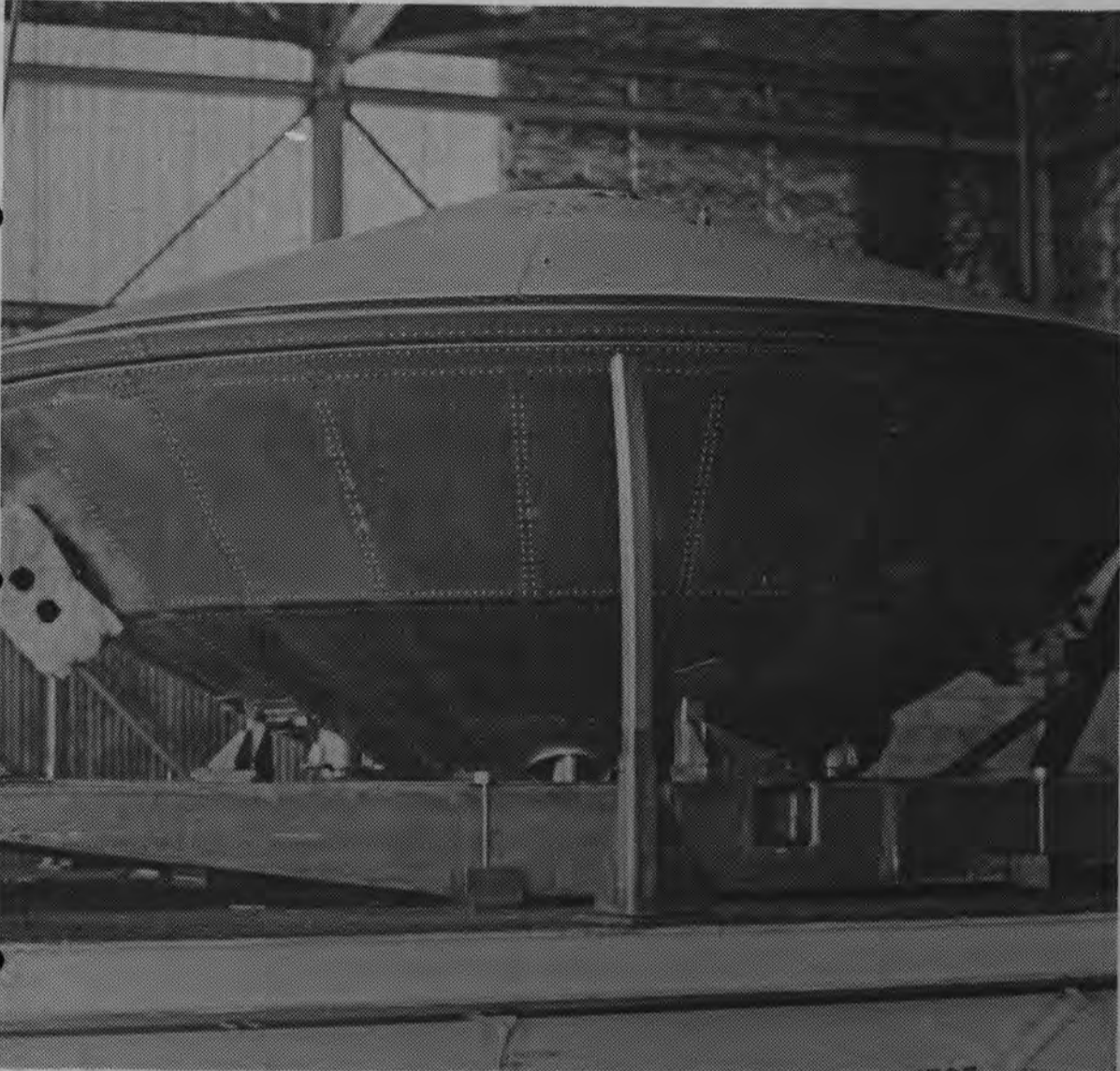


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The NASA Viking test vehicle shown here in the work area at Roswell is being prepared for balloon launch. The Viking Decelerator System will be checked in a thin earth atmosphere over WSMR, simulating conditions expected in the Mars unmanned landing about 1976. (NASA photo)

Mars Lander

Schedule Mars Lander for initial WSMR test

by Ed White

A Viking Lander, taking its first few steps in preparation for a 460-million-mile journey to Mars, is scheduled to begin three drop tests next month at White Sands Missile Range.

The first Balloon Launched Decelerator Test (BLDT) is tentatively scheduled for June 11, with two similar tests set for later in the summer.

The BLDT is one of the test programs of NASA's Viking Project. The tests are designed to demonstrate the performance of the Viking decelerator system at very high altitudes, where air density approximates the Martian atmosphere.

The simulated Viking Lander test over White Sands Missile Range's 4,000-square-mile expanse will actually begin at the Industrial Center (formerly Walker Air Force Base) in Roswell.

At Roswell, a huge balloon, capable of holding approximately 34 million cubic feet of helium, will lift the decelerator system to 120,000 feet as it moves across White Sands Missile Range. At that height the test package will be released from the balloon and rocket motors will ignite, boosting the payload to the desired 150,000-foot level. Velocity of the spacecraft and the atmospheric density at this altitude will simulate the worst decelerator deployment conditions expected at Mars.

White Sands Missile Range will provide position data from its radar systems, event data from the Optics Branch, and telemetry and recovery services for the tests.

Approximately 350 missile range employees will be directly involved in the lander tests. This includes 100 employees who will record lift-off and recovery events on still and motion

picture film, and the crews that will develop, print and edit the film for future study.

Seventy-nine national range employees will man telemetry, radar, cinetheodolite and telescope stations during the test.

High altitude winds blowing from east to west will carry the balloon over White Sands Missile Range. Elapsed time from balloon launch to spacecraft drop point over the range will be approximately three hours.

NASA test officials stress that the launch is directly dependent on the wind velocity, which is predictable only within a 20-hour period before the actual launch.

The unmanned soft landing on Mars, scheduled for 1976 and some 11 months after launch from Cape Kennedy in August or September 1975, is designed to explore the Martian surface and atmosphere surrounding its landing site. The Lander will listen to the planet's interior, take panoramic pictures, and perform a series of scientific experiments such as the search for evidence of past, present and future potential forms of life, geophysical, meteorological and physical properties.

Actually two Viking spacecraft, each consisting of an orbiter and lander, will be launched from Cape Kennedy within a month of each other beginning in the summer of 1975.

NASA officials point out that the Viking Project, the United States' most ambitious unmanned space effort, will perform the most complex set of remote experiments over the longest distance ever attempted — 460 million miles.

A round trip radio message from earth to Mars will consume 40 minutes, compared to three seconds for a round trip message to the moon.

Halt early release

By the Ranger's own service White Sands Missile Range's Military Personnel Office this week informed soldiers here that the Army has suspended its phasedown early release program.

The move is in compliance with a directive from Secretary of Defense, Melvin Laird, who requires a minimum suspension of at least 90 days for the early release program. An estimated 22,900 enlisted personnel and more than 1,800 officers and

warrant officers, Army-wide, will be affected.

