

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

The Sure Way To Beat Poverty

By CHAPLAIN GORDON A. READ



A great deal of emphasis has been placed recently on the problem of eliminating poverty in our country. Recently a pamphlet came across my desk entitled, "The Sure Way to Beat Poverty." The thrust of the discussion and charts in the pamphlet was towards encouraging the reader to invest money regularly — even small amounts, in order that poverty might be eliminated in later years. For instance \$10 per month invested at 6 per cent interest, compounded semi-annually for 22 years would amount to \$6,000; or for 33 years would appreciate to \$14,000.

The thought that there are many types of poverty came to my mind as I pondered the possible ends of careful investing. Might one not by careful effort, avoid poverty in such areas as one's creativity, speech, or ability to think; or even poverty in the area of a man's manners or the realm of that unmeasurable quantity, his Spirit?

An interesting comparison is to be noted in the area of financial investments as well as for our other assets.

It is not always so important how much money, or ability or whatever we have, as it is a consistent use of what we have, which makes the difference.

The poverty of money is something most have experienced at sometime, but we may not so readily recognize, and take measures to hedge against poverty in other areas.

"Blessed is the man who knows himself and consistently makes the best use of his greatest assets: His unique personality, his individual abilities." Beating poverty after all may in reality, be "learning to live."

Farewell To NAF Chaplain



GIFT FROM NAVY RELIEF — Lt. Irvin H. Thompson, who is being replaced by Chaplain Gordon A. Read, was presented with a farewell gift from the Navy Relief Tea given recently at the home of Captain Etheridge. Looking on (l-r) are Jeanne Robcke, Chairman of volunteer women; Chaplain MacNeill, Executive Secretary of Navy Relief Society; Mrs. Etheridge, Honorary Chairman of Navy Relief Society.

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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 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 vacancies listed below are effective from February 21 to 28, 1969.

Clerk (Stenography), GS-301-05, (1 Vacancy), Code 257 — Duties of the position are providing secretarial services to the Control Division personnel; frequent personal and telephone contacts with individuals at all levels of the Naval establishment; collection, analysis and presentation of a wide range of information covering all areas within the Supply Department; stenographic work; and preparation of graphs and charts.

File applications for the above with Carole Cadle, Bldg. 34, Rm. 26, Ext. 71648.

Chemist or Chemical Engineer, GS-11 or 12, Code 4572 — Incumbent will perform exploratory development on solid propellants. Position requires planning and executing applied research programs, including theoretical calculations, laboratory-scale experiments to determine compatibility and sensitivity characteristics, and small-scale processing and evaluation studies. Incumbent will also study the reactions of new formulations and materials including physical and thermodynamic properties, thermal stability, and ballistic properties.

File applications for above with John E. Chipp, Rm. 24, Bldg. 34, Phone 72723.

Clerk-Typist, GS-322-2 or GS-322-3, Code 1812 — Position is located in the Enlisted Personnel Division Office, Personnel Department at the Naval Air Facility. Duties include: typing, preparing the Enlisted Personnel Diary, verifying information contained in the Enlisted Distribution Report, compiling the daily muster and ration reports, initiating correspondence concerning enlisted medals and awards, adjusting Tour Completion Dates, and answering the telephone. Must meet CSC qualifications requirements outlined in handbook X118.

File application with Mary Morrison, Bldg. 34, Rm. 32, Phone 72032.

Clerk-Typist, GS-322-2 or GS-322-3, Code 182 — Position is located in the Operations Office of the Naval Air Facility. Duties include maintaining pilots' log books, master log, maintaining Pilot Qualification Status board, recording enlisted flight time, maintaining files of flight handbooks and weight and balance books, answering telephone, preparing and typing monthly reports and other clerical duties. Must meet CSC qualifications requirements outlined in handbook X118.

File application with Mary Morrison, Bldg. 34, Rm. 32, Phone 72032.

Computer Systems Analyst, GS-334-12, Code 1711 — The incumbent conducts major computer systems studies in management and administrative areas. He studies new areas for feasibility and when approved designs the overall system. He reviews on going systems for revision and modification as necessary.

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

Helper (Various Options), WB-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 Plate Setter; Heating Equipment Mechanic. All interested non-temporary employees are invited to apply. Employees who applied for the Helper vacancies advertised in October 1968, must apply again. A Helper examination will be scheduled for employees who have not taken the examination and for employees who have taken the examination previously but did not attain a passing score. Non-competitive selection for Helper vacancies will be made from the list of eligible applicants resulting from this ad through 5-21-69.

File applications with Dora Childers, Room 32, Code 657, Phone 71395.

Helper Test Range Tracker, Intermittent, WB-5, Code 306 — The nature and scheduling of tests on the Code 30 ranges require during peak workloads additional personnel to assist in tracking operations. If there is sufficient interest by local residents in working on an intermittent basis, Code 30 would establish a pool of about 15 people willing to work during these peak workloads.

A person may work from 0 to 5 times a week. They would work on the days they are called from 2 to 8 hours. Because of workloads, there could be extended periods.

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EDITORIAL

It's That Time Again

Refund or payment that is the question concerning most citizens as the deadline draws near for filing our 1968 income tax returns.

Whether you will be among those receiving a refund or having to make up the difference between what was taken out of your pay and what is due Uncle Sam, the result is inevitable — the sooner you get it in the mail the sooner you can quit worrying about it.

And, it stands to reason that the sooner you receive the money, in the case of those receiving refunds, the greater amount of time you will have for it to draw interest. Therefore, it can mean a few more dollars in your child's educational fund, the family Christmas fund or that retirement nest egg that you have been building up over the years.

And for those who will have to face the inevitable, that of paying their share, the earlier you get your returns off the sooner you can quit worrying about them. You will also reduce the possibility of making a costly mistake during a last minute rush to make the deadline.

In any event, the moment of truth has arrived — it's time to get busy and compile those figures and compute those exemptions



and deductions. And, although we have a highly complex tax system, the government has made every attempt to make it as simple as possible.

When you compute your tax, or have someone else do it for you, remember this — the government does not want you to pay more than your fair share of taxes. So if you are in doubt about a deduction, consult your legal officer or a tax expert, don't simply ignore it with the idea that "they wouldn't accept it anyway." If you are legally entitled to a deduction, no matter how insignificant, the government wants you to take it.

