

Sweet Adeline Songfest Set For Sat. Nite

The China Lake Chapter of Sweet Adelines, Inc., will present "Annie, Get Your Pitchpipe" at the Burroughs High School Lecture Center on March 13 beginning at 8 p.m. The Old West will be recreated in song and scene as the Sweet Adelines have scheduled many top out-of-town performers for the show.

The glamorous Shimmerons, 1970-71 Region Eleven Sweethearts of Harmony, from Los Angeles will head up a list of top groups slated to perform on the local stage.

Another well known group, the Chordsmen, a comedy men's quartet, will also perform their magic for local theater-goers. The Chordsmen are members of various Los Angeles area chapters of the men's barbershop harmony organization: the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barbershop Quartet Singing in America.

Included on the program are the Sight n' Sound, a group of Adelines from Riverside that includes two members of the 1963 championship quartet, the Vagablonde.

In addition, the IYW Chapter of SPEBSQSA will sing and a well-known local quartet, the Medallions, will perform as well. This group includes Henry Wair, Warren Stump, Clay Panlaqui and Ray Becker.

The show will open with a play concerning a wagon train of women traveling to the California gold fields to find husbands, performed by the China Lake Sweet Adelines. The Impetuettes, a local quartet, will sing in this program. Lucille Bushnell, Eleanor Hartwig, Janet Hamilton and Jan Arisman make up the Impetuettes.

Tickets for the program are priced at \$2 for regular admission, \$1 for students and military, and are available at the Community Center, or from any Sweet Adeline, or at the door.

Chico St. Choir At Burroughs Next Friday

The Chico State College A Capella Choir will appear in concert at the Burroughs High School Lecture Center Friday, March 19, beginning at 8 p.m.

The choir, which is well known throughout the western United States, is presently touring the northern and southern California area in an expanded program of concerts.

Organized in 1957 as a natural result of the expansion of the music department at Chico State, the choir has grown in quality and stature under the baton of its organizer-conductor, Ralph W. Wadsworth, Associate Professor of Music at the college. One of the primary reasons for this growth has been the varied content of the choir's programs, which are selected not only for their musical excellence but to provide maximum enjoyment for the audience.

Admission is free and all residents of the Indian Wells Valley are invited to attend.



"FOLLIES" PATRONS — Tickets to PTA's "Fractured Follies of '71" were presented to Mr. and Mrs. Haskell G. Wilson last week by PTA treasurer Pat Noland (l). The Wilsons were among the first to become patrons of the talent revue by making a donation to PTA's campership fund. The PTA hopes to raise some \$4,000 through

similar donations, ticket sales and ad sales for the April 23 and 24 performances, so that approximately 100 local needy children can go to camp this summer. Those who wish to join the Wilsons as Campership Fund patrons are invited to call Theresa Hinds at 446-5291.

—Photo by PH2 D. E. Hart

'Oliver' In Final Production Stages

The Theatre 27 production of "Oliver" will open March 26 at the Burroughs High School Lecture Center after nearly two months of preparation and rehearsal, according to Pat Schwarzbach, director of the production and Theatre 27 instructor for the Bakersfield College, Desert Campus.

The play, which is based on the novel "Oliver Twist," by Charles Dickens, will include some innovations not tried before in the local area, but now possible due to the larger stage at the Lecture Center.

"For the first time the unique use of rear-screen projection technique will be used by a local drama group," Mrs. Schwarzbach said. "As this will be the first musical to be presented at the new Lecture Center, I have decided to use platforms in order to eliminate unnecessary scene changes, and in that manner the musical will not be interrupted unless absolutely necessary."

Mrs. Schwarzbach has selected more than 60 people for the cast of "Oliver." LeRoy Carson will play the role of Fagin, the adult leader of the gang of youthful thieves and pickpockets. Bill Sikes, the menacing criminal, is played by Wayne Carpenter, and his girl friend Nancy is to be played by Marsha Burgner, a newcomer to the local stage.

Young Ken Roberts, 11-year-old son of Dr. Rick Roberts, has the role of Oliver Twist, the lovable boy who escapes from the job he is "sold" into and joins Fagin's gang. Ron Price will be seen as "The Artful Dodger," Fagin's chief boy-pickpocket.

Other members of the cast include: James Roslonka, another newcomer, as Mr. Bumble; Shirley Dillon as Widow Corney; Sharon Roberts as Bet; David Seppich as Mr. Brownlow; Michael Ross as Mr. Sowerberry; Stephanie Latimer in the role of Mrs. Anne Gates; Sally Fullerton and Kathleen Szymanski.

Claypole; Teresa Linsteadt as Mrs. Bedwin; Curtis Barker as Dr. Grimwig; Greg Gritton as Charley Bates; Karen Seppich as Old Sally; DeeDee Danielson as the Old Lady; Gary Thompson as the Chairman; and Wint Dillon and Tim Dickinson as Bow-Street Runners.

Citizens of London are played by: Anne Marie Seppich; Frank Leibert; Sara Almaraz; Mary Anne Thomas; Vickie Price; Randy Carson; Jeanne Gritton; Diane Dillon; Yara Carpenter; Carla Robinsen; Alice Carpenter; Sandy Short; Gloria Danielson; Debra Thomas; Katherine Lockwood and Diane Dickinson.

Boys who appear in the play as members of the Workhouse and also in Fagin's gang are: Chris Lockwood; David Thomas; Merlin Carpenter; Mike Dickinson; Tracy Dillon; Cory Reese; David McMullin; Frank Leibert; Danny Linsteadt; Bruce Roberts; Peter Dickinson; Bob Schwarzbach; Bruce McClung; Paul Dickinson; Raymond Carpenter; Danny Lockwood; Kenny Linsteadt; Noel Roberts; Mark Gritton and Bobby Gritton.

The production includes three big dance scenes and the girls selected for the scenes include: Katherine Lockwood, Ann Short, Carla Grober, Holly Porteus and Stella Pakulak.

Paul Riley serves a double function in the production. He is the musical director and will lead the orchestra during the production. Other assistants of Mrs. Schwarzbach include: Diane Dickinson, assistant director; Gary Thompson, student director; Marion Carter, production coordinator; and Ralph Schwarzbach and Wint Dillon, technical advisors.

The technical crew consists of Bob Gritton, Paul Perrin and Larry Sawyer, and a three-man costume contingent is staffed by Anne Gates, Sally Fullerton and Kathleen Szymanski.

SHOWBOAT

MOVIE RATINGS
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

FRI 12 MARCH
"YOU ONLY LIVE TWICE" (118 Min)
Sean Connery, Japanese All Star Cast
7:30 p.m.

(Spy Adventure) U.S. space capsules are disappearing in Japan so 007 is buried at sea in a plan to foil SPECTRE (GP)

SAT 13 MARCH
—MATINEE—
"THOSE DARING YOUNG MEN IN THEIR JAUNTY JALOPHIES" (125 Min)
Tony Curtis
1:00 p.m.

