

SHOW BOAT

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 23 APRIL
"THE MCMASTERS" (90 Min)
Brock Peters, Nancy Kwan, Burl Ives
7:30 p.m.

(Western) Violently told story of a soldier returning from the war to meet bigoted rebuts from local ranchers because he helps Indians, and marries one of them. Talented cast plays it real rough in this action film. (GP)
Short: "Jazz Festival" (27 Min)

SAT 24 APRIL
—MATINEE—
"CALL ME BWANA" (103 Min)
Bob Hope
1:00 p.m.

Shorts: "Tour De Force" (7 Min)
—EVENING—
"NORWOOD" (95 Min)
Glen Campbell, Kim Darby,
Joe Namath
7:30 p.m.

(Comedy-Music) Fun-filled adventures of a recent ex-Marine who gets fed up with a small-

town job, goes to New York for a fling with a pretty hippie and then down South to fall for Kim. (G)
Short: "What's Opera Doc" (7 Min)

SUN and MON 25-26 APRIL
"COLOSSUS, THE FORBIN PROJECT" (103 Min)
Eric Braeden, Susan Clark
7:30 p.m.

(Science-Fiction) Thrilling, believable story of a computer complex so precise that it puts its creator at its mercy and decides to run the world! Amusing and studded with scientific detail. (GP)
Short: "Charlie In Hot Water" (7 Min)

TUES and WED 27-28 APRIL
"ON HER MAJESTY'S SECRET SERVICE" (142 Min)
George Lazenby, Dianna Rigg
7:30 p.m.

(Spy Drama) James Bond, after two years, returns as Secret Agent 007 in search of a villain who is developing bacteriological warfare at a secret mountain hideout. (GP)

THURS and FRI 29-30 APRIL
"JULIUS CAESAR" (116 Min)
Charlton Heston, Jason Robards
7:30 p.m.

(Historical Drama) The Shakespearian classic is done in somewhat modern terms as it tells of Caesar conqueror of the Pompeyan army and of the conspiracy against him. (G)

Wildflower Show Plans Entertainment

Many Local Artists Booked

The music of the old west will ring out at the 25th Annual Wildflower festival, to be held May 1st and 2nd, at the Community Center.

In accordance with the theme "The Old West Revisited" the music will be informal, featuring both groups and individual performances throughout the hours of the flower show, according to Mrs. Ival Highberg, music committee chairman.

Among the groups who will be appearing are the Impetuettes, a Sweet Adeline quartet consisting of Lucille Bushnell, Eleanor Hartwig, Jan Arisman and Janet Hamilton; the Medallions, a Barbershop quartet consisting of Warren Stump, Clay Palanqui, Ray Becker and Henry Wair, and an instrumental group led by Ken Robinson on the bass and including Sam Hahn (trombone), Dan Leydon (banjo & guitar), and Jim McLane (piano).

Also scheduled to entertain is a dance combo featuring accordionist Pat Bennet with Richard Wilson on the drums and Keith Gardner on the trumpet. They will provide solo and group numbers, Mrs. Highberg said.

In addition, Bud Sewell will share his large repertoire of old west and mining songs and Albert Warren has researched material suitable to the colorful period and which will be presented by another small group.

Plans are also underway to present folk and country dances of the period.

Pianists scheduled to perform are Beverly Aherin, Bob Bobblet, Nancy Bush and Paul Riley.

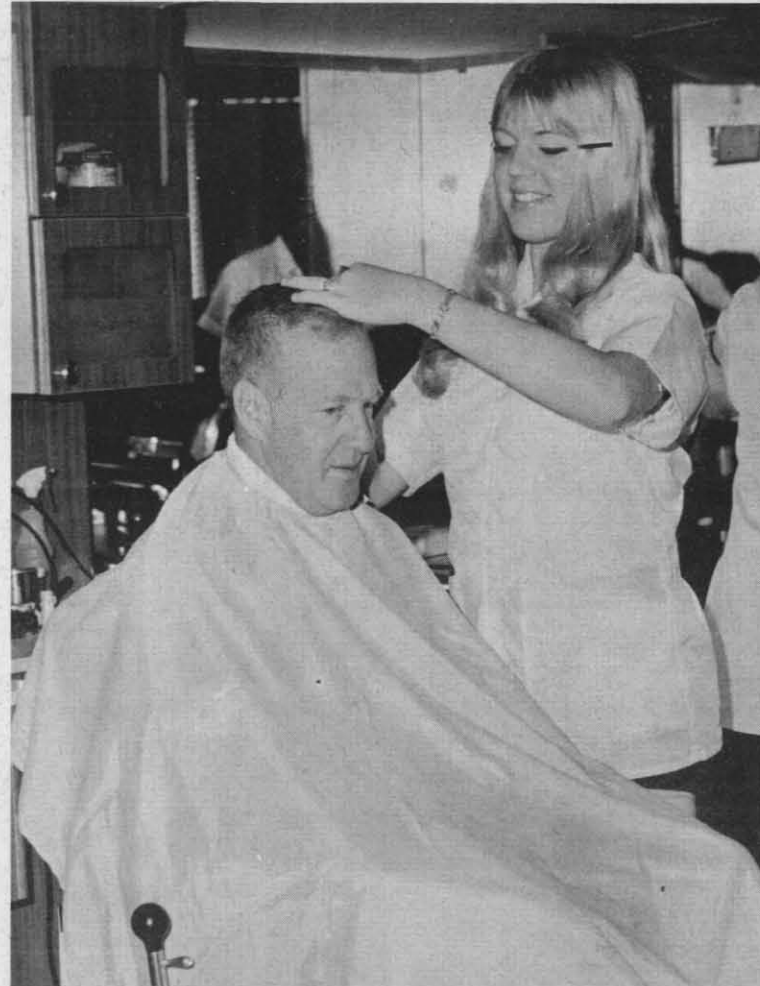
Mrs. Highberg also reported that organists will also be performing on a full-footboard Yamaha organ, loaned to the WACOM for the show by Loewen's of Ridgecrest. They include Doris Bullock, Dave Colpitts, Bill Harvan, Jim McLane, Winnie Teeter and Wayne Teeter.

Songs appropriate to the era will be presented by Jean Gritten.

A special bulletin board created by Pam Jacobsen will be used to post times of individual and group performances during the wildflower show. Rod McClung is in charge of arranging the sound system for the musical presentations, Mrs. Highberg added. Mrs. Highberg also indicated that the list is not complete as of yet, and may include other local artists.



DIXIE GROUP—Three members of the "Darwin Drifters", one of many musical aggregations scheduled to entertain during WACOM's Wildflower show May 1 and 2, pose with their instruments during a recent rehearsal. Left to right, they are: Dan Leydon, Ken Robinson, and Jim McLane. Sam Hahn (not present) will handle trombone chores.



NEW TREAT WITH THE TREATMENT—Visitors to the Center Barber Shop will no doubt be pleasantly surprised to find that the local tonsorial parlor has had a new addition to the staff. Barbara Stogner, a recent graduate of Fresno Barber College, is now on hand at the shop to perform haircutting services. Above, she tries her hand on her Dad, CW2 Norman Bensene, who is attached to VX-5.

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PROMOTIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

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it pertains to warhead design. (3) The impact mechanics associated with hypervelocity fragment target encounters. (4) The effects of high impulsive loading of metals. (5) The functioning and effects of conical-linear shaped charges, and other focus type warheads. Minimum Qualification Requirements: As defined in CSC Handbook X-118.

background in mathematics (algebra and descriptive geometry) or equivalent training in dimensioning, tolerancing, material selection and finishes is required. Qualification Requirements: GS-7 (2 years of general and 3 years of specialized experience) GS-8 and 9 (2 years of general and 4 years of specialized experience) as defined in CSC Handbook X-118.

