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New Paper Due June 21

Wind & Sand Concludes 18 Years Of Publication

With this issue the Wind & Sand, civilian enterprise post newspaper of White Sands Missile Range, bows out after more than 18 years of publication.

Volume XIX, No. 11, dated May 31, 1968, will be the final issue of Wind & Sand. The first issue — Volume I, No. 1 — was published in February or March of 1950. (The exact date of the first issue is unknown since copies are no longer in existence.)

There will be no post newspaper for the next two weeks. Issues which normally would have been published on June 7 and June 14 will be skipped entirely.

After two weeks, a completely new post newspaper will succeed the Wind & Sand. The first issue of the new paper will be distributed on post Friday, June 21.

The new post newspaper, also a civilian enterprise (carrying paid advertising), will have a new name, a new printing process with new typography, a new publisher and new — earlier — copy deadlines.

The new publisher will be Wendell Faught of Deming, N.M., editor and publisher of

the Deming Headlight and the Deming Graphic. Faught's company also is the printing contractor for the Roundup, student newspaper of New Mexico State University.

The new post newspaper will be printed on photo offset equipment instead of letterpress equipment. Composition and printing will be done in Deming. However, Faught plans to establish an office in Las Cruces to handle processing of copy, advertising sales and liaison between WSMR and Deming.

Contributors and column writers, including publicity chairman for organizations and the CILR's (Command Information Liaison Representatives), are strongly urged to keep in mind the new copy deadlines for the post newspaper. These will be in effect for the June 21 issue.

For inside copy — sports, standing columns, activity schedules, editorial page and general items not appearing on the front page — the deadline for each Friday's paper will be 4 p.m. the preceding Monday. Thus the deadline for inside copy for the June 21 issue will be at 4 p.m. on June 17.

The front page deadline will be 12 noon each Tuesday. Thus the front page deadline for the June 21 issue will be at noon on June 18.

The Deming publisher of the WSMR newspaper will succeed Gene Priestley, former owner and publisher of the weekly Las Cruces Citizen and now associated with the daily and Sunday Las Cruces Sun-News.

In a recent reorganization, the Citizen became the City-Sun, Sunday magazine supplement to the Sun-News. The Citizen mechanical facilities were converted to the handling of commercial job printing work only, not retaining the capabilities for selling advertising and publishing newspapers.

Editorial material for the post newspaper will continue to be handled by the Command Information Division, Information Office. The editor's office is in Building 100, Room 108. Telephone numbers are 678-2716 and 678-4081.



William W. Steele

Range Employees Win High Offices In Toastmasters

Three White Sands Missile Range employees were elected to high offices in Toastmasters International's District 23 last week.

At the same time other White Sands employees as well as their club per se received special recognition during the district's annual meeting held in Carlsbad May 24 and 25.

William W. Steele, an employee in White Sands' Atmospheric Sciences Office, was elected district governor while F. Thomas Starkweather of National Range Operations was named Area IV governor. Both are El Paso residents.

As District governor, Mr. Steele now heads 37 Toastmasters clubs and some 750 members in the state of New Mexico and city of El Paso which make up District 23.

In the capacity of area governor, Mr. Starkweather will direct activities of seven Toastmasters clubs in Area IV, which includes Las Cruces, White Sands, Alamogordo and Silver City.

Ed Denzler, an employee with the Manned Spacecraft Center here and Las Cruces resident was named lieutenant governor for the southern part of the district. At the same time he was chosen as the outstanding area governor for the past year.

White Sands Toastmasters were recognized for attaining the highest membership in District 23 and for having the most effective Toastmaster display during the district meet. At the same time the local club's achievement manual was judged the best in the district for the third consecutive year.

The White Sands Toastmasters Club was founded in 1961. It meets each Wednesday at 11:45 a.m. at the Officers' Open Mess. A second club was recently organized on post. Known as the Chaparral club, it meets at the NCO Club each Thursday at 11:45 a.m.

Navy League Visits Range

A group of 30 ladies and men from the Lubbock, Texas, Navy League visited USNOMTF on 23 and 24 May. They were given a complete tour of the base and witnessed a missile firing.

CDR W. J. McBurney, Navy Deputy for National Range Operations, briefed the guests on the operations of the National Range. General briefings on facilities were provided by LT J. D. Harris, Technical Officer.

The Navy League tour included a visit to Missile Park and the Desert Ship, as well as the Navy Missile Hangar.

The final event of the two-day visit was the observation of the flight test of a Standard extended-range missile. The Standard missile is one of the Navy's newest missiles and will replace the Tartar and Terrier missiles in the fleet when it becomes operational.

Draft Calls Down

The Defense Department has issued a call for 15,000 inductees for July and requested the June draft call be reduced from 29,500 to 20,000.

The June draft call is the lowest since April 1967 when 11,400 men were requested by DOD. (AFPS)

Increased Demands For Post Housing Necessitates Moves

About 150 family housing units are now being readied at White Sands Missile Range for occupancy by officers and enlisted personnel of both the Army and Air Force.

Most of the quarters being prepared will be occupied by Air Force personnel and their families who are scheduled to arrive at Holloman Air Force Base in the near future from Europe.

Because of the additional demand, an official at the range indicated that for the first time in recent years, government quarters will be in short supply.

The official added that the increased demand will necessitate the relocation of about 80 ineligible families and their sponsors. The terminations will be phased out by reassignment or by relocation to nearby communities.

In making the announcement the official said quarters allowances, authorized by Congress are deducted as rental costs from the salaries of servicemen and women occupying government housing. The allowances vary according to rank.

Government quarters are provided, when available, to senior enlisted men and officers as an incentive to make the service a career. When excess housing exists, it may be assigned to those individuals who are not otherwise eligible.

The Missile Range family housing office is now working with local chambers of commerce in Las Cruces and El Paso, as well as with local rental agencies to locate suitable housing for personnel to be relocated.

Tour Sunday To Honor Author Eugene Rhodes

"Paso por aqui" — "he passed by here." This inscription is on the grave of Eugene Manlove Rhodes, high in the San Andres Mountains on the west-central edge of White Sands Missile Range.

The annual pilgrimage to Gene Rhodes' grave, about 17 miles east of Engle on State Road 52 (Range Road 6), will be held Sunday, June 2.

"Paso por Aqui" was the title of one of the cowboy author's novels, made into a movie under the title "Four Faces West" in the late 1940's. The setting for this novel was Rhodes' beloved Tularosa Basin between the San Andres and Sacramento mountain ranges.

The tours are sponsored by the Alamogordo Chamber of Commerce, with the cooperation of officials of White Sands Missile Range. This year's tour will be the 17th annual visit to the grave in Rhodes Canyon.

The site is near the headquarters building of Rhodes' homestead and ranch which at one time, prior to his departure around 1906, stretched for 100 miles and covered 6,000 acres.

The ceremony at the grave will begin about 10:30 a.m. Sunday. Principal speaker will be retired Army Brigadier General C. H. Tenney, resident of Las Cruces and member of the staff of New Mexico State University.

