

### Special Dates Set For Navy At Magic Mt.

The weekend of August 21 and 22 has been set aside for the Navy, Marine Corps and civilian personnel employed at Naval or Marine Corps installations, at Magic Mountain, located near Valencia, California.

Members of the Naval service or employes at the Center may purchase discounted admission tickets at the Community Center from Ann Seitz. The ticket, good either Saturday or Sunday, includes admission to Magic Mountain, and unlimited use of all rides, attractions and shows by world famous performers (shooting gallery and games excepted).

On this weekend, no tickets will be sold at Magic Mountain. For further information, contact the Community Center, NWC Ext. 2010.

### New NWC JP's To Be Welcomed At Summer Party

The annual summer party to welcome new professional employees will be a barbecue-buffet affair at the Commissioned Officer's Mess Thursday, August 19, from 6 p.m. until midnight.

The price of admission is \$2.50 per couple for new Junior Professionals and \$3.50 per person for all others. All professional employees are asked to contact one of the department representatives in the list that follows:

Code 12, Marge Sorenson; Code 17, Eleanor Johnsen; Code 30, Donna Davis; Code 35, Jean Rollinson; Code 40, Pat Detting; Code 45, Fran Bullock; Code 50, John Crossley; Code 55, Dan Burnett, Marion Chartier; Code 60, Edna Murbach; Code 65, George Allred; Code 70, Jerry Brooks.

### Bud Eyre Challenges Ace

(Continued from Page 6) impotent A & L Tire, 15-3, in five innings.

Four-run rallies in the first and second innings put the Merchants out in front and a six-run uprising in the third put the game out of reach as Harlan Hershey, John Ayers, Tom Galyon, Rick Karl, Tom Mathers and Billy Brown all collected two hits apiece off A & L's Dave Britton and Andy Gilpin.

THE SCHEDULE

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|----------------------|--|------------------------------------|
| Monday, August 9     | 6 p.m. Ace TV vs. NAF                  | 8 p.m. Maulers vs. Bud Eyre        |
| Tuesday, August 10   | 6 p.m. Bud Eyre vs. A & L Tire         | 8 p.m. Valley Merchants vs. Ace TV |
| Wednesday, August 11 | 6 p.m. Valley Merchants vs. NAF        | 8 p.m. A & L Tire vs. Ace TV       |
| Thursday, August 12  | 6 p.m. A & L Tire vs. Valley Merchants | 8 p.m. Bud Eyre vs. NAF            |

STANDINGS

|                  |    |    |        |
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|                  | W  | L  | GB     |
| Ace TV           | 14 | 4  | —      |
| Bud Eyre         | 12 | 5  | 1 1/2  |
| NAF              | 8  | 8  | 5      |
| Valley Merchants | 8  | 8  | 5      |
| A & L Tire       | 6  | 10 | 7      |
| Maulers          | 2  | 13 | 10 1/2 |



**SPECIAL SERVICES PRESENTS AWARDS**—It was the pleasant task of Gabe Imer (2nd from right), Head of the NWC Special Services Division, to present recognition awards for participation in civic and community events during the past year to (l-r): Jim Poore, president of the China Lake-Ridgecrest Beauty Pageant Association; Marge

Zinke, pageant promoter; and Barbara Lewis, Miss Ridgecrest-China Lake, 1970-71. Through the efforts of the pageant committee, this was the first year that the Pageant Association was so organized as to select one girl to go direct to the Miss California Pageant at Santa Cruz.

—Photo by PH3 R. G. Mills

### Deserters Troubles Told . . .

(Continued from Page 3) law enforcement officials can apprehend an absentee or deserter in the United States. In fact, any civil officer who has the authority to apprehend offenders under the laws of the United States, of a State, Territory, Commonwealth, or Possession, or the District of Columbia can apprehend a military absentee or deserter. Sometimes a routine traffic violation can disclose the identity of an absentee or deserter and lead to his apprehension.

Through a nation-wide deserter information system, maximum information about U.S. military absentees and deserters is constantly available to the military services, civil law enforcement agencies, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Each Service operates a central Deserter Information Point (DIP) for the control, accounting, and dissemination of information on persons classified as deserters and, as warranted, can include in the system persons AWOL for less than 30 days. Each DIP has a direct connection with the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) and updates information on its absent personnel as additional information develops or when status changes.

In foreign countries, U.S. military attaches and mission chiefs may assist U.S. absentees and deserters in returning to military control. When the absentee status ends depends on whether the United States is directly responsible for the person's presence in the country in which he is trying to turn himself in. If the United States is responsible, absentee status ends when the person informs U. S. diplomatic personnel he is surrendering. Otherwise, absentee status cannot end until the person arrives at a point where U.S. authorities have jurisdiction.

How going AWOL or deserting can affect federal benefits to which a soldier or his survivors might otherwise be entitled is almost another story in itself.

The fact of the matter is that a dishonorable discharge cancels eligibility for virtually every benefit otherwise due the soldier. Bad conduct and undesirable discharges jeopardize or cancel many benefits, too. One of the most important Veterans Administration benefits that can result from military service is educational assistance to complete high school, attend college, take a vocational training course, or get certain other authorized job or professional training. When a veteran has a service connected injury or illness, he may also receive medical and dental care, disability compensation, rehabilitation assistance and certain special equipment or disability allowances for modifying his car or home.

Other federal benefits that accrue from military service include job and income assistance from the Department of Labor and veterans preference for jobs under the Civil Service Commission. All in all, the federal benefits payable because of a person's good military record can go a long way in building a better life after service. They are too valuable to jeopardize by rishing discharge under less than honorable conditions.

Educational assistance, monthly cash benefits called Dependency and Indemnity Compensation, home loan assistance, and job preference are among the major federal benefits that are paid when survivors of veterans qualify. The nature of a man's discharge from service can affect the entitlement of his dependents or survivors to these benefits just as it affects his entitlement to those that might come direct to him.

Once issued, a discharge under less than honorable conditions affects one's life in ways difficult if not impossible to overcome. After three years of successful rehabilitation and exemplary conduct in civilian life following discharge from military service, a person can apply for an Exemplary Rehabilitation Certificate. Issued by the U. S.

Department of Labor, this certificate is designed to help persons who received discharges under less than honorable conditions in getting jobs or other personal breaks. Such a certificate does not change the character of the person's discharge nor restore any of the veteran's or survivor's benefits lost.

A discharge under less than honorable conditions is never automatically upgraded with the passage of time.

The Services have administrative boards that review discharges and correct military records when errors or injustices can be proved.



**PUBLIC WORKS CEREMONY**—A. K. Webb, (center) Supervisory Construction Representative for the Public Works Department, received a certificate in recognition of his five years service with the Naval Facilities Engineering Command recently from NWC Public Works Officer Capt. William Sturman. At right is Assistant Officer-in-Charge of Construction Ltjg. R. H. Huttula.

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## 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 6 AUGUST  
"WHEN THE DINOSAURS RULED THE EARTH" (96 Min)

Victoria Vectri, Robin Hawdon  
(Science-Fiction) Sanna escapes being the victim of sacrifice to the Sun God and flees to the dangers of pre-historic monsters, huge snakes, and man-eating plants. (G)

SAT 7 AUGUST

"SEVEN DWARFS TO THE RESCUE" (84 Min)  
Live Storybook Feature  
1:00 p.m.

"BUNNIES ABUNDANT" (7 Min)

"DIZZY DETECTIVES" (14 Min)

EVENING

"CASTLE KEEP" (105 Min)

Burt Lancaster, Patrick O'Neal  
(War Drama) WWII action packed tale as a Major and eight motley soldiers occupying a castle and then debating whether to hold it or destroy it in face of brutal German assaults. (R)

"SLOPPY JALOPY" (7 Min)

SUN and MON 8-9 AUGUST  
"SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL GUNFIGHTER" (92 Min)

James Garner, Suzanne Pleshette  
(Western-Comedy) Slick New Yorker goes astray in the West and is mistaken for a famed gunfighter as he fulfills his desire for money and women. (G)

"PSYCHEDELIC PINK" (7 Min)

"TAKE OFF" (10 Min)

TUES and WED 10-11 AUGUST

"ZEPPELIN" (101 Min)

Elke Sommer, Michael York  
(War Drama) He was sent to spy on his friend, the German professor who had invented a huge dirigible, but he ends up flying on it on a secret mission for the enemy. (G)

"SKYSCRAPER CAPER" (7 Min)

THURS and FRI 12-13 AUGUST  
"THE YOUNG GRADUATES" (100 Min)

Patricia Wymer, Steven Stewart  
(Drama) Without any of the usual heavy doses of sex and violence, this tells of the adventures of Mindy (Patricia Wymer), a pretty middle-class girl during her last year of high school. (G)

"BEARLY ASLEEP" (7 Min)

# All Stars Capture District 51 Championship

(For Photos and Story See Page 6)



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### Leatherneck Retires

## Col. Rice Ends Varied Career

On Friday July 30, under a canopy of clear desert sky at the Naval Weapons Center, Colonel Knowlton P. Rice, U.S. Marine Corps, ended 28 years of active service—a military career that began in November 1942 at Worcester, Massachusetts when he joined the Marine Corps through the V-12 Program at Worcester Tech.

