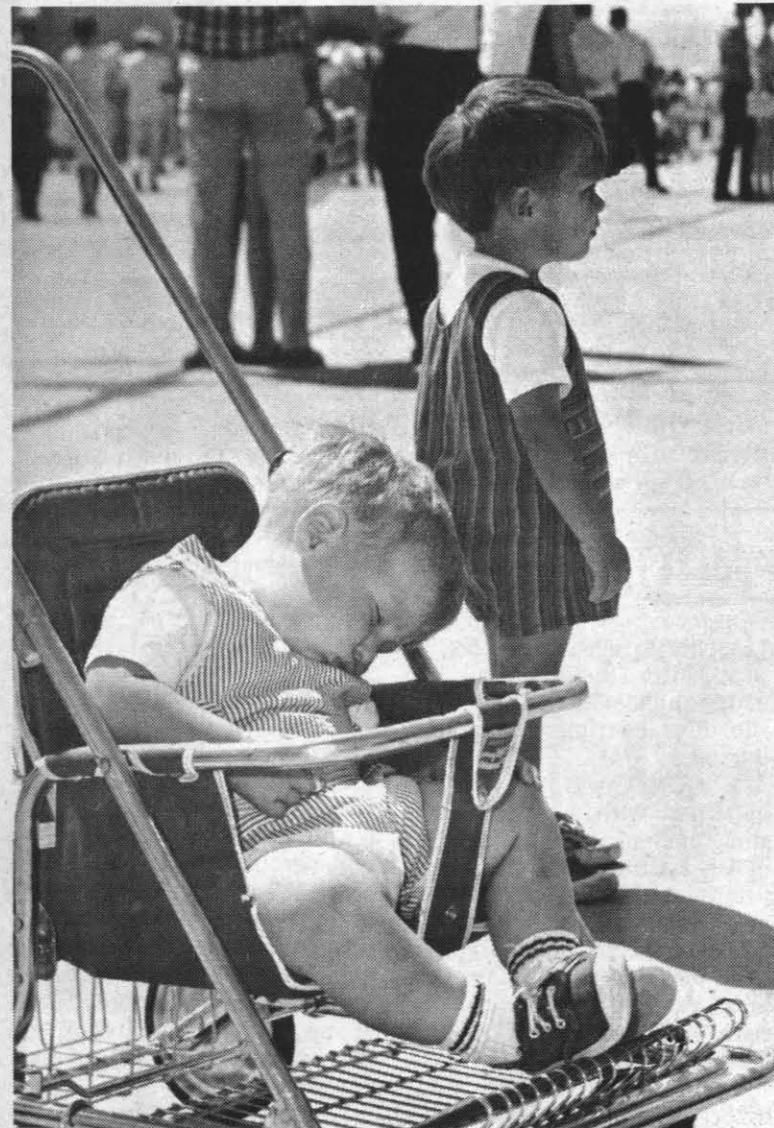


## Print-of-the-Month



**BABY SITTER** is the title of PH2 Kenneth Stephens' prize winning candid photo for the month of July. "I literally stumbled upon this pair," said Stephens during his assignment at Naval Air Facility, Armed Forces Day. The camera was a Graflex XL (2½ x 2¾ in.) with 120, Tri-X Kodak film. Electronic flash on the camera preserved the shadow detail of the unidentified subjects.

## Youth Center Sitting Classes Start Monday

Babysitting classes will start again next Monday at the Youth Center.

Registration is July 8 at the Center, and classes are July 9 through 12 at the Youth Center. The classes will be conducted by Mrs. Sherl Conaughton, a registered nurse, from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

The classes will include babysitting etiquette, safety in the home, basic childcare (feeding, diapering, and games), accident prevention and care, and a talk from the fire department. Upon completion of this course the youngsters will be able to register with the sitter agency.

## Blue Cross Ins. Agent At Community Center

Norman R. Smith, Blue Cross-Blue Shield (Service Benefit Plan) representative from Bakersfield, will be aboard the Center on Wednesday, July 10, at the Community Center from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., according to T. J. Haycock, Head, Employee-Management Relations.

## SHOWBOAT

FRIDAY JULY 5  
"DANGER ROUTE" (90 Min.)  
Richard Johnson, Carol Lynley  
7:30 P.M.

(Adventure) Using a boat yard as a cover, a secret agent penetrates an estate to contact a defector who is believed loyal to the Russians. Counter-espionage climaxes at sea with exciting action. Sequel to follow? (Adult, Mature Youth.)

Shorts: "Put Put Pink" (Pink Panther—7 Min.)  
"Skater Date" (17 Min.)

SATURDAY JULY 6

—MATINEE—  
"HERO'S ISLAND" (94 Min.)  
James Mason  
1:00 P.M.

Shorts: "Private Pluto" (7 Min.)  
"Trader Tom" No. 4 (13 Min.)

—EVENING—  
"STRANGER IN TOWN" (87 Min.)  
Tony Anthony, Frank Wolf  
7:30 P.M.

(Western) A bold adventurer gambles his life in eluding bandits by taking a gold shipment meant for Mexican soldiers; his share to be part of the loot. Violence and torture result before the exciting climax. It's rough! (Adult.)

Shorts: "Symphony in Slang" (7 Min.)  
"Land of 1000 Faces" (15 Min.)

SUNDAY-MONDAY JULY 7-8

"STAY AWAY JOE" (101 Min.)  
Elvis Presley, Burgess Meredith  
7:30 P.M.

(Comedy/Western) Brawling, bronc-riding Navajo returns home from the rodeo to improve the plight of the Indian. Between romances and trying to save the herd from a BBQ, Elvis really fights up a storm. (Adult.)

Short: "Catinip Pluto" (7 Min.)

WEDNESDAY JULY 10

—SPECIAL MATINEE—  
"THE DANUBE" (30 Min.)  
"RUSTY AND THE FALCON" (47 Min.)  
1:00 P.M.

TUESDAY-WEDNESDAY JULY 9-10

"SURFARI" (93 Min.)  
Richy Griggs, Sue Peterson, Greg Noll  
7:30 P.M.

(Adventure) Don't miss the breathtaking thrills of the world's greatest surfing as 1967 champ (Richy) and his buddy (the famed Greg) and Miss Teenage Fair (Sue) start at Huntington Beach and end up in Hawaii's 35-foot backbreakers. From dunes, dune buggies and snow bunnies, the guys and dolls leave you limp. (Adult and Youth.)

Shorts: "Out and Out Rust" (Roadrunner—7 Min.)  
"People of Provence" (9 Min.)

THURSDAY-FRIDAY JULY 11-12

"DAY OF THE EVIL GUN" (96 Min.)  
Glenn Ford, Arthur Kennedy  
7:30 P.M.

(Western) Long-absent husband returns to a small western town to find his family kidnapped by Indians, just before the was to marry another man. Chilling encounters follow as the two men try to rescue the women. Suspenseful! (Adult, Mature Youth.)

Shorts: "Duel Personality" (7 Min.)  
"9th World Water Ski Champs" (12 Min.)

## Museum Opens With New Items

The Visitors Center at the Maturango Museum is again open to the public after recent completion of a new electrical system, reports Kenneth H. Robinson, director.

Now to be seen are several exhibits of widely varied interest, in accord with the museum's purpose of preserving and sharing the heritage of the desert. They range from a cooking olla certified by experts to have been made by a tribe of Indians long extinct, to a pair of chopsticks evidently left behind by the same Chinese laborers who gave their name to the Navy Community.

They include some valuable firearms typical of those used by early settlers in the Indian Wells Valley, an 85-year-old Indian doll with authentic

garb, even to the use of beads, and some refreshing additions to the museum's desert glass collection.

