

# Indian Wells Valley Gem And Mineral Show Opens

"Desert Treasures" is the theme of the Indian Wells Valley Gem and Mineral Society's 14th annual show to be presented at the China Lake Community Center on Saturday and Sunday, November 14 and 15.

**Passes Required**  
Visitors and guests will be permitted access to the Center during the show hours from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Saturday and from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. on Sunday. However, as a result of new security regulations, those who do not hold an activity pass will have to check in at the Main Gate Reception Center and obtain a temporary pass. There is no admission charge to the show.

**Field Trips**  
Field trips conducted by Steve Szynter will leave from the Community Center parking lot at 11 a.m., on both days. Saturday's trip will go to Rainbow Ridge, south of Ridgecrest, for colorful Jasp-agate and Sunday's jaunt will lead to Sheep Springs for moss agate.

**Demonstrations**  
Demonstrations will be given on the art of faceting by member Ed Albright who will also have a display of his beautiful faceted gems.  
Ed Wagner, noted for his popular

"black light painting" technique, will demonstrate this interesting art using fluorescent paint and chalk, plus a series of ultraviolet lights on Saturday evening and Sunday afternoon.

Lapidary chairman, Frank "Pop" Thorpe, will demonstrate the club's equipment that is used to cut and polish gem stones. During the demonstrations his assistants will cut open the geodes bought by visitors at the club sales booth.

Movies on gem cutting, silver smithing, mining, and fossil collecting will be shown hourly throughout the show in the Panamint Room of the Community Center.

**Displays**  
Approximately 70 cases of gems, minerals, fossils, Indian artifacts and lapidary specialties will be on display at the show.

One of the cases will be a display of thumbnail minerals that garnered the Master's Trophy for Dr. William McBride in the Thumbnail Division at the Annual American Federation of Mineralogical Societies' Show this year in Fort Worth, Texas. This is the top honor that an amateur mineral collector can win in the United States.

Those interested in antique bottles will be rewarded in the

display set up by the High Desert Bottle Hunters.

**Door Prizes**  
An opal ring and two desert water color paintings will be given as door prizes at the show.

The opal was cut by Mildred DeHarrold and set in one of her original cast silver mountings. Mrs. DeHarrold is well-known for her fine silver work and stunning opals.

The desert water colors were painted by Pam Jacobson of Inyokern. One painting is of the old Anderson Tavern that was located on the Inyokern Road west of Ridgecrest and which was later destroyed by fire. The smaller painting shows the Perry Nollina as seen in upper Short Canyon.

Other attractions include "grab bags" and a refreshment booth where guests can obtain coffee, soft drinks, homemade cake, pie, cookies and sandwiches. Gemstone jewelry, mineral specimens, fossils, and lapidary materials will be available at the club rock booth.

Arrangements have been made for visitor camping at the Ridgecrest Fairgrounds where there are restroom facilities and about 10 trailer hookups for a charge of \$1 per night.

## SHOWBOAT

### MOVIE RATINGS FOR PARENTS AND YOUNG PEOPLE

The objective of the ratings is to inform parents about the suitability of movie content for viewing by their children.

**G** ALL AGES ADMITTED  
General Audiences

**GP** ALL AGES ADMITTED  
Parental Guidance Suggested

**R** RESTRICTED  
Under 17 requires accompanying Parent or Adult Guardian

**X** NO ONE UNDER 17 ADMITTED  
(Age limit may vary in certain areas)

ALL AGES ADMITTED  
THIS SEAL IS THE MOTION PICTURE CODE OF SELF-REGULATION

FRI 13 NOVEMBER

"TOGETHERNESS" (101 Min)  
George Hamilton, Peter Lawford  
John Banner

7:30 p.m.  
(Comedy) A millionaire bachelor and a fabulously wealthy prince, both from the free-swinging Jet Set, try to score with a gorgeous Playmate who is an Iron Curtain athlete as Hippie Schultz gets in the way. (GP)

Short: "Sorry Signorina" (9 Min)

SAT 14 NOVEMBER

"MATINEE—  
"WIZARD OF BAGHDAD" (92 Min)  
Dick Shawn

1:00 p.m.  
Shorts: "Now Hare This" (7 Min)  
"Goliath II" (15 Min)

—EVENING—

"SINAI COMMANDOS" (99 Min)  
Robert Fuller, Esther Ullman

7:30 p.m.  
(War Drama) The explosive six day war between the Israelis and Arabs and of the exploits of seven dedicated commandos and a girl. (GP)

Short: "Pink Pest Control" (7 Min)

SUN and MON 15-16 NOVEMBER

"NED KELLY" (100 Min)  
Mick Jagger, Clarissa Kaye

7:30 p.m.  
(Western) The star of the Rolling Stones plays the part of an Australian Jesse James; a young Irishman who leads a rebellion that turns his gang into bank robbers. (GP)

Short: "Pink Paradise" (7 Min)

TUES and WED 17-18 NOVEMBER

"THE SICILIAN CLAN" (118 Min)  
Jean Gabin, Alain Delon

7:30 p.m.  
(Crime Drama) Suspenseful thriller tells of Mafia plans to waylay a shipment of fabulous gems being sent from France to New York. From prison break to plane hijacking, the clan knows all the tricks. (GP)

THURS and FRI 19-20 November

"BARQUERO" (114 Min)  
Lee Van Cleef, Forrest Tucker

7:30 p.m.  
(Western) Operator of a small river barge, a group of friends, attempt to stop a murderous gang of outlaws from crossing the river into their peaceful little town. (GP)

Short: "Pink Litter" (7 Min)



Maj. George Buchner has taken over duties as VX-5's Air Force Liaison Officer and project pilot.

A 1961 graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy, Maj. Buchner is qualified in six aircraft and has completed the USAF Test Pilot School at Edwards AFB.

During his career, the 30-year-old Michigan native has been awarded the Silver Star, three Distinguished Flying Crosses and 16 air medals.

He resides on the Center at 47B Ashworth with his wife Meg and their two children, Susan 7 and Bryant 6.



**CELEBRATE BIRTHDAY**—Marines assigned to the various offices of the Naval Weapons Center gathered with their friends and other well-wishers Tuesday night, Nov. 10, to celebrate the 19th anniversary of the establishment of the Corps. Above, Col. K. P. Rice, NWC Marine Corps Liaison Officer climaxes the time-honored tradition by cutting the first piece of birthday cake which was offered to NWC Commander, RADM. W. J. Moran. The COMCARDIV 3 band provided the music for the gala affair. For more coverage of the event, see page 3.



