

SHOWBOAT

FRIDAY OCTOBER 4
"ONE AND ONLY GENUINE, ORIGINAL
FAMILY BAND" (110 Min.)
Walter Brennan, Buddy Ebsen
7:30 P.M.

(Comedy/Musical) This Disney fun-fest tells of a Midwestern family who form into a band and compose an election song for Grover Cleveland. Political views upset the bandwagon. Littering tunes and Janet Blair sings. (Adult, Youth, Children.)
Short: "Wonder Dog" (7 Min.)

SATURDAY OCTOBER 5

"PINOCCHIO IN OUTER SPACE" (76 Min.)
Cartoon Feature
1:00 P.M.

Shorts: "Shutterbug" (7 Min.)
"Canadian Mountie" (No. 5, 13 Min.)

EVENING
"THE KING'S PIRATE" (100 Min.)
Doug McClure, Jill St. John
7:30 P.M.

(Adventure) A British naval lieutenant infiltrates a pirate stronghold in Madagascar to map gun emplacements. Pirate Jill and Princess Mary Ann add a dash of romance to the action filled swashbuckler. (Adult, Youth, Children.)
Shorts: "Half Pink Palomino" (7 Min.)
"Thousand Island Aquarium" (9 Min.)

SUNDAY-MONDAY OCTOBER 6-7

"WHERE WERE YOU WHEN THE LIGHTS WENT OUT?" (90 Min.)
Doris Day, Robert Morse, Terry Thomas
7:30 P.M.

(Comedy) Take a Broadway star who wants to be plain housewife, add her producer who doesn't want her to quit, then mix in a New York power blackout and a hyacinth who's absconded with \$2½ million and you've got this bundle of laughs. (Adult, Mature Youth.)
Shorts: "Neapolitan Mouse" (7 Min.)
"A Very Tall Animal" (21 Min.)

TUESDAY-WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 8-9

"NEVER A DULL MOMENT" (100 Min.)
Dick Van Dyke, Dorothy Provine
7:30 P.M.

(Comedy) Artie's gang mistakes a ham TV actor (Dick) for "Ace Williams," the greatest killer of them all, and forces him to help them steal a master. It's a romp filled with laughs and gags as only Dick can put them over! (Adult, Youth, Children.)
Short: "Freeway Phobia" (15 Min.)

THURSDAY-FRIDAY OCTOBER 10-11

"KONA COAST" (93 Min.)
Richard Boone, Vera Miles
7:30 P.M.

(Adventure) Beautiful Hawaii backgrounds an exciting story of a tough fishing boat skipper who tracks down the killers of his long-lost daughter. (Adult, Mature Youth.)
Shorts: "Clippity Clabbered" (Roadrunner, 7 Min.)
"Thrilling Chills" (9 Min.)

Pass, Punt, Kick Registration Opens Saturday, October 5

Competition open to all boys 8 to 13 years of age, PP&K challenges the youth's punting passing and place kicking ability against others of the same age.

The event now entering its eighth year is sponsored by your local Ford Dealer, the National Football League and the Ridgecrest - China Lake Optimist Club.

Registration ends Saturday, October 5. Each boy must be accompanied by one parent or legal guardian when they sign

up at Desert Motors Local Ford Auto Agency, 1419 No. China Lake Blvd.

All registrants receive a free PP&K Lapel pin and a "Tips Booklet" containing stories on famous football pro's and competition rules.

Local competition will be administered by the Optimist Club and held on the Burroughs High School football field October 12. Competition starts at 10 a.m. There will be gold, silver and bronze trophies for each of the six ages.

PRINT-OF-THE-MONTH by Michael F. Krause captured vivid action of Naval Air Facility fire fighters in a routine drill of rescuing personnel from a flaming plane crash. Krause made a series of shots with a Graflex XL camera using 120 Eastman Tri X film with a K2 filter. The lens stop was f:16 and the shutter speed was 1/250 sec. The photo shows two fire fighters (r) walking through flaming fuel toward a simulated crash while an MB-1 truck smother the inferno with "Light Water" foam.

CL Boat Club Plans Outings

"Now that autumn is here the most beautiful months of the year are beginning, and the China Lake Boat Club has planned to take full advantage of these glorious week-ends," stated club commodore Gary Bird.

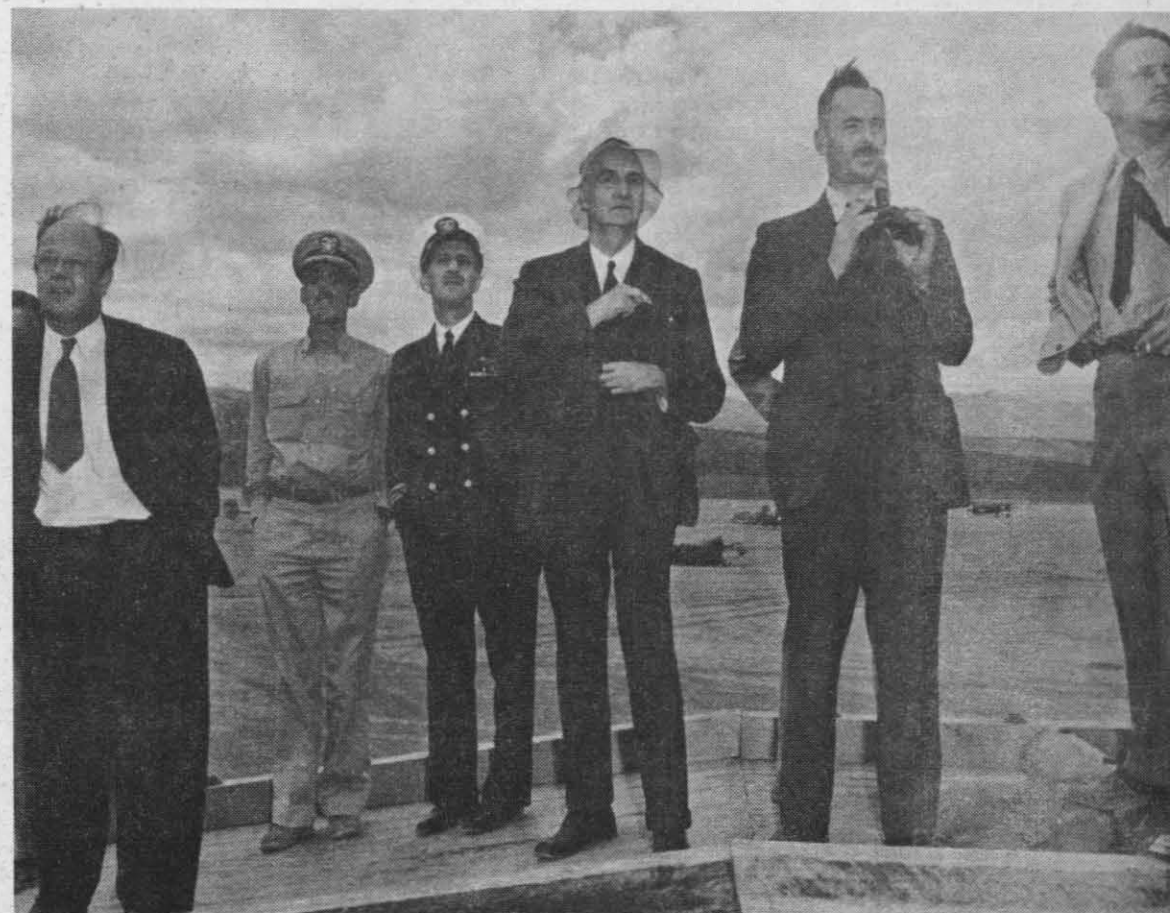
"Just to mention a few of the outings being planned — there will be camping, skiing, and fishing at Lake Diaz and Lake Isabella; a caravan to the giant redwoods at Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Forests; and deep sea fishing on

the coast. Most evenings end around the camp fire with friendly conversation of interest to all," continued Bird.

The Boat Club meets on the second and fourth Thursday of each month at 355 McIntire on the Center, and the public is invited to attend. The organization is not for boaters alone, but for all who enjoy the outdoors.

For Club information, phone 375-7687, 375-4143, or 73563 on the Center.

