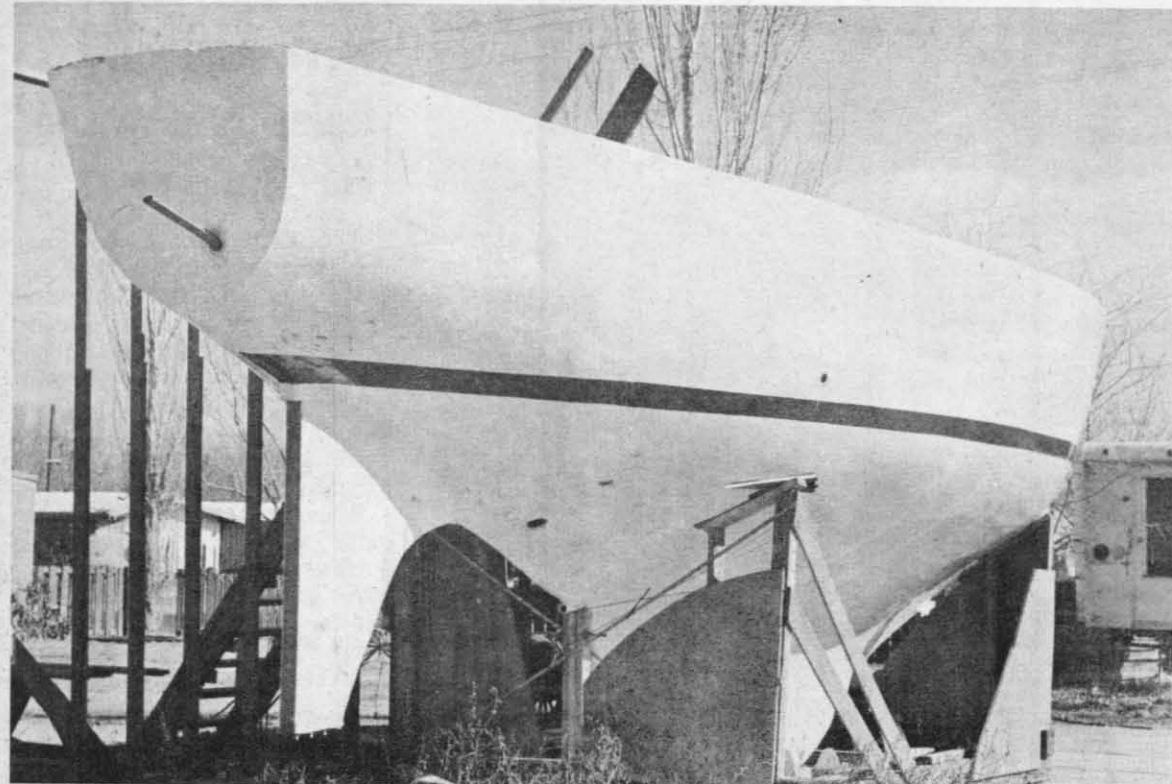
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FOR LAND'S SAKES—Not really. This 40-ft. cutter-rigged sloop will sail the ocean's blue when it is completed, which owner-builder Charles B. Campbell, of 48B Stroop, says will be spring of 1971. At present the hull, made of ferro-cement, covered with epoxy resin for waterproofing, and painted

with epoxy paint, is finished. Campbell began his project in October of 1968 from some purchased plans. When completed the craft will have more than 800 sq. ft. of sail, and will sport a 40-h.p. Crofton diesel for an auxiliary engine. The ship will cost between nine and \$11,000 and will sleep six.

### Boyd's Auto Parts New Premier League Leader

The Premier League has a new leader! Boyd's Auto Parts took 15 points from Ace-TV Monday night and now lead the TV keglers by 1 1/2 points, 246 to 244.5. Ridgecrest Lanes also took 15 points, as did AV Trophy. Mercury Movers won 13 and Tom's Place garnered 12. All in all a very interesting night.