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# VX-5 Crew Supervisor Named Nov. Bluejacket

## AO1 Richard Wood Selected To Take Bakersfield Trip

AO1 Richard Arnold Wood, a Check Crew Supervisor at VX-5, has been selected "Bluejacket of the Month" for November. The 16-year Navy veteran will receive a weekend for two in Bakersfield from the Greater Bakersfield Chamber of Commerce as a result of his selection. While in Bakersfield, Wood and his wife Margaret, will stay at the Caravan Inn, 1622 Union Ave., where they will receive their meals.

**Will Receive Car**  
Other privileges and awards conferred on this month's "Bluejacket" will include a new Ford from Desert Motors in Ridgecrest to use on the weekend trip; a plaque bearing his photograph which will be hung in a prominent position in the Center Theater; discount coupons and gift certificates from Bakersfield merchants; and inclusion in the annual "Bluejacket of the Year" awards banquet, held in conjunction with Navy Day each year in October.

Wood is a native of Alma, Arkansas and now calls Fort Smith, Arkansas his home town. He graduated from Fort Smith Senior High and entered the Navy soon after graduation. Wood's time in service includes five separate tours to Viet Nam, aboard the USS Kitty Hawk with



**CHECK CREW SUPERVISOR**—AO1 Richard L. Wood, "Bluejacket of the Month" for November, checks the circuitry in an ordnance delivery system at VX-5. The 16-year Navy veteran was chosen on the basis of his military appearance, job knowledge and personal attitude.

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## Residents Asked Make Greater Use Of Dump

Residents are requested to assist the Center in the collection and disposition of leaves and tree cuttings during the upcoming fall season. Leaves and cuttings overload the trash bins and usually create an unsightly condition and potential fire hazard.

The Center operates a tenant dump near the intersection of Richmond and CLPL roads. This dump is intended to be a depository for such things as leaves, branches, etc. Wet garbage placed in the dump creates a health hazard and the dump's small capacity precludes its use for bulky items such as old car bodies, furniture, washers, etc.

It has become apparent that there has been a considerable misuse of the dump. The dump is for China Lake tenant use only and only for dry consumable trash. Continued misuse may be cause to stop the operation to the detriment of all concerned.

In situations where the trash bin cannot handle the leaf and branch load, tenants are requested to not pile trash alongside the bins. Please either wait till the bin is emptied or haul the leaves, etc., to the tenant dump.

If you care...

Combined Federal Campaign



**ALL - NAVY CREW HAILS ARMY INFANTS**—Two Army Specialists' wives gave birth last Wednesday to babies weighing the same (7 lbs., 13 oz.) and born one-half hour apart at the Navy Dispensary. Left to right, SP-4 R. R. Brodeur and his wife Suzanne have a boy—their first baby; and SP-5 A. W. Rayner and his wife Mary have a girl—their second daughter. Both men are assigned to the Army Liaison Office with duty in Connection with the Chaparral Project. Rayner and his wife have been at China Lake since June 1969, and the Brodeurs have been here since September 1969.

## Senate Confirms Adm. Arnold's CNM Nomination

The U. S. Senate has recently confirmed President Nixon's appointment of Vice Admiral Jackson D. Arnold to the position of Chief of Naval Material and promotion to the rank of Admiral. He is the first Aeronautical Engineering duty officer to attain the four-star rank.

In another action concerning the NavMat Command, the President has signed and sent to the Senate the nomination of RADM. George E. Moore II, SC, USN, for promotion to the rank of Vice Admiral. Admiral Moore relieves Admiral Arnold as the Vice Chief of Naval Material.

When Admiral Moore's appointment has been confirmed by the Senate, he will become the first Navy Supply Corps officer to achieve the three-star rank of Vice Admiral.

Admiral Moore was Deputy Commander for Supply Operations of the Naval Supply Systems Command from February, 1966 to July, 1967. He was Vice Commander of NavSup from then until July, 1969, when he was assigned to the Naval Material Command as Deputy Chief for Logistical Support.

The hallmark appointments place the leadership of the Naval Material Command in the hands of two exceptionally experienced officers with training in such highly specialized fields as material management, procurement, logistics and weapons maintenance.

## 'Rock Of Ajax' At Jolly Roger

"The Rock of Ajax," a well known group who has played at various clubs in the Indian Wells Valley, will play for a dance tonight and tomorrow night at the Enlisted Men's Club (The Jolly Roger) beginning at 9 p.m. until 1:30 a.m. both nights.

Bob Furey, manager of the Club, invites all members and guests to come out for an evening of fun and entertainment.

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## Rifle Instructor Course Starts Sunday At Ottow Schneider Home

The VFW Ship 4084 Junior Rifle Club will conduct a school for Rifle Marksmanship instructors on Sunday afternoons, beginning November 15, at the home of Ottow W. Schneider, certified Training Counsellor for the National Rifle Association in this area.

Sessions will be at 421 Argus Street from 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. through December 13, then following a three-week break, will resume on January 10, 1971, and continue through the 10-session basic rifle marksmanship school sponsored by the club.

Student instructors will be expected to be assistant instructors

in the basic rifle marksmanship school in exchange for the free training received in the instructor's school.

There are no fees, and registration will be on the first day of class.

Candidates who complete the school and serve satisfactorily as assistant instructors, then pass the NRA Instructor's examination, will be certified as Rifle Marksmanship Instructors in the appropriate classes. They must be individual members of the NRA to be certified, but not to sign up for the training and assist in the Basic Marksmanship Class.

## Chairman Bemoans Lagging Contributions

**Help!**  
"Not for me, or the keymen, or for our personal or public prestige, but for those who will benefit from the proceeds of the Combined Federal Campaign," stated Jesse Bell, chairman of this year's drive.

RADM. W. J. Moran, NWC Commander, adds his appeal to that of the Combined Federal Campaign Drive Chairman Jesse Bell. "I urge all employees of the Naval Weapons Center to consider deeply the help the various organizations of the Combined Federal Campaign extend to the needy and helpless in the Indian Wells Valley area as well as many other parts of the world," the Commander stated. "Your fair share is a contribution to mankind world wide. Every year since the inception of Combined Federal Campaign the Naval Weapons Center has evinced a growing concern as exemplified by its yearly increase in contributions. Let's keep up the good work—Give your fair share."