'Early Timer' Photographs Sought



JOIN THE LOOKOUT FOR PHOTOS OF EARLY TIMERS — Human interest pictures on the Center's early years are being sought for use in the programs and exhibits of the Center's 25th anniversary. Of prime interest are informal pictures of key persons as represented by this group witnessing an early range test, including (l-r) Dr. William Fowler, World War II head of Cal-Tech Design and Development; Capt. (now Rear Admiral retired) S. E. Burroughs, first Center Commander; Capt. David Young,

a visitor at the time of the picture, and later a commander of the Center; Lord Cherwell, visiting Minister of the Exchequer of Great Britain; Lt. Col. Boulton, King of the British Army; and Dr. Emory Ellis, then head of the "Invokern Range Operations." If you have pictures of early timers and can make them available on a short-term loan for copying, call or send a note to Mary Miller, Code 75201, phone 71657. Please contact Mrs. Miller for instructions before sending any pictures.



NAVAL TRAINING CENTER'S 60-PIECE BAND TO PRESENT CONCERT, OCT. 15, AT SCHOEFFEL FIELD.

TEMPERATURES

	Max.	Min.
Sept. 27	98	53
Sept. 28	92	53
Sept. 29	87	57
Sept. 30	84	54
Oct. 1	84	52
Oct. 2	88	52
Oct. 3	82	56



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Reductions In Force Announced By Center

To Be Completed By January 31, '69

Capt. M. R. Etheridge, Naval Weapons Center Commander, acting on guidance from Washington has released specific details on the reductions in force for China Lake and Corona. The reductions are part of a similar action affecting all Naval Laboratories.

The Naval Laboratories, which are under the management control of the Chief of Naval Material, have been instructed to reduce the number of civilian positions by 2400. For the Naval Weapons Center, the number of full-time billets to be reduced is 478, thereby allowing the Center to achieve the new required ceiling of 4622 employees by January 31, 1969.

Center employees affected by this action will receive notifications by October 31, 1968. All those released by the reduction will receive 90 days notice and will be eligible for assistance under the Department of Defense Centralized Job Level Program. Furthermore, in accordance with current instructions, all pending personnel actions involving promotions, reassignments, and other position changes have been frozen.

The new ceilings that have been assigned to the respective departments do not take into account the number of people that might be separated through normal attrition, retirement, draft, etc. The number and kind of personnel that might be lost as a result of these circumstances are not now known. In addition, the application of losses due to normal attrition, retirement and the draft could reduce the total number of people affected by the over-all reduction in force action.

The amount of reduction in force assigned to each department was determined by applying a percentage reduction to each department, and by drastically reducing those programs which have not been funded in FY 1969 or which will experience reduced funding during the year.

CNO Discusses "Collective Security" Aim

To All Hands:

World events have once again held reverie on many Americans to the hard communist facts that all men and women in uniform have faced on a daily basis overseas for the past 20 years.

The recent shocking invasion of Czechoslovakia is perhaps one of the most important events of this past year or perhaps even in the past decade of international events within Eastern Europe. It serves as a vivid reminder of communism's total inability to solve its internal political prob-



ADM. THOMAS H. MOORER

lems except by military force and suppression of individual freedom.

Again, as in Hungary in 1956 and as in South Vietnam today, communism has shown its true colors with violence, subversion, treachery, and cold calculated aggression—in fact, the use of almost any means which might achieve effective results.

It is no wonder that we have joined with other free nations to prevent this aggression from swallowing us or our allies. When we join with our allies we call it "collective security." Our military alliances are not designed to crush the member allies' freedom but to preserve and defend it. The communist dictionary obviously has other meanings for the terms "ally" and "collective security" as executed in Czechoslovakia.

Our definition of "collective security" is evidenced in our current Naval Operations such as UNITAS IX wherein Atlantic Fleet ships and aircraft of the South Atlantic Force are now circumnavigating South

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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

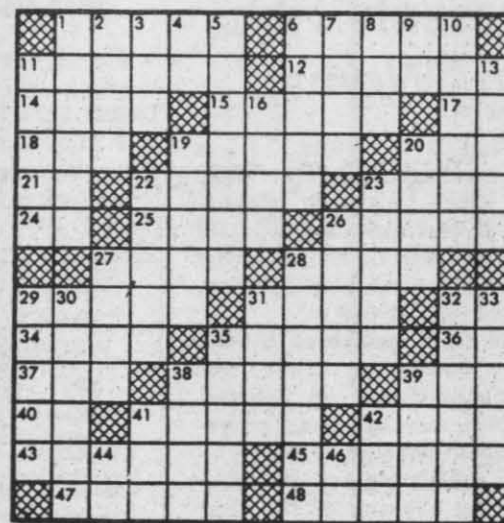
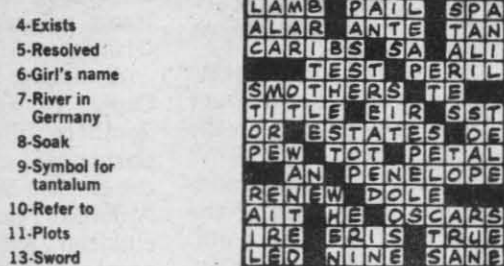
Answer to Previous Puzzle

ACROSS

- 1-Tartan pattern
- 2-Chief artery
- 11-Laud
- 12-Models
- 14-Misplaced
- 15-Heavenly body
- 17-A state (abbr.)
- 18-Likely
- 19-Striped animal
- 20-Vat
- 21-Compass point
- 22-Move sideways
- 23-Broad
- 24-Solicitor at law (abbr.)
- 25-Toward shelter
- 26-More crippled
- 27-Winter vehicle
- 28-Secure
- 29-Beamish
- 31-Dearest
- 32-Spanish article
- 34-Fat of swine
- 35-One borne
- 36-French article
- 37-Exist
- 38-Lowest point
- 39-Cry of goat
- 40-Preposition
- 41-River in Africa
- 42-Parcels of land
- 43-Alleviation of grief
- 45-Egg dish
- 47-Memoranda
- 48-At no time

DOWN

- 1-Urge forward
- 2-Final
- 3-River island



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Outdoor Concert Planned

Residents of the Indian Wells Valley should reserve Tuesday evening, October 15, as an evening to enjoy a spectacular outdoor concert at Schoeffel Field.

Those in attendance will be thrilled by the stirring music of the 60-piece Naval Training Center Band, and the professional renderings of a prominent show business entertainer.

One of Navy's Largest

With the exception of the permanent bands at Annapolis and Washington, D.C., the Naval Training Center Band is the largest in the Navy music program. Used primarily by the Naval Training Center to provide march and drill music for the colorful Recruit Brigade Review, the Band is also called to participate in military and other ceremonial functions throughout the Southern California area.

Directed by Lt. Weston B. King, of Los Angeles, California, the Band is composed of highly professional musicians who prepare their own arrangements and maintain their own instruments.

The concert will be held at Schoeffel Field on Tuesday evening, October 15, at 7:30 p.m. All residents of the Indian Wells Valley are invited to attend. The program will be presented free of charge. Plan to bring your own chairs, blankets, or whatever in order to make yourselves comfortable during the performance.

DON'T DELAY...KNOW YOUR STATE VOTING LAWS!



FIDELITY, ZEAL AND OBEDIENCE REWARDED — PR1 Buford A. Foreman receives congratulations and the Navy Department Good Conduct Award from Capt. L. A. Dewing, NAF Commanding Officer. Foreman is an aircrew survival equipmentman, first class, with NAF. The award was issued "in recognition of faithful, zealous and obedient naval service completed on May 15, 1968." This is the third good conduct award given to Foreman.

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

How Old
Are You?

By Senior Chaplain Paul Romantum



This question is not a reference to chronological age, since our real age has nothing to do with years. Some people are old at 25, while others are young at 70 or 80. Someone once commented after an executive board meeting: "That was the best illustration of tired blood I have ever seen."

A more appropriate question would ask, how young are you? "Youth you see is not a time of life; it is a mental attitude . . . As someone put it: You are as young as your faith, as old as your doubts; as young as your self-confidence, as old as your fear; as young as your hope, as old as your despair." People grow old rapidly by deserting their ideals, by mistrusting their imagination and by becoming calloused to the wonder of life.

Many now living are already dead because they have deserted their ideals. Ideals are not a luxury we afford only in early youth but desert when we have to face the realities of life.

When we desert the Christian principles of love, mercy, kindness, patience, understanding, hope and compassion we age very quickly and are old before our time. "To keep alive while you are still living requires a renewal of life from within by the power of God's Spirit."

The disintegration of civilization has been described as inertia — the failure on the part of mature civilization to challenge itself further from within.

I agree with an outstanding preacher who once said: "The Gospel is the greatest challenge to the imagination the world has ever known." Have you ever stopped to imagine what our community, our nation and our world would be like if we started to live by the Gospel?