File above applications with Pat Gaunt Bldg. 34, Room 202, Phone 2372.

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General Engineer, GS-801-11 PD No. 755099
Code 5571—Position is located in the SIDEWINDER—CHAPARRAL Systems Office, Weapons Systems Management Division, Engineering Department. Incumbent serves as an assistant project engineer. Position assists in performance of various project engineering tasks including: Production engineering duties; evaluation of proposed changes, planning work assignments and providing project coordination. Incumbent will interface with contractors and other government agencies in coordination of various group efforts to resolve production problems. Minimum Qualifications: 3 years professional engineering experience or combination of education & experience. 1 year of experience must have been at GS-11 level. Job Relevant Criteria: (1) B.S. degree in engineering (2) Ability to express self both orally and in writing (3) Demonstrated aptitude to operate independent of close supervision (4) Demonstrated ability to work with personnel of diverse backgrounds. Advancement Potential: Potential exists for promotion to the GS-12 and GS-13 level upon demonstrated ability to perform full range of project engineering duties.

File applications with Beverly Saiger, Bldg. 34, Rm 212, phone 2514.

File applications for above with Joan Macintosh, Code 657, Ext. 2371.

Aetna Agent Due

Electronics Mechanic (Maintenance) WG-26802-11, JD No. 2381, Code 78432—Performs trouble shooting and repair of industrial equipment with electronic controls or instruments. Installs, maintains, and repairs standard electrical equipment and various electronic equipment such as electronic secretary sets, ultrasonic burglar alarms, electronic message senders, recorders, recording meters, public address systems, intercommunication systems, pre-amplifiers, generator controls, etc. Qualifications Requirements: Rating will be on the basis of the appropriate J-Element Standard in accordance with the CSC Handbook X-118C.

The Aetna Insurance representative, Mr. Howard Keenan, will be at the Community Center next Tuesday, April 27 from 9 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. and Wednesday, April 28 from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Laborer (Heavy) WG-35002-03, JD No. 155-9, Code 78415 (5 vacancies)—Performs any one or a combination of a large variety of unskilled or low skilled tasks requiring predominantly physical exertion of a heavy or arduous type. 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 Experience Forms with Dora Childers, Code 657, Phone 2372.

Engineering Technician (Drafting) GS-802-7.8 or 9 Code 9051—This position is located in the Fuze Department, Electromechanical Division. Incumbent's duties involve preparation of engineering drawings or sketches of new designs of explosive components, such as electric detonators, leads, boosters, etc. Performs design studies and prepares layouts to determine feasibility and configuration for special test fixtures, for other branches on special assignments from project engineers. Plans, develops and prepares electrical and mechanical schematic diagrams, wiring diagrams and interconnection diagrams for fuzes, safety-arming devices and test equipment. Job Relevant Criteria: Knowledge of standard engineering techniques and training in mechanical design drafting with an academic

NEW RESERVE COMMANDER—LCdr. Carl E. Hamel, Supply Officer for the Reserve MCB 17, was promoted to the rank of Commander in the Naval Reserve Supply Corps in ceremonies held in the SeaBee Hut. His wife, Virginia, pins on the new insignia.



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Kern County Art Festival Opens

23rd Annual Event To Be Held This Weekend At Community Center

The doors of the Community Center will swing open at 2 p.m. on Saturday for the area show of the 23rd annual Kern County Art Festival. The show, which attracts over a thousand Valley residents, will run from 2-8 p.m. on Saturday and from 11-7 p.m. on Sunday.

Elementary, high school and adult amateurs will compete for ribbon awards and entrance stickers must be placed on the back of each painting entered. The elementary students work has been pre-judged and those selected have had their entrance stickers applied by the local schools. There will also be an exhibition of professional artists' work which will not be in competition on the local level. Professional artists who wish to show their work at this show may call Ida Davis (375-8859) and she will give information on the time for delivery and pick-up of the paintings.

The Desert Art League, local sponsors of the show, has scheduled a series of art demonstrations during the show hours. From 2-4 on Saturday and from 1-4 on Sunday any of these artists may be seen working: Loyal Mayer, acrylics; J. J. Durk, portrait sketches; Jo Downing, weaving; Mary Polk, oils; Dr. W. S. McEwan, wood carving; and Ruth Mayer, watercolors. Also on Saturday evening from 6-8 p.m. Francilu Hansen will be demonstrating pen and ink work.

In addition to the demonstrations, the public will also find the popular miniature paintings which have been contributed by members of the Desert Art League. There has been no advance sale on these so that all paintings contributed will be there when the doors open at 2 on Saturday. This year Art League members have decorated wooden plaques in a variety of techniques, including oil painting, collage, decoupage, and macrame, and these will be offered to the public for the first time.

Nine Art League members have contributed work which will be awarded to the public. They include Loyal Mayer, Ruth Mayer, Mary Polk, Ida Davis, Francilu Hansen, J. J. Durk, P. G. Rivette, and Maxine Booty. There will be a display on stage of these paintings and wood sculpture.

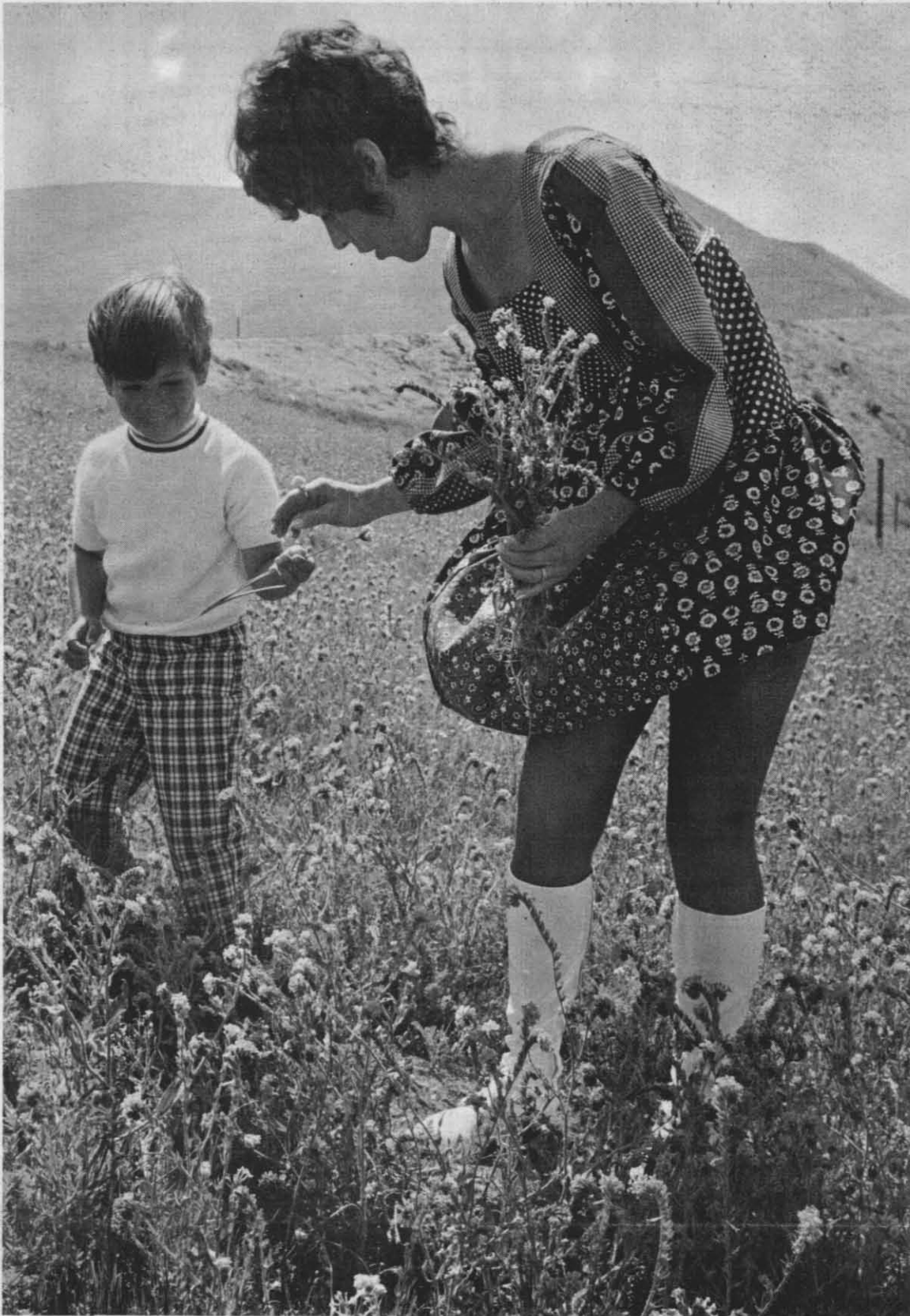
Music by local people will be played during the show and Mrs. James Heflin is in charge of this phase. For those who hunger there will be a snack bar serving punch, coffee, and cookies under the direction of Mrs. J. Bodenbunrg.