Bobby Lockwood was the series leader, hitting 229 and 223 enroute to a 643 series. Earle Roby however, clung to his heels, firing 213-224-203 for a 640 series. Bill Esch had 203-205-223 for a 631, and another triple 200-shooter was Jack Brown, who hit 212-209-210 for a 631 series.

Jim Ball had games of 212-211 and a 617 series, and the old master, Fred Dalpiaz, hit 213-206 and a 607.

High game honors belonged to George Barker, who fired a 254, and Dick Furstenberg had a 226 for second. Elmer Davis shot 223 and Ken Dalpiaz a 221. Jack Herbstreit hit a 218. Ray Freascher had games of 212-204, and R. C. Jones shot a 206 and a 205.

Standings follow at the bottom of the page.

Women's Wed. Nite Lorraine Johnson had a 515 series to lead the league, and Mary Jane Clark's 206 was high game for the evening. Charlon and Simolon had high team game, a 912 effort, and Bud Eyre Chevrolet hit 2625 to take team series honors. Must have been auto night.

Supply Dept. Mixed Bill Mitchell shot 238 and 559 to lead the male scoring, while Barbara Beyer led the women with 174 and 483. Bonnie Harkel was close behind with 171 and 482.

Joint Effort (?) shot a 919 and the Screwballs had a 2692.

Thurs. Aft. Trio The Key Tin Setts team won game and series categories with 581 and 1593 while Karren Bassett hit 200 and Myrtle Snyder a 201 to lead individual game scoring.

The same two ladies had series of 550 and 521 respectively.

Military Mixed Ralph Brewer hit a 561 to

lead the men's series scoring, and Norm Bensene had a 224 for high game honors. The ladies were led by Flo Albright, who hit 190 and 493.

The Unaccountables were the big team, firing 840 and 2369 to lead the league.

Friday Mixed 4-Some High male bowler for last Friday was Jim Ball, who cut loose with a 219-201-255 and a big 675 series. Where are you on Monday, Jim? Bill Tomaras had a 254 and a 605 series.

Doris Boyack had the high ladies' series, a 515 effort.

Table with 3 columns: Team, Won, Lost. Lists Premier League Standings for Boyd's Auto, Ace TV, R.C. Lanes, AV Trophy, C.L. Navy, Tom's Place, Starline, Mercury, Kirkpatrick's, and Team No. 10.

### Golf Squad Nears Berth In SCGA Playoff Matches

All the China Lake golf squad has to do is win one of its two remaining matches and a berth in the Southern California Golf Assoc. playoffs is assured.

By knocking off Springbrook, 31-17, last Sunday at Springbrook, the China Lake golfers took sole possession of the division lead with a 3-1 record.

The squad travels to Muroc Lake Sunday, and a victory there, or on the CLCG course February 22, against Muroc, will clinch the championship.

Even a two-match sweep by Antelope Valley over Springbrook will give the crown to China Lake because of total points scored in match play.

Joe Jones led the China Lake charge at Springbrook with a 4-over-par 76, including an eagle 3 on the par 5 18th hole.

Gary Castor and Joe Strick had the best tandem score with a best-ball total of 65.



LONG BALL HITTERS—Four members of the SCGA and the China Lake Golf Club relax after posting low net and low gross scores during the CLCG Cross-Country tourney held February 7. They are: (l to r) Jack Yeakey, second low net, Max Smith, and Bob Kochman, who tied for low gross. (Kochman won in putting sudden death); and Mike Sanitate, whose 32 was the low net score for the day.

### Pianist David Bar-Illan To Give Concert Here

"If any pianist of this era inherits the mantle of Artur Rubinstein, it will be David Bar-Illan." This quote from The Cincinnati Inquirer sums up the talent and virtuosity of the Israeli pianist, David Bar-Illan, who will play for Indian Wells Valley Concert-goers Thursday, February 18 in the Center Theater.

Here under the auspices of the China Lake Civic Concert Association, Bar-Illan has planned a varied program, including a piece written especially for him by Haim, a modern Israeli composer. The program will also include works by Rameau; technically demanding selections by Franz Liszt, and the sparkling keyboard poetry of Chopin, one of the pianist's favorite composers.