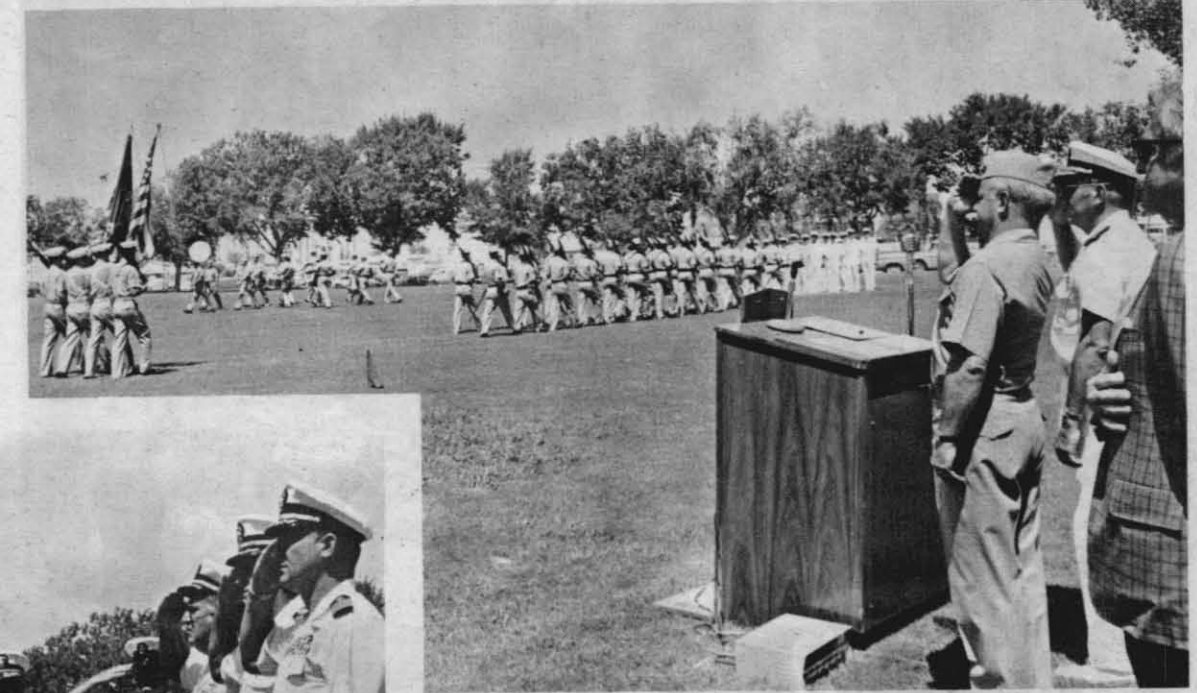
The impressive retirement ceremony, befitting an officer of Col. Rice's eminence, began at 10:30 a.m. on the Administration Building parade ground. Approximately 300 military and civilian guests attended the event which began with the Troop Commander sounding attention and the forming of the Honor Guard. As RAdm. W. J. Moran, NWC Commander, accompanied Col. Rice to the reviewing stand, the Marine Band from the Marine Corps Supply Center, Barstow, played two ruffles and flourishes. Lt. Col. Bennie W. Summers, USMC, announcer, invited guests to stand while the band played "honors," followed by the National Anthem after which the Honor Guard (From the Marine Corps base, Twenty-nine Palms) was formed. Chaplain J. J. Hogan, NWC Chaplain, gave the invocation.

Col. Rice was accompanied by RAdm. Moran as he exited the reviewing stand for a last inspection tour of the Honor Guard while still on active duty. Returning to the reviewing stand RAdm. Moran presented Col. Rice with the Meritorious Service Medal from the President of the United States for outstanding meritorious service while serving on the staff of Commander, NWC, from November 16, 1967 to July 31, 1971; a letter and certificate of retirement from Gen. Leonard F. Chapman, Commandant of the Marine Corps; and a letter of commendation from the Commander, Naval Weapons Center.

The Presidential citation stated in part: "Col. Rice exhibited exceptional initiative and dedication in bringing several important Marine Corps weapon development programs to fruition, most notable of which were the

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**PASS IN REVIEW**—Marines from the Marine Corps Base, 29 Palms, pass in review at the beginning of the retirement program of Col. K. P. Rice, (right) USMC Liaison Officer at NWC.



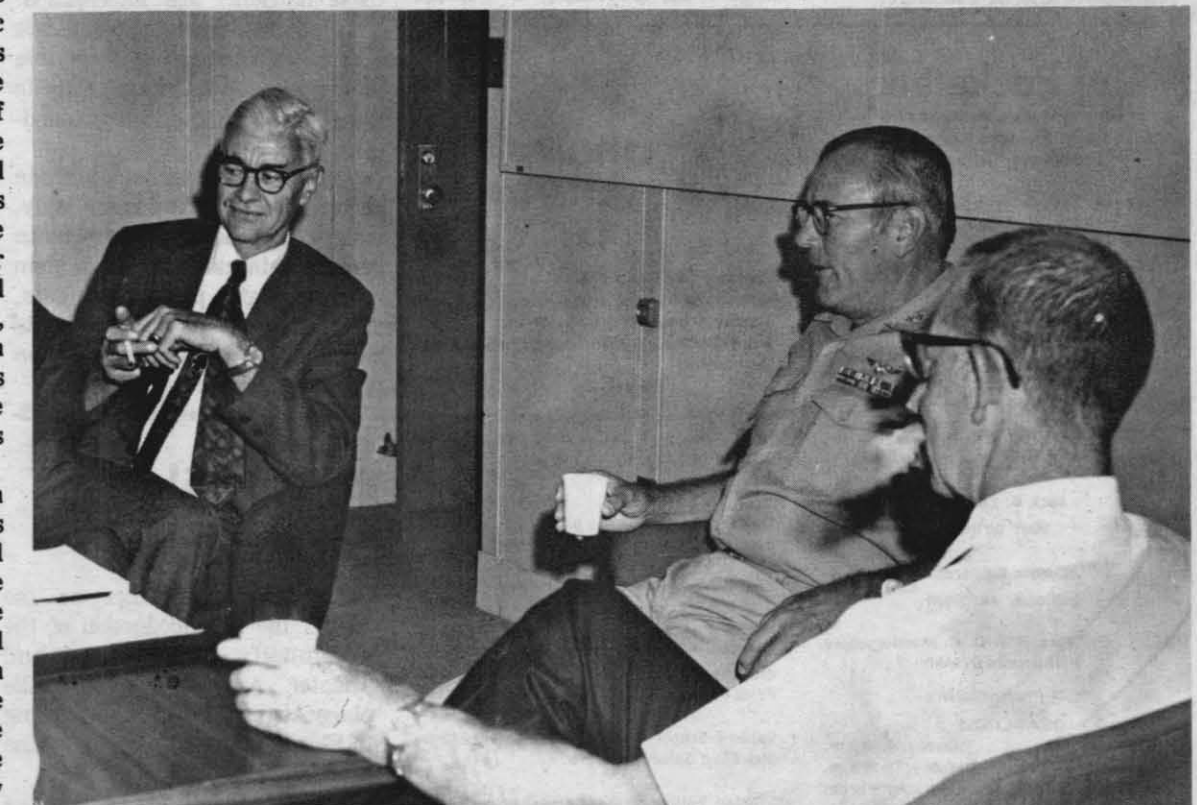
**OVER THE SIDE**—Col. K. P. Rice is piped "over the side" as he acknowledges a final salute from the sideboys at the ceremony.

Interim Light Weight Gun Pod which progressed from design stage to deployment in Southeast Asia in less than 12 months, and the Night Observation Gunship version of the OV-10 aircraft. Additionally, in recognition of his exceptional technical knowledge and broad understanding of air warfare requirements Col. Rice was appointed chairman of an ad hoc committee to define requirements for an advanced air-to-air missile system beyond the scope of application normally related to the Marine Corps. He organized and directed a skilled team of scientists and engineers which provided the basis for the AGILE air-to-air missile project now in advanced development and, in addition, undertook a detailed examination of the complex problems associated with developing future fighter and attack aircraft as integrated weapons systems."

