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"The Cats" became the rage of 1945 as the naval air station's newly-formed band. The photo was taken at an enlisted men's dance at Austin Hall. At the time, Fritz Snyder, band leader, advertised in "Propwash" for qualified musicians to take up the slack in the sax section due to men being discharg-

ed. Crosswind is pleased to present a number of historical photos and pieces taken from the life and times of Whidbey Island and its people as we celebrate our air station's anniversary.

Air station 43 years old tomorrow

On Jan. 17, 1941, almost 11 months before the United States entered World War II, the Chief of Naval Operations asked the Commandant of 13th Naval District to recommend a site in the Pacific Northwest for the rearming and refueling of Navy patrol planes.

Whidbey Island was selected and surveyors began work on Aug. 14. On Sept. 9, an initial appropriation of \$3,790,000 was set aside for construction of "Re-Arming Base Whidbey Island."

Construction began on Jan. 25, 1942, and on Sept. 21, 1942, the station, already renamed U.S. Naval Air Station, Whidbey Island, was placed in commission.

Quoting from official reports, Whidbey Island was chosen for a "training base for both land and sea plane pilots, navigators, gunners, bombardiers and ground forces" because of a "meteorological history showing that sunshine prevails during 75 percent of the daylight hours,"

making it a sort of "sunshine oasis in the fog belt of Puget Sound."

It was considered an odd fact that right in the heart of the Puget Sound area of Western Washington, generally known for its fog and rainfall, there is a belt with "precipitation so light as to approximate desert conditions, and with more than average sunshine."

Construction began on the seaplane base by Austin Construction Co., on Jan. 15, 1942, and continued amid mud and Indian skeletons. A former Indian burial ground, Indian remains numbering 142 were found on Forbes Point during the ground breaking.

Five of these skeletons found themselves spending a night with the Marines as arrangements were made for reburial on the Indian Reservation at La Conner.

One of the problems encountered while building the base was the dredging of channels. Shelf rock, interstratified with sedimentary shale and shells, was encountered with the

result that part of the originally intended plan was curtailed, and location of the pier had to be changed.

The land field at Clover Valley was later named Ault Field in honor of Cdr William Bowen Ault, who lost his life on May 8, 1942, in the Battle of Coral Sea.

Ault led his squadron in a particularly aggressive attack on a Japanese aircraft carrier and disappeared after radioing that he had been hit and was making a water landing.

From the time of commissioning until 1949, the station was considered a temporary establishment.

World War II service at NAS Whidbey not only included the rearming and servicing of patrol planes, for which the station was created, but a good deal of training of various types also went on here. For example, training in aerial rocket firing, and, for a time, two weeks' basic training for recruits, as well as advanced training

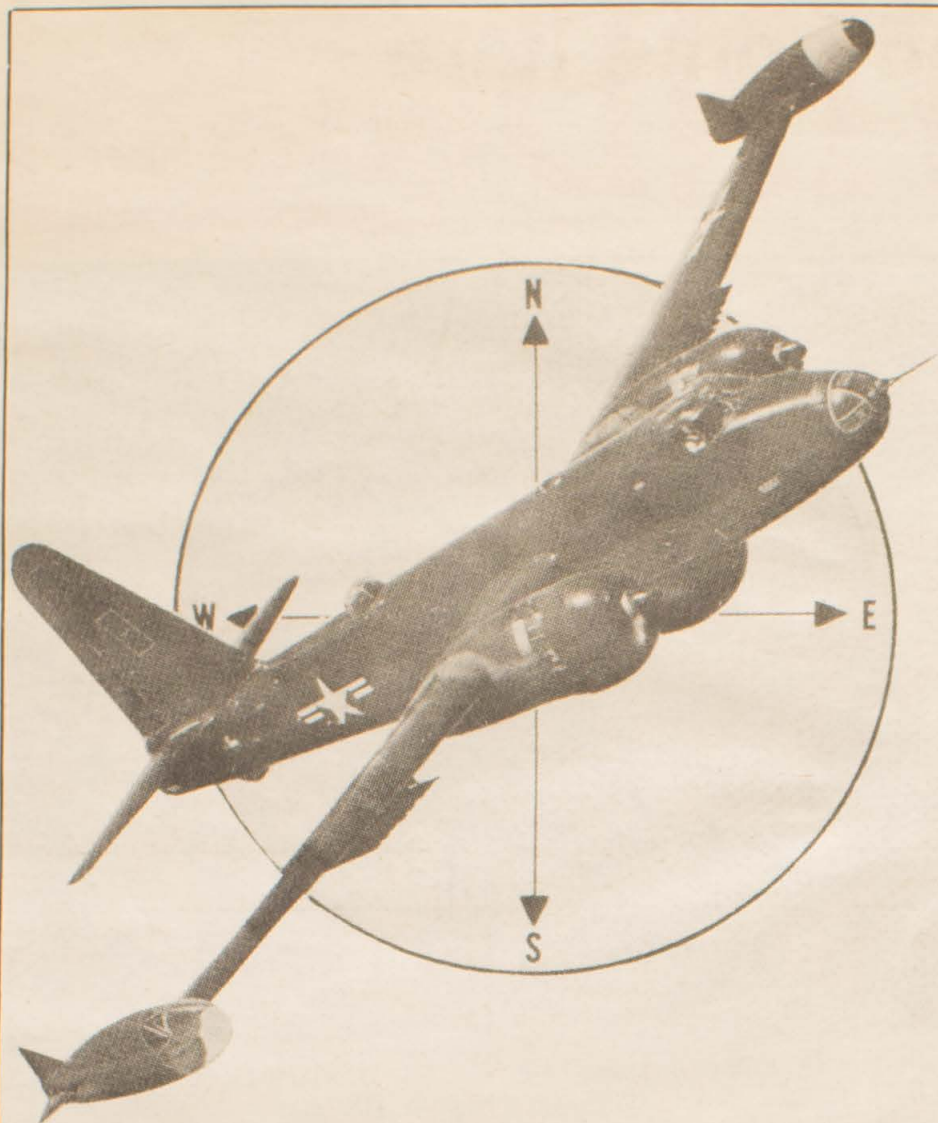
for personnel aspiring to petty officer ratings.

With the war over, the station was placed in a reduced operating status in January 1946. For the next few years, NAS Whidbey's fate was uncertain. However, by December 1949, plans were being made to make NAS Whidbey Island the main all-type, all-weather Navy field in the Pacific Northwest, to support fleet and Alaskan operations.

Many changes have taken place here in the types of aircraft flown and training offered, but we feel certain Capt Cyril T. Simard who put NAS Whidbey into commission that September day in 1942 would concur with a hearty "well done" on the job we do.

Even though aircraft and facilities are bound to change over the next 43 years, Whidbey's people, who provide the continuity and depth of experience which makes us a leader in support to the fleet, will remain the best anywhere.

update



Lockheed Neptune, part of the backbone of early Whidbey air operations.

Patriots are coming!

The EA-6B Prowler has been a familiar sight around Whidbey Island since 1970. During the last 15 years, the number of EA-6B squadrons has grown to 10. The Navy's ultimate goal is to reach 14 operational EA-6B squadrons, all home-based aboard NAS Whidbey.

A major milestone will be reached Oct. 1 when the Navy establishes its 11th operational EA-6B squadron, the VAQ-140 "Patriots." Current plans reflect achieving the total complement of 178 enlisted men and 27 officers by Feb. 1, 1986. The Patriots will deploy aboard USS John F. Kennedy to the Mediterranean in mid-1986.

The Navy's 11th EA-6B squadron will fly the latest version of the aircraft, the ICAP II. This aircraft, with its crew of four officers, provides the battle group commander the most sophisticated and capable electronic warfare asset in our country's inventory. Additionally, VAQ-140 will be the first EA-6B squadron to deploy with an offensive as well as passive electronic countermeasures punch. The high speed anti-radiation missile (HARM), in conjunction with the EA-



6B weapon system and crew expertise, will significantly enhance air wing effectiveness in contingency operations.

The establishment ceremony will be held aboard NAS Whidbey with RAdm James E. Service, Commander, Naval Air Forces Pacific, as guest speaker. Leading the squadron through its first operational tours will be Cdr James M. Stephenson, XO, and Cdr Aaron D. Lonquist, CO.

Capt's Call

Capt Richard A. Powell



What were you doing 43 years ago? I'd venture to say that the majority of us here at Whidbey today weren't even born yet. I was just starting elementary school back in Muncie, Ind., when NAS Whidbey was commissioned. Our nation was in the midst of a great war then, and NAS Whidbey was part of an expanding wartime effort.

The air station has seen many changes over its 43 year history. We started out as a base for seaplane patrol operations, rocket firing training, torpedo overhaul, and both recruit and petty officer training. In the early 50s, we were home for six land-based patrol squadrons flying the PV2 Neptune.

The post-Korean War era saw Whidbey entering the jet age, as we became the home for the first A3-D "Skywarriors" in the Navy. By the end of 1958, we had five patrol squadrons and four heavy attack squadrons homebased at Whidbey. In 1961, the number of heavy attack squadrons had grown to seven, and were the forerunners of our present complement of A-6 and EA-6B squadrons.

In 1966, a cadre of pilots and naval flight officers formed the nucleus of a squadron transitioning to the Grumman A6-A Intruder. I was fortunate enough to be part of that team, which eventually led to the establishment of VA-128. Further arrivals of A-6 squadrons marked the beginning of the Vietnam era military build up, and the decrease of our active duty patrol mission. The last patrol squadron, VP-1 moved to NAS Barbers Point in 1970.

In 1971 came the dual milestone of

the departure of the last Whidbey-based A-3 and the introduction of the EA-6B. We now have 10 Prowler fleet squadrons aboard, and plan for an additional three within the next five years.

We continue to host several reserve units as well, including VP-69, VR-61, MAG-42 and VAQ-309. The bottom line is that we are an active, well-rounded, many-faceted base, with numerous commands and activities contributing to our mission and goals.

We look forward to continued growth and expansion, in terms of both physical facilities, and number of personnel onboard. Within the next five years, we will have expanded our hangar facilities, maintenance capabilities and our on-base unmarried housing capacity. Figuring on the conservative side, we project the addition of 1,450 military and 2,300 dependents in the next four years.

