

# Gem and Mineral Show To Open at Community Center

Exhibits of gems, minerals, fossils, jewelry, lapidary specialties and Indian artifacts will be on display Saturday and Sunday during the 16th annual Gem and Mineral Show, sponsored by the Indian Wells Valley Gem and Mineral Society, at the Community Center.

The doors will be open from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Saturday and from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday.

In addition, special exhibits of fine minerals by Ralph Merrill, of Minerals Unlimited, and spectacular quartz crystals, displayed by Milton Speckels, as well as carved jade placed on view by Stan and Lolette Dalbec, of the IWW Rock Shop, will be tastefully arranged at the show.

Demonstrations of silver working will be presented by Ramona Orton and some of her fine jewelry also will be on display. Lapidary equipment will be in operation on the Community Center's patio to show visitors how rocks can be cut and made into jewelry or polished.

Ed Wagner will once again do his "black light" painting on Saturday evening and Sunday afternoon. This feature has been very popular in past years at the show.

On tap will be movies every hour on the hour. Scheduled are films about diamond mining and processing, oil prospecting, Chinese jade carving, geology of the earth's formation, and lapidary work.

A sales booth will be well stocked with geodes — hollow rocks lined with sparkling crystals. Those who purchase geodes can have them cut open by Frank Thorpe, lapidary chairman, and his crew, who will be operating the rock saws on the patio.

This year there is a goodly assortment of door prizes. Hand-crafted silver jewelry has been prepared by local artisans Mildred Deharold, Ramona Orton, Virginia Askerman, Frank Crescenzo and Dick Fulmer. In addition, Pam Jacobson has donated a watercolor painting of a local desert scene. These and a number of other rock jewelry items will be given away

## Annual Catholic Dinner Dance Planned Nov. 17

The Catholic congregation of the All Faith Chapel will sponsor its 10th annual dinner dance on Friday, Nov. 17, at the Community Center. Tickets, priced at \$8.50 per person, can be purchased following Sunday Masses.

The dinner will feature shrimp cocktail, prime rib, and champagne, and will be catered by the Chief Petty Officers' Club. In addition, Dan Lydon's group, "The Tempos," will supply dance music.

A cocktail hour begins at 7 p.m. and dinner will be served from 8 until 9. Dancing will be from 9 until 1 a.m.

Persons desiring more information may contact Mary Clinton at 446-7123.

### CHAMPUS DENTAL CLAIMS

CHAMPUS dental claims for orthodontic care received under the Program for the Handicapped will be computer-processed in the near future.

during the two-day show.

Three field trips have been planned by the show committee, led by Craig Rae, chairman. On Saturday, participants in a trip to the Glass Mountain (Coso) area will leave at 10 a.m. to hunt for fayalite crystals in obsidian (range conditions permitting).

A second trip is planned at nearly the same time to Rainbow Ledge in search of the famous jasp-agate found there. Rainbow Ledge is about one-half hour's drive from China Lake.

On Sunday, another trip to Rainbow Ledge is planned, starting at 10 a.m. All participants in the field trips should bring drinking water, plenty of gasoline, lunch, sturdy clothes and boots, safety glasses, gloves and a rock bag.

**Homecoming Queen To Be Crowned Tonight**  
The annual Homecoming celebration at Burroughs High School will reach a climax tonight when the coronation of the 1972 Homecoming Queen will take place at 7 o'clock at the football field.

Val Benson, Dianne Paulsen and Yolee Rusciolli are the three candidates for the title of Homecoming queen.

This is Spirit Day at Burroughs and the students will be active most of the day with a parade, band concert and a rally to be held in front of the school library at 2 p.m.

At 3 o'clock, a parade will be held through the streets of Ridgecrest, led by the Burroughs marching band. Decorated floats and cars will trail behind the band as the students of Burroughs whip themselves into a cheering, screaming unit in preparation for the big game tonight at 8:15 between the Burros and Palmdale varsity gridiron teams.

Homecoming 1972 will be concluded tomorrow with a picnic at noon on the lawn in front of the library for Burroughs' alumni and the annual Homecoming Dance, which is to be held from 8 until midnight at the multi-use room.



**KING-SIZE GEODE**—Dick Fulmer, right, publicity chairman for the annual Indian Wells Valley Gem and Mineral Show, looks over a large geode with George Brown, a visitor at a past show. This year's affair will be held Saturday and Sunday at the Community Center, beginning at 10 a.m. both days. The geode in this photo weighs 130 lb. and was found in the Randsburg Wash area a number of years ago. Geodes are hollow rocks that, when cut open are found to contain many beautiful crystals. Visitors to the exhibit will be able to purchase geodes (although not as large as this one) and have them cut open by attendants operating rock saws on the patio of the Community Center during the show.

## Orchestra Selects Varied Program for Concert Sun.

The Desert Community Orchestra has scheduled its Fall Festival of Music at 4 p.m. Sunday in the Burroughs High School Lecture Center.

The program, under the baton of Charles Wood of Bakersfield College, includes the "Overture to Beatrice and Benedict," by Berlioz, the Prokofiev "Concerto No. 1," Franz Schubert's "Unfinished Symphony," and selections from "Fiddler on the Roof," by Jerry Bock.

Featured as the piano soloist for the Prokofiev Concerto will be Stephen Bergens, 19, a piano student now in his second year at the University of Redlands School of Music. Bergens, who grew up in Indian Wells Valley, has played at numerous recitals and concerts locally. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew J. Bergens, of

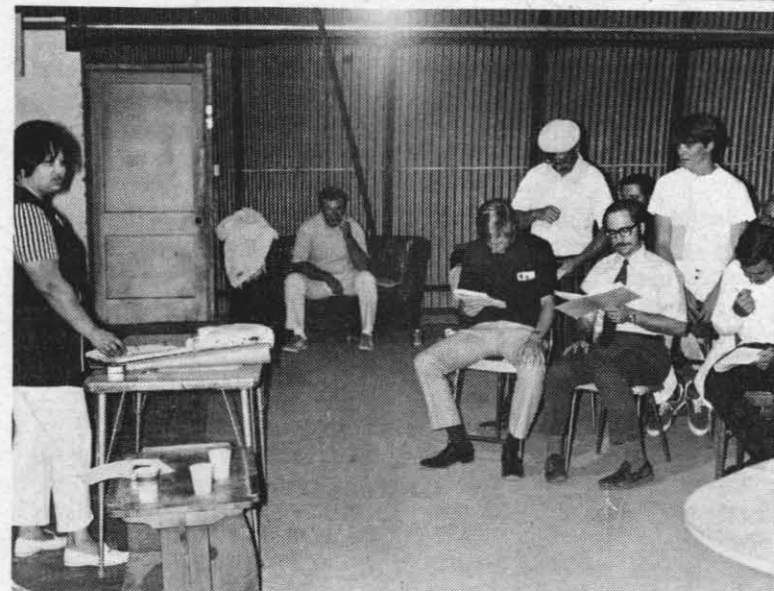
Ridgecrest. The Sunday afternoon concert is the first major offering of the orchestra since the free Pops Concert held in September. Individual or season tickets, modestly priced to encourage family and student attendance, may be purchased at the Lecture Center box office prior to the Sunday concert.

Although major production costs are defrayed by ticket sales and contributions by patrons of the musical arts, the Desert Campus of Bakersfield College provides support through courses in music and orchestra, with instruction by Charles Wood, and with facilities for rehearsals.

### FM Radio Station Signal Off Air Here

Local translator equipment, used for rebroadcasting programs originating from FM radio station KXTZ in the Los Angeles area, is temporarily out of commission.