There are no shorts due to the length of the feature.

—EVENING—
"CHARLY" (106 Min)
Cliff Robertson, Claire Bloom, Lila Scala
7:30 p.m.

(Drama) Fascinating story of a mentally retarded porter, and of the operation that made him a genius temporarily. It tells of human sympathy and of a child-like crush that turned into passion. (GP)

Shorts: "Mexican Mousepiece" (7 Min)

SUN and MON 14-15 MARCH
"FLAP" (105 Min)
Anthony Quinn, Shelley Winters
7:30 p.m.

(Comedy-Drama) Troublemaking Quinn as Flapping Eagle becomes one man United Nations as he fights the "establishment", a construction company and a railroad. Back by his love, a Madame, and a self made lawyer he's a terror! (GP)

Shorts: "Zipping Along" (Roadrunner) (7 Min)

TUES and WED 16-17 MARCH
"TOO LATE THE HERO" (132 Min)
Michael Caine, Cliff Robertson, Henry Fonda
7:30 p.m.

(War-Drama) The story of a patrol in the New Hebrides Island during WW1, and of a cynical medic (Caine) and a reluctant interpreter (Robertson) as they fight their way back to their lines with vital data. A story of MEN (GP)

THURS and FRI 18-19 MARCH
"FINIAN'S RAINBOW" (145 Min)
Fred Astaire, Petula Clark, Keenan Wynn
7:30 p.m.

(Musical) With memorable lilting tunes this tells of an Irishman and his daughter who follow their rainbow from Erin to the Southeast USA where he buries a pot of gold stolen from a leprechaun. (G)

Youth Center To Feature Closer Thais

The "Closer Thais" will be featured at the China Lake Youth Center sponsored dance on March 12, 8 p.m., at the Community Center. All teen-agers are invited to attend. Admission will be \$2.00 general, and \$1.00 for Teen Club members.

Well-known to the local community, the "Closer Thais" is composed of four brothers and a cousin who were all born in Northern Thailand and grew up in Bangkok. Their music has a special appeal to youth.

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Pipa Awarded Bronze Star

RAdm. Moran Makes Presentation At Admin. Bldg. Ceremonies

Major John L. Pipa, USMC, was awarded this nation's eighth highest honor Thursday, March 4 when RAdm. William J. Moran, COMNWC, presented the Bronze Star to the Marine Corps officer for meritorious service in Vietnam.

The citation, which was from the President of the United States, read, in part: "For meritorious service in connection with combat operations against the enemy in the Republic of Vietnam while serving with Marine Aircraft Group Sixteen, First Marine Aircraft Wing from 2 May 1969 to 25 April 1970. Throughout this period, Major Pipa performed his demanding duties in an exemplary and highly professional manner . . . He worked tirelessly and with meticulous attention to detail to expeditiously accomplish all assigned tasks and consistently provide his unit with outstanding support."

Major Pipa's bold initiative, superb professionalism, and steadfast devotion to duty earned the respect of all who served with him and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Marine Corps and of the United States Naval Service.

A veteran of 17 years military service, Major Pipa joined the Marine Liaison Staff at the Naval Weapons Center in May, 1970. At NWC, Major Pipa's primary duty is that of Helicopter Project Pilot. In addition, he is one of the Marine Corp Liaison Officers, and in that capacity acts as Liaison between the Center and the USMC, where projects involving the Marine Corps are concerned.

He is married to the former Mary Faye Cohron of Pensacola,

Florida. The couple has one child, Sherry, 13. The Pipa's spend a great deal of time camping and fishing in the area surrounding the Indian Wells Valley, and are very happy with their assignment to NWC.

Major Pipa, who is one of a handful of qualified helicopter pilots at NWC, has flown many volunteer rescue missions, including many hours on his own free time.

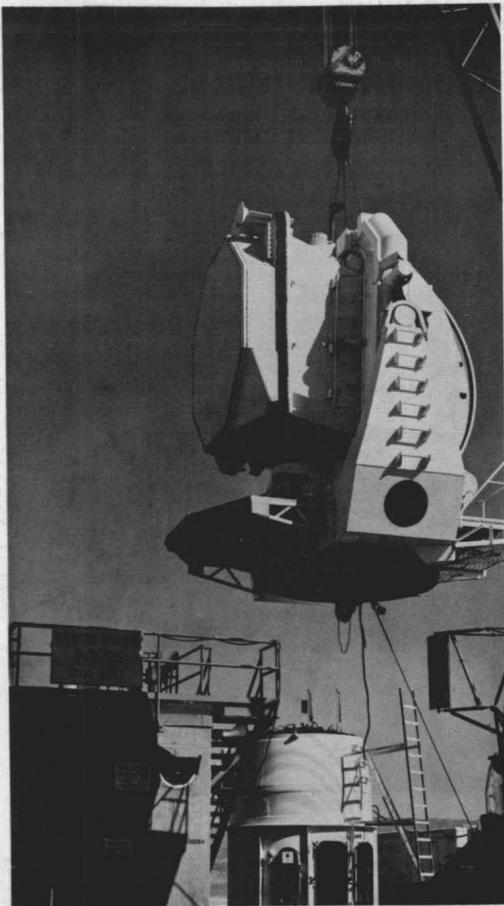
In addition to the Bronze Star, Major Pipa has been awarded two Distinguished Flying Crosses, the Purple Heart, three single mission Air Medals, and 64 Meritorious Air Medals.

The Pipa's reside at 512-B Essex Circle on the Center.

Orchestra Concert Postponed

The regularly scheduled concert of the Desert Community Orchestra Association and Music 70 has been postponed from March 21 to March 28 due to an accident suffered by the conductor, Charles Wood.

The Youth Concert will be held on March 28 with the winners of the auditions held by the DCOA in January performing as soloists. The soloists are: Daniel H. Mallory of China Lake; Robert Malone of China Lake; Stephen Bergens of Ridgecrest, and Robert McAnally, also of Ridgecrest.



PROGRESS STRIKES AN OLD LANDMARK — This AN-SPQ-5 (XN-1) radar was a familiar sight and landmark for over 16 years on the G-1 Range. Many Center employees can recall days past when the "Spook" was the backbone of the many Terrier and Tartar surface-to-air missile firings. Installed in 1954 the AN-SPQ-5 provided accurate target tracking and missile guidance for the many Terrier, Tartar and Standard Missile tests conducted on G-1 Range between 1955 and 1966. As the missiles were developed, improved and introduced into the fleet the radar was used for other purposes. Recently the need for improved radars and better space utilization has forced the removal and subsequent replacement of this radar with more modern equipment to support the G-1 Range instrumentation requirements. Lcdr. John N. Milliken, Jr., and FTM2 Bobby D. Caster are two men still on active duty who have worked with "Spook." Other former Navy men who are now working as civilians on the Center that worked with the radar include: Duane L. Burton, Richard H. Smith, Richard Wood, Willard Stratton, Chuck Farnham and Robert Galvin.