As of last weekend, the Visitors Center was temporarily made presentable by Curator Alice Dubin for the regular open hours of 2 to 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, with Barbara St. Amand on duty as summer attendant.

The overhaul was subsequently finished by Public Works, and Mrs. Dubin announces that visitors will be welcome throughout the week, by arrangement with her or another official of the museum. A call to NWC Ext. 723683 is suggested to make sure that someone will be on hand to guide individuals or parties through.



IT PAYS TO BE SAFETY MINDED — Maintain a "faux shop" and abide by the safety rules paid off recently for men of the Naval Air Facility. Capt. R. F. Schall (l), NAF Commanding Officer presented Safety Awards for one-year of accident-free work in the shops to AQ1 R. E. Gomez (c), of the NAF Operations Department Fire Control Section and to ABCS F. D. Downs (r), officer-in-charge of the NAF OMD Line Section during a recent inspection.

## CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Answer to Previous Puzzle

ACROSS	3-Negative vote	44-Rockfish
1-Skin ailment	4-Man's nickname	45-Possessive pronoun
5-Carpenter's tool	5-Mephistopheles	46-Altitude
8-Repetition	7-Tiny	48-Cutting tool
12-Frog	8-Note of scale	50-Wooden pin
13-High card	9-Paddle	51-Male sheep
14-Organ of hearing	10-Convey, as a title to land	53-Conjunction
15-Attempt	11-Slave	54-Exists
16-Beef animal	16-Portico	
18-Hurried	17-Regretted	
19-Above	20-Mathematical ratio	
20-Heavenly body	22-Compass point	
21-Pronoun	25-Country of Asia	
23-Compass point	26-Communist	
24-Vegetable	27-Diminishes	
26-Sand bars	28-Mohammedan leader	
28-Place for combat	29-Move from side to side	
29-Mary	30-Hourly	
30-Rear of vessel	41-In addition	
32-Gaze	42-Reward	
33-Evil		
34-Mental image		
35-A state (abbr.)		
36-Container		
37-Strict		
38-Hold on property		
40-Hastens		
41-Part of "to be"		
43-Preposition		
44-Roster		
45-Military policeman (abbr.)		
47-Meadow		
49-Musical drama		
51-Spanish for "river"		
52-Those in their 60s		
55-Poems		
56-Female (colloq.)		
57-Pintail duck		

DOWN

1-Aleutian island  
2-Enlisted man

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## China Lake Pair Picked For Year of University

### Glen, Wagenhals To Take Intensive Training

Robert M. Glen and Nils D. Wagenhals, two China Lakers rising rapidly here in management careers, have recently received the combined honor and opportunity of a year each of advanced education at leading universities on the East Coast.

Both men were chosen this year from a list of nominees submitted by a variety of federal agencies and several states, and both will study under different but similar programs supported by the Office of Civilian Manpower Management (OCMM) and the National Institute of Public Affairs (NIPA). Glen and Wagenhals are both now working at the GS-13 level, and are beneficiaries of federal interest — especially strong throughout the last decade — of boosting and strengthening the capabilities of promising civil servants in their mid-career.

The two China Lakers will depart in August with their families for their year of intense academic study; Glen to Cornell University in New York and Wagenhals to the University of Maryland. Bob Glen, of Code 17's Management Sciences Group, will study in management and economic analysis under the NIPA's Career Education Awards program. Nils Wagenhals, an administrative officer in Aviation Ordnance Department, will study under the OCMM's Educational Program in Systematic Analysis.

**Nils Wagenhals — Potential to Succeed**  
Nils Wagenhals came to Chi-

na Lake in June, 1961, in the Management Intern Program with a B.A. degree in government from Wesleyan University in Middletown, Connecticut. In 1961 he took leave to complete his work for a Master of Public Administration degree from UCLA. On graduating from the Intern Program the next year, he began work with the Walleye project in AOD.

He rose through GS-11 by late 1963, took furlough to serve with the California Air National Guard for four months, then returned. He rose to GS-12 as a management specialist for research in 1964, received his career appointment in 1967, and was approved by AOD for promotion to GS-13 in September of that year.

Wagenhals' already demonstrated capabilities have put him in the position to perform as acting head of AOD's Development Division One during relatively frequent travel absences of both division and branch heads. In 1966, he was appointed to a position on the NWC Administrative Development Committee, where he helps choose, orient and develop the Center's next generation of top administrative management people.

He explains that "the Program will be used to strengthen my capacity for, and capabilities in, complex problem analysis by providing the means to explore in detail the various analytical tools and techniques available today. My primary area of interest, or vehicle for

doing and learning, is the field of Defense administration."

Nils Wagenhals, a native of Rochester, New York, now makes his home at 52-B Ringgold with his wife Martha.

### Robert Glen — Future Distinction

Robert Glen is the native Californian of the Center's chosen pair. He hails from San Diego, and came to China Lake in June, 1961, as a management intern with a B.A. degree in political science from Stanford and a M.A. degree in public administration from UCLA.

Glen makes his home here at 1501-A Smith Road with his wife Rhodan and children, Gregory, 3, and Marcie, one month.

His experience with management science began with rough-hewn, practical work with the U.S. Army's Civil Affairs Group in Heidelberg, Germany. He left two years service with the Army in 1960.

Bob Glen has carried his interest in the administration of working groups into civic affairs during his seven years at China Lake. He served the community as president of the Community Council in 1964, one of several years on that body. He served as chairman of the Employee Services Board at China Lake during the 1967-68 fiscal year, and as secretary of the local unit of the American Society for Public Administration during the same period.

Glen plans to take further (Continued on Page 8)



NILS D. WAGENHALS



ROBERT M. GLEN

## Honors Top Recruiter



**"SENIOR RECRUITER" HONORED** — Robert C. Nelligan, Associate Head of Code 65's Employment Div. and Recruitment Coordinator, receives the Navy Meritorious Civilian Service award from Capt. M. R. Etheridge, NWC Commander. Department head Raymond A. Harrison noted in recommending Nelligan for the honor that he has come to be considered the "senior recruiter" on the west coast for his abilities and performance, and has been frequently consulted on recruiting techniques by the Civil Service Commission, other naval activities and private employers. "Through Mr. Nelligan's continuing efforts," said Harrison, "the academic quality of the junior professionals recruited has been steadily increasing and there is a close match between the Center's needs and the disciplines recruited." The award, rare at China Lake, is the highest a Naval activity commander can present to a civilian employee.

## 'Weekend With Youth' Laboratory Set by Desert Counseling Clinic

A laboratory in interpersonal relations, called "A Weekend With Youth," will be sponsored by the Desert Counseling Clinic on July 18 through 21, at the Training Building.

The laboratory has been designed by the Clinic to offer a setting which will stimulate a full and open discussion of the problems which confront youth and their parents in the community, according to E. J. Jones, Ph.D., consultant in behavioral sciences at NWC, and one of the two people staffing the weekend laboratory. Claudia Zanders, Master of Social Work and a counselor for youth at the Clinic, will join Jones in leading the weekend project.

Methods developed in leadership and sensitivity training will be used to enhance communication skills and the ability to listen, and to facilitate a climate of openness and trust in which participants will feel secure in telling how they feel about themselves and each other.

Preference will be given to young people between 15 and

21 and to adults who have a son or daughter in that age group. Enrollment will be limited to eight adults and eight young people. Where more than one member of the same family applies, the staff will reserve the right to decide on whether either or both applicants will be approved for participation.

Participation in this laboratory will not carry with it any implication that the individual is in a client relationship to the Desert Counseling Clinic; indeed, emphasis will be on education and growth rather than repair.

The fee of \$25 is payable by check made out to the Desert Counseling Clinic at the first meeting. So that no young person will be prohibited from applying because of lack of funds, a limited number of scholarships is available. There is space on the application for indication of scholarship need.