The general chairman for the area show which includes China Lake, Inyokern, Ridgecrest, and the part of the Rand District lying in Kern County, is Richard Johnsen. He is assisted by Maxine Booty who also serves as president of the Desert Art League.

The Kern County Art Festival has as its purpose the practice and appreciation of original art at all levels. Kern County is divided into eleven areas and each area holds a show. Blue ribbon winners from the local area then compete on a



DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS—Pretty JoAnne Hill, a secretary in Code 5516, typifies the reaction of most employees at the Center in anticipation of the start of Daylight Saving Time which will take place at 2 a.m. on April 25. She will turn her ring watch ahead one hour on that day to begin six months of extra daylight. —Jewelry courtesy of B & F Liquor store.



PICKERS ARE OUT—Approximately sixty members of WACOM and other interested residents of the community were out this week to gather the more than 150 varieties of wildflowers that will be on display next weekend for WACOM's 25th annual Wildflower show. Above, Therese Valenteen and her son, Mike, find orange poppies in a field just this side of Bakersfield. They will be turned in to Mrs. Ditty Riggs, Wildflower picking chairman. WACOM is also asking for the loan of any antiques, artifacts, etc., that may be used in the show. Anyone who wishes to donate such articles are asked to contact Lorraine McClung at 446-5834.

Navy League To Install Officers

A colonel in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve will take over the helm of the local Indian Wells Valley Navy League Council during an installation dinner that is scheduled to be held at the CPO Club this Saturday evening.

He is Burke West, a graduate of Loyola University School of Law and a practicing Ridgecrest attorney since 1959. He will be the 14th president to head the local Navy League Council. He succeeds Francis L. Carlisle.

Other officers who will be installed during the dinner, which begins at 8 p.m., includes Archie Meyer, first vice president, who will be installed in absentia; Louis J. Bertagana, second vice president; L. Neal Webb, secretary-treasurer; Harold L. Munn, judge advocate; and James H. McGlothlin, executive liaison officer.

Installing officer will be Robert B. Smith, Navy League national director and Navy League 11th Region vice president. Smith was founder and president of the local Council, '57-'58.

Judge Walter Osborn, Jr., of the Kern County Superior Court, will emcee the affair. A reception and social hour, beginning at 7 p.m.



Col. Burke West, USMCR

will precede the dinner. Dancing to the music of the Melody Lane Trio will follow the dinner.

High ranking Center officials who will be guests of the Council include Capt. A. E. May, NWC Deputy Commander, representing RAdm. W. J. Moran, NWC Commander; H. G. Wilson, NWC Technical Director; Capt. R. E. McCall, NAF Commanding Officer; Capt. Carl Birdwell, VX-5 Commanding Officer; and 1970 Bluejacket of the Year Ralph L. Brewer, Fire Control Technician second class.

Wind Cancels Little League Grand Opening

President elect West said that he sees a sustained effort by the Council during his term in carrying on the Naval Sea Cadet Program for the 14 through 17 year-old boys of the community.

In addition, he sees the Council's continued support of the local "Bluejacket of the Year Award" which each year honors an outstanding enlisted man at the Naval Weapons Center.

Dick Hughes, president of the China Lake Little League board of directors, announced that the grand opening ceremonies for the major league will be held on June 2. "I would like to personally apologize to all those who attended the originally scheduled grand opening on April 20, which was cancelled due to extremely cold weather and high winds," he said. The major league schedule of games will continue as originally planned.



NEW FRIENDS FOR MUSEUM—China Lake newcomers Mrs. Lena Grafeman (l) was Mrs. Cathy Gire (r) present applications for membership in Friends of the Museum to Mrs. Barbara Sewell, past president. Scene was Silver Tea held last Sunday at home of Mrs. Ruth Moran to acquaint prospective members with women's auxiliary group of local Matrangano Museum. Friends' President Mrs. Katy Chenault reported increase of 21 members as result of get-together.

Help Line To Hold Four-Week Training Course For Volunteers

An invitation to join Help Line's team of volunteer workers was extended to interested men and women this week by that organization's director of training, C. Douglas Lind.

A four-week training course will begin Tuesday (April 27) for people who would like to consider working with the local telephone crisis intervention and information service. Classes will meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7:45 to 9:45 p.m. through May 20.

The course was developed to meet local needs by Dr. Lind, who is head of the Propulsion Development Department's Ex-

plosives Research Branch. It covers problems about which Help Line receives calls, along with effective ways of helping people faced with such problems.

The information presented in the associate with troubled people occasionally both on the job and in the community, Dr. Lind reports. Such individuals are welcome to attend the free course, whether or not they intend to work with Help Line.

Interested persons may register and learn locations of classes by phoning Help Line, 446-5531, today, Saturday or Sunday between 6 p.m. and midnight.

CENTER LIBRARY LISTS NEW BOOKS

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

FICTION

- Barrett—Woman in the House.
Clarke—Tales from the White Hart.
Dolbier—Mortal Gods.
Flynn—Sound of Rescue, Signs of Hope.
Graham—Something in the Air.
Hogan—Jackman's Wolf.

- Plaidy—St. Thomas's Eve.
Stegner—Angle of Repose.
NON-FICTION
Armstrong—Make your Life Worth Worth While.
Boyd—My Fellow Americans.
Brown—Bury my Heart at Wounded Knee.
Charriere—Papillon.
Dandridge—Everything and Nothing.

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 2049. 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 4 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.

Supervisory Supply Clerk, GS-2005-6, PD No. 7025027, 25752—As Head, Contract Section, Receipt Control Branch, is responsible for initial prepayment review, for maintaining contact and follow-up as necessary on contractual matters and purchase orders; furnishes information; certifies and forwards invoices for payment; follows up on overdue orders and invoices. Supervises, instructs and reviews work of five Voucher Examiners. Minimum Qualification Requirements: One year of general office or clerical experience plus three years of supply work or work in a closely related activity. Supervisory aptitude must have been demonstrated. Job Relevant Criteria: Must have technical knowledge necessary to instruct and review work of five Voucher Examiners at the GS-5 level. Must be capable of making sound decisions, supervising subordinates, and dealing with the public.