The campaign is bogged down with only \$40,000 of the \$75,000 goal collected thus far. The percentage rate of those who have contributed is approximately 35 per cent, and when compared with last year's figure of 57 per cent of personnel contributing, leaves a lot to be desired, Bell observed.

In light of the lagging contributions, The ROCKETEER has been informed that the closing date for the fund drive has been extended to November 20.

"We want to be sure that every individual on the Center has been given the opportunity to contribute," Bell said.





CHAPLAIN MACNEILL CLOSES NWC TOUR—Senior NWC Chaplain, Capt. Harold A. MacNeill and Mrs. MacNeill cut the cake during a reception held Sunday, November 8, at the All Faith Chapel to bid farewell to the MacNeill's and to welcome Chaplain and Mrs. Robert Osman. The MacNeill's, who arrived at China Lake in October 1968, leave for the Marine Corps Air Station, El Toro, Calif., where Capt. MacNeill will be Senior Chaplain.

--Photo by PH2 Delmar E. Hart

### Mail Deadlines Near...

Military postal authorities are preparing for the annual tons of holiday mail that will soon be flowing from the United States to the nearly one million servicemen and women overseas.

The program includes urging families and friends of service people to mail early.

To insure delivery before Dec. 25, deadlines have been set for certain kinds of mail:

Regular surface mail: No later than Nov. 17.

Air mail: No later than Dec. 12. Space-available mail (SAM): No later than Nov. 21 for parcels, and no later than Dec. 9 for letters, voice recordings, post cards and greeting cards. SAM is carried at surface postage rates to east and west coast ports and is then dispatched overseas by air on a space available basis. SAM parcels must be addressed to Armed Forces men and women overseas,

have a combined length and girth of less than 60 inches, and weigh less than five pounds.

Parcel airlift service (PAL): No later than Nov. 28, whether addressed to or from an Armed Forces post office. PAL mail is air delivered at a cost of \$1 plus the surface parcel post zone rate. Parcels should not exceed 60 inches in combined length and girth, but may weigh up to 30 pounds.

Postal officials also offer these mailing tips:

Gifts should be wrapped in cartons of wood, metal, or double-faced corrugated fiber board.

Fragile items should be packed with cushioning material such as excelsior or shredded paper.

Each package should be correctly addressed with the five-digit Army, Air Force, or Fleet Post Office zip code numbers. Additionally, both the mailing and return address also should be placed inside the package.

### 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. Part of the ranking process of those rated as basically qualified will be a supervisory appraisal form that will be sent to the employees present and most recent previous supervisor. Selection shall be made without discrimination for any non-merit reason and without favoritism based on personal relationships or patronage.

Clerk-Typist, GS-322-3, Code 221—Clerk-Typist in the Administrative Services Division, Safety Department. Makes appointments with the Center Vision Consultant for persons requiring prescription safety eyewear. Prepares the necessary paperwork related to scheduling appointments and maintains a log of eyewear ordered, and when payment is made to the optical company. Orders prescription safety eyewear as directed. Types U.S. Government Motor Vehicle Operator's Identification Card; completes the sight screening test on the ortho-rater which is a part of the licensing examination. Scores the written tests for the various types of vehicles for which persons are being licensed. Provides general clerical assistance for a variety of other functions. Qualifications Requirements: 1 year of appropriate experience as defined in CSC Handbook X-118. Job Relevant Criteria: Ability to get along well with others is essential, as contacts are made daily with persons at all levels of work on the Center. Advancement Potential: GS-4.

File above applications with Pat Gaunt, Bldg. 34 Room 202 Phone 2723. Editorial Clerk, GS-4 or 5, or Editorial Assistant, GS-4, Code 7512—Position is located in the Technical Information Department, Presentations Division. Duties of the position include: Copyediting and make-up for composition, Editorial proofreading and copyediting, and layout. Minimum Qualification Requirements: GS-4, 1 1/2 years General and 6 Mo. Specialized; GS-5, 1 1/2 years General and 1 1/2 years Specialized; Job Relevant Criteria: Experience in handling technical reports. Knowledge of all phases of writing, editing, and publishing procedures. Experience in office procedures.

File applications for above with Mary Morrison, Bldg. 34, Rm 210, Phone 2032. Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Mechanic WG-53004-10, JD No. 212, Code 70433—Installs, maintains and repairs refrigerating and air conditioning equipment and components used in providing refrigeration and air conditioning for living quarters, offices, and industrial uses. Minimum Qualification Requirements: Rating will be on the basis of the appropriate J-Element Standard in accordance with the CSC Handbook X-118C.

File applications and Supplemental Rating Forms with Dora Childers, Code 657, Room 210, Phone 2293.

Engineering Technician, GS-502-8, PD No. 703725, Code 3011—This position is located in the Missile Design Section, Simulation and Analysis Branch, Weapon Systems Division, System Development Department. The work concerns the design and development of hardware for the ordnance, weapons systems, and items associated with missile design. Minimum Qualification Requirements: Two years general experience and 4 years specialized, or one year at the GS-7 level as outlined in the CSC Handbook X-118. Job Relevant Criteria: Minimum of three (3) years experience in mechanical and electrical drafting including a minimum of one (1) year of design work (layout, checking and mathematics). One or more years of college level course work in an engineering discipline



SHIPPED OVER—Capt. R. E. McCall, (right) Commanding Officer of the Naval Air Facility, congratulates AE2 J. K. Abel following the radioman's reenlistment in the U.S. Navy Monday, November 2. Abel reported to NAF from VRC50 in Atsugi, Japan, and is assigned as a radioman on a flight crew at NAF. He is unmarried.

is desirable. File above applications with Beverly Saiger, Bldg. 34, Room 212, Ext. 2514.

Physicist or Electronic Engineer, GS-7 or 9, Code 3571—Duty station is in Corona until such time position is transferred to Ft. Mugu. Only applicants who have priority placement rights can apply (an employee whose position is, or is scheduled to be abolished or transferred out of his present commuting area). Primary duties are experiments or tests to determine physical properties of material, some design work, theoretical analysis and development work, operation of digital or analog computers, etc. Minimum Qualification Requirements: 1 year of professional experience for the GS-7; 2 years for the GS-9.

File applications for above with Sue Prasolowicz, Bldg. 34, Rm 206, Ext. 3118.