On the other hand, don't try to "slink" the government out of their just due. The Internal Revenue Service takes a dim view of anyone trying to pull a fast one, and will take vigorous action against those individuals who attempt to shirk their responsibility. It isn't fair to try and shift your part of the country's tax burden to the conscientious taxpayer.

Your annual federal income tax is one of the responsibilities that comes with the rights of citizenship. All it takes for you to meet this responsibility is to be honest and accurate when you file your 1968 income tax. (AFPS)

Oasis Garden Club Meets



FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS DEMONSTRATED — Members, guests and friends attended the 11th anniversary luncheon of the Oasis Garden Club of Indian Wells Valley held recently at the Commissioned Officers' Club. Mrs. Virginia Dennison gave an interesting and informative program on "Japanese Flower Arrangements for the American Home." She described the current trend of a more natural and fuller appearance in Japanese flower arranging, and created seven designs using many spring flowers and branches. Mrs. Dennison is chairwoman of the Flower and Garden Show for the National Orange Show scheduled March 6-16 in San Bernardino.



Lieutenant Colonel William R. Ellis, USA
"1968 Defender of Freedom"

Army Lt. Col. William R. Ellis has been named the winner of the Defender of Freedom Award, the top honor in the 1968 Freedoms Foundation Letter Awards Program. Currently assigned to Headquarters, Provisional Military Assistance Advisory Group, Korea, Lt. Col. Ellis will receive a \$1,000 check and an encased George Washington Honor Medal from Freedoms Foundation as well as an invitation to Washington, D.C. and Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge, Pa., for presentation ceremonies.

Representing the Marine Corps, Navy and Air Force in the winners' category and scheduled to receive \$100 checks and George Washington Honor Medals are Lt. Col. Vincente T. Blaz, 2nd Bn., 23rd Marines; Lt. (jg) Richard R. Hobbs, USS Wallace L. Lind; and Air Force Capt. Jon M. Samuels, 35th Security Police Sq.

American armed forces personnel from throughout the world submitted entries in the letter contest, writing essays of 500 words or less on the subject, "A Free Ballot — A Free Country."

Names of all other winners in the 1968 contest will be announced during February and awards made in the spring.

Fund Directors To Hold Annual Business Meeting

On Tuesday, February 25, the newly elected board of directors of the IWW United Fund will hold their first meeting in the Multi-use room at Burroughs High School. The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m.

The featured speaker of the evening will be Dr. Price Kirkpatrick, who is the director of the Kern County Mental Health Clinic in Bakersfield.

Dr. Kirkpatrick will give his views on the communication problem between present-day youth and members of the older generation. He also will talk on the mental health care budget and what he considers to be a much graver problem — the fact that hard-core narcotics are being used by our youth in epidemic proportions.

Dr. Kirkpatrick has a highly diversified background in the field of juvenile aid and mental health. All members (anyone who contributed to the United Fund last year) are invited to attend the annual gathering.

Aetna Agent At Community Center February 28

The Aetna Insurance Representative, Mr. Howard Keenan, will be at the Community Center next Friday, February 28, from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Prom Ops

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ods of time when no extra assistance is needed. Every attempt would be made to notify personnel the day before they were needed so they could plan ahead.

The positions would be Helper, Test Range Tracker with a starting salary rate of \$3.20 per hour. The duties would include assistance in tracking target drones and other easily tracked airborne objects by operating photographic, mechanical, electronic and optical tracking equipment. Assists in loading film magazines, moving instruments, performing minor maintenance and does clean up work.

If you are interested in one of these positions and have a high school education and are over 18 years of age, contact Fawn Haycock, Room 34, NWC Personnel Building or phone extension 71514.

Equipment Specialist (Ordinance), GS-11, Code 5563 — This position is located in the Freefall Weapons Branch, Fleet Engineering Division, Engineering Department. The incumbent will be a source of technical information on a weapon system to component project engineers. He will obtain information by direct contact with weapon users as well as through official correspondence. Contact will take place anywhere the system is being used including Air Force, Navy and Marine Corps installations in this country and overseas and on ships at sea. The incumbent must have a broad background in air launched missile systems usage in the Fleet. Military experience as a non-commissioned officer is desirable. While on official travel he must be able to make on-the-spot decisions and give detailed oral presentations.

File above applications with Pat Gaunt, Bldg. 34, Room 34, Phone 71514.

Library Assistant, GS-1411-4, Code 8552 — This position is located in the Station Library. Temporary position not to exceed one year. Maintenance of the Vertical File, Maintenance of the Serial Files, publicity, etc.

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

'Ramparts' Pub Founder To Talk At Desert Campus

Edward M. Keating, who comes to speak at the Desert Campus of Bakersfield College at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, March 5, will discuss "The Scandal of Silence," America's unwillingness to discuss important national problems.

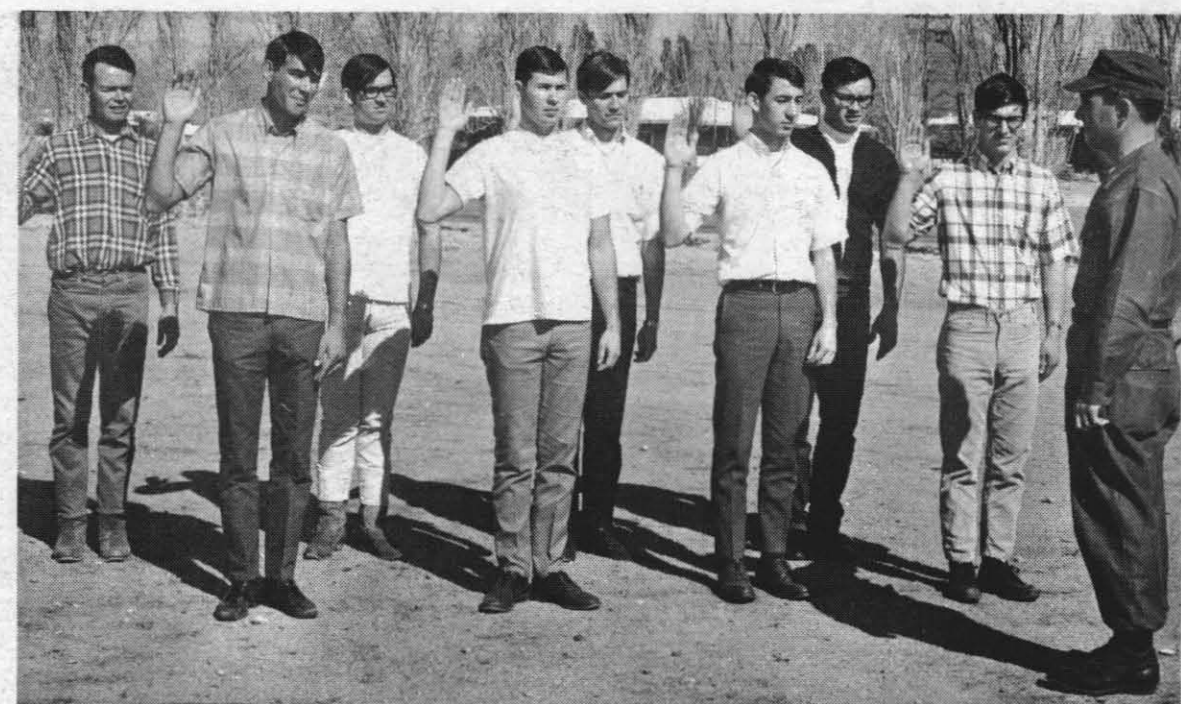
Mr. Keating is nationally known as publisher, editor, author, lecturer, and as the founder of Ramparts magazine. This magazine achieved international fame by 1967.