File applications for above with Naomi Campbell, Bldg. 34, Rm. 206, ext. 3118. General Engineer GS-801-11-12, PD No. 7155022, Code 5561—This position is located in the Engineering Department, Fleet Engineering Division, Weapons Installation and Support Equipment Branch. The incumbent must be able to plan programs, including estimating personnel required and material, time and cost to complete, also, perform and direct the design, evaluation and development of new ordnance equipment. The incumbent must thoroughly understand and prepare production documentation, perform production engineering of hardware designs and structural analysis, also, investigate equipment malfunctions and prepare fixes to correct the deficiencies. Job Relevant Criteria: It is desired that the incumbent have an electro mechanical background of sufficient depth to qualify him as a General Engineer. (Mechanical, Electrical), BS Degree in Mechanical or Electrical Engineering. Minimum Requirements: Three years of experience or 1 year at the next lower grade to qualify at the GS-12 level. Advancement Potential: GS-11 may advance to GS-12.

File above applications with Joan Macintosh, Bldg. 34, Room 212, Ext. 2371. Physicist GS-1318's Code 454—This position is located in the Warhead Division, Propulsion Development Department. Incumbent will assist in performing engineering research, preliminary design analysis, and feasibility studies of new warheads and/or weapons systems concepts. Job Relevant Criteria: The incumbent must have a minimum of a bachelor's degree in physics or engineering and one year of experience in ordnance technology to include experience in or a knowledge of: (1) High explosives physical characteristics. (2) Detonation phenomena as

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ARTS AND CRAFTS FAIR TO BE HELD—L-r, Mrs. Jean Donovan and Mrs. Joan Miller prepare bazaar items for the Fourth Annual Arts and Crafts Fair to be held Sunday, May 9, from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m., at the Chapel Annex, No. 95. Nine local craftsmen will demonstrate everything from macramé to sculpture; gourmet food items will be available; and handcrafted items of all sorts will be displayed. The Arts and Crafts Fair is sponsored by the Unitarian Fellowship. The public is invited to attend.



PUBLICIZED ON TV—Earlier this week Mrs. Ruth Moran, a member of the WACOM advisory board, and Mrs. Shirley Stephensen, President of WACOM and Wildflower Show chairman appeared on the Ann Gutcher show (Channel 29) in Bakersfield to publicize their upcoming Wildflower show scheduled to be held in the Community Center May 1 and 2. Above, Mrs. Moran (l) and Mrs. Stephensen pose in the Channel 29 studio with a small exhibit that typifies the show's theme, "The Old West Revisited," and also depicts the way the Community Center will be decorated.

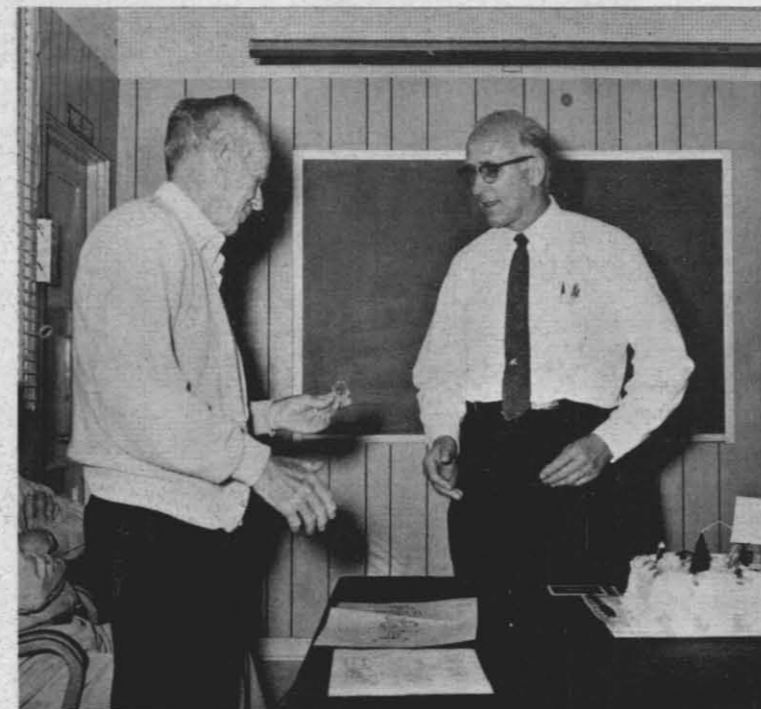


PUBLIC SCHOOLS WEEK—In ceremonies held in his office, RAdm. W. J. Moran, NWC Commander, joined with Mayor Kenneth Smith of Ridgecrest, in signing a proclamation declaring April 26 to April 30 Public Schools Week. The ceremony was attended by school officials and officers of Masonic Lodge 691. Persons attending were l-r: Ray Marsh, Desert Campus Bakersfield College;

Mayor Kenneth Smith; W. Rosenlof, principal Las Flores School; Charles Keene, Public School Chairman, Masonic Lodge 691; RAdm. Moran; W. Stokes, principal Pierce Elementary; Mrs. R. Lewis, IWV School District Superintendent; and D. Wittenbrink, Worshipful Master, Masonic Lodge 691.

—Photo by PH3 Ronald G. Mills

Picture Happenings Around The Center



CHAPMAN COMPLETES THIRTY YEARS—In recognition of his years of Federal Service, the 30-year Federal Service pin was presented to Thomas T. Chapman (l) by his department head, K. S. Skaar, during special ceremonies held in the department office last week. Chapman, head of the Laboratory and Operations Division of the Safety Dept., came to the Center in 1944 and transferred from the Fire Division to the Safety Department in 1958.

—Photo by PH2 Delmar Hart, USN



TRANSFERS TO FLEET RESERVE—AKCS Donald L. Stowman, Senior Aviation Storekeeper at NAF, is "piped over the side" during retirement ceremonies held April 16 in front of the Administration Building. RAdm. W. J. Moran (behind Stowman, left) NWC Commander, of-

ficiated at the ceremony. Stowman's immediate plans are to remain in the local area until his three children finish the school year. He and his wife Ruby will probably relocate sometime in June, to an as yet undetermined place.

—Photo by PH1 D. C. Manderscheid



NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK—The week of April 18-24 is being observed nation-wide as National Library Week. In "word association" the word "library" evokes the word "books"; the word "student" naturally follows—and the photographer caught three Burroughs High School students (l-r) Ann Burkhalter, Teresa Bensene, and Peter Fagnant, outside the Center Library as they "rap" about books and magazines available in the library. Anyone, however, under or over the age of school-student, can use the library, free of charge, throughout the year. Miss Bensene is also a "Work Experience Student" assigned to the Center Library.



RESEARCH DEPARTMENT AWARDS—Dr. H. W. Hunter (front row, left) recently presented length of service pins to employees of Code 60. They are, left to right, front row: Verla Walker, 30 year Federal; John Pearson, 20 year Federal; and Richard Knipe, 20 year Federal.

NWC; Carl Asbury, 5 year NWC; and Eugene Dibble, 5 year NWC. Back row, left to right: Ray King 20 year Federal; Dr. Carl Austin, 10 year Federal; Helen Young, 20 year Federal and

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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.

Employee In the Spotlight

At 39, when most men are already well established in their careers, Arthur R. McCorkle entered college. Prior to enrolling at Mankato (Minnesota) State College in 1955, he had worked at many different occupations.

During World War II, while in the Army Air Force, he served as a radio operator and as a mechanic. He finished his military obligation with the Air Sea Rescue service, and taught radio at Sioux Falls Air Force Base.

While stationed at Sioux Falls he met his wife Marlys, who was attending the School of Music. During the period of 1944-1951, McCorkle was a hotel and country club chef, worked as a clerk in a hardware store, and operated his own business. It was during this period in his life he realized that without an education he could only go just so far.

To earn money for college he took employment with the first group of civilians who constructed Thule Air Force Base, Greenland. "The temperature at Thule varied from 30 degrees to 47 degrees below zero, and winds often reached 60 mph to above 125 mph," he said, "but the pay was good, so I put up with it."

He graduated from Mankato State with a BA in Sociology. "My first intentions were to become an ordained minister with a degree in theology, however early in my education I realized I could do more for people in need through social work."