Today, thanks to the many outstanding Navy, Marine, and civilian men and women who make up the air station and the tenant commands, we are continuing to meet the far-ranging commitments of the United States. Freedom of the seas, and support to our fleet has never been more vital. All of us should be very proud of our many training and support facilities which insure the readiness of squadrons to perform their missions.

In my opinion, Whidbey continues to be the finest place anywhere to live and to work. I hope you'll join me in wishing our air station a happy 43rd birthday tomorrow.

McNeill services here Monday

Funeral services for Robert S. McNeill, longtime Oak Harbor resident and retired Grumman representative, will be held from the NAS Whidbey Chapel at 3 p.m. Monday, Sept. 23. Burial at sea will follow.

After retiring from 20 years of service in the U.S. Navy, McNeill went on to a

20-year career at Grumman Aerospace Corp., devoting much of his early years with the company back at Bethpage, N.Y., test flying the first A-6 aircraft.

McNeill died at his home in Oak Harbor Thursday morning after a long illness.

Copy deadline

Copy deadline for the Whidbey Crosswind is noon Monday for inclusion in the following Friday's paper. Late submissions will be considered individually.

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DWI box score

Week of September 9-16:		1985 to date:	
On Base	Off Base	On Base	Off Base
1	2	33	109
Cost to date: \$127,800			
1983 total: 249		1984 total: 312	



Memories flood back as reservist revisits spot of boyhood home here

By JOSA Timothy W. Boyles
NAVAIRES reporter

The modern facilities and spaces that now make up NAS Whidbey Island were once a haven where children could play without fear, where cows could graze lazily without distraction from the ear-shattering aircraft noise that we now deal with and where apple and plum bearing orchards were playgrounds and snack stops for all who cared to partake of their delicious fruit.

"We lived right here," said ETC Howard J. Ploegsma, a SelRes who drills with Mobile Technical Unit 7-522 out of Tacoma. The area he was talking about is the 360 acres his family owned and operated as a dairy farm where this base now sits. "I was raised on this land. It sure does bring back a lot of fond, and some not so fond memories. I still carry about five or six scars, noted in my service record, on my body from my childhood here."

"This base was all dairy farms at one time. We had probably the largest and most modern dairy farm on the whole island at that time," he said. "We raised Guernsey cows here until the Navy began buying up our property in 1947."

His home used to sit about 250 yards west of where the base hospital now stands. The foundation and sidewalks from his home are still there; so are the fruit trees. "I remember coming out of these apple and plum trees as a child and eating a lot of their fruit."

When you sample the fruit that these trees still bear, there is no doubt why he spent so much time here.

Ploegsma is currently here to attend instructor training class and this is the first time he has been back to what was once his home since his family moved away in 1947. Needless to say, a lot has changed. "The first thing I did when I got here was to go out to where the house stood and relive some memories."

His eyes welled up with tears when he said how it felt to come back. "It kind of leaves a lump in my throat to come back here and see what is left from my childhood. It's kind of like visiting a grave where a real close family member is buried."

"I can't help but say that the neatest thing about coming back is that there are still things that were here when I grew up; the foundation to the house, the sidewalks, the rocks from the driveway and the orchard; it's not too healthy, but it's still here," he said.

Childhood memories are something that stay with someone long after the childhood itself has gone. Many people return to their childhood homes in their later years only to find that it's not the same. In the case of ETC Howard Ploegsma, these changes proved moving and unforgettable.



Almost 40 years have passed between bites, as Ploegsma samples an apple from the same tree he enjoyed in childhood. The foundation from his family home can be seen at right in the background. (Photos by JOSA Timothy W. Boyles)



With the BOQ and Naval Hospital in the background, ETC Howard Ploegsma inspects what's left of his boyhood home.

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Saturday — Casual bar open 11. Baron of beef, 6-9. "Janis Marshall" in ballroom 9-1:30.

Sunday — Sunday brunch 10-1. Casual bar open 11 a.m., satellite wide-screen TV.

Monday — Casual bar open 11-11. Variety menu 11-1:30 and 6-9.

Tuesday — Casual bar open 11-11. Variety menu 11-1:30 and 6-9.

Wednesday — Lunch buffet 11-1. Dining room specials 5-8. Music video 9-12:30.

Thursday — Lunch buffet 11-1. New York steak special dining room 5-8. "The Cazz" ballroom 9-1.

CHIEF PETTY OFFICERS' CLUB

Friday — Club open 11-1. Hot buffet lunch, salad bar 11-1. Social hour 4-6, free hors d'oeuvres. Seafood buffet,

super salad bar 5:30-9. Tickets for the Seahawk vs LA Rams will be given away today, during social hour. Game will be played Sept 23, at 6. "The Cruisers" in the ballroom, 9-1. Hula hoop contest. Prize for the best 50s and 60s outfit. Free glass of wine for the ladies.

Saturday — Lounge open 11-1. Chateaubriand, super salad bar 5:30-9. Spouses Night. If you come as a couple, one will pay full price for dinner and one will pay half price. Make your reservation now. "The Cruisers" in the ballroom, 9-1. Hula hoop contest. Prize for the best 50s and 60s outfit.

Sunday — Lounge open 11-6. Breakfast served 10-1. Menu orders. Reservations for large groups, please.

Monday — Lounge open 4-11. Seahawk vs LA Rams in the Kingdome. Starts at 6. Hot dogs available at the bar.

Tuesday — Lounge open 11-11. Hot dogs available at the bar.

Wednesday — Club open 11-11. Hot buffet lunch, salad bar 11-1. Prime rib special, super salad bar, 5:30-8:30.

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Saturday, Sept. 21 — Same as Friday.

Tuesday, Sept. 24 — BREWSTER'S MILLIONS, Richard Pryor, John Candy, Comedy, 1 hr. 42 min., Language, PG

Wednesday, Sept. 25 — Same as Tuesday.

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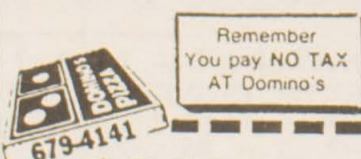


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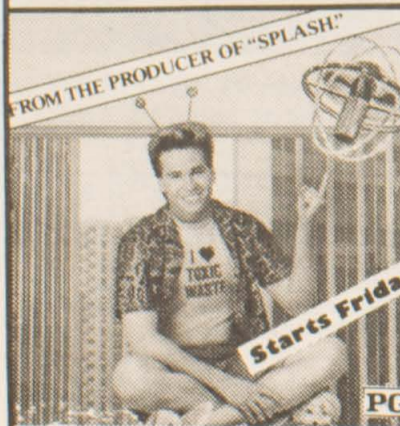
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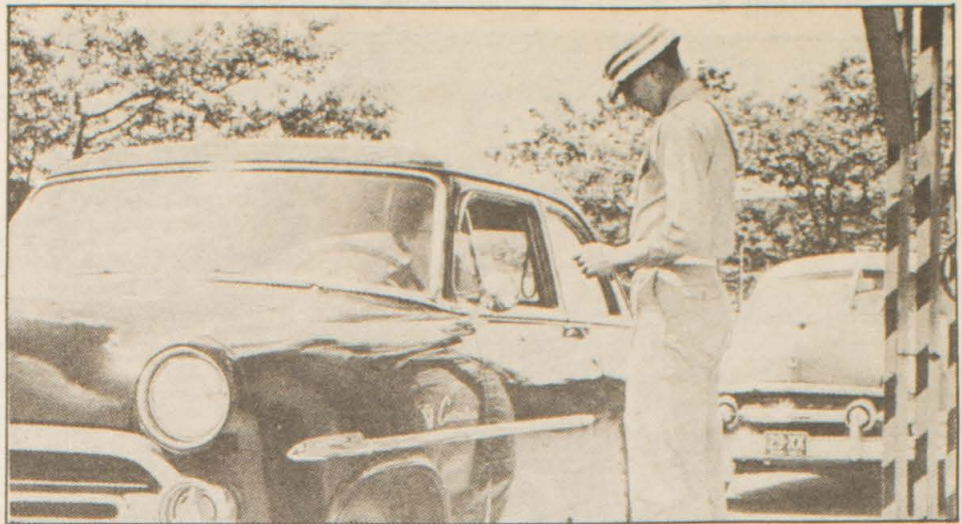


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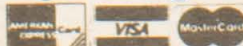
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Navy Family Service Center

This class for the military community meets Sept. 25 and Oct. 2 from 7-9 p.m. at the Navy Family Service Center. Call 257-2902 or 679-2544 to sign up; ask about free child care.

Arrange flowers like an expert

Time Out for Women is a volunteer program for the military community with classes meeting on Thursday mornings from 9-11 at the Navy Family Service Center. Call 257-2902 or 679-2544 to register; ask about free babysitting. Next up is Fresh Flower Arranging Sept. 26, as Marilee Pad-

dock from the Old Town Flower Shop leads this hands-on workshop.



"Let go of my paw!"

VAQ-137

wives gather

The VAQ-137 wives' club will meet Monday, Sept. 23, at 7 p.m. in the Base Chapel, when the planned familygram will be discussed. Babysitting is available at 50 cents per child. Call Holly Paselk for information at 675-5607.

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Photos for star-struck

The Armed Services YMCA will hold another popular "Night of Stars" auction Monday, Sept. 30, beginning at 7 p.m. To be auctioned are celebrity pictures, many autographed by the stars themselves.

Personalities include The A-Team, Charles Bronson, Dyan Cannon, Chevy Chase, Charlie Daniels, Richard Dreyfus, Richard Gere, Victoria Hamilton, the cast of Hillstreet Blues, Kate Jackson, Robert Klein, Burt Lancaster, Shirley MacLaine, Barbara Mandrell, Ann-Margaret, Pamela Sue Martin, Erin Moran, Donna Mills, Ted Nugent, Dolly Parton, Victoria Principal, Lionel Richie, Don Rickles, Tanya Roberts,

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Beckett appointed new VA-95 ombudsman

By Dan Johnston

In a ceremony held today, Jane Bradshaw, VA-95 ombudsman since August 1982, turned over the responsibility to AnnMarie Beckett, wife of AQ1 Alan Beckett.

The idea of an ombudsman originated in Sweden in 1809, and has been an official part of the U.S. Navy since 1970. Since then, Navy wives everywhere have assumed the responsibility of the ombudsman, and done an admirable job of smoothing what is often a rough life.