Born in New York City, Mr. Keating currently resides in California. He is married and is the father of five children. He was a graduate of Stanford University, received his BA in 1948, and his LLB in 1950. He has twice been a Congressional candidate. An author and critic as well as lecturer, Mr. Keating wrote the book "The Scandal of Silence," which deals critically with the situation of the layman in the Catholic Church and with the Catholic Church in American society.

Brotherhood Award

In 1964, Mr. Keating received the Peninsula Council of B'nai B'rith's Brotherhood Award for "outstanding contributions to the cause of brotherhood of peoples of all faiths and creeds." Also, in 1966 he won the Beth Am Ethical Actions Award as "an outstanding leader in the area of social justice, through action, and the spoken and written word."

Mr. Keating's lecture is sponsored by the Associated Students of the Desert Campus of Bakersfield College, and will be held in the Burroughs High School multi-use room. Ticket prices will be \$1, general admission, students and children 50 cents. People showing the student body card of the Desert Campus will be admitted for 25 cents.



NEW SEABEES — Taking the oath of allegiance under the limited recruitment Seabee program which is now filled are Larry Kirchmeier and Ted Zissos of Ridgecrest; Don Peters of China Lake; John

Riley and Ray Witcher of Trona; and Mike Caylor, Mark Wilbanks and Terry Ricker of Bakersfield. LCdr. R. D. Malone, C. O. of Unit 11-2 states that there are still openings in the unit for skilled craftsmen.

Foreign Students Visit Corona Labs

AFS Sponsors Student Tour

Eighteen students from foreign lands toured the Naval Weapons Center Corona Laboratories and the Fleet Missile Systems Analysis and Evaluation Group Wednesday, February 12.

The Foreign Exchange students — all attending high schools in the Inland Empire area — were accompanied by their American student "buddy" counterparts, and adults from the American Field Service Organization. The 40 people were served a picnic lunch in the Norconian Club following the tours, by Mrs. Phyllis Morris, President of the Corona branch of the AFS.

Winifred Andrus, activities chairman of the Corona AFS Board, and an employee of FMSAEG, made the arrangements for the visit.

The tours covered a variety of the work being done in the Naval activities including the Computer Center and the Ground Station at FMSAEG, and the Calibration Lab, Environmental Lab, Design and Fabrication work, and Laser Research at NWC.

Bill Taylor from Australia, exchange student at Norco High School, and Dino Justo from Brazil, who attends Corona High were in the party. Dino lives with Ed Von Sothen, an employee at FMSAEG.



FOREIGN GUESTS — Foreign exchange students are fascinated by "picture window" hologram at the Naval Weapons Center Corona Laboratories. The Inland Empire region of the American Field Service brought them on tour of the Center's Corona Laboratories on February 12. Shown above are (l-r) Claudia Carijo from Brazil, Amnat Promsot from Thailand, and Estela Sanchez of Guatemala.

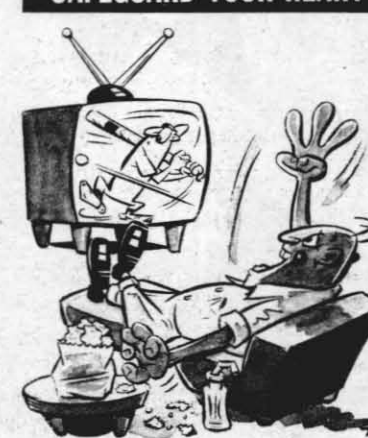
Elementary PTA To Present Murray Students

The next meeting of the China Lake Elementary PTA will be held Thursday, February 27 at 7:30 p.m. at the Desert Park School.

The program for the evening will be presented by the instrumental and vocal students from Murray School under the direction of Mrs. Albert Kline and Mrs. Ruth Kirby.

In addition at the business portion of the meeting, the results of the Nominating Committee will be given and the slate of officers to be voted on at the March meeting will be presented.

SAFEGUARD YOUR HEART



Big leaguers get into condition through training...how about you? Physically active people have a lower risk of heart attack.
A SERVICE OF YOUR HEART ASSOCIATION

Holiday Hours For Weekend

The following holiday hours of operation are announced for China Lake facilities over Washington's birthday weekend:

The Community Center and Center Library will be closed on Friday and Saturday. The Youth Center will be open from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. and from 7:11:30 p.m. on Friday, and will be open during regular hours on Saturday. The Center Gym will be open from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday, with regular hours on Saturday.

All other facilities will be open during regular hours on Friday and Saturday.

THE LOCKER ROOM

Vampire-Falcon
Playoff

BY ED RANCK

If the OMD and Ace TV basketball teams have been obliging enough to roll over and play dead during the past few days, the China Lake Basketball League's third playoff game in five years will take place next Tuesday evening. These two clubs were the only remaining roadblocks confronting the VX-5 team as the Vampires attempted to move into a tie with the Loewen's Falcons during the final week of basketball action. If everything went according to form, VX-5 should have won this week, thereby forcing a playoff for the Center championship.