—Photo by PH2 D. E. Hart

Early Release Plans Changed, Bupers States

The Bureau of Naval Personnel announced recently that the three month general early release program will probably be reduced to two months in the next phase.

That means that personnel with an EAOS date in July 1971 will be released in April, August losses will be released in May and September losses will be released in July 1971.

Present plans indicate that this two month general early release program will continue at least through the remainder of calendar year 1971.

In his recent NAVOP, Adm. Zumwalt further stated that to ensure an increased level of medical services for Navy men and dependents, the next phase of the early release program will not authorize releases for hospital corpsmen, dental technicians or strikers in either of these ratings.

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



BRONZE STAR PRESENTATION — Maj. J. L. Pipa, right, of the NWC Marine Corps Liaison Office, holds the citation from the President of the United States awarding him the Bronze Star,

following ceremonies held in RAdm. W. J. Moran's office. RAdm. Moran, COMNWC, left, made the presentation. Mary Faye Pipa was present for the ceremony.

Environment Campaign Shows Fine Results

The current ACCENT ON ENVIRONMENT campaign at China Lake is showing results both from the efforts of residents and extensive contractor clean-up of alleys and other public areas. Most noteworthy is the clean condition of alleys in housing areas where contractors have been meticulously cleaning up and hauling away bushels of wind blown trash. To keep alleys in this orderly condition all residents are urged to box or bag loose material that cannot be put into dumpsters. Spring winds can scatter loose leaves or light material in a matter of minutes.

From all reports the cooperation of residents with the China Lake ACCENT ON ENVIRONMENT is excellent. Everyone's continuing cooperation will keep areas already cleaned in good condition.

Residents of Capehart sites and Desert Park are reminded that tree trimmings or other bulky material should be cut to four foot lengths and tied. Bundles of trimmings and bagged or boxed light material can be placed on curbs with the "GI" cans for pick up on regular rubbish collection days in these housing areas.

Residents in areas served by dumpsters can help keep the environment clean and pleasant for everyone by boxing or bagging loose litter. This will avoid redistribution of leaves and light material once it has been cleaned up. Keeping lids of the dumpsters closed will also help to keep litter from being dragged out by animals or scattered by the wind.

A recent clean-up was made at Mirror Lake to enhance its attractiveness and use for recreation by residents at China Lake. Dumping of discarded items or old cars on the lake will create an unsightly and hazardous condition for joggers, dog walkers or motor cyclists who use it for recreation and healthful exercise.

The dump east of Richmond Road provided for China Lake residents threatens to become a problem if garbage and other wet refuse is disposed of at the open pit. This pit is designed for bulky tree trimmings, scrap material or discarded articles that will create an environmental problem. Use of the pit is for the convenience of China Lake residents but it is not approved for disposal of garbage or wet refuse. Nor is it suitable for disposition of junk car bodies.

Grass seed for planting or renewing lawns is still available through the Housing Office. Call Extension 2082 and talk to one of the Housing Managers about obtaining a supply of grass seed to help make China Lake a more attractive community.

Every resident is urged to do his part to make ACCENT ON ENVIRONMENT a meaningful campaign for his neighborhood and the entire community.

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OLD WEST REVISITED—Four energetic WACOM ladies prepare a display for the annual Wildflower Festival, to be held May 1 and 2 at the Community Center. "The Old West Revisited" will be the theme of this year's 25th rebirth of the wildflower splendorama. Visitors to the show will see the main room of the Community Center transformed into vignettes from the early West.

PROMOTIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Applications for positions listed in this column will be accepted from current NWC employees and should be filed with the persons named in the ad. All others desiring employment with the Naval Weapons Center may contact the Employment Division, Code 652, Extension 2067. Current applications (SF-171) or Standard Form 172 should be submitted bringing your work history up to date if one has not been submitted within the last 6 months. The fact that positions are advertised in this column 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 nonmerit reason.

855095 Code 5571—Incumbent serves as project engineer for the SUPERVISOR, CHAIRMAN, Program Managers. Position is responsible for various aspects of a missile system including a variety of electronics, mechanical, and electromechanics. Incumbent will perform production engineering duties, evaluate proposed changes, plan work assignments, analyze system components and provide project coordination on such subsystems as fuzing, warheads, motors, wings, and test sets. Incumbent will maintain close liaison with contractors, Naval Air Systems Command and numerous other DOD activities. Minimum Qualifications: 3 years professional engineering experience in appropriate subject-matter fields, 1 year of which must have been equivalent to the next lower grade being filled, as outlined in CSC Handbook X-118. Job Relevant Criteria: (1) B.S. Degree in Mechanical or Electrical Engineering (2) Experience in design, development or testing of missile systems (3) Background indicating ability to interact with persons of diverse interests and occupations. Advancement Potential: GS-12 may advance to GS-13.

File applications for above with Joan Macintosh, Code 657, Ext 2271.

General Engineer GS-801-12 or 13 Code 5503 PD No. 7155014—Position is that of a Senior Reliability Engineer in the Office of the Chief Engineer, Engineering Dept. Incumbent will be required to plan a reliability program for the AIM-9L missile early in the design and development phase consistent with system requirements, development schedule and available funding. Incumbent will assure that proper reliability documentation is created to provide a review of requirements and an after-view of results and assessments. He will perform and monitor the performance of subtasks included in a reliability program such as: Failure reporting, specifications, Configuration Assurance, reliability design assurance and contractor surveillance. Minimum Qualifications: 3 years of experience in appropriate subject-matter field, one year of which is equivalent to the next lower grade, as outlined in CSC Handbook X-118. Job Relevant Criteria: (1) Electrical engineering degree with experience in design, development and engineering documentation. (2) Demonstrated ability to interface with other engineering disciplines (3) Experience in dealing with and monitoring performance of contractors. Advancement Potential: GS-12 may advance to GS-13.

File applications for above with Joan Macintosh, Code 657, Ext 2271. aHeavy Duty Equipment Serviceman WG-58004-06, JD No. 303-1, Code 7076—Performs semi-skilled work on all types of Heavy Duty Equipment. Utilizes technical instructions, manuals and other publications which are applicable to the heavy duty equipment to be serviced, repaired and maintained in order to keep this equipment in good operating condition. Qualification Requirements: Rating will be on the basis of the appropriate J-Element Standard in accordance with the CSC Handbook X-118C.

File applications with Dora Childers, Code 657, Room 210, Phone 2293.

Clerk-Typist GS-322-4 Code 4566—Secretary to the Head of the Exploratory Development Branch, Propulsion Development Department. Duties involve typing of technical reports, memos, official correspondence, etc. Incumbent is responsible for the organization and maintenance of the branch files and performs misc. duties such as preparing time cards, travel orders, ordering library material, etc. Qualification Requirements: 1 yr. of general and 1 yr. of specialized experience, as defined in CSC Handbook X-118. File above applications with Pat Gaunt Bldg. 34, Room 202, Phone 2723.