Components needed to repair the FM radio translator have been ordered and are expected to be installed in order for programs aired by Station KXTZ, and received locally at 105.5 on the FM radio dial, to be heard here once again beginning at around the middle of November.



**HARD AT IT**—Florence Green, left, director of "Guys and Dolls" for the Community Light Opera and Theater Association, puts the male chorus of Broadway characters through the paces at a rehearsal recently. The fall production of CLOTA is slated to be presented on Nov. 10, 11, 16, 17 and 18 at the Burroughs High School Lecture Center. In the front row are Gred Erdmann, James Rosolanka and Jim Feiser (who plays Nathan Detroit), and behind them are Charles Wilcox, Fred Stahlman, Stacey McGregor and Leo Barglowski. Seated on the couch is Alex Bellen, who portrays Sky Materson. —Photo by Jack Fischer

## 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  
CS - Cinemascope  
STD - Standard Movie Screen

**FRI. 3 Nov.**  
"THE MAGNIFICENT SEVEN RIDE"  
(STD) (100 Min.)

Lee Van Cleef, Stefanie Powers (Western) After his wife is kidnapped, raped, and murdered, Lee Van Cleef has an understandable yen for swift justice, and this time there is no need to take the law into his own hands because he is the law. Violence may offend some. (PG)

**SAT. 4 Nov.**  
—MATINEE—  
"GUNS OF THE MAGNIFICENT SEVEN" (CS) (106 Min.)

George Kennedy, James Whitmore (G)  
—EVENING—  
"JOE KIDD" (CS) (88 Min.)

Clint Eastwood, John Saxon (Western) Charged with being drunk and disorderly, rancher Clint Eastwood is about to serve his sentence when Mexican John Saxon and men invade the courthouse. (PG)

**SUN. & MON. 5-6 Nov.**  
"LOOT" (STD) (101 Min.)

Richard Attenborough, Lee Remick (Comedy) Take an aspiring mortician-bank robber, his adoring pal, the pal's freshly widowed hotel-keeper father, the dead wife's piously amoral nurse, a batty but corrupt Scotland Yard. Mix them all up inside a tacky Brighton hotel with only one guest (a complainer), and sprinkle with a running gag involving the constant shuffling-about of a fresh but rapidly stiffening corpse. Let everything unspool for about 90 minutes, allowing the gassy one liners to pop freely, and there you have it "LOOT." (PG)

**TUES. & WED. 7-8 Nov.**  
"SNOOPY COME HOME"  
(STD) (89 Min.)

Animated Cartoon  
Snoopy, the beagle who has the refinement of Beau Brummell, the imagination of Cyrano de Bergerac, the intellectual grace of Voltaire and the mobility of a Mack truck is concerned with a previous owner, a little girl who is in the hospital for some undefined reason and who wants Snoopy back. (G)

**THURS. & FRI. 9-10 Nov.**  
"VENGEANCE" (CS) (101 Min.)

Richard Harrison, Alan Collins (Western) A gang of marauders capture a cowboy named Ricky and question him about some gold he and two friends have access to. One of the two friends was previously killed leaving only Ricky and Jocko. (PG)

### Harold Pierce To Be Honored Next Thursday

A no-host reception and dinner honoring Harold Pierce, former superintendent of schools at China Lake, and his wife, Betty, will be held next Thursday, Nov. 9, at the Commissioned Officers' Mess.

A social hour, starting at 5:30 p.m., will precede the 7 p.m. dinner.

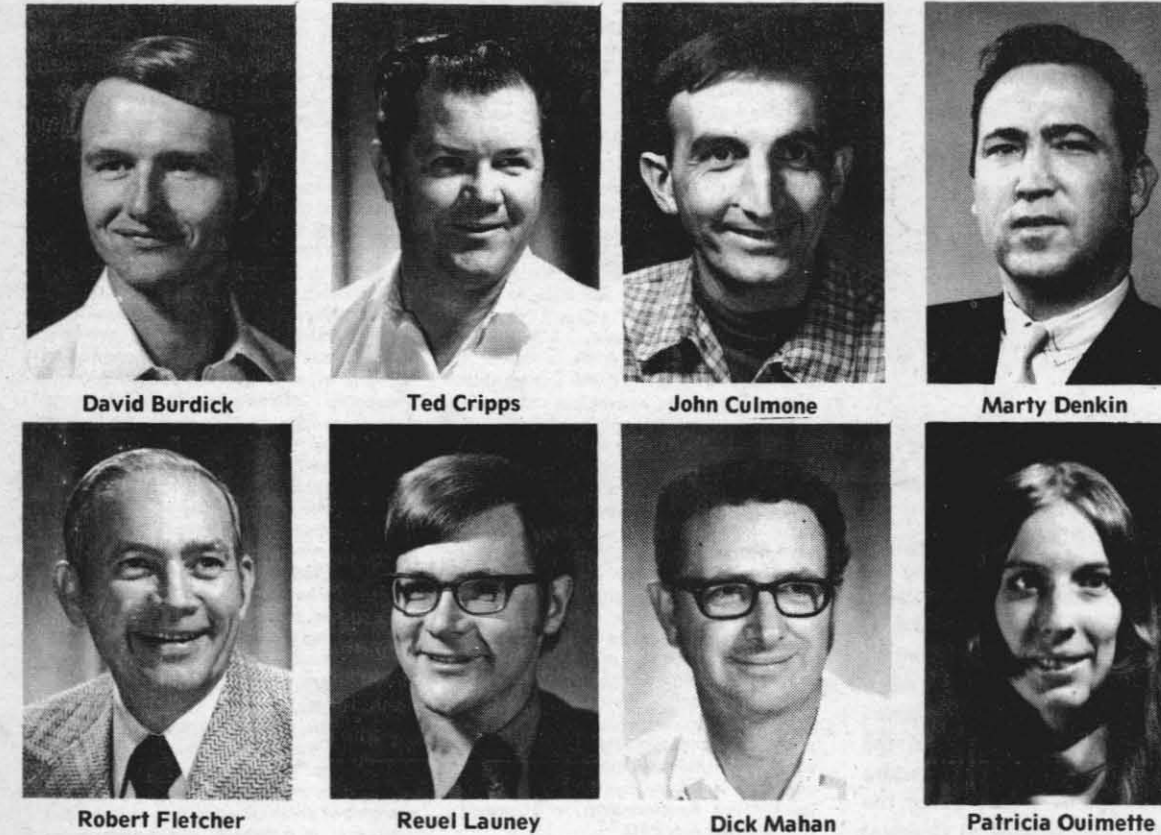
Reservations to attend the dinner honoring the Pierces, who now make their home in Michigan, can be made by calling 446-5521 no later than Monday.

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## Voting on Councilmen, Question Of Annexation Slated Tuesday

Next Tuesday, in addition to being General Election Day nationwide is also an important date for China Lake residents, who will have the opportunity to elect their representatives on the Community Council board of directors, in addition to registering their opinion on an important local question.

Fourteen candidates are bidding for election to two year terms on the Community Council board. At special voting booths that will be set up adjacent to Kern County polling places on Tuesday, China Lake residents 18 years of age and over (whether registered to vote in the General Election or not) also will be able to register their opinion on the question of annexing a portion of the NWC housing area to the City of Ridgecrest.

The proposed annexation, a concept which has been under study since 1968, calls for extending the Ridgecrest city limits to include the Desert Park residential area, the Burroughs High School campus, the Bennington Plaza shopping area plus some non-residential adjoining lands.

Purpose of the annexation is to enable some \$69,000 annually in tax revenue, which now goes to Kern County, to be channeled instead to the City of Ridgecrest and used for development of a 106-acre regional park site, located next to the Burroughs High School access road and campus, as well as for improvement of and policing of the high school access road.