Editorial Clerk (DMT), GS1087-4 or 5, Code 60, (2 vacancies)—Edits and types reports, technical memos, open literature pubs and reports on seminars, conferences and meetings. Prepares correspondence, obtains and furnishes information from literature as requested, maintains files and performs some secretarial duties as needed. Minimum Qualification Requirements: One year of general clerical experience plus one year of specialized experience for the GS-4 and two years specialized for the GS-5 in the type of work shown above. Job Relevant Criteria: Experience in editing and typing technical reports for publications is required. Includes knowledge of reference sources, styles, format and ability to reorganize written material for better consistency or clarity. Ability to type from recordings is required. Advancement Potential: GS-4 to GS-5. File applications for above with Naomi

Campbell, Bldg. 34, Rm. 206, Ext. 3118.

Mathematician, Physicist, or Operations Research Analyst, GS-1520, 1310 or 1515, GS-11, 12 or 13, PD No. 7040117, Code 4071—Incumbent performs weapons systems analysis using mathematical modeling techniques which simulate the functions of actual or proposed systems. He also performs target analysis and vulnerability studies against various systems. He is responsible for reporting on his work both verbally and in written form. Minimum Qualification Requirements: General Experience: Bachelors degree or equivalent. Specialized Experience: In accordance with X-118. Job Relevant Criteria: And-Or Selective Placement Criteria: Extensive knowledge of and/or experience in computer simulation techniques is desired. Advancement Potential: May advance to GS-13. File applications for above with June Chipp, Bldg. 34, Rm. 204, Phone 2676.

Clerk-Typist GS-322-2, 3, or 4 PD No. 655100 Code 3571—Provides typing and clerical services support to project office personnel. 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 Qualifications: GS2, 6 months experience or high school education; GS3, 1 year experience; GS4, 2 years experience, as outlined in CSC Handbook X-118. Job Relevant Criteria: Tact, good judgement in dealing with people, knowledge of good grammar and typing practices. Advancement Potential: GS-4. File applications for above with Joan Macintosh, Bldg 34, Rm 212, Ph. 2371.



ACTION STORIES AT THE LIBRARY—China Lake children ages 5 to 9 are invited to attend a story hour, similar to the one conducted here by Mrs. Marcia Cruise, at the Center Library November 14 from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Children are requested to bring a small pillow to sit on, and parents are asked to be prompt in picking up the children at 2:00 o'clock. The special story hour is being held to commemorate Children's Book Week, November 15-21. During this week families are especially invited to visit the Library where there will be special displays of interest to parents and children plus a folder of suggestions on children's reading will be available to parents.

### Lesselli Marionettes At NWC November 18

The Lesselli Marionettes, nationally known puppeteers who entertain over a quarter of a million children each year, will present two performances on Wednesday, November 18 at the NWC Theater. Since November 18 is a pupil holiday because of parent-teacher conferences in the China Lake elementary schools, the China Lake Branch of the American Association of University Women has scheduled the two performances, one to be held at 10 a.m. and the other at 3 p.m. The program will be the same for both performances.

The marionette plays to be presented begin with a humorous version of "The Sorcerer's Apprentice." As in the old story, the apprentice succeeds in mastering the magic formula which compels a broom to obey him when he commands it to carry buckets of water to him. However, he soon learns that while he knows how to make the broom obey him, he does



RALPH LEVENBERG, a native of Galesburg, Illinois, recently reported to NWC as the Associate Department Head of the Security Department. Levenberg is the former Special Assistant for Investigations with the NAVAIRSYSCMD in Washington, D.C., and is a former Director of Security for NAVAIRSYSCMD Rep Atlantic. Levenberg is a survivor of the infamous Bataan Death March and spent 3 years and 8 months as a prisoner of war during World War II. He and his wife, Martha, have two sons, Michael, 23, and David, 20.

### Former Aviation Ordnance Dept. Awards Length Of Service Pins

A total of 19 employees of the former Aviation Ordnance Department received 20 and 30 year length of service pins at the recent All Hands Twenty Year Celebration of the Department.

On hand for the occasion was RADM. W. J. Moran - NWC Commander, who presented the 20 and 30 year Federal Service pins. Those receiving 30 year Federal Service pins were: Francis J. Schafer, Harry G. (Jack) Halsey Jr., Kenneth R. Barnett, Harold G. Winter, and Donald L. Willis. Recipients of the 20 year Federal Service pins were: Marylouise W. Walden, Evelyn J. See, Kenneth E. Evans, John M. Boyle, Ronald V. Gonder, Ralph E. Carter, Robert W. Swallow, and Carl E. Burkey.

Twenty Year NWC pins were presented by Dr. N. E. Ward. They went to: Inez L. Piacenta, Jack A. Crawford, Julian S. Almaraz,

### Land Bureau Free Firewood To Requestors

The Bakersfield District of the Bureau of Land Management is issuing free use permits to cut 2 cords of pinon pine firewood in the Chimney Peak Recreation Area south of Kennedy Meadows.

The wood is available as the result of a substantial acreage of pinon pine clearing accomplished by the Bureau for Wildlife Habitat and Watershed Improvement during the past two years.

Permits (1 per person) and maps of the areas in which wood can be cut will be furnished upon request. Interested persons should write to the Bureau of Land Management District Office, 800 Truxtun Avenue, Room 311, Bakersfield, California 93301. Wood obtained under these permits is for domestic use only and may not be bartered or sold commercially.

### The Rocketeer

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### DIVINE SERVICES

Protestant (All-Faith Chapel)—Morning Worship—10:00 a.m. Sunday School—8:30 a.m., Chapel Annexes 1, 2, 4 (Dorms 5, 6, 8) located opposite Center Restaurant. Roman Catholic (All-Faith Chapel)—Holy Mass—5:00 p.m., Saturday (Fulfills Sunday obligation); 7, 8:30 and 11:15 a.m. Sunday. Daily Mass—11:30 a.m. in Blessed Sacrament Chapel. First Saturday, 8:30 a.m. Confessions—4 to 5 p.m. Saturday, and 8 to 8:25 a.m. Sunday. NWC Jewish Services (East Wing All-Faith Chapel)—8 p.m. every first and third Friday. Sabbath School—10 a.m. to noon, every first and third Saturday. Unitarian Fellowship—(Chapel Annex 95, 95 King Ave.)—Sundays, 7:30 p.m.