At WSMR, 37 enlisted men have been told they will not be receiving the early release they had expected under the quantitative early release policies initiated during the past year. Three officers have been notified, also. No warrant officers are involved.

The suspension came because the strength reductions imposed by Congress have been accomplished and the retention of present

members is necessary to meet current manpower requirements and to insure combat readiness.

Other early release programs will not be affected. These include the 150-day early release of Vietnam returnees; the 30-day early release of other overseas returnees; the 90-day early release for return to school or seasonal employment; early release for compassionate reasons; and early release due to unfitness or other qualitative reasons.

The suspension period is applicable only to those personnel whose adjusted release dates are currently scheduled to occur on or after May 18, 1972 and prior to June 30, 1972.

In certain cases personnel involved in this temporary suspension may, if they desire, voluntarily elect to extend their service beyond the new release date established and serve until their normal estimated time of separation date.

Career Noncommissioned Officers affected by this suspension, if otherwise acceptable, may elect to continue to serve as originally programmed prior to the initiation of the Army's Phasedown early release programs.

The suspension does not apply to personnel whose normal ETS occurs during the specified period.

In the case of officer personnel, the four months early release of obligated volunteers is suspended for 90 days, and officers with original release dates between September 15 and October 31, 1972 will be extended a minimum of 90 days.

If otherwise acceptable, these officers may volunteer to remain on active duty until the completion of their original obligated tour.

The early release of warrant

Parade, band will honor 16

by C. R. Poisall

Sixteen U.S. Army commissioned officers, warrant officers and non-commissioned officers will be honored Wednesday afternoon, when the WSMR Troop Command holds its monthly Retirement and Awards Ceremony in front of Post Headquarters Building. The military review will begin at 3:30 p.m. Par-

ticipating will be marching units from all of the Army organizations assigned on post, including the Women's Army Corps.

Members of the command staff will form the reviewing party. The post commander will present medals, certificates and retirement papers to 15 of the 16 Army members being honored.

Music will be provided by the 62nd U.S. Army Band from Ft. Bliss. Commander of troops will be Major Taft R. Gilliam. In the line of march will be the Color Guard, WAC Company, Atmospheric Sciences Laboratory units, Headquarters Company and Companies A, B, and C of the WSMR Troop Command.

Medals to be presented will

include two Bronze Stars and a first Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star, two Meritorious Service Medals, five Army Commendation Medals and two Oak Leaf Clusters to the Army Commendation Medal.

Three non-commissioned officers, each with 20 or more years of service, will receive their retirement papers in

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Stop for coffee

The Missile Valley Citizens Band Radio Club of Alamogordo has announced plans to provide travellers on U.S. Highway 70 a coffee break anytime from 5:00 p.m. May 26 through 5:00 p.m. May 29.

According to Robert Giffing, an Alamogordo resident and member of the Citizens Band Club's Radio Emergency Action Communications Team

(REACT) which is sponsoring the program, the coffee break station will be set up just west of White Sands National Monument.

This will be the second national holiday this year that the REACT team has provided coffee breaks for weary drivers. Some 500 motorists stopped at their coffee break stand during the George Washington holiday in February.

Alamogordo merchants donate coffee, cups, water and fuel to run the station while White Sands Missile Range will provide its roadblock facilities west of the national monument.

According to Giffing, the coffee is free 24 hours a day during the holiday weekend. He said, "It's our intention to try to slow motorists down during the long weekend by offering free coffee. Hopefully we will save a life."

The Missile Valley Citizens Band Radio Club of Otero County, is a volunteer organization with about 35 members, including military and civilian. Most of the members will be donating their time during the coffee break program.

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Rockettes?

Not quite but almost... White Sands Missile Range's post theater was reminiscent of Radio City Music Hall Sunday afternoon when a couple dozen WSMR belles took stage with dance students from an area dance studio. The combined dance talent was expressed in several modes including

acrobatics, modern jazz, ballet and tap, as shown above. The performance was a dress rehearsal honoring students who will be transferred before a recital Saturday, June 3 at the Little Theater at New Mexico State University. (U.S. Army photo)

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Beards for Blacks

Misunderstanding is the cause of many racial problems in the military. One question that has arisen is, "Why are some black men allowed to wear beards while the rest of us are forbidden?"

It's not what some people are calling it — reverse discrimination. It's a medical problem common to young men and particularly to black men and it's called pseudofolliculitis.

This disease, also called ingrown beard, is a chronic, pimple-like inflammation of the beard area, particularly along and below the jawline and on the throat and, once started, may be cured by letting the beard grow and proper hygiene.

No; caused by shaving as some people think, ingrown beard is caused by the way a man's beard grows. The black man's beard grows in a curved follicle and describes a short arc so that a beard hair comes right back in contact with the skin.

The end of the beard hair may just slide along the skin until a harmless coil has formed but it may also penetrate the skin and be driven through the stratum corneum, the epidermis and into the dermis (three layers of the skin).

An inflammatory reaction occurs and usually a simple abscess develops and is aggravated by the presence of skin bacteria. This is the disease, pseudofolliculitis or ingrown beard.

Once the disease has started and been diagnosed, the cure is relatively simple: don't shave. Allowing the beard to grow

results in a temporary worsening of the disease as the hair penetrates deeper into the skin, but in approximately two weeks the hair will begin to pull back out of the abscess.

Eventually the hair pulls completely free of the skin and the abscess fades away after the disease has run its course which usually takes from two to three months.

Resumption of shaving does not mean a certain return of ingrown beard and, in fact, sticking to a rigid schedule of shaving is the basic preventive measure in combating ingrown beard.

Using a very low setting on an adjustable razor and shaving often enough so that the hair does not grow long enough to complete its arc and dig into the skin is recommended.

Shaving with a low blade angle, it is almost impossible to cut the skin or even the tops off of bumps or pimples which must be particularly avoided by black men. It is sometimes recommended that they leave a light stubble.

Scrubbing the beard area daily will help to dislodge any hairs that might be cutting into the skin and they can also be freed manually with a sharp toothpick. They should not be plucked but left until the next shave.

So the next time you see a black man in uniform with a beard, you don't have to wonder just why he's getting away with something that you can't. He's probably got pseudofolliculitis and it's being treated medically by a popular method — letting the beard grow.



SENIOR BANQUET — The Protestant Wives of the Chapel tendered a banquet to Mayfield High School seniors from WSMR, Sunday night. Dr. Monroe Billington, (standing) chairman, History Department, NMSU, was principal speaker. (U.S. Army photo)



The Protestant Women of the Chapel honored local Mayfield High School Seniors at the Post Chapel, Sunday. A banquet for the Seniors and their parents was held in the Activity Room with Dr. Monroe Billington, Chairman of the History Department at NMSU as the speaker.

His address was on "The World Into Which You Are Going".

A number of the ladies from PWOC prepared a home-cooked meal and it was served to the class and their parents by the Protestant Youth of the Chapel. Guests for the evening included Dr. and Mrs. Billington, the Protestant Chapel Staff, Rev. E. Paul Betowski, S.J., who gave the invocation, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Carrillo from our Teen Club and Major and Mrs. Richard Rice. Mrs. Rice is President of the PWOC.