This could be one of the most interesting athletic contests around here in the past several months. The only other match-up during the past year that would have surpassed the VX-5 Falcon game would have been the Ace TV-Engineers softball playoff that was scratched when Ace lost their final game.

Since the Falcons formed their basketball dynasty four years ago, it had been the NAF Hawks who were playing the bridesmaid each season. This year the Hawks skipped to fourth place and the Vampires have taken up the chase. At this time VX-5 appears to have a better than even chance to end the Falcons' reign. Judging from last week's contest between the two teams, VX-5 has to be rated a bit stronger. The Vampires won that one, 76-72, in a game that wasn't quite as close as the final score might indicate.

VX-5 Strongest

With the exception of the 1966-67 edition of the Falcons, this year's VX-5 team is probably the strongest intramural basketball team here in the last four years. The team has great balance as indicated by the fact that four of their five starters are in the top 10 in scoring. The Vampires go with Gary Ellwanger, Ron Lyons, Ken Cappell and Terry Atkinson, all of whom have the ability to break a game open. They have been going with Doug Karpstien or Jim Prophet at the other starting position, and have several players on the bench who have helped the club when they were needed.

VX-5 is essentially a running ball club, and because of the fact that they have played as a unit for the past two seasons, their fast break is as cohesive as any in the league. In a hot streak they can run any club in the league out of the gym, through the main gate and off into the night.

However, the Vampires do have one mysterious trait that has kept them from running away with the league title. The team has demonstrated an uncanny ability to blow a huge lead in an amazingly short time. For example, twice this season VX-5 barely got by the Hustlers because they frittered away leads of 15 points during the last eight minutes. Last week against Loewen's they were up by 22 late in the first half, but allowed the Falcons to pull to within three points prior to the end of the third period.

The reason that VX-5 falls into these predicaments is unknown. It can't be said that they choke because they usually wake up when the game gets close. But their approach to the game may be less than thoughtful at times. It seems that when they do get a bit cold they continue to play race horse basketball rather than concentrate on breaking the momentum of the opposition.

On paper, the Falcons do not appear to be as strong as VX-5. They are a bit smaller, slower and have less scoring balance. A team with a 13-2 record can't be all bad, however. They have a consistent scorer in Henry Coates and one of the league's quickest back court men in Jimmy Ayers. Darrell Johnson gives the team strength on the boards and Jerry Tyler can be one of the best scorers in the league during a hot streak.

Falcons Steadier

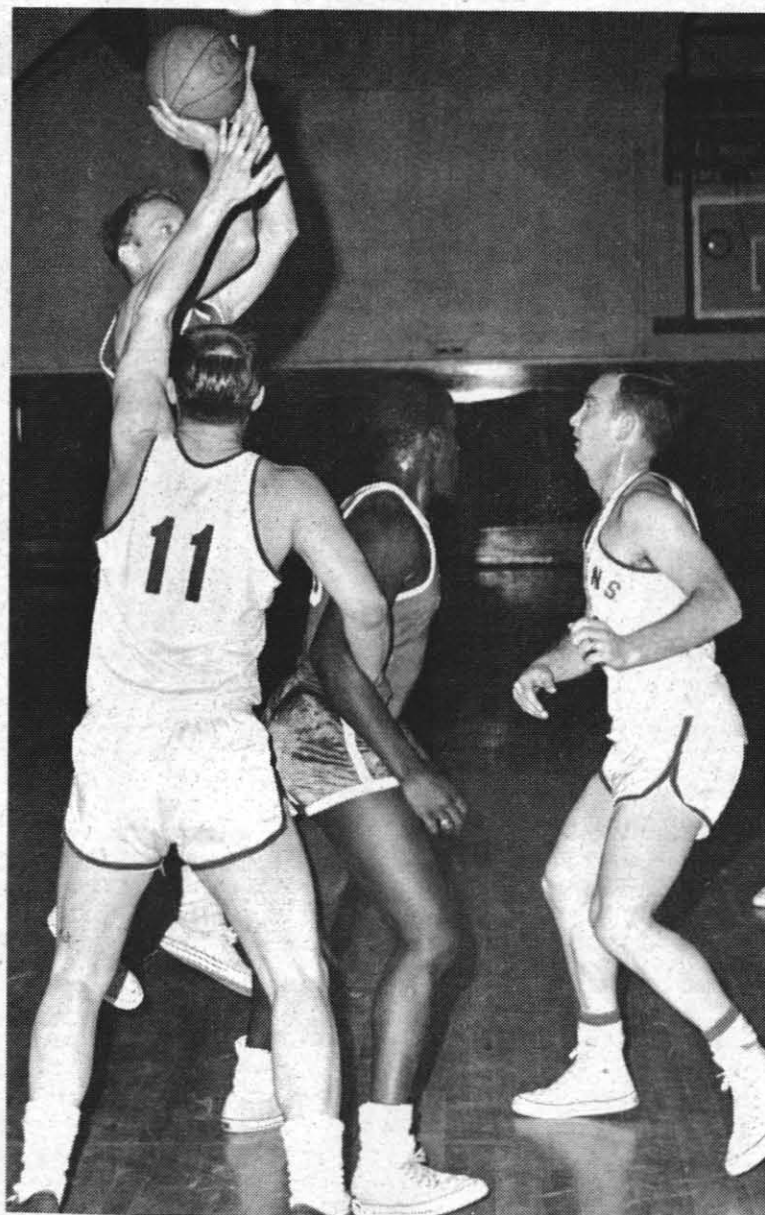
Also the Falcons are a much steadier ball club than VX-5. Give them a big lead and you can bet that they won't let it slip away. Despite player changes over the years they have established a habit of winning, and this is one of those well known intangibles that make defending champions tough in the big games.

There is one thing that has hurt the Falcons and may swing the tide in favor of VX-5. This is the loss of forward Gary Jacobs. Jacobs, who has been one of the best two way players in the league during recent years, suffered his second serious knee injury two weeks ago and his playing days may be over. Without a man like Jacobs the Falcons are bound to have difficulty and this could be enough to give the Vampires the edge.

If OMD and Ace TV have provided the cooperation, it will all be resolved Tuesday evening at 6:30 p.m. The Falcons will be after their fifth consecutive league championship and the Vampires will be trying to start a dynasty of their own.

Volleyball

Rosters for the 1969 China Lake Volleyball League will be due at the Special Services office on Thursday, February 27. The annual captain's meeting is expected to be held on March 6 and league play will begin March 11.