Navy wives have the unusual experience of being separated from their husbands for extended periods, and the ombudsman is someone they can turn to in times of need. Through the ombudsman, wives also have a direct link to all facets of military affairs from PSD to Naval Hospital, and the CO of the squadron or the base.

Possibly most important, being a Navy wife herself, the ombudsman can lend a sympathetic and understanding ear in a way that no one else can.

The Becketts have been married for nearly 11 years and 10 of those have been spent in naval service. AnnMarie feels she is well qualified for the job as "I have been through three and a half cruises, so I have seen most of the problems that can arise." The Becketts have no children and Ann

Marie feels this will be an asset as she will be able to devote herself fully to her work.

AnnMarie said, "I have some

pretty big shoes to fill following Jane," but there is no doubt those shoes will fit like glass slippers. The Navy wife is indeed the toughest job in the Navy,

and AnnMarie and Jane are two of the finest. Thank you for your love and dedication. The Lizards couldn't do it without you.

BASE COMMISSARY ANXIOUS TO BUY LOCALLY - PEFLEY

Wants Gardeners To Remember When Planting

OAK HARBOR—An opportunity for the people of Oak Harbor was contained in this statement by C. S. Pefley, chief of the Austin commissary, who says he desires to buy locally when possible. He suggests that people who are planting home gardens in line with government requests may find his company a buyer for excess vegetables and fruits. He also sounds a call for fresh fish and offers mess hall refuse for hog food.

"In keeping with plans for localization of market purchasing by the mess hall now under construction by the Austin Company, I would like to point out that it is our plan to buy locally where possible," he said. "Especially such items as fruits, vegetables and other farm produce. Therefore in planning gardens this spring we would suggest keeping in mind this possible new market."

"The mess hall which will open about March 1 will accommodate some 200 men and this capacity may be doubled later. Purchase of milk and meat, however, must pass Government inspection so cannot be purchased direct."

"Another item we would like to purchase here on the Island is fresh fish."

"Then there is the problem of garbage removal. Surely some hog farmer could use the clean refuse from the mess hall. No charge will be made and every effort will be made to keep it free from glass, coffee grounds, etc. Anyone promising regular removal service and agreeing to keep our cans clean may have this exclusive privilege."

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Commissary Superintendent

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Homemakers from San de Fuca know the way to a sailor's heart in this early 40s photo of the first Oak Harbor USO.



Service men, Navy wives and junior hostesses boogie to the big band sound at an informal dance night.

Today it's called the Y but mission's the same

The Farm Bureau News of Sept. 17, 1942, carried an editorial calling for a permanent recreational center for enlisted men, saying, "Everyone will benefit from such a center in Oak Harbor. Brawls such as occurred last Saturday night which called out the Marine Guard and which happen nearly every Saturday night will be rare. Service men will have a place to go where it will not be essential to spend money or drink liquor to while away the time.

"There will be less tendency for the boys to hitch hike or take trips away from town on their precious liberty hours. And, most important of all, the enlisted men who are doing so much

for us will be partially repaid for their sacrifices."

The editorial said there was nothing so revolting as the "humble pie" our enlisted men had to eat as they competed with the bigger paychecks of their contemporaries. "Service men would be happier in a recreation center of their own, where money would play a less important role in their life."

A committee was immediately appointed by then Mayor R. L. Maylor, and the first USO was born followed by over 34 years of bringing "home away from home" to lonely service men on our remote island.

In 1976, the Armed Services YMCA was formally established here, replac-

ing the USO's function and taking over its building and equipment. Bob Miller, executive director of the Y, says, "People still have the same needs. And even though electronics have changed many of our recreation habits (with the advent of TV, VCRs and video games), we're still here and the welcome mat will always be out."

Miller told of one young sailor who stopped to talk to him after a recent indoctrination bus tour. "He wasn't sure he'd be welcome in Oak Harbor, and said that was the general feeling toward the military at his last duty station. I reassured him that certainly was not the case in this community." Miller said the Armed Services YMCA, in fact, uses "A home away from

home" in their posters, and that's the way he wants service people to feel about the building on West Pioneer . . . that it's a place for them to kick back, enjoy chess or exercise, catch a movie or meet their friends.

"Years ago, when the population of young service men was growing by leaps and bounds, the USO used to bus women in from nearby colleges and towns for dances. We'd like to have more dances now, and even put on talent shows like they used to, if there's a demand."

Just like any home, the more time you spend there, the more comfortable you feel. "Why just hang out around the barracks?" asks Miller. "Get out and come down to the Y!"

Claim your bike

"Does Security have your bicycle? Criminal Investigations Division, Security Department, building 220, has several kinds and sizes of bicycles recovered during the past few months. To claim, or for more information, please call detective Darline Troyer, 257-2406, Monday-Friday, 8-4 p.m.



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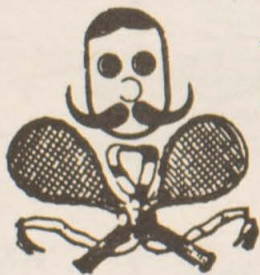
Autumn has come to Leavenworth, the Bavarian Village, and everyone is invited to the start of their Autumn Leaf Festival Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 28 and 29. Take in art in the park, the weekend-long flea market, Lions Club chuckwagon breakfast and

Grange ham dinner and farmer's market, plus a non-stop list of musical entertainment.

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The blood bank at Ft. Lewis supplies Naval Hospital in excess of 150 units of blood each year. Through the DoD Military Blood Program, Ft. Lewis also supports the Navy, Marine Corps and Air Force worldwide. This is a rare opportunity to directly provide for the care of our shipmates and families, as well as the armed forces on a larger scale.

All healthy military and civilian personnel are encouraged to donate in this drive. A few regulations will exclude possible donors. Anyone with the following may not donate:

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It is a myth that people risk getting AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome) when they give blood. A new, sterile needle is used for each donor and then immediately disposed. No one can contract AIDS, hepatitis or other infectious diseases by giving blood.

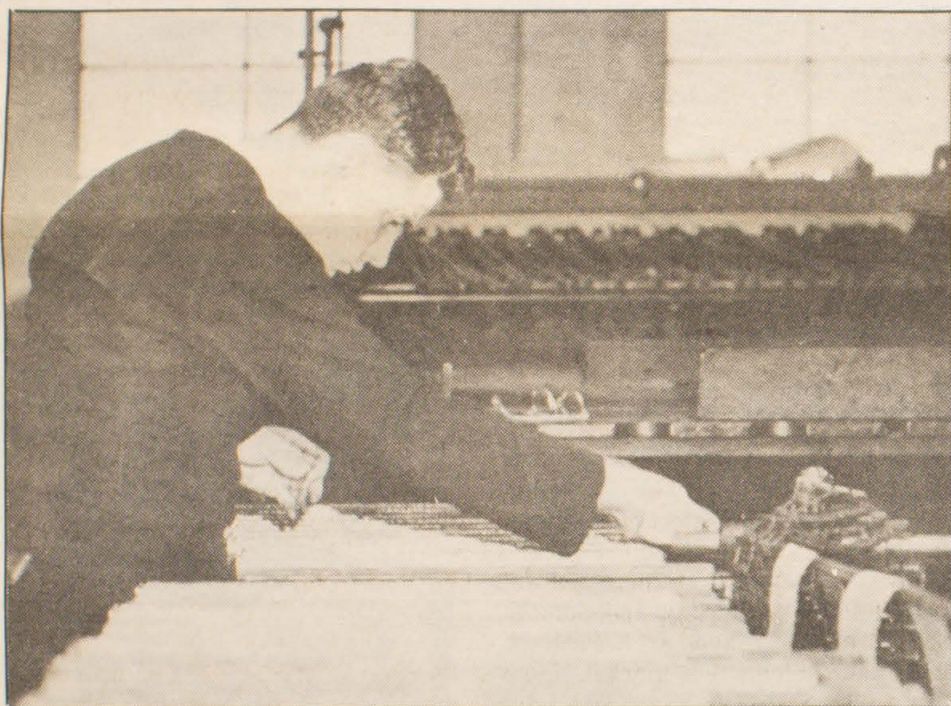
All blood used by Naval Hospital Oak Harbor is tested for the antibody to the HTLV-III virus associated with AIDS. Blood is also tested for hepatitis and syphilis. This conforms with requirements dictated by the American Association of Blood Banks, the Navy Blood Program, and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. This testing detects those who have been exposed to the virus associated with AIDS. Those with AIDS associated medical histories, symptoms and/or lifestyles are asked not to donate blood.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

Your donation of a pint of blood is vital to ensure our nation and local hospitals have a safe and adequate blood supply. Any questions can be directed to the Naval Hospital laboratory at ext. 4393 or 4391.



HM3 Jack Putnam of Naval Hospital's lab stands by his boss, Lt Bob Vernon, as Vernon donates the first pint of blood for the Naval Hospital blood drive set for next week. See story. (PH2 Susan Stark)



PHAN Winger "gets the lead out" for an issue of Propwash, predecessor to Crosswind.

Someone cares

An elderly Navy widow lives next door. You have not seen her for several days. You knock on her door, but there is no answer. You try to phone. A weak voice answers, "I need help." Naturally, you respond.

Your neighbor confides she has not eaten for several days. She couldn't get to the bank to cash her VA check. There was no money for food. Once you have handled the initial emergency, your thoughts turn to how a repeat episode can be prevented. Where do you turn?

Navy Relief has been responding to the special needs of survivors of naval servicemembers for over 80 years. Elderly retirees and their families are also eligible for assistance to help cover medical bills, funeral expenses, car repairs and basic living expenses.

Sometimes our senior citizens merely need a knowledgeable volunteer to act as liaison with the Social Security Administration, the Finance Centers, VA or even local banks or physicians. It would also be comforting to have somewhere to turn if and when government benefit checks are delayed, stolen or otherwise fouled up.

Should you know a retiree or surviving spouse of the Navy or Marine Corps who needs help, encourage him or her to seek assistance from Navy Relief. Call 675-5177 or 257-2728 for further information.

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Wartime families 'make do'

In September 1942, when the "Whidbey re-arming base" was officially commissioned NAS Whidbey Island, the small community of Oak Harbor was still reeling under the influx of 1,000 workmen and servicemen, many with families, who had inundated the tiny town and its 300 inhabitants, demanding services and housing as yet still in the planning stages.

