

Promotional Opportunities...

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to work independently and deal effectively with others within and outside the Department. Supervisory capability is required. Minimum Qualification Requirements: 1 year of general and 2 years of specialized experience as defined in CSC Handbook X-118. File applications with Pat Gaunt, Bldg. 34, Rm. 202, Ph. 2723.

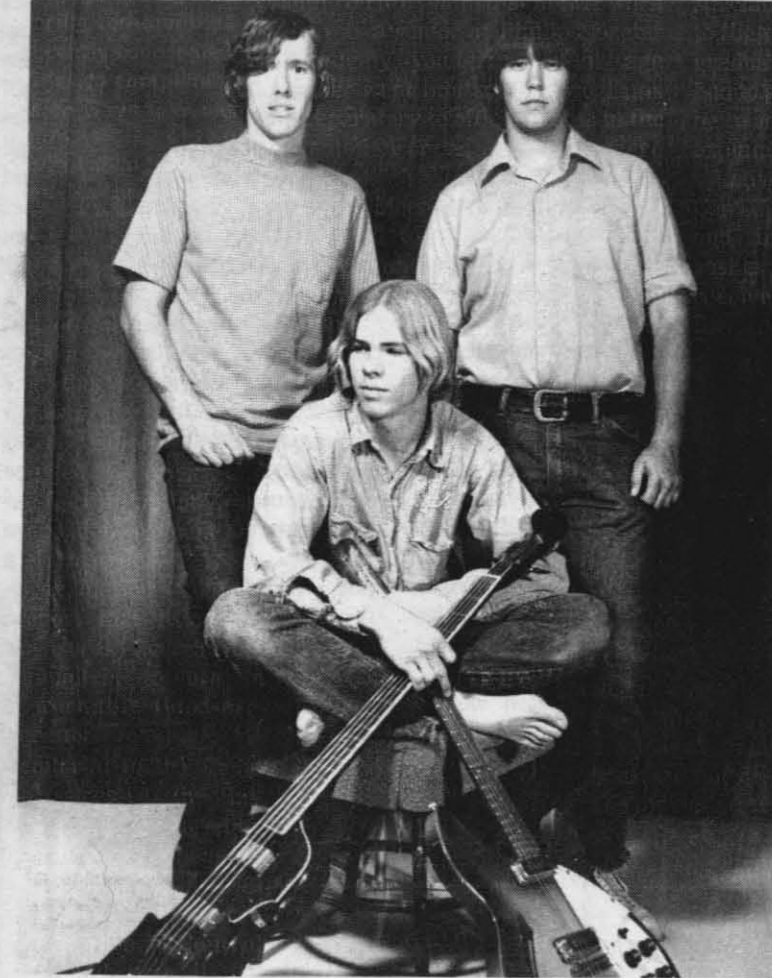
compatibility of the CONDOR Missile Weapon System with the A-4E TRAM aircraft. The position is located in the CONDOR Program Office of the Weapons Development Department. Technical management of contractor and other Navy field activity effort is required. Job Relevant Criteria: Thorough knowledge of A-4 avionics functions and capabilities is required. Experience as an A-4 Bombardier-Navigator is desirable. Minimum Qualification Requirements: As defined in CSC Handbook X-118. File application for the above with Elizabeth Sodergren, Bldg. 34, Rm. 206, Ph. 2676.