There is creative power which is activated through Christ's resurrection but it must become active in you. Creative imagination moves us to anticipate with vigor and vitality, a better world.

Many who grow older in years have a tendency to become matter of fact, to take life for granted and lose their sense of wonder. To keep vital and alive we must keep or cultivate a sense of wonder. Have you lost your sensitivity to the mystery and wonder of life? Man, you are dead, and all the patent medicines like Geritol will never rejuvenate your tired blood. The life which is sensitive to the wonder of persons and life about them has found the fountain of youth.

The Apostle Paul has affirmed: "In Christ a man becomes a new person altogether — the past is finished and gone, everything has become fresh and new." (II Corinthians 5:17).

CENTER LIBRARY LISTS NEW BOOKS

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

Fiction

Buzzati—Larger Than Life.
Farrell—Death Trap on the Platte.

Van der Post—The Hunter and the Whale.

Hawley—The Hurricane Years.
Hudson—A Case of Need.
O. Henry Memorial Awards—Prize Stories, 1968.

Non-Fiction

Allen—Democracy & Communism.

Brodie—Escalation and the Nuclear Option.

Calkins—Michigan.

Margolius—The Innocent Consumer vs. the Exploiters.

Middleton—America's Stake in Asia.

Rice—Hunting Dogs.

Snow—Variety of Men.

Wilkerson—Parents on Trial.

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DIVINE SERVICES

Protestant—(All Faith Chapel)—

Morning Worship—8:15 and 11 a.m.

Sunday School—9:30 a.m., Chapel Annexes 1, 2, 3, 4 (Dorms 5, 6, 7, 8) located opposite Center Restaurant.

Roman Catholic (All Faith Chapel)—

Holy Mass—7, 9:30 a.m., and 12:30 p.m. Sunday.

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—(Chapel Annex 95, 95 King Ave.)—Sundays, 7:30 p.m.

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 vacancy listed below is effective from October 4 to October 11, 1968.

Editorial Clerk, GS-04-05, (two vacancies), Code 7512 — Performs copyediting and proofreading of technical and administrative publications. Required experience: GS-5, 18 months general clerical plus 19 months in duties as described above. Experience in routine editing of correspondence and reports merely for proper spelling, grammar, etc., will not meet required experience.

File applications for the above with Carole Cadie, Bldg. 34, Rm. 26, Phone 71648



HOPE RENEWED—You can help renew the hope of this child and other victims of misfortune when you support the once-a-year fund-raising campaign. The Combined Federal Campaign will be launched on Monday, October 7 by honorary chairman, Capt. M. R. Etheridge, NWC Commander. Goal of the 1969 drive is 100 per cent participation by every government employee in Indian Wells Valley.

NAACP To Guest
At Comm. Center

The Naval Weapons Center is cooperating with the Indian Wells Valley Chapter of the NAACP in a seminar type discussion to be held in the Panamint Hall of the Community Center Tuesday, Oct. 8, 1968 at 7:30 p.m.

Discussions during the seminar will center on equal opportunity topics of concern to residents of the China Lake and Ridgecrest communities.

It is planned that officials from NWC, the Ridgecrest City Council and the Ridgecrest Chamber of Commerce will attend.

Blue Cross Ins. Agent
At Community Center
Wednesday, Oct. 9

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

'DESERT PHILOSOPHER'

Lost Gunsight
Silver Ledge

By "POP" LOFINCK



While you're thinking about attending the Darwin celebration on October 12 and 13, why not give some thought about how you might gain fame and fortune by rediscovering the Lost Gunsight silver ledge or lode, since Darwin and the "Gunsight" are closely associated.

Briefly, here is the story: one of the Manly Party of the 1849 Death Valley trek lost the front sight of his rifle. It's difficult to aim a rifle accurately without a front sight. So, when they came across this silver lode he improvised a crude front sight from this rich silver deposit.

There were witnesses, so it wasn't just a dream. Many people have tried to find the ledge again, but it has not been rediscovered up to now, so the field is wide open to you.

Darwin French — an outstanding geologist — who discovered the Coso Village mineral district and the New Coso District shortly after 1860, now called Darwin, was so obsessed with the hope of finding that rich, Lost Gunsight silver lode that he went on past his New Coso District discoveries.

He discovered Darwin Canyon and Darwin Spring and went on across what is now named Panamint Valley, to the edge of Death Valley without finding the Lost Gunsight. This was 11 years after the Manly party first discovered it.

An earthquake or cloudburst would make rediscovery more difficult, but eventually it may be rediscovered by accident, by a novice who doesn't know much about geology or prospecting. Maybe you! Such events are in the history of discovery.

If you do find it you will probably lose it again, unless you tie it in very carefully to several permanent landmarks with the aid of a compass. Many ore veins have been discovered and lost. That is a common mistake, not tying it in carefully with prominent landmarks.

At the time it seems so easy to return. But the time of year, the time of day, and weather conditions can make a place unrecognizable when you try to go back to it. The silver ledge was real and the improvised gun sight was real. So, you might accidentally find it and lose it again. Tie it in!

Manly's story, written 20 years after the 1849 Death Valley Trek, may have been a bit confused because of the lapse of 20 years.

Here is Manly's description of the silver ledge: first, it was near a spring. Question: what spring? There are many springs. Springs come and go, so that isn't much to go by.

Second, there was a snow-capped mountain nearby. Question: how near? And in what direction: So that isn't anything to go by.

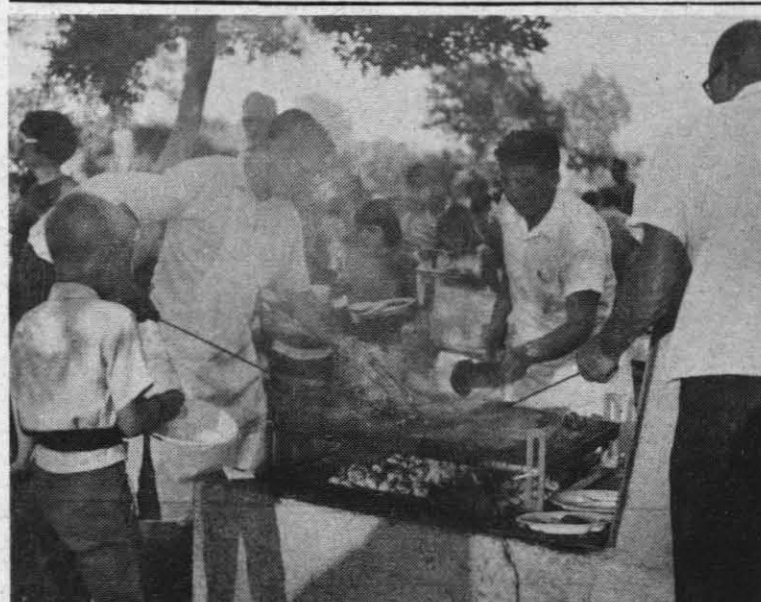
They thought they were looking at the Sierra in the distance. They may have been looking at the Slate Range, or the Argus Range farther west.

There are silver deposits all through the Panamint Range. Enough silver was taken from the mines in the Panamint City District, up Surprise Canyon, and from the Sierra Gordo Mines above Keeler to transform Los Angeles from a town to a city, and there were many other producing mines in the Panamints.

Perhaps the greatest silver deposit in the Panamint Range is yet to be discovered. Good luck!

A happy thought — when you discover and extract minerals from the earth, you are unearthing new wealth not previously belonging to any man.

I couldn't find the Lost Gunsight ledge. If you find it, give me some credit for giving you the inspiration.



NWC CATHOLIC FAMILY PICNIC was attended by more than 500 people reported Jerry Zaharias and Virginia Peoria, co-chairmen. Held at Inyokern Park September 21, the crowd was served by chefs: (l-r) Buddy Deffes, Faiz Totah and Jim Heddell. Father Jude Senieur, chairman of the gate prizes announced the following winners: adult prizes — M. H. George, coffee maker; Barry Paulsen, toaster; Jean Kelly, silverware. Children's prizes — E. L. Snopkowski, camera; Curt Schneider, radio; and Paul Martin, basketball.

WACOM
NEWS

BY MARY T. VERICH

Membership Coffee

The Membership Coffee held at the Officers' Club on September 17 was a great success. About 250 ladies attended the affair.