FOUL? — Perhaps not, but it was all part of the action that went on the other night at the Center Gym, when the league-leading Falcons were defeated by the high-flying Vampires. The very crucial game set the stage for stark basketball drama that will be upcoming in the days ahead. VX-5 won handily, 76-72, and moved into a tie for first.

Skiing Areas
Readied For
Big Weekend

Fishing and skiing are vying for top attention of visitors and sportsmen in the Kern River Valley, the Kern County Board of Trade said today.

Catfish and blue gill are biting in shallow water on the south fork of the Kern River, according to Twila Bartlett of the Kern River Valley Visitors Council.

Skiing at Shirley Meadows in the Greenhorn mountain area was good over the week end and prospects look bright for another outstanding week end for winter sports enthusiasts. The County Parks and Recreation Department reports 32-48 inches of snow at the ski run; 32-36 inches at Greenhorn Summit. Chains are required. After a heavy downpour Saturday, the sun beamed brightly on Kern River Valley Sunday, and Lake Isabella attracted throngs of boating and water skiing enthusiasts.

Campgrounds are rapidly drying after Saturday's rain.

The Lake Isabella reservoir is about half full with a reported run-off of 1000-acre-feet per second.

Cerro Noroeste (Mt. Abel) has 17-48 inches of snow, and chains are required at the 26-mile post.

There are 3-10 inches of snow at Tehachapi Mountain Park. Chains are needed for access to the upper park area.

Ski tows will operate this week end at the Shirley Meadows and Cerro Noroeste parks, according to the County Parks and Recreation Department.

Roby Shoots
669 To Tie
Highest Mark

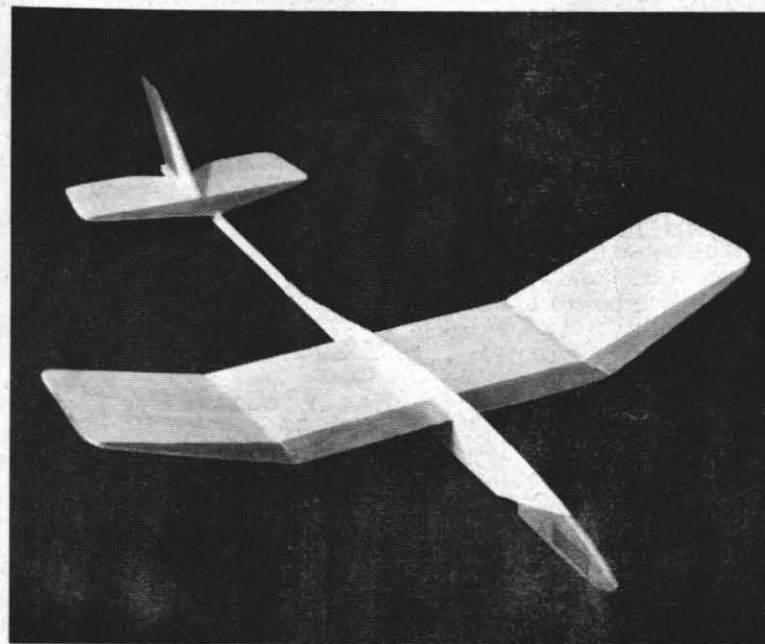
Premier League bowlers enjoyed one of their best nights of the season Monday evening as eight men broke the 600 mark. Earl Roby led the way with a 669 and in the process tied the high game mark for the China Lake Bowl. Roby rolled a 277 in his first game to equal the record set by Bob Owens several weeks ago.

Roby also had single games of 202 and 190 en route to the 669. Dave Bonnema was second high for the league with 258-210 and a 658 while Joe Kokosenski had 253-209 and a 641. Among the other top scores were Joe Rossner 235-205 and 620; Benny Whiteside 224-202 and 619; Fred Dalpiaz 204-200-212 and 616; George Barker 227-209 and 605 and Ray Freascher 211-601.

The race in the Midway League remained tight as the NAF team moved into a first place tie with the Nolos. Whiteside led the individual scoring with 225-220 and a 626 while Al Ferris took single game honors with 234. Other top individual games included John Shepard 223; Russ Kelly 222 and Ken Dalpiaz 210.

Ron Lindemann rolled a 215-210 and 616 to lead the Desert League and Bob Nelligan took single game honors with 219. Bobby Kochman was second high with 217.

In the Thursday Afternoon Trio, Sallie Stephenson rolled high series with 491 and Myrtle Snyder had high game with 184.



A DIFFICULT COMBINATION — Simplicity and performance dictated the choice of this model for the first model airplane contest to be held March 1 at Burroughs High baseball field. A copy of the first hand-launched glider to be built and flown, it was designed by Frank Zaic, author of "Model Glider Design" and editor of the world-famous Model Aircraft Year Books. All parts are die-cut, assembly is quick and easy. Adjusted to glide in a circle, it will fly much longer than the 10 cent variety, sometimes riding on rising air currents (thermals) for minutes at a time. Kits and entry blanks are available at the NWC Youth Center and at the Valley Independent Newspaper office. Each entrant must have an entry form completed, including parents or guardians signature and 50-cent entry fee.

Tennis Club Names Leaders

Joan Bustard was elected president of the China Lake Tennis Club on Thursday, February 13, 1969, as the group met at the Commissioned Officers' Mess.

Former President Roy Miller announced a suggested slate of new officers and all were adopted unanimously. Others elected to office for the coming year include: Sherry Miller, Vice President,

Chuck Jones, Secretary - Treasurer, Joe Reese, Representative-at-large.

Matters discussed included a revision of the tennis ladder, and tournament plans for the coming season. Arrangements were begun for the upcoming tennis clinic, including recruiting of instructors. The clinic will be held in April and there will be advance publicity.

President Hosts
Annual Prayer
Breakfast Meet

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us here today in this Presidential Prayer Breakfast," he said, "that in the many events that I will participate in, none will mean more to me, personally, none, I think, will mean more to the members of the Cabinet and to Congress than this occasion."

The event was broadcast live for the first time this year over the world-wide facilities of the Armed Forces Radio Service. In addition, the occasion was carried live in the United States to 60 military installations in 24 states by special audio circuits.

The Presidential Prayer Breakfast is sponsored by the United States Senate and House Prayer Groups. The purpose of the occasion, begun in 1952, is to bring together the leadership of the United States in recognition of the moral and spiritual values upon which the nation is founded.

