

### Upland game hunt slated Nov. 1-2, 8-9 on Center's ranges

The Naval Weapons Center will open its ranges to upland game hunting by the general public over the weekends of Nov. 1-2 and Nov. 8-9.

Hunting will be limited to chukars and rabbits, which the California Department of Fish and Game reports are present in fair numbers. Because the quail population on the Center has been declining, hunting for this species will not be permitted.

Special entry permits have been prepared for the first 500 motor vehicles each weekend. Application for such permits closed on Oct. 17.

Those who have previously submitted applications to take part in the upland game hunting can pick up their permits during working hours on weekdays in Rm. 209 of the Housing Building.

Entry to the hunting area for NWC military personnel and civilian employees only will be via the G-2 Road to the Mountain Spring Canyon check station. Entry for all other hunters will be via the Darwin gate on NWC's north perimeter.

Darwin is reached from U.S. Route 395 via State Route 190, east at Olancha. The Darwin turnout is marked by a sign and the gate is another 3 1/2 miles south of Darwin.

Three campgrounds will be made available to hunters. They are at the Darwin Gate, Junction Ranch and Birchum Springs sites. No gasoline or services are available beyond Olancha, but water is available at Junction Ranch.



"GODSPELL" TO OPEN — Marsha Burgner (l.) and Richard Olsen are shown in a scene from "Godspell," a musical play based on the Gospel according to St. Matthew, which will open a four-performance run next Friday, Oct. 31. The play will continue on Nov. 1, 7 and 8 at the Cerro Coso Lecture Hall. Produced by Theater 27 and directed by Florence Green, "Godspell" is the first production of the 1975-76 season. Tickets, which are priced at \$1.25 for general admission and \$1 for students with ASCC cards, can be obtained in advance at the Gift Mart in Ridgecrest or at the Station Pharmacy. They also will be on sale at the door on performance nights. —Photo by Ron Allen

### Miss Ridgecrest/China Lake Pageant coming up Nov. 1

A field of 10 local girls will vie for the title of Miss Ridgecrest / China Lake on Nov. 1 at the Center Theater. The winner will be given the opportunity to represent this area during next year's Miss California Pageant.

Each of the girls will perform a specialty skit — or talent act — and join with all the others to sing three songs during a big, Hollywood-type opening number.

Pete Petersen, president of the Miss Ridgecrest / China Lake Pageant's board of directors, pointed out that this contest, like that of Miss California and Miss America, is not a "beauty" show. "As much emphasis is placed on talent as on a contestant's looks, poise and bearing," he said.

Local residents who pay \$2.50 each for the privilege of watching the 1975 queen chosen, will be treated to a full evening of entertainment.

Susan Rungo, the 1973 title-winner, will emcee the program and perform a couple of numbers herself. In addition, Rengis Fabris, the 1975 winner of this pageant, will sing, as will Traci Hill, 13 years old, who delighted audiences a couple of years ago

with her rendition of "One Tin Soldier." The evening will begin when all of the contestants join together to sing "I'm A Yankee Doodle Dandy," "You're a Grand Old Flag," and "This Is My Country." They will be outfitted in appropriate red, white and blue costumes.

Miss Rungo will present her rendition of "Hurry, It's Lovely Up Here," the number she sang so successfully in the Miss California Pageant, plus "God Save the Children," and one other song, not yet known.

Miss Fabris has chosen to sing "Bill Bailey, Won't You Please Come Home," which was her award-winning solo when she won the title last year. Miss Hill's vocal music selection will be a Woody Guthrie number, "This Land Is Your Land."

Interspersed throughout the evening will be the individual performances by the contestants. The local title hopefuls, and the variety of talent they will display, are:

Kym Brett, 18, a freshman at Cerro Coso Community College, who will sing, "Top of the World." Miss Brett is sponsored by the

local Elks Lodge in Ridgecrest. Cheryl Cox, 17, a senior at Burroughs High School, will display her baton twirling talent, set to music. She is sponsored by John's Pizza Parlor.

Cynthia Zinter, a senior at Burroughs High School, is a pianist. The 17-year-old Miss Kiwanis Club will play "Majesty of the Deep."

Miss Loewen's TV — Laura Cope — will sing "Midnight Blue." The 17-year-old Miss Cope is a senior at Burroughs.

Mary Paine, 16, who is sponsored by The Hideaway Restaurant, will perform a modern dance routine, combined with gymnastics, to the hot music of "Machine Gun." Miss Paine is in her senior year at Burroughs High.

Nancy Sopp is an 18-year-old freshman at Cerro Coso Community College. A pianist, she will play the "Theme From Love Story." Miss Sopp is sponsored by 1st Federal Savings in Ridgecrest.

Roni Sue Kaufman, 17, also a senior at Burroughs, is sponsored by the Naval Air Facility. She will present a song and dance interpretation of "Steam Heat," from the Broadway musical, "Pajama Game."

Pamela Drake, 18, a senior at Burroughs, is sponsored by the Ridgecrest Board of Realtors. She will perform a dance routine to the stirring march music of the four theme songs from the military services.