DEADLINES: News Stories Tuesday, 4:30 p.m. Photographs Tuesday, 11:30 a.m. The Rocketeer receives American Forces Press Service material. All are official U. S. Navy photos unless otherwise identified. Printed weekly with appropriated funds in compliance with NavExos P-35, revised July 1958. Office at Nimitz and Lauritsen. Phones 3354, 3355, 2347



MAKE TABLE DECORATIONS - Women of the Catholic Congregation at NWC are shown laboring diligently in preparation for their upcoming Dinner Dance which is planned for November 20 at the Community Center. The theme for this year's event is "Reflections by Candlelight." Tickets are now on sale after Sunday Masses at the Chapel.

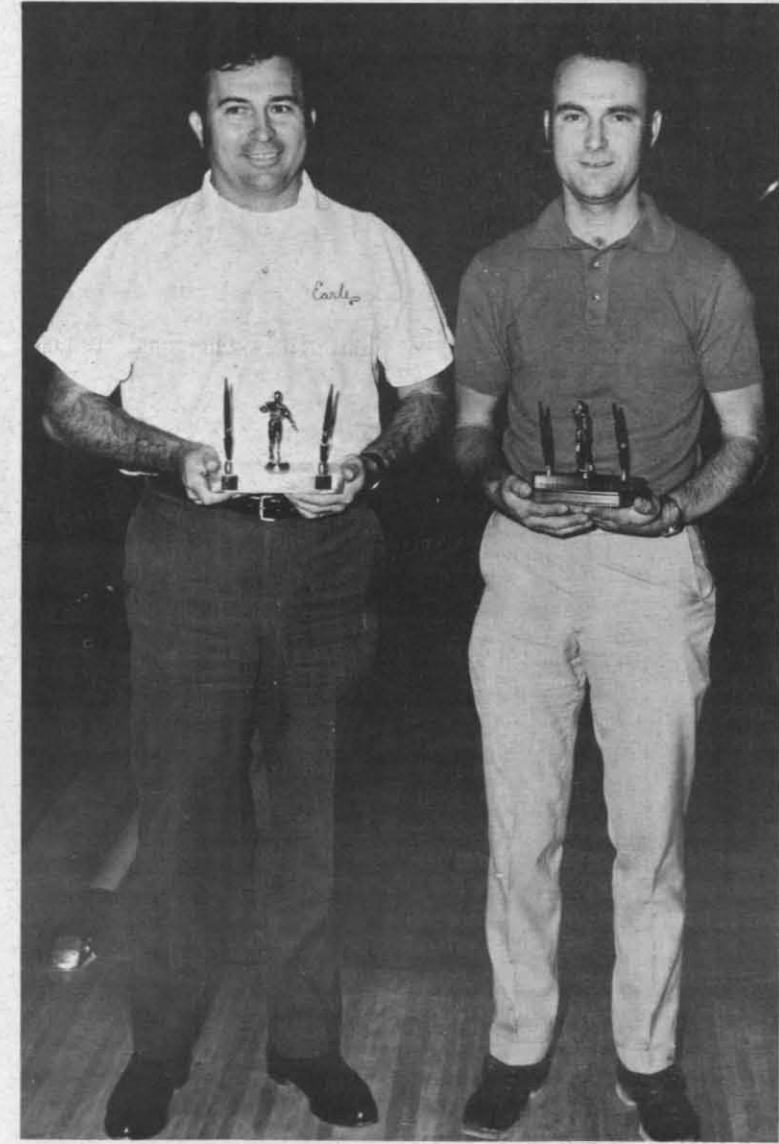




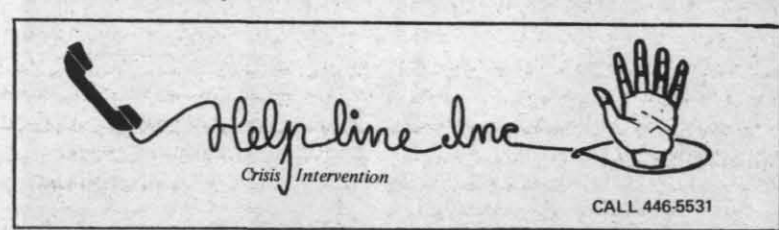


FINAL GAME OF THE SEASON—The Burroughs High School Varsity will go against Palmdale High tonight at 8 p.m. at Kelly Field in their final appearance of the season. Burroughs, who stand a

chance to tie for the Golden League title provided they tally a win and Quartz Hill records a tie, while Apple Valley loses, have a 3-1-2 record in Golden League play. --Photo by PH3 R. G. Mills



**BOWLING AWARDS**  
Trophies for the 1969-70 season were presented last Monday evening at the China Lake Bowl. In the above photo, Ernie Roby, 1, and Ken Dalpiaz received a trophy each for carrying the second and third highest average, respectively, for the season. On the right, Thad Brightwell holds two of the three trophies awarded him. Thad set the high average (192) and rolled the highest series (702). In addition, he received a trophy for a triple-200 series, as did Roby and Dalpiaz.



# Ace-TV Allied Vending Premier League Leaders

Ace-TV took two games from Allied Vending to move into a tie for first place with Allied last Monday, while B&F Liquor was dropping three games to Ridgecrest Lanes. A four-team tie for third place, two games out of the league lead includes B&F Liquor, NAF, Boyd's Auto Parts, and Ridgecrest Lanes.

Earle Roby had a 614 series to lead the pack Monday, followed closely by Allen Smith's 611. Roby fired games of 214 and 207, while Smith had games of 214 and 222. Thad Brightwell had 211 and 222 for a 604 series.

Dick Furstenberg shot 600, John Dowd 239, Robin Fuller, 234; Ralph Brewer, 223; Joe Kokosinski 221 and Bill Mitchell and George Bowles 217.

## NWC, VX-5 Score Victories

Two touchdown passes from the league's leading passer to the league's leading scorer and a superb performance by the league's No. 1 defense lifted NWC and VX-5 to China Lake Football League victories last week.

In the third quarter on a 29-yarder from Stan Creecy to Kirk Ratliff, who moved into the league reception lead with five catches for 79 yards.

On November 9 Alice Cutsinger had a 551, Patty Maxwell, 546, Mary Jane Clark, 534 and Angie Damico 525. Shirley Hartman hit 209, Sue Lewis, 201 and Alice Cutsinger, Pat Maddux and Patty Maxwell, 200.

NWC scored two first half touchdowns on 41-yard and 28-yard pass from Bill Stuart to Mick Rindt and then held off NAF for a 14-6 victory.