Applications must be received at the Clinic, Code 1133, by next Monday, July 8. Those accepted will be notified by July 11.

## Hurry-up Chow Line Gets Big Send Off



**SPATULA AND FROSTING** instead of shovel and mortar were used this week to token the beginning of work on a fast-service improvement to NWC General Mess. Lt.(jg) T. R. Anderson, Food Service Officer, (l) holds the plans for the speed line while Director of Supply Capt. C. R. Lee looks on. Wield-

ing the spatula on his last day in the U.S. Navy is CSC E. I. Jones, center. Executive Officer Capt. R. Williamson II; Public Works Officer Capt. K. C. Abplanalp and Lt. J. S. Loomis, Assistant Public Works Officer were on hand to help launch the month-long job that will provide a short order line.

From \_\_\_\_\_

TO \_\_\_\_\_

STAMP

## CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

## Church Camps...What Good Do They Do?

By Senior Chaplain Paul Romantum



Church camping has offered summer joys to thousands of boys and girls and adults in a creative experience of cooperative group living. A case worker states, "You accomplish more in your time of concentrated effort that I am able to do in six months." A girl camper said to her counselor, "I liked best when we talked about God when we were going to sleep." A small boy with overwhelming family problems commented, "We don't fight at Church Camp. This is one corner of the world where there is peace." A young man looked back at his camping experiences saying "The most rewarding weeks of my life . . . I learned to really trust in God . . ." A mother of a camp worker stated the following, "I feel she has acquired a new purpose in life and many new friends . . ." Testimonials such as these can be multiplied a thousand times and in many, many lives.

August will mark the sixth year that Protestant children of the All Faith Chapel will have the opportunity to attend Christian Church Camp. Three camps will take place for children who have completed the fourth grade through seniors in high school. The dates and places for these are as follows:

Senior High Back Pack Camp in the High Sierras, August 4-10; Junior High Camp at Horseshoe Lake, August 11-17; and Junior Camp (completing grades 4, 5, and 6) at Tehachapi, August 26-31.

This will be the first year of Junior Camp and we trust that many will take advantage of this opportunity of a creative Christian experience in group living. I have lived with hundreds of children in camp and all of them thought their short stay in church camp was one of their greatest experiences.

Church camps have proved their wholesome value in many, many lives. "The association of youth of both sexes in work, play, and worship settings gives opportunity for cultivation of manners and courtesy. Thus the program is on a united fellowship basis with young people mingling naturally at meals, in worship, recreation and evening programs."



**SAFETY AWARDS** — Naval Air Facility Commanding Officer Capt. R. F. Schall (l), presented Safety Awards for one-year accident-free work in the shops to ASI R. J. Betts (c), and PRI C. E. Nix (r), during a recent morning quarters inspection. Betts works at the NAF Ground Handling of the AMD Aviation Support Equipment; Nix is in charge of the NAF Para-Loft of AMD Aviators Equipment.

## PROMOTIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Present Center employees are encouraged to apply for the positions listed below. Applications should be accompanied by an up-to-date Form 58. The fact that positions are advertised here does not preclude the use of other means to fill these vacancies.

The positions described here are effective from July 5 to July 12, 1968.

**Helper (Various Options) WS-5, Code 70** — The Public Works Department has current or anticipates future Helper vacancies in the following trades: Electrician, Painter, Rigger, Sewage Disposal Plant Operator, Sheetmetal Worker, Structural Iron Worker, Heavy Duty Equipment Mechanic, Automotive Mechanic, Woodworker, Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Mechanic, General, Plumber, Pipefitter and Insulator, Plasterer, Tile and Paint Setter, and Heating Equipment Maintenance.

All interested non-temporary employees are invited to apply. Employees who applied for the Helper vacancies advertised in March 1968 must apply again. A Helper examination will be scheduled for employees who have received notification and for employees who have taken the examination previously but did not attain a passing score. Non-competitive selections for Helper vacancies will be made from the list of eligible applicants resulting from this announcement through Oct. 4, 1968.

File applications with Dora Childers, Rm. 32, Code 657, Phone 71393.

**Voucher Examiner, GS-540-3, Code 1765 (2 vacancies)** — Responsibility for the examination and computation of public claims and vouchers; types transportation requests; Navy meal tickets; checks correspondence, and vouchers computed by voucher examiners of a higher level.

**Accounts Maintenance, Clerk, GS-520-4 or 5, Code 1761** — Process accounting documents to commit, obligate, and expend funds; code documents; determine proper accounting entries and legality and propriety of charges; prepare vouchers to insure accuracy of accounting data. Requires the application of bookkeeping. **Qualifications:** GS-4, one year general and one specialized; GS-5, two years' general and one specialized; GS-6, two years' general and one and one-half years' specialized.

**Accounting Technician, GS-525-5 or 6, Code 1761** — Maintain and control the Center's official accounting system; maintain ledgers; serve as liaison and control center for accounting data passing to and from the Data Processing Branch; prepare and submit periodic financial reports and special financial statements and cost accounting analyses, and edit documents to insure accuracy of accounting data. Requires the application of bookkeeping. **Qualifications:** GS-5, two years' general and one specialized; GS-6, two years' general and one and one-half years' specialized.

**Supply Clerk, GS-5040-4, Code 1761** — Preparation and maintenance of property control records; preparation and maintenance of property transfer records; preparation and processing of property surveys; initiate and compose letters pertaining to accountability, transfer, acquisition, loss and/or survey of government property; assemble and maintain all photographic custodial records and disseminate information. **Qualifications:** One year general and one year specialized.

**File application for above with Sue Prasolowicz, Bldg. 34, Rm. 28, Phone 71577.**

**Management Analyst, GS-343-9, 11, 12 or 13, Code 1713** — This position is located in the Management Science Group, Central Staff. Duties include the conduct of analytical studies of managerial problems, utilizing management science and statistical methods and cost analysis techniques. **Qualifications:** Familiarity with analysis techniques of operation research and be able to use statistical and probability methods.

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**Mathematics Aid or Technician, GS-3 through 7, (two vacancies), Code 3033** — These positions will be located in the Data Reduction Branch, Assessment Division, Systems Development Department. The positions will involve work in the reduction and computation of quantitative data performing non-professional work through the use of mathematical techniques. **Qualifications:** Applicants must have had experience as an aid or technician in the physical sciences, engineering, mathematics, statistics and/or a related scientific or technical field such as computer operation. Education may be substituted to the extent allowed. Specialized experience as a mathematics aid or technician will be considered in determining the grade level.

**File applications for above with Fawn Haycock, Bldg. 34, Rm. 34, Phone 71514.**

**Computer Systems Operator, GS-5, 6 or 7, Code 3033** — This position is located in the Data Reduction Branch, Assessment Division Systems Development Department. The incumbent will be the computer operator for a UNIVAC 1230 ADP system. He will also run and operate a UNIVAC 1108 ADP system. In addition to his computer operator duties, he will function as part of a post-test data processing team requiring data evaluation and validation of computer output. This position will require night work at Randsburg Wash. **Qualifications:** In addition to meeting the requirements for GS-4 level, the applicant must have one year of specialized experience for GS-5 level, two years for GS-6 level and three years for GS-7 level. Specialized experience is experience in the operation of the control console of a computer system.

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**Electronics Technician GS-5, 7 or 9 (one vacancy), Code 3024** — A career opportunity.

## 'DESERT PHILOSOPHER'

## Health and Safety in the Summer Desert

By "POP" LOFINCK



If you are a blond or have closely cropped hair and you are going to be out in the desert summer sun all day, you should wear a hat, preferably a light colored hat, painted or lined on the inside with black or dark green color. An individual with thick, black hair doesn't need that lining.