In his remarks, RAdm. Moran stated that Col. Rice's efforts "have made a substantial contribution to future efforts of the Marine Corps in the years to come and in the future efforts of Naval aviation. Col. Rice has passed on two things so remarkable as to be mentioned here: the considerable effort put forth on his arrival here which contributed so remarkably to one of our on-going missile programs, Project AGILE; and Col. Rice as an individual who has left some tracks for others to follow and some marks for them to try to meet."

RAdm. Moran's reading of the retirement orders was followed with remarks by Col. Rice which he began by saying that this occasion was "probably one of the happiest and also saddest ones of my life."

The ceremony was concluded (Continued on Page 3)



**GENERAL STARBIRD VISITS NWC**—Lt. Gen. A. D. Starbird, USA (Ret.), Deputy Director Test and Evaluation, Office of the Secretary of Defense-ODDR&E, left, chats with RAdm. W. J. Moran, NWC Commander (center) and Dr. N. E. Ward, Associate Technical Director, during his recent stop at China Lake. Gen. Starbird made a helicopter tour of the Center and received technical briefings from NWC personnel. —Photo by PH3 R. G. Mills



CHILDREN AROUND THE WORLD—This was the theme of Mrs. Bettye M. Rivera's pre-second grade summer class at Vieweg School. Here the children are shown making tissue paper animals and plastic egg-carton flowers under the supervision of three summer teacher's aids: Fred Smith, Roberta Fletcher and Marsha Smith. The

children are Keith Niccum, John Woodall, Donald Cordle, Donald Shearer and Angela Anderson. During this summer class the children studied other young people's customs and habits throughout the world and discovered many similarities to their own way of living and playing. —Photo by PH3 R. G. Mills

Center Library Lists New Books

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

Fiction

- Bawden—Birds on the trees. Carr—The ghost's high noon. Hanley—Blue dreams. Kirst—Adventures of Private Faust. McBain—He who hesitates.

Non-Fiction

- Allen—Stalking birds with color camera. Bechervaise—Australia. Bro—Dreams in the life of prayer. Dance—World of Duke Ellington. Dover—American Negro art. Draper—Rediscovery of black nationalism. Dunstan—Learning to paint. Harmon—Great radio comedians. Hoffer—First things, last things. Jackson—Simple stage costumes. Kerr—Penny candy. Leakey—Animals of East Africa. Roukes—Crafts in Plastics.

Leek—How to be your own astrologer. Leslie—Wild pets. Lily—Modern motherhood. Miller—Best of Shaker cooking. Morris—Complete outdoor cookbook. National Geographic—Greece and Rome. Peale—Treasury of courage and confidence. Pitcher—Why college students fail. Richards—Best plays of the sixties. Rogers—On becoming a person. Roukes—Crafts in plastic. Shirai—Story of pearls. Winterburn—Technique of hand-built pottery. Making—Home Aquarium. Mitchell—Cavalcade of Broad-casting. Roberty—Decisions of Robert S. McNamara. Rogers—On Becoming a Person.

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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); 7:30 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.

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 452, 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 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.

Budget Analyst, GS-560-7 or 9, 1 vacancy, Code 35111, PD No. 7135122—This position is located in the Electronic Systems Department, Administrative Services Division, Administrative Services Branch. The incumbent will be responsible for preparation of technical and overhead budgets, and for the definition of necessary controls to adequately meet this requirement. The incumbent will work directly with the Administrative Services Branch Head and project managers in initiating methods or adopting existing methods to meet the many special budget and fiscal requirements of organizational units within the department. This person will budget operating procedures at department level are adequate, and that all data complies is accurate and sufficient for reporting needs. Minimum Qualification Requirements: One year general and two years specialized experience or degree in accounting or business administration, as outlined in CSC Handbook X-118. Job Relevant Criteria: Thorough knowledge of accounting and/or budget procedures and a complete understanding of fiscal reports and task assignment structure. File applications for above with Sue Prasolowicz, Rm. 206, Phone 2577.

Supervisory Engineering Technician, GS-802-9-10-11, PD No. 7130095, Code 3052—Position is that of Supervisory Engineering Technician in the Mechanical Design Branch, Guidance and Control Division, Systems Development Dept. Duties include mechanical and electronic design drafting, fabrication responsibilities and assembly of prototype equipment. The incumbent will supervise Engineering Technicians, Design Draftsmen and Technical Illustrators of grades GS-5 through GS-9 working in the fields of electronic and mechanical engineering. Qualification Requirements: 2 Years General Experience and 4 years specialized as outlined in X-118. Job Relevant Criteria: A minimum of three (3) years experience in the field of Designing, Drafting, Checking and general Supervision. File applications with Dora Childres, Room 210, Code 457, Phone 2511.

Supervisory Electronic Engineer, GS-455-14, PD No. 7132520, Code 3523—This position is that of Head of the Avionics Branch, Code 3523, RF Development Division, Electronic Systems Department. The branch is responsible for the development of avionics equipments and aircraft installations associated with anti-radiation missiles. Incumbent has overall responsibility for the development efforts which have experimental, engineering and prototype phases. He is responsible for design concept formulation and review of design approaches, laboratory and field test plans as well as reliability and maintainability programs. He must assure that the designs are adequately evaluated and documented so that they can be mass produced. Additionally, the incumbent is responsible for coordination of contracts associated with the development efforts. Minimum Qualification Requirements: As defined in CSC Handbook X-118. Job Relevant Criteria: Bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering. A minimum of 5 years experience in the development of anti-radiation missile guidance systems and avionics systems associated with anti-radiation missiles. A broad electronics background and a working knowledge of mechanical engineering. Familiarity with monopulse direction finding, signal sorting and aircraft display systems. Must have experience in difficult design and development problems in the areas of avionic direction finding and signal sorting. File application for the above with Sue Prasolowicz, Bldg. 34, Rm 206 ext 2577.

Mathematician GS-1520-9, 11 or 12 (1 position) PD No. 7155055, Code 5503—Position is located in the Office of the Chief Engineer, Engineering Department. Performs systems analysis by means of computer simulations for the advanced Sidewinder, Sparrow and other missile programs. He develops a mathematical model of the physical system of sufficient complexity to demonstrate the characteristics of the weapon system under study. Installs and maintains state-of-the-art computer-aided design (CAD) programs for electronic circuit analysis such as SCEPTRE, CIRCUIS, SNAPE, etc. Participates as a team member of his own group with project personnel, Center scientific personnel, and/or contractor personnel in the systematic analysis of new or proposed systems. Minimum Qualifications: 2 years professional experience for GS-9, 3 for GS-11 and GS-12. One year of experience must have been equivalent to second lower grade for GS-9 and 11 and to the next lower grade for GS-12, as outlined in CSC Handbook X-118. Job Relevant Criteria: Must be able to apply specialized

mathematical methods such as operational calculus, numerical analysis techniques, and state-space techniques to weapons control systems and circuit analysis problems. Must be thoroughly familiar with the use and limitations of the EXEC VIII operating system of the UNIVAC 1108 computer and analog computers. File applications for above with Joan MacIntosh, Code 457, ph 2371.

Mechanical Engineer GS-820-9 or 11 PD No. 7155053 Code 5546—Designs and/or initiates and supervises contracts with firms for the design and manufacture of ordnance item containers, makes studies of the application of new materials to ascertain if such materials may be used satisfactorily with design under consideration. Serves as advisor and consultant in the field of container design. Minimum Qualifications: 2 years professional experience for GS-9, 3 for GS-11, 1 year is which is equivalent to second lower grade as outlined in CSC Handbook X-118. Job Relevant Criteria: Working knowledge of applied static and dynamic mechanics, physics, material engineering, structural design, as well as other related engineering principles used in computing loading, strength, stress and deflection of parts is required. Mechanical Engineer GS-430-12, PD No. 4955015-1 Code 5543—Provides project management engineering on freefall weapons systems to the Fleet, cognizant field activities, Naval Air & Ordnance Systems Commands and this Center weapons which are in production, scheduled for production, and those systems in service use. Minimum Qualifications: 3 years professional experience, 1 year of which is equivalent to GS-11 as outlined in CSC Handbook X-118. Job Relevant Criteria: Degree in mechanical engineering with a strong mechanical background. File applications for above with Joan MacIntosh, Code 457, ph 2371.