In a key play, NWC's Jim Walden blocked the conversion pass and NAF was forced to play catch-up football. Two fourth quarter touchdowns nullified by penalties and Barrie Riddoch's last minute interception preserved the Wolves victory.

A footnote to the Women's Scratch: When Wilma Johnson rolled her 660 (including a 263 game) on November 2, she had 14 consecutive strikes, 6 in the first game and began the second game with eight in a row. Well done, Wilma.

VX-5 clinched at least a tie for the league crown by defeating Ace TV 13-0 as the Vampire defensive unit held Ace to -5 yards rushing and 19 yards passing.

VX-5 turned a razzle dazzle touchdown and a 46-yard fumble run into a 13-0 win in a tough defensive battle.

Ernie Herbstreit hit a 494 series and Chuck Roulund a 190 single to lead the male scoring, while Robin Harbin had a 157 and Lori Presnell a 140, both bowling as subs in the female division.

## Local Netters Defeat Edwards

Double wins by Roy Miller and Chuck Jones carried China Lake to a 5-4 tennis victory over Edwards AFB October 31 at Edwards. Playing No. 5 and No. 6 singles respectively, Jones and Miller each took singles victories and then combined to produce the doubles win that provided China Lake's winning margin.

China Lake saw its lead slip away as both the top two doubles teams fell to their Edwards opponents. But then Miller and Jones continued their mastery over Tull and Salazar, 6-2, 6-3 for the tie breaking point.

John Dowd led the scoring with a 646 series which included games of 233 and 242 and Rosemary Hoffer led the ladies' parade with a 525 effort. Shirley Hartman hit 522 and Myrl Plante 518. Myrtle Snyder had 516 and Rosie Pelley 508. Jack Brown had a 220 single game.

# Health Benefits Share Increased

Legislation signed into law by President Nixon on September 25 will increase the Government's contribution to the premium costs of the Federal Employees Health Benefits program in January 1971 from 24 to 40 percent and maintain it there by annual adjustment, the Civil Service Commission announced. The increase will be applied next January to the 1971 premium rates now being negotiated with the 38 plans participating in the Health Benefits program.

Other provisions of the law provide: The survivor-annuitant of an employee who dies after September 25 with as little as 18 months of service may retain the employee's health insurance coverage, if he had a family enrollment. Federal employees in the Panama Canal Zone who are not U.S. citizens are now eligible for coverage under both the Federal Employees Health Benefits program and the Federal Employees Group Life Insurance program.

Because the costs of health care and health insurance have been rising sharply each year for the past several years and the present law limits the Government contribution to a maximum biweekly contribution of \$1.68 for self-only and \$4.10 for family enrollments, the percentage of the total premium costs paid by the Government has decreased each year while that paid by employees and retirees has increased. The upward trend in premium costs is expected to continue, the Commission said, with many plans needing substantial increases for 1971.

The new law requires the Government contribution to be 40 percent of the average of the high-option premiums charged by six of the largest plans for the type of enrollment—self-only or family—but not more than 50 percent of the premium charged for the particular enrollment. The dollar figure of the Government contribution and the cost to employees and retirees by individual plan will be announced as soon as negotiations are completed, which is expected to be about the end of October or early November.

## ASPA To Present Glass On 'RDT&E Evaluation'

The China Lake Chapter of the American Society for Public Administration will present Edward M. Glass as the speaker at an evening meeting, Monday, November 16. A no-host reception will begin at 7 p.m. and the presentation will start at 8 p.m. in the Mojave Room of the Commissioned Officers' Mess.

After his presentation, Glass will be prepared to discuss any facet of Defense RDT&E. This will give those attending an opportunity to generate questions concerning the concept of discarding defense laboratory budgetary ceilings, as well as the implications of the July 1, 1970 report to the President and Secretary of Defense by the Blue Ribbon Panel for Defense Laboratories, chaired by Mr. Gilbert Fitzhugh.

Glass, who will present an "Evaluation of RDT&E Activities" has been Assistant Director for Laboratory Management in the Office of the Director of Defense Research and Engineering since 1966. In this position, Glass is responsible for the operation of 134 DOD RDT&E activities representing a fixed investment of \$17.5 billion and a yearly cash flow of \$3.4 billion.

The meeting is open to those who would like to attend, announced George Craig, publicity chairman for ASPA.

He is a graduate of Rhode Island State University and has been active in Federal Service since 1941. Glass is active in numerous professional societies. He is Past President of the Aerospace Branch of the Research Society of America, and a Fellow of the New York Academy of Sciences. He is currently a commissioner in the Engineering Manpower Commission of the Engineers Joint Council.

# Marines Celebrate 195th Birthday



MARINE BALL HIGHLIGHTS—The 195th Anniversary of the establishment of the Marine Corps was celebrated in traditionally grand style on November 10 at a formal observance held at the NWC Community Center. Following the trooping of the colors (above) a large cake was cut to honor the occasion. At the ball, RAdm. Moran, NWC Commander, was introduced as the honored guest (See lower photo). --Photos by PH2 D. E. Hart



## Summer Employment Exams...

(Continued from Page 1) Employment Examination to be considered. However, both of the above categories must apply to the U.S. Civil Service Commission on a special form to bypass the written test. Students, including high school seniors, who wish to take the Summer Employment Examination for the first time and those students who wish to take the written test to improve their previous test score must apply to the U. S. Civil Service Commission on a special form. Applications received by 4 December will be scheduled for test on 9 January; applications received by 8 January will be scheduled for test on 13 February; and applications received by 3 February will be scheduled on 13 March. Applications postmarked after 3 February 1971 will not be accepted. All students are encouraged to take either the January or the February test. Test results from the March test are usually received too late to receive adequate consideration. General information and application forms to file for the

Summer Employment Examination or to bypass the test on the basis of grade-point average may be obtained from the Summer Employment Coordinator, Personnel Department, Code 652, Room 102, Building 34, Extension 3590.

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### Commissary Now Taking Orders For Turkeys

The Commissary Store is now taking orders for Thanksgiving Day turkeys, stated SKCM E. O. Grohs, Resident Assistant Officer in Charge. Patrons are invited to sign-up now on special order blanks which are available at the store.

Patrons are reminded that the best time to shop at the Commissary Store is on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons, between the hours of 1 p.m. and 3:45 p.m., provided neither day falls on a navy payday. According to a recent survey of waiting times during payday rush, persons are required to wait a maximum of eight minutes at the average till.