Virginia Murphy and Helen Weals, chairmen of this function, would like to thank the following: Dodie Gorrono, Ethel Kaufman and Doris Valitchka for helping with the decorations; Sue Byrd for her fine hospitality; Ada Scarborough and Polly Zimmer for name tags; Ida Davis and Sharon Kappelman for handling the new memberships.

Also, special thanks are in order for two very able boys — Scott Scarborough and Meric Murphy for the models of all the ships they built — a very fine effort.

Hat Sale

Ladies! Don't forget the Fall Hat Sale next Wednesday, October 9, in the Sun Room at the Commissioned Officers' Mess from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Hats will be priced within everybody's budget and the Sale is open to non-members of the COM.

Talent Night

The Talent Night will now be held on Saturday, October 19 and not October 12, as previously advertised. This function is for members and their wives only. Come along and join in the fun.

Shopping Trip

November 4 is the date set for the Shopping Trip to Los Angeles. There will be plenty of time to get your shopping done plus lunch and an early dinner before returning home. The price is \$9 per person for the round-trip bus fare. All those interested in this day are asked to contact Ethel Kaufman, Ext. 723381, as soon as possible.



NWC COMMEMORATIVE — In honor of the upcoming 25th anniversary of NWC, a commemorative medallion is being struck and will be offered for sale by the IWV Navy League Council at \$1 each. Interested parties away from the Center may reserve their coin by contacting G. Silberberg, Code 3033, Naval Weapons Center, 93555.



"FALL PLANTING OF SPRING FLOWERING BULBS" was the subject of discussion at the Oasis Garden Club's fall meeting held recently at the home of Mrs. M.R. Etheridge on the Center. Left to right, Mrs. Dale Bauer, guest speaker on bulbs, Anne Etheridge, and Marian Licwinko look over the chart of various kinds of bulbs held by Alice Hirsch.



ART LINKLETTER'S HOUSE PARTY GUESTS — Seven-year-olds (l-r) Kip Martin, Brenda Harvey, David Melfon, and Tracy Garrett will appear on Linkletter's October 11 TV broadcast at 3 p.m. on channel two. Other China Lake elementary school students, ages nine to 11, who were guest participants on the show were: Kathy Earle, Jimmy Louis II, April Wilkie, and Beth Billups. They will be televised on the October 14 broadcast at 3 p.m. In addition to a tour of the studios, they were luncheon guests of Linkletter, and they won prizes for themselves and their schools including tape recorders, microscopes, study desks, chairs, lamps, hair dryers, and games.



GRAND MARSHALLS — Ethel Mary (Tiny) Standard and Ruth Powers, pioneer sisters of the area, will serve as dual Grand Marshalls in the Desert Empire Fair Parade. They symbolize the bridge of years between the time when they were the first residents of the valley and the 25th anniversary of NWC.

—Photo by F. L. Richards

Center Plans
Anniversary
Ball On Nov. 9

"On with the dance! Let joy be unconfined."

So said the poet Lord Byron and so exclaim the planners for the NWC 25th Anniversary Ball.

To celebrate the Center's 25th birthday there will in fact be a number of dances at different locations on Saturday evening, Nov. 9, but all will be considered part of one gigantic NWC 25th Anniversary Ball.

The dance scheduled for the Community Center will be a joint festivity which will honor not only the silver anniversary of the Center but also the 193rd anniversary of the U.S. Marine Corps. This dance will be for invited guests of the Center for the 25th Anniversary and the invited guests of the Marines. This dance will be formal and music will be by the ComNavAirPac band.

As part of the overall Anniversary Ball there also will be dances at three of the Center's social clubs: The Commissioned Officers' Mess (Open), the Chief Petty Officers' Mess (Open), and the 1st and 2nd Class Petty Officers' Mess (Open), (Chaparral Club). These dances will be semiformal. They will be open to club members and guests of members desiring to attend. Call the following numbers for reservations and information: Commissioned Officers' Mess, 375-5071; Chief Petty Officers' Mess, 71633; Chaparral Club, 72274.

Plans are being made for cake cuttings at the separate locations of the Anniversary Ball by representatives of the present Command as well as by those in Command positions in the early years of the Center. It is expected that other early dignitaries of the Center will be involved in the cake cutting parties at the different clubs.

Desert Clinic
Presents Film
On 'Woman'

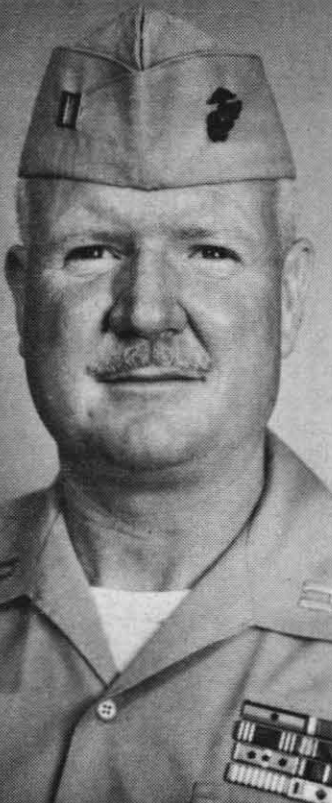
"What is a Woman?" — a film, in which Margaret Mead and Keith Warwick discuss what is feminine and what is masculine will be shown at the Community Center on Tuesday, October 8th at 8 p.m.

This film, sponsored by the Desert Counseling Clinic, was previously shown on September 24th, but has been scheduled again because of the number of conflicting events taking place the evening of the first showing; and, also, due to the high level of interest reported by the first audience.

Questions from the audience will be answered after the film by a member of the Desert Counseling Clinic.

Admission is free and all interested women, and men, are invited to attend.

- ★ DO YOUR SHARE
- ★ FOR FREEDOM
- ★ Sign up for
- ★ U.S. Savings Bonds
- ★ New Freedom Shares



CAPT. J. O. THORNTON

Capt. Joseph O. Thornton, a 22-year career Marine, has returned to China Lake for his second tour of duty here.

He first came to China Lake late in 1958 from Nationalist China where he taught the Chinese how to use the Sidewinder against the Chinese Communist Reds during the Formosa Straits fracas.

Capt. Thornton was associated with the Sidewinder project here until 1964 when he left for Wing Ordnance duty with the 1st Marine Air Wing in Iwakunja, Japan.

A veteran of two tours of duty in Viet Nam, he reports from Heavier Than Air Fighter Attack Squadron 122, Da Nang, where he was Ordnance Officer.

A native of Duquoin, Ill., Capt. Thornton attended Southern Illinois University at Carbondale. He is married to the former Mary Bryant of San Antonio, Tex. They have three children, Arthur, 21, a Marine corporal stationed at El Toro; Joseph, Jr., 16, enters Burroughs High School as a junior; and Catherine, 7, who was born at China Lake.

Archaeology

The Archaeology Society meeting will be held at the Desert Park School auditorium at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 9, reports Don Armistead, communications director.

FIRE EVACUATION
DRILL SCHEDULE
WEDNESDAY, OCT. 9

MORNING

8:30—Michelson Laboratory and adjacent Quonset Huts.
8:45—Administration Building.
Next—Technical Information Buildings.
Next—Warehouse 19.
Next—Public Works Office Bldg. 00981.
Next—Training Building.
Next—Day Nursery School.
Next—Public Works Office Bldg. 00060.
Next—Public Works Office Bldg. 00037.
Next—Identification and Housing Bldg.
Next—Personnel Building.
Next—Child Care Center.
Next—Warhead Research Building.
Next—SNORT Operations Building.
10:55—Hangar 1.
11:05—Hangar 2.
11:15—Hangar 3.

AFTERNOON

12:35—Richmond School.
Next—Murray School.
Next—Gross School.
Next—Viewing School.
Next—Desert Park School.

EVENING

2100—Naval Barracks, 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5.
2110—Central Naval Barracks and NWC Galley.

THE LOCKER ROOM

The Men in Blue

BY ED RANCK



Maxwell Scores High at Local Bowling Lanes

Floyd Maxwell became the most recent local bowler to find a spot on the China Lake Bowl's big board last week. Floyd rolled a 268, the second highest single game since the opening of the new lanes. Competing in the Friday Mixed Foursome, he put together games of 202-178-268 for a 648 series, highest at the Bowl this week. George Barker and Don Zurn rolled 233 games in mixed league action while Bud Slates hit 222 and Dan Branson had a 220. Erma Erickson was high for the ladies with 189-521.

In the Premier League, Ray Freascher rolled three 200 plus games, hitting 214-225-204 for a 643 series. Andy Petach and Jack Lindsey tied for single game honors with 236. Bob Sikes had 212-232 and a 619 while Dan Branson rolled 215-207 and a 614 series. Other top single game scores included Elmer Davis 232; Roscoe Brady 223 and Jim Ball 223.