House trailers were brought in, and even former chicken coops were quickly transformed into housing units. The first 100 Victory Homes were completed in time for the commissioning, with the rest of them and the infamous quonset huts to come later.

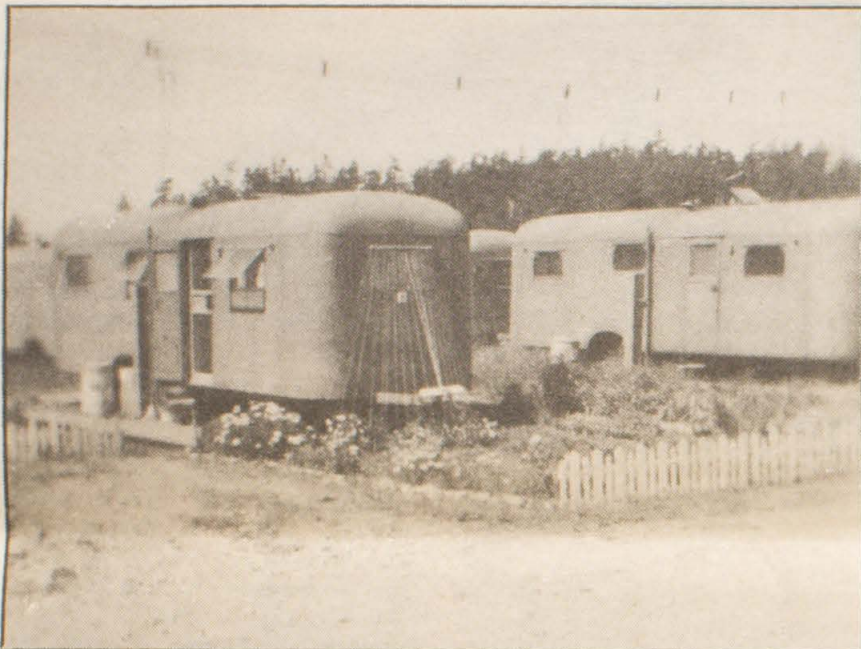
Although willing and ready to give

up their North Whidbey farmlands to the government "for the greater good," the 50 or so local farm owners who were displaced at Crescent Harbor and Clover Valley to make room for barracks and runways suffered much through the strangulation of red tape that caused long delays in payment. Many wished to buy farms in Skagit Valley and other western Washington areas, but were unable to buy new land until the government paid for their old land.

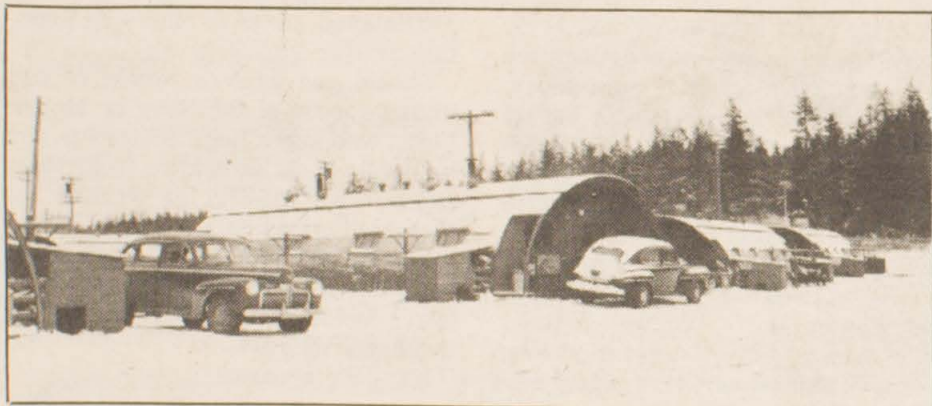
Eventually, even these problems were solved and the business of winning the war went on. Local war bonds and scrap drives; recreation centers for "our boys" and civilian defense activities; sugar and gas rationing, all made headlines in the Island County Farm Bureau News issues for 1942.



Saratoga Heights trailer park



Be it ever so humble



A 1942 winter scene

Gain money-saving talent

The Whidbey Campus of Skagit Valley College will be offering a beginning sewing class this fall. The class will be offered on Mondays from 6:30 to 9 p.m. beginning Sept. 23 and ending Nov. 25.

The class is designed for the beginner or people needing to develop confidence in their sewing skills. Two projects will be sewn in class in order to practice essential techniques and skills to continue sewing on your own. Instructor for the class is Kathy Nienhuis and the cost is \$34. Interested students may register at the college.

P.A. can help

Parents Anonymous (P.A.) meets at the Armed Services YMCA, every Monday from 4:30-6 p.m. Babysitting is provided.

P.A. is an international self-help organization for parents experiencing difficulties in handling their children or parents who have abused their kids.

For more information call Bob Miller, the sponsor, at the Y (675-2771) Monday through Friday between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., or call "Jinny," local chairperson, at 679-4893 anytime. Inquiries are always confidential.



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Of endings and beginnings

By Chaplain Maurice E. Turner

Do you sense a bit of melancholy at the thought of leaving summer behind? We have laughed and played, picnicked and vacationed, revelled in the sights and warmth and sunshine, savoring what many feel is the Northwest's finest season of the year.

It began with lots of plans about the things we would do. Now summer is gone and there is much we never got to. What were your biggest disappointments? The still unorganized garage? The uncompleted landscaping project? That special trip that never happened? The ball game you promised the kids? Such good intentions. But it is past the mid-point of September, and soon our life pattern will be changed as cold creeps in on frosty cat feet.

There is truth here larger than the changing seasons. We swim effortlessly along in some radiant summer season until the glow fades and the warmth chills, and this summertime of opportunity is gone. With it arises the realization that some cherished goal of career or intellect or family or spirit is no longer possible. Jeremiah once said, "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved." What does one do with such disappointment?

Many people respond by melting down into a liquid futility. It is a major characteristic of our period of history. Perhaps too characteristic. While there are plenty of situations beyond redeeming, perhaps we get into a habit and give up on too many others without seriously enough assessing the possibilities.

Another option is to "tough it out" even though it might already be assumed that there isn't much hope. It seems the characteristic of a tough individual with plenty of endurance and something akin to a heroic spirit. It is sometimes called stoicism. In fact, it bears an uncomfortably close

"Reflections"

appearance to a turtle, who, when attacked, is likely to withdraw into its' shell to wait the whole annoying business out. There isn't much chance of his overcoming the problem. And, he tends to lose touch with everything around him due to his suddenly calloused condition.

The only good alternative I can find left is a conscious effort to slow down, rejecting the extravagant luxury of unexamined hopelessness, and the equally pathetic uselessness of stoicism. When opportunities are lost or bad things happen to us, we are often inclined to tell ourselves that the Lord has a reason for this, and we set about trying to figure out what the reason might be. Rarely is anyone successful. A much more constructive question to ask God would be, "Well, here I am in this situation . . . What do you want me to do with it?" Is it really too late — the end of summer, no more opportunities to accomplish or change? Maybe. It happens. You might have to let it go. This is an ancient virtue called resignation, which is frequently the doorway to inner peace.

On the other hand it might not be too

late. A close look at the circumstances might at last suggest that a great opportunity is right at hand,

Come, my friends,
'Tis not too late to seek a newer world.
Push off, and sitting well in order
smite
The sounding furrows; for my purpose
holds
To sail beyond the sunset, and the
paths

Of all the western stars, until I die . . .

Why should the end of summer have anything to do with melancholy? The end of summer means the beginning of fall. Every ending implies a beginning.

Even though the past may hold failures, much more importantly, the future holds possibilities — a chance? Just how much can you and God together achieve.



Former chapel, later home to Navy Relief office. The building, once located across from OEC, was demolished a few years ago.

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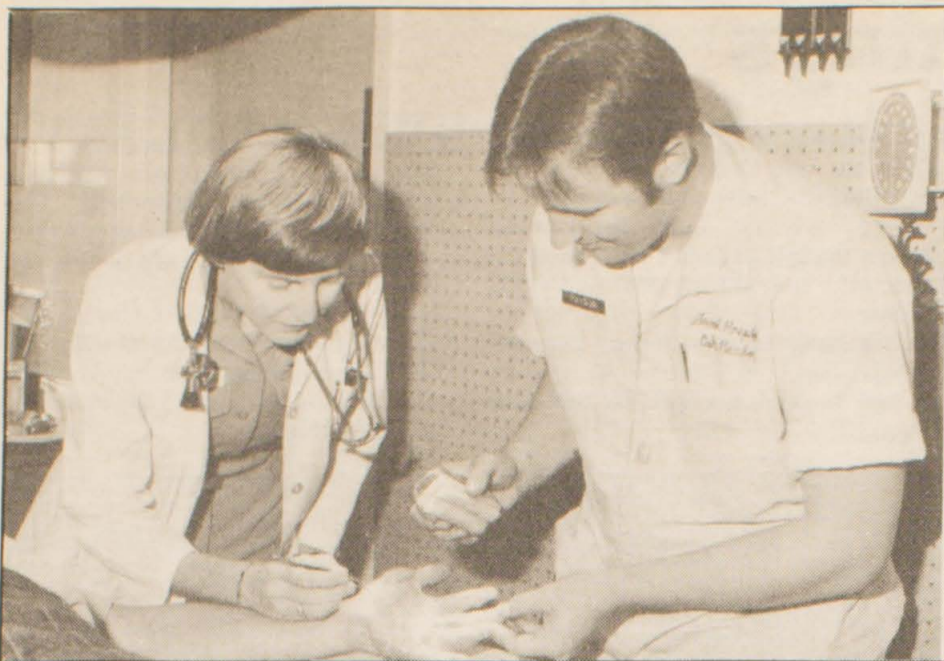
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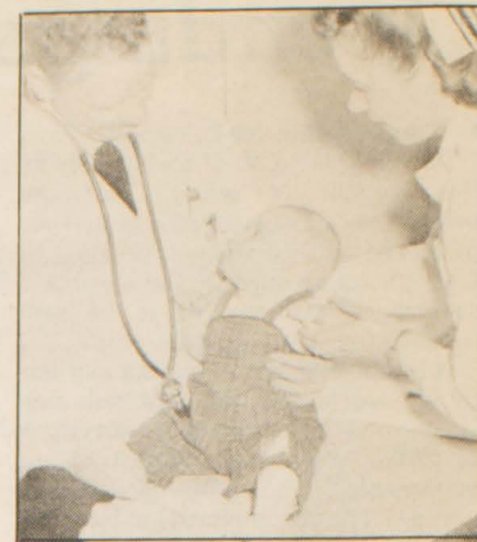
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LCdr Nora Wilcox and HM2 Brian Payson tend to a burn patient in Naval Hospital's Emergency Room. (PH2 Susan Stark)



Sick call finds Dr. McEvers checking out patient, HN J.J. Brewer.