Physicist GS-1210-9 or 11 Code 4563—This position is located in the Weapons Systems Branch, Warhead Division, Propulsion Development Department. Duties include exploration and applied research of fuel air explosives. Job Relevant Criteria: Must have experience in the physics of mechanical systems. Minimum Qualification Requirements: As Defined in CSC Handbook X-118. Must have BS in Physics.

General Engineer, GS-801-9 or 11, Code 4563—This position is located in the Weapons Systems Branch, Warhead Division, Propulsion Development Department. Major duties in development of fuel air explosives weapons. Job Relevant Criteria: Must have mechanical engineering background with some experience in aerospace missile field. Minimum Qualifications Requirements: As

Cereal More Nutritious Than 'Bacon And Eggs'

"Since the beginning of agriculture, cereals have been the backbone of man's nutrition. Three cereals—rice, wheat, and corn—and the foods made from them have and still do nourish most of mankind. Breakfast cereals as we know and consume them today are among the more recent foods made from cereals. . . . When consumed with milk, they make a major contribution to a nutritionally good breakfast," so states Dr. Fredrick J. Stare, Professor and Chairman, Department of Nutrition, Harvard School of Public Health.

"There are other good breakfasts, and many of them are cereal products, but to have them as nutritious as breakfast cereals, one needs to consume them with a glass of milk. The nutrients of milk, particularly the protein, calcium, and riboflavin supplement and complement the nutrients of cereal and the mixture is better than either product by itself. Some breakfast cereals are made from mixtures of two or more grains, which further improve the protein quality of the cereal product. Breakfast cereals have 7 per cent to 10 per cent protein or more, which is a long way from the concept of "empty" calories.

"Eggs and bacon can be the main part of a nutritious breakfast for those who have no need to be

concerned about cholesterol or their weight. But there are few males in our country who need have no concern about the level of cholesterol in their blood.

The reason Dr. Stare favors a cereal breakfast over an egg and bacon breakfast is "because the cereal breakfast has less saturated fat, less cholesterol, and usually less total calories—all health pluses of major concern to American males."

The average cereal serving combined with the usual amount of milk provides about the same amount of protein as an egg and two strips of bacon. "The combination of the protein from the milk and cereal is equally nutritious to that of an egg and bacon."

"No one meal necessarily needs to provide any arbitrary percentage of total daily nutrient requirements, and certainly one breakfast dish made up of two foods—breakfast cereal and milk—should not be expected to provide one third of the Minimum Daily Requirements of various nutrients and calories. What is important is the total daily intake over 24 hours. Good nutrition comes from a variety of foods, not a food.

"Cereals, including breakfast cereals, can hold their heads high, for their contribution to one's total nutritional intake."

Tryouts To Be Held For Players' One-Act Entry 'Ugly Duckling'

The China Lake Players has announced that tryouts for "The Ugly Duckling," a one-act play by A. A. Milne, will take place Monday and Tuesday, March 15 and 16 at the Players Hut, 405 McIntire St. Tryouts will begin at 7:30 p.m. both nights.

The Players have chosen "The Ugly Duckling" for their entry in the annual One Act Play Festival in Bakersfield in April.

Those interested in taking part should appear at the tryouts. According to Chuck Wilcox,

director, no casting will be made until tryouts are completed.

Wilcox emphasized that tryouts are open to all interested persons, but persons chosen for the cast must become members of the China Lake Players.

In recent years local actors have brought home many awards and recognitions from the one-act festival, including a best actress award by Rosella Goza and a distinguished actor award by Robert Pinney.



SECRET DISPOSAL SYSTEM UNCOVERED—Employees of the Property Disposal Branch notified for sometime that "someone" had been removing an unusual amount of sugar cubes from the coffee mess. Recently the culprit and his disposal site were revealed when Wayne Stowe, local IBM Customer Engineer, noticed a peculiar rattle in Mary Larson's typewriter. When he removed the bottom cover, several handfuls of sugar cubes fell out—which had been stored there by the mouse caught a few days earlier in Bill Petzey's mouse trap. Mrs. Larson is secretary to Bill Petzey, Branch Head.

Trophies Awarded Basketball Winners

The Adults . . .



INTRAMURAL CHAMPS—Members of the Loewen's Lions pose for a victory photo following their 68-64, playoff win.



SECOND-PLACE FINISHERS—The Ace-TV basketball team lost the championship to Loewen's but still had a good season.



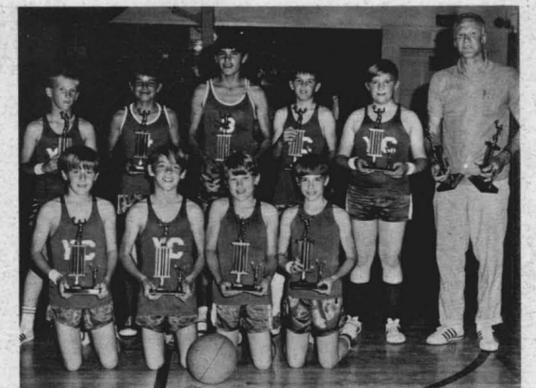
WIN THIRD PLACE—The team from VX-5 chalked up a third place finish for the season and had the distinction of being the only team to defeat Loewen's.

Photos By PH1 D. C. Manderscheid PH3 Anthony Curiale PH3 Ronald Gray Mills



INSTRUCTIONAL LEAGUE PLAYERS received a medal for participating in the Youth Center sponsored program. The league was comprised of 7 and 8 year olds. The primary purpose of this program was merely to introduce the boys to the game of basketball.

. . . And the Kids



THE STARS won the Division Championship in the Youth Center sponsored Junior League. The Stars are coached by Dale Lowe. Their season record was 9 wins, 1 loss.



WINNERS OF the Midget League of the Youth Center Basketball League are the Bruins. Their final record for the season was also 9 wins, 1 loss. The Bruins are coached by Ron Shargots. Woody Chartier was the Assistant Coach.



THE CELTICS won the Senior League championship with an 8-2 record on the season. The Celtics were coached by Jack Klever and assisted by Jim Wallace. Jim Bevan (in striped shirt) was voted "Referee of the Year" by all concerned in the program. Each team in the Youth Center Leagues provided cheerleaders, consisting of girl friends, sisters and friends of the ball players. Each cheerleader will receive a medal from the Youth Center for their participation.

CENTER LIBRARY LISTS NEW BOOKS

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

- Fiction Arent-Laying On of Hands. Benchley-Lassiter's Folly. Braine-View from Tower Hill. Guthrie-Arfive. Laumer-Five Fates. Leasor-They don't Make Them Like That any More. Marshall-The Chosen Place, the Timeless People. Read-Monk Dawson. Reeman-Greatest Enemy. Rennert-A Moment in Camelot. Simonon-Maigret's Boyhood Friend. Stevenson-House of the Deer.