General Tenney is a recognized authority on the life and works of Eugene Rhodes.

Alan Rhodes of Allegany, New York, son of the author, is expected to attend the pilgrimage honoring his famous father.

Following the ceremony, tour members will eat their own picnic lunches at the site. Vehicles must be off the Missile Range by 4 p.m., when the roads will be closed.

Those making the tour should have a full tank of gasoline, a good spare tire, food and water. Cameras must be locked in trunks or glove compartments while crossing the Missile Range — photography is permitted only at the site.

Eugene Rhodes was the author of 14 novels, seven novelettes, nearly 100 short stories and many magazine articles. During his lifetime, most of his works appeared in the Saturday Evening Post, while some were carried in McClure's Magazine, Redbook and Cosmopolitan.

Most of the novels and some collections of short stories were published in book form, some after his death in 1934.

As a cowboy in his youth, Gene Rhodes worked on ranches in the San Andres Mountains and Tularosa Basin. By the time he was 21 he had homesteaded and established his ranch with its headquarters in the canyon that now bears his name and is his final resting place.

Rhodes left New Mexico around 1906 and lived in Apala-

Congressman Visits USMA Prep School

Rep. John M. Murphy of New York recently paid a visit to his alma mater — The U.S. Military Academy Preparatory School.

The Congressman, who graduated from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y., in 1950 after first attending the Prep School here, reported to the students on his recent tour of the Far East. He said he was impressed by the "thoroughgoing professionalism" of U.S. Army soldiers he visited overseas. (ANF)

Medals, Awards to Be Given At Retirement Review Today

Range Officer Presents Talk Memorial Day

Maj. Irvin C. Peake Thursday urged that Americans involve themselves in the welfare of mankind so that servicemen who died in battle have not died in vain.

His statements were made at the annual Memorial Day services held at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens and sponsored by the United Veterans Council of Dona Ana County.

Major Peake, who is attached to the Air Force at White Sands Missile Range, pointed out that the burden of war falls upon the soldier, usually a young man because it is a young man's work.

"He fights so our lives can be better, he dies so we can live, he dies for the future and he dies with hope."

He noted that the attitude toward war has changed. There are no innocent and stirring songs, which do not fit the realities of war, about the Vietnam conflict as there have been for wars in the past. He asked how we can honor the many young and fearless men who died in battle and how we can remember the horror and death of battlefields so few have seen.

"We honor them by committing ourselves to the dreams upon which these young men had built. Too many of those who have died in battle were the ones who would have built, but they had their lives were cut short."

He added that because of the gallant action of those who had fallen in battle, we remain free and we owe it to their memory to continue building a greater America.

Just prior to the service, an airplane dropped poppies over the cemetery. A National Guard squad fired a salute and taps were sounded.

Veterans organizations represented at the ceremony were Veterans of World War I, Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion, Fleet Reserve, Retired Officers Association and Gold Star Mothers.

Three Bronze Star medals and eight Army commendation medals are among the awards to be presented at today's retirement and review ceremony.

The retirees and award recipients are to be honored at 3:30 p.m. this afternoon in front of Post Headquarters Building. Range Commander MG H. G. Davisson will make the presentations and head the reviewing party.

The U. S. Army Band from Fort Bliss, along with WSMR units, will comprise the marching elements of troops.

Receiving the Bronze Star Medal will be Chief Warrant Elmer F. Clobes, Corps of Engineers. He is receiving the medal for distinguishing himself by outstanding meritorious service in connection with ground operations against a hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam. CWO-2 Clobes served in South Vietnam from March 1967 to March 1968.

Specialist Four Lawrence D. Hamilton will receive the Bronze Star with "V" device for heroism in connection with military operations against a hostile force. SP4 Hamilton, in November of 1967, was on a search and destroy operation in a Viet Cong infested jungle, according to the citation.

"When his unit received intense small arms fire a sergeant in the forward element was hit and unable to move. SP4 Hamilton, disregarding his own safety, pulled the sergeant to safety while under fire from a large hostile force."

The third recipient of a Bronze Star is Specialist Four Albert K. Ito. He is being awarded the medal for his outstanding meritorious service in the American counterinsurgency program in Vietnam. SP4 Ito served in South Vietnam from 1967 to 1968. Part of his Bronze Star citation reads: "... energetically applying his sound judgment and extensive knowledge, he has contributed materially to the successful accomplishment of the United States mission in the Republic of Vietnam."

Chief Warrant Officer (W-4) Allen R. Humphrey will receive the Army Commendation Medal, First Oak Leaf Cluster, for meritorious service as Air Defense Missile Fire Control Technician. He was with the Evaluation Division, G3 Section, 2nd Region, United States Army Air Defense

Command, from 1966 to 1968. Receiving an Army Commendation Medal for meritorious service as a Platoon Leader and (See Page 4)

Army Approves Vietnam Award For Civilians

An award for civilians serving in Vietnam has been announced by the Department of the Army.

In recognition of the honorable performance of duty for a minimum of 365 days in Vietnam, the Civilian Service in Vietnam Award is available to all Department of the Army employees, including those paid from non-appropriated funds. The award consists of a miniature medal and certificate which are provided by the U.S. Embassy in Saigon upon request by the Commanding General, U.S. Army, Vietnam.

The duty assignment must have been on or after Jan. 1, 1962 and on the basis of a regular tour of duty or was otherwise the result of an official determination such as extended or intermittent temporary duty of a minimum of 365 days. The individual's performance must have been satisfactory at all times.

The certificates will be signed by the Secretary of the military department or the Director of the Defense agency of the Department or Agency to which the employee was assigned in Vietnam.

Lists of eligible employees will be available through Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel, OCP, Incentive Awards Branch, who will issue awards for persons serving in Vietnam in early years. Medals and certificates for those serving in Vietnam at the time the award is initiated and later, and meeting other requirements of eligibility, should receive the awards prior to departure from Vietnam.

McAfee Hospital Sergeant Wins Bronze Star Medal

A Bronze Star medal has been awarded to a White Sands medical technician for outstanding meritorious service in connection with ground operations against a hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam.

The soldier is Sergeant First Class Curtis M. McFarland, now assigned as non-commissioned in charge of U.S. McAfee Hospital's physical examination section.

The 42-year-old Army sergeant was cited for his support of 25th Infantry Division elements during Operation Yellowstone earlier this year. SFC McFarland said his medical section, assigned to the 588th Engineer Battalion, assisted in the care and evacuation of the division's

wounded on a number of occasions during the operation.

The 588th was stationed at Tay Nahn near the Cambodian border at the time.

The soldier was transferred to Vietnam in April 1967 when he returned to the U.S. for assignment at White Sands Missile Range last March.

In addition to combat in Vietnam, SFC McFarland also saw action in Korea in 1952 and 1953 as an Army medic. He has more than 17 years active Army service.

He lived in Houston, Tex., before enlisting in the Army. Married to the former Helen Richardson of Brooklyn, N.Y., the McFarlands live at WSMR at 504 Lacrosse Ave.