Bar-Illan has appeared with most of the leading orchestras of the world, including: the New York Philharmonic; the Boston Symphony; the Philadelphia Symphony; the Cleveland Symphony; the Amsterdam Concertgebouw; the Berlin Philharmonic; the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic, and the Swiss Festival Orchestra.

He made his orchestral debut at the age of 16 with the Kol Israel Orchestra, in Jerusalem. Later he graduated from the Juillard School of Music and the Mannes College of Music in this country.

During his first concert the performance was interrupted by a bomb explosion within a hundred yards of the concert hall. Other near catastrophes during his playing career include the time during a concert with the Minneapolis Chamber Orchestra when the piano, which was on big wheels, started to roll off the stage in the middle of a fortissimo passage. Bar-Illan grabbed for the piano at the point closest to him, which was naturally

the keys, just as the right wheel was about to go over the apron of the stage.

After the performance the conductor innocently asked "What was that chord you played during the fortissimo?" The pianist replied, "You might say it was almost the lost chord—not to mention the last."

Wit such as this has stood the Israeli virtuoso in good stead during his tours. Once when playing the Chopin Minute Waltz, the pedals fell off the piano. Fortunately there was another piano on the stage which the pianist moved to. "That was the only time in my career it took me two minutes to play the Minute Waltz," he said later.

Tickets for the concert are available from any member of the Concert Board, or may be purchased at the box office on the night of the performance, which is scheduled to begin at 8 p.m.

### Area Garden Club Prepares To Hear Arranging Talk

Mrs. Kern H. Copeland of Los Angeles will give a slide-illustrated lecture on the dynamics of flower arranging at the Oasis Garden Club's workshop on Thursday, February 19, at the clubhouse, 363-D McIntire. A brief monthly board meeting at 9:30 a.m. will precede the workshop, which will be a "sack lunch" affair. All members of California Garden Clubs, Inc., are invited to the workshop.

Mrs. Copeland is a member of the Flower Show Judges Council of Southern California and she is circulation manager of Golden Gardens magazine.



NORCO CAREER DAY—Five NWC Corona employees who participated in the annual Career Day at the Norco High School are, from left: A. J. Bergeron, who spoke on Printing; G. I. Vooran, whose topic was Mass Communications; Laverne Nicholson, who spoke to the students on a Secretarial

career; J. C. Doran, whose subject was Photography, and A. L. Williams, (FMSA-EG), who spoke on Electronics. The Kiwanis Club project is done yearly to enable high school students to get an image of various career fields.

—U. S. Navy Photo

### Vampires Trounce NAF Officers And LDS In Basketball Action

Led by center Mike Greget, the VX-5 Vampires proved they are alive and well last week, trouncing the NAF Officers, 104-37, and then topping LDS, 64-57.

Greget was the week's leading scorer dropping in 21 against the NAF Officers and following that act with a 22-point performance against LDS. The second VX-5 victory lifted the Vampires record to 8-4 and returned them to fourth place in the league standings.

Loewen's invincibility remained intact. In their only game the Lions pounded the Brothers, 86-57. Jeff Blanch scored 20 and Ted Lane 16 in the run-away victory.

It was definitely not "Help the Brothers Week." Playing their best basketball of the season, the Brothers lost twice, but grabbed two spots in the league's top 10 scorers. After falling to Loewen's, the Brothers pushed NAF before losing, 75-60. Such are the breaks when you play two of the league's three best teams in one week.

Ace TV kept pace with NAF and Loewen's by stopping Desert Motors, 68-51, and racing past the NAF Officers, 80-28. Ace center Tim Higgins scored 41 points in the two games to pass the 200-point mark for the season.

Although LDS's four-game winning streak was stopped cold by losses to NAF and VX-5, David Taylor joined Higgins in the 200 Club by scoring 30 points to up his season total to 208.

Table with 4 columns: Player, G, FG, FT, TP, Pts. Lists scorers for various teams.