Areas annexed to the City of Ridgecrest would still be owned by and remain under the ad-



ministrative control of the Navy and there would be no physical changes as a result of annexation. However, residents of Desert Park would be eligible to vote in Ridgecrest City elections.

### Address Cards For Mailing W-2 Forms To Be Distributed

Distributed with today's paychecks for civilian employees of the Naval Weapons Center will be address cards that are required to facilitate the mailing out of 1972 W-2 (withholding tax) statements.

Employees are asked to fill out the address card, putting in their correct mailing address, and then forward it to the NWC Payroll Office, Code 1764, in order for it to be received no later than Friday, Dec. 1.

Fourteen candidates are vying for ten vacancies on the Community Council's board of directors. Their names, the precincts they would represent if elected, their work, and interest in serving on the China Lake civic group, are as follows. Space also will be allowed on the Community Council election ballot for write-in candidates from all precincts.

Robert Fletcher, a local resident for 2½ years, is the TOA (time of arrival) Program manager in the Electronic Systems Department. He is anxious to represent and serve his neighbors in combined Precincts 1 & 2.

Reuel Launey, a physicist in the Sea Control Studies Branch of the Weapons Planning Group, has been an NWC employee for one year. His interest in serving on the Community Council is sparked by

## Rec. Council Hears Plans for Changes At Schoeffel Field

Plans for revamping Schoeffel Field by replacing the present baseball diamond with two softball fields as well as space to play flag football were discussed at a recent meeting of the Naval Weapons Center's Joint Navy-Civilian Recreation Council.

Reporting on meetings he has held with John Cisse, principal of Burroughs High School, Jim McGlothlin, head of the NWC Public Affairs Office, informed members of the Recreation Council that it's been decided that the local high school will play baseball on its own field next spring.

In view of this, Gabe Imer, director of Special Services, reported that he has submitted a request to Public Works for an estimate of the cost of the work that is proposed at Schoeffel Field in order that this information will be available for consideration at the next Recreation Council meeting on Nov. 14.

As a follow up to a survey conducted by Cdr. C. D. Brown, chairman of the Recreation Council, regarding recreation facilities in the Wherry Housing area, the possibility of moving one of the Hawthorne-type houses that is scheduled for demolition to be used as a community recreation building or annex to the China Lake Youth Center also was discussed.

Cdr. Brown suggested that the Community Council attempt to get feedback from Wherry Housing area residents regarding their interest in such a recreation building. At the present time, the only available recreation facilities are playground equipment for small children at Ann Etheridge Park and a pair of battered backstops located adjacent to two playing fields.

Among other matters taken up at the Recreation Council meeting, approval was given for the pur-

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chase of reinforced, open mesh curtains that will be installed on the north and south sides of the tennis courts in order to reduce the problem of wind and background distractions which now confront tennis players on the local courts. In addition, there was a brief discussion regarding the purchase of two land sailers and two car carriers for use with them. Mirror Lake was reported to be a possible

## CFC 2-Week Total Climbs To \$34,135

William J. Baker, chairman of the 1973 Combined Federal Campaign, announced that as of last Friday at 4 p.m., \$34,135.26 had been pledged or donated by NWC civilian and military personnel toward the \$80,000 goal set for this year's fund drive.

Baker stated that response to the keymen are doing their job and "people are giving until they feel good inside." He expressed the hope that this year would see more than the 51 per cent participation from NWC employees recorded last year.

The campaign will continue through Friday, Nov. 17. Funds raised during the Combined Federal Campaign will benefit 28 different agencies in three organizations. The Indian Wells Valley United Fund, the National Health Agencies, and the International Service Agencies are the three participating organizations.

All NWC employees have received brochures detailing the purposes and benefits of the CFC. Any questions about the campaign will be answered by department or division keymen.



**NWC COMMANDER CONTRIBUTES TO CFC**—Rear Admiral Henry Suerstedt, Jr., Commander of the Naval Weapons Center, hands his contribution to the 1973 Combined Federal Campaign to this year's chairman, William J. Baker (at left). RAdm. Suerstedt commented that "supporting such a fine cause is always a pleasure."

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## Freascher Tops Bowlers In Monday Premier League

Ray Freascher, the "galloping grandpa of Hall Memorial Lanes," rolled games of 232 and 224 for a 641 series to lead the scoring in the Premier League last Monday evening. Ray is hotter than a \$2 pistol and has turned in other series scores of 692 and 662 during the month of October.

Bowling in the Desert League, Duane Fojt tore up the lanes for a big 266 game. However, he's not talking about his series score.

The league reports for the week follow:

**Premier League**  
In addition to Freascher's leading tally, Jim Bowen ran games of 227 and 223 into a 539 total and John Revels scored with 209-213-213 for a 635 series. RC Jones put together a 233 and a 209 for a 626 and Champ Pearman, the Association's City Tournament singles champion, finally made the column with a 224-211 and 624.

Duane Blue managed a 613 on the strength of a 224 single game and Bill Driggs rolled 211 and 219 for a 610 total. George Barker had a 232 game and a 602 series and Craig Rae was pretty consistent with games of 211 and 202 and a 601 three-game set.

**Kids' Leagues**  
Leo Enriquez led the male scoring in the Junior-Senior League with a 619 series and a 247 game. Buford Branson was second with 209-553. Mary Clark was the girls' standard bearer, scoring with a 471 series.

Rhonda Baker, 10 years old, socked out a 176 game and a 431 series while bowling in the Bantam League last week. Some other good scores of past weeks include a 150 game by LeAnn Leininger, 151 by Terry Maples, a 169 for Jerri Jeffris, and 168 for Jennifer Lyons.

Debbie Crom converted the 5-10 and 2-7 splits in a single game last week. Stephen Shideler's 453 series led the Special Education League last week. Alberta Hopkins rolled a 404, including games of 156 and 147, to lead the girls'.

## Top Players Emerge in Fall Tennis Tournay

Jay Taylor and Gail Falkenberg emerged as the men's and women's singles tennis champions following action in the China Lake Tennis Club's Fall Tournament this past weekend.

Taylor, who is the coach of the Burroughs High School cross-country track team, was seeded second going into the competition, but upset top-seeded Dick Boyd, 6-1, 6-4, in Sunday's finals.

Boyd had defeated Gary Fry and Taylor set down Bernie Wasserman on Saturday to earn the right to face one another on Sunday.

In the women's singles, Miss Falkenberg downed Charlene Newmyer and Ruth Smith on Saturday, while Janie Cleaves defeated Holly Porteus to go into the finals on Sunday. Miss Falkenberg defeated Mrs. Cleaves in two straight sets, 6-0, 6-1 for the title.

The men's doubles title was won by the duo of Taylor and Wasserman, who took the final two sets, 6-2, 6-4, after losing the opening set 6-7 against the team of Jim Smith and Billy Campbell.

Mrs. Cleaves and Mrs. Smith defeated Miss Falkenberg and Elena Vitale, last spring's champions, for the women's doubles crown. Smith-Cleaves came back to win after dropping the opening set, 3-6. They took the final two sets 6-2, 6-0 for the title.

In the mixed doubles event, Mrs. Smith and Roy Miller teamed up to win in two straight sets, 6-4, 6-4, over Miss Falkenberg and Bill Sutherland.

scoring.

**Women's Scratch**  
Pat Brightwell cracked out games of 201 and 206 on her way to a 575 series, tops for the Monday Night Women's Scratch League this week. Jeanne Crom was right on her heels with a 540 series, including a 206 game, and MarLyn Heeke scored with a 528 series. Fern Wacker topped 523 pins and Lori Boyd had a nice 220 single game. Peggy Perridge turned in a 214 single effort.

