



ADVANCEMENTS IN RATE -- Capt. R. E. McCall, left, Commanding Officer of NAF, presented seven advancements in rate to men in his command Friday, September 4, at Morning Quarters. The seven men promoted were: AZC G. F. Williamson, promoted to Chief Petty Officer; AZ3 D. C. Bonnie; AK3 M. L.

Deseranno; ADJ3 J. J. Hearst; AK3 D. W. Martin; AQF3 J. M. Meyer, and ADJ3 T. C. Sanchez. In addition to the advancements in rate, Capt. McCall awarded Gold Hashmark Club cards to Hughes N. Naumu and R. D. Anderson.

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Safety Urges Drivers Be Cautious Of Student

Now that school has started, children of all ages may be seen walking to and from school, generally at the same time as employees on the Center are driving to and from work.

Narrow streets in some areas of the Center, with no sidewalks, allow little room for vehicles to weave their way around these children.

According to the NWC Safety Department, watchful care by NWC motorists has resulted in very few injuries to children during the school year. However, it has been noticed that the care exercised by most motorists is decreasing.

Parents can help by giving their children an understanding of the stopping distances of an automobile at Center speed limits; knowledge of traffic signs, and advise the children on the safest route to walk to school.

The best defense a parent may give a child is a basic knowledge of the traffic problems the child might have to face. An example cited by the Safety Department is a child's understanding of the routine stop sign. Safety feels a stop sign may give a child a false sense of security, and many children will step out in front of a car, simply because they believe the car has to stop. Children should be taught to wait until a vehicle is completely stopped before crossing at an intersection.

Motorists are warned to stop long enough at the stop sign to give timid children time to cross. In addition, they should be on the lookout for groups of children walking adjacent to a roadway, and should slow down when approaching children walking, riding

or playing.

According to a recent news letter from the Kern County Safety Council, safe bicycling habits should be taught children by parents as soon as the children begin riding. Some of the more important bicycling rules, listed by the Safety Council, follow:

Cyclists should ride on the right side of the road, obey all traffic control signals, and use the proper hand and arm signals for turns and stopping;

If a bike is ridden at night, it should be equipped with a light on the front and a reflector on the rear. The cyclist himself should wear white or light colored clothing after dark;

Cyclists should ride single file, and never more than two abreast on a street;

A cyclist should never try to squeeze in between two lanes of traffic, whether the cars are moving or stopped. Cyclists should watch carefully for cars pulling into traffic and for sudden opening of car doors;

It is safest to get off the bike and walk across busy streets, crosswalks, or intersections.

Motorists should give children the right-of-way and depend on their own good sense, not that of a small child. In addition, motorists should allow plenty of distance when passing a youngster on a bicycle. An unsteady bike rider is a hazard to everyone.



NEW CHIEF--ADCS Don Billinger of VX-5 receives congratulations from VX-5 Executive Officer Cdr. Bert Creighton, Jr., on the occasion of Billinger's advancement to Aviation Machinist's Mate Senior Chief on September 1. Chief Billinger joined the Navy less than 11 years ago and reported to VX-5 in February, 1967. He resides at 306 Dorado.

China Lake Concert Season . . .

(Continued from Page 4) Elizabeth England, will take concert-goers into an exciting excursion of the great musical past.

Reigning Prima Donna Miss Dorothy Kirsten, claimed by the Metropolitan and San Francisco Opera companies as their own, is the successor to the "golden voice" chain begun by Geraldine Farrar and Grace Moore. Throughout the past, Dorothy Kirsten has sung the most glamorous roles in the repertoires of the greatest opera houses -- Tosca, Violetta, Louise, Cio San, Manon Lescaut, Fiora, Mimi, Juliette and Marguerite. To those roles she has recently added another: Minnie, in Puccini's "The Girl of the Golden West," a personal victory that led the Dallas Morning News to call Miss Kirsten, "The Golden Girl of the West."

Dorothy Kirsten will bring this artistry to the local stage on Tuesday, April 6. Local concert-goers will thrill to her beautiful voice in numbers from her tremendous repertoire.

When she was sent to Russia by the United States State Department, Miss Kirsten had the unprecedented experience of 25 curtain calls following her performance of "Faust" at the Bolshoi Theatre.

Louis Biancolli, of the New York World-Telegram and Sun, said of her: "Dorothy Kirsten is one of the

great operatic sopranos of our time," and Newsweek called her "One of the world's most richly endowed singing actresses." Ticket information and seating arrangements may be found elsewhere on these two pages.

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SATURDAY 12 SEPTEMBER. MATINEE: NIGHT OF THE GRIZZLY. EVENING: THE BLISS OF MRS. BLOSSOM. TUES and WED 15-16 SEPTEMBER. THUR and FRI 17-18 SEPTEMBER.



PLAN SALES CAMPAIGN -- Members of the China Lake Civic Concert Association board of directors gather for a confab to discuss the 1970-71 season ticket sales campaign. Present for the meeting are (l to r) Jack Fischer, Sales Coordinator; Lcdr. W. J. Schell, Publicity; Dr. M. H. Kaufman, Sales Manager; Mrs. Richard Fryer, Advertising; Dr. H. Bennett, President of the board; and Carroll Evans, ticket manager.