After the banquet, the tables were cleared and a dance for all teenagers at WSMR began. The Mother Fox, a combo from La Mesa took over and the tempo picked up considerably. They played from 9:00 until 11:00 and about one hundred teenagers enjoyed a night of fun in honor of the Seniors.

The PWOC decided to present this type of function in order to say what many of us feel — that we are proud of our seniors and their accomplishments and wish for them a life ahead that is rich in meaning and significance. In so doing, they spoke for many of us.

CATHOLIC SERVICES — Sunday, Post Chapel at 9 a.m., Sierra Chapel at 11 a.m. Saturday Masses, Post Chapel, 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. Monday through Friday Masses, Sierra Chapel, 11:30 a.m.

CATHOLIC LADIES: Will assist at their regular 9:00 a.m.

JEWISH SERVICES Friday Schedule 8 p.m. Shabbat Mornings 10:30 throughout the year. May 19 and 20 SHAVUOT Friday evening, May 19: Oneg Shabbat Mr. and Mrs. Erich Hirsh Saturday, May 20 YIZKOR 10:30 A.M. Week-end of May 26 - Services conducted by lay leaders. Come! Week-end of June 2 - Usual services. Oneg Shabbat.

DUTY CHAPLAIN (May 26-29), Chaplain Richardson, duty phone 678-5325, home phone 678-5862.

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL — June 5-16. The program this year is based on the theme "The Builder of All Things is God." Your children will be learning about God, doing a variety of arts and crafts and we will serve them refreshments. Please give your children a chance to participate in this enriching program.

GENERAL PROTESTANT SERVICES — 8 a.m. and 7 p.m. at Sierra Chapel and 11 a.m. at the Post Chapel. Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. at the Post Chapel.

ADULT STUDY GROUP — Thursday Evenings at the Post Chapel Activity Room. All personnel are cordially invited. PWOC BIBLE STUDY, Room 6, Post Chapel, Thursdays at 1 p.m. All interested ladies are encouraged to attend.

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'Godfather' on at post theater

Paramount Pictures' controversial "The Godfather," starring Marlon Brando in the title role, will open in Technicolor tonight at the Post Theatre.

Tonight's showing, at 7:30, marks the first of four presentations of the heralded movie. It will be shown on Saturday, Sunday and Monday nights, also.

The motion picture is based on Mario Puzo's novel, one of the top best-sellers of all-time, with more than 500,000 hardcover and 10,000,000 paperback copies in print.

With each copy of the novel sold, a new casting director was self-appointed and in barber shops, beauty parlors, barrooms and at supermarket checkout counters, countless "experts" explained why their favorites were best-suited to play the title role, Don Vito Corleone.

The signing of Brando, one of the screen's most charismatic and versatile stars, put an end to the speculation, only to trigger a new wave of discussion on the casting of the other major roles.

Limited only by the desire to find the best available talent, producer Albert S. Ruddy and director Francis Ford Coppola tapped all areas of the entertainment field to complete the starring cast for "The Godfather."

Al Pacino, cast as Don Corleone's youngest son Michael, was an award-winning performer on the New York stage; James Caan, who plays the eldest son, Sonny, already had been recognized by serious film-goers for his work in such films as "Lady in a Cage," "The Rain People" and "T.R. Baskin."

Two distinguished vocalists were signed to make their screen debuts in "The Godfather." Morgana King, one of the top jazz stylists, portrays Mama Corleone, and recording and nightclub star Al Martino is seen as singer Johnny Fontane.

Broadway performers Richard Castellano and Diane Keaton, both seen in the film version of "Lovers and Other Strangers," were cast respectively as Clemenza and Kay Adams.

Other accomplished screen actors include Robert Duvall, as Tom Hagen, Academy Award-nominee John Marley, as Hollywood film mogul Jack Woltz, Sterling Hayden as McCluskey and Richard Conte, as Barzini.

Following a year of preparation, "The Godfather" was photographed on locations in New York City and Sicily and in Hollywood from a screenplay by Puzo and Coppola.



May 26-29 (TONIGHT THRU MONDAY)

"THE GODFATHER" (R) — Don Vito Corleone (Marlon Brando) heads a powerful Mafioso family on whom his community is dependent and tied to by cultural roots. A rival family wants to introduce heroin into the syndicate and seeks Vito's support. Rejected by him, a bloody gangwar results, the stakes being top control of the empire. Then Michael, Don's son, succeeds the elder Vito and tries to remain on top.

May 27 (MATINEE) "KIDNAPPED" (G) — Michael Caine, Trevor Howard and Jack Hawkins star in this thrill-packed film especially selected for post youngsters.

May 30, 31 (TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY) "PUPPET ON A CHAIN" (GP) — An American agent, Sven-Bertil Taube, is sent to Holland to destroy an insidious drug ring. There he falls in love with another agent, Barbara Parkins. The culprit is a sadist and an exciting speedboat chase climaxes culmination of the film.

June 1, 2 (THURSDAY, FRIDAY) "PRIME CUT" (R) — The film is a hard-hitting drama about gangland rivalry and violence. Lee Marvin, a hard-nails "enforcer," accepts Chicago mob chieftain Eddie Egan's offer for the collection from Gene Hackman's Kansas City drugs and prostitution rackets. The collection is "The Prime Cut."



SOLO COMPLETED — First Lieutenant Frederick J. Moon, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Moon, 9105 Persimmon, El Paso, has completed his first solo helicopter flight at Pensacola, Fla. Lieutenant Moon, a regular officer in the U.S. Marine Corps, is a graduate of Irvin High School. He later attended the University of Texas at Austin under a Naval ROTC scholarship. His father is an electronics technician with the Missile Electronics Warfare Technical Area at White Sands Missile Range. (USMC photo)

Odom wins

Roger Odom was named best speaker at Wednesday's meeting of WSMR Toastmasters Club 3422, held at noon at the Officers' Open Mess.

Table topics winner was Bob Norris. Best evaluator was Donald L. Navrkal.

Others on the program will include Art Carreon, Richard Dale and Ray Cano.

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When the English government took over the house and its art collection in 1951 as part payment for death duties, Lord Morley allowed the painting to be listed at \$140. It was catalogued as the work of an unknown artist.

An art expert who checked the picture thought it might be one of Rubens' early works. It was then sent to a panel of experts for cleaning and examination. All agreed it was a Rubens', dated about 1600. No matter how small a price

is set at times on the worth of man, the Creator appreciates him to the full. He is made in God's image.

Take the lead in standing up for the dignity of man and you will offset those who would degrade him.

And God created man to His own image: to the image of God He created him. (Genesis 1:27)

Help me, O Christ, to keep ever aware of the eternal value of every human being.