**Noon Military**  
Jim Bowen rolled a 605 series, including games of 206 and 210, while Ed Judge smashed out a 213 single game score. John Wilhom had a pair of nice games—211 and 200, and Dave Homley shot a 207. Rusty Nelson scored with a 202 and Larry McKee socked the pins for a 205.

**Wed. Nite Handicap**  
A couple of weeks ago, Wilma Johnson smashed a 610 series that included a 208 and a 236 game. Last week (Oct. 25), Pat Maddux led the scoring with a 556 series and Jean Gale turned in a 545 effort. Liz Furstenberg hit 526 and some good single games included a 214 by Mary Kay Inman and a 209 by Mrs. Maddux.

**Friday Mixed 4-5**  
Patty Maxwell led the distaff scoring with a 569 series, including a 210 game, while Allen Smith nosed out Dan Ryan for the male scoring honors, 623 to 620.

Ryan's score included a 245 single game, while Smith's high game was 228. Mike Crom rolled a 221 single, Cheryl Preul ran a 212 into a 502 series. Darlene Herbstreit scored high with a 550 series and Jack Herbstreit managed a 225 single game.

## Art Show To Go On Display Mon.

The Kern County Parks and Recreation Department's 20th annual traveling art exhibit will be on display at the county's branch library in Ridgecrest beginning Monday and continuing for two weeks until Saturday, Nov. 17.

The exhibit features 20 works of art in various media by Kern County artists. Selections were chosen from 11 area art festivals that are held each year throughout Kern County.

The public is invited to view the exhibit during regular hours at the Ridgecrest library, which is open Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 12:30 to 5:30 and 7 to 9 p.m., on Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to 5:30 and 7 to 9 p.m., and on Fridays from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

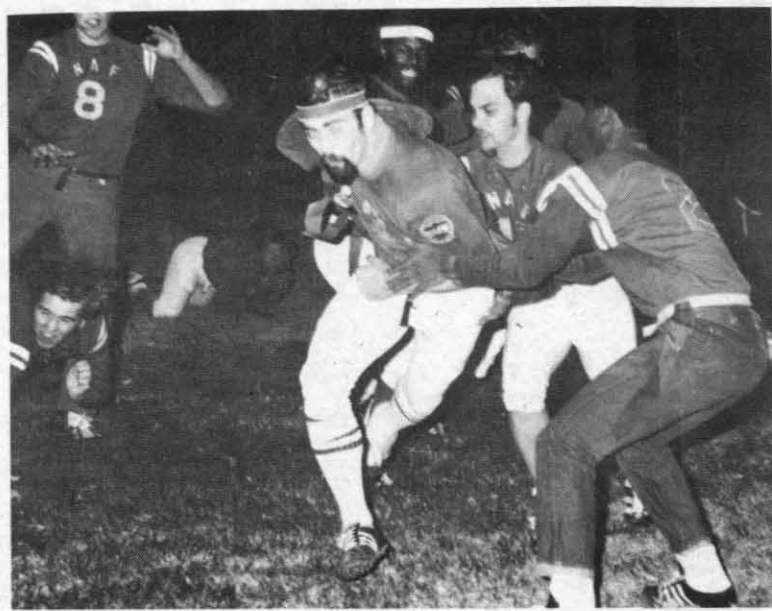
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**HISTORY IN THE MAKING**—O. A. (Gabe) Imer, head of the Special Services Division, tossed a coin to see who would receive the opening kickoff last Wednesday (Oct. 25) as team captains (l.-r.) Robin Harbin and Peggy Simmons, of the '49ers, and Cindy O'Neal and Grafia Boehme of the Vikings met on the football field. '49ers and Vikings played the first game ever of girls' flag-touch football at the Naval Weapons Center. The contest was won by the '49ers by a score of 22 to 18. Carol Hape, (in rear) director of the Youth Center, officiated with Imer at the coin toss. A second game between the Chiefs and the Raiders was won by the Chiefs, 12-0. The girls are now playing two games every Wednesday evening at Schoeffel Field.



**FIGHTING FOR YARDAGE**—Tom Haus (center of photo), running back for the VX-5 Vampires, is surrounded by NAF Hawk defenders as he attempts a run around right end during Tuesday night's game between VX-5 and NAF flag football teams. The Hawks won the game, 8-0, and took over first place in the China Lake Flag Football League with a 6-2 record. The Vampires' record stands at 5-2.

## NAF Leads Flag Football After Win Over Vampires

The Naval Air Facility Hawks took over first place in the China Lake Intramural Flag Football League last Tuesday night by defeating the VX-5 Vampires, 8-0, in a hotly-contested game. For the third straight year, this has set up another climactic finish to the league.

If the Vampires can defeat the Roaches next Tuesday, they will move into a tie for first place, setting up a playoff game between themselves and NAF.

Tuesday's action was marked by ground skirmishes and penalty flags as the two teams moved up and down the field with very few pass completions.

The only score of the game came in the second quarter when Hawks' quarterback John Sullivan lobbed the ball 8 yds. into the end zone to connect with John Warner. The NAF team also made the two point conversion.

NAF moved the ball inside the Vampires' 20-yd. line several times during the game, but when it came down to the wire the Vamp defense

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## Swim Classes To Be Conducted At Gymnasium Pool

Beginning on Tuesday, Special Services will conduct swimming classes for advanced beginners and intermediates at the Center gymnasium pool.

The classes will be held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings of each week until Dec. 14. Hours of the classes are from 8 to 8:30 for children and from 8:30 to 9 for adults.

There is no charge for the classes, which will be taught by Larry Collins, a qualified Red Cross water safety instructor. Persons interested in this special instruction are invited to come to the pool on Tuesday at 8 p.m. and be prepared to swim.

To qualify for the classes, students must be able to float and swim the width of the pool.



By Jack Lindsey

One of the most exciting bowling matches of the year took place recently at Hall Lanes when Buford Branson challenged Dale Diede in a six-game scratch competition to determine who would be the alternate on the Hall Lanes AJBC traveling team.

Buford, who was residing in the hot spot by virtue of being defeated by Dale a couple of weeks ago, overcame a 60-pin deficit after two games to overhaul Dale in the ninth frame of the last game and go on to win the match by only a few pins.

Buf, as he is called by team members, struck out in the final game (his last strike and the one that won the game and the match was a nose job).

All interested persons are welcome to come out and watch these kids bowl. Also, I would like to remind ALL AJBC bowlers that this is YOUR team, and each and every one of you has the right to challenge for a spot on this team.

Bob Branson and Leo Enriquez have both issued a challenge and will bowl their matches in the very near future. The matches are bowled on Sundays, at 10 a.m.

Recently, Donna Shoblom, wife of Glenn Shoblom (owner of Radio Station KLOA, in Ridgecrest), sank a hole-in-one at the China Lake Golf Course.

The ace came on hole No. 17. Donna used a wood and hooked the ball over the right-hand sandtrap. The ball took a couple of bounces toward the pin, and then rolled neatly into the cup. Needless to say, Glenn and Ray Marsh were stunned—neither one of them have ever come close to an ace.

You've all heard of the unsung hero, right? Guys like Ray Gier, NWC's personable recreation director, and Jimmy Lee, superintendent of the golf course (who's constantly reminding me that his crew should be getting all of the credit out at the golf course), but how about Jim Runchey, who rarely gets any credit and who is a hard worker for all of the special golfing events at the club. Here's to you, Jim, and thanks for the countless hours you put in in support of the club's activities.