Janice Heinsohn will sing "I'm Just a Girl Who Can't Say No," from "Oklahoma." Miss Heinsohn, 17 years old, is a senior at Burroughs High School. She is sponsored by the Rotary Club of China Lake.

Julie Beck, 19, will be making her second appearance in the pageant, having been a contestant in 1974. She is currently employed at the Naval Weapons Center and is sponsored by Hildreth Motors in Ridgecrest. Miss Beck will present a dramatic reading from "The King and I."

**Talk set on 'Alcoholism'**  
"Alcoholism — The Human Encounter," will be the topic of a talk by Gene St. - Amand, coordinator of the Substance Abuse Program, at the next meeting of the China Lake / Ridgecrest branch of American Association of University Women on Tuesday at 8 p.m. in the Community Center. A business meeting, preceding the program, will begin at 7:30.

## SHOWBOAT

MOVIE RATINGS

The objective of the ratings is to inform parents about the suitability of movie content for viewing by their children.

(G) - ALL AGES ADMITTED  
General Audiences

(PG) - ALL AGES ADMITTED  
Parental Guidance Suggested

(R) - RESTRICTED  
Under 17 requires accompanying Parent or Adult Guardian

Regular starting time — 7:30 p.m.

FRI. 24 OCT. "MAN ON A SWING" (109 Min.)  
Cliff Robertson, Joel Gray

(Mystery Drama) After the murder of a girl, a young man who claims to have clairvoyant powers contacts the police chief and states details that even the police have overlooked. A second murder points to the possibility that the clairvoyant has hypnotized a youth into committing the crimes to enhance his powers. (PG)

SAT. 25 OCT. "PETE AND TILLIE" (101 Min.)  
Walter Matthau, Carol Burnett

(Comedy) A sarcastic, love-starved woman has an affair with and marries a philandering practical joker. She gives birth to a son who dies of a malignancy, and they drift apart. (PG)

SUN. 26 OCT. "LOVE AND DEATH" (92 Min.)  
Woody Allen, Diane Keaton

(Comedy) Allen, the son of a farmer who literally carried a piece of land with him everywhere, falls in love with his cousin, Diane Keaton. He learns of love from loss when Keaton marries another. Later he learns of death after being drafted into battle and becomes a hero accidentally when he is mistaken as Napoleon's assassin and is executed. Walking with death, he bids Keaton goodbye. (PG)

MON. 27 OCT. "NIGHTMARE HONEYMOON" (89 Min.)  
Jack Rambro, Rebecca Dianna Smith

(Drama) Upon arrival at a motel for their honeymoon, newlyweds witness a murder, turning their honeymoon into a night of terror and tragedy. (R)

TUES. 28 OCT. "LEPKE" (110 Min.)  
Tony Curtis, Candice Bergen

(Action Drama) Louis Lepke, the Brooklyn racketeer of the 1930s, has the distinction of being the first alumnus of the Prohibition generation to be electrocuted at Sing Sing. He was also the first Jewish gangster to achieve national notoriety, the first major crime figure prosecuted by Thomas E. Dewey (while a New York district attorney), and the only hoodlum to surrender to the FBI by using a columnist (Walter Winchell) as a conduit. (R)

WED. 29 OCT. "BATTLE OF THE AMAZONS" (92 Min.)  
Lincoln Tate, Lucretia Love

(Action Drama) Amazons terrorize a tribe of peaceful farmers, taking the young tribesmen as slaves to father their children. The villagers learn karate from a gang of bandits, and a bloody encounter ensues. (R)

THURS. 30 OCT. "MITCHELL" (97 Min.)  
Jo Don Baker, John Saxon

(Action Drama) Jo Don Baker investigates a fatal shooting at the home of attorney John Saxon, who claims it was done in self defense. Baker gets called off the case, as the FBI is gathering evidence against Saxon on other charges. Baker is told to check up on Martin Balsam, businessman and suspected dope king. Balsam and Saxon contact a syndicate chief to do away with Baker. The final chase scene ends with Baker victorious. (R)

FRI. 31 OCT. "ALL THE WAY BOYS" (108 Min.)  
Terrence Hill, Bud Spencer

(Action Drama) Two hard-drinking pilots in Columbia act as good Samaritans to emerald hunters on the Amazon. (PG)

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## NWC firefighters give valuable aid in battling blaze at sawmill

A devastating fire, believed to have broken out as the result of spontaneous combustion in one of several large sawdust piles, resulted in a loss estimated at between \$1.5 and \$2 million at the Louisiana Pacific lumber mill located on Highway 395, approximately four miles north of the Inyo County line.

Nearly 20 firemen from the Naval Weapons Center's Fire Division took part in helping to battle the inferno that was fanned by northwesterly winds that ranged from an estimated 12 to 15 mph with gusts at around 22 mph.

The fire broke out Sunday and the first request for assistance (which was received at 1:30 p.m.) was for a rescue truck with resuscitation equipment that was needed to aid Inyo County firemen at the scene who were in danger of suffering injuries due to smoke inhalation.