Calix winner

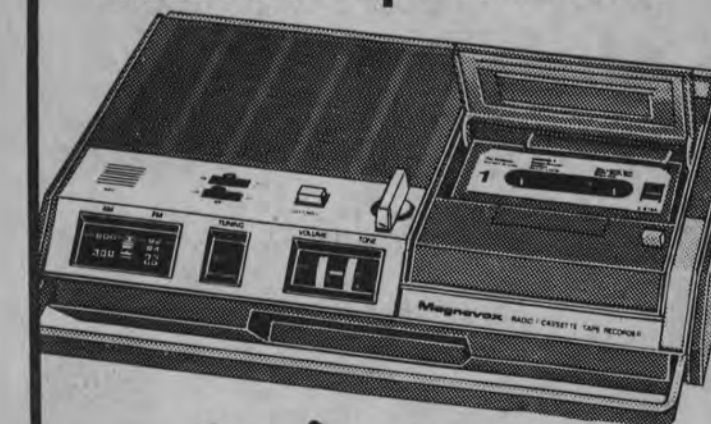
Antonio Calix was winner of the speech trophy at Tuesday's meeting of the Chaparral Toastmasters Club, held at the NCO Open Mess.

Other speakers were Elijah Lackey and Daniel De La O. The table topics trophy was awarded to Marvin Brotherton.



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Sergeant Kelly has good reasons for staying in.

Why are you staying in?

I'll Buy That

by Faye James
 Many women are getting men's wages in these non-discrimination days. But, what's so new about that; haven't they — always?

Remember the problem with "the rain in Spain falls mainly in the plain" from the movie "My Fair Lady"? Our globetrotting Julie Portillo recently took a two weeks' tour of Spain and Portugal. She reports it rained "all over" every day she was there! She says the country and people are beautiful, "but it's good to be home!"

Are you "executive material?" (Definition of an executive: One who never puts off until tomorrow what he can get someone else to do today.) Strikes me there might be some room for thought for supervisors who have ideas about becoming executives in that definition! The problem around Procurement, it seems, is just which of the many things do we get done first today!

IN THE SPOTLIGHT: Small Business and Labor Surplus Advisor. The duties under this title are assigned to Mr. Paul Burns, who, with the assistance of Mrs. Irene Potters, has the responsibility of administering a program which will assure that small business firms and firms in labor surplus areas receive

contracts when appropriate. This office is located organizationally in the Management and Control Division of Procurement; however, Paul reports directly to the Commanding General on matters relative to his job title. Paul and Irene are responsible for maintaining our bidders' lists and bidders' application list (Std Form 129).

Paul reviews all procurement actions over \$2,500 to determine suitability for small business; participates and serves as a voting member of the Solicitation Review Board and Board of Awards, and maintains liaison between the Commanding General, the Small Business Administration, and local small business firms. Their office may be located in the "back of the building," but Paul and Irene occupy the "up-front" spaces on our list of "Thanks for a job well done."

Herbert Hoover once said, "Older men declare war, but it is the youth who must fight and die." It is also today's youth who will be writing contracts (God willing) in the future. We hope we have made some impressions on our YOP's and other part-time employees that will give them an incentive to work toward a career in Procurement



"TIRED" — Ben Shook, one of the owners of Las Cruces' Shook Tire Company, is shown in this 1962 photo framed in a huge industrial tire. The Company is holding an Open House this weekend in its expanded and renovated facilities at 717 North Main. The company has been serving White Sands Missile Range and Mesilla Valley residents since 1946. (Shook photo)

WSMRites invited to Shook open house

Las Cruces' Shook Tire Company is holding a weekend grand opening in its expanded facilities at 717 North Main. White Sands Missile Range military personnel and civilian employes have been extended an invitation to attend the affair.

The expansion and renovation program at the North Main site includes a new warehouse, additional property immediately south of the original building and additional show room space.

The display room now faces east on Main street. Additional work areas, furnished with new equipment, and service areas have been expanded to accommodate patrons.

The company will now stock nearly every conceivable type of tire — from a four-inch tire

for such vehicles as wheelbarrows to immense tires for industrial vehicles. Routine service connected with tire problems are available at the new facility. This includes wheel balancing and related services.

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The first Shook Tire Company was started 60 years ago in Waco, Tex., by O.B. Shook and his brother. The business has been carried on by their sons and grandsons.

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5TH ARMY CHAMP — Specialist Four Patricia Huff accepts the high game trophy she won at the Fifth Army Bowling Tournament held at Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo. from Major General E.H. deSaussure, former WSMR commander. Her 211 score in the women's division also was good for a bowling ball for rolling high game during the initial series, and she received another bowling ball for taking a first place, all events, with a 1984 total score. In the doubles competition, Sp4 Huff and Sergeant Ann Coder teamed up for second place with a score of 953. (U.S. Army photo)

The Sports Seen

by Lee Witsman
WITS SPORTSBITS

WSMR's quest for a 5-Star Golf Championship, a mighty elusive title for WSMR the past few years, finally became a reality Saturday as our local dufters latched on to their first place clear title in many a year. In 1970 the WSMR Open Golf Team finished first over a 2nd place Ft. Bliss team by four strokes, only to be defeated by the Ft. Bliss Senior Team by 11 strokes and thereby lose the overall title.

Last year, WSMR finished third in the Open and second in the Seniors. But!!! this year WSMR finally got the crown. The WSMR Open Team of Mike Peterson, Bob Palmer, Conan Sanders, Tom Tyson, Eugene McClure and Harry Lee defeated second running Holloman AFB by eight strokes. Then, the Senior WSMR Team of Alfred Cataggio, Charles Everett, M. Kelley and T. Casey, finished in second place just seven strokes back of Senior Champions Ft. Bliss.

Each of the WSMR Open Team members received a YMCA Five Star Golf Championship Plaque in addition to the Team Championship Trophy. The WSMR Senior Team was awarded the Senior Second Place Trophy. Both of these are now added to WSMR's collection of trophies being displayed at the Golf Course Pro Shop.

The overall team championship was won by WSMR with a 660 total, followed by Ft. Bliss with 666, Holloman AFB with a 691 and William Beaumont. William Beaumont trailed the field in the Open and failed to enter a Senior Team. Mike Peterson led all WSMR participants with a 34-41, 75 score but was tied by two Holloman AFB Golfers with identical 75 eighteen-hole total scores. A sudden death playoff between Peterson and the two HAFB golfers, J. Pagan and P. Beacqua was conducted to determine the Open Division Low Medalist title winner. At the end of the first hole it was still deadlocked three ways so another hole was played. J. Pagan sank a 45-foot putt, which was actually three feet from the edge of the green on the approach, to break the deadlock and earn the Low Medalist Plaque. This was Mike Peterson's second sudden death in two weeks as Mike had his first one the week before in the Armed Services Tournament at Ft. Bliss — which he also lost. There will be another time Mike so don't let it get you down.

Peterson had the best nine of the tournament however when he shot a low 34 on his front nine. J. Klubassa, also of HAFB, was low medalist in the Senior Division with a 40-38 78 score. Congratulations to the WSMR 5-Star Golf Championship Team for their fine play in winning this honor.

Holland Swimming Pool will be open on a full time summer schedule this Friday May 26. Hours of operation are from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Mondays; Closed Tuesday for cleaning; 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday; and 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Sundays. Swimming Classes will be conducted from 9 to 11 a.m. Monday through Friday for beginners and intermediates. Special Services and the Teen Club will conduct all registrations for all swimming classes.