## Plans To Be Made For Skeeet Range

Persons interested in forming a group to build, maintain and use a skeet and trap range in the local area are asked to contact Frank Weaver, NWC Ext. 5494; Don Moselmer, 5297, or Jim Heflin, at 5345.

If there is a large enough response, plans will be made to establish a skeet and trap shooters club.

## Council Election Slated...

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a desire to bring about better communication between China Lake residents and the civic group that represents them.

**Precincts 3 & 7**  
Rudy Shepard, an electronic technician in the Fuze Department's Fuze Project Branch II, moved from Corona to China Lake two years ago. Serving the community, an interest in young people, and a desire to make Navy housing quarters the best possible were cited by Shepard as reasons he decided to seek election to the Community Council.

**Precincts 4 & 8**  
Dick Mahan, a resident of China Lake for 16½ years, is employed as a draftsman in the Documentation Branch of the Weapons Development Department's Technical Services Division. His interest in the overall community prompted him to seek election to the Community Council.

**Donald Ruff**, an operations research analyst in the Weapons Planning Group, has been employed at China Lake for 11 years. Noting that others have served on the Community Council in the past to represent him, Ruff stated that he now wants to contribute his share to the well-being of his community.

**Don Stanton**, an electronics technician in the Support Services Branch of the Engineering Department's Test Support Division, has been a China Lake resident for 13½ years. A desire to be of service to the community has prompted him to seek election to the Community Council board of directors, he said, adding that the length of time he has been an employee and resident at China Lake has given him a "pretty good feel" for the way things are done and why, and also for the way things are and how they ought to be.

**Precincts 5 & 6**  
John Culmone, a heavy laborer in the Supply Department, has been employed at China Lake for six years. His aim, he said, in seeking to serve on the Community Council is to help bring about improvements in the all around relations between military and civilian personnel.

**Mary Rayner**, a local resident, was elected recently to fill a vacancy on the China Lake Community Council board of directors. Her feeling that this is her community and that she wants to become an active participant in its affairs led her to volunteer her services to the Community Council.

**Marty Denkin**, athletic director at the Naval Weapons Center, has been a local resident for nearly four years. His desire to serve on the Community Council, Denkin stated, stems from an interest in working in an official capacity in order to sound out the views of a

## Meeting Planned By Astronomical Society

D. T. "Ted" McAllister will be the guest speaker at the next meeting of the China Lake Astronomical Society, to be held at 7:30 p.m. on Monday at the clubhouse, 401-A McIntire St.

McAllister will give a presentation entitled "Viewing Michelson Through His Stellar Interferometer." Admission is free and the public is invited to attend.



**RADM. BURROUGHS BACK FOR VISIT**—The first Commander of the U.S. Naval Ordnance Test Station (now Naval Weapons Center), Rear Admiral Sherman E. Burroughs, USN (Ret.) returned this week for a visit with Mrs. Burroughs. One of his first stops was a call on Rear Admiral Henry Suerstedt, Jr., (at right) who recently became the 16th Naval officer to take on the heavy responsibilities of Commander of the Naval Weapons Center. RADM. Burroughs and Mrs. Burroughs came here to participate in a short film about the founders of NWC. —Photo by PH3 D. W. Yeatts

## Michelson Lab Awards To Be Presented at Reception

The Michelson Laboratories Fellow in Ordnance Science and Fellow in Management Awards will be presented next Thursday, Nov. 9, during a no-host reception for the Naval Weapons Center Advisory Board.

This event is to be held at the Commissioned Officers' Mess beginning at 6:30 p.m. A dinner at 8 o'clock in the COM's Executive Dining Room will follow the reception. Presentation of the awards will take place at 7:30.

The Michelson Laboratories Awards were designed to recognize outstanding individual administrative and professional excellence or technical excellence based on singular effort in performance of individual duties. The awards are complementary to the Center's highest local award—the L.T.E. Thompson Award.

Reservations will be required for the reception and dinner and may be made by contacting the Office of the Technical Presentations Coordinator at phone Ext. 2634.

## Trip to Little Petroglyph Canyon Planned by Photographic Society

A motorcade to Little Petroglyph Canyon, located in the Naval Weapons Center range area, has been scheduled Saturday, starting at 9 a.m. from the NWC main gate, by the China Lake Photographic Society.

This event is open to local Photo Society members as well as out-of-town visitors who are members of the Photographic Society of America.

Bob and Tillie Barling will guide the tour to Little Petroglyph Canyon, assisted by Maurice and Betty Curtis and Milton and Betty Speckels.

The China Lake Photographic Society also will present a film slide show entitled "Desert Kaleidoscope" at 8 p.m. Saturday at the Maturango Museum.



**PATENT AWARDS PRESENTED**—Four employees in the Applied Research and Processing Division of the Propulsion Development Department were the recent recipients of patent awards that were presented by Dr. Russell Reed (at left), division head. The patents went to (l.-r.) Martin Kaufman, Edward Roy, Benjamin Lee and John Gonzales. Kaufman was awarded a patent for developing new polymeric compositions and also teamed with Roy for a second patent award related to devising a wet process for compounding polymers. Lee and Gonzales were awarded a joint patent for devising a process for the neutralization of amorphous boron. —Photo by PH1 D. C. Manderscheid

## Recreation...

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site for this kind of recreational activity, but before any decision is made regarding proceeding with the purchase, a check will be made to make sure there is no conflict with environmental impact regulations. Also to be investigated is the liability aspect of having such recreation equipment available for general use.

Imer, who reported to the Recreation Council that he had ridden in one of the land sailers and really enjoyed it, also was delegated the responsibility of looking into locations, other than Mirror Lake, where land sailers could be used.

Items covered at the last meeting of the Enlisted Recreation Committee were summarized by Chief J. E. McMullen, who noted that Auto Hobby Shop patrons have requested that additional catalogs be made available for ordering motorcycle parts, and also are interested in having a car wash for their use.

Imer will investigate the possibility of installing a small car wash facility adjacent to the Auto Hobby Shop, and will report on his findings at the November meeting of the Recreation Council.

The head of the Special Services Division also informed Recreation Council members that he will have information ready at the next meeting on renovation of the handball court.

Recreation Council members were brought up to date by Cdr. Brown on proposals for expansion of the bowling alleys at Hall Memorial Lanes. The Recreation Council chairman reported on a recent meeting with representatives of AMF on this matter, and noted that various methods of financing the expansion were discussed.

## Nominees For Woman Engineer Award Sought

Nominations are now being sought for the Society of Women Engineers annual achievement award.

The society is particularly interested in candidates who have made a real contribution to the profession and have not received previous public acclaim.

Nominees are not required to be members of the Society of Women Engineers or to have received prior recognition for their achievements by other groups or organizations.

The nominee, must, however, have made a significant contribution in the chosen field of her profession. These fields include design, production, research, administration and education.

Nominations, which must include a report of the candidate's specialized work, outstanding abilities and accomplishments, as well as data on education and work experience, must reach NWC's Employee Management Relations Division no later than Friday, Nov. 17.

The Navy Incentive Awards Board will select the Department of the Navy's candidate for the Society of Women Engineers Achievement Award, and the final decision will be made by a committee of outstanding engineers and scientists.



# DEATH VALLEY ENCAMPMENT

The 23rd annual Death Valley Encampment, sponsored by the Death Valley '49ers, will be held Nov. 9-12.

This year's encampment is dedicated to the centennial year of the National Park Service, commemorating the establishment of Yellowstone National Park and the United States Borax Co., whose predecessor companies began borax mining in Death Valley 100 years ago.