Naval Facility Honors 13 Workers

Thirteen safety awards and four certificates were presented to deserving civilian and naval personnel at the U.S. Naval Ordnance Missile Test Facility, WSMR, for individual accomplishments.

At a meeting Tuesday in the Navy Headquarters conference room, Captain G. D. Howard, commander of NOMTF, presented awards for accident-free driving performance.

Five truck drivers receiving awards were: Lorenzo Y. Banegas, 15 years of safe driving; Lorenzo G. Rodriguez and Ramon L. Serna, 10 years of flaw-

less driving; Reyes F. Luna, eight years of safe driving; Santiago T. Galaz, seven accident-free driving years.

The Department of the Navy Accident Prevention Award Program selected three supervisors for nine and eight year awards. Recipient of the nine-year award was John W. Meredith, supervisory supply assistant.

Franklin D. Pierce, general Foreman, and Clarence R. Albers, foreman (leadingman), were both cited for eight years of no loss time accidents.

Five shops also earned awards from the Navy Accident Pre-

vention Award Program. LT Frederick W. Schumann received a safety certificate for the supply department after nine years of accident-free operation. Presented the award for the Metals Trade Branch's perfect accident-free record of eight years was General Foreman Franklin D. Pierce.

Awards for three years of flawless performance were presented to Missile Division, LT Larry J. Wilkey and GCMC Richard Mattewson; Operations Division, LT William McCullah; and Fire Control Division, LT Edward L. Holcomb.

Russell L. Fuqua, operating

engineer (hoist equipment) received the Materials Handling and Construction Equipment Operator's Safety Award for nine years of safe operation.

Lorenzo Y. Banegas and Olon C. Page received certificates for 20 years of federal service. Two men received certificates for outstanding attendance records. Benjamin M. Garcia accumulated 1,000 sick-leave hours while Arturo O. Pena has 750 hours.

The Department of the Navy Accident Prevention and Safe Driving Awards Program began at White Sands Missile Range June 6, 1948, and has continued since that date.



MEDAL WINNER — Sergeant First Class Curtis M. McFarland (left), non-commissioned officer-in-charge of physical examinations at McAfee Army Hospital receives a Bronze Star Medal from Lieutenant Colonel Georges M. Hennard, post surgeon at White Sands Missile Range. The 42-year-old soldier was cited for outstanding meritorious service in connection with ground operations against a hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam. He is a native of Baytown, Texas — near Houston — where his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Booker McFarland live. (U. S. Army Photo)



SAFETY AWARDS — Captain G. D. Howard, commanding officer, U. S. Naval Ordnance Missile Test Facility, gives awards and a word of thanks to civilian and naval personnel who have compiled accident-free performance. Bottom row, left to right: LT W. L. McCullah, LT Edward Holcomb, Capt. G. D. Howard,

Olon Page, Russell Fuqua, and LT Frederick Schumann. Top row: GCMC R. H. Mattewson, Larry Banegas, Clarence Albers, John Merideth, Franklin Pierce, Santiago Galaz, LT Larry Wilke, and Arturo Pena. (U. S. Navy Photo by PH1 Title)

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A Priceless Gem

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

It is your vote.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

A Menace To All

In recent months, the Armed Forces have received a great deal of adverse publicity concerning the misuse of drugs by service personnel.

The tragedy lies not in the publicity, but in the fact that within our ranks we have a few people who have so little regard for themselves and their responsibilities that they voluntarily subject themselves to the destructive effects of illicit drugs.

Regardless of the fact that only a very small number of personnel in uniform abuse drugs, it is far too many. One serviceman abusing drugs is one too many.

It doesn't matter which drug you are taking about — all of them have a terrible destructive potential when taken for "kicks" rather than at the direction of a trained physician and under medically prescribed conditions.

You would certainly not entrust your life or safety to the irrational whims or reasoning of someone who is mentally ill. By the same token, you should not want to entrust your life or safety to a man whose judgment and responses have been dulled and deranged by the abuse of drugs of any type.

The drug abuser is a menace to himself, his fellow servicemen and his country. He has no place in the military where the lives of others and the safety of our Nation could be threatened by his irrational acts.

Our responsibility to our Country and to each other is too great to inflict the cancer of drug abuse on our bodies and minds. As thinking, intelligent, responsible human beings, we should have too much self-respect to destroy our minds and bodies voluntarily with drugs such as LSD, marijuana or heroin. (AFPS)

Support Your Teen Club

To those of you who are new here at WSMR and have teen-agers in your families; to you who have been here for some time; to you young couples who like to work with teen-agers, and to you interested in the welfare of our youth:

You will find the White Sands Teen Club located in Building S-1310, on Ripley Ave. This club is open to all teen-agers on Tuesday, Friday and Saturday. For the enjoyment of its members there is a pool table, a juke box, table tennis, and a place to just plain relax and talk to friends. Most important is a well stocked and staffed Snack Bar. There are also live bands every now and then for the dancing spree which youth demands.

After school lets out and the "nothing to do" doldrums hit our youth, as usually happens, your Teen Club becomes essential. This summer is going to be different! Plans are underway to have splash parties, field trips, horseback riding, picnic trips, just plain "messin' around," and best of all, dances with name bands. Also, the club will be open five nights and days each and every week, with something to do for everybody.

The only way to make a success of your Teen Club is for all of us to work together. The more members the club has, the more it will be able to accomplish. Your suggestions for things to do during the summer will be welcomed. The Teen Club Council is trying hard to get really underway, but we will need chaperons, bus drivers, and other adult helpers to get things rolling and keep them rolling for our youth. And, of course, we must have all the teen-agers we can get, preferably every one on the post.

Remember, if you want your teen-agers to have a place to go and something to do during the summer which will not allow them to become "bored with life," or "just another problem around the house," join the group and support the club to your fullest ability.

Give your time (even an hour of two a month will help) and your support to a project that will contribute to the whole community. Our teen-agers will appreciate it! You will enjoy it!

Stop by the club or call any member of the Teen Council for further information:

LTC Robert M. Thorniley	8-2504
LTC (Chap) Frank C. Riley	8-3537
CW3 James F. Zeeman	8-9336
WO Don J. Murphy	8-5122
SSG Norman Lynch	8-1939
SSG James F. Mingle	8-3594
Mrs. James F. Mingle	8-3594



TAKING THE OATH — In a recent office ceremony, Sergeant First Class Charles D. Marshall (left), Staff Sergeant Delfino F. Beltran and Specialist 5 Otto C. Tapp took the oath of office from Second Lieutenant Michael J. Duggan following reenlistment. The three soldiers to duty and all are assigned with Headquarters, Headquarters Company, USAG. Their reenlistment was the first to be administered by 2LT Duggan since he assumed duties in January as WSMR's Re-enlistment Officer. SFC Marshall

all entered the Army in 1943 and has re-enlisted three times at WSMR. He is non-commissioned officer-in-charge of "C" Station Plotting. SSG Beltran is non-commissioned officer-in-charge of the White Sands Test Site at Green River, Utah. He entered the Army in 1953 and came to the national missile range from the Quartermaster Depot in Orleans, France. Sp5 Tapp entered military service in 1950 and served a tour of duty in Vietnam before coming to WSMR. Here he is unit supply clerk. (U. S. Army Photo)

Movie Review

Mature - For Patrons over 17 years old.