General Engineer, PD No. 7155054 GS-801-11, 12 or 13 (1 position) Code 5503—Position is located in the Chief Engineer's Office. Incumbent is responsible for extensive missile system and ballistic weapon simulation analysis. Continues to be responsible for Department the analysis performed by development codes on those weapons transferred to the Engineering Department, provides analysis for those systems which have not been previously investigated prior to their transfer to Code 55, performs analysis for production purposes, and analyzes production design changes through the techniques of simulation for total systems effect by the change. Minimum Qualifications: 3 years professional experience, 1 year of which is equivalent to next lower grade for GS-12 or 13 or to the second lower grade for GS-11. Job Relevant Criteria: Advanced studies in engineering, physics, mathematics or computer simulation techniques; a minimum of 3 years experience in design or systems analysis work; experience in design or systems analysis, systems simulation techniques, data reduction; computer processing and general missile flight test techniques. File application for above with Joan MacIntosh, Code 457, ext 2371.

Motion Picture Production Specialist, GS-1071.5 or 1 (Code 7523)—This position is located in the Film Projects Branch of the Technical Information Department. The primary function of the Branch is production of technical film reports in support of Naval Weapons Center programs and activities. The incumbent will edit film and all types of sound tracks into completed motion pictures - both "A" and "B" type productions. Will assist cameramen, do stock footage library reports, will insure sound recording and transfer quality and other miscellaneous duties. Minimum Qualifications: GS-5, 3 years and GS-7, 4 years. Job Relevant Criteria: A formal education in film production is desirable. File Application with Mary Morrison, Bldg. 34, Rm. 216, Phone 2032.

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A Look Into The Past

From The Rocketeer Files

25 Years Ago . . .

Temperatures that week ranged from a high of 101 to 108 on Saturday, August 3. . . Western Continental Air Lines, Inc. inaugurated daily airline services between Los Angeles (Glendale) and Trona with a stop each way at Ridgecrest Airport, which was located on South China Lake Blvd. at the corner of Upjohn... Lt. (jg) C. F. Stuart, photographic officer, combed the ROCKETEER and Photo Lab. files to secure a collection of illustrations the New York Times requested for depicting NOTS at work and at play. . . Current mystery was the disappearance of spoons and sugar dispensers from the mess hall which was patronized by civilians and military. . . It was announced that the BuOrd flag would fly daily from the starboard yard arm of the mast as a new peacetime procedure. . . An estimated two-day crowd of 9,000 braved a sweltering sun Saturday and Sunday to witness the Indian Wells first Stampede which was sponsored by the Sportsmen's Association. The rodeo was for the benefit of Camp Kemerec, children's summer playground at Kennedy Meadows.

15 Years Ago . . .

The sailor's seabag lost its bedding. Under a new Navy policy blankets and pillows, long a weighty problem in the bottom of a sailor's seabag, would now be furnished at all ships and shore stations. . . The first week of each August must be the period for downpours and thunder showers. A defective lightning arrester near BOQ D was struck by lightning during a storm resulting in interference on TV channels 2, 4 and 5. A rare sight was the water that accumulated in Mirror Lake from the showers. . . There were five days with a temperature of 102 degrees. . . August was stated as the most fatal month on highways by Deputy Commissioner Ross R. McDonald of the CHP. . . Further endorsement of the installation of safety belts in cars was given by the American Medical Association which took the official position that seat belts become standard equipment. . . Little League and Pony League all stars were engaged in district championship playoffs. . . China Lake and Pasadena Annex top administrators completed a four-week management and administrative course given by Dr. Joseph C. Bailey, professor of business management, Harvard University. . . A feature article, which was a "capsule" of headline events publicized in the ROCKETEER from 1945 to 1954, included many firsts, such as: ROCKETEER becomes a weekly; NOTS featured in LIFE magazine; Michelson Lab. dedicated; visits of Navy Secretary James Forrestal and Adm. Chester Nimitz, the big six-inch snow; the big rain; revealing of the "Mighty Mouse" rocket, John Charles Thomas and Marian Anderson sang at the Station Theatre; and Dr. and Mrs. Jean Piccard, eminent stratosphere experts lectured here.

5 Years Ago . . .

High temperature for the week was 104 degrees on 3 and 4 August. . . Dr. Marguerite Rogers received the second highest civilian award—the Navy Superior Civilian Service Award—for her contributions in the area of conventional free-fall weapons. . . Arthur R. McCorkle was appointed executive director of the Desert Area Family Counseling Service. . . A new civilian director was named to head up Special Services Division—Gabe Imer, with 15 years of experience in special services activities, took over full time succeeding Lt. (jg) D. W. DePierro. . . China Lake's 12 two-man teams won the Tri-Club golf meet when they wiped out Bishop and Lone Pine in a low net tournament.

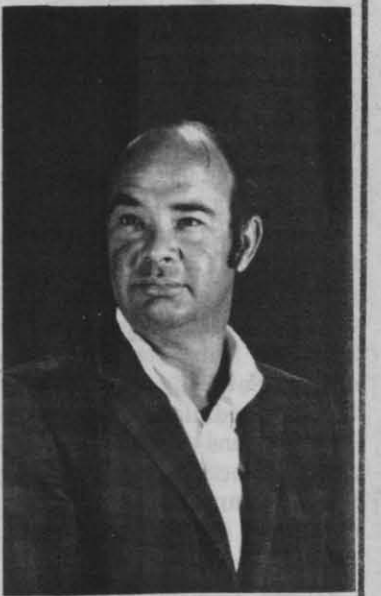
C. Van Hagan Guest Speaker At BPW Meeting

Charles Van Hagan, head of the Publishing Division of the Technical Information Department, was the guest speaker at a recent meeting of the China Lake Business and Professional Women's Club. Van Hagan's subject was "Public Relations." He was introduced by June Renfro, public relations chairman of the club, who was in charge of the program.

Among the points Van Hagan brought out in relating the subject to a club such as China Lake BPW Club were, first, a decision must be made as to the "image" the club desires to present, and second, the president, program chairman, and public relations chairman must actively plan programs and projects that are newsworthy.

Mary Neufeld, recording secretary of Tri-Valley District BPW Clubs, Irene Branham, District program coordinator, and Marian Hartnett, all members of

Employee In the Spotlight



Bill Valenteen

Bill Valenteen, who has served as the Editor of The ROCKETEER since July 1968, will leave the Center today for the Naval Air Development Center, Warminster, Pennsylvania. At his new duty assignment, Bill will be involved in the production of technical publicity . . . "from the standpoint of producing films, presentations, exhibits, brochures and various kinds of press material common to the scientific community."

A native of Phoenixville, Pennsylvania, he moved to Oxnard, California with his family and graduated from Santa Clara High School in Oxnard. Following a hitch in the Navy, ("I was a destroyer sailor") he enrolled in the University of Southern California and graduated in 1958 with a BA Degree in Mass Communications.

In 1961 he and his wife, Theresa were living in Ridgecrest and Bill was widely known throughout the Valley as "Willie the Hat" while he was a disc jockey for KRCK. In 1961 he entered Federal Service as a Visual Information Specialist with the Presentations Division of the Technical Information Department.

During that time he received a Group Achievement Award for his work in preparation for the visit of President J. F. Kennedy in 1963. The award was based on his work in connection with writing the basic script for the attendant air show and for coordinating the layout of the Confidential exhibit areas in Michelson Laboratory.



C. E. Van Hagan

the China Lake club, recently were in Los Angeles to help hostess a group of 45 BPW members from England, Scotland, and Ireland who had attended the 12th Annual Convention of the International Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs held in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.

Marjorie Reed, District finance chairman, announced that June Renfro, immediate past president of China Lake BPW Club, has accepted an appointment as District corresponding secretary. This brings to four the number of China Lake BPW members serving at the District level. Tri-Valley District is composed of the San Fernando, Antelope, and Owens Valleys.

Guests at the meeting were Cdr. Ellen Graves of Kern Desert BPW Club, Madeline Walker, Nita Wolfson, and Irene McCaw.



Theresa makes and designs her own clothes and is interested in interior decoration, fashion, and furniture refinishing. During Bill's first tour at NWC she appeared in the little theatre production of "Guys and Dolls" as Adelaide.

A family man, Bill's main hobby is photographing his wife and children, but finds time for swimming and golf. During the Naval Aviation Engineering Services Unit, a tenant activity of the Philadelphia Naval Shipyard.