This little patient is now about 31 years old.

To Your Health

By Capt James H. Black
Naval Hospital CO

Q — I wish to inquire about the excessive waiting time I experienced in your Emergency Room before I was seen by a doctor. Does one normally have to wait an hour or more before receiving treatment?

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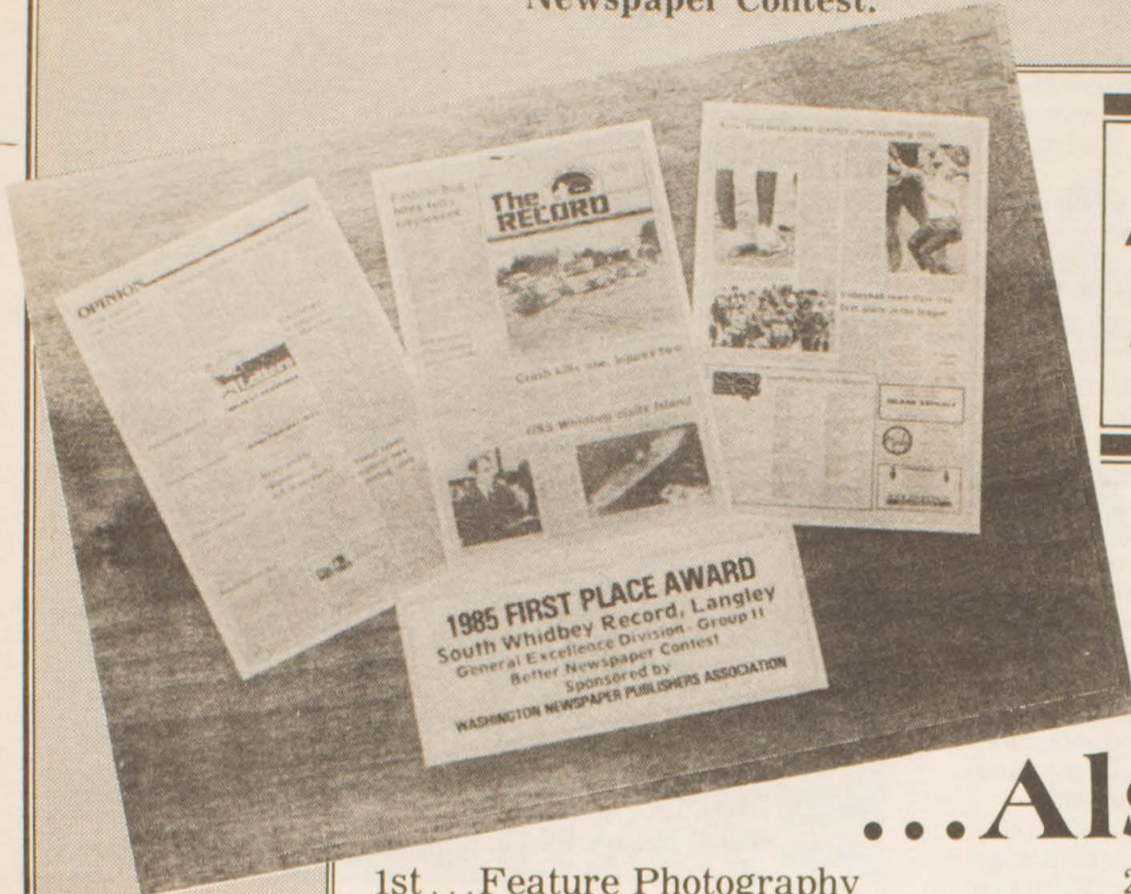


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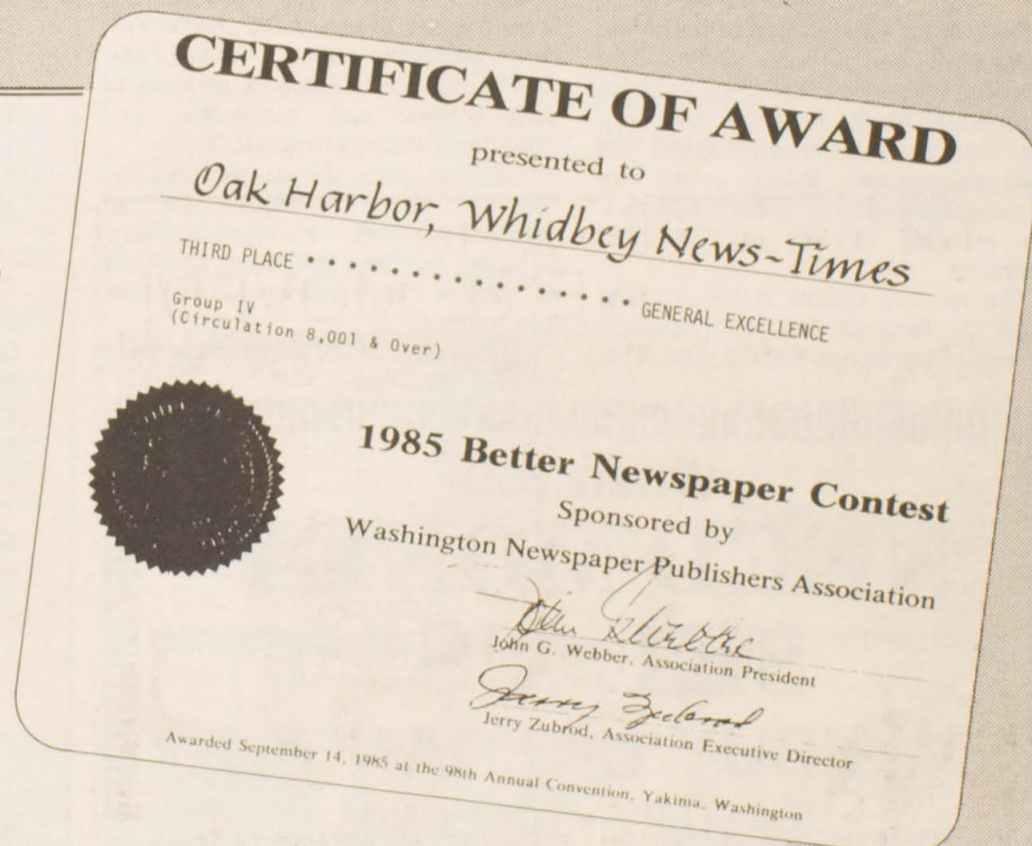


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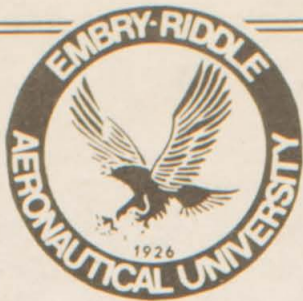


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Displaced homemakers find new beginnings

Former Navy wives still living in Oak Harbor who may suddenly find themselves confronted with job hunting due to a divorce or death of their spouse have a lot more going for them these days.

Free classes and paid childcare are just part of the incentives offered to these women by Skagit Valley College. Vickie White, coordinator of the displaced homemaker program at both Mount Vernon and Oak Harbor campuses, says, "I think we're missing a whole population there (in Oak Harbor), simply because we haven't been able to of-

fer them more." But now that is changing.

A series of workshops and classes for displaced homemakers on Whidbey Island will begin Oct. 11 with a workshop on self-esteem from 9 to 10:30 a.m. in room 14B on the Whidbey Campus of Skagit Valley College in Oak Harbor.

The workshop will continue with assertiveness from 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon. Linda Wight from the SVC Special Services program and Mary Darden, SVC counselor, will conduct the sessions.

The program is geared for older persons who have been primarily homemakers for several years and dependent on their spouses' incomes, according to Vicki White, director of the program. She said that in the Oak Harbor area, she is especially interested in reaching those who were related to service personnel but who have stayed in the community and need to get into the job market.

Classes in career planning will begin Oct. 14 and will meet from 9 a.m. to 12 noon in room 9. In this part of the program, participants will learn how to find opportunities for training and employment and to assess their need for training and education.

Classes are free to those who are eligible. For information or to register, call 675-6656 in Oak Harbor or 428-1161 in Mount Vernon.

Non-resident tuition waived for military

On May 20, Washington state governor Booth Gardner signed into law legislation that allows non-resident active duty military members, and their dependents living in Washington, to pursue higher education at state institutions and pay resident rates. A previous statute allowed military members and their dependents a one-year exemption for non-resident tuition rates beginning the day they moved to Washington.

Spear-heading the change was Commander, Naval Base Seattle, RADM James Severance, who attributed much of the legislative action's success to military members who testified before various

Washington State House and Senate Committees.

The bill was originally introduced by Representative Karen Schmidt of Kitsap County as House Bill 106. The Senate version was introduced by Senator Marcus Gaspard of Pierce County.

Tuition at Skagit Valley College is \$23.30 per credit hour, of which \$2.85 is designated by law as a student activity fee which all students must pay.

A representative of Skagit Valley College, Whidbey Campus, is now available on a daily basis at the Navy Campus office, building 126 at the air station. For more information, call 675-6656 or 675-3581.

Understanding PR

Chapman College will offer a public relations course during the mini-term beginning Nov. 11.

Objective of the course is to present a basic concept of the public relations process, how to inform, prepare and perform the tasks of public relations. Students enrolling in the class will participate in field works and class assignments to achieve the true role of a public relations practitioner. This course will fulfill a major requirement for marketing majors.

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Chapman College is open to military and non-military students alike. Financial aid is available in the form of VA, Navy Tuition Assistance, Pell Grants and insured loans.

For information and counseling appointments, call 679-3715.