**Black color filters out the actinic rays of the sun — those wavelengths of violet and ultraviolet and capable of effecting chemical changes, according to the dictionary.**

Black also absorbs heat. Parenthetically — in the bright sunlight, put your hand on a black car and a white car along side and observe how black absorbs heat, while white reflects heat.

In the clear air of southern deserts the actinic or violet rays are very penetrating, and the higher the altitude the more penetrating.

Some books say that the desert summer sun on a bare-headed blond affects the nervous system. So, one should wear a white or light tan hat lined with black or dark green — like the sun helmets the British wear in the deserts, or like the Marine Corps tropical helmet. Air passes in between the sweat-band and the helmet. The helmet shades the back of the neck. The strap under the chin saves the labor of chasing your helmet every time the wind blows.

The native desert dweller of the Middle East did so well for so many centuries in Persia, Arabia and Egypt because their black hair took care of the violet rays. Over their hair they wore a white turban to reflect the heat rays from their head and the back of their neck. So they were well fortified for their environment.

The French Foreign Legion wore an insulated cap with a curtain on the back to protect the back of their neck.

So — if you are blond or have closely cropped hair — you should wear a hat and save your nervous system.

About your eyes and the sun. I read in an authoritative medical book that you should wear dark glasses — the darker the better, and the darkest you can find — not before 10 a.m. nor after 4 p.m. Take them off when you go inside. And the book further states: if you spend a day at the beach on a clear day without dark glasses, it takes the eyes a week to ten days to regain normalcy.

The Eskimos protect their eyes from snow blindness by wearing bone goggles with a narrow slit to see through.

Supervisory and Executive Development Program, the incumbent, through studies, questionnaires, interviews, and analysis, determines the developmental needs of the administrative personnel of the Center in the four major areas of personnel, finance, systems, and operations. He directs the administration. Incumbent develops programs for special training needs.

**File application for above with Sue Prasolowicz, Bldg. 34, Rm. 28, Phone 71577.**

**Communications Equipment Operator** — This position is located in the Frequency Surveillance Section, Frequency Resources Branch. Major duties include maintenance of continuous surveillance of the radio frequency spectrum, employs various special purposes receiving recorders, RF direction finders, and associated antenna systems to analyze and determine the location of unknown RD radiations.

**Forward application to Industrial Relations Office (Code 172-2), Pacific Missile Range, P.O. Box 4, Point Mugu, California 93041.**

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**JP's Will Party** — The annual JP (Junior Professional) Summer Party will be held on Thursday, July 11, at the Commissioned Officer's Mess.

The Club pool is reserved, and music for dancing will be provided by the COMNAVAIR-PAC B and. All new professional employees and their supervisors are invited to this "get acquainted" party.

The hours are from 6 p.m. to midnight, with dinner being served at 7:00. Tickets, \$1.50 per person, are on sale within the various departments.

## Watusis Spear Maulers, Keep All-Win Record

The first game of two in the "Slow Pitch League" last Friday night ended with the Watusi Warriors extending their record to 5-0 by handily putting away Millers Maulers 11-1.

The Warriors' ace pitcher "Iron Arm" Davis avoided the Maulers' bats all evening, yielding only two singles. The one run for the Maulers came in the third with a walk, two passed balls and a single. The Warriors quickly jumped on losing pitcher "Louie the Lip" Wincen, scoring three in the first on a pair of singles and three walks. Then, in the fifth inning, they pushed across four runs aided by doubles from M. Bell and C. Goff. Ike (O'Brien) Fujiwara led the Warrior attack with three singles and two intentional walks.

The second game of the evening was played like the old days of the "Beer Hut" diamond. Final score 32-18.

The second place DOB's gathered four runs in the top of the first. But the last place Marauders came back scoring the first six men who came to the plate. They didn't stop until they had seven runs on nine singles. Winning pitcher Paul Payne held off the DOB's until the seventh inning, when, led by Jack Brown's homerun, they collected 10 runs.

However, the Marauders weren't finished with losing pitcher Dick Reade; they hammered him for five runs in the second and fifth, and destroyed him with 12 runs in the fourth. Switch-hitting "Mouth" Sorenson was greatest trouble to Reade with two homeruns, three singles and a double. Ingle also had a perfect night with five singles and a double.

STANDINGS			
	W.	L.	GB
Watusi Warriors	5	0	
Dob's	2	2	
Miller's Maulers	2	3	
Lardos	1	3	
Marauders	1	4	

## Don Cooper Heads Council Election List of Winners

A special election of officers has been held by the China Lake Community Council. The election was necessitated by the resignation of Kenneth Miller who now resides in Ridgecrest.

Elected to the office of president was Donald W. Cooper; to the vice - presidency, Wardna Abernathy and to the office of secretary, George Ness. The office of treasurer was not affected and is still held by Warren Stelmiller.

Mr. Cooper is a long time resident of this area having moved here in March 1947. He states that he believes that he is the first person to be a second generation member of the council since his father, recently retired, served in 1951.

The council also voted to change its meetings to once a month. These meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Community Center. The meetings are open and the public is invited.



**SHIPMATES CRUISE TO NWC** — These young men from Kodiak, Alaska, relax at the Officers' Club pool during their visit to NWC last week on a Navy League-sponsored Ship-

mates cruise of the 11th Naval District. The program is designed to present a comprehensive view of the modern Navy, from sea to shore, from line to support activities.

## Start Moonlight Bowling Series For High Teens

A special moonlight bowling program is being offered for high school and college students.

Individual scores will be kept and individual awards will be made at the conclusion of the summer. This is an informal program and bowlers are not required to be at every session. Six sessions must be attended to be eligible for awards.

House lights are out, with lights only on the pins and in the back of the lanes. The cost is \$1 for three games, and shoes are free. It starts July 1 from 9:30 to 11:30 p.m.

## Student Union Swims, Relays Starting Soon

Relay races are scheduled, with other novelty events, as the activities of the Junior Student Union swims held every Thursday evening from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Center Swimming Pool.

The relays will be held every other Thursday beginning July 18. Those interested should sign up at the Youth Center.

## Appeal System For 'Ungraded'

Recently published Civil Service Commission regulations have caused the Navy to make changes in its job-appeal procedures for ungraded employees.

The major change by the Commission is to provide each employee in the trades and labor occupations (formerly designated "ungraded positions") with the additional and absolute right to appeal the correctness of the classification of his position to the Commission, after using his agency appeal system first.

To meet this requirement, the Navy established the following procedures:

1. Any employee in Trades and Labor Occupation can appeal the correctness of his classification at any time. However, if the appeal involves a classification action which results in a reduction in grade or level of pay, the appellant must, in order to be entitled to retroactive corrective action, file his appeal within 15 calendar days after the effective date of the action.

2. The appeal must be in writing, and must include the reasons why the employee considers his position to be improperly classified.

3. The employee directs his appeal to the Director, Office of Civilian Manpower Management (OCMM) via his Commanding Officer.

4. The Personnel Department will prepare a complete

case file to accompany the appeal letter including all records, audit notes, evaluations, etc. No hearing will be conducted.

5. OCMM will provide the appellant with a written decision, including a comparison of the position with the appropriate standard. The decision also will notify the appellant of his right to further appeal from an adverse decision within 15 calendar days to the Bureau of Inspections, U.S. Civil Service Commission.

6. An appeal may be made by or through a representative of the appellant's own choosing.

These procedures are in effect now in the Navy and, of course, at China Lake and Corona Labs. Questions can be directed to the Wage and Classification Division of the Personnel Department, Ext. 72296.