Mature-Young People - For Patrons over 12 years old.

Family - For Patrons of all ages.

FRIDAY

MADIGAN (M). An incisive, bold documentary flavor permeates Universal's gripping police drama "MADIGAN," starring Richard Widmark, Henry Fonda and Inger Stevens. The story details the events, the tensions and the tragedies of a three-day manhunt in Manhattan. In its strong characterizations, it covers the human and de-humanizing aspects of the many people involved.

SATURDAY MATINEE

SEASIDE SWINGERS (F). A group of fun-loving teenagers make arrangements - independently - to take vacation jobs at a popular seaside resort. Among them are John Leyton, a would-be pop singer; Mike Sarne, rich, egotistic playboy; Grazia Frame a vocal student, the Baker twins; Liz Frazer; and Freddie and the Dreamers. As part of the recreational program, the resort is sponsoring a series of talent contests one of which will be televised as the highlight of the season. Miss Frame is the key member of the vocal group which is organized. In a wild finish the resorts zany kitchen staff (Freddie and the Dreamers) team up to prevent Miss Frame's aunt from breaking up the act before they are allowed to perform.

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SATURDAY

THE BATTLE FOR KHARTOUM (F). In the late 19th Century, a British general and his Egyptian troops are massacred in the Sudan by tribesmen under the command of the Mahdi, (Laurence Olivier), a fantastic desert leader thirsting for power. The Prime Minister of England sends General Charles Gordon (Charlton Heston) to evacuate the city. Instead, Gordon elects to defend Khartoum and withstands a siege for 317 days before being overrun by 100,000 troops of the Mahdi's army.

SUNDAY & MONDAY

IN ENEMY COUNTRY (M-Y). World War II espionage story about the French Underground and their activities in locating and destroying a new type of torpedo which the German High Command had developed.

TUESDAY

COUNTERFEIT KILLER (M-Y). Intrigue and suspense abound along the raucous waterfront world of San Pedro, California when defecting Iron Curtain sailors are mysteriously murdered and more than a million dollars in counterfeit money turns up.

WEDNESDAY

UP THE JUNCTION (M). Story of a rich Chelsea girl disillusioned with her empty life, who crossed the river Thames to live-and-work-and-love among the people in South London.

Vietnam Vignettes

A baby falcon was an unusual, but appropriate gift from Vietnamese infantrymen to the American unit that supports their operations. The Americans, members of the U.S. Army's 118th Aviation Company (Airmobile), 145th Aviation Battalion, often assist the 4th Battalion, 50th Regiment of the Army, Republic of Vietnam 25th Infantry Division. So when the Vietnamese soldiers found a baby falcon on a mission in Long An Province, they gave it to the

Army unit, which is called the "Thunderbirds." The nameless mascot is fed raw meat and cheese, and, for a special treat, the soldiers give it a snake. Now, whenever the Vietnamese meet the Americans for an operation, they greet them with "How's the bird?"

A closed gate helped U.S. Army paratroopers avoid an enemy ambush in a village near Hue. While sweeping through the village, a reconnaissance patrol from the 1st Battalion (Airborne), 501st Infantry, 101st Airborne Division, passed through an open bamboo gate. The last man in the column, Sp4 Douglas F. Fleming, Childersburg, Ala., left the gate open. But, two days later when the patrol returned through the area, Specialist Fleming, now the point man in the column, noticed the gate was shut. SSG Ronald Klockler, Scranton, Pa., advanced to the gate and discovered it was boobytrapped. Suspecting an enemy ambush, the patrol pulled back. Artillery was called in on the position, which did turn out to be an ambush site.

Field Expedients are a necessity in Vietnam, even for chaplains. Chaplain (CPT) Don Breland of Houston, Tex., arrived for duty with the 3d Squadron, 17th Air Cavalry, 25th Infantry Division, and discovered the unit had no chapel. After trying unsuccessfully to hold services in a supply room and then in the mess hall, he decided to build a temporary chapel out of a parachute. Under the supervision of ISG, Dallas D. Shumate, Orange Park, Fla., members of the squadron fashioned a chapel out of a huge cargo parachute and a telephone pole. Wooden ammunition boxes were used for seats. But a strong wind uprooted the structure before it sheltered even its first church service. The soldiers rebuilt, the strong winds came again, but this time the field expedient chapel was there to stay. (ANF)

Europe Training Set For Military Academy Cadets

U.S. Military Academy cadets will be sent to Europe this summer for orientation training with U.S. Army units for the first time since 1964.

The cadets will gain leadership experience by commanding a platoon for one month in the academy's annual Army Orientation Training program. About 50 will serve with units in Europe each month during July and August.

From 1960 to 1964, cadets were sent to Seventh U.S. Army units to command combat arms platoons for one month, but overseas training for service cadets was discontinued in 1965.

The Orientation Training program, which began in 1949, gives upperclass cadets valuable unit training. In addition to serving as a platoon leader, the cadet is able to work in an active Army environment in the combat branch that interests him, helping him make the important decision of branch choice as a First Classman.

Some 800 cadets will participate in orientation training this summer. About 600 of these are tentatively scheduled to serve in units in the Continental United States, including Basic Combat Training units. Others will be assigned to units in Alaska, Hawaii and the Panama Canal Zone for the one-month summer program. (ANF)

Carlsbad Caverns Trip Scheduled By Local YMCA

(May 31 - June 6)

Have you seen the Carlsbad Caverns yet? If not, you are missing one of the great attractions of the Southwest — the world's largest caverns.

On Sunday, June 9, take the tour to Carlsbad Caverns leaving from the Armed Services YMCA at 300 San Francisco in downtown El Paso.

The tour leaves at 9 a.m. by bus for a full day of sightseeing lead by 'Y' volunteers. Only 54 spaces are available, so sign up and pay now at the 'Y' information desk.

Cost is \$4 for the 325 mile plus transportation and you will also need \$1.50 for the cave tour fee and a couple of dollars for food on the trip. The \$4 is payable at sign up and the rest is "dutch treat" by each individual.

But, back to this weekend at the 'Y'.

The Girls Service Organization (GSO) of the Armed Services YMCA, invites you to join them Sunday starting at 3 p.m. for a Hawaiian Luau, Texas Style.

This is an annual affair for the GSO, who hold the Luau free for service personnel. The afternoon will include a wide variety of food, folk singing, music, and general good fun. The patio at the 'Y' is the location, so soak up some sun and enjoy the Luau too.

Saturday night enjoy free games and win yourself a prize. Then, stay for the "Street Dance" from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m. The GSO will be your hostesses for the evening of dancing to "The Peppermint Highway."