Help for business folk

Workshops planned especially for owners and managers of small businesses will begin Sept. 25 in the Skagit Valley College Small Business Resource Center, 1800 LaVenture in Mount Vernon, with a session on "Starting Your Own Business" from 1 to 5 p.m.

Speakers from the SBRC, the Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE) and a local bank will present the workshop. Peter Stroosma, director of the SVC center, emphasized that the session will center on questions and individual problems of those who attend.

Fee for the workshop is \$5 and Stroosma said that those planning to attend should call 428-1282 to reserve a place.

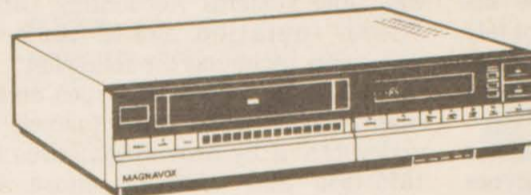


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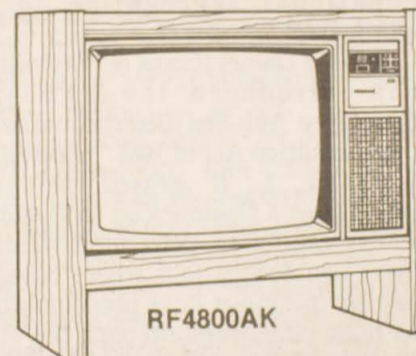


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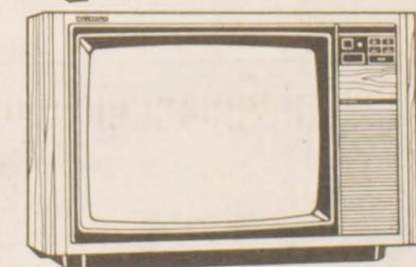


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Part I - More about comparable worth

By Sandi Woolever
EEO reporter

Although the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, the Justice Department, the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, and the White House oppose the concept of comparable worth, i.e., equal pay for different jobs requiring similar skills, effort and responsibility. Civil rights groups and unions throughout the nation are actively promoting acceptance of the concept. In this two-part series, we consider a variety of pertinent aspects.

Currently, Los Angeles is the largest city in the United States to have adopted the comparable worth system. Mayor Tom Bradley has announced "(I am) sending a message to all cities across this country." He said that municipal pay scales would be adjusted so salaries for jobs held mainly by women would be comparable to those for positions traditionally held by men.

In Minnesota, comparable worth has been implemented for state employees since 1983. Nina Rothchild, commissioner for the Department of Employee Relations for Minnesota, said, "Comparable-worth advocates do not seek to remedy all inequities in the economy. Rather, they warn that employers are no longer able to justify the dual-wage structure that provides lower pay for 'women's jobs,' even when the women's jobs demonstrably require the same level of skill, effort and responsibility and working conditions as 'men's jobs'."

Rothchild concludes, "When completed, the process will have cost less than one-tenth of one percent of the state's budget. We have not reduced any wages or laid-off any workers as a result of comparable worth."

Opponents to pay equity legislation have stated that if applied universally, comparable worth could cost U.S. employers \$300 to \$400 billion dollars. When Los Angeles implemented comparable worth, however, Time Magazine reported, "... will cost \$12 million in salary hikes for 3,900

Equal Employment Opportunity

workers . . . supported by male employees, who will not lose any pay in the process."

Representative Mary Rose Oakar of Ohio, sponsor of a pay equity bill that passed the House 413-6 in 1984, charged the Civil Rights Commission's report opposing comparable worth as "misuse of statistical data" and "deliberate distortions." In checking the technical accuracy of the report, "Comparable Worth: Issue for the 80s," the General Accounting Office (GAO) detailed more than 40 criticisms including the following:

— Selectively used statistics on the male-female wage gap, tending to understate it by providing figures for 1815-1930 and omitting those for 1930-1970.

— Cited out-of-date data to minimize the gap between single workers. Using a 1970 sample, the commission said single women's earnings are 97.6 percent those of their male counterparts, while 1980 census data put their share at 77-80 percent.

— Quoted experts like Andrea Beller out-of-context to overstate women's progress in breaking down occupational barriers. The report omitted Beller's conclusion that at the current rate, "It would take 75-100 years for occupational segregation to be eliminated."

Senator Daniel Evans of Washington has introduced the "Federal Employee Anti-Sex Discrimination in Compensation Act of 1985" to be effective Oct. 1. If passed, this act establishes a Commission on Compensation Equity to determine whether there are occupations where rates of pay for positions held predominantly by male employees although the work performed in each instance involves

Civilian job openings

The following Merit Promotion announcements are open to current and former status Civil Service employees (those who have served under a Career or Career-Conditional appointment). Other means may be used to fill these positions. Contact the Civilian Personnel Department for further information. NOTE: A temporary or excepted appointment does not confer civil service status, nor does military service.

Procurement clerk, GS-1106-4; closes Sept. 26
Budget officer, GS-560-11; closes Oct. 2
Supply clerk (data transcribing), GS-2005-04; Closes Sept. 29
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Budget clerk (typing), GS-561-4; closes Sept. 29
Commissary store manager, GS-1144-11; closes Oct. 13
Environmental engineer, GS-0819-5/7/9/11; closes Oct. 13
Fuel distribution systems inspector, WG-5413-10; Temp. NTE 6 Mos.; closes Sept. 23
Engineering draftsman, GS-818-5; closes Sept. 25

Non-Appropriated Funds:
Bartender, NA-7405-03; closes Oct. 31

Positions filled at NAS Whidbey Island for week ending Sept. 14:
Medical clerk (typist) GS-679-4, NH, TDH-03-85, Patricia Martinez
Custodial worker, WG-3566-1, NH, VRA, Victor Siders

skills, effort, responsibilities, qualifications and working conditions which, although not identical, are equivalent in totality.

Evans has said, "It is important to emphasize that we were not out to prove that there was discrimination (during his governorship of Washington). It was almost by accident that we discovered the disparities between male and female dominated occupations in a much broader analysis of job alignments . . . Jobs held by women consistently were underpaid when measured against comparable jobs held primarily by men. For example, animal technicians, a glorified term for zookeepers, received far higher salaries than child care specialist. We paid more to take care of our animals than our children . . ."

How entrenched is opposition to

comparable pay for women? Next week, in Part II, some historic highlights from equal pay for equal work confrontations and current comparable worth predictions will be presented.

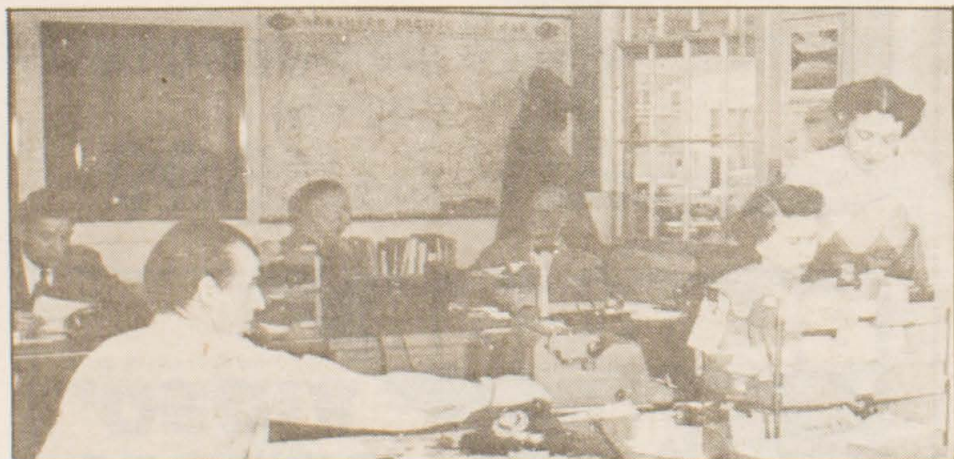
Fort Casey Dance

Soldiers at Fort Casey who have had to stick to their guns most of the time for the past month will have an opportunity to relax a little on Saturday evening, June 20, when they will enjoy a Fort Dance.

All Oak Harbor girls who plan to attend will contact Mrs. M. E. Ober or Winabel Van Dyk.

The dance will be held in the Recreation Hall at Fort Casey starting at 8 p.m.