## Red Cross Needs Dialect Experts

Red Cross Caseworkers need anyone speaking Tagalog or any other Philippine dialect or language willing to interpret for servicemen in an emergency. If you are fluent and are willing to be called occasionally to help translate, please leave your name and phone number with the local Red Cross office or duty worker, 375-5153 or call Navy operator 111 for the duty worker's number.

## Excavation Work For Phone Cables Starts on Roads

Extensive excavation and trenching has started on several main streets of China Lake for installation of new underground phone cable. This is part of the changeover to commercial telephone service planned for August, 1969. Sage Communications, a contractor for California Interstate Telephone Company, will complete the cable project about September 15.

Meanwhile, construction is going ahead for the new CITELCO building across from the NWC Training Building.

Completion of the work will mean a full range of private telephone services available to China Lakers, according to a CITELCO spokesman. Plans call for direct dialing, optional private line service and many other up-to-date improvements.

## Surplus Sale, Set in Mid-July

The Supply Department Property Disposal Officer announces that a local spot bid sale of surplus property will be held on Saturday, July 20, at Bldg. 1073, Warehouse 41.

Inspection of the items offered for sale will start at 8 a.m., July 10, and continue during duty hours through July 19. Registration of bidders begins at 8:30 a.m., July 20, and the sale begins at 9:30 a.m., July 20.

Bidders must be present to participate in the sale. Mailed-in, telephonic, or telegraphic bids will not be accepted. No bid deposit will be required. Personal checks will be accepted. Successful purchasers will have five working days to remove the property.

Terms and conditions of sale will be posted at the sale site. Bidders viewing the sale items during the inspection period will be provided with a copy of the sale catalog.

Interested persons are reminded that all sales are open to the general public, and the type material offered is of local interest. Lotting of the material has been made to appeal to the buyer who wants to make small purchases.

Those desiring to be placed on the mailing list to receive notices of these sales can write to the Defense Surplus Sales Office, Fleet Station, San Diego, California, 92132.

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Daily Mass—11:30 a.m. in Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Saturday, 8:30 a.m.

Confessions—7 to 8:00 p.m. Saturday.

NWC Jewish Services (East Wing All Faith Chapel)—8 p.m. every first and third Friday.

Sabbath School—10 a.m. to noon, every first and third Saturday.

Unitarian Fellowship—For information write P. O. Box 5436, China Lake, or phone NWC Ext. 725591.

## THE LOCKER ROOM

## "Red Capone"

By ED RANCK



For many years now, there has been a recurring article in the Reader's Digest, entitled "My Most Unforgettable Character."

The feature usually tells the story of a person who has devoted his life to good deeds or providing inspiration to his fellow man. Since the article came into being many years ago, there has been a notable lack of space devoted to the stories of people whose primary interest in life has been athletics. Because of the fact that the Digest's editors for the most part have shunned the sports world when seeking inspiration for the feature, it is only natural to assume that they feel that most athletes are forgettable characters.

The sports world of course, is loaded with unforgettable characters, although all might not be of the character that the Digest had in mind. Nevertheless, it is probably only through an oversight of our leaders in sports, that athletes haven't flung themselves en masse on the sidewalks in front of the Digest's main offices, in protest of editorial brutality.

Speaking of unforgettable characters, take the case of a left-handed pitcher we once knew. We will call him Red Gibson, although the last name is an alias used to protect the guilty. Red came by the nickname honestly. He had a head of hair and a temperament that matched the color. He never played professional baseball, but this fact did not in any way remove from his mind the theory that he was the best pitcher in the world.

## MAN OF MANY TALENTS

Red spent much of his adult life playing baseball in the Navy. It isn't known whether he was suited for any other occupation, but during his many years in the Navy he didn't get past the rank of Seaman. Red didn't make much money, but he always gave the impression that he was a big spender, although it was usually someone else's money that he was spending. Red was a good pitcher, but his talents didn't end there. He was a top-notch umpire-baiter, could cheat with the best of them and could imitate a gangster better than most Hollywood actors.

For instance he felt that the most natural way for a pitcher to bypass the rules was to throw a spitball. He threw the pitch for years, and more often than not had the thing bombed out of sight. But the fact that he was pulling a fast one on the umpires was compensation enough.

Red toiled in obscurity for several years on the West Coast. It was only after he was transferred to Japan that he achieved the fame he deserved. Although he spent many years in that country, he never learned a word of Japanese. He did develop a language of his own however, a stream of unintelligible words that vaguely resembled Japanese profanity. He used the pidgin Japanese to harangue the native umpires, and with Red's temperament he had plenty of practice. The umpires, who were accustomed to gentlemanly conduct on the ball field, never knew what to make of the crazy redhead.

Red's off duty hours were spent in downtown Yokohama or Tokyo, usually in the joints that had been declared off limits. Depending on the mood of the moment, he would palm himself off as a professional ballplayer playing the Japanese pro leagues, or as a big time gangster. When he was in the professional ballplayer mood he used to cadge drinks by passing out autographed baseballs.

But it was when Gibson decided to play the gangster bit that he came into his own. Wearing a pink double-breasted, black shirt, yellow tie and black fedora, Red looked like he just stepped out of a 1930 Al Capone movie. The Japanese, many of whom get their impressions of life in the United States through movies, believed every bit of it.

He would frequent a restaurant in Yokohama that was so notorious for its traffic in narcotics that it was rumored they put opium in the sukiyaki. One night when Red was hobnobbing with the boys at the bar, the Japanese police decided to raid the joint.

To the cops, Red looked like the biggest catch in years. Red, of course, was clean, so the police let him go a few hours later. Hearing him tell the story the next day, you had to get the impression that Red was insulted because they didn't put him in a maximum security cell reserved for Japanese gang-lords.

## HIS LIFE'S WORK CUT OUT

All this happened back in the early 1950's. A fitting sequel to the story would be that Gibson got out of the Navy, sired five kids, joined the PTA, and now gets most of his kicks by watching "Peyton Place."

But when we last saw Red three years ago, he was in Japan and had just finished a long afternoon pitching for a Navy team and harrasing the umpires. As Red put on his black shirt, adjusted his white tie and checked the black hat for a proper fit, we didn't have to ask what he had planned for the night.

## Victory Leaders Demonstrate



**RECORD-BREAKING SWIMMERS** — Tad Allan (left) and Bruce Hillard demonstrate the winning form that produced two pool records for the 13 to 14 age group in recent invitational competition at the Officers' Club pool. The Indian Wells Valley Swim Team swamped opposition from Wasco, Delano and Bear Mountain. Allan set a new record in the 50-meter backstroke, and Hillard in the 50-meter breaststroke. Clayton Bustard also topped the old record in the eight-year old and under individual medley. Here, the champs practice at the Center pool.

## Banditos Swipe Game, Stop Engineer Streak

Led by Bob Brown and Jim Dowda, the El Ranchito Banditos ended the Engineers' long winning streak last Thursday night, downing the league leaders, 7-4 at Reardon Field.

Brown hit a three run homer in the second and singled home another run in the third, while Dowda hit a two run homer in the fifth to provide most of the El Ranchito offense. The win enabled El Ranchito to move to within one and one-half games of first place. Pete Klassen went all the way to win it for the Banditos, while Bert Galloway was the loser.

Ace TV stayed hot on the heels of the Engineers by pounding out a 15-5 victory over the VX-5 Vampires. Ace scored seven runs in a big first inning, then moved ahead 10-1 in the fourth. Bill Marten drove in four runs with a two run triple in the first and a two run homer in the second inning. Bob Palmer led the 14 hit Ace attack with three safeties, while Larry Galvin had three hits including his sixth homerun of the year to pace the Vampires. Bert Andreason won his 11th game of the year for Ace and Pat Klauer was the loser.

