

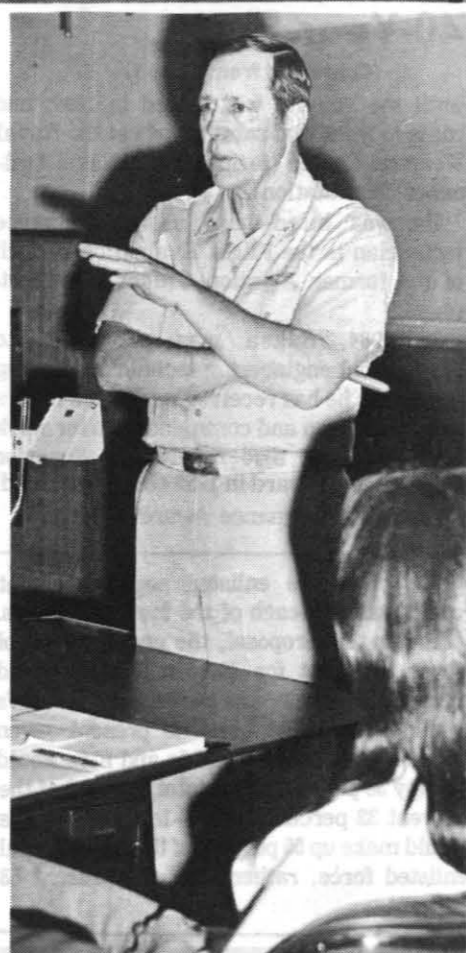








STUDENTS VISIT NWC — A group of some 20 international students spent Monday at the Naval Weapons Center participating in a visit arranged by the Rotary Club, with the cooperation of NWC officials. In the above photo, some of the visitors are shown looking over the displays in the lobby of Michelson Laboratory just prior to stepping into a nearby conference room to be welcomed by Rear Admiral Paul E. Pugh (at right), Center Commander. During their tour here, the visiting students also witnessed weapons delivery tactics carried out by pilots of VX-5 at C-range and were guests at a reception and dinner that evening at the Commissioned Officers' Mess.



Reception for New School Sup't Slated

A welcoming reception honoring Dr. Howard C. Harmon, who was recently selected as the first superintendent of the Sierra Sands Unified School District, and Mrs. Harmon, will be held next Wednesday evening, April 3.

The reception, which is scheduled from 7 to 9 p.m., will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Parode, 616 Felspar St., Ridgecrest.

An invitation for the public to attend has been extended on behalf of the Sierra Sands Council PTA, sponsor of this event, by Mrs. Sue Hucek, president.

Kit Skaar Writes Article on First Aid

"Lifeline," the Naval safety journal published by the Naval Safety Center, NAS Norfolk, Va., has recently published an article on "First Aid Until the Ambulance Comes," written by NWC's K. S. Skaar, head of the Safety Department.

The article, headlined "Safety and Medical... A Navy Team," explains a program developed at NWC to meet the need to provide instruction in basic first aid techniques that could be administered by employees in the work environment until more qualified help could arrive on the scene.

Publishers of the magazine had heard of the successful program at NWC and asked Skaar to write the article. To date, more than 3,000 persons at NWC have listened to this program as presented by Charles E. Willhite, head of the Safety Department's Human Factors and Traffic Safety Division, and HM2 Norman R. Fertig, the NWC Dispensary's training petty officer.

It is Skaar's hope that other military installations and members of private industry will adopt a similar program. "It could save countless hundreds of lives," he said.

'73-74 Season's Final Concert To Feature Female Jazz Pianist

The final concert of the 1973-74 season will be offered by the China Lake Civic Concert Association next Thursday, April 4, when jazz pianist Kellie Greene visits the local area.

Single admissions will be sold for this concert at \$5 for adults, and \$2.50 for students and military enlisted personnel. The box office at the Center Theater will be open from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday of next week. On Thursday evening (the day of the concert), the box office will reopen at 7 o'clock.

Miss Greene, an outstanding jazz pianist, is managed by the Sol Hurok attractions. Hurok, who died recently, asked one of his employees if Miss Greene was as good as Artur Schnabel prior to signing the talented entertainer to a contract. "Mr. Hurok, she can do things Schnabel cannot," the employee answered.

Plays Many Instruments

And indeed she can. Kellie Greene plays many instruments, some of them simultaneously. She plays flute and piano and also has conquered the oboe and other reed instruments. In addition, she plays the vibes.

Miss Greene has toured throughout the Orient, appeared at the First Mid-Pacific Jazz Festival in Honolulu, as a headliner, and was featured by Ray Anthony on his television series.

The talented musician also writes music. After studying at the Berklee School of Music, in Boston, she took private lessons in writing music from Dick Bobbit and Herb Pomeroy, two well-known writers. In 1958, Miss Greene moved to Hollywood to pursue a writing career full time. However, work was slow in coming, so she turned to the piano to eke out a living.