Local Chapter Of EAA To Be Formed Here

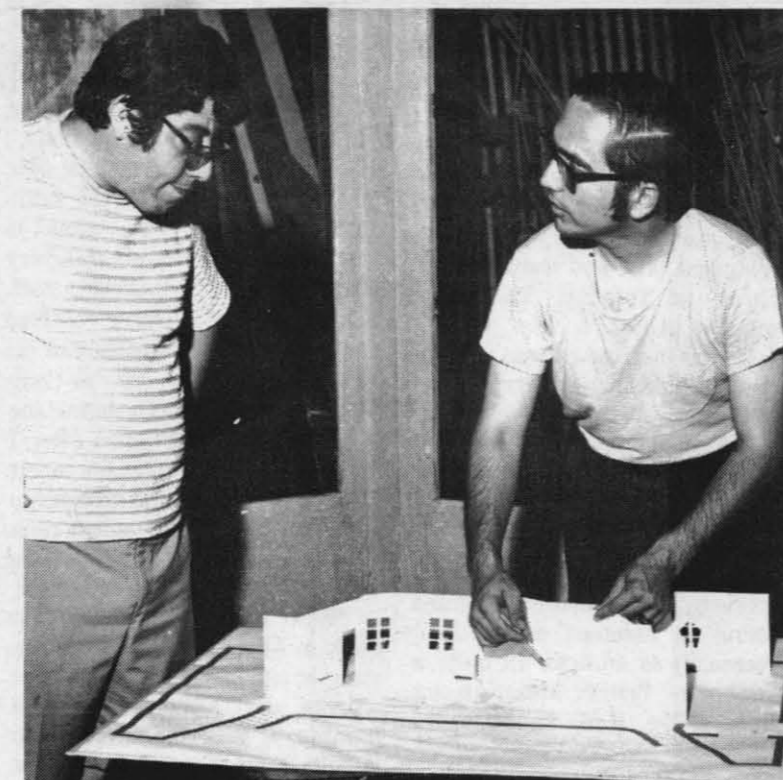
A meeting of persons interested in forming a local chapter of the International Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) will be held Monday at 7:30 p.m. in the Sidewinder Room of the Community Center.

COM Slates Dance Tonight In Mojave Room

Jacques Reinaldo, manager of the Commissioned Officers' Mess, has announced that "The Phantoms" will play for a dance tonight in the Mojave Room from 9 p.m. until 1:30 a.m. In addition, he also announced the hours for the new package store, effective Aug. 1. The store will be closed on Sunday and Monday, but will open from 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Hours of operation on Fridays are 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., and on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.



TO PLAY FOR SUMMER PARTY—"Three Way Street," pictured above, will provide the musical accompaniment for the annual summer party for new professionals, scheduled to be held Thursday, Aug. 3, on the lanai of the Commissioned Officers' Mess. The party, an annual event for new JP's, summer and permanent professional employees, will be held from 7 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Hor's douevres and liquid refreshments will be served. JP's and their guests will be charged \$1.50 per person, while all other professionals and their guests must pay \$2.50 per person. Those desiring further information are asked to contact Gus Gaar, NWC Ext. 3597.



PLAZA SUITE—Discussing details of furniture placement, James J. Rosolanka (right), technical director for the CLOTA production of "Plaza Suite," shows Loren Russakov, one of the production's three directors, his scale model of the set. The sparkling Neil Simon comedy is scheduled to run locally for five nights, Aug. 4, 5, 9, 11 and 12 at the Burroughs High School Lecture Center. Tickets for the production can now be obtained from cast members and from the Center pharmacy and at the Gift Mart in Ridgcrest.

'Plaza Suite' Rehearsals in Final Preparation for Aug. 4 Opening

Every night this week the old Davis Hangar at the south end of Ridgcrest resounds with the noises of a production in the process of getting itself together. In the largest room, Jim Rosolanka, technical director for the Community Light Opera and Theatre Association (CLOTA) production of "Plaza Suite," wields a brush covered with green paint, as he and a team of helpers ready the flats necessary to recreate a suite in New York's Plaza Hotel. In other parts of the building the three separate casts in this three-episode play run through their lines, speaking loudly over the constant whirr of the air conditioner.

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 (PG) - ALL AGES ADMITTED Parental Guidance Suggested (R) - RESTRICTED Under 17 requires accompanying Parent or Adult Guardian