Each year, soon after Congress convenes, men in leadership positions from various aspects of our national life meet for discussion and prayer on the occasion of the Presidential Prayer Breakfast.

The event normally is attended by the President, the Vice President, the Cabinet, members of the United States Senate and House of Representatives, the Supreme Court, Government officials, and other leaders from across the United States.

In his remarks before the dignitaries, President Nixon said, "You have inspired us. You have given us a sense of the continuity of history which brings us together from the beginning to now. You have told us in a very simple and eloquent way that, great as the problems which now confront us, with faith, faith in Our Lord, faith in the ideals of our country, and also with a deep dedication to what our role is in this nation and the world, we are going to be able to make these next years great years for this nation and great years for the world."

"I believe that and it is to that end that we dedicate ourselves today. That objective transcends all partisan considerations. I am proud to stand here today in the presence of those who, by your being here, indicate that you have not lost faith in this nation. You have not lost faith in the religious background that has sustained us."

"As a matter of fact," President Nixon continued, "we are entering a period when, sustained by that faith, we will be able to meet the challenge which is ours — a challenge which comes to very few people in the history of man. It is America's now. Whether we succeed or we fail will depend or determine whether peace and freedom survive on this world."

"We will meet the challenge. We will meet it because we are going to devote every hour of the day to seeing that we meet it properly. But we will meet it also because we will be sustained and inspired by the prayers of millions of people across this world. Those prayers do mean something. Through the medium of these words I want to thank the people of this nation, the people of this world who are praying for us. We trust that we can be worthy of your prayers and worthy of your faith."

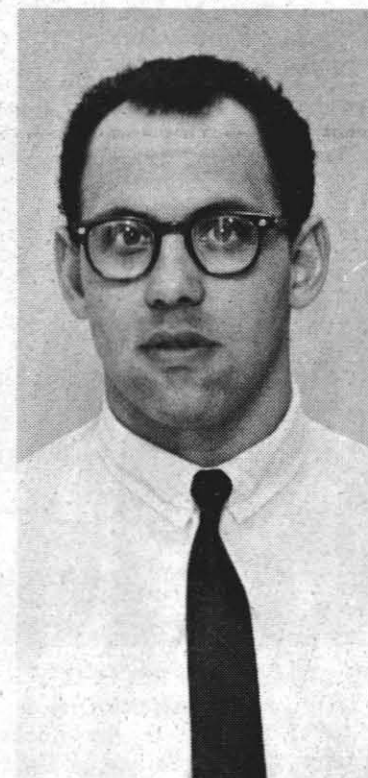
Bluejackets Find Early Mining Cart



MINING EXPERT CONSULTED — When a group of NAF ordnancemen uncovered an antiquated, hand-made, ore cart, a rush call was put in to prospector-desert philosopher, "Pop" Lofinck for identification of the relic. Those who assisted in removing the cart from the old mine shaft of the Sterling Queen Mine, located on the north

ranges, are: (l-r) AO2 Keith Martin, AQB2 Frank Schiefen, AO2 Robert Jons, AQB2 James Shifler, and AO2 Robert Benson. AOC C. W. DeGraw (not present for photo) first found the ore cart several weeks ago. His interest in old mines was generated by a history course on California. The cart is on display at the NAF Missile Shop.

Employees Earn Advanced Degrees



BERNARD WENZL

One Code 30 and two Code 40 employees, specifically Bernard Wenzl, Paul Homer, and Luke Crews, have been awarded the Master of Science degree in engineering by UCLA on the basis of work completed in the off-campus graduate program at NWC.

Although the program ended last June, these candidates for the degree, having finished their required courses, were permitted to write their theses in off-campus status. Two other students, in the same status, expect to finish by the end of the current winter quarter.

The total number of UCLA MS degrees in Engineering which have been earned at NWC now stands at 56. The first degrees were granted in 1952 to S. E. Dorsey and C. C. Woolsey, Jr. The most recent recipients are:

Paul B. Homer, head of Branch C. Weapons Systems Analysis Division in Code 40. Now involved in analysis of advanced guided missile programs, and air-delivered land mines, Homer wrote his thesis



PAUL HOMER

on the effect of electrostatics on aerosol dynamics. He received a B.S. with honors, in physics, in 1962 from the New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology at Socorro, New Mexico. He then came directly to NWC as a Junior Professional assigned to Code 402. Soon after his employment, he began to take University Extension courses, and in January, 1966, he was admitted to graduate status and began work toward the Master of Science degree.

The Homer family includes, in addition to Paul, his wife, Patricia, and children, Zindi, 11 years old, Jonny, 9, and Karl, 7. They reside at 46-A Rowe Street, China Lake.

Luke L. Crews, Code 4041, earned his MS degree on the basis of courses emphasizing controls systems and his thesis, titled, "The Use of Kalman Filtering in Navigation," done under the direction of Prof. Joseph A. Beggs.

The University of Nevada awarded Crews a B.S.E.E. in July, 1966, after which he came



LUKE CREWS

to NWC as a JP assigned to Code 35. He entered the education program in the fall of 1966, and became a graduate student the following January. Crews plans to leave China Lake soon in order to pursue studies leading to the Ph.D. in engineering.

Bernard P. Wenzl, an electronics engineer in Code 3012, is a 1960 graduate of Kansas State University. He came to NWC in 1963 and immediately enrolled in UCLA extension classes.

His thesis, "Digital Applications of Postcast Control to a Guided Missile Launcher," relates to his work in Engineering and Exploratory Development concerned with demonstrating feasibility in weapons systems.

With his wife, Alice, and daughters Angela, 6, and Theresa, 14 months, Wenzl resides at 211-A Mitscher.

Before mini skirts only a small percentage of girls were in show business.

County Events
For Coming Year
Told by Miller

More than a score of community events and celebrations will draw thousands of visitors to all parts of Kern County during the current year, according to Joe Miller of Ridgecrest, co-chairman of the County Board of Trade tourism committee.

The first major celebration in the county this year will be Whiskey Flat Days, February 21-23, at Kernville. Principal highlights will include a parade, fiddlers contest, tours of old mining camps, costume ball and election of an honorary mayor. Sponsor is the Kernville Chamber of Commerce.