## Softball League

STANDINGS			
	W.	L.	GB
Engineers	12	1	—
Ace TV	11	2	1
El Ranchito	10	4	2 1/2
Magic Cleaners	6	8	6 1/2
Genge	5	8	7
VX-5	5	8	7
NAF	3	10	9
NWC	1	12	11

BATTING AVERAGES			
Galvin, VX-5	.....	.466	
Lyons, VX-5	.....	.465	
Araceli, VX-5	.....	.428	
Loft, NAF	.....	.419	
Smith, Ace TV	.....	.388	
Dowda, El Ranchito	.....	.387	
Newmyer, Engineers	.....	.385	
Palmer, Ace TV	.....	.381	
Hamer, Ace TV	.....	.357	
Paradise, Magic Cleaners	.....	.353	

NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE			
JULY 8—NWC vs. Magic Cleaners, Genge vs. NAF.			
JULY 9—Engineers vs. Ace TV, VX-5 vs. El Ranchito.			
JULY 10—Ace TV vs. El Ranchito, Engineers vs. VX-5.			
JULY 11—Magic Cleaners vs. NAF, NWC vs. Genge.			

Magic Cleaners moved back into contention for fourth place with an easy 12-2 victory over the Genge Chapparals. Magic moved to a 4-0 lead in the first with Bob Hooper's two run single being the big blow. The Patriots increased their lead to 8-1 with four in the fourth, then coasted to the victory. Bob Kochman was the winning pitcher for Magic Cleaners and Andy Vasco was the loser. Hooper led the Patriot attack with three singles while Duane Blue collected three hits for the Chapparals.

The NAF Hawks outlasted the NWC Tigers, 12-11 to win their third game of the year. Both teams took advantage of the opposing pitchers' wildness in the first three innings, with the Hawks moving out to a 10-7 lead. NAF scored two more in the fifth, then held off a late Tiger rally to win it. Don Sicheley was the winning pitcher in relief, while Fred Crenshaw was the loser.

In action Monday night, Bob Kochman pitched a three-hitter as Magic Cleaners defeated El Ranchito, 2-1. Held hitless for five innings, the Patriots broke a 0-0 tie in the sixth on Bob Bartlett's triple and a single by Mike Rowell. El Ranchito tied it in the top of the seventh when Bill Brown singled home Cliff Newton. A walk, a wild pitch and Dave Paradise's single in the bottom of the seventh inning won it for Magic Cleaners. Kochman won his fourth game of the year as the Patriots moved into fourth place. Brown, who also pitched a three hitter, was the loser.

Bert Galloway fired a one-hitter to beat Tony Scanlan in another tight game as the Engineers defeated Genge, 3-0. The league leaders scored in the third and fourth innings on run scoring singles by Chuck Newmyer and Bill Underwood. The Engineers added another run in the sixth when Underwood singled and scored on a double by Ray Blackwell. Galloway fanned 11 in winning his 12th game of the year.

## WACOM NEWS

## NEWCOMERS' COFFEE

A Coffee will be held on Tuesday, July 30, 1968 at 10 a.m. on the Lanai at the Officers' Club. Dress is to be casual — shifts and shorts.

All newcomers to the area are invited to this function as it will give them an opportunity to meet and become acquainted with Women's Auxiliary Commissioned Officers' Mess and its activities.

Anyone who wishes to have transportation to the coffee please contact Mary Verich on Ext. 723661 and it will be arranged.

## Yankees, Red Sox Share Big Lead In Little League

As the end of the season nears for the Major Division of the China Lake Little Leaguers, the Red Sox and the Yankees are riding the crest, each with five wins and two losses in the second half.

The eventual winner will meet the Giants, who captured the first half pennant with a seven-win, no-loss record, for the season championship.

If the two present leaders remain tied, the nod will go to the Red Sox who squeezed by the Yankees, 5-4 last Friday, largely on the strength of a fine pitching exhibition by Mark Boucllin. That victory put the Red Sox momentarily on top, but they bowed to an inspired Dodger nine Monday night, 9-3. Meanwhile, the Yankees were taking the measure of a surprisingly strong Tiger nine by a score of 5-3 to regain a share of the lead. In that game, Yankee catcher Mike Brown played sterling ball, and was instrumental in keeping the Yankee's hopes alive.

Saturday's games will end the 1968 season's regular schedule. Two key games are on tap Saturday; the Giants will meet the ever-dangerous Dodgers, and the Yankees will host the Pirates. The final standings may not be determined until the last pitch.

The July 2 standings:

TEAM	W.	L.
Systems Development Yankees	5	2
NAF Red Sox	5	2
Lions Club Dodgers	3 1/2	3 1/2
VX-5 Giants	2 1/2	3 1/2
Public Works Pirates	1 1/2	4 1/2
Engineers Tigers	1 1/2	5 1/2

Note: Tie games count 1/2.

## CENTER LIBRARY LISTS NEW BOOKS

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

**Fiction**  
Gardner—Madrigal.  
Hempstone—In the Midst of Lions.  
Slaughter—Sins of Herod.  
Wallop—The Mermaid in the Swimming Pool.  
**Non-Fiction**  
Collins—Or I'll Dress You in Mourning.  
Halacy—The Weather Changers.  
Kennedy—Decisions for a Decade.  
Michener—Iberia.  
Morse—While Six Million Died.  
Schiffers—What's Your Caloric Number?

## A Priceless Gem

Dictators fear it, visionaries dream of it; women have marched for it, dedicated men have died for it; adolescents yearn for it and informed adults exercise it; corrupt individuals seek to control it, honorable men respect it.

It is your vote. It is a priceless heritage that has spread the shining light of freedom and self-respect to the far corners of the earth. It is man's unquenchable thirst to control his destiny by having a voice in the affairs of his government.

It has helped build this country from a small group of states clustered along the Atlantic Ocean to the most powerful Nation in the world today.

The free vote of the individual has proven that our form of government can and does work — that a nation can be governed by the will of the majority while still respecting the rights of all other individuals and groups.

The right to vote is stained red with the blood of millions who have fought to gain it and died defending it.

It's your legacy from the past — your endowment to the future.

It is your right and responsibility — it's not to be taken lightly.

It is your way to guarantee a free, responsive and enduring America.—(AFPS)



**WELCOME ABOARD** — RAdm. David Lambert (l), Commander, Training Command, Pacific Fleet, is welcomed aboard Naval Weapons Center by Capt. M. R. Etheridge, NWC Commander. During the one-day visit, Admiral Lambert received briefings from various staff members in Michelson Laboratories on programs including the Electro-Optical Weapons, ARM Weapons, Standard ARM, Night Attack System, and an Echo Range presentation.



**NEW WACOM PRESIDENT** — Out-going WACOM President, Donnie Goettig (l), presents the gavel to the new President, Wilma Grozier, during the recent WACOM Installation Banquet. The remainder slate of new WACOM officers are: Dodie Gorrone, vice-president; Flo Carmody, secretary; Ida Davis, treasurer, and Jo Hoxie, Thrift Shop chairman. Alice Wenzl was the installation official.

## Detection, Precise Location, Quick Destruction - Pressing Problems

Detection, precise location and quick destruction of enemy units in Vietnam are the most pressing problems facing the Department of Defense's research and development experts in their support of the war in Southeast Asia.

Director of Defense Research and Engineering Dr. John S. Foster Jr., in testimony before the Senate Armed Services Committee, stated these three problem areas are the common denominator in three of the four major efforts by U.S. forces in Viet Nam — counter-infiltration, destruction of Viet Cong and North Vietnamese main battle units and interdiction operations over North Viet Nam.

Even in the fourth major area of U.S. operation — pacification — these are problems which must be dealt with, for DOD's primary contributions to this effort are the isolation of the Viet Cong from the civilian populace, the providing of security from both Viet Cong and North Vietnamese main forces, and providing the people with increased security from the VC terrorist and guerrilla forces.