FRI. 28 July "THE GATLING GUN" (93 Min.) Robert Fuller, Guy Stockwell, Woody Strode (Western) Three renegade soldiers steal the Army's only Gatling gun and plan to sell it to the Apaches for gold. But a young Lieutenant tries to upset the plan before the Indians get it. Also stars Barbara Luna, Pat Wayne, John Carradine and Phil Harris. Another action special. (PG) "SQUATTER'S RIGHTS" (7 Min.) "WHIRLY BIRDS" (9 Min.) SAT. 29 July -MATINEE- "TOMBOY & THE CHAMP" (92 Min.) Candy Moore "MICKY'S GARDEN" (7 Min.) "TEACHERS ARE PEOPLE" (7 Min.) -EVENING- "FOOL'S PARADE" (98 Min.) James Stewart, George Kennedy (Action-Drama) Here is a thrill packed "sleeper" about a trio of released prisoners with a \$25,000 check that draws gunfire like a magnet. An offbeat roll for Jimmy as a one-eyed killer, tougher'n nails and twice as sharp! (PG) "TRICK OR TREAT" (7 Min.) SUN. & MON. 30-31 July "FROGS" (91 Min.) Ray Milland, Adam Roarke (Horror) Chills and laughs in equal doses in this put-on about an ancient head-of-the-family who assembles his clan each 4th of July on his private island, one riddled with giant frogs! Ecology strikes back? (PG) "VOYAGE FROM TAHITI" (15 Min.) TUES. & WED. 1-2 August "MADE FOR EACH OTHER" (107 Min.) Renee Taylor, Joseph Bologna (Comedy) FUNNIEST FILM OF THE YEAR is about two hilarious misfits, he an Italian boy who breaks women's hearts, and she a Jewish entertainer who never reaches her goal of fame and fortune. Based in part on the stars own lives this wacky film proves that romance can be awfully funny. (GP) "BEACHCOMBER" (9 Min.) THURS. & FRI. 3-4 August "PERCY" (98 Min.) Hywel Bennett, Cyd Hayman (Comedy) Mr. Anthony had an accident and became the world's first recipient of this kind of a transplant! His curiosity in trying to find out who the donor was creates a series of jokes not intended for conservatives. (R) "LITTLE BEAU PINK" (7 Min.)

YOUTH CENTER MOVIES

The Youth Center-sponsored movies for next week are as follows: Tuesday, 1 August - "The Absent Minded Professor," and an MGM cartoon. Wednesday, 2 August - "Doctor Dolittle," and "Ice Cream Man." Thursday, 3 August - "Gargo," and an MGM cartoon. Admission is free to Youth Center members whose dues are paid on a yearly basis and that expire after 1 September. Admission is 25 cents to all others. Passes are not required. The movies start at 1 p.m. in the Center Theater.

Don't forget to attend the BHS production of "Half a Sixpence," tonight or tomorrow night at the Lecture Center.

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Next NWC Commander Chosen

The Chief of Naval Personnel released this week the name of Rear Admiral Selectee William L. Harris, Jr., as the next Commander, Naval Weapons Center to relieve Rear Admiral W. J. Moran. The change of command is expected to take place around the end of September.

Rear Admiral Selectee Harris is presently Commanding Officer USS MIDWAY (CVA 41).

William Lawrence Harris, Jr., was born in Kansas City, Mo., on Jan. 10, 1924, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Harris. After finishing Central High School in Kansas City, Mo., he attended the Kansas City Junior College for two years. He joined the Navy's V-5 program in November 1942 and subsequently entered the Naval Academy in 1943. He was commissioned an Ensign in June 1946 and served two years in USS PRINCETON (CV 37).

He commenced flight training in 1948 and was designated a Naval Aviator in August 1949. He flew the A-1 Skyraider in Attack Squadron 75 (VA 75) from September 1949 through 1953. While in VA 75 he took part in one Korean deployment with Air Wing SEVEN in USS BON HOMME RICHARD (CVA 31), for which he was awarded two Air Medals, three Letters of Commendation, and the Navy Unit Citation.

He attended the Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, Calif., graduating in June 1956 with a B.S. in Aeronautical Engineering and an M.S. in Electrical Engineering. He next served from August 1956 through July 1959 in Attack Squadron 34 (VA 34) as Maintenance and Operations Officer flying first the F7U-3 Cutlass, and then the A-4 Skyhawk from USS SARATOGA (CVA 60). He then attended Naval War College, Newport, R.I., from August 1959 to June 1960.