Dan Ryan led the Midway League with 242 and 222 and Bill Osborne had 227 and 203. Gordon Zurn with 226 and Ken Dukeshire at 224 were also among the leaders. Benny Whiteside rolled a 235-632 to lead the way in the Desert League and Jack Lewis was high in the Military League with 218-593.

In the Women's Monday Scratch League, Jeanie Krausman was high with 206-576 while Jean Crom had 572. Cynthia Schoenhals rolled a 220 to take over the fourth spot on the ladies single game honor roll.

Betty Kirwin led the Women's Wednesday Night Handicap League with a 550 and Jerry Holland hit 190 to take single game honors. Jean Crom led the Thursday Afternoon Trio with 194-513 while Mary Kay Inman had second high game with 191.

Basketball, as played in a military athletic program is also tough, but here it is conflicting styles of play that cause the frequent whistles. "The game is fast but it is the varying degrees of experience among the players that make it hard to call." He went on to say that, "Guys with high school experience are accustomed to high school rules and college players have played under NCAA rules. Put one against the other and someone is going to get fouled."

What is the easiest game to call? Tom thinks it is softball but admits that he is probably a bit prejudiced. "It is my favorite sport so I guess that is why I like to call it."

The China Lake sports program is only a small part of the local associations' officiating commitments. "Primarily, we are CIF officials," he said, "but we use the basketball league as a training grounds for our new men and the softball and football leagues help us to stay sharp."

Tom went on to say that the association is always looking for new members. "We would prefer people who are going to be here for a few years, because it does take time to train the new men."

He was asked what he considered to be the advantages of becoming an official. "Some guys get a little too old to play or don't think that they are good enough to participate, but still want to stay active in the game. Becoming an official gives you a chance to stay close to sports, besides that you don't have to pay to get into the ballpark and you get the best seat in the house." When you get an answer like that, how could you ever call an ump dishonest?

Skydiver Club Plans Fair Jump



THE DESERT EMPIRE FAIR WILL BE INVADED by skydivers of the China Lake Skydivers Club. Senior advisor, PR1 Charles Nix, (upper left behind cargo strap) "gives the word" to jumpers (l-r) Sid Ramirez, ADJ-2 and Sgt. Fred Crenshaw. The exhibition jump will be made on Saturday, October 5, at the close of the parade between 12 and 1 p.m. The skydivers will land in an area opposite the reviewing stand. Photo by PHAN Mike F. Kraus.

Flag Football Opens With Action

The China Lake Flag Football League, whose list of members had fluctuated between four and six teams for almost two weeks, officially got underway last week with three games at Schoeffel Field. In what eventually proved to be the league opener, the NAF Hawks smashed the league's eleventh hour entry, the Genge Chaparrals, 65-6.

The contest proved to be little more than a workout for the Hawks and probably less than a true test for the Chaparrals. Having been organized earlier in the day, the Genge club was unable to contain the NAF offense or move the ball effectively.

Quarterback Don Williams led the way for NAF, hitting end Jerry Howard throughout the game for long yardage. Bob Loft was the leading ground gainer for the Hawks while Don Sichley led a strong defensive unit that kept the Chaparrals deep in their own territory throughout the game.

In what could have been the most significant game of the young season, the defending champion VX-5 Vampires downed the Crabs, 12-6. Gary Benton's 42 yard punt return for a Vampire touchdown late in the game made the difference in this battle of the league's top clubs. With the Crabs kicking from their own 3, Benton fielded the ball on the VX-5 38, eluded three men at mid-field, then raced down the left side for what proved to be the winning score.

The Vampires had taken the lead late in the first quarter, driving 58 yards in six plays. After an incomplete pass, Jim Prophet picked up 17 yards to the Crab 39. Two plays later Russ Draper hit Ron Lyons for 22 yards, then Lyons gained 7 more on a sweep to the right side. From the 10, John Shivers then went around left end to score, making it 6-0.

Moe Hunsaker's interception of a Draper pass set up the lone touchdown for the Crabs late in the third period. Starting from the Vampire 33, the Crabs drove to the 3-yard line in four plays capped by John Orozco's 13 yard sprint up the middle.

VX-5 drove to the Crab 7 yard line late in the game but the drive ended when Draper threw incomplete on fourth down. The Crabs took over but on fourth down found themselves on the 3-yard line. After that Benton took Tom Mather's punt and went in for the winning score.

NAF won their second in a row Tuesday evening, coming from behind to defeat the Outlaws, 19-13. Gary Anderson's interception of an NAF pass early in the first period set up the first touchdown for the Outlaws. From the Hawk 30 the Outlaws scored in four plays climaxed by Marv Johnson's 9 yard pitch to Ken Gipson.

Midway through the second period, Fred Lawrence intercepted a Johnson pass and returned it to the Outlaw 15. Bob Loft went up the middle for 14 yards, then scored on an end sweep two plays later. Loft went in for the extra point to put the Hawks ahead, 7-6.

After Phil Calkins had intercepted another Outlaw pass, the Hawks scored on three plays from the 39. Two running plays and a 5 yard penalty moved the ball to the 16, then Fran Rose went up the middle, cut to the outside and went over for the Hawks second TD.

Don Williams' 46 yard pass to Loft put the Hawks on the scoreboard again early in the second half, but the Outlaws closed the gap late in the game. Starting from their own 38, the Outlaws moved to the NAF 12 on two running plays and a 15 yard penalty. From there, Johnson hit Jim Walden with a 12 yard pass for the Outlaws final touchdown.

CNO Reports To All Hands

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America operating with the navies and air forces of our South American Allies in combined naval exercises for our mutual benefit in defense of the Western Hemisphere. As the number of the exercise indicates this is the ninth consecutive year in which we have joined with our allies in these training exercises.

Budget Poses Problems

One of our other major areas of concern, on which my staff and I are spending a great deal of time, is the money or budget problem which has a direct and personal impact on all of us in the Navy.

On 7 August it was announced that it will be necessary to inactivate 50 Navy ships and eight air squadrons with about 100 anti-submarine warfare (ASW) aircraft. It is most important that all hands understand that these decisions are not easily arrived at and what the reasons are for this action. In other words, I trust that you will read past the headlines of this story into the reasons for this action.

First of all, the Congress has passed the Revenue and Expenditures Control Act of 1968 which requires the President to reduce Federal Expenditures in Fiscal Year 1969 by \$6 billion. The Defense Department is proceeding with plans to reduce expenditures by about \$3 billion. This means that all the services must make certain spending cuts. The Defense Department's 1969 fiscal year review of expenditures is known as "Project 693."

The decision to inactivate the 50 ships and eight aircraft squadrons was arrived at only after the Secretary of the Navy and I, with three principal guidelines in mind, had painstakingly gone over all possible ideas. Those guidelines were: (1) The needs of our forces in Southeast Asia must be provided for fully, without exceptions, (2) The Navy's strong strategic nuclear deterrent posture would be maintained, and (3) Our future Navy equipment and manpower plans and programs would not be significantly curtailed.

We continued then to look at our flexible sea power posture and make cuts that would minimize the effect on current combat and strategic nuclear deterrent force operations and at the same time continue to modernize and build for the future. We could do no less to insure a strong Navy. Thus, our older ships and units not directly involved in Southeast Asia combat and in many cases ships that were already scheduled for major overhaul in the next year were instead scheduled to be inactivated or become Naval Reserve Training Ships.

We all must make every effort to hold down our operating costs by efficient personal efforts to use or spend only what is necessary to insure our best possible readiness posture at the lowest possible cost.

The Brighter Side

On the brighter side of things I witnessed the commissioning of our newest attack carrier JOHN F. KENNEDY on 7 September. Captain Yates and his crew did an outstanding job handling the thousands

of people who visited and toured the Navy's newest major warship at Newport News, Virginia. As the JOHN F. KENNEDY departs the facilities at Newport News, work is already underway on the nuclear attack carrier NIMITZ and construction will soon begin on the next two guided missile nuclear-powered frigates, DLG(N) 36 and DLG(N) 37, all of which will join the Navy Fleet in the 1970's.

A significant number of the Navy men who will sail these ships in the 1970's will come from the Navy's third Naval Training Center which was commissioned on 1 July at Orlando, Florida. This new training complex will house much more than a recruit training command and will also include a Service Schools Command for advanced Fleet Training. I welcome aboard the crew of this modern Naval Training Center.