"On the whole" the swimmers of WSMR, utilizing Holland Pool, are very well-mannered and behaved and observe the swimming pool rules. However, each year a handful of people seem to delight in making it rough and unsafe for the life guards and the majority of Holland pool patrons. The life guards do their best to weed out these few trouble-makers who insist the pool is only for themselves, and their vandalism and unsafe practices.

Because of personnel shortages in the Sports section there will be no Sports section personnel available for constant Holland Pool supervision and constant surveillance, as it is only one of many additional duties for them. Therefore every patron's cooperation is requested in making the coming swimming season both a safe season and one where everyone has a summer of fun and recreation. Patrons can be of tremendous help to the life guards by helping in keeping down horseplay and unsafe practices and reporting all acts of vandalism.

IN THE IM TENNIS LEAGUE the 259th MP Company increased their slim lead over SAFSEA No. 1 by handing them a 3-1 defeat. ASL and SAFSEA No. 2 remained deadlocked with a 2-2 split; while C Company passed up the Air Force team with a 3-1 victory over the "flyers". The MPs also notched a 4-0 win over the hapless Officers; while SAFSEA No. 2 downed the Air Force 3-1. SAFSEA No. 1 with a 4-0 win over C Company kept within striking distance of the league-leading MPs. Team Standings as of May 22, 1972: 259th MP Company, 11 points; SAFSEA No. 1, 8½ points; ASL and SAFSEA No. 2, 5 points each; C Company, 4 points; Air Force, 2 points; and the Officers, ½ point. Schedule for next week: Air Force vs ASL, C Company vs Officers, SAFSEA No. 1 vs SAFSEA No. 2, C Company vs 259th MP Company, SAFSEA No. 1 vs. ASL and SAFSEA No. 2 vs Officers.

THE WSMR SPORTS SECTION SOFTBALL CLINIC that was previously postponed has been re-scheduled for the nights of May 31 and June 1. IM Softball games originally scheduled for May 31 will be played on Friday, June 2 and those originally scheduled for June 1 will be played Friday, June 16. Heading the clinic will be Mr. Dotson Lewis, UTEP Sports and Recreation Instructor. He is a well known all-around athlete and professional Sports Official. First session will be in Bell Gym with the second night's session being on the New Rockpile Diamond. The clinic will start at 6 p.m. both nights and will be geared to coaches and players, however, all interested personnel may attend. It is highly recommended that everyone attend both sessions as very little can be gained from the clinic from only one session.

THE WAC SOFTBALL TEAM has been entered in the Las Cruces City Summer League. The schedule, nights of play, and all other pertinent information has not been given to the Sports Section at this time — however, the request for entry fee monies was. Just my private joke "gals" so hold the frying pans. All the luck in the world to you in gaining another championship for WSMR.



MSG Jasper W. Baker

UP THE LADDER — Jasper W. Baker is the newest master sergeant at White Sands Missile Range. He was promoted to that grade last week during brief ceremonies at Troop Command Headquarters when Major Taft R. Gilliam, TC commanding officer, presented promotion orders and a new set of rank insignia. MSG Baker, a veteran of three wars, first entered the Army Dec. 6, 1942.

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VOLLEYBALL TROPHIES — Colonel Robert Holderman (right), Chief of National Range Communications, recently presented trophies to WSMR's winning intramural volleyball teams. Accepting from left are: for the third place Medics is team captain Stephen Seeman; for the second place C Station team is Camille Richards; and for the first place SAFSEA team Colonel Thomas Reeder. (U.S. Army photo)

ASL leads in softball

ASL continues to hold the WSMR IM Softball League lead even though they dropped an 8-5 decision to D Company.

D Company scored two runs in each of the first three innings for enough runs to win the contest as Don Atkins, D Company chucker, held ASL to four hits. ASL rebounded back to hand the Pistols their only loss by a lopsided 11-3 score.

ASL's big third inning, when they cut loose for five runs, was sufficient for the entire game as Walter Williams limited the

Pistols to three hits. The ASL softballers finished their week's schedule by showing no mercy to the Officers — defeating them 18-6 in an abbreviated contest. Fifteen of ASL's tallies came in the third inning.

Company A won two games while losing none and pulled themselves up to a third place tie with D Company, just one game off the pace. Their victories were at the expense of Navy and the Pillrollers.

pany had to come back from an 8-0 deficit after three innings of play. Navy seemed on their way to an easy win when Company A exploded for five runs in their half of the fourth to cut the margin to three; however, they were aided by two separate four base errors by Navy outfielders.

A Company added another run in the fifth but this was swiftly countered by Navy with one of their own in the top of the sixth. With the game time

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Gymkhana set here tomorrow

The Organ Mountain Riding Club of White Sands Missile Range, in conjunction with the Tularosa Basin Gymkhana Association will sponsor a Gymkhana starting at 10 a.m. tomorrow at the Organ Mountain Riding Club Arena located on Watertown Road, White Sands Missile Range.

Registration will start at 9 a.m. and the entry fee will be 50 cents per person per event. Six events are scheduled for the day including the Rings, Barrels, Flag Race, Keyhole, Poles and 3-Man Baton Relay Race which will be an open

Softball standings

	w	l	PCT
ASL	4	1	.800
Pistols	2	1	.667
+D Company	3	2	.600
A Company	3	2	.600
SAFSEA	2	2	.500
HQ & HQ	2	2	.500
Navy	2	2	.500
Pillrollers	1	3	.250
Officers	0	4	.000

+D Company has been redesignated as C Company and will be listed as C Company hereafter.

Place fingerlings in local lakes

TRUTH OR CONSEQUENCES, N.M. — Approximately 17,000 northern pike fingerling were planted in Elephant Butte Lake, east of here, last week. In addition, an estimated 1,600 of the northern pike were released into the Rio Grande River below Elephant Butte Dam and are expected to make their way downstream and into Caballo Lake.

The northern pike were placed in rearing ponds at the old Federal fish Hatchery, just below Elephant Butte dam on the Rio Grande, approximately six weeks ago.

This marks the third year that Elephant Butte has been planted with northern raised to fingerling size in the rearing ponds and the pike have shown a phenomenal growth rate in that lake. The largest pike caught from the lake to date was an 8-¾ pounder taken last August. In addition a netting survey showed that one northern pike gained 6.9 inches in length and 3-½ pounds in a period of six months time.

Prior to going to the method of raising the fish to fingerling size before planting, Department of Game and Fish fisheries personnel had very little success with establishing populations of the northern through fry plantings.