- Westlake-The Curious Facts Preceding my Execution. Wodehouse-Girl in Blue. Non-Fiction Beard-How to Eat Better for Less Money. Chevalier-I Remember it Well. Cunningham-Singer Sewing Book. Della Femina-From Those Wonderful Folks who gave you Pearl Harbor. Dowling-Coach: a Season with Lombardi. Durant-Interpretations of Life. Epstein-Great Conspiracy Trial. Hefner-Retirement-a Time to Live Anew. Just-Military Men.

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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.

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Loewen's Lions Defeat Ace-TV In Playoff

Gino Jacobs' four clutch free-throws in the last two minutes and a 25-point performance by Garry Clark carried the Loewen's Lions to their second victory over Ace TV this season, 68-64, this time for all the marbles.

Forced into the championship playoff by a loss to VX-5 after 12 straight wins, Loewen's took control of the game early and led, 17-14, at the end of the first quarter.

Clark scored 10 points as the Lions took a three-point advantage in the closing seconds, a lead they

maintained until Ace tied the game at 23-23 on Gary Anderson's assist to Tim Higgins under the basket.

Ray Ames put the Lions back in the lead with a long jump shot and Loewen's was not challenged again until midway through the fourth quarter.

The Lions opened up an 11-point bulge by the end of the third quarter, and it seemed they would run away with the game until Ace scored seven straight points in a one-minute span to cut the margin to five points.

Jerry Kissick scored on consecutive set shots and Gordy Irvin added a layup and a free throw to make the score 53-48, with 5:40 left in the game, as the Lions threw the ball away four times in a row.

Ace continued its surge and cut the Lions' lead to 61-58 at 2:05. Kissick and Clark traded baskets, and then Jacobs hit two of his four free throws to put Loewen's in front by five.

Jacobs added two more free throws when he was fouled during the Loewen's stall and Nelson

Waits added three points to assure the Lions' victory.

Clark led all scorers with 25 points, followed by Irvin with 16 and Ted Bailey, who hit 6 of 10 from the field, with 15.

TOP 10 SCORERS		FINAL STANDINGS	
G	TP	AVG.	
Ziegler, Pioneers	14	340	24.3
Malichi, FS	11	240	21.9
Jones, Bud Eyre	14	247	17.6
Clark, Loewen's	14	245	17.5
Irvin, Ace TV	14	242	17.3
Hali, Saints	12	196	16.3
Taylor, Saints	11	177	16.1
Martin, Genge	9	141	15.7
Westcott, Bud Eyre	14	218	15.6
Brown, FS	9	140	15.6

• Won championship playoff, 68-64.



'Two Hits And Miss' Top Golf Tourney Action

The China Lake Women's Golf Club tournament, "Two Hits and a Miss" was held Sunday, March 7, in perfect golf weather. The teams consisted of two men and one woman with low gross team winners and low net winners being awarded gift certificates.

Winners in the gross category were Mary Lou Greco, Frank St. George and Don Hiles with a score of 73. Natalie Harrison, Tom Short and Gary Castor came in with a low net score of 59 to take that category.

Reggie Hibbs, Bob Kochman and Chris Peterson finished one stroke behind with a 60 and Ginny Smith, Bob Hooper and Wally Bruce shot a low net of 61 to take third place honors.

FLAG TOURNAMENT

Dan Hiles and P.S. Wiggins took advantage of the golfing weather Saturday, March 6, to tie for first place in the Flag Tournament, sponsored by the China Lake Golf Club. Both men finished with their flags on the green of the 19th hole. Hiles won the ensuing playoff.

John Emery left his marker in the No. 1 fairway to grab third place. Roland Baker took fourth

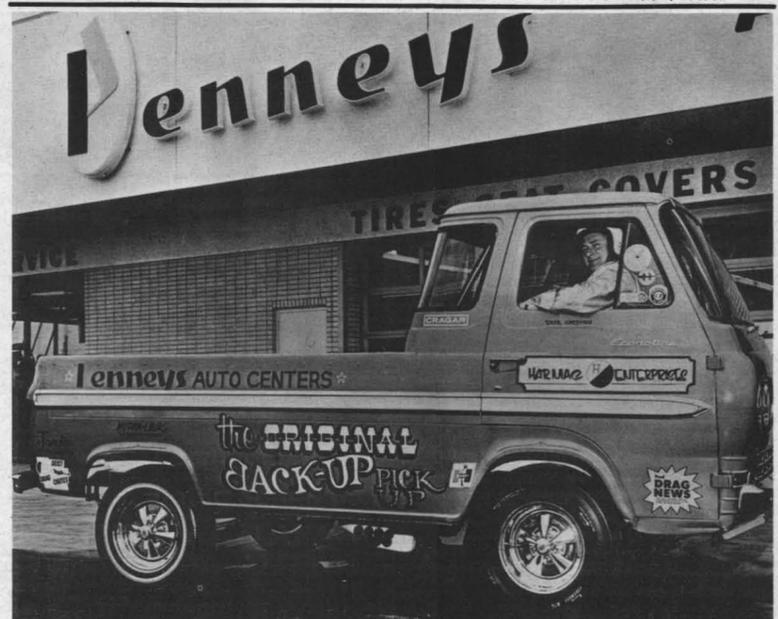
Little League Tryouts Set For Tomorrow

Boys ages 10 through 12 are invited to tryout for one of the major league teams on Saturday, March 13 or on Saturday, March 20. Tryouts will begin at 9 a.m. at Diamond No. 4 (across from the bowling alley).

Boys not already signed up may do so at the tryouts.

SPECIAL SERVICES CALENDAR

- March 12-13 China Lake Players production of "Don't Drink the Water". Murray School. Also March 19-20
- March 13-14 Men's City Bowling Tournament
- March 13 Annie, Get Your Pitchipe". Barbershop Quartets. 8 p.m. at Burroughs Lecture Center
- March 17 Deadline for intramural volleyball team entries.
- March 26-27 Desert Campus production of "Oliver". Lecture Center.
- March 27 Story Hour at NWC Library for ages 5 thru 9 at 1 p.m.
- March 29 Civic Concert Assoc. presents Ballet Celeste. Center Theater
- April 7-9 Dewing Classic Golf Tournament. China Lake Golf Club



BACK-UP PICK-UP—Dick Harding sits in the cockpit of his back-up, pick-up, which will be the feature attraction at the Inyokern Drags, sponsored by the Dust Devil's Auto Club, Inc. The drag race competition, scheduled for Sunday, March 21, will benefit the Ridgecrest Police Boy's Club. Tickets are on sale at Dennis Garrett's Arco Service Station and at the Ridgecrest Police

Department, and are priced at \$2 each, with automobiles entered free. A full program includes two events for women drivers and awards for street, stock and competition machines. The "Natural Gasser," a 1955 Chevy from the Southland is also entered, and many local dragsters, including Robert Cram, Johnny Orr and Dennis Garrett are entered in the competition.