She formed an all-girl trio and moved to the front of the music world. Frank Sinatra heard her and signed her to appear at the Cal-Neva Lodge, in Lake Tahoe. From that booking, Miss Greene began to become a household word in jazz circles. She has played at many of the "smart" places in Las Vegas, Hollywood and New New York City.

Some of the selections to be played by Miss Greene at the Center Theater will be



Kellie Greene

"Love Story," by Francis Lei, Tchaikovsky's "Swan Lake," "Norwegian Wood," by Paul McCartney and John Lennon, "Scarboro Fair," by Paul Simon, "Moonlight Sonata," by Beethoven, and "Eleanor Rigby," by McCartney and Lennon.

Also on the program will be four numbers written by the performer herself — "Capricorn 12," "Adoro," "Zodiac," and "J. P. Witherow."

HAPPENINGS AROUND NWC

A seminar covering small business and contracting will be held next Friday, April 5, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Training Center.

The course is intended to assist scientist, engineers and project managers who are involved in letting contracts for technical work, and the class will be limited to 40 participants.

Topics to be covered will include small business sub-contracting as a part of a large contract; the emphasis being placed on small business and R&D contracting; the varying circumstances that affect awards; statutory criteria in small business contracting, and acceptance and denial procedures.

Employees interested in attending should submit a completed copy of NWC Enrollment Form 12410/28 via proper department channels in order to reach Code 654 no later than next Tuesday.

Good Times at COM

In the Spring a young man's fancy turns to... dancing. At least, Drake Dierkising, manager of the Commissioned Officers' Mess, thinks so.

He has scheduled the "Good Time Music Band," led by Don Kummerman, this evening from 9 until 1:30 a.m. at the COM. Ronnie and Patti Thompson will vocalize and the band will play sweet music for dancing.

Assessments Now Due

Assessments are now due from members of the China Lake Mutual Aid Society and the Government Employees Benefit Association following the death on Tuesday of James Dobbie in Lynwood, Calif.

Dobbie, a former employee in the Public Works Department's electrical trades branch, was 74 years old when stricken by a fatal heart attack.

He and his wife are remembered here for their activity in the Ceramics Shop. CLMAS and GEBA members are asked by

Larry Mason, secretary, to contact the collectors in their work area to pay this latest assessment.

Social Security Agent

A representative of the Social Security office in Lancaster will pay another in her regular series of monthly visits to China Lake next Wednesday, April 3.

Persons wishing to apply for a Social Security number or obtain information about seeking Social Security benefits can do so at the Community Center between 8:30 and 11 a.m.

CPO Club Slates Dance

Easy living is a goal everyone looks forward to, and members and guests of the Chief Petty Officers' Mess can get a taste of that tomorrow night when the "Easy Living" dance band will tune up for an evening of entertainment.

George Barnard, manager of the club, has booked the group from 9 until 1:30. "Come early for dinner and stay for the fun," he advises all club members.

FCU Dividend Upped

The board of directors of the Naval Weapons Center Federal Credit Union has declared a 6-1/4 per cent annual dividend rate (the highest in its 27-year history), based on the earnings of the first quarter of 1974.

This action represents an approximate return of \$355,000 to more than 12,000 members. The assets of the Credit Union have reached \$25,000,000, which is also a top figure.

Yoga Classes Scheduled

The spring series of Hatha Yoga classes, sponsored by the Special Services Division and taught by Joan Leipnik, will begin on April 17. The course will meet on Wednesday nights at 7:30 in the Community Center.

Early enrollment can be assured by payment of the \$10 fee at the Community Center. This popular course is often oversubscribed.



A GOOD REASON why occupants of Navy housing should take heed of the suggestion in the tenants' handbook to carry insurance on their furniture and personal belongings, as well as liability insurance, can be seen above. This photo shows a portion of the fire-blackened interior of an old duplex at 204-B Groves St., where a fire broke out on March 16.

Insurance Is a Good Idea For Tenants of Navy-Owned Housing

A handbook for tenants that is issued to civilian and military personnel of the Naval Weapons Center at the time they prepare to move into quarters at China Lake carries a fund of useful information about the responsibilities being assumed by such persons.

The booklet states, in part: "The tenant is expected to exercise the same care of his Navy-owned home that any prudent person would of his own property. Damage caused by tenants and their guests or visitors that is the result of manifestly improper acts or omissions can become the basis for a government claim against the tenant."

"In view of this, tenants are strongly encouraged to carry insurance on their furniture and personal belongings and also such liability insurance as may be deemed necessary."

This particular section of the handbook has special significance again at this time due to a fire which occurred late on the evening of March 16 at 204-B Groves St.—an old duplex occupied by a military man and his family.

Probable cause of the fire was reported by Fire Chief R. E. Rightmer, head of the Security Department's Fire Division, to be a lit cigarette lighter that was dropped onto a couch and fell behind the back of a cushion.

The couch, as it turned out, was made of material that was highly inflammable. The occupants quickly got out of the house and turned in a fire alarm that was rapidly answered by two pumper units from the Center's Fire Station No. 1.