Mac's interest in the ministry stemmed from his experience as a lay minister for the Methodist Church. In 1954 he served the church at Cosmos, Minnesota. He made his wishes for a college education known and was granted a move to Grand Rapids, Minnesota, then to Mankato State at Mankato, Minn. While serving the Church, he led fund drives which culminated in the building of a church and a parsonage, at both Cosmos and Grand Rapids.

In 1960 Mac finished his post graduate work and received a Master's Degree from the University of Nebraska.

He then took work with the Child Welfare Department, in Lincoln, as consultant. In 1963 he became the Acting Director and Supervisor of the Family Service Association and worked in that capacity until 1966, when he came to China Lake.

Mac has been the Executive Director of the Desert Counseling Clinic since that time. In



A. R. McCorkle

addition to carrying a full load as a therapist, he runs the clinic and its staff.

Dr. Norman Shapiro, the Clinic's Medical Director, assists McCorkle in policy planning at the Clinic, however, the main burden of keeping things on an even keel belongs to Mac.

"It's very difficult to find time for outside interests," Mac said, "what with the numerous meetings and staff problems I encounter. The work is hard and tedious, but the progress made by the Clinic in the past five years is very satisfying."

Despite his heavy work load, McCorkle still finds time for outside activities. "I love to work with my roses and like to fish. The closeness of China Lake to many different fishing areas is appealing," he said, "and the family and I get away as often as possible."

The McCorkles are avid players. Paul, 16, a junior at Burroughs High School, is an accomplished musician and plays bass for many of the theatrical productions. The McCorkles are patrons of CLOTA and are season-ticket holders of the Civic Concert Association.

Mac is a member of the National Association of Social Workers, and the American Association of Suicidology. In addition, he belongs to the American Society of Public Administrators.

He has received many awards since becoming a social worker. Among them, he has received a citation from the Graduate School of Home Economics of the University of Nebraska, for his work in conducting seminars for students. The Kern County Red Cross recently honored him for his work in social fields. In 1967, he received a Superior Achievement award.

The McCorkle's also have a daughter, Patricia Kant, who is married and lives with her husband in Lincoln, Nebraska.

CLEA Offers Scholarship

The China Lake Education Association is again offering its annual scholarship. The scholarship in the amount of \$300.00 will be awarded to a deserving student in the field of education.

The requirements limit the scholarship to a Burroughs High School graduate who has completed a minimum of two years of

college in preparation for a teaching credential.

Those interested students may obtain an application at the China Lake School District Office on the Murray School Campus. Deadline for submitting application will be May 15, 1971.

Further information may be obtained from Mrs. Bernice Boyd, Scholarship Chairman, at 446-3778, China Lake.



DESERT BOYS ARE A HARDY BREED—Two boys of the Desert District, Southern Sierra Council, Boy Scouts of America, compete in the fire building contest last week during the Camporee held in the Erskine Creek area, south of Lake Isabella. The Desert District, 286 Scouts and 78 adult leaders, braved the elements after more than 2,500 other Scouts from the Southern Sierra Council packed up and went home, due to rain, hail, sleet and snow in the Camporee area.

Bicycle Skills To Be Tested At School Sites

Bicycle skill tests and mechanical inspections will be conducted from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Saturday, April 24, at six elementary school locations: Inyokern, Las Flores, Ridgecrest Heights, Richmond, Vieweg and Pierce. Bikes will be licensed by NWC Security Police at the three China Lake sites for those youngsters that reside on the Center.

Local PTA groups, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, along with friends of The Optimists Club will assist in the program. The California Highway Patrol and Ridgecrest Police officers will show a film obtained from the NWC Safety Department and bicycle safety pamphlets will be provided by the Automobile Club of Southern California, during the week which began April 19.

Bicycle Safety Week is sponsored by Optimist International. Larry Fox, president of the local Optimist Club, is assisted in the program by Jim Oestreich, Howard Clark and Howard Anderson.

Auxiliary Set To Conduct Boat Examinations

Flotillas 75 and 76 of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary will jointly man a boat examination station at Lake Isabella each second and fourth Saturday of the month from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. throughout the boating season.

More than 15 courtesy examiners have completed studies and examinations in order to qualify for validation in these two flotillas in 1971. At least two examiners will volunteer to perform examinations at the Lake Isabella location on each scheduled Saturday. Boat owners desiring examinations are encouraged to arrange for them at other times and places if more convenient. Any qualified examiner will be pleased to assist the boat owner in this regard. In the Lake Isabella area, contact Mrs. R. L. Adolphson, at 379-8772. In the China Lake-Ridgecrest area, contact Warren Ridpath at 763-2274 or 446-2195.

During the first session held Saturday April 10, four decals were awarded for boats exceptionally well-equipped. Five examiners volunteered for this first day-long exercise, examining more than 15 boats for safety aspects.

Coast Guard Auxiliary examiners check boats at the owner's request for condition of safety equipment, to point out possible hazards to safe recreational boating. This is a service to the boat owner, conducted by volunteer Auxiliary members at no charge. These qualified examiners are forbidden to make any record of deficiencies found to law enforcement authorities.

Performing the examination on a boat-owner to boat-owner basis and using a checklist for equipment condition developed by the Coast Guard, each examiner discusses the requirements of federal boating law and explains the boating safety principle involved.

Manager Needed

The Colt League is looking for a manager. One of the teams, according to Dick Drake, is without an adult leader. Drake stated that any man interested in being a manager may call him at Ext. 3407, or 446-5762.

Clinic's 20th . . .

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When it was decided to give an award for outstanding service to the community in the field of mental health, the award was named in honor of the Clinic's first director and she was the first recipient of the award in 1957. Since the award was to be given only when it was determined that an individual had outstandingly served the community in the area of mental health, it would not be an automatic annual award.

New Board Members

Prior to introducing the new board members and officers, Martin H. Landau, president of the board of directors, emphasized that the fostering of emotional and mental stability throughout the community is the prime function of the Desert Counseling Clinic, and the Clinic has been serving the community in this role for twenty years. Because of the present financial climate in the State mental health fiscal policies, Landau stated that "for the local Clinic to expand its programs to meet the needs of the community, we will have to be more efficient, more effective, and more ingenious in planning for future programs, and future mental health programs will depend heavily on volunteers. The role of the Clinic professionally, needs to expand to include the direction of lay people to accomplish mental health programs, primarily in the area of preventive mental health. With this in mind, I take pleasure in welcoming the newly-elected board members. They have historically represented a group of people vitally concerned about the community."

New board members are: Mrs. Lois Allen, Dr. Terrence Donovan, Jack Hicks, Mrs. Jean May, Capt. Robert E. Osman, Dr. Pierre Saint-Amand, Dr. Vernon Shull, Mr. John Strang, and Mrs. Jane Wilson. Re-elected board members are: Mrs. Mary Chapman, Capt. G.

W. Jauchler, Dr. Victor L. Rehn, Ray W. Van Aken, and Mrs. Marjorie Vargus.

New officers are: Rev. Frederick H. Strathdee, president; Dr. John M. O'Lane, president elect; Mrs. Marjorie Vargus, treasurer and Emanuel Dunn, secretary.

Art Show . . .

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County level for ribbon awards. This event is held at the Cunningham Gallery in Bakersfield on May 9 and work entered is exhibited at the Cunningham until May 30. Judging of the local area show is accomplished by a team of three judges from outside the local area who are either teachers or professional artists.

Each entrant is allowed to enter two works which must be original and which must have been executed within the past year. Entrance to the show is by entrance stickers which were mailed upon receipt of applications to the Kern County Parks and Recreation Department, County sponsors of the event, before March 1. Ribbon awards are first place, blue; second place, red; third place, white; fourth place, yellow; and honorable mention, green. In addition to these, there will also be a sweepstakes ribbon which will be awarded, according to the judges' decision, to the best of the blue ribbon winners in each of the main divisions: elementary, high school, junior high school, and adult amateur.