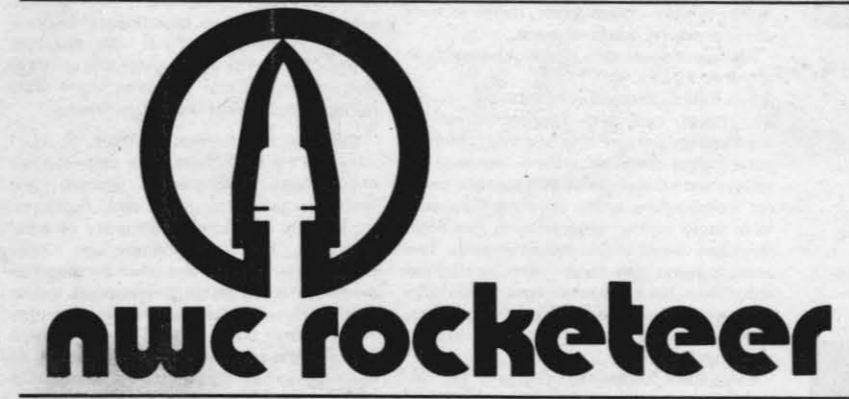
Through July 1962 he was the A-6 Weapons Systems Project Officer in the RDT&E Group of the Bureau of Naval Weapons, Washington, D.C. He joined Attack Squadron 76 (VA 76) in December 1962 as Executive Officer, flying the A-4, assigned to Air Wing SIX in USS ENTERPRISE (CVA(N) 65). From August 1963 through May 1964 he was Commanding Officer of Attack Squadron 75 (VA 75), the Navy's first fleet A-6 squadron.

Following a year at Bainbridge, Md., and Arco, Ida., he qualified as a Nuclear Propulsion Plant Operator. He was assigned to USS ENTERPRISE (CVA(N) 65) from July 1965 to December 1966, serving as Operations Officer during that ship's first Vietnam deployment. For his contributions to the (Continued on Page 5)



Rear Adm. Selectee W. L. Harris, Jr.

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FLOOD DAMAGE—Debris, including a wrecked car swept against a bridge by the raging waters is typical of the damage left by the flood that devastated Rapid City, S.D., and neighboring communities on June 9. Weather expert Dr. Pierre St. Amand recently cooperated with two other internationally recognized authorities to complete a study on the flood and to make recommendations on ways to avoid such terrible destruction and loss of lives in the future.

Local Expert Chairs Rapid City Flood Inquiry Board

On June 9, newspaper readers across the country became aware of a disastrous flood in Rapid City, South Dakota. Sweeping down through the canyons of the Black Hills into the valley below, the flood destroyed many millions of dollars worth of property in Rapid City and neighboring communities, killed 232 persons, and left 11 persons missing.

Here in the Indian Wells Valley, concern for the victims of this flood motivated the recent highly successful fund-raising Radiothon over Radio Station KLOA.

A China Lake resident and employee of NWC has been involved in the aftereffects of the Rapid City flood in a manner that may have far-reaching consequences. Shortly after the flood, the South Dakota Weather Control Commission requested the expert assistance of Dr. Pierre St. Amand, head of the Earth and Planetary Sciences Division of the Research Department. Dr. St. Amand, an internationally recognized authority on water management, was asked to serve as Chairman of a Board of Inquiry on the June 9 flood.



"FAMILY REALLY LIKES CHINA LAKE"—Capt. Robert S. Moore, new Commanding Officer of NAF, relaxes in his office with his family. Sons Roger (standing left) and Charles enjoy their friends and the outdoor life available in this area. Of his wife, Paulette, Capt. Moore says, "Like many Navy wives she was not at all enchanted with coming to China Lake for the first time. Now she really likes it here—she's very enthusiastic about the place."

Fate, Luck Play Large Role In Career of Capt. Moore

Captain Robert S. Moore leaned back in his chair and smiled. "Well, I don't really know if you can say I had an original motivation to make the Navy my career," he said. "My initial goal when I got out of prep school was to be an engineer, in fact I had plans to go to M.I.T. But it was World War II."

NAF's new Commanding Officer went on to explain that in 1944 when he was a senior at Phillips Exeter Academy, young men of his age either went into special programs preparatory to officer status in the Armed Forces or they were drafted.

Capt. Moore joined a V5 program designed to lead to an aviation career, and was sworn into the Navy in April, 1944. He went to Bates College in Lewiston, Maine,

as an apprentice seaman. In 1948 he received Congressman Robert Hale's principal appointment to the Naval Academy at Annapolis, an appointment he won on the basis of his high score in a competitive exam.

His class of 1949 was the second class to graduate from the Academy under a new rule allowing those who wished to specialize in aviation to go directly to flight school. "In the old days a graduate of the Naval Academy had to go to sea regardless of what he wanted to specialize in," he explained.