I presently intend to review the first recruit graduating class at Orlando as I continue to visit and inspect various naval commands. My most recent and most extensive visit was to the Western Pacific area for two weeks in August.

Inspects Fleet

During the WESTPAC trip I visited Hawaii where I had discussions with Admiral John S. McCain, Jr., Commander in Chief Pacific (CINCPAC) and Admiral John J. Hyland, Commander in Chief Pacific Fleet (CINCPACFLT).

I then visited Guam and the Philippines departing Sangley Point for Saigon where I talked with General Creighton W. Abrams, USA, Commander U.S. Military Assistance Command, Vietnam (COMUSMACV) and Rear Admiral Kenneth L. Veth, Commander, Naval Forces, Vietnam (COMNAVFORV) as well as other U.S. and Vietnamese officials.

During my trip in-country I visited all the major Navy-Marine Forces including: the River Patrol Force and the Riverine Assault Force in the Mekong River Delta; the Coastal Surveillance Force, Naval Seabees of the Third Naval Construction Brigade and the Third Marine Amphibious Force in the Northern "I" Corps; and I also observed the many lesser known activities of such groups as the Naval Beach Group, Naval Operations Support Group, Mine and Explosive Ordnance Clearance Units, MSTs personnel and the Sea, Air, Land (SEAL) Counter-insurgency teams.

All hands in NAVFORV were alert, confident, and well prepared to resist the communist forces.

I then departed Da Nang for Seventh Fleet Operations in the South China Sea. Accompanied by Vice Admiral William F. Bringle, Commander Seventh Fleet (COMSEVENTHFLT), I visited ships of all types — carriers, amphibious, service support, special mission and gunfire support frigates and cruisers.

I observed Yankee Station and Sea Dragon Operations and again was impressed and pleased with our Navy men's professional response to the demanding missions in this difficult modern warfare.

Following my Seventh Fleet visit I departed for Subic Bay in the Philippines and then vis-

ited Taipei, Japan, and South Korea before returning to Washington.

This trip was most informative and gave me the welcome chance to see as many of you as possible face to face. The teamwork that I witnessed throughout the Western Pacific was outstanding and one could only feel an added measure of confidence and pride from the manner in which our Naval Operations are being conducted. I wish to express my personal thanks to all of you in WESTPAC. Well done!

It is my intent to tell of your efforts to meet the complex security demands of our changing times on every possible occasion. I have enclosed excerpts from one of my latest speeches to the American Legion with some of my thoughts on your important and personal role in maintaining our country's freedom which all Americans must understand as we that wear the uniform of our country do!

With warmest regards to all of you!

Sincerely,
(s) T. H. MOORER
Admiral, U.S. Navy

NWC Police Officer To Appear On TV Today, Channel 5

Officer Alfonso E. Pena, of the NWC Police Division, will present newscaster George Putnam of KTLA-TV, Channel 5, a Public Service Award from the National Police Officers Association today at 5 p.m.

Pena, who is California state president of NPOAA, will make the presentation on the 5 to 6 p.m. Putnam program which will be shown again from 10 to 11 tonight.

Mrs. Pena, who is vice president of the state organization, also will appear on the program with her husband.

Astronomical Society Meets

Color slides taken at the White Sands National Monument and at astronomical observatories in New Mexico are included in the program for the China Lake Astronomical Society's meeting at its clubhouse, 401 McIntire Street, on Monday, October 7, at 7:30 p.m. The slides will accompany a report by members who attended the Southwestern Astronomical Conference at Las Cruces.

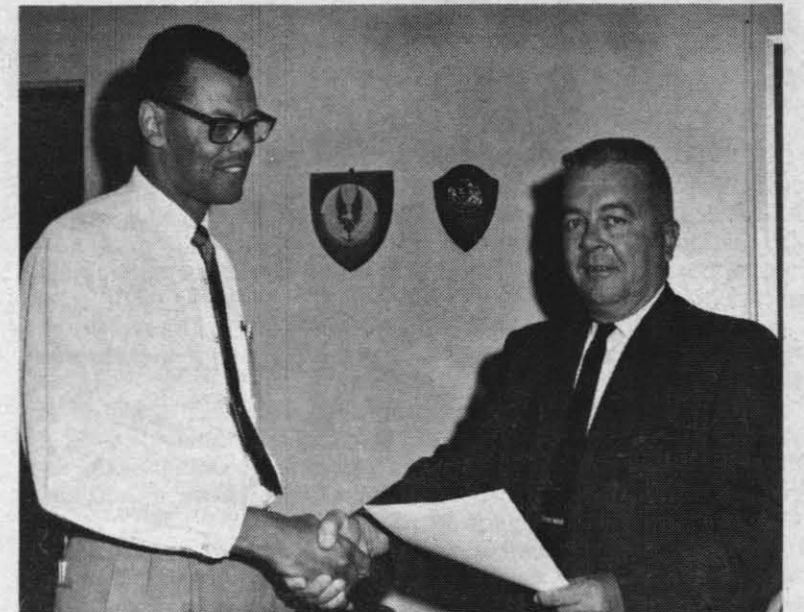
Plans for a star-viewing outing on October 18 and other activities will be discussed, and anyone interested will be welcome.

VFW Dinner

A spaghetti dinner, sponsored by the VFW Ladies Auxiliary, will be held Friday, October 11, from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the VFW Hall, 117 Alvord Street, Ridgecrest.

Proceeds from the dinner will be given to the Cancer Research Fund, stated Mary Ptacnik, publicity chairman.

Tickets are \$1.50 for adults and \$1.00 for children and may be purchased from VFW members, or may be picked up at the VFW hall.



RECEIVES MS DEGREE IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION — Milt Richey (left) receives congratulations of F. A. Chenault, Head Engineering Department, for the recent awarding of his MS degree in public administration. Richey graduated from UC, Berkeley, in 1951 with a BS in chemistry and is employed as a chemist in the Engineering Physics Branch. Richey earned his degree in public administration through the NWC Employee Development Program which encourages scientists and engineers to consider this field of study; it provides educational experiences rarely found in their own disciplines, and enhances their ability as managers and supervisors.



WARRANT OFFICER RETIRES — Warrant Officer Thomas J. Flynn (r) receives an officer's sword from Col. K. P. Rice (l), NWC Marine Corps Liaison Officer. Flynn retires after 23 years of service to the Marine Corps during which he rose from the grade of private to warrant officer. Flynn's retirement marks the end of his second tour at China Lake; he was assigned to the Guidance Systems Branch, Code 40. He plans to enter private industry in the Los Angeles area. The retirement ceremonies were held at Michelson Laboratory and were attended by his wife, Virginia and their three children.



NAVY LEAGUE BARBECUE PLEASES — Capt. M. R. Etheridge and Vera Greenfield smile in anticipation as they wait their turn at the Navy League Benefit Barbecue held last Saturday. Proceeds from the affair go toward the "Bluejacket of the Year" Award Dinner to be held on October 26.

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U.S. SAVINGS BONDS, NEW FREEDOM SHARES

Mark October 26 For "Bluejacket of the Year" Dinner

Make your plans now to attend the Navy League "Bluejacket of the Year" Dinner to be held on Oct. 26, urges Howell Sumrall, council president. The affair honors enlisted men of the Center.

Fire Prevention Week, October 6-12

The Naval Weapons Center at China Lake and Corona will observe National Fire Prevention Week October 6 through 12 with a Home Inspection Program, Fire Station Open House, Fire Evacuation Drills in major buildings and elementary schools, and demonstrations and visual aids to the public on the subject of fire prevention.

This year marks the 46th anniversary of the Presidentially proclaimed observance and commemorates the great Chicago fire of 1871.

The Home Inspection Program started October 1 and is to continue throughout the month said John W. Seguire, Fire Prevention Chief in charge of the program at China Lake. Seguire noted that home inspections take place between 7:30 and 11:30 a.m., and 12:30 and 4:30 p.m.