To provide the necessary R&D support for U.S. operations in Viet Nam, the Defense Department has requested an initial FY69 budget of \$522 million, but Dr. Foster told the Senate Armed Services Committee that an estimated \$800 million may be required "to meet the special needs that probably will arise."

Outlining future R&D programs for the committee, Dr. Foster summarized the directions he expects these programs to take in the four major areas of U.S. operations in Viet Nam.

**Counter-Infiltration**  
1—Vigorous work on technology to allow the U.S. to find the enemy and determine his pattern of operation in jungle and other difficult terrain.

2—Improvements in U.S. ordnance delivery capability so that American forces can hit targets accurately and decisively.

3—Development of counter-infiltration techniques and border security systems which can be effective in both peacetime and/or limited war environments.

## Neutralization of Main Force-Type Units

1 — Vast improvements in target acquisition and accurate and discriminating weapons.

2 — Imaginative engineering support to reduce time and manpower requirements for construction of small camps and military bases, jungle clearing, and construction of defensive positions in hostile environments.

**Interdiction Operations**  
1 — Improved target acquisition capability for night and all-weather attack.

2 — "Real time" reconnaissance methods.

3 — Quick reaction electronic warfare and electronic counter-measure programs.

4 — Improved search and rescue in hostile environments.

**Pacification**  
1 — Vigorous effort on village and hamlet security and reliable communications.

2 — Coordinated programs with AID, the State Department, DOD and other agencies in areas where R&D can play a role such as identification, intelligence, interrogation, and the application of defense technology to the nation-building process.

Counter-infiltration methods, Dr. Foster said, are necessary because it is estimated that enemy military forces have been infiltrating South Vietnam "at an average level of 6,000 per month."

"Material requirements for these forces, and for the VC indigenous to SVN, are estimated to be about 300 tons per

day, including food, weapons, medicines and ammunition. About one third of this must be supplied from outside SVN. While we don't know precisely the quantities of material actually supplied, the enemy's logistic system is capable of supplying perhaps 10 times more than these minimum requirements."

To minimize U.S. casualties while inflicting maximum destruction on enemy main force units, Dr. Foster said, the U.S. must "rapidly gain firepower superiority."

"Today we are willing to expend large amounts of ordnance to overwhelm the enemy. Because of an inability to locate the enemy precisely, this is an inefficient operation."

"As we improve our detection and localization capability, the improved firepower of new helicopters and better munitions will help save lives and reduce costs."

Dr. Foster told the committee that the U.S. "must detect artillery, mortars and rockets (some mobile, some dug-in) and then direct a killing fire" if the U.S. is to effectively defend its main military and logistic bases and outposts, especially those close to the demilitarized zone.

A major problem in the air war over North Vietnam is the need for improved search and rescue operations. "I am concerned that our recovery rate of those rescueable aircrewmembers has decreased." In addition to new rescue vehicles, "we must... assure that an airman can eject from a damaged aircraft and get safely to the ground. Then we must be able to locate and pick him up quickly."

The Defense Department, Dr. Foster added, is studying and experimenting with more advanced rescue concepts such as mid-air snatch of pilots who have ejected and better location and communication equipment for downed airmen.

## Ordnance Division Men Receive \$300 Award



**AWARDED FOR SUPERIOR ACHIEVEMENT** — Capt. C. R. Lee, Naval Weapons Center, Director of Supply, awarded a Group Superior Achievement award recently to 14 men assigned to the Ordnance Division. Dividing the \$300 award are, back row (l), Woodrow F. Bertine, Alfred I. Stevens, Donald E. Fifer, Henry H. Green, Lloyd R. Berry, Garland E. Burden, and William C. Giuliana. Front row (l), John C. Adams, John H. Scarbrough, Nathaniel Rhoades, Elmo E. Slaton, and Henry C. Lackey. Also receiving awards, but not present, were Andrew G. Bridges and Kenneth L. Smith.

# Eight Men from VX-5, NAF Backpack in Sierra Six Days

By Lt. Robert Wilson

The Sierra Nevada rising jaggedly into California's eastern skyline attracts thousands of people every year to hunt, fish, camp or just to look.

During the summer, cars and campers stream into Yosemite, Kings Canyon and Sequoia National Parks loaded with people full of the national fervor to get away from it all; to wallow in nature. Others prefer the remote areas away from the crowded public camp sites. Some travel by packtrain, but the hardest of the lot drawn to the Sierra wilderness is the backpackers.

With a pack on their back and a strong set of lungs and legs, they conquer the highest mountain passes, and fish in the nearly inaccessible lakes and streams which dot the alpine meadows of the Sierras.

Recently, eight Navy men stationed at the Naval Air Facility and VX-5 spent six days hiking, fishing and camping in the Sierra 55 miles north of China Lake. The group was composed of Capt. Boyd Muncie, commanding officer of VX-5, Lt. Virg Jackson, Lt. Dave Parsons, Lt. Bob Wilson, Lt. Gary Ferguson and Photographer's Mate, PH2 Mike Woods of VX-5, and Lt. Andre Coltrin of NAF China Lake.

The trip started at 4:30 a.m. from China Lake by car. The group arrived at Cottonwood Canyon at 8 a.m., "saddled-up" their 50-pound packs and started the long climb to the Cottonwood Lakes.

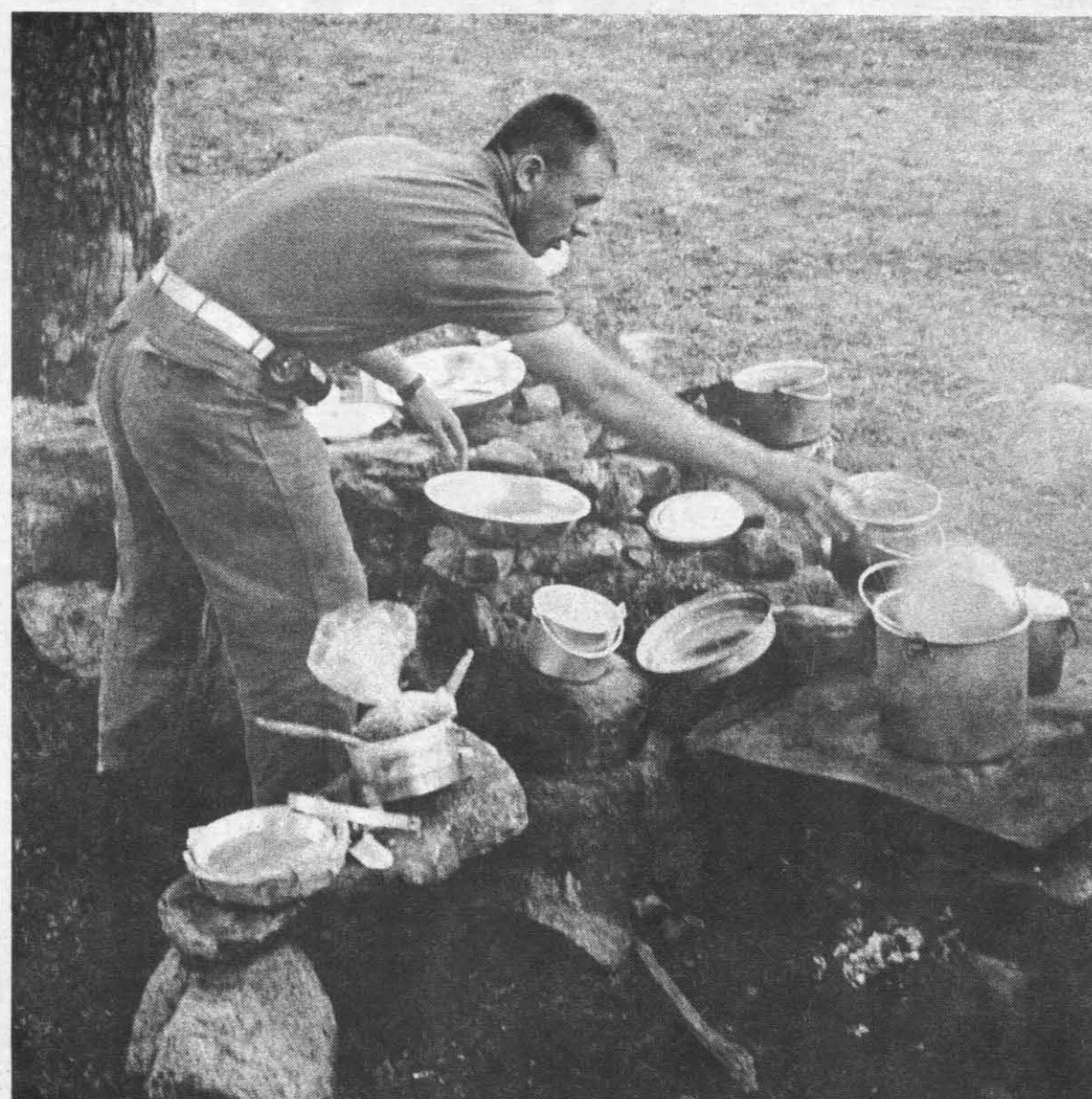
During the six days they were in the Sierra, they hiked more than 35 miles, crossed the 12,400-foot New Army Pass