Come and have fun for the small 25 cents admission price. Bands for the regular Saturday dances for the rest of June by the way are as follows: 8th - "The Reasons For Being" - 25 cents; 15th "The Brain Police" - free; 22nd - "The Hands of Time" - free; 29th - "The Soul Survivors" - 25 cents.

Flick fans this weekend are offered 95 minutes of cinema-movie drama in "The Stripper" starring Joanne Woodward. As usual, the shows are free. This week also includes a special short on "Water Skiing." Show times are 7 p.m. Friday, 4 p.m. Saturday, and 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Sunday.

Weeknights you are reminded of Monday's Free Adult Swim Class, Tuesday and Free Game Night (pool, swimming, etc.) and Table Tennis Club, Thursday's Table Tennis Club, and Friday's Free Family Nite (swim, play pool, basketball, etc.) and movie.

Every weeknight, 5 to 10 p.m. "Across the Roof" Coffee House is open. Saturdays too, from 1 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Relax in the heavy atmosphere, drink free coffee, listen to records, ham it upon the stage, talk, play cards or chess — you name it.

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Overseas Duty Signup Program Begins Monday

Registration for overseas assignment under the Department of Defense Automated Overseas Employment Referral Program opens at White Sands Missile Range Monday June 3 according to Civilian Personnel officials.

"This program involves a permanent change of station," explained Virgil (Tim) Holt of Civilian Personnel and Training. "Essentially, registration is a request by the employee to be considered for assignments overseas as vacancies arise. There are no specific existing vacancies."

The registration will give a permanent list of those wishing to be considered for overseas appointment within the near future in the Atlantic, European or Pacific areas.

Applicants for the program should complete STEWS - PT Form 21, which is a multi-purpose form. It serves as an application for the DOD program and for the U. S. Army Quick Reaction Assistance Program - Vietnam and it is a work document and record file for Civilian Personnel Office.

"In addition to Form 21, applicants must submit a completed SF 57. Upon receipt of the completed forms, a personal interview will be scheduled. In accordance with DOD procedures, applicants must be investigated for suitability for overseas assignment, and this investigation includes the applicant's family and dependents," Mr. Holt said.

At the same time applications are being accepted for the DOD program, employees interested in the U. S. Army Quick Reaction Assistance Program - Vietnam should complete STEWS - PT Form 21 and submit to Civilian Personnel and Training.

"Those who registered earlier for this, should re-register beginning Monday June 3," Mr. Holt said. "This will bring our records up to date. The registration is in line with Command Policy Statement 65 and with policy of higher headquarters."

Required forms are available within respective organizations.

State Flag Flying

Department of Defense has assured state officials that "flags of our states" may be flown by members of the Armed Forces.

There are no DOD or military department regulations, directives or guidance concerning the display of confederate or state flags by themselves.

State officials concerned about display of certain state flags being flown in Vietnam have been notified of the clarification.

DOD said, "The state officials are assured that the Department of Defense fully recognizes the importance of and respect due to the flags of our states." (AFPS)

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Range Slates Photo Contest

The White Sands Missile Range Special Services Crafts Program is sponsoring a photography contest to be conducted through June 30, 1968. All military personnel, on active duty for 90 days or more, within the White Sands Missile Range area are eligible to compete.

Competition will be in two groups, Black and White and Color Transparencies. Each group will comprise the following categories: "People," "Babies and Children," "Animals and Pets," "Action," "Scenic," "Military," and "Experimental."

Awards will be made in each of the seven categories and there will be a "Best Of Show" award for each group. Entries must be forwarded to reach the WSMR Crafts Shop, Bldg. 1425, not later than June 30, 1968.

Copies of contest rules and entry forms are available at the crafts shop. Interested personnel are invited to



GOLF TOURNEY OFFICIALS — Gifts of silver brandy snifters, silver Revere bowls and other silver and glassware were awarded to best game performances at a "get acquainted" luncheon after the recent golf tourney. Guest-of-honor Mrs. H. G. Davisson, wife of the commander of WSMR, presented the awards. From left to right are Mrs. McCurdy, president of the

golf association at HAFB; Mrs. A. C. Martin, tournament chairman; Mrs. H. G. Davisson; Mrs. J. M. Swink, president of WSMR OWGA; and Mrs. J. Barry, president of the Women's Golf Association at Las Cruces Country Club. Not present for the photograph was Mrs. D. Blum, president of Dos Lagos Golf Association, Anthony.

Area Golfers Participate In OWGA Tourney On Post

The Officers' Wives Golf Association of White Sands Missile Range held its annual invitational tournament recently.

Golfers from Holloman AFB, Dos Lagos Golf Association at Anthony, the Las Cruces Country Club and the host group met at the WSMR Golf Club House to register for a day's golfing activities. Coffee and donuts were enjoyed while "getting acquainted." A shot-gun tee-off was scheduled for 9 a.m.

Punch was served in the lobby of the Officers' Open Mess after the tournament, and a luncheon followed in the Bronze Room. Mrs. H. G. Davisson, guest of honor, presented awards to winners as follows: Sybil Schatzabel, LCCC, longest drive on No. 1; Neola Sullivan, WSMR, most strokes on 9 holes; Betty Dixon, HAFB nearest to pin on No. 2.

The guest of honor presented other awards for a 9-hole tournament and an 18-hole contest. First flight for the 9-hole tournament went to Jo Settle and Sue Dean of WSMR; second

flight, Barbara Knickerbocker, HAFB, and Margie Herring, WSMR; medalist, Sally Moore, HAFB. Eighteen-hole tournament: first flight, Ann Macbeth and Dorothea Peyer from WSMR; second flight, Betsy Barry and Bernice Corley from LCCC; championship flight, Kay Jameson and Sybil Schatzabel, LCCC; medalist was Dos Lagos golfer Lil Blum.

Officers of the OWGA are: Mrs. J. M. Swink, president; Mrs. J. L. Herring, secretary; Mrs. L. N. Stewart, treasurer. Tournament committee members were Mrs. A. C. Martin, chairman; Mrs. V. R. Rottstedt, co-chairman; Mrs. J. J. Kiely, food; Mrs. L. M. Stewart and Mrs. J. M. Swink, prizes; Mrs. R. N. Thornley, handicaps; and Mrs. H. S. Lewis and Mrs. C. E. Macbeth, helpers-at-large.

Banquet Marks Finish Of Mixed League Action

A lavish banquet, May 17, at the 7-8-9 Club, officially marked the end of the Roadrunner's Mixed Bowling League. A social hour that began at 6:30 p.m. was followed by dinner and award presentations to the winning teams plus individual trophies. The "icing on the cake" was a dance held for bowlers. The bowling tourney's first

place went to the 4 Aces with "Kings and Queens" Dennis Mishina, Alan Fukushima, Manny Medeiros, Jean Paisley, and Lee Medeiros.