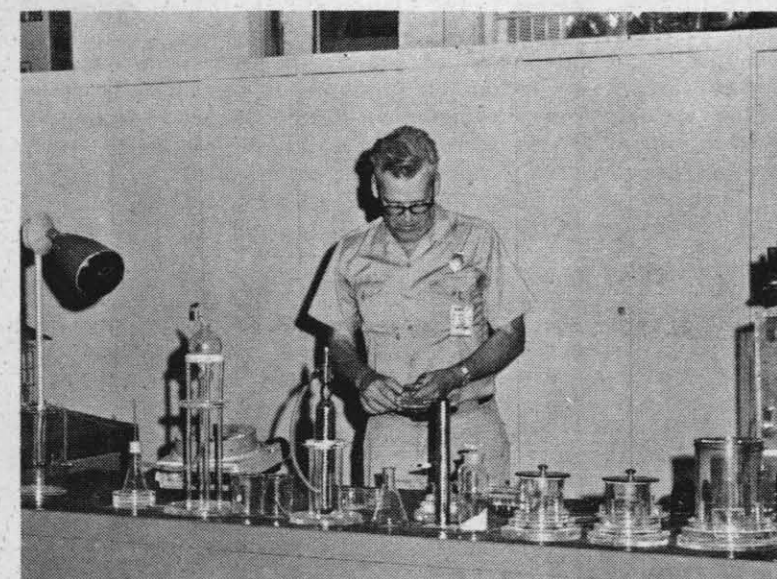
Fire Division personnel, working in groups of two, will call at the front door of each residence, request permission to inspect the house and premises for fire hazards.

By permission of the tenant, and in company with the tenant, they will inspect the property for housekeeping, heating, electrical, flammables, exit facilities and special hazards. The time for each inspection will not exceed 15 minutes.

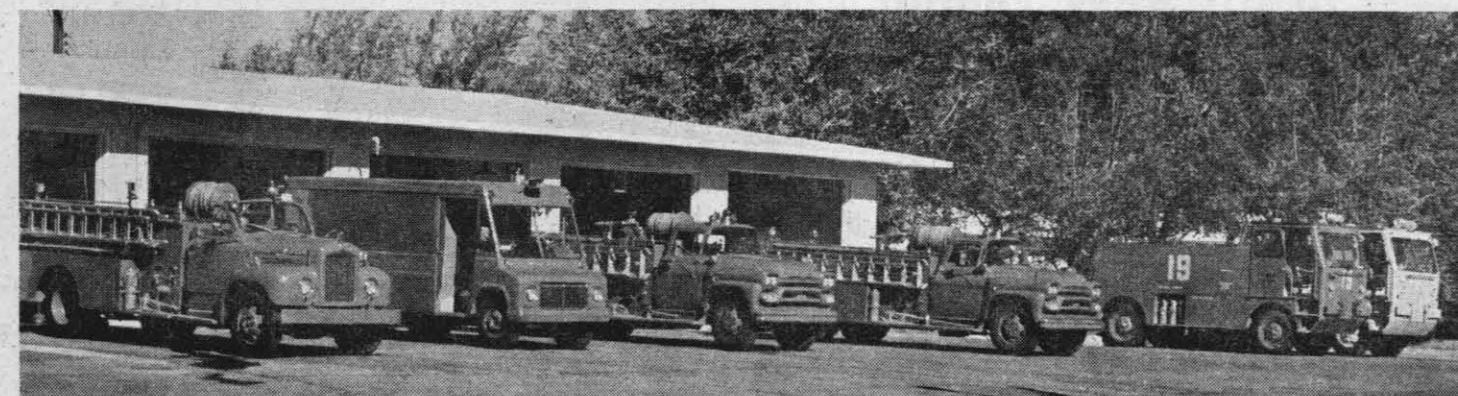
Each Center resident will be given a copy of a folder entitled "In a Fire . . . Seconds Count!" and an emergency number sticker for Fire, Police, and Medical.



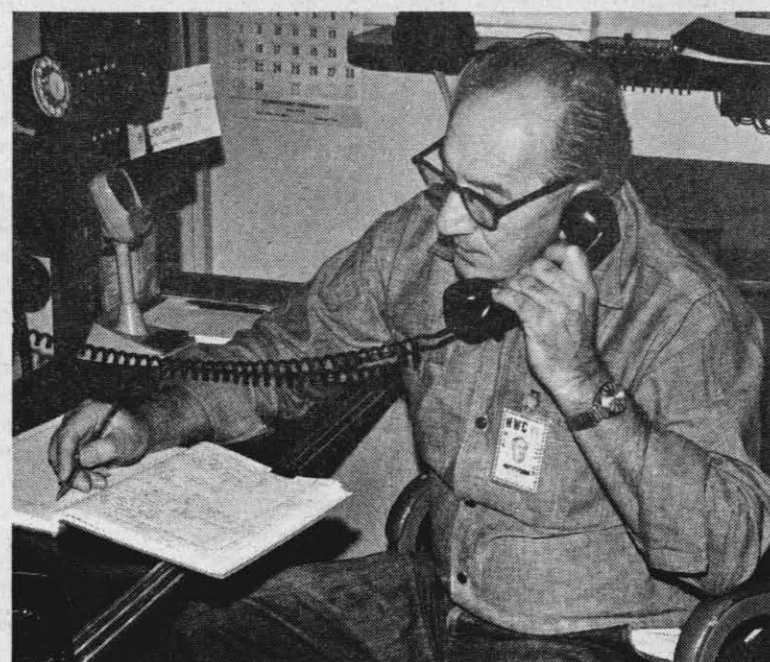
NEVER ENDING JOB — Recharging soda and acid fire extinguishers is the job of Craig Johnson and Charles Woolery of the NWC Fire Division. Firemen make regular inspections to keep extinguishers in top operating condition throughout the Center.



FIREPOWER SHOW — John W. Seguire, NWC Fire Prevention Chief, prepares demonstration equipment used to show personnel how to prevent or combat all types of fires. Fire prevention men will give public presentation at Community Center, China Lake, during November.



WELL ORGANIZED, WELL EQUIPPED, NWC FIRE STATION NO. 1 DISPLAYS ITS ROLLING STOCK.



COMMUNICATIONS OPERATOR Joseph M. Becker receives a call on one of the Fire Division's eight phones at Fire Station No. 1. Becker also dispatches equipment and maintains log of activities. He came to Fire Division in 1949.



EQUIPMENT IS ROLLING—Gerald Flagg operates the vital Dispatcher's Office at NAF Fire Station No. 3. All personnel are trained to handle Fire Branch communications.



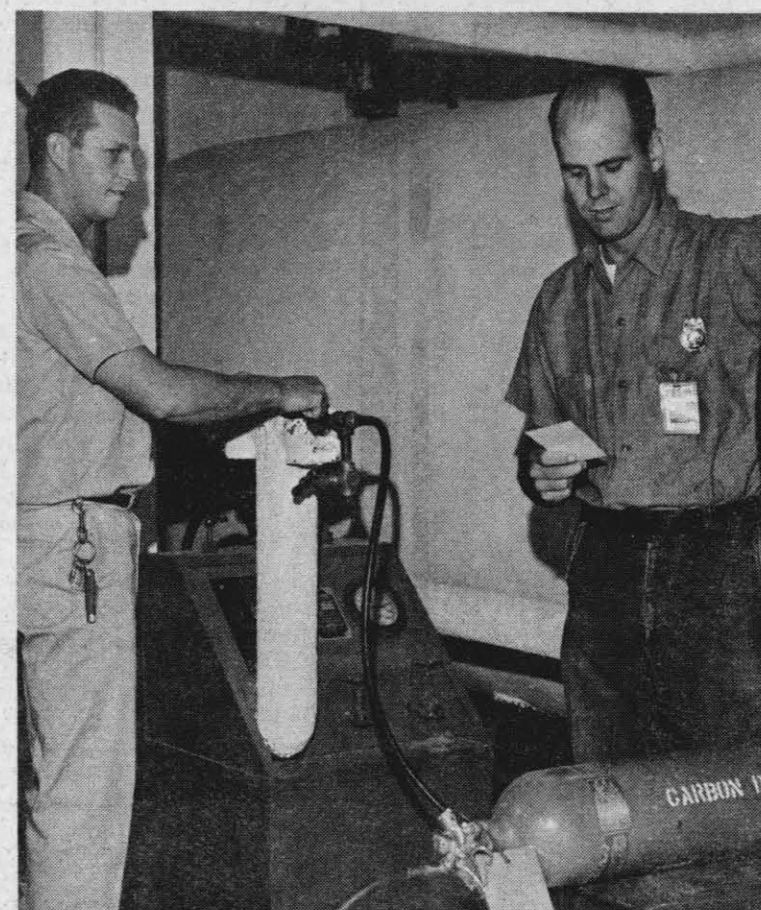
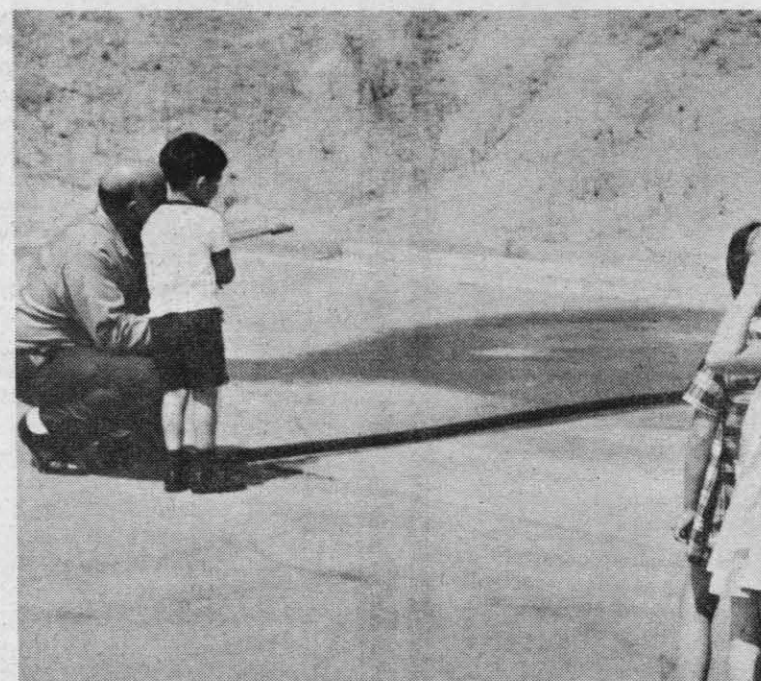
RADIO CONTACT with fire fighting equipment at the NWC Randsburg Wash area is maintained through a field dispatcher's office. Here at Fire Station No. 4 Fred Whitnak serves as operator.