Little League Schedules

LITTLE LEAGUE SCHEDULE					
First Half	Teams	Field	Second Half		
Mon., June 5	+1 vs 2	E	Mon., July 10	+1 vs 5	E
Tue., June 6	+3 vs 4	E	Tue., July 11	+4 vs 2	A
	+5 vs 6	A	Tue., July 12	3 vs 6+	E
Wed., June 7	+3 vs 1	A	Wed., July 11	+4 vs 5	E
Thu., June 8	+2 vs 5	A	Thu., July 13	+6 vs 1	A
	+4 vs 6	E		+2 vs 3	E
Mon., June 12	3 vs 6+	A	Mon., July 17	4 vs 6+	A
	1 vs 5+	E		2 vs 5+	E
Tue., June 13	+2 vs 4	A	Tue., July 18	3 vs 1+	A
Wed., June 14	+5 vs 3	E	Wed., July 19	+5 vs 6	E
Thu., June 15	+6 vs 2	E	Thu., July 20	+2 vs 1	E
	+4 vs 1	A		+4 vs 3	A
Mon., June 19	5 vs 4+	A	Mon., July 24	+3 vs 6	A
	+3 vs 2	E		4 vs 2+	E
Tue., June 20	+1 vs 6	E	Tue., July 25	+5 vs 1	A
Wed. June 21	+4 vs 3	A	Wed., July 26	+2 vs 6	E
Thu., June 22	+2 vs 1	A	Thu., July 27	+4 vs 1	A
	+6 vs 5	E		+3 vs 5	E
Mon., June 26	+1 vs 3	A	Mon., July 31	+3 vs 4	A
	2 vs 5+	E		5 vs 6+	E
Tue., June 27	+6 vs 4	E	Tue. Aug. 1	2 vs 1+	E
Wed. June 28	+3 vs 5	A	Wed., Aug. 2	4 vs 5+	E
Thu., June 29	+2 vs 6	A	Thu., Aug. 3	2 vs 3+	A
	+1 vs 4	E		+1 vs 6	E

- +Denotes Home Team
- All games begin at 5:30 p.m.

Play-offs - Field "E"
Tue., Aug. 8 1st Best 2 of 3
Wed., Aug. 9 2d Best 2 of 3
Thu., Aug. 10 3d Best 2 of 3 (if necessary)

PEE WEE SCHEDULE
Tue., June 6 - 1 vs 2+
Thu., June 8 - 2 vs 1+
Tue., June 13 - 1 vs 2+
Thu., June 15 - 2 vs 1+
Tue., June 20 - 1 vs 2+
Thu., June 22 - 2 vs 1+
Tue., June 27 - 1 vs 2+
Thu., June 29 - 2 vs 1+
Tue., July 11 - 1 vs 2+
Thu., July 13 - 2 vs 1+
Tue., July 18 - 1 vs 2+
Thu., July 20 - 2 vs 1+
1. Asterisk indicates Home Team.
2. All games on Field "C".
3. All games begin at 5:30 p.m.

Halt early

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officer aviators program is terminated May 18, 1972 instead of June 30, 1972, as previously announced.

Personnel who have applied for the 6-month early release program for school, teaching or employment, are affected by the suspension. Those persons with release dates of May 17, 1972, or earlier, will be separated as scheduled. Applications of personnel who

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Cycling as 'the real thing'



MOTORBIKE ENTHUSIAST — Private First Class Sonja Walters, a member of White Sands Missile Range's WAC Company, poses with her 300-pound motorcycle. The 100-pound WAC recently won a Safe Driver's Badge after driving a light vehicle more than 10,000 miles in 11 months without an accident or traffic violation. (U.S. Army photo by Robert G. Tucker)

by Ed White
A member of White Sands Missile Range's WAC Company last week received the Army's Safe Driver's Badge after registering more than 10,000 miles in 11 months without an accident or traffic violation.
Private First Class Sonja Walters, a driver with the range's Light Vehicle Park No. 1, received the award during brief ceremonies when it was noted that she is one of only a very few WACs to earn the badge at the national range.
But, the diminutive WAC claims the 2,000 miles she has driven her 300-pound plus motorcycle is more deserving of an award.
"On a motorcycle you have to be doubly careful because other drivers and even pedestrians won't give you an inch," says Sonja.

When not behind the wheel of an Army sedan or light truck, PFC Walters, 20, can be found hunched behind the wide-spread handles of her "big bronze hog." She admits that she gets a lot of "double takes" while "tooling" around the missile range and southern New Mexico on her Honda 350.

"Some people tell me I'm too small to be riding such a big bike, and others caution me not to drive over 35 miles an hour because I might be blown off," she smiles. "But riding this bike is my only hobby and it takes up all my spare time."

Sonja, who this week assumed new duties as a supply clerk, claims her infatuation with motorbikes began in the ninth grade when her father purchased a small scooter-type bike back in Tallahassee, Fla.

In the 10th grade she decided it was time she had her own motorcycle. By babysitting and doing other chores in her Tallahassee neighborhood, she finally raised the \$200 for a small used motorbike.

But, an accident in 1967 grounded Sonja for almost four years.

"I really can't tell you how the accident occurred," she says. "It was raining and I turned right. The bike kept going straight." Although she was not seriously hurt, her bike was a total loss.

Sonja enlisted in the WAC June 1, 1971, and completed basic training at Ft. McClellan, Ala. She then attended the Army Supply School at Ft. Lee, Va. During October 1971, at White Sands Missile Range, she purchased her present motorcycle, and is quite happy with it.

"There is nothing like riding your own motorcycle, being in control of a powerful machine that responds to the faintest touch," she says. "With the ground just inches from your feet, the wind whipping past your face — it's the real thing."

Sonja is a member of the advisory council of the White Sands Motorcycle Association, and is helping the group plan motorcycle scrambles, endurance races and other events for the coming summer.

Remembering her 1967 spill in Florida, White Sands Missile Range's most fervent motorcyclist claims that the southwest is a perfect place to ride and less chance of bike and rider parting company on turns.



RALLY WINNERS — Major General E.H. deSaussure, former WSMR commander, presents first place trophies to Petty Officer First Class Ronald Peel, center, and Petty Officer First Class Robert Hallead who captured the Class C event in the 1972 Fifth U.S. Army Road Rally held at Ft. Sill, Okla. PO1 Peel was driver of a Toyota Celica and PO1 Hallead served as his navigator in the competition at which a WSMR team consisting of Specialist Four Richard Arnold, driver, and Private First Class Dennis Pederson, navigator, won third place in the same category. The three Navy and two Army teams which represented White Sands Missile Range also won the team runner-up trophy. (U.S. Army photo)

Wayne E. Woltz retires after 26 years service

Wayne E. Woltz of El Paso, a range controller with National Range Operations Directorate at White Sands Missile Range, has announced his retirement after 26 years of military and civilian service.

He has been employed by the U.S. Army at White Sands since August 1960. As a controller he has directed or coordinated missile firings and other flight test operations He has served in Utah and at other off-range launch sites, as well as in the control centers on the national range.

A native of Dana, Iowa, Mr. Woltz entered the U.S. Army as an aviation cadet in February 1941. During World War II he served as a pilot, returning to inactive duty in September 1951 for service as a pilot during the Korean Conflict. He remained on active duty until Sept 30, 1957.

Mr. Woltz entered civil

service in October of 1957 with the Fort Worth District of the Federal Aviation Administration, assigned as an airways operations specialist.

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President proclaims holiday

WASHINGTON - (AP) — President Nixon this week proclaimed May 29th as Memorial Day and designated it "A day of prayer for permanent peace."

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Nixon said their most fitting memorial would be "A peace so just and secure that American sons need not give their lives again for their country."

Schedule CMDR Schibel's retirement

The desert Navy has scheduled a retirement ceremony, Tuesday morning, for Commander Robert L. Schibel at the Desert Ship, Launch Complex 35.