During his three years at the helm, the ROCKETEER has won many honors and awards. In 1969 and 1970 it was voted the "Best Federal Newspaper" in the annual Federal Editor's Association Blue Pencil Awards competition, and has won the Best Newspaper Editorial

Bill looks back on his tour as Editor as one where he "gained many insights into his field." "I would like to thank everyone on the Center for the cooperation they have shown me in the past and hope they will extend the same fine spirit of friendship to my successor," he said.

Savings Bonds To Be Issued From NRFC, Beginning August 7

Beginning with the pay period ending August 7, 1971, savings bonds will be used from the Navy Regional Finance Center, San Diego, in lieu of the NAVWPNSCEN Disbursing Office. Employees who have bonds automatically deducted from their

paychecks should receive the bonds by the Friday or Saturday after the payday in which deductions are withheld.

The purpose of consolidating bond issuing functions between NRFC and the Center is to affect financial savings to the Navy.



## China Lake All Stars Win Trip To Arcadia

Superb pitching and power when it was needed won the District 51 championship for China Lake last weekend, when they hosted teams from Boron, El Dorado and the American Indians at Diamond 4 on the Center.

Brian Carle pitched a 1-hit gem against Boron in the first game of the single elimination tourney and Billy Quinn came back against El Dorado two days later to give up only 2 runs and 1 hit to win the championship for the local contingent.

The team will now travel to Arcadia and play against a team from Altadena in the sectional tourney (the game took place last night, too late for the results to be in this issue of The ROCKETEER). If they win that game they will play the winner of the El Monte vs. Glendale game (which will be played on Friday, August 6), Saturday, August 7 for the sectional championship.

### First Game

Brian Carle gave up only 1 hit and 0 runs in the 7-0 defeat of Boron in the first game. He lost his no-hitter in the 6th inning with one out as Roe, of Boron hit a Texas Leaguer down the rightfield line that dropped in between 3 players and went for a double. Carle struck out 9 batters and completely dominated the game.

In addition, the stylish right hander hit a 3-run homer over the right-center field fence in the first inning. Rocky Muro and Ernie Shepherd also had round-trippers in the game. The Boron team had 5 11-year-olds in the starting lineup and the boys, though small in size, showed a lot of fight.

### El Dorado

After a somewhat shaky start that saw him hit two batters and walk one, Billy Quinn settled down to pitch his finest game this year. The tall, lanky pitcher gave up only two runs and one hit and only allowed one runner on base (a walk) after the third inning.

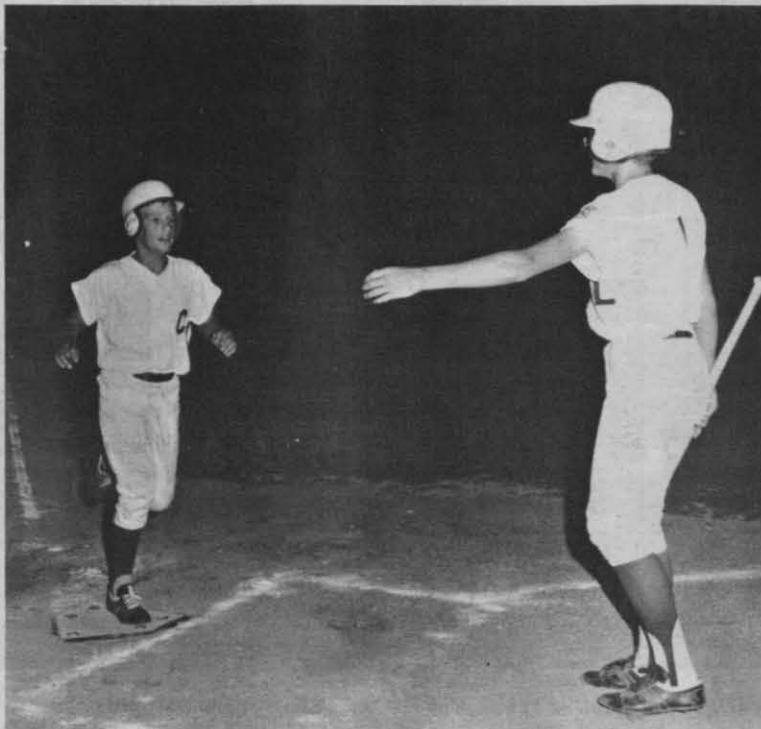
Brian Carle again turned in a fine performance at the plate, going 2 for 3 which included a double in the top of the fifth inning with runners on second and third and two away. The two runs he drove in gave China Lake a lead it never relinquished.

## GOLF STANDINGS

|                   | Points Won |
|-------------------|------------|
| Code 30           | 32         |
| Code 551          | 31.5       |
| NAF               | 31         |
| Code 5563         | 30.5       |
| Duffers           | 30.5       |
| Transportation    | 28.5       |
| Chaparrals        | 28         |
| ROCKETEERS        | 27.5       |
| Central Staff     | +23        |
| Sandbaggers       | 22.5       |
| NWC Officers      | +22        |
| Code 3532         | 22         |
| Bat Chiefs        | 21.5       |
| Gen'l. Engineers  | 20.5       |
| Titleists         | 17         |
| Code 3563         | 15.5       |
| Iron Men          | 8.5        |
| + Postponed match |            |

**MURO LETS LOOSE**—Rocky Muro, China Lake right fielder. (3rd from left) is congratulated by Harbin following a shot that went over the fence and out of sight in the second inning of the Boron game.

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Little League



**ROUND-TRIPPER**—Ernie Shepherd, China Lake third baseman, heads for home following a blast out of the park in the fifth inning of the game between China Lake and Boron. Brian Carle waits to congratulate him. **RIGHT** — Carle, who pitched a 1-hitter against Boron, slides safely into third base. Carle also helped his cause with a 3-run homer in the first inning.



## Bud Eyre Wins Eight Straight To Challenge Ace For Lead

Eight straight. Bud Eyre Chevrolet last week won its eighth straight game, defeating Ace TV 8-5, to move within 1½ games of Ace and set up a showdown for the China Lake Softball League title when the two teams meet for the final time August 17.

Ace took a 2-0 lead off Bert Andreason in the first inning when Chuck Newmeyer singled with one out and scored on Jim Bevan's two-out double. Frank Carson followed with a single to score Bevon.

Bud Eyre came back to score a run in the second on a walk to Roger Short and singles by Dave Taylor and Wally Parmenter, but it was Bud Eyre's five-run rally in the third that turned the tables for keeps.

Singles by Earle Roby, Dennis Crager, Taylor and Andreason and doubles by Bill Holzer and Bob Hooper gave Andreason a 6-2 lead he never relinquished.

Holzer added another run in the fourth with a bases-empty homer and Hooper plated the final Bud Eyre run with a two-out single in the sixth that scored Roby. Ace rallied for three runs in the

bottom of the fifth on singles by Bob Crawford, Bevan and Carson and a two-run double by Larry Buckley, but Andreason and reliever Bob Kochman held Ace scoreless over the last two innings.

Ace hitters had enjoyed more success earlier in the week pounding the Maulers, 10-7.

Ace score twice in the third inning on a two-out error by the Mauler catcher and added three more unearned runs in the fourth when Mauler infielders made errors on three consecutive hit balls.

Ace lost its 5-2 lead in the top of the sixth when the Maulers rallied for five runs on a leadoff homer by Tony Cozzuoli, two Ace errors, and singles by Teate, Craddock and Miller.

The Maulers handed the lead back to Ace in the bottom of the inning, however, when two outfield errors and a three-run homer by Crawford put Ace back in the lead to stay.

In the week's only other game, the Valley Merchants did some hitting of their own and pounded

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## Today's Soldiers Desert Posts For Same Old Reasons

You may be surprised to know that, when today's soldiers go AWOL or desert, it is for the same basic reasons that soldiers have long given for "going over the hill."

Only a small percentage quit the military scene for political reasons or because of sincere anti-Vietnam feelings. Current statistics show that only about 2.5 percent of today's AWOLs and deserters are so motivated.

Instead, problems of financial or family troubles, or earlier misconduct that led to disciplinary action are the real motivators, the same as they have been since the beginning of military forces. Studies of the motivating reasons behind AWOLs and deserters reveal that consultations with the Commander, the Inspector General, the Red Cross or the Chaplain might have prevented the problem.

Fewer persons would take what appears to be an easy way out if they only knew more about possible punishments for extended AWOL or desertion or if they knew how long the stigma of these actions can last during their lifetime. Many who succumb to an urge to quit the military scene don't realize either that they may be forfeiting a sizeable legacy in federal benefits earned by honorable military service. Most disillusioning of all usually is the business of living underground in ones own country or as an outsider in a foreign country. Current press accounts indicate that things can get pretty grim whether the place is Sweden, Canada, Mexico—or the good old USA.