Table with 2 columns: Date, Game. Lists the schedule for various teams.

### Ski Club Will Show Two Ski Films Tuesday

According to Bill Sweatt, the next meeting of the China Lake Ski Club will be held Tuesday, February 17 at the Community Center, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Another two Warren Miller ski films will be shown following a short business meeting.

Skiers are reminded that an advanced skier's weekend has been planned for the very near future. Bob and Marcia Bowers will conduct instruction sessions for the intermediate skier and fault-finding sessions for the advanced skier.

Club members wishing to participate may register for either course at the next meeting, or may do so by contacting Bill Sweatt at 446-2891 or NWC Ext. 72951.

Table with 4 columns: Team, W, L, For, Pts. Lists Standings for various teams.

Table with 4 columns: Team, W, L, For, Pts. Lists Championship Bout results.

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### Cross Country Tourney Held At Local Golf Course

It isn't exactly easy chasing a golf ball across the Mojave Desert. Or so 64 China Lake golfers found last Saturday in the China Lake Golf Club's first Cross Country Tournament.

"The tournament was pretty well received," said tournament chairman Curt Bryan. "I think most of the golfers enjoyed it."

If you call frustration fun, the tournament probably was enjoyable. Not one of the 64 golfers was able to break the par of 40 established specially for the tournament, and the 43's turned in by Bob Kochman and Max Smith were the best gross totals for the nine-hole course. Kochman edged Smith in a sudden death playoff on the putting green for the championship.

Mike Sanitate carded the lowest net score, an 8-under-par 32, followed by Jack Yeakey, Grady Newkirk, Dave Seeley, Jim Runchey, and Ron Vetter.

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### More CHAMPUS Benefits Listed For Use by Military Personnel

The following information on CHAMPUS is printed as a supplement to the article found in the January 16 issue of THE ROCKETEER, in order that military families at NWC might know more about their benefits under this program.

CHAMPUS beneficiaries are reminded that physicians and other sources of care participate in CHAMPUS on a voluntary basis.

Participation means: (1) providing the care required, (2) submitting the claim to the fiscal administrator for payment, and (3) accepting the amount allowable under the program as payment in full for services rendered.

If a source of care does not desire to participate, then the patient (or sponsor) must: pay the bill and submit the itemized receipt for reimbursement or; submit an itemized bill for payment direct to the sponsor or patient.

However, it should be understood that the reimbursement or payment to the patient or sponsor may not exceed the amount which would have been paid to the source of care had the source of care filed the claim.

Thus, it is important to determine before care is received whether the source of care will participate in the program.

Reasonable Charges CHAMPUS pays claims on the basis of "reasonable charges" which are determined by: (1) the customary charges generally made by the source of care for similar services, and (2) the prevailing charges in the locality for similar services.

This is the same payment method used by the Social Security Administration's Medicare Program.

When unusual effort is involved in a case, this is taken into consideration in determining the allowable payment. Such cases must be supported by a statement from the source

of care describing the unusual effort required.

Payment Concept There continues to be some confusion and misunderstanding with respect to the CHAMPUS payment concept.

To explain, CHAMPUS is a full-payment program. This means that payment (by CHAMPUS and by the patient) of the amounts allowable under the program constitutes payment in full for the services rendered.

In fact, the source of care, in submitting a claim, signs a statement to the effect that he will accept the amount allowable under the program as payment in full for services rendered.

Thus, a source of care may not legally or morally bill a patient for any amount over and above the determined to be allowable by the fiscal administrator.

When a source of care bills a patient for a disallowed portion of his charges for authorized care, such billing usually takes place because the billing personnel in his office do not understand the full-payment concept.

In view of this, a patient (or sponsor) who has been billed for disallowed charges should first attempt to reconcile the matter with the source of care. However, if satisfactory results are not obtained, the patient (or sponsor) should then refer this matter to the fiscal agent who paid the claim.

The patient (or sponsor) is fully responsible for payment of all charges for care which is not covered by CHAMPUS such as well-baby care and physical examinations.