Frances Duncan Returns To NWC After 25 Years

Over 5800 official visitors go through Michelson Laboratory each year, but few hold such close memories of the early history of the laboratory as Mrs. Frances Duncan, who received a special tour of its facilities on Thursday.

Mrs. Duncan is the widow of Captain James Duncan, USN, who in World War II was the officer most closely associated with the planning for the laboratory. This was Mrs. Duncan's first visit to the Center in 25 years.

Mrs. Duncan recalls that in December 1943 her husband, a reserve officer on duty as a Lieutenant Commander, requested transfer to war related work from his position of physics instructor at the Naval Academy. In February 1944 he was assigned to the Naval Ordnance Test Station, then but three months old. But before he could leave for the desert he was told to conduct a study along with officers of the Bureau of Yards and Docks to determine what kind of research and development laboratory should be built at the new station. When he asked what kind of laboratory he was to plan for, he was told, "a laboratory in which the Bureau of Ordnance could later do anything that it decided to do." In preparing plans for the laboratory the group visited numerous technical organizations to gather ideas on facilities as well as on methods of organizing weapon research and development.

When Duncan finally arrived at the station he continued to focus his effort on planning for the laboratory. He became the Laboratory Officer and was in charge of the massive effort of equipping the lab. He stayed on until the spring of 1946 in this work. Through his leadership, a warehouse full of equipment, machinery, and furnishing was ready by the time the laboratory was ready for occupancy.

Duncan, who had been a student of Dr. Albert A. Michelson in 1919, was the first to suggest that the



JASON COMMITTEE VISIT—RADM. W. J. Moran, NWC Commander, shakes the hand of Dr. Robert E. LeVier, Chairman of the Jason Committee, a group that recently paid a two-day visit to the Center for orientation and technical briefings. The committee derives its name from the ancient Greek mythological tale of Jason, who searched for the golden fleece. Capt. R. E. McCall, Commanding Officer of NAF, (3rd from left) also greeted the visitors.

new laboratory, which was to be dedicated in 1948, be named after Dr. Michelson. Duncan proposed this name because he knew it carried high respect among both scientists and naval personnel. Captain Duncan died November 17, 1967. Mrs. Duncan now resides at Eaton, New York. Her visit to the Naval Weapons Center was part of a tour across the country which has allowed her to see a number of friends she knew in the pioneering years of the Station.



EARLY RESIDENT—Frances Duncan, widow of Capt. James Duncan, USN, who is World War II was the officer most closely associated with planning the design of Michelson Laboratory, returned to NWC this week for a special tour of the technical complex and the community. Above, she inspects the portrait of Michelson that hangs in the South lobby. —Photo by PHe Ron Mills

New Air Travel Authorization In Effect June 1

Starting June 1, airlines will be asking for DD Form 1580 along with leave papers when servicemen want to purchase Military Standby and Military Reservation tickets.

The DD 1580 is the military's Authorization for Air Travel. In the past, commercial airlines accepted leave orders or leave papers as a substitute for the form. If no form is presented, "airline ticket agents will have no recourse but to refuse sale of reduced fare tickets to military personnel," according to officials of the Military Traffic Management and Terminal Service, which monitors the program.

For air travel, fare reductions of two types are offered: The Military Standby Fare and the Military Reservation Fare.

The standby fare permits seats remaining available after all reservations have been claimed to be offered military passengers at approximately half of the applicable fare. The reservation fare, approximately two thirds fare, is accepted in advance of scheduled departure and space is confirmed similar to that for other passengers with full fare reservations.

Military members are eligible for reduced military fares on the following basis:

- On active duty as a member of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps or Coast Guard, or a cadet of the respective academies.
- On official leave, pass, liberty, furlough, or within seven days of discharge.

Friends Gather For Clinic's 20th

Highlights of the Desert Counseling Clinic's twentieth anniversary banquet, held at the Chief Petty Officers' Mess on Thursday, April 15, included a talk by guest speaker, Dr. William B. Beach, Jr., Deputy Director, State Department of Mental Hygiene, and the presentation of the 1970-71 Sylvia Besser Awards by Mrs. Sylvia Besser, who was the first director of the Clinic from 1951-57.

In his remarks on the "Current State of California Policies on State Support for Mental Health," Dr. Beach reported that the State still favored the counties having control of funds and is very much in favor of contracting out to agencies, such as the Desert Counseling Clinic, for provision of services which would be too difficult for the counties to handle. This was the second time that Dr. Beach spoke for the Desert Counseling Clinic—the first talk was made during a dinner meeting held at the end of the Clinic's first year of full time operation in 1959.

Sylvia Besser Awards were presented by Mrs. Besser to: Rev. Frederick H. Strathdee for his assistance to Help Line; Mrs. Mickey Strang, for her work with Help Line, the American Red Cross, and Navy Relief; Dr. C. Douglas Lind, for his dedicated training of Help Line organizations in other communities; Mrs. Judy Lind, for her invaluable assistance in the area of publicity for Help Line and for supporting organizations of the Clinic; and to Mrs. Jean Dillinger, for her assistance as Help Line coordinator.



COUNSELING CLINIC'S ANNIVERSARY—Special guests and officers of the Desert Counseling Clinic attending the twentieth anniversary banquet held at the CPO Club last week were: (l-r) Mrs. Sylvia Besser, first director of the Clinic; Martin H. Landau, president of the board of directors, and Mrs. Landau; Dr. William B. Beach, Jr., Deputy Director, State Department of Mental Hygiene; A.R. McCorkle, Executive Director of the Clinic.

The operation of the Clinic began with the hire of Mrs. Besser for one day a week, funded by the State Department of Mental Hygiene. Gradually the workload grew from one day a week to two and one-half days a week, with United Fund and community support.

Mrs. Besser was the first director, until 1957 when she

became the first pupil personnel consultant for the China Lake Elementary Schools. Also, she taught psychology for Bakersfield Junior College evening classes, and for awhile she traveled to Trona each week to provide the only counseling service for Searles Valley.

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Center's Navy Wives Club New Going Organization

About a year ago a small group of wives, whose husbands are attached to NAF, organized a club and called it the "NAF Wives Club." Last fall when the club voted to open the membership to NWC and VX-5 wives the name was changed to the "Navy Wives Club."

Command Sanctioned

Mrs. Lori Boyd, president of the Navy Wives Club, states that the club has the interest and encouragement of all the Commanding Officers and their wives, and that the club members feel fortunate to have Mrs. Cathy Gire, wife of Cdr. L. W. Gire, NAF Executive Officer, as their active sponsor and liaison contact with the Command.

Purposes and Goals

The purposes of the organization are to promote and encourage a friendly and sympathetic relationship between the wives of men serving in all branches and ranks of the service; to extend relief and assistance to those who need and desire it; to foster a spirit of fellowship and friendship; and to be of service to the military community whenever possible. To be a member of the club means a chance to develop new interests, to take part in worthwhile activities, and to meet new friends who share common problems and interests, added Mrs. Boyd.

Membership

Mrs. Boyd states that membership in the club is open to wives and widows of all military personnel, active, reserve or retired. Although the membership is small at present, the officers anticipate future growth and look forward to the participation and assistance of new members as the club becomes involved in worthwhile projects.

Meetings and Programs

Business meetings of the club are held on the second Wednesday of each month at 9:30 a.m., at the Girl Scout Hut located across from the Maturango Museum, just off of Switzer traffic circle. Also a social meeting is held every month, usually on the fourth Wednesday. The times and places of meetings will vary to accommodate the

specific program. In the past the club has held luncheons, family picnics, game days, and has featured guest speakers at the meetings. For a small charge, a babysitting service is provided at all meetings.