Articles 85 and 86 of the UCMJ make pretty clear what constitutes AWOL and desertion. Both are punishable offenses under this code. Further, Department of Defense Directive 1325.2, "Desertion and Unauthorized Absenteeism," provides that when an absentee is AWOL for 30

consecutive days or more he is administratively classified a deserter.

Desertion, of course, must be proved if such charges are made when the person returns to military control. Proved or not, however, it is never a helpful entry to have in ones personnel file.

Such things as the length of time the unauthorized absence continues and stated or otherwise apparent intent to stay permanently in a foreign country contribute to proving an intent to desert. Conviction can result in a prison sentence of up to 5 years, dishonorable discharge, and forfeiture of all pay and allowances. Attempted desertion is a court martial offense, also. Intent to avoid hazardous duty or shirk important service can result in the same maximum punishments as those for actual desertion.

AWOL punishments, although not as severe, still are not to be treated lightly. They can be as severe as a bad conduct discharge, forfeiture of all pay and allowances, and up to 6 months in jail.

Fortunately, an AWOL offender who has been administratively designated as a deserter is not automatically dismissed from the service with a discharge under less than honorable conditions. The soldier who wants to put his military career back on the right road can do so by personal effort. Current data indicates that nearly 11 percent of those who return to military control after being absent 30 days or more were discharged under honorable conditions.

It almost always works to the person's advantage to voluntarily return to military control. This indicates to authorities that the person recognizes his irresponsible actions and desires to put his record straight.

A variety of civilian and military (Continued on Page 8)



**LCDR. MICHAEL RILEY** has recently taken over duties as VX-5 Electronic Warfare Officer. A graduate of Oregon State University and holder of a masters degree in aeronautical engineering from the Naval Postgraduate School, LCDR. Riley reported to VX-5 after serving two years with VA-153. He and his wife Carol have two children and reside at 45A Sykes Circle.

## Mathematics 54 Course Offered By B.C. Campus

Mathematics 54, Industrial Mathematics, will be offered this fall at the Desert Campus of Bakersfield College.

The course will be taught on Wednesday evenings from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. in Training Center Room 203. The instructor of the three unit course will be George Weir.

It is intended to develop problem solving skill in such fields as carpentry, mechanics, electrical engineering, painting, farming, machine shop operation, welding, etc.

The student should have a good knowledge of basic mathematics. A brief review of the fundamental operations of mathematics will be given at the beginning of the course but time is not available to permit remedial work.

There is no prerequisite for the course.



**RECEPTION HELD**—Col. K. P. Rice cuts cake for friends and co-workers who attended the reception held in the Administration Building following the retirement ceremony. Mrs. Rice stands by her husband while H. G. Wilson, NWC Technical Director, looks on.

## Col. Rice Retires . . .

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with the marching of the Honor Guard in a Pass in Review. Sideboys were ordered to "Man the Side" and RAdm. Moran escorted Col. Rice to the head of the line. It was definitely a momentous occasion as Col. Rice paused and wistfully, perhaps, yet confidently, took a deep breath just prior to being piped ashore into civilian life after 28 years of devotion and honorable service to the U.S. Marine Corps, and to his country. It was a very proud moment too for every guest

attending—to see evidence of the pride and devotion to country as displayed by the military officers and men of the Armed Forces.

Maj. J. L. Pipa, USMC, and Capt. J. M. Jewett, USMC, were escorts at the ceremony. Sideboys were: Captains A. E. May, USN, Deputy Commander; R. S. Moore, USN, Technical Officer; H. D. Parode, USN, Head, Command Administration; W. B. Haff, USN, Plans-Operations Officer; G. W. Jauchler, USN, Senior Medical Officer; and T. D. Stephenson, USN, Dental Officer.

## 28 Year Career Of Col. Rice Includes Many Highlights

Col. K. P. Rice graduated from Cornell University in 1944 with a degree in Electronic Engineering and then enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps as a private. He applied for a commission and following a promotion from PFC to Staff Sergeant on June 19, 1945, was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant on June 20, 1945.

A native of Fresno, California, Col. Rice has attended the post-graduate school at Monterey, and in 1954 received his Master of Science Degree in Aeronautical Engineering from Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

In addition he took a course in Business Administration from the University of Minnesota in 1953.

This is Col. Rice's second tour of duty here. In early 1958 he was stationed here as the Marine Corps Liaison Officer with VX-5, leaving in 1960.

He was later assigned to the El Toro Marine Corps Air Station in California where he remained until 1963. His next duty assignment took him to Headquarters Marine Corps, Office of the Commandant, Deputy Chief of Staff (Research and Development).

Prior to his assignment to NWC, Col. Rice served as Squadron Commander with VMA-211, Military Advisory Group-Twelve at Chulac, Vietnam.

Col. Rice has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, Bronze Star Medal with Combat "V", 10 Air Medals, two Navy Commendation Medals, the Presidential Unit Citation, American Defense Service Medal, European-African Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, World War II Victory Medal, two National Defense Service Medals, Vietnam Service Medal, the Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, the Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Silver Star, a Secretary of the Navy Letter of Commendation with Medal Pendant and a Secretary of the Navy Letter of Achievement.



**NWC VISITOR**—Brig. Gen. D. H. Brooks, USMC, Deputy Chief of Staff, Research, Development and Studies Headquarters, Marine Corps, is greeted at NAF by RAdm. W. J. Moran, NWC Commander, right, and Capt. R. E. McCall, Commanding Officer of NAF, left. General Brooks, who was here to receive briefings on Marine Corps projects, was given a helicopter tour of the Center and was the guest of honor at a no-host reception in the Commissioned Officer's Mess last Monday

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# Navy Appeals and Grievance Examiners Appointed

## Two NWC Men Appointed Here In Ceremony

Arthur E. Newlon, Code 042, and Fred Nathan, Code 172, were recently appointed as Appeals and Grievance Examiners by Secretary of the Navy John H. Chafee. Under revised Civil Service Commission and Navy regulations, these Examiners hear grievances and appeals filed by employees of Naval activities other than their own. Cases can range from grieving a letter of reprimand to appealing a removal action — with the exception of discrimination cases.

The Examiner is authorized to conduct formal hearings or, in the case of grievances, may elect to have an inquiry by such other means as personal interviews, obtaining documentary evidence and/or holding group meetings.

Under the new procedures, examiners must submit not only findings but also recommendations on the disposition of the case to the employee's commanding officer. If the head of the activity elects not to follow the examiner's recommendations, he must submit his reasons to the Office of the Secretary of the Army.

The new Navy instruction points out that Grievance and Appeals Examiners play key roles in assuring just treatment of employees and management. Examiners are given intensive professional training, including a specialized course prescribed by the Commission. They must also have specified managerial and/or technical experience and possess appropriate personal traits befitting their quasi-judicial responsibilities.

## Social Security Rep. At Comm. Center On August 11

The Social Security representative will be at the Community Center Wednesday, August 11, from 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. according to Ann Seitz, manager of the Center.



**DIAZ AWARDED BENNY SUGG**—VX-5's AMH1 Rudolph Diaz last week received a \$150 Beneficial Suggestion check from the Naval Air Systems Command for his development of an improved helicopter rescue cable guide that prevents the rescue cable from breaking. Presenting the check to Diaz is VX-5 Commanding Officer Capt. Tex Birdwell.

(Photo by PH1 D. L. King)



**APPOINTMENT CERTIFICATES PRESENTED**—Dr. N. E. Ward, Associate Technical Director (left) and M. B. Sorge, Head, Central Staff (right), present Certificates of Appointment as Department of the Navy Appeals and Grievance Examiners to Arthur E. Newlon, Scientific Staff Assistant (Code 042) and to Fred Nathan, who oversees the organizational communication and domestic action programs in the Management Division (Code 172).

## Link Between Stress And Coronaries Cited

A possible link between mental stress and coronary artery disease was described at the annual Scientific Sessions of the American Heart Association, according to a report received by the Kern County Heart Association.

A team of New York City investigators told of electrically stimulating animal brain centers and producing sudden increases in blood fats. Accumulation of fats in the arteries can lead to vessel damage and eventually to blockage, bringing on a heart attack.

Scientists have long suspected an intimate connection between heart disease and emotional stress. There is evidence to show, for example, that high-strung, deadline-ridden persons are more vulnerable to a heart attack than the more relaxed individual, but whether this can be directly attributed to a souped-up mental state is open to question.