DAVID BAR-ILLAN, PIANIST

NEGRO HISTORY WEEK FEB. 8-14



# DFG Concludes Bighorn Sheep Study Study Covers Animal's Range

California's bighorn sheep population is estimated at 3,900, and wildlife biologists believe it may be possible to extend the animal's range by reintroducing bighorns into their former ranges in northeastern California.

These conclusions are included by the Department of Fish and Game in a report to the Legislature on the status of bighorn sheep in California, based on studies made by the DFG under a 1968 resolution authored by Senator H. L. Richardson of Arcadia.

The study covered four of 14 known bighorn sheep ranges in the southeastern desert area. The study is continuing and detailed reports and management plans will be prepared for the remaining 10 areas, as well as an overall report and management plan from the bighorn sheep resource.

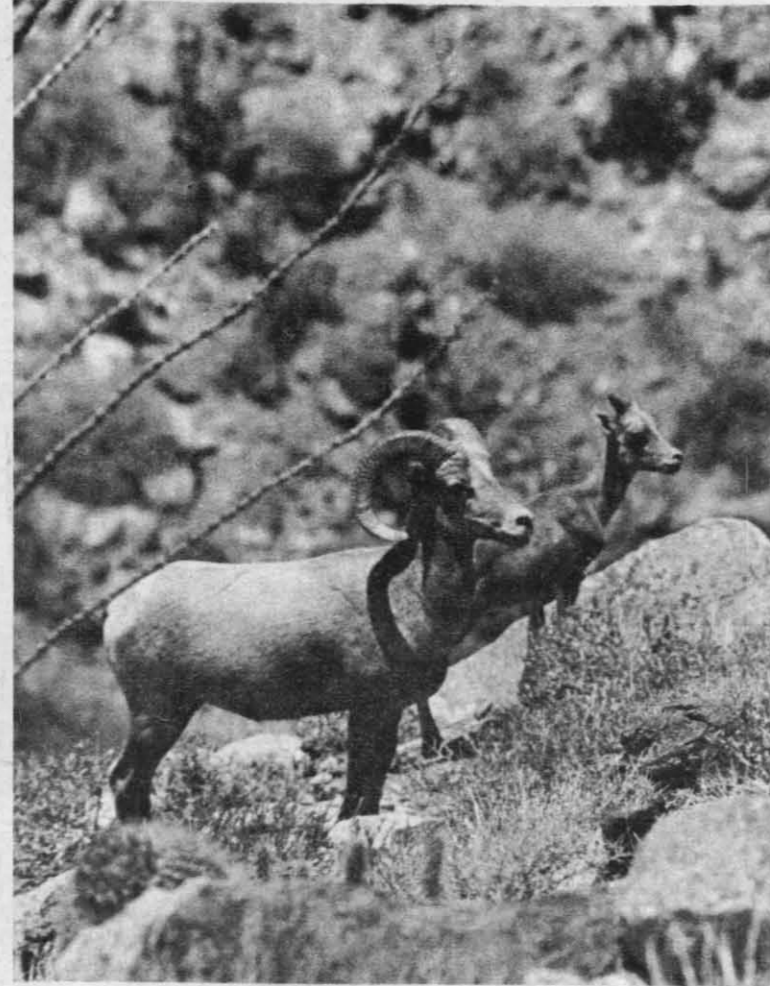
The DFG noted that California's bighorn population had been estimated at 3,500 prior to the current investigation.

"Upon the intensive search into the areas completed, we find with the additional knowledge of sheep ranges that our revised estimate is now approximately 3,900," the report said.

"It must be understood that this reflects an increase in our knowledge of the species and the range, and does not indicate any increase in population. Indeed, based on our knowledge of some key watering places in San Bernardino County, there may well be less sheep now than 15 years ago," the report said.

The DFG said the possibility of reintroducing the bighorn to northern California was made in conjunction with the National Park Service, where the bighorn has been extinct since 1925. Several likely locations were identified, with the northeastern corner of the Lava Beds National Monument rated the most promising.