Kochman Rolls 705 To Pace Premier

705! Bobby Kochman, who is better known for his softball pitching performances over the years, rolled games of 226, 243 and 236 for a 705 series in action Monday night in the high-scoring Premier League.

George Bowles started out much the same way with games of 228 and 226, but fell off to a 185 game for a 639 series. Other games of note:

Ken Dalpiaz 254; Thad Brightwell, 247; John Ito, 258 and a 625; George Barker, 248 and 600; Allen Smith, 232 and 605; Dean Ray, 225 and 600; and Dick Furstenberg, 622. Bill Pinckney had a 600.

Ace-TV didn't lose any ground, except to Allied Vending. Ace won two from B&F Liquor, while Boyd's Auto Parts, Tom's Place, and Dean's Pro Shop each won two games. Allied took three from Ridgecrest Lanes.

Midway League

Ed Sopke recorded a 244 to lead the single game scoring last week. Thad Brightwell pounded out a 233 and Jim Brewer had a 227. Clint Reed rolled a 225.

Brightwell had a 602 for high series. Larry Larsen, whose average is only 131, rolled a 539 series. Clint Reed had a 596 and Chesney rolled a 584.

Friday Mixed 4-Some

Dean Lippincott rolled a 577 to lead the male scoring last week while MarLyn Heeke's 530 held up first among the ladies. Alice Cutsinger had a 529.

High games were rolled by Dan Branson (225), Bob Owens (224), Alice Cutsinger (224), and Viv Owens (202), her first this year.

Al Pena rolled his first 200, even. **Junior-Senior** Team No. 10, composed of Bill Lutjens, David Rasmussen, Andy Glover and Charles Sartorius finished first. Don Heeke rolled 191-515 and David Branson had a 205 game. Sheilah Simmons rolled 220 and 520, which broke the 13-15 year old record. Susan Smith had a 174 game.

Desert League

John Ito rolled a 236 game enroute to a 598 series, which led the league last meeting. Norman Rump had high game though, with a 243.

Supply Dept. Mixed

Brad Royer's 542 and Ed Valerio's 207 led the male scoring, while Ann Brady with a 547 and Barbara Beyer's 515 led the ladies. Ann had a 200 and a 193 game.

Ding-a-Ling's

Laverne Akins shot a 557 series and Verdine Quinn a 208 game to

lead all the scoring last week. The Go Getters had a 775 game and the Gutter Gals a 2229 series to lead team scoring.

Koffee Klutchers

Lou Richno rolled a 509 and Edith Hill a 189 to lead single scoring. The Odd Squad was the hot team with 772 and 2213.

Women's Scratch

Patty Maxwell had games of 212, 183 and 212 for a 607 series to lead the gals last week. Pat Maddux rolled 566 and Dotty Duncan 550. Wanda Billings had a 545 and Willie Johnson a 537 for some good scores.

Dotty Duncan rolled a 233 single effort and Pat Maddux had a 208. Jeanne Crom hit 202.

Prep League

The Lucky Strikers won the league by one game last Saturday on the strength of three very big games by Lori Bowles (162), Jeri Jeffris (140), and Pat Donohue (109).

Wed. Nite Hotp.

Shirley Hartman was the high shooter with a 237 game while Liz Furstenberg had a 568 series with a 204 game. High games and series included: Alice Cutsinger, 223 and 540; Sue Lewis, 202 and 510; Marian Sievert, 200 and 504; Shirley Hartman 535.

FMSAEG To Be Disestablished June 30: Navy

The Commanding Officer of the Fleet Missile Systems Analysis and Evaluation Group (FMSAEG) at Corona announced recently that the group will be disestablished by June 30, 1971. The facility is being closed as part of a continuing DOD program of orderly consolidation and reduction of shore activities.

The current civilian work force will be reduced by 76. Estimated annual savings to the government by the action will be \$673,000.

The functions and the remaining 402 civilian and six military personnel now employed at the activity will be relocated at the Naval Ship Missile Systems Engineering Station, Port Hueneme, and the Naval Weapons Station, Seal Beach, California.

The Naval Fleet Missile Systems Analysis and Evaluation Group, (FMSAEG), located in Corona, California, is an independent Navy Command charged with the responsibility of providing the appropriate governmental offices with evaluations of performance, reliability, readiness and effectiveness of missile weapons systems, subsystems and assemblies and other associated equipments.

Captain William E. Betzer, USN, is Commanding Officer of this missile data collection, storage and retrieval center, which contains one of the largest and most modern computer facilities available in the Navy today. Here basic data received from factories, ammunition depots, ships and other components of the Armed Forces is translated into information useful to those engaged in the development of new and better weapon systems and in improving existing systems.

FMSAEG presently employs over 450 skilled civilian engineers, mathematicians, physicists and statisticians. The command is organized into separate departments dealing with Surface Launched Missiles, Air Launched Missiles, Ballistic Missiles, Missile Test Equipment and the Digital Computer Center. Six military members of the command lend their expertise based upon years of fleet experience.

Programs cover all Navy missiles including Sidewinder, Phoenix, Sparrow III, Walleye, Shrike, Terrier, Tartar, Talos, Standard, Polaris, Poseidon and others. Data is also collected and analyzed for certain Army and Air Force missiles.

In addition to the main organization at Corona, FMSAEG mans and operates telemetering field sites and liaison offices in North Carolina, Virginia, California, Hawaii, Puerto Rico and in the Western Pacific. These outlying sites provide essential liaison with fleet forces and collect missile firing data at various test ranges, providing the Fleet with rapid and accurate evaluations of their performance.

SUPPLY DEPARTMENT

RETAIL SALES STORE

New Hours: Fridays

0800-1300

Closed Holidays

John Emery Resigns From Council Post

The China Lake Community Council, at their March 9 meeting, regrettably accepted John Emery's resignation. Mr. Emery was a member-at-large elected from the China Lake Community. Mimi Chapman is the nominating chairman and anyone 18 years or over and a resident of China Lake is eligible to run for the vacant office. The term of office will be until November 1972.

Dog Control

Dog control was discussed again and it was decided that animal control is everyone's responsibility—more so than the Center's. Dick Shultz was chosen as chairman of the Dog Control Committee. This group will work on devising effective ways to make the residents more aware of their responsibilities as animal owners.