Four days of events, including naturalist talks, singing and dancing under the stars, tours, trail rides, breakfasts catering to special groups of artists, photographers and authors, huge campfires where story-tellers will spin tales of the early days in Death Valley, square dancing, a fiddlers' contest and many other exciting happenings will take place for visitors.

The encampment will begin on Thursday, Nov. 9, with a campfire at 7:30 p.m. across from Stovepipe Wells Village. At 8:30, a naturalist talk is scheduled at the Museum and Visitors' Center Auditorium, Furnace Creek Ranch.

The first day will close with dancing under the stars at Stovepipe Wells Village.

Photographers will meet at 6 a.m. on Friday, Nov. 10, to learn how to shoot photos of sand dunes at the sand dunes picnic area. At 8 a.m., the annual Historical Breakfast, featuring Horace M. Albright, former director of the National Park Service, as guest speaker will take place at Stovepipe Wells Village. Price of the breakfast is \$1.75.

At the same time, a Hootenany Breakfast will take place on the Furnace Creek Golf Course. This will be an old-fashioned hootenany hoedown, featuring Aim Morhardt, the Reinsmen and a few surprises. Price of this breakfast is also \$1.75.

The events on Friday will continue with a conducted tour to Ubehebe Crater, Scotty's Castle and north end points at 10:30 a.m. Dr. Thomas Clements will guide this tour, which will begin at the sign on the main road north of the Visitors' Center at Stovepipe Wells Village.

At 12 noon riders participating in the second annual Desert Trek are scheduled to arrive at the blacksmith shop in Stovepipe Wells Village. This ride, sponsored by the Death Valley '49ers, features a colorful group of horsemen who are coming from Trona over the Slate Range into Panamint Valley.

Pony-drawn covered wagons will again roll into Furnace Creek Ranch for the sixth straight year at approximately 12:30 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 10. These covered wagons will travel 76 miles in six days, starting at the Wade Monument north of Baker, Calif., and finishing at Furnace Creek Ranch.

Yet another group of riders, those taking part in the 11th annual Death Valley Trail Ride, sponsored by the Equestrian Trails, Inc., will arrive at approximately 1:30 p.m. after a 125 mile historic and scenic trip on horseback from Ridgecrest to Death Valley.

Friday evening's entertainment will include a campfire, to be held at Texas Springs at 7:30 and another naturalist talk, slated for 8:30 at the Museum and Visitors' Center auditorium.

Visitors will have two dances to choose from on Friday night—one at Stovepipe Wells Village, featuring modern and social dance music, and the other square dancing at Furnace Creek Ranch, near the pool.

Two of the more important events will begin at 8 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 11. A Photographers' Breakfast and an Authors' Breakfast will be held simultaneously at two different locations—the photographers at Stovepipe Wells Village and the authors at Furnace Creek Golf Course. Price of the breakfasts are \$1.75 per person.

Also on tap Saturday morning is the Salt Creek encampment hike, which will begin at 8:30 on State Highway 190 at the Devil's Cornfield, where a car shuttle will be arranged. The six-mile hike passes through the south end of the Devil's Cornfield, and follows the course of Salt Creek.

At 10 a.m. Dr. Thomas Clements will conduct a tour through the middle part of Death Valley. The trek will begin at the sign on the main road north of the Visitors' Center and end at Stovepipe Wells Village in time for a chuck wagon lunch. Price of the lunch is \$2.

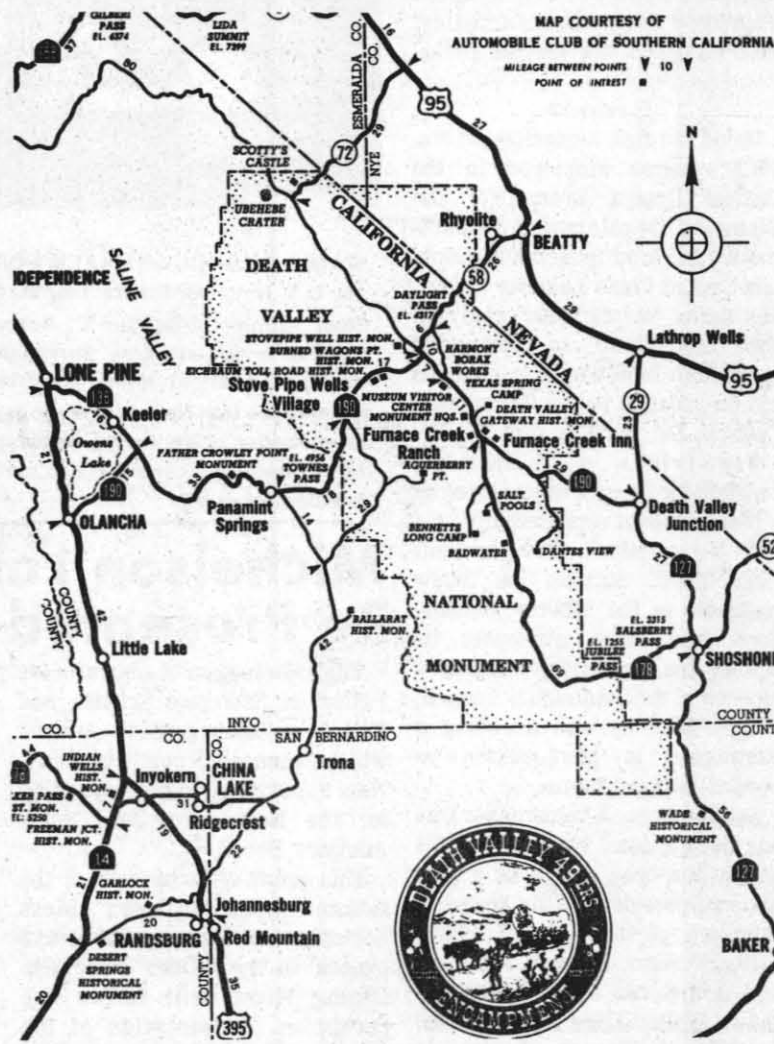
At 2 p.m., one of the favorite events of the four-day encampment is planned. Called the Burro Flapjack Sweepstakes, it matches a dozen prospectors, as stubborn as their burros, in a unique, hilarious race of man and beast. Along the way, the prospector must stop and cook a flapjack and the burro must eat the gourmet's delight.

An evening assembly will be held at 7 o'clock in the National Park area, north of Golf Course Road, where a photo slide show will be presented. It will be followed by an old-fashioned fiddlers' contest at 8:30.

The evening will end with the two dances as on Friday night. Protestant Sunrise Services in Desolation Canyon and a Catholic Mass at the Visitors' Center Auditorium will begin the last day of the '49er Encampment.

At 7:45 a.m., visitors may take a hike from Chloride Cliff to the Keane Wonder Mine, and at 8:30 a.m., the celebrated Artists' Breakfast will be held at the Furnace Creek Golf Course. Price of the breakfast is \$1.75.

Special events slated throughout



A MAP OF THE Death Valley National Monument points out roads leading to the various points of interest to be visited during the four day Death Valley Encampment, sponsored by the Death Valley '49ers. Visitors will be able to see many different events and exhibits, as well as participate in special breakfasts, dances and hikes and nature walks.