The DFG also reported preliminary investigations of former bighorn sheep range in Ventura County were made to determine if they could be re-



BIGHORN SHEEP — DFG Photo

introduced to this area, where they were last reported in 1912.

"Further work will be done to investigate sheep sites that appear to have merit," the report said.

A major part of the field study was aimed at identifying waterholes in 14 bighorn sheep areas.

One immediate benefit of the study was the identification of a natural tank that had been trapping sheep attempting to drink from it. Thirty-four bighorn skulls were found in the tank, and the DFG and the U.S. Bureau of Land Management immediately corrected the situation by blasting a ramp into the tank to allow animals to drink without danger.

The studies also identified waterholes that need to be developed, and waterholes where wild burros compete seriously with bighorns, and a complete inventory of watering sites was made.

The DFG noted that hunting of bighorn sheep has been prohibited since 1873.

"The Department will not make any recommendations relative to hunting or changing existing legislation on hunting until all the sheep areas are studied and an overall assessment of this can be made," the report stated.

"There is a demand for hunting and a great desire for increased protection and management by the citizens of the state," the report noted.

The DFG said it will continue the study and immediately undertake such work as waterhole development that can be done with existing funds, as well as completing studies on possible reintroductions of bighorns into former ranges.

On completion of the studies, an overall report will be made including recommendations for statewide or major programs for the benefit of bighorn sheep and their use by the people of the state of California.

# DOD Early Release Of Enlisted Personnel Policy Is Expanded

Assistant Secretary of Defense (Manpower and Reserve Affairs) Roger T. Kelley has expanded Department of Defense policy on the early release of enlisted personnel to attend college to include eligible enlisted personnel who desire to attend recognized vocational/technical schools.

Since 1959, the Department of Defense has followed a policy permitting release of enlisted personnel up to three months before their normal separation date to attend accredited colleges and universities which award baccalaureate or higher degrees. In 1968, this policy was expanded to include institutions which award an associate degree or higher.

As revised, Department of Defense Instruction 1332.15, "Early Release of Military Enlisted Personnel for College or Vocational/Technical School Enrollment," issued January 26, 1970, now additionally provides that eligible enlisted personnel may be released up to three months prior to their normal separation date to enter a recognized vocational/technical school, i.e., one which is approved by the cognizant State Board for Vocational Education, or is accredited by a nationally recognized accrediting agency or association listed by the U.S. Commissioner

of Education.

Eligibility criteria are generally the same as formerly used in releasing personnel to attend college. To qualify for early release, a serviceman (1) must show that he has been accepted for enrollment commencing with a specific school term in a full-time resident course of instruction of no less than three months duration at a recognized vocational/technical school, (2) must not be essential to the mission of his assigned organization, and (3) must have completed 21 months of active duty on his current term of obligated service if he will have a reserve obligation after separation.

"The expansion of the Department of Defense early release policy to include eligible enlisted personnel in obtaining specific skills is an effort to improve opportunities for immediate civilian employment and thereby give veterans the assistance they need to make a smooth transition to civilian life."

Secretary Kelley then explained, "This early release policy particularly helps those eligible enlisted members who would be unduly penalized in the pursuit of their education if required to remain in service until the expiration of their term of enlistment or induction."

# NWC Physicist Is Awarded Ph.D. from Stanford Univ.

Robert Rockwell, a physicist with the Weapons Systems Analysis Division of the Weapons Development Department, headed by F. H. Knemeyer, was recently awarded a Ph.D. in Aeronautics and Astronautics by Stanford University.

Rockwell received a WEP-COSE award in 1963 and

honors in 1959 with a BA degree in Physics. He returned to NWC as a physicist following graduation.

Rockwell, his wife Sheila, and two sons, Kurt and Bruce, and a daughter Jennifer, reside at 55-B Burroughs on the Center.



ROBERT ROCKWELL earned his Masters Degree from Stanford under that program in 1964. In 1966 he was the recipient of an NWC Fellowship to continue his graduate studies at Stanford.