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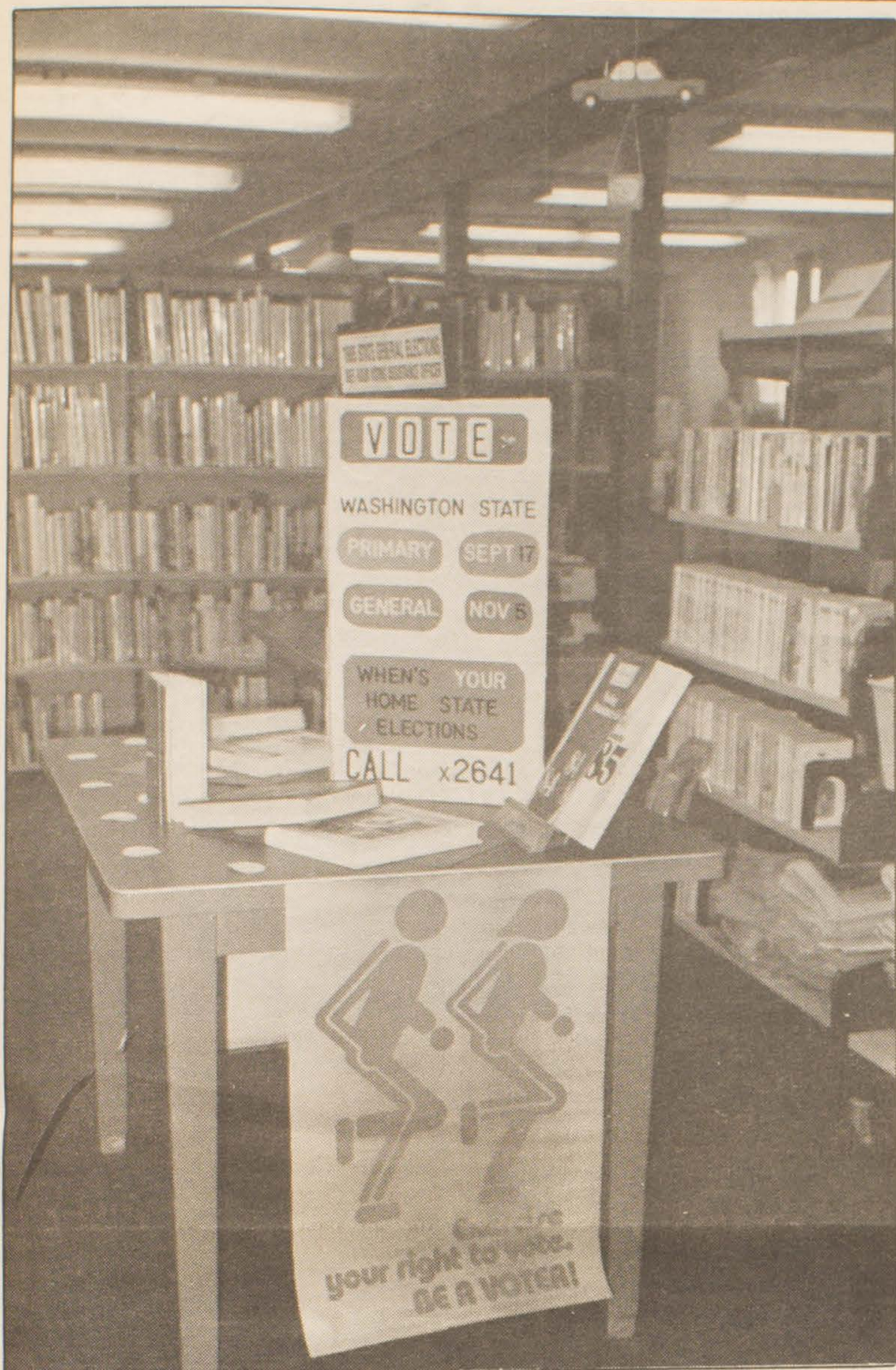
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The poster says "Exercise your right to vote," and every American should! It's just as important as exercise is to your physical well being. Need information on elections in your home state or how to get an absentee ballot? Stop by the Station Library after a work-out in the station gym, and learn how to exercise your right to vote. Laura Howell, library aide, is responsible for this unique display. (Linda Weed photo)

LIBRARY LINK

By Susan McClung

Writing. This is something many of us have to do at some point for school, work or personal affairs. The Station Library has many books to help you write term papers, letters, reports, poetry, fiction and non-fiction.

We also subscribe to a periodical on this subject: "The Writer." The following selected bibliography will give you an idea of the books available at the library: 070APP How to Get Happily Published; 420 WAL A Writer's Guide; 423 SIS Sisson's Word

and Expression Locator; 808 DEU Poetry Handbook; 808 EVA The Complete Guide to Writing Non-Fiction; 808 FLE The Art of Readable Writing; 808 KIL The Writer's Art; 808 MIL How to Write Book Reports; 808 MOV Pearls of Love: A Handbook on Writing Love Letters and Love Poems; 808 MUL The Term Paper, Step-by-Step; 808 RIE How to Write Reports, Papers, Theses, Articles; 808 SAL Article Writing; 808 WRI Writer's Market; and 808ZIN On Writing Well.

How many days ?

By Linda Weed
Recreation reporter

Are the holidays going to find you in a panic this year? They won't if you start now! Find your Recreation Newsletter and open it up. Notice all the classes our Arts and Crafts Center is offering this month and next. If you put your mind to it, you can probably fill your gift list with handmade items this year.

Babies would love one of the new huggable ceramic pieces, teens adore the easy to make baskets and a stained glass box is perfect for anyone. Put your spare time to creative and clever use. Take a class today! Call 257-2173 for details.

GIRLS NIGHT OUT

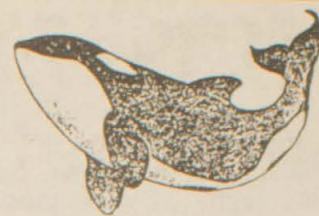
The Teen Club at the Youth Center has planned a special evening for girls on Wednesday, Sept. 25. All they ever wanted to know about manicures and facials will be presented between 6 and 8 p.m. Encourage your teen to come by and learn the importance of good grooming. Boys are allowed to participate, too.

Other activities on tap for the week are a poker night on Monday and swimming at Vanderzicht pool. Remember, there will be a Teen Club meeting on Friday at 6:30 p.m. Be sure to attend.

KIDS' CLUB SETS RACE

Thursday, Sept. 26, will give those who made tin can stilts a couple weeks ago a chance to prove who is best. A race has been set to begin sometime between 2:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. at the Youth Center. Face painting, bubbles and a tour of SAR are planned for next week as well.

Calendars of events for both the Teen Club and Kids' Club are available in the offices of elementary schools, the middle school and junior high school. The Youth Center program is open to all children and teens of the community. It is co-sponsored by the Armed Services YMCA and Special Services. For more information, call 257-3150.

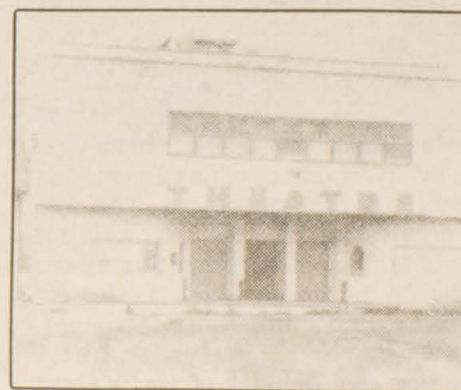


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Miss last weeks Weapons Safety Course? No problem! We have scheduled another one for Wednesday, Sept. 25 at 5 p.m. at the Rod and Gun Club on Clover Valley Road. This course is required of all active duty personnel wishing to check out rifles and shotguns from NAS Weapons. The course is free of charge. Call Don Bateman, 257-2432, with questions.



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- ★ Children's play "Treasure Island", 2 p.m.

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Barracks house thousands over 43 years

By MS2 Ken Jaeger
VAQ-131 building petty officer

As a building petty officer, I am responsible for the living conditions of BEQ 11. I am often asked, "What was it like to live in the barracks at NAS Whidbey during World War II, and what kind of improvements have been made since then?"

The old "H" style barracks were built in 1942 at a cost of \$114,000 each. They were constructed to wartime standards and specifications with a maximum life expectancy of five years.

Retired Navyman Cliff Fuller was assigned to VPB-135 in October 1943. He lived in barracks 108, now the base administration building. He said the worst part of living in the barracks was, "It was always cold and damp. Unless your bunk was near a radiator, you were never really warm."

Each individual barracks was heated by a coal fire. In addition to being barracks manager, the MAA force was responsible for fueling those coal fires. (That isn't to say they weren't doing their job.)

It was during this time that when reveille was held, everyone had to wake up and get out of their racks. It was not uncommon for a man to go to Captain's Mast for oversleeping.

The construction of the row barracks began in the spring of 1954 and was completed in January 1955. Each of the buildings was built at a cost of \$480,000. A September 1954 issue of "Propwash" (now Crosswind), said that the new barracks would be "ultra-modern." Each floor was divided into cubicles housing two double and two single bunks. Each bunk had an individual reading light over it. In 1973, the row barracks were converted into their present configuration of 33 rooms. Each room houses two to three men and is complete with a head.

In 1965, the military realized it was just as important to spend money on the living conditions of its personnel as it was to purchase weapons. This was demonstrated when the CNO Admiral David McDonald introduced an all-out program to provide better housing for officer and enlisted personnel. "Adequate living facilities are a military requirement of the highest priority," CNO said in his directive.

To meet requirements set by CNO, NAS Whidbey began construction of BEQ 8 in November 1965. Construction was completed in December 1966 at a cost of \$1,225,000. Originally it was three stories high. The fourth deck was added in 1969.



Former CO Capt A.W. Smith tests mattress in new BEQ 11 in 1969. The barracks then housed 320 men.

BEQ 11 was built in 1969 as a two story building at a cost of \$1,500,000. The third and fourth decks were added in 1971.

Both of these BEQs are unique in that the rooms are enclosed and have doors to ensure privacy. Each room contains carpeting, desks, lamps and built-in wardrobes. These buildings also contain TV lounges. The lobby areas now include pool tables and video games as well as various vending machines. There are heads and laundry rooms located on each deck in a central location.

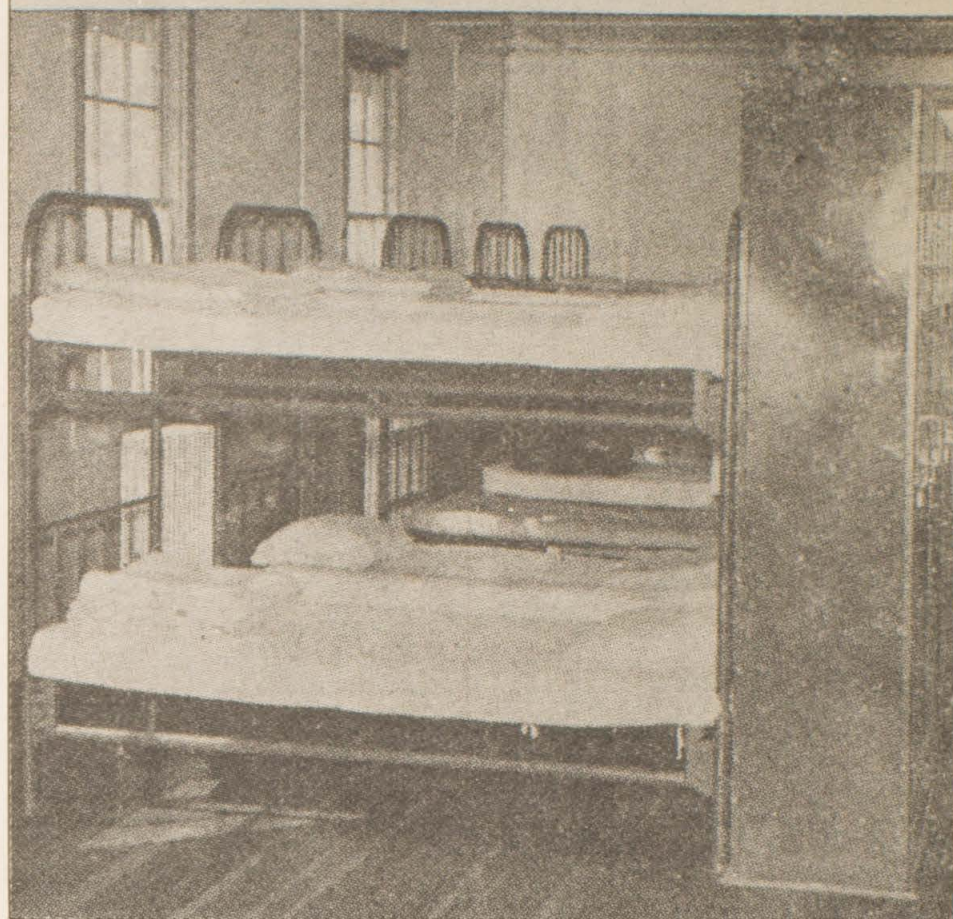
In January 1973, mess management specialists took control of BEQ management. As a service-oriented rate, MS personnel are more accustomed to working with the residents on an individual basis.