To Dr. James W. Correll,

spokesman for the research group from the Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons, the experimental results suggest how prolonged stress, by increasing the reservoir of available blood fat, could advance the development of atherosclerosis. This is a form of hardening of the arteries in which fats accumulate on the inside walls of blood vessels.

The Columbia team triggered mental activity in conscious dogs and cats 1-2 hours after a fat-rich feeding. During stimulation, which lasted no longer than four minutes, the clear plasma would turn milky, the result in part of an increase in blood fats — particularly a group of fats called triglycerides.

Two specific regions of the brain were stimulated through implanted electrodes; an area of the hypothalamus and the amygdala nucleus. The former governs such activities as sleep, regulation of blood pressure, urination; the

latter influences emotional activity, such as rage and fear.

The way in which these fatty increases are brought about is still not entirely understood. In part, however, the imposed activity impedes the action of a fat-clearing agent called heparin.

Associated in the study with Correll were Drs. Gerda G. Mayer, Anibal Romero and Roger W. Countee.



**JENKINS RETIRES TO FLEET RESERVE**—During retirement ceremonies held this week in the offices of Lcdr. R. A. Shepard (l), Head, Navy Enlisted Personnel Division of NWC, SHC Charles R. Jenkins (r) was presented a letter of commendation from RAdm. W. J. Moran, NWC Commander, commending him for more than 20 years of excellent service in the U. S. Navy. Since his arrival at NWC in October 1969, Jenkins has served as Assistant to the Resident Officer in Charge of the Commissary Store and RAdm. Moran named Jenkins as one of the chief contributors to improvements in the Commissary Store which now enjoys an even more excellent reputation. Susan Jenkins, wife of Chief Jenkins, and their son, Joker, also attended the ceremonies. Although his hometown is Henderson, Kentucky, the Jenkins will settle in the warmer climate of San Diego, California.

—Photo by PH3 Ronald G. Mills, USN

## PREVENT FOREST FIRES

## Rock Musicians To Perform At Sandquist

Rock musicians from China Lake-Ridgecrest and a jazz group from Bakersfield take the stage Saturday, August 7, at Sandquist Spa in a music festival and picnic sponsored by the Youth Council of China Lake and Ridgecrest.

Admission to the festival is free with a NWC pass or high school, college or military ID. The festival has been sanctioned by NWC authorities.

Heading the program, which will begin at 11 a.m., are local rock groups Frost, Otis Yerre, the Third Level of Clavel, and Richard Reinholdt and Mark Vanbuskirk.

Also scheduled to perform are Cold Duck, a jazz group from Bakersfield, and bluegrass musician Carvel Bass.

The afternoon jam session will last from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and the concert and festival will begin at 6 p.m. and last until 11 p.m.

Persons attending the festival must wear shoes and park in specified areas. No one under 15 will be admitted to the festival and no drugs or alcohol will be allowed.

Food and soft drinks will be on sale at the festival.

## EM Club News

Bob Furey, manager of the "Jolly Roger," (EM Club) announces that the "Golden State Music Co." will provide the entertainment at the club this weekend.

Music will be played from 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. on Friday and Saturday, August 6 and 7. All members and their guests are invited to attend.

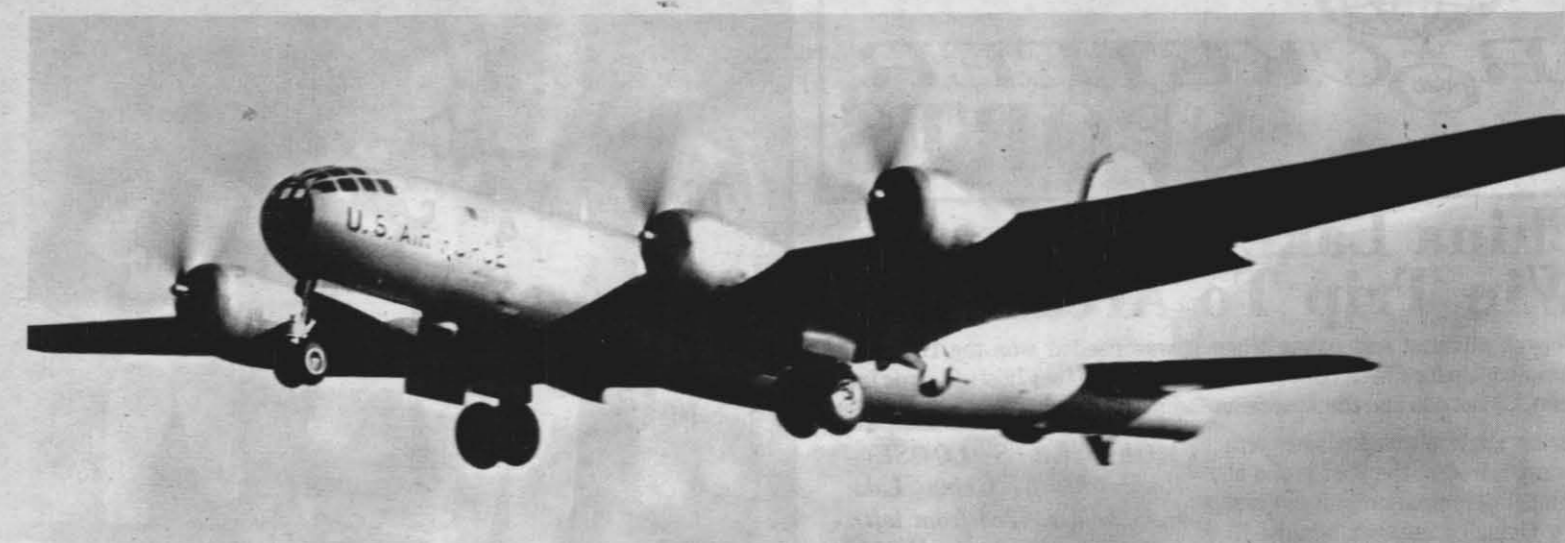
# Historic Bird Flies to New Roost in Texas

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taxied out on the flight line and lifted her nose into the morning sun. Earlier, a flat tire on the nose gear nearly delayed the flight, but a replacement tire was found and installed and the plane's flight got underway in time not to interfere with normal NAF and VX-5 operations.

Pilots of the aircraft were Randy Sohn and Dick Disney and Jack Kern and Roger Baker served as flight engineers on the trip. Others aboard on the historic flight were Lefty Gardner, co-pilot, and Jim McCafferty and Darrell Skurich, observers.

The plane arrived safely at Harlingen shortly before 3 p.m. Tuesday.



**HISTORIC FLIGHT**—B-29 44-62070, the world's only flying B-29, lifted her nose into the air at 7:28 a.m. Tuesday for her historic flight to

Harlingen, Texas, where she will become part of the Confederate Air Force's Museum of World War II aircraft.

## Assessment Now Due For Fletcher Death

Larry Mason, secretary-treasurer of the Government Employees Benefit Association and the China Lake Mutual Aid Society has announced that Assessment 237 is now due for the death of Kenneth Fletcher.

Fletcher, who was 65 years of age, succumbed to a stroke on Friday, July 30, at the local hospital. He was a retired employee of Code 5545.

Mason advises that many members who were on vacation have not yet paid for assessment 235. All members are urged to see the collector in their work area and bring all assessments up-to-date.

Anyone interested in joining these associations can contact Larry Mason at 375-2846 after working hours.

## 'Music Man' To Run Again This Weekend

Little Theater fans will have two more nights in which to see "The Music Man," Meredith Wilson's two-act drama about a con-artist salesman who got his foot "caught in the door." The CLOTA summer production, directed by Jack Lindsey, will play tonight and tomorrow night, beginning at 8:15 p.m., at the new Lecture Center.