Youth Council

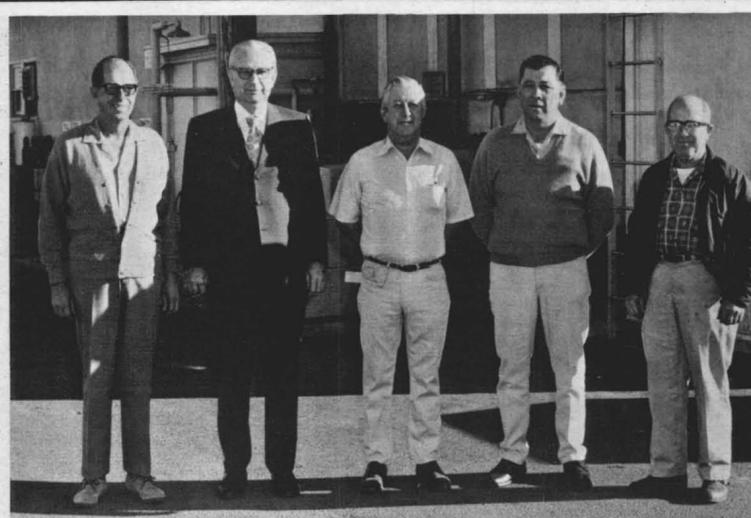
The Youth Council will hold a meeting on March 16 at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Center. All interested young people of BOTH Ridgecrest and China Lake are urged to attend. Election of the first slate of officers is scheduled. Anyone needing gate passes to attend the meeting may obtain them at the pass office.

Burroughs Boys Being Screened For Project AIM

Outstanding junior boys at Burroughs High School to be considered for Project AIM (Academy Introduction Mission) will be selected by Flotilla 76, U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, with the help of Ken Westcott, Burroughs High School Junior Class counselor.

According to Richard Carlisle, Career Coordination Officer for the Flotilla, Project AIM is a four-day, no-expense summer visit to the U.S. Coast Guard Academy at New London, Connecticut, where chosen candidates may experience Academy life first-hand.

Through this program, the Coast Guard hopes to recruit superior young men for their service.



THIRTY-YEAR PIN RECIPIENTS—LCdr. W. J. Schell, Assistant Public Works Officer, recently presented 30-Year Federal Service Pins to the above employees. From left to right the men are: Elder W. Behrmann, Prentice A. Phillips, Chester A. MacKay, Alfred Rodriguez, and Cecil W. White.

NWC Promotional Opportunities

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defined in CSC Handbook X-118. Must have BS in Engineering.

File applications with Pat Gaunt Bldg. 34, Room 202, Phone 2723.

Engineering Technician GS-002-9, Code 5954—This position is located in the Fuze Department, Electromechanical Division, Fuze Development Branch II. Qualification Requirements: 2 yrs. general and 4 years of specialized experience as defined in CSC Handbook X-118. Job Relevant Criteria: Educational equivalent to at least one year college level, two years preferred, including some basic engineering background courses such as mathematics, electricity, mechanics, mechanical drawing, elementary physics. Experience in mechanical devices and their design fabrication, assembly, and testing. Capability in use of electrical and electronic instrumentation.

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Branch Head - Supv. Mathematician GS-1520-13 Code 5014—The position described is that of Head, Systems Definition Branch located in the Advanced Systems Division of the Fuze Department. The incumbent is responsible for all technical and financial program planning and execution associated with the tasks assigned to the Systems Definition Branch. Qualification Requirements: As defined in CSC Handbook X-118 Job Relevant Criteria: The incumbent must exhibit innovation, originality, and competence in the field of professional mathematical systems formulation and analysis. Must have ability to supervise a professional staff.

Clerk-Typist GS-322-3 or 4 Code 595—This position is located in the Fuze Department, Electromechanical Division. Incumbent provides clerical services for professional and technical personnel of the Electromechanical Division. Duties include typing, time keeping, personnel and leave records, travel orders, mail collection and distribution, etc. This position is located at Salt Wells. Qualification Requirements: As defined in CSC Handbook X-118.

File above applications with Pat Gaunt Bldg. 34, Room 202, Phone 2723.

Accounting Technician, Supv., GS-525-4, Code 1742—This is a position in the Cost Accounting Branch of Central Staff. This position is responsible for the functions of the unit which are to control and maintain cost accounting records and subsidiary ledgers for all Naval Weapons Center costs for a wide variety of contracts which include, but are not limited to, orders to other government agencies, oral orders, informals, imprest funds, contracts, purchase orders, and advertising orders chargeable to the Navy Industrial Fund (NIF). Minimum Qualification Requirements: 2 years of general experience and 2 years of specialized experience (6 months of which is directly related) as stated in X-118. Advancement Potential—GS-7 level. Job

File applications for above with Naomi Campbell, Bldg. 34, Rm. 206, ext. 3118.

Equipment Specialist (General) PD No. 7155011 GS-1479-9 or 11 Code 5555-Position is located in the In-Service Support Documentation Branch, Technical Data Division, Engineering Dept. Incumbent provides technical direction to off-center Contract personnel in determining logistics requirements and preparing provisioning documentation. Determines documentation schedules, prepares program plans, publication plans, Assists Branch head with providing detailed cost estimates, manpower loading charts, workflow plans. Provides technical assistance direction in preparation of parts breakdowns, bulk item lists, vendor qualified parts lists and design change notices. Attends provisioning conferences on NWC

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Equipment Specialist (Auto), GS-1470-7, 2594—Issues material, provides for identification of materials required for repair of automotive vehicles; determines interchangeability or substitution of items in stock; makes analyses of equipment repairs to determine feasibility; maintains custody of materials. Minimum Qualification Requirements: Three years of general experience of technical, trade, or craft experience related to the automotive field plus one year of experience in an advisory, analytical, technical, professional or trade and craft capacity which provided a thorough, practical knowledge of specific equipment or types of equipment in the automotive area. Job Relevant Criteria: Experience in the item identification field, automotive parts background or extensive experience in the use of commercial and Navy Stock catalogues is necessary. A knowledge of auto mechanics terminology is required. Promotion Potential: GS-9.

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Clerk (Typing), GS-301-3 or 4, Code 7506—This position is in the Distribution Staff Office of Technical Information Department. Incumbent of this position handles requests for distribution of Center and administrative publications. Also provides general clerical services, typing reports, letters and other material. Minimum Qualification Requirements GS-3, high school graduate plus 1 year of general clerical experience, GS-4, 1 year of general clerical experience and 1 year of specialized experience.

File applications for above with Mary Morrison, Bldg. 34, Rm. 210.

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Girl Scouts Celebrate 59 Years of Service



DIANE BUTLER has the proper Girl Scout spirit. Despite the fact that she recently injured her leg, she continues to sell Girl Scout cookies, by telephone!

JUNIOR TROOP 51—L-R, Shelia Newton, Elaine Senn, Amy Pefach, and Kathleen Donoghue, under direction of Mrs. Gerald Senn, Assistant Troop Leader, made tray decorations and stuffed toys for Porterville Hospital.



CADETTE TROOP 206—L-R, Lynn Preston; D'Laine Brannon; Mrs. Thomas Preston, Troop Leader; Cindy Barber; Patty Pefach; and Christy Corzine demonstrated how to put up a tent.



"THE INDISPENSABLE"—L-R, Annette Shideler, Penny Chase, Teri Strommen, Lisa Weathersbee and Debbie Lane, part of Senior Scout Troop 170's singing group, rehearse for a

special Girl Scout Week program "The Wonderful World of Senior Scouting" to be held at the Scout House, 50 Halsey, at 7 p.m., Thursday, March 18. The public is invited to attend.