Rockwell was born in New Hampshire and spent his early years in Maine. He has been a resident of the desert area since 1950. He is a graduate of Burroughs High School and began his career of working at NWC as an assistant librarian.

He first studied at Bakersfield Junior College, where he majored in Engineering, and received his AA degree in 1955. He continued his studies at the University of California at Berkeley and graduated with

# Life Insurance Open Season

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tional life insurance, by age groups, will be as follows:

Age Group	Present	New
under 35	\$ 3.00	\$ 1.30
35-39	6.00	1.70
40-44	6.00	2.40
45-49	6.00	3.60
50-54	6.00	5.50
55-59	20.00	17.00
60 or over	20.00	19.00

The premium rate to the employee for regular insurance will not change.

Premium rate increases scheduled for January, for optional insurance, affecting employees who reached age 35 or 55 in 1969, are postponed until the first pay period in April, at which time the new premium rates apply.

Open season instructions will be distributed to all employees before the start of the Open Season.

**GEORGE WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY**  
Feb. 22, 1732

# Louisiana Native Regards Selection As 'High Point'

(Continued from Page 1) broadcast.

Myers will also receive gift certificates from the following merchants: Brock's Department Store, 1918 Chester Avenue; Valley Office, 1622 Nineteenth Street; the Cue Ball, 211 Chester Avenue; and the Kern County Museum, 3801 Chester Avenue.

Discount certificates will be provided the couple from other participating Bakersfield merchants, in a hospitality packet, given by the Chamber of Commerce.

Myers' selection as the February Bluejacket qualifies him for "Bluejacket of the Year" consideration, held in November each year.

His photograph will be on display at the Center Theater during the month of February, bearing the designation: "Bluejacket of the Month" for February.

Myers was born in Bossier City, Louisiana and grew up hunting swap rabbits in the bayou country near his home. "A swamp rabbit," he elaborated, "is about the same size as a cottontail."

Later he moved to Richmond, California but he didn't leave his love of hunting behind in Louisiana. He presently owns three rifles and two shotguns: a 70-year old 12 gauge single-shot; a 30-06 rifle; a 12 gauge pump; a .22 single-shot, and a .22 automatic.

The Myers' have three children: Tammy Jo, 8; Michael James, 7; and William John, 3. Tammy is a "Bluebird," and Michael likes to camp and fish. When in Richmond visiting his grandfather, Michael is often treated to a fishing excursion. Eddie stated that Michael is still a bit too young to handle guns, but soon now he will begin teaching the older boy the rules of gun-handling.

Bernice enjoys sewing, working with Tri-Chem, and working in the NWC Ceramic Shop.

Recently, the family acquired a jeep and use it to explore the back trails of the desert and mountain regions of Southern California. "This area is a natural for someone who loves to hunt and explore," Myers said. "The family often takes short rides into the open country, looking at this and that, not paying too much attention to time."

Myers also enjoys a game of golf, admittedly a rare occasion, and he and the family all like to swim and camp.

Prior to coming to China Lake, Myers served with the Fleet Composite Squadron Three, NAS North Island, and before that on the USS Ticonderoga.

He has won the Navy Unit Commendation, the Good Conduct Medal twice, National Defense, three awards of the Vietnam Service, and the Vietnam Campaign Medal.



WHISKEY FLAT DAYS—This was the "town square" scene during last year's Whiskey Flat Days celebration in Kernville. This year's event, scheduled for February 19-22, is highlighted by the annual art show, conducted mine tours, epigraph and greased pig contests, children's pet parade, and at 11 a.m. on Saturday—the grand parade.

Photo by Bill Valenteen

# Portion of Registration Fee Is Tax Deductible, Residents Told

According to the Department of Motor Vehicles, a portion of last year's California vehicle registration fee is deductible in computing state and federal income taxes.

Robert C. Cozens, DMV Director, said motorists may deduct all but \$11 from the fee paid on each passenger vehicle and all but \$12 on each station wagon fee. "These amounts," he said, "were strictly registration payments and not deductible."