In 1974, BEQ 12 was built at a cost of \$2.9 million. This barracks is divided into four room modules. There are two to three men in each room. Each module contains a lounge complete with furniture and color TV sets.

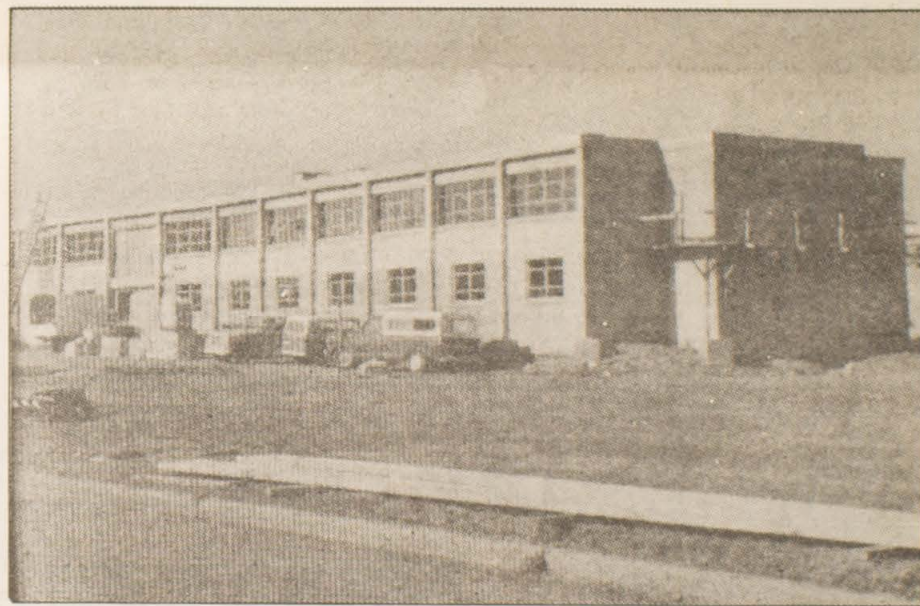
Improvements of living conditions in the barracks doesn't stop here. This fall construction will begin on a new 600-man barracks (replacing the CCU building) at a cost of \$13.5 million. When the building is completed, the central billeting office will be relocated to that building. Living accommodations promise to be better than those of BEQ 11 and 12.

With all the improvements that have been made through the years, it is easy to see that NAS Whidbey's barracks really have come a long way.

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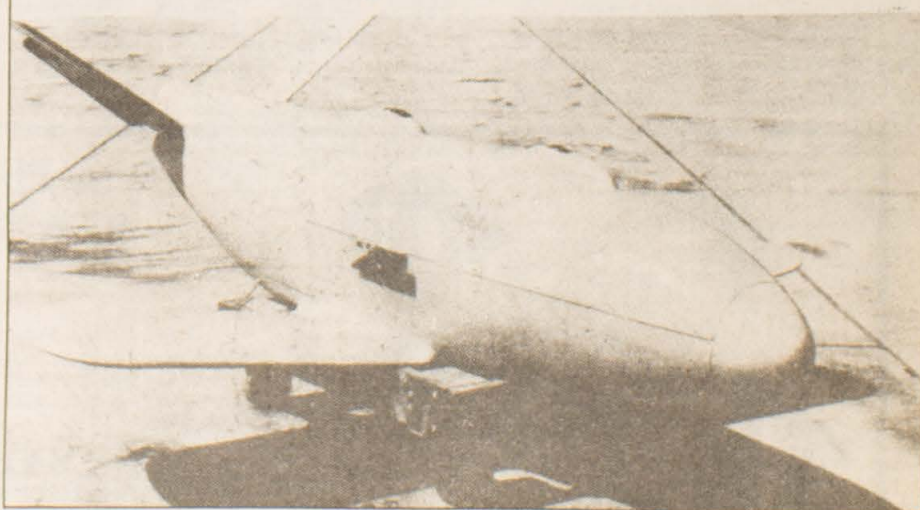


Billed as "Hotel Deluxe, Navy style," these early berthing spaces are at least clean and comfortable, if lacking in privacy.



Barracks 11 under construction in 1969. An additional two stories were added in 1971.

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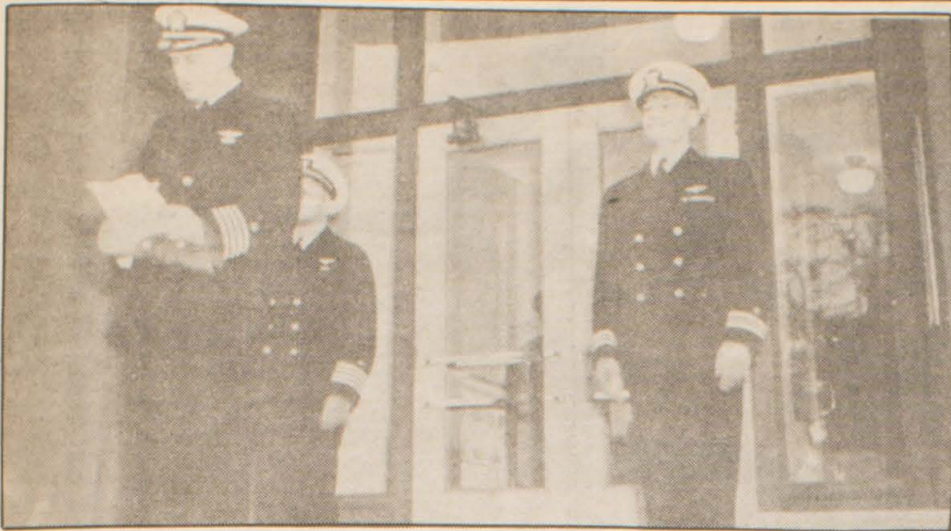
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Capt Cyril T. Simard, with his XO LCdr Willis B. Haviland at right, at the commissioning ceremonies for NAS Whidbey Island in September 1942.

It Was Only a Year Ago

A year ago this week the Farm Bureau News carried the sensational headlines that the Whidby Naval Air Base Bill had been approved by the House and that a seaplane base for Crescent Harbor was a certainty.

Since the news electrified the town to the present day a great change has taken place in the even tenor of our ways. At that time it would have been impossible to foresee the development which the town and country has undergone and which we take as a matter of course today. The peaceful beautiful Maylor point is now the scene of bustling activity, huge purposeful buildings rear their head where cows contentedly chewed their cud in Crescent Harbor, and runways and buildings of unbelievable size and number dot the territory marked off with "industrial area" and "no trespassing" signs in Clover Valley.

The business section of Oak Harbor, geared for a comfortable clientele of an odd 1,500 or so, nearly over night found itself forced to expand to serve three times as many. And the merchants found the problems of unions must be met and dealt with.

The people of the community saw opportunity knocking at every door in their house. They did not ask for jobs; jobs were thrust upon them. They did not advertise to rent their spare rooms; renters pled to be taken in. There was a market for every bit of energy a man or woman could generate.

And now that the unbelievable has happened, and Oak Harbor has made the adjustment required of her, she waits for the news of July 23, 1943 with the comforting assurance that come what may she can take it and handle it, perhaps not so heroically but just as capably as Sergeant York handled his problems during the last world crisis.

Editorial from the Farm Bureau News, Oak Harbor, July 23, 1942



Early "Propwash" cover



Times have changed, but the camaraderie remains, as men of VPB-135 and their ladies enjoy a dance or two at the Officers' Club during their reunion here last week. See story. (AC2 Mike Mace)

Blind Foxes return to Whidbey after 40 years

By Barry Love
NAS Public Affairs

With timeliness appropriate for tomorrow's 43rd birthday of the air station, over 100 former VPB-135 squadron members and their wives made NAS Whidbey the site of their 40 year reunion last week. Squadron-mates traveled from as far away as New Hampshire and Hawaii to rendezvous at their former home on Whidbey Island, and to be reunited with comrades from World War II.

VPB-135 first called NAS Whidbey home starting in 1942, when they were commissioned as the first of the all-weather attack squadrons. Flying the PBY Catalina and then the PV-1 Vega Ventura aircraft, they were pioneers in the any time, any weather mission. From their home base at NAS Whidbey, they made deployments to several bases in the Aleutian Islands chain. Most of their deployment time was spent at the air base on the island of Attu, one of the furthest and most remote of the long chain of volcanic islands.

During these deployments, they engaged in repeated action against Japanese forces testing our Northern Pacific flanks. At one juncture, VPB-

135, along with several other sister units, was employed as a feinting movement, faking a large scale assault on the northern Japanese Islands. This decoy drew numerous enemy forces away from the raging battles in the Central Pacific area, and made victories easier for the main Allied battle forces.

The former squadron members have had a reunion in the past, but it was unanimously agreed that their return to Whidbey, their original starting point, was the best highlight they could possibly have. Of course, there have been many changes; most (but not all!) of the buildings have been replaced, and the multi-million dollar jets here today are a quantum improvement from piston-bargers of yesteryear.

VPB-135 left Whidbey several years after the end of the war, eventually becoming VP-5, a P-3 squadron homebased in Jacksonville, Fla. But, one thing the Blind Fox team noted hasn't changed is the Whidbey spirit, that certain bond and camaraderie among Whidbeyites, that keeps this community such a special place to live and work, back then as now.



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