Progress and Goals

In the short period of its organization the club has established a "Welcome Wagon Committee" which visits newcomers to the Center in order to acquaint them with the facilities and to aid them in settling in their new home.

Just recently the club concluded a fund raising drive for the Girl Scouts Campership Fund.

Another project the club is working on is arrangements to provide a babysitting service for mothers visiting the Dispensary and who are unable to pay a babysitter. There will be more information available soon on this service.

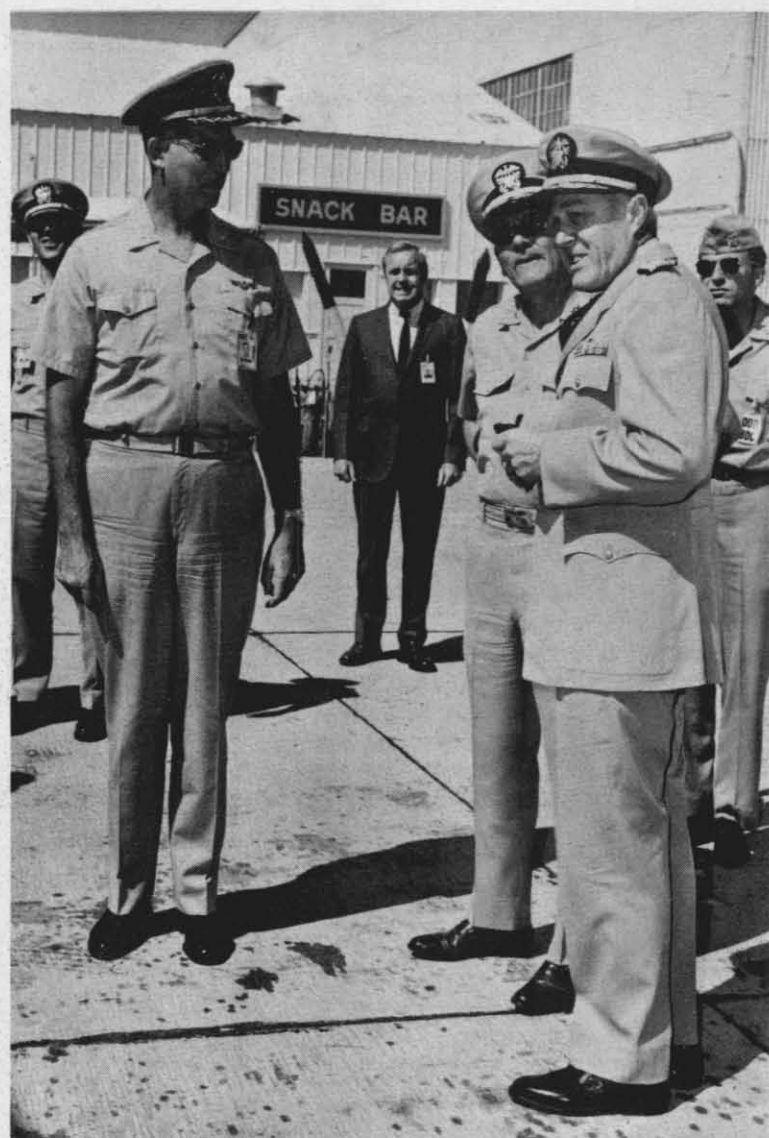
Next Social

The next social get-together will be bowling at the China Lake Bowl on Wednesday, April 28, at 9:30 a.m. The club's officers invite all military wives to come and see if they would like to join the club. For further information or transportation needs, contact Lori Boyd at 375-4953; Diann Pottorff, vice-president, at 375-7385; "Shortie" Brode, secretary, at 375-7032; or Gertie Oliver, treasurer, at 375-4709.

Little League To Hold Tryouts This Saturday

According to an announcement made by Dick Hughes, president of the China Lake Little League, tryouts will be held on Saturday, April 24 for all boys, league ages 10 to 12, who are not on a major league team. Tryouts will be at Diamond 4 (across from the bowling alley), and will begin at 9 a.m.

Hughes also stated that boys not already signed up for Little League may do so at that time.



MEDICAL OFFICER VISITS NWC—RAdm. H. D. Warden, 11ND Medical Officer and Commanding Officer of the Naval Hospital in San Diego, paid an informal visit to NWC on April 15. He was greeted at the NWC airfield by RAdm. W. J. Moran (standing next to RAdm. Warden) NWC Commander, and Capt. R. E. McCall, Commanding Officer of NAF. Capt. G. W. Jauchler, NWC Medical Officer, (not in picture) was also on hand to greet the distinguished visitor. Capt. Jauchler and his staff conducted a tour of Michelson Laboratory and the Medical Dispensary for RAdm. Warden.

—Photo by PH3 Ronald G. Mills

MUSEUM SCHEDULES OPEN HOUSE SUNDAY

A special Spring Open House is planned by the Maturango Museum this Sunday afternoon from 2 to 5 p.m. to acquaint desert newcomers with this year's program of lectures and field trips, according to George Silberberg, Museum trustee who will host the event. A new exhibit of desert wildflower paintings will be on display.

A Look Into The Past From The Rocketeer Files 20 Years Ago . . .

About 1200 persons viewed 92 varieties of flowers at the Sixth Annual Wildflower Show . . . Armed Forces Press Service reported development of an electrosonic clothes washer by two Australians. Contents were agitated a few thousandths of an inch at 100 times a second by sound waves produced by an electromagnet power unit with no moving parts . . . The last spring race for the Sandblasters Motorcycle Club of Ridgecrest and China Lake included cycle jockeys from Los Angeles and was held at the Trona Y Track. The photographer snapped Phil Lilly, ole No. 27, whipping around a curve at the track.

Lone Pine students made ROCKETEER headlines when they effected a change in their textbooks by writing the publishers. Seventh grader, Joan Light, researched and confirmed her idea that 12,865 ft. Lake Tulainyo, north of Mt. Whitney, was the highest fresh water lake in the world and not 12,000 ft. Lake Titicaca of So. America, as the textbook stated . . . Kern County's population was up 68 per cent since 1940 with some 230,100 persons living in Kern County as of January 1 . . . A parking lot for 400 cars was finished east of Michelson Lab . . . More than 2,000 acres of Indian Wells Valley land was reclassified by the Interior Dept. for subdivision into 5-acre homesites.

10 Years Ago . . .

Reliability of NOTS-developed Rocket-Assisted Personnel Ejection Catapult seat (RAPEC I) was proved again. Lt. Georges E. LeBlanc, VX-5 pilot, ejected safely from his A4D Skyhawk when the engine flamed out over Dallas, Texas. Key developers of RAPEC were :Norman Rumpp, James Metcalf, Cecil Glass, Don Perrin and Dick Zabelka, all of Propulsion Development Dept . . . FHA financing for homes in Ridgecrest, under Titles 203B and 222, was announced . . . Fly swatters were recommended for use against the millions of Miller moths that plagued Kern County due to an unseasonal heat wave. Harmless to people, clothes and furniture, since they feed on flower nectar, they were resistant to chemicals.

5 Years Ago . . .

Ron Erickson, assisted by Ray Main and Carol Burge was pursuing the "Mark I Eyeball" project to develop the process of visual acquisition of targets by pilots . . . The Station hosted over 100 members of the American Ordnance Association for a two-day meeting . . . The Community Council sponsored a general clean-up campaign and a "Yard Beautiful" contest . . . Public Schools Week was observed.