CMDR Schibel's friends are invited to attend the ceremony which begins at 9 a.m. The veteran officer is presently a deputy for National Range Operations.

Woman injured

Mrs. Shirley A. Wood, 27, wife of Specialist Five Harry T. Wood, 410 Hawk, was reported in satisfactory condition yesterday following a motorcycle accident Wednesday afternoon.

The accident occurred at 1:20 on U.S. 70, about 1 1/2 miles west of the WSMR access road. Mrs. Wood was admitted to McAfee Army Hospital with multiple abrasions and contusions.

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ASL leads

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expired in the bottom of the sixth, A Company scored four big runs without making an out to eke out Navy by a final 10-9 count. Ted Leach had a two run homer for Navy. Company A, in their other win, easily disposed of the Pillrollers, 8-3.

Navy bounced back after their narrow defeat to keep D Company out of a tie with ASL for the League Lead with a surprisingly easy 17-4 win. Navy scored 6 runs in the first inning as D Company committed seven errors; with everyone but three on the team committing at least one. From then on, Navy had smooth sailing the rest of the game.

In the other games played, D Company defeated SAFSEA 6-0 as SAFSEA collected only 2 hits; and HQ & HQ defeated the Officer Nine 17-9.

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ASL honors nine

Seven civilian employees and two military were honored recently in an Electronics Command award ceremony held at WSMR's Atmospheric Sciences Laboratory. Those honored include:

Top row, left to right, Dr. Kenneth O. White, Dr. Stuart A. Schleusener and Manuel Armandariz, all of whom received Special Act awards from ASL's commander, Colonel Richard C. Chabot.

Middle row, William J. Vechione (10 years' service); Huron A. Marnon, Jr. (20 years' service); and James D. Horn (20 years' service); all of whom received length of service awards from COL Chabot.

Bottom row, SFC David A. Hand, who received an extension course certificate from COL Chabot; Hans W. Witschi, who received a sick leave certificate for accumulating 2,000 hours from COL Chabot; and SP6 Clyde Nelson, who was re-enlisted by LTC Donald G. Buck. (U.S. Army photos)

Air Force chief to depart

Colonel Leonard R. Sugarman, chief of the Air Force Range Operations Office at White Sands Missile Range for the past two years, will depart WSMR early next month for a new assignment at Kirtland AFB, N.M.

He has been assigned to the WSMR-Holloman AFB missile testing complex since 1964. At Holloman he was director of the Air Force Central Inertial Guidance Test Facility until his transfer to WSMR in 1968, when he was first assigned as chief of the Advanced Ballistic Reentry Systems (ABRES) Office.

COL Sugarman will be replaced by COL John Paul Jones who is transferring here from Vandenberg AFB, Cal. At Kirtland Col. Sugarman will become deputy chief of staff for Plans and Requirements, Air Force Special Weapons Center.

He recently was selected as the Air Force nominee for the 1971 Norman P. Hays Award which is presented by the Institute of Navigation (ION) for outstanding encouragement and management contributions to the advancement of navigation. The winner will be announced at the organization's annual meeting on June 28 at West Point.

COL Sugarman is past president of the Institute of Navigation and the only active duty Air Force officer ever to hold that position. Earlier as executive vice president of the ION, he was instrumental in uniting the British, French, German, Italian and United States institutes into a supranational organization working on problems of common international interest.

At WSMR COL Sugarman has been responsible for providing test and evaluation support to over 125 defense and space projects as chief of the range office and also as the assistant Air Force deputy to the missile range commander.

During his previous stint as test director of the Re-entry program, he was primarily involved with the Athena

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person during the ceremony. A fourth non-com, with 26 years of service, will receive his retirement papers in absentia.

Also to be honored will be the WSMR Soldier of the Month for April, Specialist Four Laurence V. Marks of Headquarters Company, an electrical engineering assistant with the Safeguard System Evaluation Agency (SAFSEA). He will receive a three-day pass, a \$25 U.S. Savings Bond and a certificate of achievement.

Chief Warrant Officer Elmer F. Clobes, now with SAFSEA, will be awarded the first Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal. He is being cited for distinguished and "outstandingly meritorious" service in connection with operations against enemy forces in Vietnam from June 1971 to April 1972. He served as a senior maintenance officer with the U.S. Military Assistance Command.

The Bronze Star Medal will be presented to Specialist Five James Alford, currently serving on temporary duty with Army Missile Test and Evaluation Directorate (ARMTE) at WSMR from the Field Artillery Board at Ft. Sill, Okla. He is being cited for exceptionally meritorious service in connection with combat operations in Vietnam prior to his present assignment.

Also receiving the Bronze Star Medal will be Specialist Five Carl R. Jones, now with C Company at WSMR. He is being cited for outstandingly meritorious achievements in combat operations in Vietnam from July 1970 to May 1971.

Lieutenant Colonel Martin G. Olson and Major Merton M.K. Chun, both now with SAFSEA, will be awarded Meritorious Service Medals in accordance with authorizations of the President of the United States.

LTC Olson is being cited for distinguished and meritorious service from February 1969 to April 1972, when he was assigned with the Advanced Ballistic Missile Defense Agency, Office of the Chief of Research and Development, Department of the Army.

MAJ Chun is being cited for exceptionally meritorious service as a battalion executive officer in Thailand from February 1971 through January 1972.

First Oak Leaf Clusters to the Army Commendation Medal will be presented to Chief Warrant Officer Donald W. Dolan, SAFSEA, and Sergeant First Class William A. Garner, A Company.

CWO Dolan is being cited for meritorious performance with an Air Defense Artillery battalion from March 1971 to January 1972. SFC Garner is being cited for meritorious service with the South Range Recovery Branch at WSMR from December 1969 to May 1972.

Retiring with 20 years of service and receiving the Army Commendation Medal will be Sergeant First Class Walter L. King of Headquarters Company. He is being cited for exceptionally meritorious service as a mess steward at WSMR from August 1970 to May 1972.

Four others receiving Army

Commendation Medals will be Sergeant First Class Robert J. Harter of Troop Command, Staff Sergeant Edward V. Grail of A Company, Specialist Four Gilberto Barragan of Headquarters Company and Private First Class Bennie Hill of C Company.

SFC Harter is being cited for exceptionally meritorious service as chief of the personnel section from January 1969 to May 1972. SSG Grail is being honored for outstanding performance while with U.S. Army Headquarters in Berlin, Germany, from June 1970 to January 1972.

SP4 Barragan distinguished himself, his unit and the service by his meritorious service in combat operations in Vietnam from September 1971 to April 1972. He served with a military intelligence group.

PFC Hill also is being cited for distinguished service in combat operations in Vietnam in 1970.

Master Sergeant James O. Maxwell and Staff Sergeant Stanley Irzyk, both of C Company and both with more than 20 years of Army service, will be presented their retirement papers during the ceremony.

Retiring in absentia, with 26 years of service, will be Staff Sergeant Jesus M. Figueroa of Headquarters Company.