Lady Luck was an occupant of Capt. Moore's dorm room and he and his roommates got their wishes when it came time to receive assignments. He explained that preference numbers were

School Bd. To Consider Action On Unification

Consideration of a motion indicating the intent of the China Lake Elementary School District board of trustees to proceed with implementation of the steps necessary to call an election on the question of unification of local schools will be among the major items of interest at next Tuesday night's meeting of the China Lake School Board.

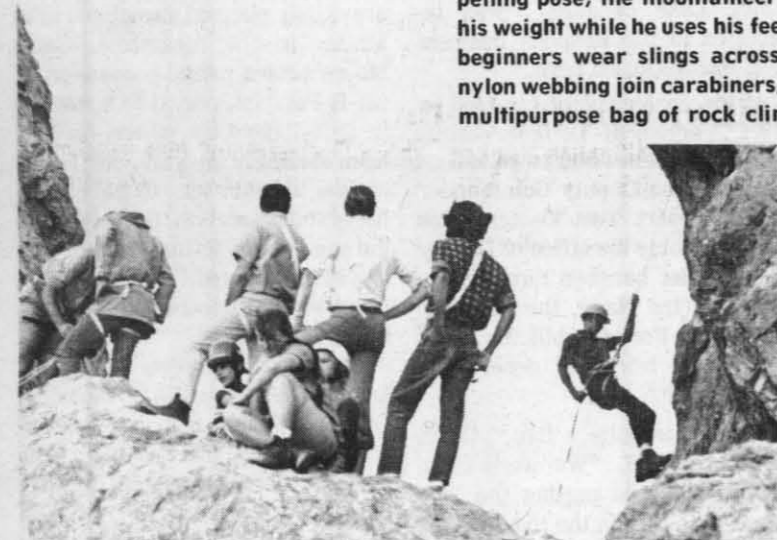
The meeting, which is open to all interested persons, will be held in the Murray School library, starting at 7 p.m. According to Dr. Sol Spears, superintendent of schools at China Lake, a committee composed of school administrators, school board members and laymen from both the China Lake Elementary and Indian Wells Valley Union School Districts has come to the consensus that "unification would be both a logical and advantageous route for this area."

Unification of schools refers to the combining into one district of all public schools covering the kindergarten through 12th grade, and consideration will be given to not only including Burroughs High but schools of the Rand District as well with the two local elementary school districts to form one unified school system, Dr. Spears said. Whether the preliminary work (Continued on Page 5)



NOVICE MOUNTAINEERS—Roped and helmeted for safety, beginners attempt climbing and rappelling on several of the routes up and down the face of Robber's Roost that the China Lake Mountain Rescue Group has established in over more than a decade of summer sessions on safe climbing techniques.

BEGINNERS WATCH TECHNIQUE—Silhouetted against the evening sky, beginning mountaineering enthusiasts watch a member of CLMRG descend the rock behind them. Caught in a classic rappelling pose, the mountaineer leans back and lets the rope support his weight while he uses his feet for balance and control. Many of the beginners wear slings across their chests. These strong loops of nylon webbing join carabiners, ropes and pitons in the mountaineer's multipurpose bag of rock climbing aids.