The world's champion gold panners for 1968 will be chosen during the global panning championship contest March 1 and 2 at Tropico Gold Camp, Rosamond. The two-day event will also include a burro claim stake race, an old-fashioned fire cart hose race, antique car contest and old-time wheel bike contest. Sponsors are the Rosamond Chamber of Commerce and Tropico Gold Camp, Glen A. Settle, manager.

Beauty Contest

Young ladies throughout the county will vie for the Miss Kern County title and scholarships that go with the honor during a pageant at Bakersfield's Harvey Auditorium, April 12. Sponsored by the Bakersfield Jr. Chamber of Commerce, the pageant will include talent exhibitions and musical features leading to the coronation of the 1969 county beauty queen. The contest was won last year by Wendy Sorenson, of China Lake.

Amateur canoe and kayak paddlers will dare Kern River rapids in a unique competition April 18-19 at Kernville. The Kernville Chamber of Commerce, sponsor of the event, reports the event has captured international interest through wide news coverage.

Mexican Community Fair is scheduled May 9-11 at Kern County Fairgrounds. Events will include Mariachi orchestra, carnival, exhibits, concessions, dances and Charro rodeo, according to George Day Enterprises.

Western Silver Days at North Edwards, May 24, will feature a parade, floats and performing acts. North Edwards Chamber of Commerce is the sponsor.

"Battle of the Bands" will be a highlight of the Teen Fair at Kern County Fairgrounds, June 20-21. Other events planned include drag races and custom car show, according to George Day Enterprises.

Shafter Chamber of Commerce will sponsor a Fourth of July fireworks show to commemorate Independence Day. The admission-free celebration will be held at Shafter High School football field. An amateur baseball game will precede the show.

Mojave Chamber of Commerce will celebrate the Fourth of July the old-fashioned way with contests, games, booths and picnic at the county park.

Tehachapi Mountain Festival will be August 16-17 under sponsorship of the Tehachapi Chamber of Commerce. Features will be little britches rodeo, park barbecue, parade and bowling tournament.

Kern County Fair, featuring

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the world's largest junior livestock auction, will be held September 19-27 at the county fairgrounds. Sponsored by the 15th District Agricultural Association, the exposition program will provide a parade, horse show, RCA-approved rodeo, Hollywood Musical Revue, Salute to Kern County Pioneers, outstanding floriculture show, water show, circus, farm machinery displays, community exhibits and many other attractions.

The North - South Championship Outboard Races will be held at Lake Isabella. September 6-7. Lake Isabella Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the event in conjunction with California Outboard Racing Association (COBRA) and



WENDY SORENSON
Miss Kern County 1968

Central California Racing Association (CCRA).

The Boron Co-ordinating Council and Boron Chamber of Commerce will present 20-Mule Team Days, September 26-28, featuring parade, carnival events and whiskeys contest.

Desert Empire Fair will be held at Ridgecrest, October 8-12, with attractions such as commercial, industrial and organizational exhibits, turtle races, art and domestic science displays. Sponsor is Desert Empire Fair, Inc.

Delano Harvest Holidays, October 4-5, will feature a barbecue, rodeo, variety show, kiddie parade, grand parade and junior livestock exhibits. A queen will be chosen in September to reign over the celebration.

Wofford Heights Chamber of Commerce will sponsor Early California Days, October 10-12. Activities will include parade, pit barbecue, costume parade, old timers' picnic, pioneer sweethearts contest.

One of the unique competitions in the world is that of the well pulling contest held at Taft. This year, the contest will take place some time in mid-October, according to Taft Chamber of Commerce, sponsor.

Wasco's annual Veterans Day Parade will be sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars, November 11. Carl D. Peterson is parade chairman.

The Board of Trade said other community events, still in the planning stages, will be announced later as the programs are finalized.



DR. J. L. SCHAMADAN

Dr. James L. Schamadan, an aviator during the Korean War, later a Naval Flight Surgeon, and presently Associate Professor of Engineering at Arizona State University, will lecture on a new sub - science before NWC's Working Group on Automatic Control this coming Tuesday, February 25, at 10 a.m., in conference room A, Michelson Laboratory.

According to Dr. Schamadan, "The concept of fail-operational control systems is more often discussed in a philosophical rather than an operational sense. Since this concept represents the ultimate in control systems, much effort is being expended currently in developing system models, especially in the aviation - aerospace field."

One approach to the solution of control problems is through bionics — a relatively new sub - science in which biological systems are investigated and often copied for their solutions to control engineering problems."

Dr. Schamadan will discuss this application of a bionic approach to engineering problems in general, and then explain the structure of a biological system which shows a great deal of promise for use as a model fail - operational control system.

As Associate Professor of Engineering at Arizona State University, Dr. Schamadan directs the activities of the Human Engineering Laboratory. He did his undergraduate work in Chemical Engineering and received his M.D. cum laude from Ohio State University. He was designated a Naval Flight Surgeon in 1960.

After serving in the Far East, he was assigned as Director of Medical Research, AvSER Division of the Flight Safety Foundation. He has published several original articles and co-authored a textbook in the field of Crash Safety Analysis.

Dr. Schamadan spent several years in private medical practice and research before joining the Engineering faculty at Arizona State University.

William F. Ball, chairman of the NWC Automatic Control Working Group, states that the lecture is open to anyone concerned with automatic control engineering problems or interested in the new sub - science of bionics.

Assessment Waived

Assessment No. 175-103 will be waived due to the death of GEBA-CLMAS member William Kennedy Jr., employee of machine shop at the Naval Weapons Center, China Lake, who succumbed of a heart attack at St. Joseph Hospital in Los Angeles, February 16, 1969, it was announced by Lawrence R. Mason, Secretary-Treasurer.

Schneider Seeks To Organize Fellow Subvets

West Coast Regional Director of the U.S. Submarine Veterans, Inc., George R. Schneider, Sr. is seeking submariners eligible for membership in the relatively new organization.

Social rather than political, Schneider reports, the Submarine Vets were set up primarily "To perpetuate the memory of our Shipmates who gave their lives in the pursuit of their duties while serving their country..." By way of accomplishing this aim, living members are encouraged to reunite on all levels, to live over again together the very special service they shared, and to remember lost comrades.

To be eligible, a veteran must only have been designated "Qualified in Submarines," at any time from the start of the U.S. Submarine Service up to the present, whether or not he is on active duty at this time.