"The balance was a two percent tax based on the value of the vehicle, collected in lieu of local property taxes and returned to cities and counties where the vehicle is kept. This 'in lieu' portion is deductible," he added.

If the motorist paid a total of \$40 he should subtract \$11 from that (or \$12 if a station wagon). The remainder—\$29 or \$28—is deductible.

Sales or use tax also is deductible if new or used vehicles were purchased last year.

Cozens reminded motorists,

however, that fees paid this year are not deductible until next year when the 1970 tax forms are filed.

Persons who registered vehicles last December had to prepay 1970 fees. The property or sales tax portions of such fees are deductible under the appropriate headings on 1969 returns since they were paid in 1969.

Owners of vehicles paying weight fees, and/or those paying quarterly may consult local offices of the Internal Revenue Service or State Franchise Tax Board before April 15 to establish legally deductible amounts paid during 1969. They should take DMV receipts with them.



CWO2 NORMAN C. BENSENE recently reported to VX-5 from VC-8 at Patuxent River, Md. The Fostoria, Iowa native enjoys building model ships and aircraft in his spare time. He and his wife Adeline and four daughters, Barbara, Teresa, Janeen and Susan live at 1211 First Place on the Center.

# Income Tax Reps To Visit Center Feb. 19 and 20

Two representatives of the Internal Revenue Service will be at the Community Center on February 19 and 20 to answer questions and to help with problems in connection with filing 1969 income tax reports.

On Thursday the hours will be from 1 to 9 p.m., and on Friday from 8 to 10 a.m.

A representative of the State Franchise Tax Board will be at the Center on April 7.

# New Eligibility Rules Announced For Retirement

The Civil Service Commission has recently clarified its policy on permitting involuntary separation for Discontinued Service Retirement in situations where these retirements will minimize the impact of required shifts in manpower requirements to meet changes in program emphasis.

When an activity must make major shifts in manpower requirements, it can now notify those employees who are eligible for a Discontinued Service Retirement to determine those interested in retiring.

Those employees who are interested may apply to have their resignations requested by Center management and if approved will qualify for Discontinued Service Retirement.

Letters will be prepared to be delivered to employees who meet the age and service requirements (age 50 and 20 years of service or 25 years of service and any age) apprising them of this policy clarification. (Employees who are eligible for optional retirement will not receive these letters.)

Any employee with questions concerning Discontinued Service Retirement is urged to contact his department Personnel Management Advisor.

# Countdown For Servicemen Who Plan To Retire

Servicemen counting the days to military retirement may also want to consider this post-retirement countdown from the Veterans Administration:

120 days—To retain insurance protection by converting Servicemen's Group Life Insurance to an individual policy without examination. Members must apply to any private participating insurance company.

1 year—From date of VA disability rating notice to obtain GI Life Insurance because of service-connected disability.

1 year—To file for service-connected dental treatment.

8 years—To complete GI education. (Course must be started in time to finish in eight years.)

9 years—To complete Vocational Rehabilitation. (Nine years from discharge except certain cases of serious disability or delay in establishing eligibility.)

10 years—To obtain GI Loan. (plus one year for each 90 days active duty. Benefits for all WW II veterans expire July 25, 1970; Korean War on Jan. 31, 1975).

No Limit—To file compensation claim for injury or disease. Filing must be made within one year to receive compensation retroactive to retirement. Otherwise, it is in effect only from date of filing.

No Limit—To file pension claim, non-service connected.

No Limit—To obtain assistance in finding employment or job-training program.

No Limit—To convert Term Insurance.

# Highlights of Youth Basketball

Pee Wee League  
The Trojans scored a league high of 24 points in defeating the Bruins, 24-14, but then lost to the Bears, 12-10, when the Bears hit two free throws for an overtime victory.

Midget League  
The Stars took the division lead by winning twice, topping the Suns, 26-20, and then defeating the Rockets, 25-19.

Junior League  
Steve Palley scored 15 points and John Crump 14 to lead the 76ers to a 54-25 win over the Knicks.