**THIS IS THE** view from New Army Pass looking east towards Owens Lake. From this point, on a clear day, it is possible to see for more than 100 miles. The day this picture was taken the Owens Valley, 10,000 feet below, was barely visible. The view to the west is equally breathtaking with the rugged Sierra lining the horizon.

twice and fished in 10 lakes. Most of the hiking and all of the fishing was done above 10,000 feet.

Each leg of the trip was hard work, but the longest day was the last one when they hiked more than 16 miles from Funston Lake across New Army Pass to Cottonwood Canyon for the drive home. Many blisters and sore muscles were brought back to China Lake but everyone said the trip was worthwhile, and after a few days rest agreed they would like to do it again.

Only one person failed to bring home any fish.



**LT. GARY FERGUSON** tosses a plate into the rinse water as he cleans up the dinner dishes the second night of the trip. Everyone liked to eat; no one minded cooking; but washing dishes for eight was another matter. Each team was responsible for cleaning up whenever they cooked unless they could talk someone else into it; no one could.



**LT. DAVE PARSONS** (l) helps haul PH2 Mike Woods' pack up as Mike scrambles through the snow 30 feet from the top of New Army Pass. The snow and near vertical climb presented just a momentary barrier to the group.



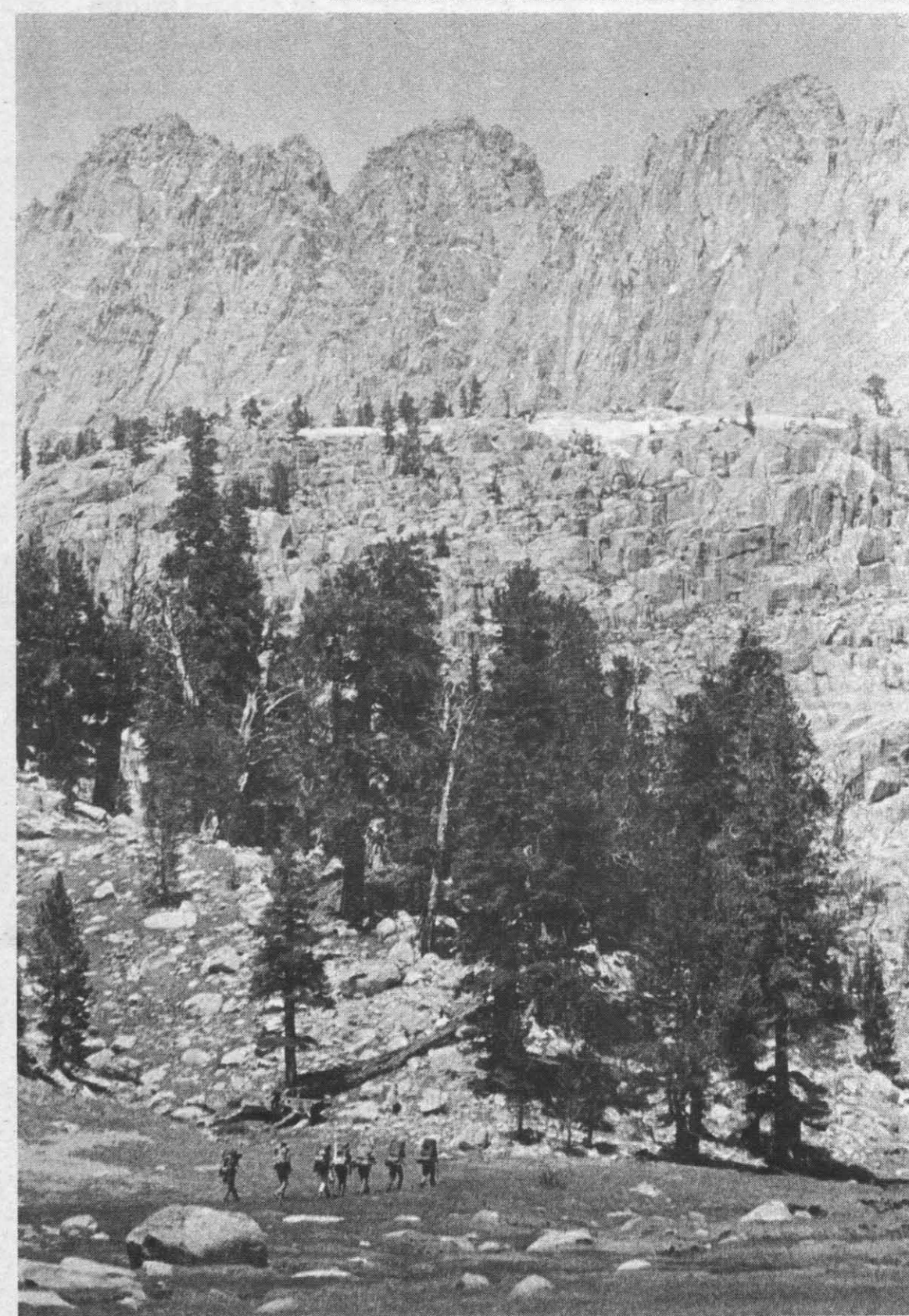
**CAPT. BOYD MUNCIE** has backpacked into the high Sierra many times and acted as guide for this trip. Less than three days after this trip, he led another group into the mountains.



**AT THE TOP OF** New Army Pass, the group paused for a picture. (l-r) Capt. Boyd Muncie, Lt. Dave Parsons, Lt. Andre Coltrin, Lt. Gary Ferguson, Lt. Ron MacDonald, PH2 Mike Woods, and Lt. Virg Jackson. (the sign is off by 400 feet.)



**A HIKER** threads his way over a rock dam on a creek in one of the many alpine meadows they passed through. The meadows of the high Sierra are dotted with creeks, ponds, lakes and marshy areas in the spring and early summer as the snow melts. Later in the year many of the creeks slow to a trickle and the ground dries out.



**THE MOUNTAINS** tower above an alpine meadow as the backpackers hike the last half mile to Rock Creek Lake in Sequoia

National Park. Many beautiful scenes such as this in the Sierra can be seen only by foot or packtrain.



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