SENIOR SCOUT TROOP 170—L-R, Claudia Wood, Valerie Lane, Nona Celestine, Lorraine Preston and Lori Nicholson practice packing for their

annual week on the wilderness trails of the Sierra Nevada.

—Photo by PH2 D. E. Hart



JUNIOR SCOUT TROOP 172—L-R, Terry Maples, Pam Smith, and Jenny Covert were members of a sword dance team during Girl Scout Week.

Local Beauty To Vie For Miss California

By Budd Gott

Barbara Lewis, the current Miss Ridgecrest-China Lake, is one step closer to the Miss California title than any Miss Ridgecrest-China Lake before her.

That one step was made for Barbara and future Miss Ridgecrest-China Lake winners with the recent signing of a direct franchise agreement with the Miss California Pageant by the local Miss Ridgecrest-China Lake Pageant, president Jim Poore announced this week.

All paperwork hurdles have been cleared for Barbara Lewis to compete in the Miss California Pageant in Santa Cruz, June 12-20, Poore stated.

"We've come a long way in just seven short years," said Margy Zinke, association vice president. The elated Mrs. Zinke, who has been associated with the pageant since its inception, outlined for the Rocketeer the history of the local pageant.

Pageant History

Beginning as a beauty contest among a few individuals, the fledgling affair has grown into an official event with community-wide support.

The first Miss Ridgecrest-China Lake was selected by the late Judge Jack Warner, of Ridgecrest, to represent the community in the Miss Kern County Pageant.

In 1966, under the sponsorship of the Youth Service League, the event was held at Murray School. The contestants displayed their poise and beauty in a fashion show manner as they walked an unstable six-foot long ramp.

In 1967, the event was held in the Center Theater for the first time. It was sponsored by the Ridgecrest Jaycees. A 40-foot runway extending from the stage gave the audience an unobstructed view of the contestants as they paraded the runway in swimsuits and evening gowns.

In 1968, the pageant acquired the sponsorship of the China Lake Community Council and the Ridgecrest Chamber of Commerce. Theatrical techniques were used for the first time in presenting the contestants in an opening production number. In addition, out-of-town judges were selected for the pageant for the first time.

In 1969, the pageant was franchised by the Miss America Pageant. The event was conducted on the basis of the guidelines established for the Miss America Pageant. Qualified out-of-town judges, recommended from a list supplied by the Miss California Pageant, selected the winner which qualified her automatically to compete for the Miss Kern County title. Should she win at that level, she advanced to the Miss California Pageant.

In 1970, the pageant staff reached new heights in its coaching, staging, and presentation of the contestants. Under the continuing sponsorship of the China Lake Community Council and the Ridgecrest Chamber of Commerce and the community-wide support by local merchants, businesses, service clubs, fraternal organizations, and Center Departments, the pageant reached an all time high in scholarship awards. The winner

received \$375, first runner-up \$240, and second runner-up \$160.

1971 Holds Promise

This year of 1971 holds greater promise for the pageant. After two years under the previous franchise, a handfull of pageant volunteers comprised of Jim Poore, Gerry Baker, Margy Zinke, Herb Childers, Eileen Taylor, Dick Hitt, Dee Cosenza, Mabel Hawley, Bea Blinkhorn, and Rita Lane formed what is now the Miss Ridgecrest-China Lake Pageant Association.

The group requested and now has officially obtained a direct franchise to the Miss California Pageant. According to an association spokesman this will afford Miss Ridgecrest-China Lake an opportunity for greater scholarship awards to continue her academic or vocational career and is one step closer than before to the Miss America title.



Barbara Lewis
Miss Ridgecrest-
China Lake

Memberships Available

The Pageant Association, a non-profit organization, is supported by annual membership donations of \$1 per individual, \$2 per family, and \$50 for life membership.

Donations are also accepted for scholarship awards and for the wardrobe Miss Ridgecrest-China Lake needs as she represents the community throughout her year of reign and for her week of competing for the Miss California title in Santa Cruz.

Donations will be graciously accepted by the Association through the Ridgecrest Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 771. It is requested that the donations be earmarked membership, wardrobe or scholarship. This is one means by which local citizens can support the pageant.

Volunteers Needed

The Pageant Association loves volunteers and are seeking a director for the forthcoming pageant, a producer, a public relations director, chaperones, typists, telephone assistants, etc. Should you know of someone who might like to become involved and hasn't been asked simply call Margy Zinke, 375-4007.



VX-5 INSPECTION — Capt. C. A. McDougal, Chief Staff Officer to the Commander, Fleet Air Alameda, conducts a personnel inspection during COMFAIRALAMEDA's Administrative-Material Inspection of VX-5 last week. The personnel in-

spection and awards ceremony commenced day-long activities for which VX-5 received "outstanding" marks. Shown escorting Capt. McDougal is VX-5's Lt. Jon Bromberg.

—Photo by PH3 G. L. Smith

None Immune From Accidental Choking

No age group is immune from accidentally choking to death according to the Red Cross in its latest safety message.

Last year, 1,300 persons in the U.S. died from ingesting or inhaling food or foreign objects that clogged their breathing passages. Half of the deaths occurred among children under five, and a third were persons over 45.

With young children, the Red Cross says, the danger from choking stems from their tendency to put practically everything into their mouths and their inability to properly chew food. And too, children tend to swallow automatically, rather than spit out a dangerous object.

To prevent choking among children, the Red Cross ad-

vises: Keep small objects — coins, safety pins, toys — out of reach. Buy only sturdy toys with no detachable small parts. Teach older children not to give a baby objects he can put in his mouth.

Among adults, one of the most prevalent causes of choking accidents is careless or lazy chewing habits, especially among people who wear dentures. Also, persons tend to lose sensitivity in the mouth as they grow older, and bones are sometimes swallowed while eating foods such as fish and fowl.

The Red Cross recommends these first aid actions be taken in choking accidents:

If the person is breathing adequately, despite choking and coughing, it is best not to in-

terfere with his efforts or to strike him on the back.

If efforts at expulsion stop and the victim is unable to breathe, he should be placed on his side (a child should be inverted on the rescuer's forearm with the head down), and firm blows should be delivered over the spine between the shoulder blades.

Mouth-to-mouth artificial respiration should be initiated promptly in an attempt to make air bypass the obstruction in sufficient amounts to sustain life. An attempt, at this stage, should be made to dislodge the foreign body with the fingers.

A physician should be consulted immediately, whether or not the ingested object is dislodged.



BENEFICIAL SUGGESTION AWARD — Cdr. S. S. Bates, Head, Command Administration, presents a check for \$160 to RM1 J. L. Pixler for his beneficial suggestion, "Communications Internal Routing; Improvement Of." This suggestion provides a method of keeping the

communications internal routing guide updated with a minimum amount of time and money by use of communications equipment. LCdr. C. E. Richno, right, NWC Communications Officer, and Mrs. Pixler, left, observe the ceremony.

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