NAVY WIVES SHOW APPRECIATION—Officers of the Navy Wives Club (l-r) Mrs. Escorita Catrett, historian; Mrs. Diann Pottorff, vice president; and Mrs. Lori Boyd, president, presented a plaque of appreciation to Capt. R. E. McCall, Commanding Officer, NAF. Mrs. Cathy

Gire (r), wife of Cdr. L. W. Gire, NAF Executive Officer, and active sponsor of the Navy Wives Club, also attended the presentation. The plaque is a token of appreciation to all the men of NAF for their efforts in making the recent Navy Wives' Day held at NAF such an enjoyable event.

Standards Set By VA For Mobile Homes

The Veterans Administration has set standards for its mobile home program which guarantees up to 30 per cent of a loan — to a maximum of \$10,000 for mobile homes, or up to \$17,500 if the loan is also for a fully developed lot.

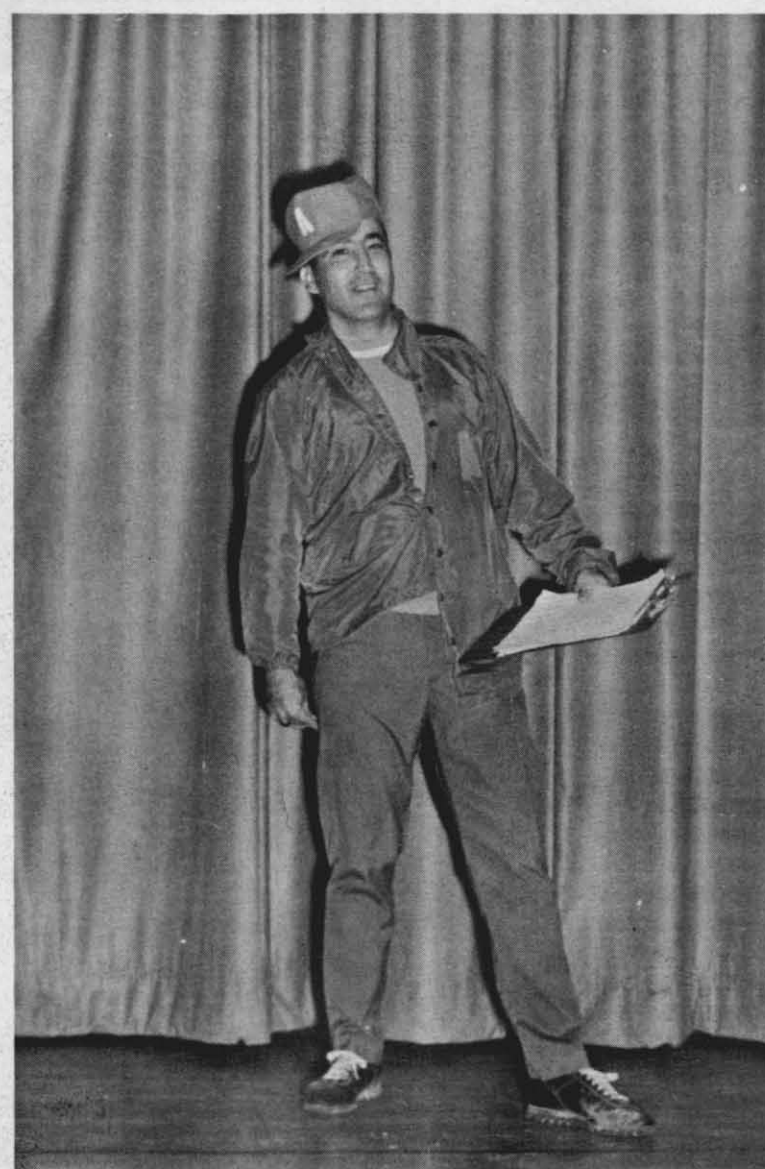
Mobile homes purchased under the loan program must be at least 40 feet long and 10 feet wide, with a minimum of 400 square feet. The interest rate on a loan is 10.75 per cent.

For mobile home park locations, the qualifications are basically the same as for those of an average subdivision on which single family homes are built — proper geographical locations, water, sewage, electricity.

Applicants should obtain their certificates of eligibility from the nearest VA regional office, find a mobile home they like and which meets VA standards, settle details for rental or purchase of a mobile home lot, and then apply to a lender for a loan.

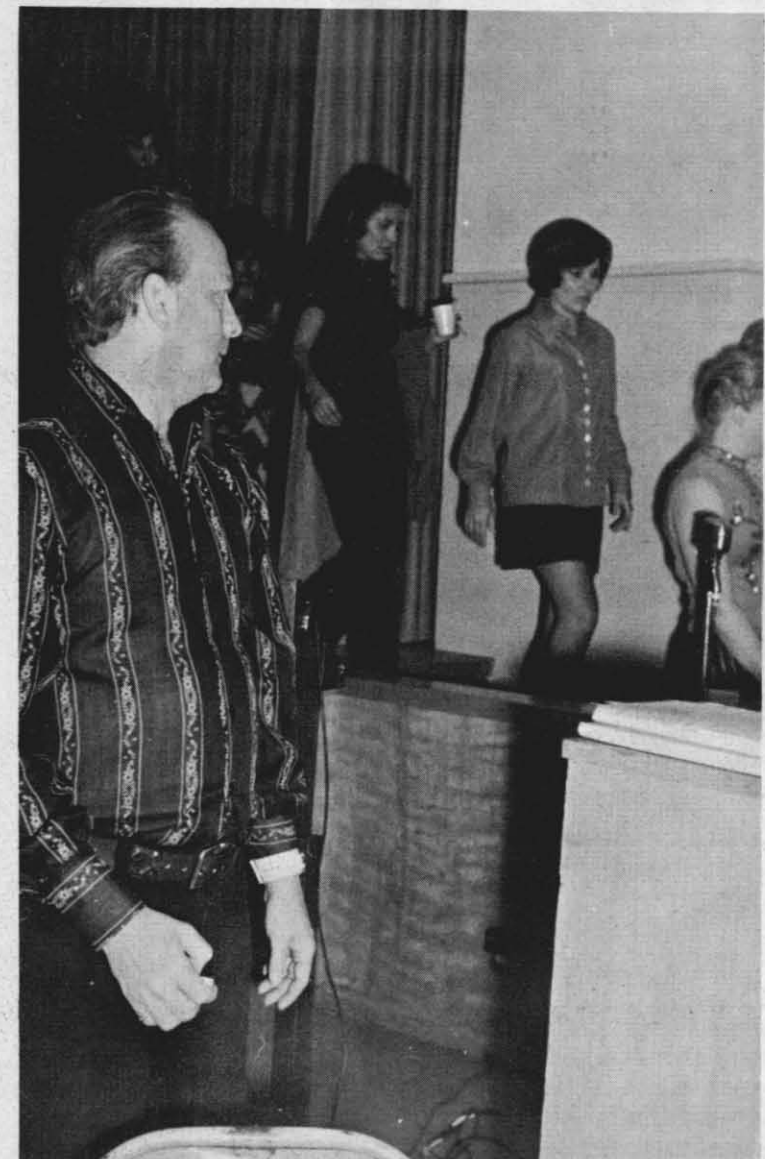
Veterans and servicemen with at least 181 days of active service after Jan. 31, 1955, are eligible for mobile home loans as are veterans of World War II and the Korean War who served more than 90 days, provided they have not previously used their home loan benefit.

Also eligible are veterans discharged for service-connected disabilities, regardless of length of service, widows of eligible veterans, and wives of members of the Armed Forces missing in action or prisoners of war for more than 90 days.



Comedy Skits . . .

China Lake PTA Presents
"Fractured Follies of '71"
Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m.
Burroughs High School Lecture
Center * All proceeds to PTA
Campership Fund * Tickets \$2.50



Directed by Jimmy White . . .



Dolls . . .



More Dolls . . .



Guys and Dolls . . .



Music by the Paul Riley Ensemble . . .