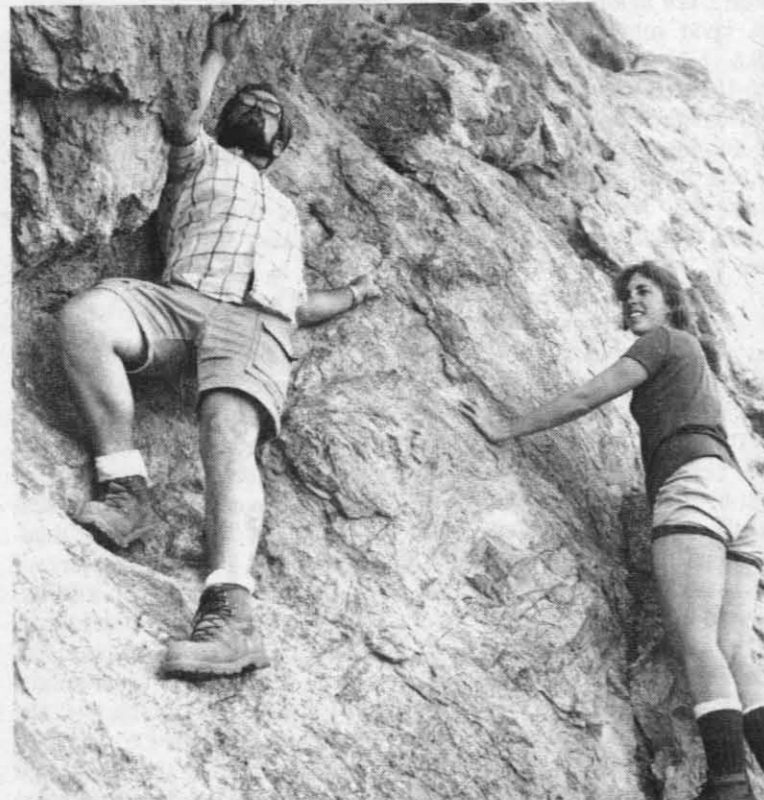


Lookin' Up
By Ron Mills
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Lookin' Down
By Dan Yeatts

The China Lake Mountain Rescue Group (CLMRG) is a highly motivated group of mountaineering enthusiasts who have dedicated their leisure hours to the rescue of people lost or injured in the mountains.

Because this avocation has made them acutely aware of the dangers of foolhardiness and ignorance in the mountains, members of CLMRG have spent more than ten summers instructing beginners of all ages in climbing techniques, mountain safety, first aid, hiking equipment, and route-finding.

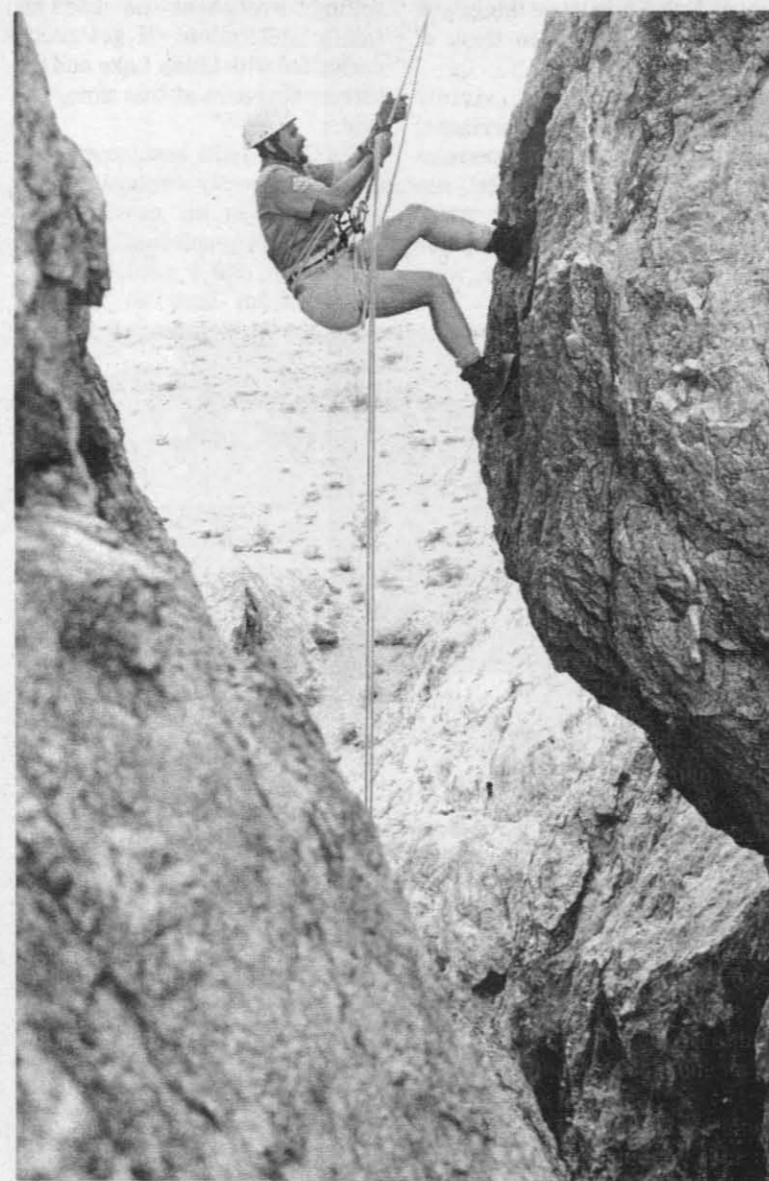
This summer a group of mountaineering enthusiasts has been clambering every Tuesday evening over the brown, craggy rock of Robber's Roost, and has made two strenuous trips into the Sierra Nevada under the watchful eyes of CLMRG members. Not only have the beginners been made more aware of safety in mountaineering, they have been having a wonderful time.