Even at that, however, the interior of the living room at 204-B Groves St. was completely engulfed in flames when the firemen arrived, and there also was heavy smoke damage and some heat damage to the remainder of the dwelling, Fire Chief Rightmer stated. Despite the head start that the fire had, it took less than 100 gallons of water to extinguish it, the fire chief added.

An officer has been appointed to investigate the incident and report his findings of fact, opinions and recommendations as to the cause, damage and responsibility therefore.

Dr. Thomas Greening To Speak at Annual DCC Dinner April 18

Dr. Thomas Greening, a specialist in humanistic psychotherapy, will speak on that subject at the annual Desert Counseling Center dinner, to be held on Thursday, April 18, at the Commissioned Officers' Mess.

Cost of the dinner is \$6.75 per person and reservations, which must be made no later than April 12, can be placed by calling 446-5586 or 446-6515.

In addition to the speaker, new officers on the Counseling Center's board of directors will be installed. They are Fred Essig, president; Paul J. Riley, president-elect; Dr. C. D. Lind, secretary, and Marjorie Vargus, treasurer.

Dr. Greening, who received his undergraduate education in psychology and literature at Yale University, spent a year as a Fulbright scholar at the University of Vienna, Austria. He earned his Ph.D. at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

Pres. Nixon Asks Nation To Join In Honoring Vietnam War Veterans

President Richard Nixon has proclaimed today as Vietnam Veterans Day. The text of that proclamation follows:

"As America enters its second year of peace after a decade of conflict, it is highly appropriate for us to acknowledge the debt we owe to those veterans who served in the Armed Forces during the conflict in Southeast Asia.

"The untiring devotion that characterized our Armed Forces during this trying conflict is a tribute to the national character.

"There are over 6 1/2 million Vietnam-era veterans, of whom more than 2 1/2 million served in Vietnam. Despite significant disruptions in their lives and other personal sacrifices, they answered the call of their country and served with great distinction.

"As a nation, we have acknowledged our deep respect and admiration by setting aside March 29, 1974, as Vietnam Veterans Day to remember that the honorable peace America achieved came through great sacrifice. Those who served, those who gave their lives, those who were disabled, and those who are still missing in South-East Asia — and whose full accounting we shall continue to seek — deserve the profound gratitude of their countrymen. For this purpose, the Congress has authorized and requested me to issue a proclamation designating March 29, 1974, as Vietnam Veterans Day.

"Now, therefore, I Richard Nixon, President of the United States of America, urge the people of this nation to join in commemorating Friday, March 29, 1974, as Vietnam Veterans Day with suitable observances.

"I direct the appropriate officials of the government to arrange for the display of the flag of the United States on all public building on that day, and I request officials of federal, state, and local governments and civic and patriotic organizations, to give their enthusiastic support to appropriate ceremonies and observances throughout the nation.

"I urge all citizens of every age to participate in the events of this day as one means of honoring those men and women who served their country faithfully and courageously during the Vietnam conflict."

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this 26th day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred seventy-four, and of the independence of the United States of America the one hundred ninety-eighth."

(signed) Richard Nixon

DAV To Conduct Meetings April 1, 15

Two meetings of the members of China Lake Chapter No. 135 of the Disabled American Veterans have been scheduled on April 1 and 15.

The first, this Monday, is for the purpose of nominating candidates for office, while on Monday, April 15, the election of new officers will be conducted. Both meetings will be held at the Kern County Building, 230 W. Ridgecrest Blvd., starting at 7:30 p.m.



ATTENTION FOCUSED ON PUBLIC SCHOOLS — Rear Admiral Paul E. Pugh, NWC Commander, and Dr. Rex Shacklett, mayor of Ridgecrest, met this week to sign a proclamation in recognition of the fact that April is being set aside as Public Schools Month in the local area. Holding the proclamation for this annual Masonic Lodge-sponsored program is George Gregory, master of the Indian Wells Valley Lodge. Pictured are (from left) Grant Pinney, assistant superintendent of the China Lake Elementary School District; Willis Rosenlof, principal of the Las Flores School in Ridgecrest, representing the Indian Wells Valley Union School District; Mayor Shacklett, Gregory, RADM. Pugh, and Eli Harrison, chairman of Public School month activities for the IWW Masonic Lodge. Special events planned include open house programs that begin next week. They will be held at Richmond School, Monday, 6:45 to 8 p.m.; Pierce and Murray Schools, Tuesday, 6 to 7:30 p.m.; and Murray School, Wednesday, April 3, 6:30 to 8 p.m. At Groves School, visitations are scheduled throughout the week of April 22-26. Open house programs for schools of the IWW Union School District, all scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m., will be held on the following dates: April 22, Las Flores and Inyokern Schools; April 23, Ridgecrest Heights School; April 24, Murray Annex, and April 25, James Monroe School. In addition, there will be a reception at the IWW Masonic Lodge for all teachers in the Valley on Wednesday, April 17, from 7 to 9 p.m.