The Chow Hounds took second place awards due to the fine bowling of Mary Sment, Dottie Samford, Bill Sment and A. M. Samford.

Thanks to Lou Knight, Grace Kelly, Bert Torres, Bobby Salazar and Jack Knights, the Sour-doughs finished third. Jokers Wild with Renate Harris, Inge Manning, Denny Harris and Lloyd Guy took fourth place honors.

Men's trophies for high series scratch went to Dar Shipe - 622, John Jozefowski - 582, Wayne Sanger - 571, Larry Siegfried - 607, Edward Hyser - 587, and Denny Harris - 581. Women's high series scratch trophies were awarded to Sue Dean - 565, Renate Harris - 528, Jean Paisley - 512, Ellen Dutton - 556, Lillian Hall - 512 and Ruth Gonzales - 499.

High series handicap in the men's division were Harry Johnson - 668, Fred Dean - 638, Roger Santos - 632, Bill Sment - 665, Jack Knight - 635, and Harold White - 627. In the women's Judi Siegfried - 597, Lia McManus - 597, Inge Manning - 592, Prezy Lazo - 570, Mary Sment - 621, Virginia Swope - 593 and Carol Jozefowski - 591 received trophies.

Taking high game trophies for the men were Dave Burke - 255, Alan Fukushima - 235, Lloyd Guy - 225, Ike Hall - 238, A. M. Samford - 235 and Paul Bugbee - 209. Women high games were Dee Smith - 221, Lene Piper - 202, Addie Burke - 186, Dottie Samford - 213, Mavis Bugbee -

Navy Golfing Duo Wins Annual Spring Tourney

Navy dominated the Annual Spring Handicap Tournament as sailed to victory over Bob Croucher and Wayne Sanger. The tournament started in mid-April and ran through May.

Paul Bugbee and Tony Wendt were the winning twosome for Navy. Wendt sank a 10-foot putt in the 15th hole for a net birdie three to take the match, 4-3. Wendt apparently mastered the intruding gusts of wind that carried golfballs and scores higher than usual.

Croucher and Sanger won only two holes of the entire match. Bob Croucher eagled the 5th hole for one of those wins.

Securing the third-place title, Roger Kruse and Leon Cooper defeated Gerald Smith and Jim Prevatte, 2-1. Kruse sank a 12-footer on 17 for a par four to clinch third position honors.

Shortly after the Annual Spring Handicap Tournament, another golf contest was in full swing.

LAS CRUCES MEMBER-GUEST TOURNEY

Members of the Country Club in Las Cruces were invited to WSMR golf course to compete in its Member-Guest tour-



GOLF WINNERS — Colonel J. J. Kiely (third from left) presents the Annual Spring Handicap awards on the first tee of WSMR's golf course. Receiving winner's cups were (left to right) Navy's Paul Bugbee and Tony Wendt,

1st place; COL J. J. Kiely; 2nd place duo Bob Croucher and Wayne Sanger; and Roger Kruse and Leon Cooper for third place. (U. S. Army Photo)



James Anderson Wins Singles Tennis Tourney

James Anderson and James Byrnes duelled for the WSMR title in a 14-man Single Elimination Tennis Tournament. In a close bout, Sensea's Anderson defeated Byrnes, of the 259th MP's, 6-3, 4-6, 6-4.

James Byrnes went into the first round against Stanley Givetz from Sensea. Having full control of the court, Byrnes tallied a 6-2, 6-4 win for eligibility into the second round. Byrnes went on to beat Dave Avery of Navy 6-2, 4-6, 8-6.

In the semi-finals Byrnes outscored H. Searl and then faced James Anderson for final play.

Anderson, in the first and second rounds, stole title chances from two ERDSA players, M. Tanaka 6-1 and 6-love, and S. Harder 6-4, 6-2. Going into the semi-finals Weldon Byers lost to Sensea's champion, 8-6, 6-3.

Trophies for first and second place were awarded to Anderson and Byrnes by Lee Witsmann, sports director of WSMR.

Players were selected from this tournament to represent WSMR in a Five-Star tournament held at Fort Bliss Saturday, May 25. They were in competition against teams from Holloman Air Force Base, Fort Bliss, and William Beaumont Hospital.

Fort Bliss took first and second place in the singles and first in the doubles. Holloman placed second in doubles.

GAME & FISH NEWS

DEDICATION SET

Snow Lake in Catron County was dedicated Saturday, June 29, and the public is invited. The lake is about 30 miles southeast of Reserve.

Governor Cargo and members of the State Game Commission officiated at the ceremony, which began at 11 a.m. Service clubs from Reserve were in charge of a barbecue lunch.

Plans for development of Snow Lake were maturing for several years and the job was completed last fall. Funds came from Game and Fish bond funds and Federal Dingell - Johnson monies. The dam was constructed to eventually impound 100 surface acres of water but at present the water rights are only enough to impound 54 surface acres.

The lake was heavily stocked in late April with 8,475 catchable size rainbow trout and 26,950 fingerlings. It will be stocked again before the dedication. The April stocking was part of the largest stocking operation ever undertaken by the Game Department. Fishing has been good since the stocking and it is anticipated that it will continue to be fine for trout.

The U.S. Forest Service will develop camping and recreation facilities adjacent to the lake, which lies on the Gila National Forest.

AREA IMPROVED

Three watering units primarily for deer and turkey have been installed by the Department of Game and Fish on the Urraca Wildlife Area north of Questa. The feature of these

205 and Mary Robinson - 191. High game handicap trophies were won by Billy Payne - 276, Eugene Yuliano - 244, Ray Baker and Norman Piper - 241, John Dutton - 258, Don Swope - 245 and Jerry Matricia - 236. Winning trophies for the women's high game handicap were Babs Johnson - 239, Elsie Settle - 226, Yvonne Hyser - 223, Jean Kirkland - 236, Lorraine Sanger and Jan Mertens - 230, and Norma Matricia - 225.

Bowlers attaining high averages were Gary Studdard - 184, Manny Medeiros - 182, Lee Medeiros - 171, and Lou Knight - 153. The most improved bowlers were A. M. Samford who upped his average 13 pins and Mary Sment who increased her's by 16 pins.

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Military Police Still Undefeated In Softball

The 259th MP's have eased through the Rockpile Double Elimination Tournament with no losses and have continued their undefeated record during Intramural League play.

In the MP's most recent game, they trounced the Medics 16-7. The Medics, although they made a strong showing during the Rockpile Intramurals, have hit rock bottom in the regular league play.

In the bottom of the sixth inning, the Sentinels scored five runs to pull ahead of ERDSA by four. ERDSA's two run effort in the top of the seventh couldn't be cashed in for a win as Sentinels led the scoring 13-11.

Hq & Hq took a bad beating from A Co. in a four inning ball game. A Company held Headquarters to three runs as they tallied no less than 17. In other league action, the Officers, spurred by two homers by Joe Allen and their pitcher Roland Sanger, defeated Navy 12-4.