#### Change in Items

When the NWC Commissary became a branch of the Long Beach complex, many comments were made regarding the change in items carried by the store. A representative of the China Lake store was appointed to the merchandise selection board of the Long Beach complex which convenes once a month to consider new items to be carried by the four stores in the complex - Point Mugu, Port Hueneme, Long Beach and China Lake. Although the China Lake store only represents 5.3 per cent of the total sales volume, the local representative has a 25 per cent share of the vote on items to be carried.

A suggestion box has been located inside the store entrance for patrons to make their suggestions known to the Long Beach Complex on items they wish to see stocked. Chief Grohs requests the cooperation of all patrons of the Commissary Store in this matter.

### Sex Education To Be Discussed At PTA Meet

A panel discussion between parents, teachers and other interested persons on the subject of sex education, will be held Thursday, November 19 at 7:30 p.m. in the Richmond School Auditorium. The panel will include noted authorities from the local area, in addition to parents and teachers.

Daniel Meraz is the program chairman and Richard McCown, principal of Richmond School, is the panel moderator.

All interested persons are invited to attend.



LAST YEAR'S SELECTEES - Winners of the "Boy and Girl of the Month" awards presented by the China Lake Youth Center were recently awarded plaques at a ceremony held in the Youth Center. Each of the selectees was chosen on the

basis of their leadership, contribution to the community, and participation in Youth Center programs. LCdr. R. A. Shepard, Commanding Officer, Enlisted Personnel, made the presentations. --Photo by PH2 D. E. Hart

## Death Valley 'campment Bristles With Activities

The annual Death Valley encampment, which began yesterday, still has today, tomorrow and Sunday to run. The festivities will conclude Sunday with a naturalist talk at the Museum.

The annual encampment is sponsored by the Death Valley '49ers, a non-profit corporation organized to help perpetuate the triumphs and tragedies of the pioneer days of Death Valley. During the 1949 centennial commemoration—marking the successful exodus of the Jayhawker-Manly Party from Death Valley after being separated from the wagon train—the Death Valley '49ers, Inc., was formed. The main objective of the group is to publicize and preserve the natural beauties of the area, and to preserve the memories of California's pioneers.

Beginning with the community sing around a campfire on Thursday, the four-day event will move through three days of activities that will interest photographers—

amateur or professional, historians, sightseers, equestrians, naturalists, writers, artists, lapidaries, western music lovers, hoedown enthusiasts, western and modern dancers, and anyone who wants to enjoy the West's greatest free entertainment.

On Friday, a monument for the old Eichbaum Toll Road, a historical landmark, will be dedicated just west of Stovepipe Wells Village.

Tours will be conducted by Dr. Thomas Clements to Ubehebe Crater, Scotty's Castle, North End points, and the middle part of the Valley; and Peter G. Sanchez will conduct a tour to South Valley points.

Special exhibits will include historical relics of Wells Fargo Days, early Death Valley area items, early barbed wire, and historic bottles, a unique show of gems and minerals by the Searles Lake Gem and Mineral Society, and a Death Valley Indian display.

Publications by famous authors of Death Valley lore will be available; some authors will be on hand to autograph their books. One special breakfast on Friday will have as toastmaster Matt Ryan, long-time Death Valley resident, and the featured speaker will be Horace M. Albright, an Owens Valley native and former Director of the National Park Service. A Hootenany Breakfast will present the Reinsmen and other hoedown-type entertainment.

Friday afternoon the riders of the 9th Annual Death Valley Trail Ride will arrive at Furnace Creek Ranch. The fifty or so equestrians will cover a 125 mile historic and scenic route, departing from Ridgecrest on Sunday, November 8.

Saturday there will be a photographers' breakfast featuring a talk on "Nature Life in Death Valley" by Ralph Welles, Ranger-naturalist in Death Valley for 14 years. Another breakfast on Saturday, for authors, will present the famed desert writer, E. I. Edwards.

The artists' breakfast will be held Sunday. At that time one may watch top-flight Western artists as they work on a western scene. Numerous dances will be held in the evenings, there will be an old-fashioned fiddlers' contest, naturalist talks, and an assembly for viewing Ralph Welles' colorful slide show of "Life in Death Valley 1956 to 1970."

Program brochures for the Death Valley Encampment are available in various locations, such as the Community Center, Center Library, and in the lobbies of the various office buildings and shops.

**Parade Entry Deadline Set**  
Plans for the Christmas Parade are nearing completion. Saturday, November 14 is the postmarked deadline for entries.

Anyone who plays an instrument and would like to join a group to march in the parade and play Christmas music is asked to call 446-4229; Ernest Loscar, 375-8159; or Wardna Abernathy, 446-2272. Final parade instructions will be mailed one week prior to the parade.

Immediately after the parade, The Ridge Theater will be open for a free Christmas show.

The merchants of Ridgecrest are participating in a Christmas Decoration Program by having their store windows painted by students from the schools in the Valley. This program will begin November 30 and continue for one week. Students or groups interested may obtain details from the Triangle Sport Shop.

### VX-5 Crew Chief Selected As Nov. Bluejacket

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VF-114 and with VF-154 on the USS Ranger.

While homeported at San Diego, Wood got interested in racing micro midgets and was quite active during a six year period. "I usually came in last," he said, "but even finishing last was hard to do sometimes." Margaret was an interested spectator during Wood's racing career and often kibitzed her husband's efforts. "I was my own mechanic," Wood stated, "and spent a good many hours preparing the machine and running it."

Wood still has the car but has called his racing career to a halt. "I'm getting too old for that sort of thing," he admitted. "Now I play the guitar and work around the trailer," he elaborated.

Wood does more than just "play" the guitar. He had his own western band while stationed in Japan and is quite adept on the instrument. He and Margaret, and their daughter, Tracy Lynn, 2, live in the Shangri La Trailer Park, in Ridgecrest. From this environment, Wood has found his retirement future. "I intend to take my retirement here in the Indian Wells Valley and open up an aluminum awning franchise," Wood said.

He stated he enjoys living here, "mostly because the people here are so nice . . ." and feels that China Lake and Ridgecrest is "home."

Wood is a graduate of AO "A" School, Jacksonville, Florida, and during his 16 year career has earned three Navy Unit Commendations; four Good Conduct Medals; the National Defense, and Viet Nam Service awards.

In addition, Wood is a member of the "Gold Hasmak Club."