Later, at the specific request of the coordinator for the Inyo County fire marshal and acting under a mutual aid assistance agreement, two NWC Fire Division pumper trucks and an ambulance rushed to the scene along with two 3,000 gallon water tank trucks from the Public Works Department. This group, directed by Assistant Chief William Farley, included seven firemen in all.

Lack of water was a major problem in fighting the sawmill fire, Andy Weiss, assistant chief of the NWC Fire Division, stated. One of the Center's pumper trucks was stationed at a pond adjacent to Little Lake and used to draw water from the pond for refilling the water trucks that shuttled back and forth from there to the fire.

The same Public Works tank trucks also supplied water to another fire truck that was sent by Inyo County to battle the blaze. In addition, aerial tankers were dispatched by the California Division of Forestry to drop flame retardant borate solutions on the fire.

Relief crews were sent out at regular intervals from China Lake to replace firemen from the Center, who put in a total

of 19 hours at the scene. Either Assistant Chief Weiss or Farley, the acting assistant fire chief, was present to direct the local smoke eaters, except for a 2-hour period when Weiss was relieved by Capt. Gary Peek.

Due to the wind, it was an especially hazardous and what Assistant Chief Weiss termed "a dirty type of fire" to attempt to bring under control. Smoke, dust and sawdust made it impossible to get fire hoses to the spots where they were most urgently needed.

Started in Sawdust Pile  
The fire, which had started in a block-square area of new sawdust located in the northernmost corner of the sawmill property was blown from there to a kiln (which was blazing out of control when NWC firemen arrived). By that time, the blaze also was spreading to railroad boxcars and equipment south and east of the sawdust pile.

When the roof of the sawmill's kiln collapsed, the plant manager and foreman asked NWC firemen to move their equipment north to the sawdust pit in an attempt to knock down the fire in that area. Bulldozers, which arrived at around midnight Sunday, were used to move the burning sawdust that firemen tried to soak down with water as the flames broke out anew with each move.

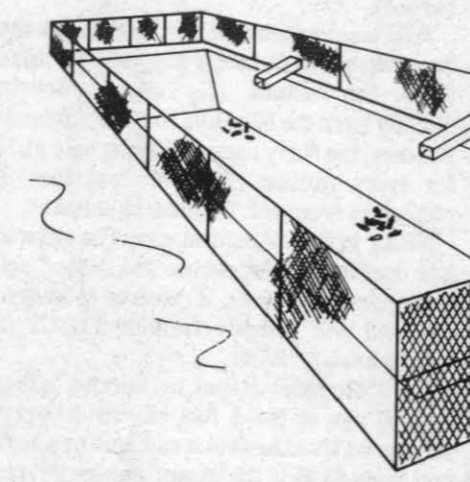
When it became impossible because of the smoke and dust to use hand-held fire hoses in the sawdust area, the NWC fire fighters turned their attention to working on small fires around the sawmill area.

A major portion of the fire was considered under control by about 2:30 a.m. Monday,

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**At Rec Council meeting**

Report presented on golf course, pro shop

Latest report on CFC shows total of \$76,400 collected



GLASS RECYCLING CENTER PLANNED — Shown above is a sketch of a community glass recycling center that is planned for the area near the China Lake tenant dump. This facility will be sponsored jointly by the Community Improvement Committee of the China Lake Community Council and the High Desert Recycling Council. When work on it is completed by Seabees assigned to the Self-Help Project Office, proceeds from the sale of recyclable glass will be turned over to the Community Council to help meet a part of the financial needs of such projects as the television booster station. Comments on this project are being solicited at this time, and may be sent to the China Lake Community Council, P.O. Box 5443, China Lake, CA 93555.



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**DISTINGUISHED VISITOR** — During a 2-day visit (Oct. 16-17) the Honorable H. Tyler Marcy, Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Research and Development) was briefed on the progress of work on a number of weapons programs and allied efforts being carried out at the Naval Weapons Center. In the photo at left he is involved in a discussion with D. J. Russell, head of the Electronic Warfare Department, while in the picture above he is shown listening to a presentation by Charles May (standing), the HARM (high speed anti-radiation missile) Program manager. Seated at the table are (from left) Jack Eyer, manager of the Standard Arm Program; Dr. Guenther Winkler, head of Code 35's Advanced Technology Branch; Russell, Marcy and Capt. James Organ, executive assistant to the visitor from Washington, D.C.



FIRST TICKETS PURCHASED — RADM. R. G. Freeman III, NWC Commander, and Mrs. Freeman (2nd from right), were the first persons to purchase tickets to the Miss Ridgecrest / China Lake Pageant which is coming up on Nov. 1. Selling them the tickets are (from left) Patli Engelhardt, advertising chairman for the Pageant Association, and Jean McQueen, who is the association's vice-president. The tickets, which can be obtained from any association member, are priced at \$2.50 per person. The pageant will begin at 8 p.m. at the Center Theater on Nov. 1.