ON ALERT IS THIS FIRE FIGHTING-RESCUE EQUIPMENT AT NAF.



SPECIAL EQUIPMENT to foam down runways and meet crash situations is poised for action at the Naval Air Facility Fire Station No. 3.

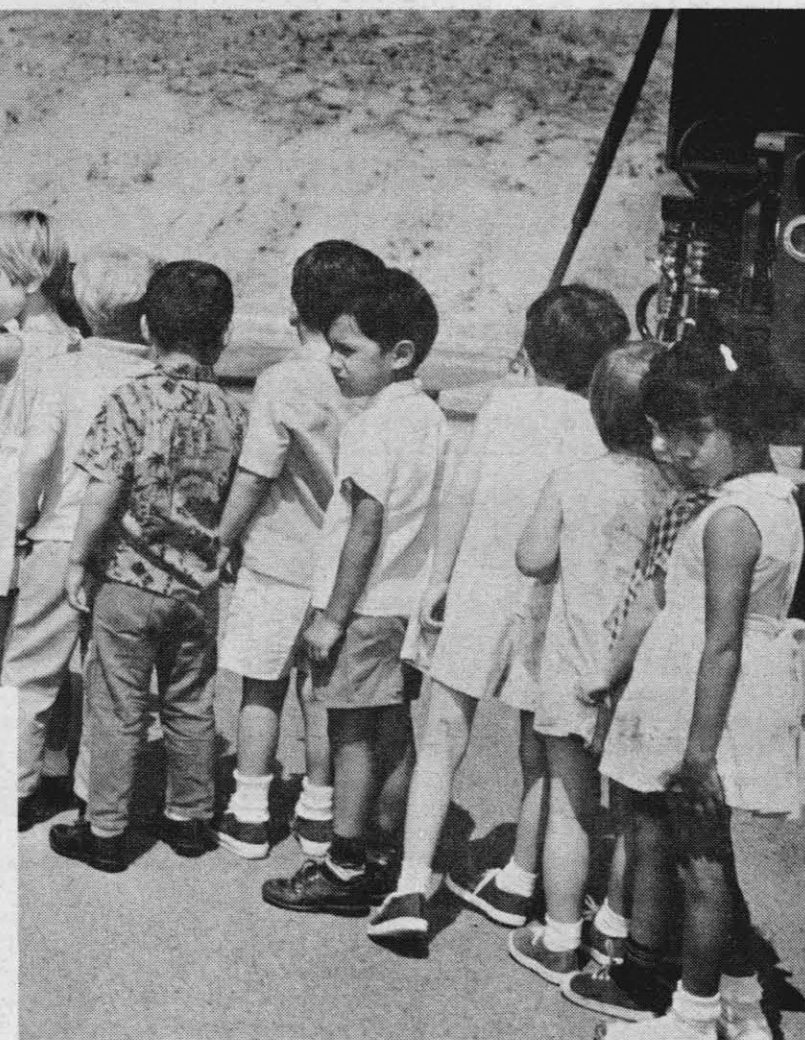


WEIGHT WATCHERS — Dwight Young and Charles Woolery recharge carbon dioxide (CO2) fire extinguishers while watching the "Toledo" in order to control the bottle's capacity. CO2 is an effective extinguisher for electrical and flammable liquid fires.

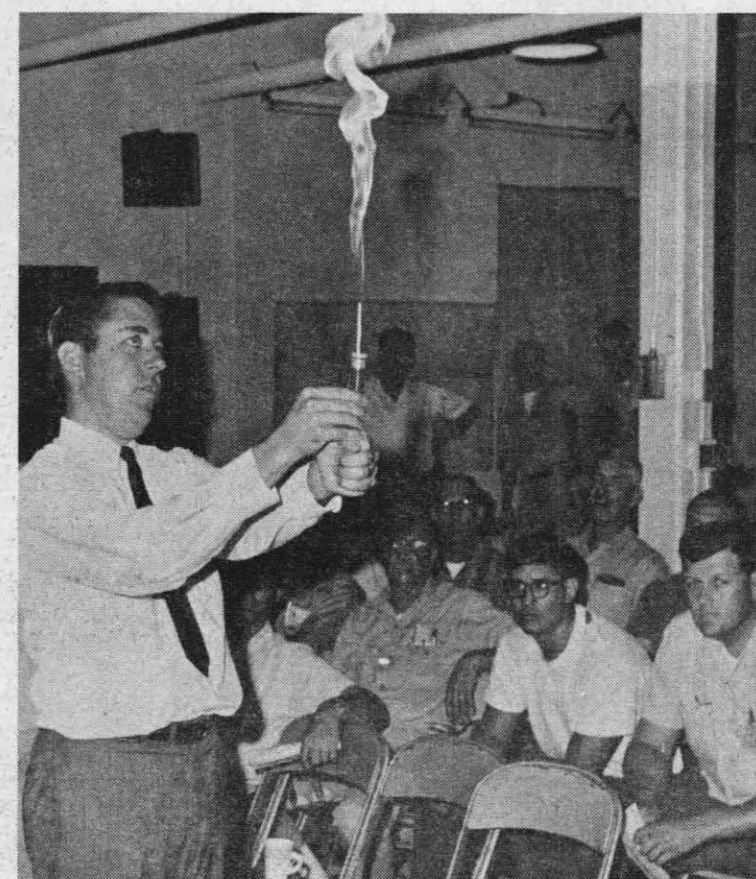


Don't Give Fire A Place To Start!

PHOTOGRAPHS FOR FIRE PREVENTION WEEK AT CHINA LAKE BY PHAN MICHAEL F. KRAUSE.



DONALD MONSOOR of the Fire Fighting Branch, NWC Corona Laboratories, gives children of San Salvador School, Colton, a chance to hold a fire hose during a recent visit to the Center. Thirty young students from the school's Head Start Program heard about fire prevention.



UNPREDICTABLE FLAME—Fire fighter personnel watch intently as Donald E. Rawson shows problems connected with using propane gas and fighting propane fires the most effective way.



SUGGESTION BRINGS CASH — Lt. S. R. McMullen, former NWC Security Officer, (l-r) congratulates William A. Lewis and Darrel R. Johnson on receiving a Beneficial Suggestion Cash Award of \$150. Fire Branch men devised maps.



GOOD WORK REWARDED —Two NWC fire fighters display certificates of Quality Salary Increase awards and receive a husky hand shake from Assistant Chief of Police Aaron C. Jones. Awardees are (l-r) Phillip K. Kratz and Charles A. Laffoon.



HERE'S THE WAY YOU DO IT explains Fire Prevention Chief John W. Seguire (r) as he demonstrates a small section of Firepower Show to NWC Fire Inspectors, Lt. Grant R. Pinney and Capt. Richard D. Maxwell of Fire Division.