STANDINGS AS OF 23 MAY

	Wins	Losses	Games out
MP's	4	0	
A Co.	2	1	1 1/2
Officers	2	1	1 1/2
Navy	1	1	2
ERDSA	1	2	2 1/2
Hq Co.	1	2	2 1/2
Sentinels	1	2	2 1/2
Medics	0	3	3 1/2

TOP FIVE HITTERS

Ed Lindahl	Medics	.727
Jim McClain	Navy	.764
John Allen	Officers	.667
Dar Shipe	Hq & Hq	.667
Mike Bozzelli	259th MP's	.615

WOMEN AND ALL STAR SOFTBALL

Some very special events will be taking place this Monday at Goddard Field. Two softball games will be played starting at 6 p.m.

The women will be the first to have their chance on the field as the WAC Co. is slated against the Lee's Nine (wives and dependents of WSMR personnel).

Following women's softball, the WSMR All Star Softball team will step up to the plate against the Alamogordo Merchants.

Range Rockets Lose 'Homecoming' Contest

White Sands Missile Range's Chief of Staff Colonel Allen C. Martin tossed out the opening ball at Goddard Field to Pete Franco, vice president of the El Paso Lower Valley Baseball League, to get the Range's first home game underway Sunday.

The 62nd Army Band from Fort Bliss were a part of the pre-game ceremonies as they played "Take Me Out to the Ball Game" and the National Anthem. For a lighter side of the ceremonies, a 50-yard race was scheduled. The two contestants in the race were Henry Hunter and Joseph Rudolf with Rudolf crossing the finish line first.

The visiting team, the Baeza Builders, put the WSMR Rockets one notch lower in their climb for first place with a 10-4 win.

The Builders constructed a one run lead in the fifth at 4-3. They retained this lead and fur-

units is that they are designed to be freeze-proof. They were installed under the auspices of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, a federal agency, which paid 80 percent of the cost.

ther putting a damper on things by sending four men around the bases in the seventh.

WSMR scored one run in the eighth with Dennis Pluchinsky moving from first to second on a fielder's choice. A single off the bat of Shirley Smith drove Pluchinsky home. The eighth inning, however, was also profitable for Baeza as they scored two runs.

Two zeroes in the scoreboard's ninth inning held the final score at Baeza 10 and the Rockets 4.

Although WSMR outit the Baeza team 11-10, they lacked a sound defense allowing the visiting team to capitalize on seven errors.

The Rockets will next play tonight at 7 p.m. on Carpenter's Field, Ft. Bliss, against the 15th Artillery. The next three Rocket home games will be Sunday, June 2, at 2:30 p.m., against the El Paso Modern Cleaners; Friday, June 7, at 8 p.m., against La Union; and Sunday, June 16, at 2:30 p.m., facing the La Union Farmers.

The WSMR Rockets are still adding men to the line-up. If you are interested in trying out for the team, contact SSG Smith (phone 678-2619).

Youth Activities Summer Program

Missile Range Summer Youth Activity Programs will begin according to the following schedule:

- ARCHERY — Mon. & Wed.; Teen Club Field, 12:30 p.m.; 5 June.
- BOWLING CLINIC — Fri. Roadrunner Lanes, 1:30 p.m.; 7 June.
- GOLF INSTRUCTION — Tues. & Thur.; Golf Course, 4:30 p.m.; 4 June.
- SOFTBALL (Girls) — Wed. & Sat.; Little League Field, Wed. 1:30 p.m. Sat. 10 a.m.; 5 June.
- STORY HOUR — Tues. & Thur.; Post Library, 2 p.m.; 13 June.
- SWIMMING INSTRUCTION — Mon., Tues., Wed. & Fri.; Holland Pool 10 a.m., Registration Only; 7 June.
- TENNIS INSTRUCTION — Mon. & Wed.; Tennis Courts (Goddard Field), 5:30 p.m.; 3 June.

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DISTRACTING INFLUENCE — AFPS's Pvt. Spratt can't seem to keep his mind on his exercises while watching lovely Kathi Horan. Kathi is a familiar face in the 315th Air Division's newspaper, The Airlifter. When not passing along useful information in the paper, Kathi models and does TV work in Tokyo. Ab so!

BRIEFS

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BERLIN (AP) — The German Turner Association opened Tuesday night its biggest gymnastic festival since the second World War ended. The festival lasts six days with more than 67,000 participants.

EAST HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — Herman Bronkie, a former infielder with the Cleveland Indians, the Chicago Cubs and the St. Louis, died Tuesday at the age of 83.

catfish. Streams in the Gila Forest, WEST FORK, MIDDLE FORK and EAST FORK good with worms or spinners.

Fishing Report

SOUTHWEST AREA: The fishing at BEAR CANYON LAKE in the Mimbres Valley is good. Nice trout being taken trolling. Bank fishing is fair. At ROBERTS LAKE the fishing is slow, while at SNOW LAKE bait fishermen are still catching limits of rainbows. High winds cut down on the fishing at other lakes in the Southwest, but calmer days should see good fishing at ELEPHANT BUTTE and CABALLO. The white bass are hitting good when the wind eases up and fishermen are getting a mixed bag of white bass, black bass, walleye pike and real nice crappie at the head of CABALLO LAKE. A boat is a must. Try shysters or small 200 series bomber plugs. WALL LAKE fair if no wind and LOWER GILA RIVER good for

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Doctor Promotion Plan Is Studied

The Department of Defense has taken steps to improve and standardize a promotion system for doctors on active duty.

The system outlined in DOD Directive 1320.7, dated May 3, 1968, marks the first time that Army, Navy and Air Force physicians will be considered for promotion under a common system, ensuring equal promotion opportunities for military doctors regardless of service affiliation.

It also marks the first time that grades held by military doctors, including dentists who are otherwise unaffected by the directive, will not count against the overall grade authorizations prescribed by law for military officers generally.

Temporary grades for Medical Corps officers entering active duty will be determined on the basis of years of professional training and experience.

Under the new promotion system, after completion of an internship, a doctor of medicine or osteopathy who enters on active duty as a captain in the

Army or Air Force or lieutenant in the Navy would be eligible for promotion to the next higher grade three years later.

After another five years the doctor could be promoted to lieutenant colonel or commander. Seven years later he could be promoted to colonel or Navy captain.

The directive also provides that a small number of military physicians could be promoted to a higher grade one year earlier than their professional contemporaries.

As for Dental Corps officers of the Army, Navy and Air Force, the directive states that temporary grades and promotions "shall be determined under the normal temporary appointment and temporary promotion systems of the Services."

The directive explains that "all fully qualified officers may be selected for promotion," except that the numbers selected may not exceed established percentages. (AFPS)

NORAD Modernization To Begin This Summer

The North American Air Defense Command (NORAD) begins a phased modernization of the air defense system this summer that will involve closure of some command units and relocation of others. These actions are scheduled for completion by July 1969.

These actions will result in elimination of 4,719 military and 1,219 civilian positions.

The modernization results from a Department of Defense decision reported early this year in the "Posture Statement."