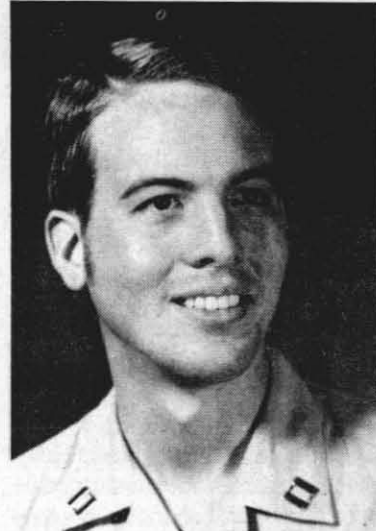
## Annual Death Valley Trail Ride To Begin on Sunday

Seventy-five horsemen will depart from the Desert Empire Fairgrounds in Ridgecrest on Sunday morning to make the 11th annual Death Valley Trail Ride across Indian Wells Valley, Searles Valley and the Panamint Valley enroute to the site of the Death Valley '49ers Encampment at Furnace Creek.

Capt. Charles Blenman, while the Commander of the Naval Ordnance Test Station (now NWC), originated the trail ride and led the first trek from Boron over much of the famed 20 Mule Team Borax

the entire four day encampment will include an exhibit of pioneer relics and artifacts of Death Valley Indian tribes at the Furnace Creek Ranch, where a unique show of gems and minerals and an art exhibit also are planned.

Persons who desire to camp overnight at the '49er Encampment will be able to do so at five different locations—Mesquite Springs, Furnace Creek, Sunset, Stovepipe and Texas Springs. No wood will be available for campfires except at stores. Nights are cool so campers are advised to bring ample bedding.



**FLAG LIEUTENANT**—Newly assigned to the Naval Weapons Center, where he is handling the duties of Flag Lieutenant in the office of Rear Admiral Henry Suerstedt, Jr., NWC Commander, is Lt. David Bright. Transferred here from duty as operations officer aboard the USS Peoria, an LST based at San Diego, Lt. Bright's four years of active duty in the Navy also include service at Vietnamese Navy headquarters and in the Operations Department of the USS Paluga, an oiler operating out of Long Beach. A native of Waco, Tex., Lt. Bright joined the Navy Reserve while in high school and remained in the Reserve during four years spent at Baylor University where he majored in history and political science prior to his graduation in 1968. Lt. Bright was accompanied to China Lake by his wife, Eileen, who, like her husband, also is a native of Waco and a graduate of Baylor University.

## AOA Members To Visit Space Shuttle Plant

A visit to the Space Division of the North American Rockwell Corp. in Downey is coming up next Thursday evening, Nov. 9, for members of the China Lake Chapter of the American Ordnance Association.

This visit, part of a program planned in conjunction with the Los Angeles chapter of AOA, will provide local AOA members and their guests with the latest information on the space shuttle story—what it is, what it does, present and future benefits, and its anticipated economic impact.

China Lake members of AOA who are planning to make the trip to Downey are asked to contact either Maj. Ralph Brown, USAF Liaison Officer, at NWC Ext. 3402, or Walt Abernathy, at Ext. 3445.

## Air Conditioners To Be Shut Down

Public Works Department craftsmen have begun shutting down air conditioning units in preparation for winter.

In order to turn off water for the air conditioners, it will be necessary for workmen to enter the Old Normacs, Hawthornes and Wherry homes. Residents of these units who do not wish the craftsmen to enter the premises during their absence are asked to contact the Public Works trouble desk, NWC Ext. 3771.

Permission to enter will be assumed if no notification is received.

## Health Plan 'Open Season' Nov. 15-30

The annual health insurance "open season" for Federal employees and annuitants will be held from Nov. 15 through 30. The Civil Service Commission has advised that complete information and most new brochures are on their way and should arrive before the beginning date.

During the November open season, employees who are not enrolled in a health benefits plan will be able to sign up. Both employees and annuitants who are enrolled will be able to change from self-only to a self-and-family type enrollment.

The open season also will give employees an opportunity to switch plans if they have an illness or condition that will result in better benefits under another plan. There is no restriction for pre-existing conditions.

Open-season actions will become effective on the first day of the first pay period in 1973 (Jan. 7). Employees are urged to make their open-season change as soon as they have the informational literature they need. Distribution of materials will be made at the earliest possible date.

Premiums for both of the Government-wide plans (Blue Cross-Blue Shield and Aetna) will be reduced for the first time in the 12-year history of the program.

Premium rates for the Government-wide Service Benefit Plan (Blue Cross-Blue Shield) will be reduced by 10 percent in the high option and 15 percent in the low option. Rates for the Government-wide Indemnity Benefit Plan (Aetna) will be reduced 5 percent for both high and low option.

The Civil Service Commission said these reductions were made possible in part by price controls which went into effect in August 1971, resulting in favorable financial experience for both Government-wide plans in the last half of 1971 and in 1972.

The Government's contribution to premium cost is fixed by law at 40 percent of the average high option premium of the six largest plans, not to exceed 50 percent of any premium. In addition to the two Government-wide plans whose premiums will be reduced, the

## Interruptions In Electric Power Service Slated

Brief interruptions in electric power service in some housing areas on the Naval Weapons Center will be coming up during normal working hours over a two-week period that will begin on Monday.

There will be 10-minute power outages to permit the setting of individual distribution transformer voltage taps, prior to placing new voltage regulators in service.

Completion of this and other work now in progress will result in greatly improved electrical service, a spokesman for the Electrical Branch of the Public Works Department's Engineering Division stated.

The electrical power outages will effect residences located south of Forrestal St., between Kimball and Parsons Rds.; south of Groves St., from Parsons to Richmond Rd., and all of the Capehart B and Wherry Housing areas.

Plan (Option-type Enrollment)	1973 Biweekly Premium Rates				
	1972 Total Premium	Total Premium	Gov't. Pays	Emp. Pays	Change in Emp. Pays
Blue Cross-Blue Shield					
High self	\$11.06	\$9.95	\$4.04	\$5.91	-\$1.36
High family	26.98	24.28	10.17	14.11	-3.39
Low self	4.80	4.08	2.04	2.04	-0.36
Low family	11.76	9.99	5.00	4.99	-0.89
Aetna Life Insurance Co.					
High self	\$9.79	\$9.30	\$4.04	\$5.26	-0.74
High family	24.26	23.05	10.17	12.88	-1.90
Low self	5.36	5.08	2.54	2.54	-0.14
Low family	12.80	12.16	6.08	6.08	-0.32
American Federation of Government Employees					
High self	\$8.58	\$10.35	\$4.04	\$6.31	+\$1.52
High family	22.57	23.77	10.17	13.60	0.51
Low self	4.74	4.74	2.37	2.37	0.00
Low family	13.82	13.82	6.91	6.91	0.00
Government Employees Hospital Association					
High self	\$9.34	\$9.34	\$4.04	\$5.30	-\$0.25
High family	20.45	20.45	10.17	10.28	-0.49
Low self	7.63	7.63	3.82	3.81	-0.03
Low family	14.80	14.80	7.40	7.40	0.00
Mail Handlers Benefit Plan					
High self	\$7.66	\$9.01	\$4.04	\$4.97	+\$1.10
High family	20.72	24.91	10.17	14.74	3.50
Low self	5.92	5.92	2.96	2.96	0.00
Low family	16.94	16.94	8.47	8.47	0.00
Alliance Health Benefit Plan					
High self	\$7.40	\$10.04	\$4.04	\$6.00	+\$2.30
High family	\$19.34	24.54	10.17	14.37	4.51
Low self	3.76	3.76	1.88	1.88	0.00
Low family	9.56	9.56	4.78	4.78	0.00
American Postal Workers Union Plan AFL-CIO					
High self	\$10.75	\$12.32	\$4.04	\$8.28	+\$1.32
High family	21.95	26.61	10.17	16.44	3.97
Low self	5.80	5.80	2.90	2.90	0.00
Low family	14.16	14.16	7.08	7.08	0.00
Kaiser Foundation Health Plan, Inc.					
High self	\$9.84	\$11.87	\$4.04	\$7.83	+\$1.78
High family	25.60	30.87	10.17	20.70	4.58

"Big Six" plans include the American Postal Workers Union Plan, the National Association of Letter Carriers Plan, and the Kaiser Foundation Health Plans for Northern and Southern California, all of which will be increased.