PRACTICE CLIMBING—Beginners practice rock climbing near the ground along a rock face at Robber's Roost. They never get more than four feet above the ground on this section of rock, yet they encounter many challenges as they struggle for hand and foot holds where many have struggled before them. By the time the beginners attempt some of the climbs up the face of Robber's Roost, they have achieved a degree of confidence and coordination gained by their struggles and successes along this rock wall.



DESCENT BEGINS — Arold Green, one of CLMRG's most competent and experienced members begins his descent down a precipitous rock face. An ingenious arrangement of carabiners, the oblong metal snap links mountaineers use in a variety of situations, allows Green to use friction to control the amount of rope he feeds out as he takes short jumps backward down the rock. The CLMRG stresses that rappelling is a dangerous mountaineering technique, not to be attempted by unsupervised amateurs.



RAPPELLING DEMONSTRATED—Descending an overhang, Lee Lucas, president of the Mountain Rescue Group, leans well out from the rock in a demonstration of correct rappelling technique. Members of the CLMRG stay in shape for their arduous rescue missions through a series of planned backpacking and climbing trips throughout the year and through individually pursued programs of jogging, running, swimming or similar strenuous exercise.

NWC Gears for Triennial Plant Account Inventory

Bright orange and yellow folders containing background information and instructions for the inventory taker were distributed to department representatives by Central Staff personnel at the opening of the 1st Triennial Inventory Meeting on Monday morning at the Community Center.

Serving as a pleasant introduction to the attendees for an otherwise dull, routine job, this new, fresh approach to the start of an inventory of 32,500 pieces of plant property at NWC, the largest of any DOD facility in the country, was planned and executed by members of Central Staff.

After welcoming the 100 departmental representatives in attendance, Fran Fletcher, who heads the Accounting and Disbursing Division in Central Staff, turned the podium over to Kermit Boles, head of Central Plant Property, Central Staff, who was in charge of the meeting. The latter explained the innovative effort being launched to present inventory taking in the easiest, most factual way - one that hopefully was painless and

palatable for all involved.

Leroy Doig, a consultant in Code 4009 and representative of the Instrumentation - Photocollateral Committee, then spoke to the assembly. He told of the need for accumulating additional specific data required in the inventory for committee use. These were: condition of equipment, type, availability and percentage of time used.

The first inventory search started on Wednesday of this week and will continue to Aug. 18. Central Staff hopes to pick up 85 per cent of NWC's gross inventory on this run, which will allow them to zero in on the remaining plant equipment and thus wind up the job by March 31, 1973.

The job will be considered complete when all items in the departments have been recorded, according to Connie Crawley, spokesman for Central Staff. "If the equipment is under a cactus on G-Range, we will know which cactus it is, and where," she added.

New NWC Commander...

(Continued from Page 1) combat effectiveness of the ship-air wing team he was awarded the Bronze Star Medal.

From January 1967 through August 1968 he served as Executive Assistant and Naval Aide to the Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research and Development. In November 1968, Rear Admiral Selectee Harris assumed command of USS ALAMO (LSD 33), which completed a deployment in support of U.S. Forces in Vietnam in September 1969. For his services while ALAMO was in Amphibious Ready Group BRAVO, he received a Gold Star in lieu of second Bronze Star Medal. He served as Force Readiness Officer for COMNAVAIRPAC from May 1970 through May 1971. Rear Admiral Selectee Harris assumed com-

mand of USS MIDWAY in May 1971.

In addition to the aforementioned decorations, Rear Admiral Selectee Harris has earned the following Campaign and Service Medals: American Campaign, World War II Victory, China Service, Navy Occupation Service (Europe and Asia), National Defense Service, Korean Service, Armed Forces Expeditionary, Vietnam Service, United Nations Service, Korean Presidential Unit Citation, Vietnam Campaign, and Vietnam Armed Forces Meritorious Unit Citation.