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NEWLY-APPOINTED DEPUTY TECHNICAL DIRECTOR (ACTING)-Effective September 9, 1970, Dr. Newton E. Ward, Head of NWC's Aviation Ordnance Department and Assistant Technical Director for Development (Weapons Systems) has been appointed to the position of Deputy Technical Director (Acting). Dr. Ward will continue to act in this capacity at the Center until a permanent selection is made.

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CSC Submits Updated Proposal On Pay

The U.S. Civil Service Commission has submitted to Congress an Administration proposal for an improved, permanent system for adjusting the salaries of Federal white-collar employees.

The proposal vests in the President the responsibility for making annual adjustments in pay in conformity with policies approved by Congress and based on surveys conducted by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The proposal places upon the President's agent the responsibility to consult with employee organizations on specific matters relating to salary adjustments. Further, it provides for review of these actions by an impartial body which will resolve any remaining issues or which will recommend to the President the means for resolving such issues.

As submitted to Congress the proposal would: 1. Afford an appropriate role to the President, the Congress, and Federal employee organizations in the setting of pay. 2. Extend the comparability concept embodied in the 1962 and 1967 pay laws and thereby keep Federal workers' pay comparable with salaries paid by employers outside of Government.

3. Reduce to a maximum of 6 months the time lag between a pay survey and the effective date of a Federal salary adjustment. 4. Create an Advisory Committee on Federal Salaries, an impartial body of three non-government members appointed by the President to serve 6-year terms.

Brewer Selected NWC Bluejacket Kentucky Native And Wife Earns Trip To Bakersfield

Fire Control Technician second class Ralph L. Brewer, of NWC, a native of Lexington, Kentucky, has been named "Bluejacket of the Month" for September. The 27-year-old Brewer is a special project supervisor for supporting radars at the Weapon Control Facility on the Center.

As a result of his selection, Brewer and his wife Vivian, will journey to Bakersfield as guests of the Bakersfield Chamber of Commerce for an all-expense paid weekend full of interesting highlights and surprises. The couple will be guests at the Royal Inn, 1101 Oak St., and will take their meals at the Howdy House, 1021 Oak St. In addition, Brewer will be interviewed on KERO-TV for broadcast during a news program.

While in Bakersfield, the September Bluejacket will receive a hospitality packet from the CoC which will contain gift certificates and discount certificates for the China Lake couple. Before leaving China Lake, Brewer will receive a new Ford from Desert Motors to use on the fun-filled weekend.

Brewer enlisted in the regular Navy as a Seaman Recruit on February 6, 1964. Following boot camp he was sent to Vietnam and served as a 50-caliber machine gunner on a riverboat out of Danang. After that tour of duty, Brewer joined the Electronics program in the Navy.

"That was a lucky move for me," he said, "for it was while training in that program at FT "C" School, in Great Lakes, Illinois, that I met Vivian."

Mrs. Brewer is a qualified radioman in the U.S. Navy. She too

was attending the radio school at Great Lakes when she met Ralph. Vivian was born in El Paso, Texas, but calls New York City her home. Following marriage to Ralph, she called an end to her Navy career. Vivian rounds out her new career as a Navy wife by working as a beautician. In addition, she and Ralph repair television sets in their spare time as a hobby.

"Being named the September Bluejacket is a great thrill," Brewer stated, "however, it ranks only third on my list. My marriage to Vivian is first, followed by the birth of our son Jeffrey, last month."

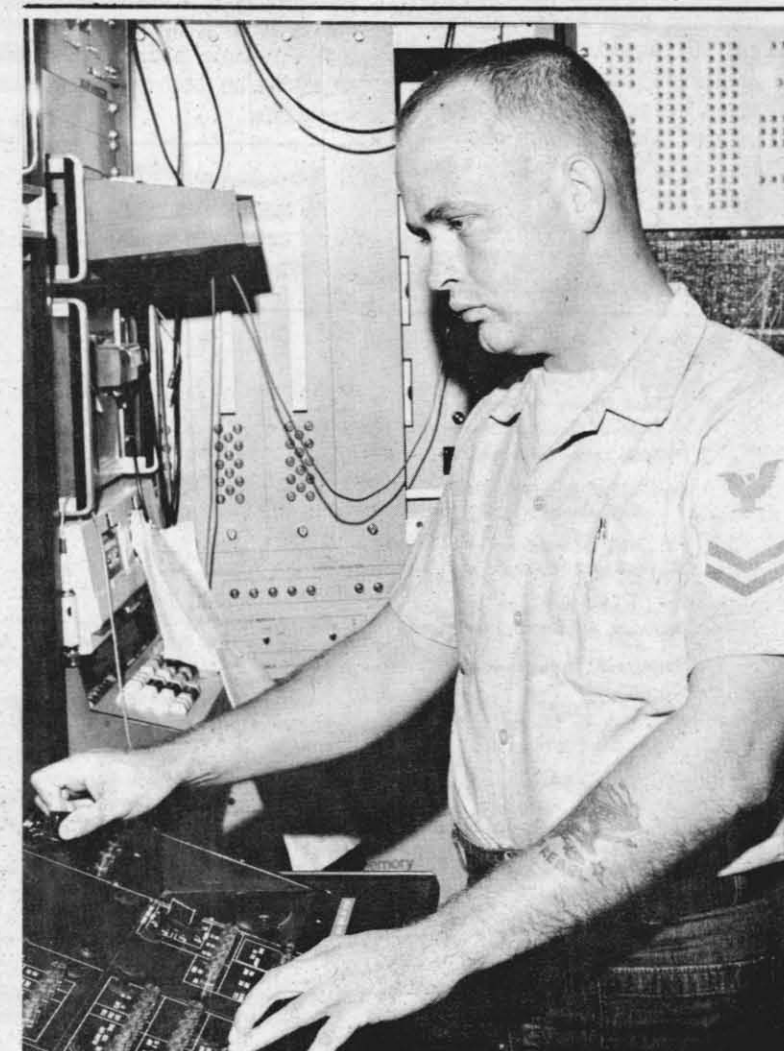
Active In Sports Ralph is active in many phases of community life on the Center. He was manager of the Royals, in the T-Ball League of the China Lake Little League, which won the league championship this year. In addition, he was a member of the Loners, the team which won the City Bowling Tournament, also this year.