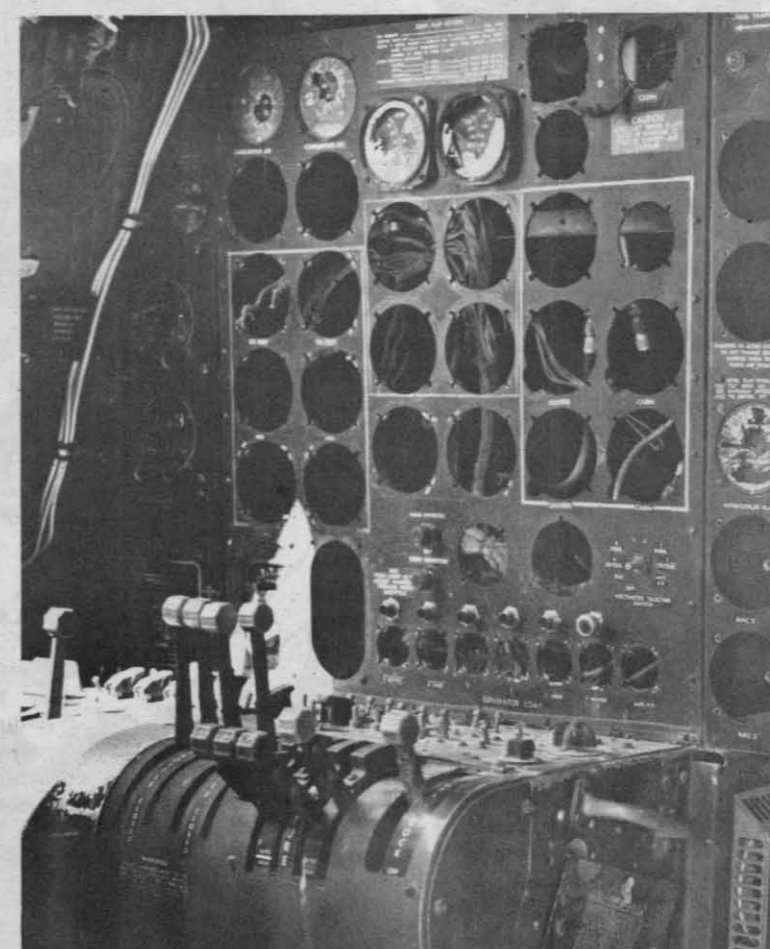
Tickets, priced at \$2 general admission and \$1 for students (through high school) are available at the door.

## Men Bowlers Sked Tournery At China Lake

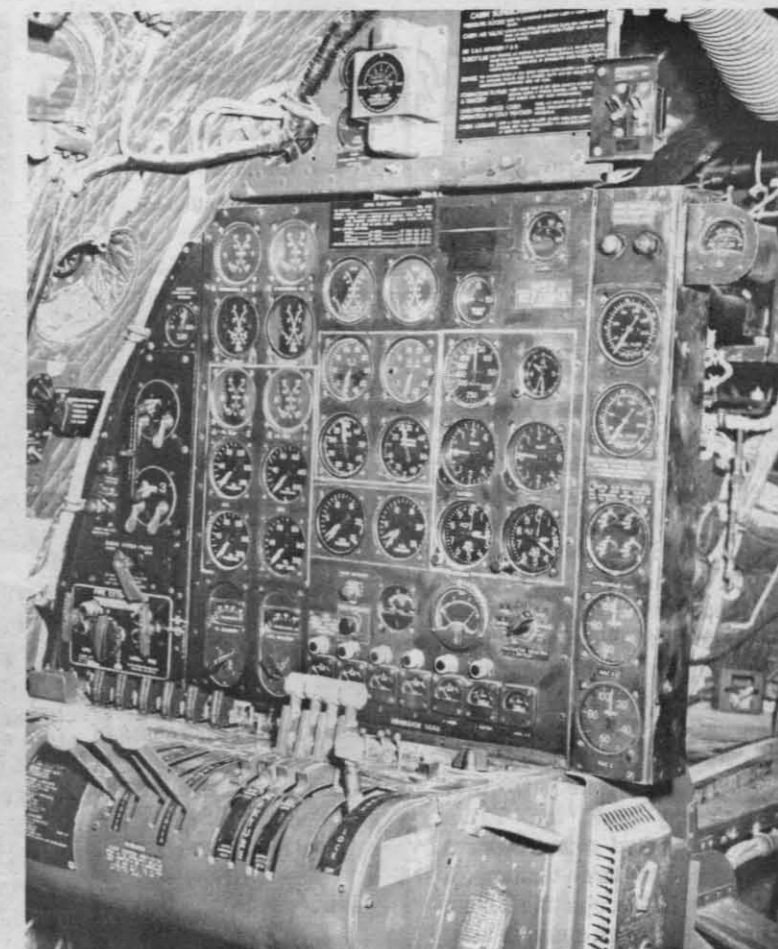
The Men's Bowling Association has scheduled a handicap tournament to be held August 23rd, 24th and 26th at the Hall Memorial Lanes, on the Naval Weapons Center.

Five games across 10 lanes, handicapped 2-3 of 210, with a guaranteed first prize of \$150 is the format for the first annual Men's Summer Singles Handicap Classic, according to Thad Brightwell, chairman of the event.

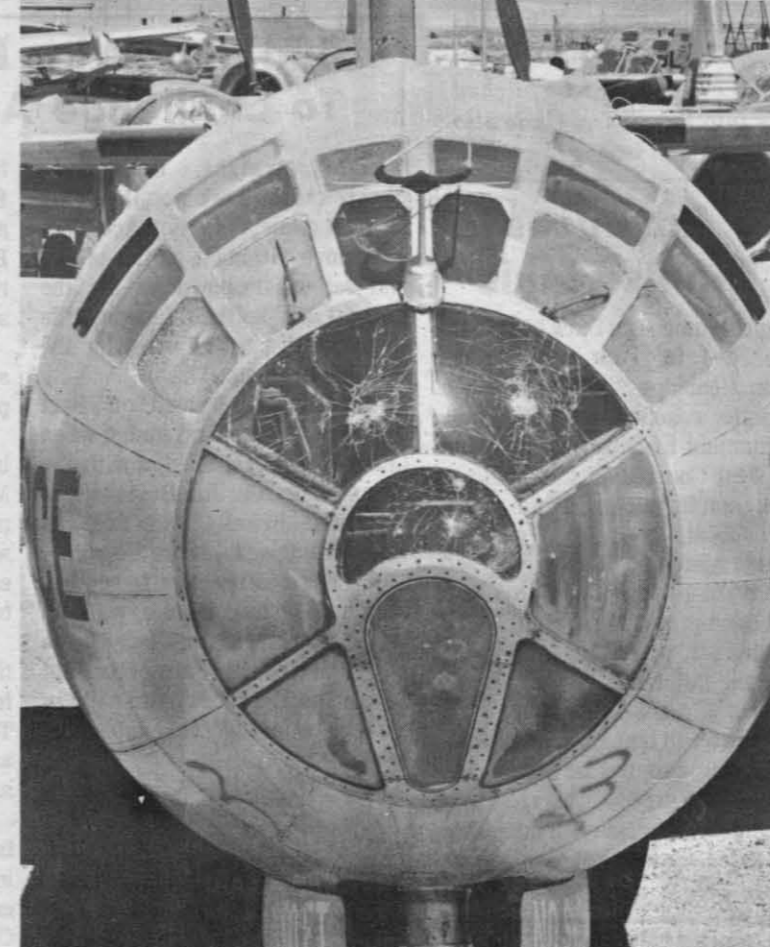
Entry fee is \$3.25 and the event is open to all Association bowlers.



**BEFORE**—This pilot's instrument panel was the result of 17 years of being used as a target at China Lake.



**AFTER**—The instrument panel as it looks now following nine weeks of careful restoration by the Confederate Air Force.



**NOSE JOB**—New glass bubbles were ordered manufactured to replace the broken ones, such as those seen in this photograph of the aircraft prior to restoration.

## FRA Auxiliary Disbands As Independent Unit

Fleet Reserve Association Ladies Auxiliary No. 95 has disbanded as an independent unit effective at the end of fiscal year 1970-71, auxiliary officials announced this week.

The unit, chartered in 1945, encountered an uphill struggle over the years to foster a program in accordance with national standards while striving to fill with the needs of the branch for feminine aid in this area. Accordingly, the members voted unanimously in June to surrender their charter, at least temporarily, and transfer to the rolls of member-at-large.

Verna Wheeler, charter member, past president, and terminating treasurer of the unit, expressed the sentiments of the members: "We old-timers feel a certain nostalgia as our organization comes to an official end. However, as individuals, we are pledged to the proposition that our sponsoring husbands, brothers, and fathers at China Lake will always be able to call on us for help in their ever-expanding program." Mrs. Wheeler added, "As

members-at-large, our numerical strength still stands back of the FRA efforts on behalf of the career serviceman and woman in Washington."

Even though there will be no more auxiliary meetings as such, any women who wish to accompany branch members to their meetings and take part in the sociability that follows are welcome to make themselves at home in the "women's section" at the clubhouse at 365 McIntyre.

The branch meets regularly on the second Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. The next meeting will be on Monday, August 9, and all members and prospective members are invited. Any man or woman with at least four years of active enlisted service, plus two years of obligated federal duty, in the Navy, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard, is eligible for membership.

The Mariner 2 spacecraft sent data from the planet Venus across 36 million miles of space using only three watts of power—about the amount used for an ordinary flashlight bulb.