Particularly attractive in Schneider's opinion is the current effort of the national command to compile a list of "old timers" — that is, anyone who Qualified before 1930. The regional director himself advises that he served on the G-1, USS SEAL (No. 19½) 1915-1917; on the E-2, USS STURGEON (No. 25) 1917-1919; and on the S-3 (No. 107) 1919-1923. He thinks it very likely that there are those hereabout whose paths crossed his on one or more of these cruises, and he would like to hear from them.

He will be glad to answer further inquiries and provide information and application forms. He may be reached at 375-4291, and would welcome interested parties most hours of the day at 217 Florence St., Ridgecrest.

Troop 112 Holds Court of Honor At Legion Hall

It was the first time in Troop 112's history that the Court of Honor, held February 12 at the American Legion Hall, covered the full span of ranks from tenderfoot through eagle.

Tenderfoot awards were received by Bill Miller, Brad Eyre, David Farmer and Mike Ott.

Second class was represented by Gary Evans. The two first class were Billy Bergens and George Connors.

Star scout awards were received by Robbie Wilhelm, Riley DeLaCruz, Mike Sichley and Greg Lane. Life Scout was awarded to Jimmie Miller.

A total of 31 merit badges, one interpreter strip, one recruiter strip and six new warrants of office were earned by the boys.

Donald Upson was awarded the rank of eagle by District Scouting Executive, Howard Allen. Guests included Neighborhood Commissioner Don Zurn, Assistant District Commissioners Charles BerTeaux and Charlie Bridges, and District Commissioner Jim Upson.

A woman charged with speeding was brought before the young traffic court judge. When he realized she was his old schoolteacher, he made her write out one hundred times, "I will not exceed the speed limit."

NWC CPO's Prepare for Annual Ball



CPO BALL THIS WEEKEND — Saturday night should hold great prospects for a big time at the CPO Mess. The annual Chief Petty Officers Ball will be held there on that date. Pictured above is a scene from last year's event — Capt. and Mrs. Etheridge are shown being escorted by SKCM Joe Banker and his wife. This year's festivities will get underway at 6 p.m. Commanding Officers, Executive Officers, and other senior officer personnel will be among the honored guests.



ASSISTANCE APPRECIATED — Left to right, "J" "T" Bibby, NWC Public Affairs Officer, and Frederick L. Richards, Editorial Advisor to the Rocketeer, were presented certificates of appreciation by Officer A. E. Pena of the NWC Police Division, and California state president of the National Police Officers Association. The certificates were in recognition of assistance given to Pena when he presented a public service award on behalf of the National Police Officers Association to George Putnam, newscaster of KTLA-TV.



GRAND OPENING — The EM Club held a grand opening to celebrate the addition of new items to its bar last Friday, February 14. Attending the affair were (l-r) Capt. R. Williamson, NWC Executive Officer, Ens. W. F. Linsley, Navy Exchange Officer, and AZI R. H. Chaney, in charge of the bar. February 28, Maxie Montoya and his Jents from Mojave will provide dance music at the EM Club from 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Also, a portable bar will be set up.

Local Branch Of NAACP Hosts Area Conference

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ence headquarters which were set up at the Las Flores school in Ridgecrest. The morning session was devoted to a NAACP branch problem clinic, conducted by Leonard Carter, West Coast regional director who came in to town from San Francisco.

After lunch, Carter delivered the keynote address of the Conference, which was followed by an open forum on the Conference theme.

Participants in the latter activity included representatives from the Black Students Union from various colleges and universities within the local area.

On Sunday, workshop sessions that dealt with "Consumer Education," "Press and Publicity" and the "Role of an NAACP President." The workshops were conducted by Field Director Jesse Scott, Mrs. Marjorie Grass, Carl McCraven, Rev. John Simmons, and Dr. Lulamae Clemens and Dr. Guillermo Lopez.

History of NAACP

1969 marks the 60th year of the inception of the NAACP. In 1907, a group of White and Negro people met to see if something could be done about the deplorable treatment of Negroes in this country. It was dangerous for such a group to even be seen together, for whatever reason, so the meeting took place on the Canadian border, thereby deriving its name, the "Niagara Project." That was the beginning. Two years later, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People formally came into being.

The officers of the local branch of the NAACP for this year are Jim Jefferson, President; James Lewis, First Vice President; Jeff Blanche, Second Vice President; Robert Eddie, Recording Secretary; Charlotte Braitman, Corresponding Secretary, and Ralph Carter.

The NAACP makes an important contribution to the Center's Equal Employment Opportunity Program. This is accomplished by the personal efforts of their president and other active members by facilitating communications and understanding between the Center's management and minority citizens in the community. The president of the NAACP attends all the meetings of the Center's Equal Employment Opportunity Committee as an advisor, and quarterly meets with the Chairman of the E.E.O. Committee and the NWC Executive Officer to discuss problems or ideas for improving the Center's program.

Open forums between NAACP and the command are held at least annually to discuss mutual problems.

The Center is very appreciative of the guidance and leadership provided by NAACP in the implementation of an affirmative action plan for Equal Opportunity to all NWC employees.



SPEAKERS TABLE — Mrs. Dan Brown, wife of the evening's Master of Ceremonies, applauds the remarks of Capt. R. L. Williamson, II. Also shown (l-r) are: Jim Jefferson, Dr.

H. Claude Hudson, State Senator Mervyn Dymally, Mrs. Carl McCraven, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Scott, and Dr. Lulamae Clemens.



NAACP BANQUET — Over 200 members from more than 35 branches of the Southern Area Conference of the NAACP gathered at the Community Center last Saturday night for the district's banquet. The event was the highlight of a week-

end long Conference that was held principally in the main auditorium of the Las Flores Elementary School in Ridgecrest. In the above photo, Dr. Lulamae Clemens addresses the group.



COMMITTEEMAN — Dr. Lulamae Clemens, who is a member of the Education Committee for the Southern Area Conference, introduced the keynote speaker of the evening, State Senator Mervyn Dymally.

HONORED GUESTS — Jim Jefferson, (far right), President of the local branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, stands for a photograph with notable guests that attended the Saturday night banquet. Left to right, they are:

Capt. R. L. Williamson, II, NWC Executive Officer; State Senator Mervyn Dymally; Dr. H. Claude Hudson, NAACP National Board of Directors; and the Honorable Ken Smith, Mayor of Ridgecrest. The photograph was taken prior to the festivities.