James Wilson retirement set for May 31st

James Wilson of El Paso, employed by the U.S. Army at White Sands Missile Range for more than 15 years, has announced his retirement effective May 31.

Upon retirement he will have completed 30 years and six months of government service. Before coming to White Sands Missile Range in January 1957, he served for more than 20 years in the U.S. Army.

At WSMR, Mr. Wilson has been serving as an equipment specialist with the maintenance test branch, Maintenance Evaluation Division, Army Missile Test and Evaluation Directorate (ARMTE).

A native of Eaton, Pa., Mr. Wilson entered the Army from Pennsylvania during World War II. He served in the U.S. and overseas during his military career. He came to White Sands following his retirement from the Army.

In El Paso, Mr. Wilson makes his home at 123 Anita Circle. In retirement, he plans to remain in El Paso.

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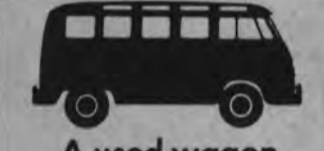
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Now, what you may ask has this to do with Raytheon? White Sands Missile Range Facility is a small part of the overall Raytheon organization, yet, in this ten girl facility, are three officers in this national organization. In El Paso, Texas, recently elected president of the El Paso Charter Chapter of ABWA is Mrs. Helen Lynch, Executive Secretary to Facility Manager, Mr. John F. Cram.

Serving as vice president in the same chapter is Mrs. Barbara Mitchell, Timekeeper. While in Las Cruces, the Amigas Del Valle (Friends of the Valley) Charter Chapter unanimously elected Mrs. Agnes Smith, Insurance Counselor, to her second term as president of their chapter.

There is no question that these ladies are outstanding representatives for Raytheon Company. They live by and practice the creed of the ABWA which is as follows:

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Navajo depot beat odds

Early depot histories are full of the trials and tribulations countered in getting the depot started. The Navajo Army Depot, 11 miles west of Flagstaff, Ariz., is no exception. Heavy snow, cold weather and rocky terrain all contributed to construction delays.

The Navajo Indian Reservation furnished a large supply of unskilled labor but the Army in headlong into a language barrier since very few Navajos spoke English. To keep the Navajos from returning to the reservation, depot officials built the first Navajo "town" on record, a collection of hogan which were later replaced in the Indian Village.

A trading post was established, sheep brought in, and women furnished the women for their weaving, and Navajo interpreters were hired.

An interesting historical tidbit is that the Depot administrative area was once the home of a pioneer sheep rancher in the 1830's when it was known as the Arizona Territory. The rancher's source of water was the same group of springs that now provide water for the depot, producing some 90,000 gallons a day.

A million-gallon storage tank provides fire protection for the warehouse area, and two stand-pipes provide potable water for domestic, operational, and administrative use.

Despite bad weather, labor troubles, and other problems, the depot made its first outgoing shipment on Armistice Day, 11 November 1942, just a year after Pearl Harbor.

Since that time, the depot has had as many as 2,000 civilian employees and 40 military, and as few as 400 civilians and five military. During the Korean

conflict, Navajo again played its part in keeping the ammunition moving to the troops, but with less problems than in World War II due to a nucleus of stable, experienced personnel.

After Korea, the depot workload and personnel decreased until the Vietnam conflict began. However, during this period, the depot began furnishing support services to various government agencies, including the U.S. Naval Observatory and the U.S. Astrogeological Survey, as well as being used as a base for various weather studies.

Although primarily a civilian base, the depot became an Army post for a short time during the huge Desert Strike exercise, in 1964 when it furnished support for 10,000 troops.

Under an AMC General Order effective 28 February 1971, Navajo Army Depot became Navajo Depot Activity, with a civilian complement of 110 civilian personnel and three military personnel.

The concept of keeping an ammunition depot operating with only 110 spaces has been made possible because most of the key positions are manned by experienced personnel —

personnel who have held jobs two to four grades above their current grade. These trained employees enable the depot to run an efficient operation and also provide the know-how to meet depot mission requirements.

Missions

The mission of the Navajo Depot Activity is to operate a supply depot activity under the immediate command of Pueblo Army Depot, providing for the receipt, storage, issue, maintenance and disposal of assigned commodities, provide installation support to attached organizations; and operate such other facilities as may be assigned.

The depot is a typical World War II type ammunition depot with 801 igloos and 12 standard above-ground magazines.



MAPPING — SP4 Raymond Markus (standing) and PVT Terry Cowan, both of the Arizona Gravity Survey (537th Engineers) map an area in northern Arizona. They are using the Wilde T2 transit survey instrument. In the background is the Teleremoter, a microwave distance measuring instrument. The equipment is serviced by the Navajo Army Depot near Flagstaff. (U.S. Army Photo)

Push Standard-A for Lance system

REDSTONE ARSENAL, Ala. — A panel of Army missile experts has recommended that major components of the Lance battlefield missile system be type-classified Standard A.

This decision to award the Army's 'seal of approval' was the recent conclusion of the Lance Development Acceptance-Production Validation In-Process-Review held at the Army Missile Command.

The panel's recommendation has been sent to higher headquarters for further action.

Standard A means that a weapon system has been thoroughly tested and is judged to be suitable for Army use. It normally precedes production and deployment of an Army weapon.

Meeting with represen-

tatives from all Army agencies concerned with Lance development, the voting panel, which included three general officers, determined that the Lance missile (minus nuclear warhead) and Ground Support Equipment have met major Army requirements and should be type classified Standard A.

The decision to extend limited production of the warhead until additional engineering-service tests are completed was made.

The panel also recommended that the Lance Guided Missile System Test Set (GMSTS) undergo modifications before getting Standard A.

Lance is a highly mobile weapon system that can destroy enemy troop concentrations, supply depots, transportation routes and similar targets.



RETIREES — GMCS R. L. Gonzales, of NOMTF's Missile division, recently retired and was transferred to the Fleet Reserve after 21 years in the Navy. CPT H. E. Davies, Jr., local Navy commanding officer, presented an NOMTF plaque to Gonzales. (U.S. Navy photo)



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Schedule slide show

A White Sands Missile Range employe who shot more than 2,000 color slides during an 18-day camera safari to Africa, will address members and potential members of Toastmasters club 3422, Wednesday, at 11:30 a.m. in the flag room of the Officers' Open Mess.

Arless Lafferty of ARMTE will show approximately 200 color slides while illustrating his 40-minute talk. The pictures were shot from safari wagons and tree-top lodges in the Kenya Highlands in Tanzania's Serengeti National Park.

WSMR military and civilian personnel are invited to attend the open meeting and slide presentation.

Local MPs give instruction for bicycle safety

Two local Girl Scout troops met recently to spend a day enjoying games and recreation, but instead reviewed bicycle safety thanks to two local military policemen.

Specialist Four Roland Raspberry and Private First Class Carl Wren blocked part of Talos so the girls could test their knowledge of both hand signals and safe operation of their bicycles. The two also briefed the girls — of Junior Troop 148 and Brownie Troop 85 — on basic traffic rules.

Assisting the MPs were Mrs. Donald Thomas, Mrs. James Thomas, Mrs. Freddy Kuhn and Mrs. G.A. McDaniel.

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