Thus, since four of the six largest plans will have increased premium

rates while two will be decreased, the Government's contribution will be increased from \$3.79 to \$4.04 biweekly for self-only coverage and from \$9.48 to \$10.17 biweekly for family enrollment.

Premium rate changes for plans available or subscribed to at NWC are shown in the accompanying chart.

## Watering, Parking Regulations Cited for Tenants' Information

China Lake residents are again reminded of the Center's regulations on vehicle parking and lawn watering in order to facilitate weekly street cleaning operations.

In the Wherry and Capehart "B" housing areas, there will be NO PARKING on the even-numbered side of the streets between 7:30 and 11:30 a.m. on Tuesdays. Vehicle parking also is banned on the odd-numbered side of the streets between 12:30 and 4 p.m. in these two areas on Tuesdays.

Since water running or standing in the gutters hampers street cleaning operations, there is to be NO WATERING from noon on Mondays to 4 p.m. on Tuesdays in the Wherry and Capehart "B"

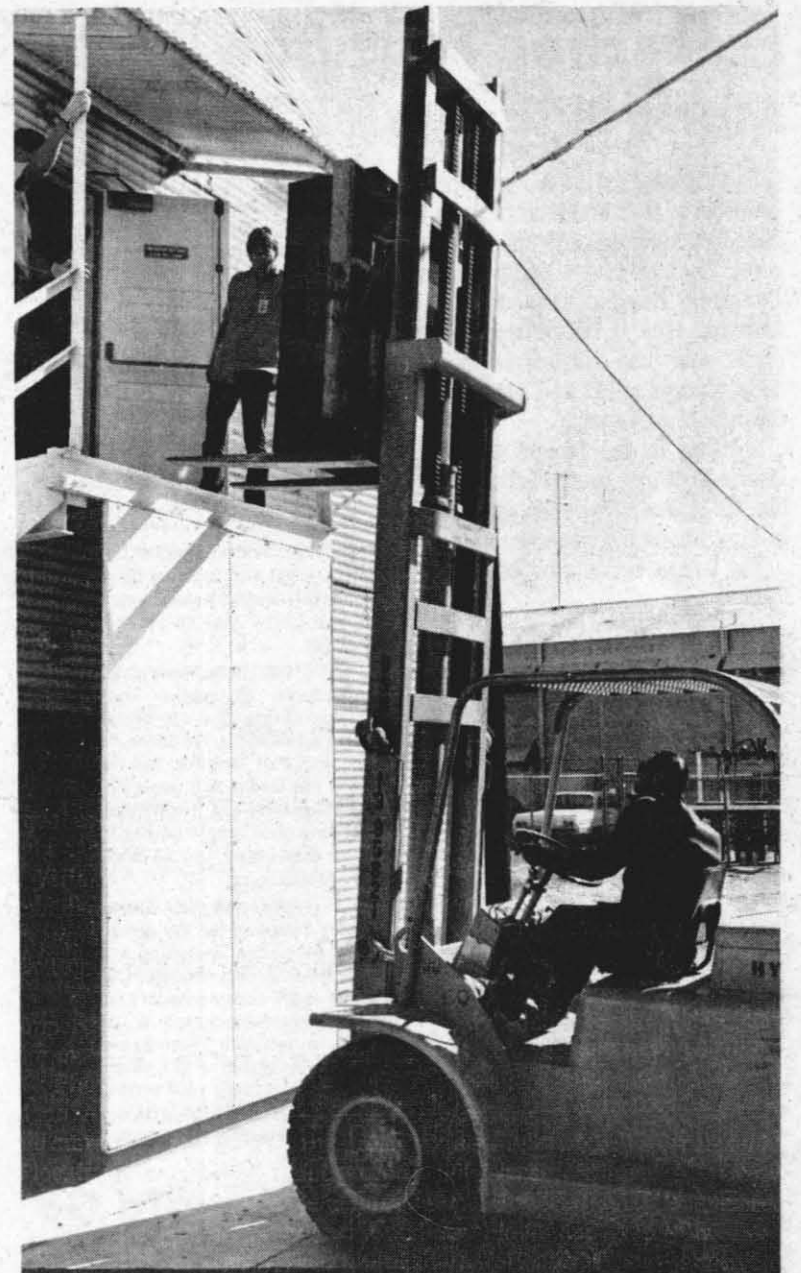
housing areas.

In the Capehart Site "A," Hill Duplex, JOQ and SOQ housing areas, there will be NO PARKING on the even-numbered side of the street between 7:30 and 11:30 a.m. on Thursdays. Vehicle parking in these same areas also is banned between 12:30 and 4 p.m. on Thursdays and, to clear the way for operating street sweeping equipment, watering is prohibited between noon on Wednesdays to 4 p.m. on Thursdays.

These schedules have been put into effect in order to make it easier to clean streets in the above-mentioned areas, while posing less of an inconvenience to the residents.



**PATENT AWARD PRESENTED**—Jack Dierolf, who is working in Central Staff on detail from the Propulsion Development Department, recently received a patent award that was presented by the heads of both of these departments. Dr. G. W. Leonard, (left), head of the Propulsion Development Department, and M. B. Sorge (right), head of Central Staff, congratulate Dierolf on his achievement. The patent was granted to Dierolf for his invention of a new type of propellant mixture.



**MOVE NEARLY COMPLETED**—The Naval Weapons Center's Technical Library, which has been closed down since Oct. 19 when the complex job of moving into new quarters began, is scheduled to re-open on Monday. While some work still remains to be done, she and her staff will be ready to serve library users again on Monday, as the work continues. Carolyn Kruse, head of the Technical Information Department's Technical Library Division, stated. The above photo was taken as a fork lift was being used to hoist a piece of furniture to the second floor of the new Technical Library building—a converted barracks located near the corner of Blandy Ave. and Hussey Rd. —Photo by PH2 G. L. Taylor

## Money Raised Here Helps Marine Blinded in Vietnam

A report outlining the result of assistance provided locally to a Marine Corps enlisted man who was severely wounded and blinded during combat in Vietnam was received this week from Jack Myers, Commandant of the High Desert Detachment of the Marine Corps League.

Money raised here during last year's Desert Empire Fair by members of the Marine Corps League enabled \$500 to be sent to Guide Dogs for the Blind at San Rafael, Calif., where former Lance Cpl. James Baker recently completed training with his guide dog companion.

Baker was selected from a group of several blind Marines who had been undergoing medical treatment at the San Diego Naval Hospital. His selection and training came about through the combined efforts of the Marine Corps Liaison Office at the hospital, Guide Dogs for the Blind and the High Desert Detachment of the Marine Corps.

Between September 1971 and this past September, when Baker began his training at the guide dog school in San Rafael, there was close coordination between the three groups mentioned above.

The \$500 donation contributed by the High Desert Detachment of the Marine Corps League helped to defray a portion of the \$3,000 cost of familiarizing the blind ex-Marine

with the assistance that it's possible for a trained guide dog to provide.

A member of Co. A of the 5th Marines when he was severely



**A BLACK LABRADOR** named Leo, who was raised by a 4-H Club member for his role as a guide dog for the blind, is now the constant companion of ex-Marine James Baker.

wounded during the fighting in Vietnam, Baker now resides in Austin, Tex., with his wife and child.