Brewer is a night manager at the China Lake Bowl, and has a current "book" bowling average of 177. However, he managed to hold a 190 during the summer while bowling in the Tuesday night Ball & Chain League.

The September Bluejacket placed third recently in the finals of the Herald Examiner Bowling Tournament in Bakersfield, and shot a 680 series (with handicap) in the 1970 State Bowling Tournament, which should place him in the money.

Athletics come easy to Ralph. While attending Bryan Station High School, in Lexington, he

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SEPTEMBER BLUEJACKET--FTG2 Ralph L. Brewer selected for September "Bluejacket of the Month" honors, from NWC, adjusts a piece of equipment at the Weapon Control Facility, where he is a special project supervisor for supporting radars.



DOROTHY KIRSTEN

Concert Season Begins Oct. 28

The great American prima donna, Miss Dorothy Kirsten, the New York Pro Musica, the Romero Family, and the world of music's pre-eminent piano team, Whittemore and Lowe, will make up the fantastic program being offered this season by the China Lake Civic Concert Association.

The first concert of the season will be offered on Wednesday, October 28, and season tickets are now on sale, according to Dr. Hal Bennett, president of the Concert Association's board of directors.

Pianists Lead Off

The initial presentation will feature the piano artistry of Whittemore and Lowe. As recitalists, they are uniquely successful. Their hallmark is the creative care with which they build their programs and the striking empathy which they feel for their audiences.

The late Kirsten Flagstad said of them: "There are many marvelous performers before the public today, but very few great recitalists. Whittemore and Lowe certainly must be counted among those few."

Their devotion to new music is attested by their numerous commissions to contemporary composers. They are the only soloists ever to have premiered two major concertos with the New York Philharmonic in a single concert. They introduced, in recital and on records, the music of the late great Francis Poulenc to their wide American public.

Family of Guitarists

The Romeros, often called Spain's first family of guitar, will

present their exciting program to local aficionados of the guitar on Monday, December 7. The Romeros — Celedonio Romero and his three sons Celin, Pepe and Angel — have played approximately 600 American concerts since 1961.

The New York Times stated: "Their artistry, rooted in dignity, is disciplined in a family tradition and mellowed to a sweetness and delicacy unique in the field."

They have appeared on the Ed Sullivan Show, Today Show, the Tonight Show, and many others. In addition, they record on Mercury records, and have recently added yet another dimension to their extraordinary performance record, by appearing with the orchestras of Dallas and San Antonio. Their reception was so great that they have invited the Esterhazy Orchestra to appear with them in New York at Carnegie Hall.

New York Pro Musica

The New York Pro Musica, a group which presents the musical masterpieces from the age that produced Shakespeare, Leonardo da Vinci, and Dante, will appear in concert Monday, February 1. Billed as . . . "Performers of medieval renaissance and baroque music" the Pro Musica group will present a repertoire as wide and as vari-colored as the period that it musically depicts. Sacred works that were performed in such cathedrals as Chartres and Notre Dame; lusty songs and dances of 15th Century Germany; and elegant and earthy music from

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WHITTEMORE AND LOWE



THE ROMEROS

The 1970-71 Concert Season

Whittemore and Lowe	Wednesday, October 28, 1970
The Romeros	Monday, December 7, 1970
The New York Pro Musica	Monday, February 1, 1971
Dorothy Kirsten	Tuesday, April 6, 1971

SEASON TICKET SALES CAMPAIGN

1,096 Seats in the Station Theater

Renewal Letters Mailed September 8, 1970

End of Sales Campaign October 12, 1970

Renewal Exchange Seat Selection October 13, 1970
Maturango Museum, 6-10 p. m.

New Member Seat Selection October 14 & 15, 1970
Maturango Museum, 6-10 p.m.

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