### Chemical Society To Be Addressed By Dr. Brewer

Dr. Leo Brewer, noted Professor of Chemistry at University of California, Berkeley, will address members and guests of the Mojave Desert Section of the American Chemical Society at the Hideaway on Monday evening, November 14, at 8 p.m.

A dinner in honor of Dr. Brewer is planned at 7 p.m. The challenging subject of Professor Brewer's talk, "Undiscovered Compounds," should stimulate the audience.

Professor Brewer had been involved in the famous Manhattan Project and has since that time developed expertise in high temperature chemistry of gases, ceramics, and metals. In addition, he has published in the fields of thermodynamics, spectroscopy, and chemistry of solutions.

The Mojave Desert Section of the American Chemical Society cordially invites all interested persons to attend the presentation. Those who desire to join the dinner should make reservations with Dr. Wayne Thun at NWC ext. 2831.



## WACOM Charity Bazaar A Successful Event

### COM Decorated With Christmas Color Motif

A gay Christmas spirit was highly evident Tuesday morning when RAdm. W. J. Moran, Center Commander and H. G. "Hack" Wilson, Technical Director, declared: "Santa's Village is hereby officially open" as the large red ribbon was cut permitting the crowd to surge into WACOM's Christmas Charity Bazaar at the Commissioned Officers' Mess, December 10.

The "ohs" and "ahs" could not be held back as the throng viewed the beautifully decorated shops surrounding a large Christmas tree turning the Mojave Room into a winter wonderland.

The tremendous variety of boutique items offered by the village shops was surpassed only by their individual beauty. The home-baked pies, cakes, breads, and candies indeed gave a feeling of "Christmas in the air."

WACOM and the twelve participating community service organizations realized a total profit of over \$3100. from the bazaar. The great spirit displayed by the village organizations made it a memorable day for everyone involved in WACOM's first annual charity bazaar. Everyone felt that "woman power" is indeed a force to be appreciated, and many are already anticipating next year's bazaar.

Aside from all the success were the humorous incidents and the near tragedies, such as the first Santa who was involved in a serious accident necessitating the late arrival of a substitute Santa. And there is one mother who will never, never, give away "again" the gift she will receive this Christmas which her child purchased at the "White Reindeer Shoppe." That gift will always reflect a child's eager spirit of Christmas giving.

"Ye White Reindeer Shoppe," operated by the military wives for the POW Wives Fund netted top profits in the bazaar of over \$500 from the sale of "white elephants" and contributions on the huge Christmas tree. The supply of items at this shop, ranging in price from one cent up, greatly attracted the younger Christmas shoppers. Santa, always a big success, visited Santa's Village and gave goodies to the many children visiting the bazaar.

Little Litter Ladies, the Misses Barbara Stephenson, Anne Stephenson, Ginny Creighton, Cheryl Creighton, Kendra Cobb, and Debbie Summers, appropriately dressed in maxi dresses and dust caps and armed with pint-sized brooms and dustpans kept the "village" immaculate.

Background music by the Desert Community Orchestra created an accoustical balance to the spirit of the bazaar with Christmas music and other selections. Contributions were received at this booth on three beautiful floral arrangements donated by the Oasis Garden Club. Proceeds will go to the Student Music Study Fund.



ABOVE—RAdm. W. J. Moran, NWC Commander, and Mr. H. G. Wilson, Technical Director, officially opened Santa's Village at WACOM's Christmas Charity Bazaar.

LEFT—H. G. Wilson, Technical Director, is assisted by Shirley Stephenson in buying a jar of homemade candy at the Murray School Music Parent's booth.

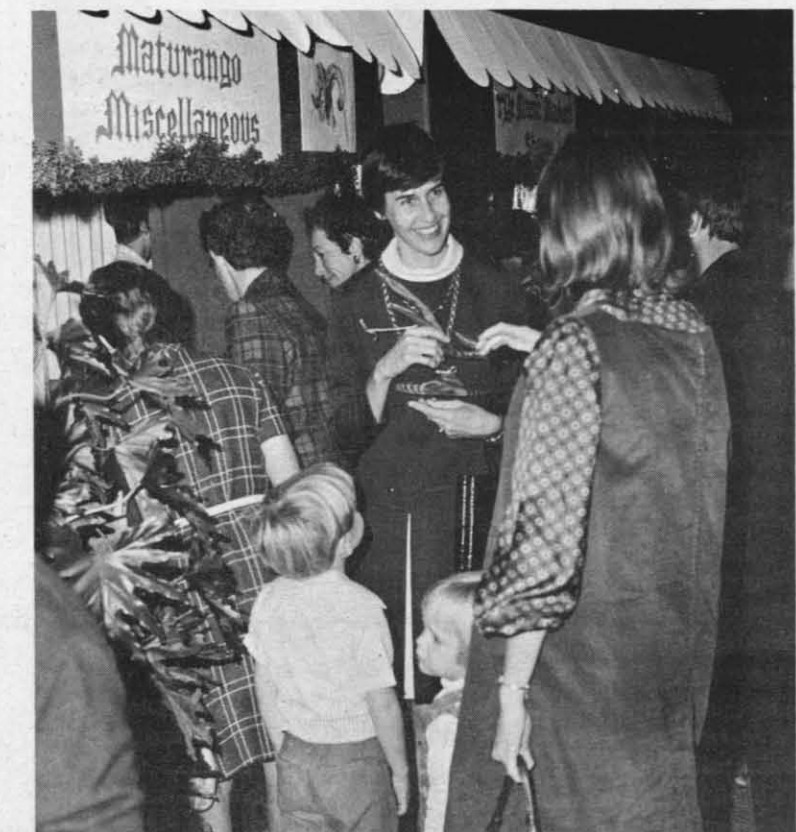


ABOVE—The "White Reindeer" Shoppe -- proceeds to be given to help POW wives secure information about their husbands.



RIGHT—Foreign-land sweets were in demand. BELOW—Leather and beaded jewelry and candies were popular with youth at the CYO booth.

BELOW—Old friends meet around a newly purchased roadrunner—hand carved by Charles Huckeba—from the Maturango Museum booth.



CFC CONTRIBUTION—RAdm. W. J. Moran, NWC Commander, presents his Combined Federal Campaign contribution to Rex Kayler, Keyman for the Commander's Staff, earlier this week. RAdm. Moran added his personal message to that of CFC Chairman Jesse Bell in an article about the campaign found elsewhere in this issue of The ROCKETEER. --Photo by PH2 D. E. Hart