Some of the present warning and control system facilities are obsolete and will be replaced by smaller, more effective and less costly systems.

Air Force said a new system, which will have a greatly increased effectiveness, particularly against low-flying aircraft, will combine an airborne warning and control system, over-the-horizon radar and a modern high-performance fire control and missile system incorporated in F-106 interceptors.

As part of the overall realignment, 20 Air Defense Command (ADC) radar squadrons will be closed by Sept. 1. The Federal Aviation Agency will assume 14 of the sites.

In addition, three ADC fighter-interceptor squadrons equipped with F-106s will move to new stations. Three squadrons assigned F-101 aircraft will be disbanded, as previously announced. Because of the moves, Air Force facilities at Pine Field, Washington, and Grand Island, Nebr., will be closed.

Other realignment actions involve NORAD activities at Gun-

ter AFB, Ala.; Steward AFB, N.Y.; Richards - Gebaur AFB, Mo.; and Sioux City Municipal Airport, Iowa.

NORAD headquarters is at Colorado Springs, Colo.

Civilian employees whose jobs will be eliminated by actions involving NORAD activities will be offered job opportunities and may involve movement to other locations.

Military personnel will be transferred to other assignments. (AFPS)



TOUGH GOING — Army PFC Larry Nolta works his way through the heavy jungle northeast of Tay Ninh in the Republic of Vietnam during Operation Tarn Thang with 2nd Bn., 12th Inf., 3rd Brig., 25th Inf. Div.

Sergeant Launch Contest Underway For NATO Troops

At Souda Bay on the northern shore of Crete, U.S. Army artillerymen stationed in Europe are competing with each other and with fellow NATO servicemen in the difficult specialty of launching Sergeant missiles.

During the spring, the soldiers have been trying to win the Sperry-Utah trophy, given annually to the best Sergeant missile battery within the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. The units are judged on proficiency testing and firing.

Currently, the trophy belongs to Battery B, 3d Battalion, 80th Artillery. The 3d Battalion was one of the first to arrive for this year's firing at the NATO Missile Firing Installation on Crete.

After nearly a week of countless tests, inspections and mock firings, the missilemen completed their firings in a nearly flawless operation. Battery B stood a good chance of retaining the trophy with a score of 98.1 percent. Battery A of the 3d Battalion was close behind with 97.7. (ANF)

Medals

(Continued from Page 1)
Missile Maintenance Technician of the Nike-Hercules Direct Support Platoon No. 1, 65th Ordnance Co., is Chief Warrant Officer (W-3) John C. Hunter.

Staff Sergeant Robert W. Peterson will be awarded an Army Commendation Medal for his outstanding work as a NIKER Internal Guidance Repairman, Missiles Branch, Munitions and Missiles Division, Supply and Maintenance Agency, USA Communications Zone, Europe from 1965 to 1967.

Receiving the Army Commendation Medal for meritorious service in support of U.S. counterinsurgency efforts in Vietnam will be Staff Sergeant Richard L. Fisher Jr. He served with the 1st Infantry Division in Vietnam from 1967 to 1968.

First Lieutenant Lynn J. Peery, Artillery, will receive an Army Commendation Medal for his meritorious service as commanding officer, Battery C, 3rd Battalion (HERC), 68th Artillery. He served in this post for a year at a site near Minneapolis-St. Paul.

Receiving an Army Commendation Medal for outstanding and meritorious service will be Chief Warrant Officer (W-3) Richard E. Beyer. He is being awarded the honor in connection with his tenure as Fire Control Maintenance Officer, Headquarters, 3rd Battalion (HERC), 59th Artillery, and later as Fire

A Horse To Call My Own

By
Jim Lovelady

Daughter: "Daddy, I want a horse . . . that I can call my own."

Father: "Not now, child, but maybe later after we're more settled at White Sands."

Daughter: "But, daddy! I want one now . . . that I can call my own."

Father: "Someday. It's just that all the expenses begin after you buy the horse — sorta like the swimming pools people build these days."

Daughter: "But daddy!"
Father: "We spent too much money moving out here from Massachusetts. I don't think we should. Maybe later, though."

Daughter: "But daddy! I want . . ."

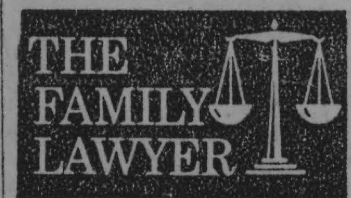
This dialogue continued in a similar vein for nearly four months after Major Albert P. Daigle brought his family to White Sands Missile Range.

The daughter is Elaine, a 12-year-old seventh grader who, upon arrival in New Mexico, promptly decided if she was to be a westerner, then a horse she must have.

Dad Daigle was quick to agree, but then if Elaine got a horse . . . that she could call her own . . . he stood the risk that her five sisters might metamorphose from the cute doll-

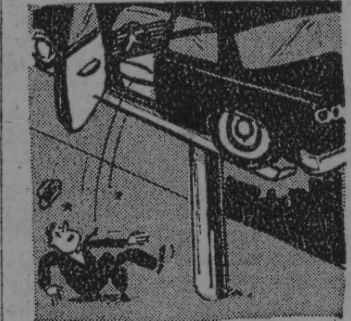
playing or mother-helping little girls they are to self-professed, full-fledged equestriennes such as Elaine.

Likely as not, each would want a hay-burner . . . that "I can call my own." At this point, the six sisters' little two-



Gas Station Casualties

Late for a movie, Fred hastily parked his car in a gas station that had closed for the night. When he returned after the show, he failed to notice an open greasing pit. Sure enough,



Fred fell in and suffered assorted injuries.

But when he sued the gas station for damages, the court turned him down. The judge pointed out that the company owned only a minimum duty toward mere trespassers such as Fred, who have no business on the premises in the first place.

In case of an accident at a gas station, the status of the victim is the key to his legal rights. A legitimate visitor, dropping in during business hours just to use the telephone or washroom, usually ranks higher than a trespasser — and accordingly has a better chance of winning damages if he gets hurt.

And an actual customer, coming into the station to buy something, has the strongest rights of all. For his benefit, the management is obliged to take all safety precautions within reason. For example:

The owner of a car, which had just been lowered to floor level after a grease job, asked for — and was given — a cloth for wiping his dashboard. While he was busy inside the car, the mechanic decided to hoist it up again to check the work.

The car owner finally backed out of the car, not realizing it had been raised, and fell six feet to the floor. In due course the company was held liable in damages, for failing to exercise due care for a customer's safety.

As a rule, the passenger in a customer's car has a similar high status — and similar rights in case of an accident. Thus a gas station was held liable to a passenger who, given improper directions to the washroom, opened the wrong door and fell down a stairway.

On the other hand, it is also true that the customer (or passenger) must take reasonable precautions for his own safety.

In one case a customer, although familiar with garage work, stumbled over a jack handle that was protruding from under his car. A court denied his damage claim. The judge said that, for failing to see what was plain to see, he had only himself to blame.

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