He is married to the former Jean Odence of Great Neck, N.Y. They reside aboard NAS, Alameda, Calif., with their five children ages 10 through 18.



NEW APPROACH TO PLANT ACCOUNT INVENTORY REVEALED—Innovations making the Triennial Plant Account Inventory more palatable to departmental representatives were discussed Monday at the Community Center. Speakers at the meeting were (l. to r.) Kermit Boles, head, Central Plant Property; Fran Fletcher, head, Accounting and Disbursing Division; Don Green, associate head, Accounting and Disbursing Division, all of Central Staff, and Leroy Doig, Consultant, Code 4009, representative of the Instrumentation-Photocollateral Committee. Over 100 department representatives who attended the meeting were given instructions about the triennial inventory, which began on July 26 and will continue until every item in NWC's 32,500 plant inventory is completed.

School Board To Consider Unification...

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necessary to bring such a proposal up for election can be accomplished prior to the General Election in November is doubtful. However, if a special election could be held prior to Jan. 1, 1973, resulting in a favorable vote on the unification question, then the changeover to a unified school district would take place on July 1, 1973.

If the school unification question cannot be brought to a vote until some time after next Jan. 1, then the earliest that school unification could go into effect (if approved by the voters) would be July 1, 1974.

A number of advantages are foreseen in the move to form a unified school district here, Grant Pinney, the China Lake School District's assistant superintendent for business, stated.

To begin with, Pinney noted, there would be a savings in overall administrative costs that would permit more money to be utilized for instructional purposes.

It also was pointed out by Pinney that once Burroughs High becomes part of a unified school district whose student body is composed at least 25 per cent of federally impacted students (which would be the case under unification), the Burroughs High portion of the new unified district would be eligible for 100 per cent federal aid.

In contrast, at the present time, the Kern High School District receives 90 per cent federal aid based on the number of federally impacted students at Burroughs. What this would mean in terms of money for support of a unified school district in the local area would be an increase of \$59 for each of Burroughs High School's students, or more than \$112,000 for the 1,900 students this coming school year.

In addition, Pinney continued, establishment of a unified school district would make it possible to shift students into empty classrooms in one or another area of the district.

During the coming school year, nine classrooms and six huts at China Lake will be rented to the IWV Union School District and

these 15 classrooms plus another six used by special education classes will be vacated a year from September when the IWV School District is expected to have completed some additional classroom construction, and a new complex for special education students will be completed at China Lake.

Under a unified school district it would then be possible in September, 1973, for ninth graders to be combined with seventh and eighth graders to form a separate junior high school at China Lake, thus alleviating the growing classroom shortage at Burroughs High. This is another potential benefit of school unification, Pinney said.

Housing Office Lists Actions

The recently revised Naval Weapons Center Housing Policy allows for temporary adjustment of precedence levels to assure full utilization of family housing assets.

Precedence level C may now apply for two bedroom hill duplexes, according to a recent release from the NWC Housing Office.

Persons desiring more information are asked to contact the Housing Office.

Sand To Go

The sand now present on the roads in the Capehart and Wherry Housing areas will be removed next week.

Tenants in the affected areas will be notified as to the time and day of the operation by the NWC Housing Office. Their cooperation in this matter will be greatly appreciated.



NEWCOMERS' PARTY—At Tuesday morning's party for newcomers, Albert B. Christman, head of TID's Publishing Division, entertains (left to right) Mrs. Patricia Stump, manager of the Ridgecrest Chamber of Commerce; Mrs. Louise Moran, wife of the NWC Commander; and Mrs. Jane Wilson, wife of the NWC Technical Director, with some of his stories about the Center's early days. Part of a very small contingent of men, Christman served as token male integration in a crowd of several hundred new women employees and wives of new employees who met on the grassy park across from RADM. Moran's quarters for a get-acquainted chat. Department, division, and branch head wives were on hand to extend China Lake's hospitality to the newcomers. A brief program featured J. H. McGlothlin, NWC Public Affairs Officer, Mrs. Stump, and Christman, who gave a charming talk on the role of women in the early days of this facility.