

FRA National President To Visit Tues.

An opportunity will be provided on Tuesday evening for members and guests of Branch 95 of the Fleet Reserve Association to meet and hear a talk by F. E. McCulley, national president of the FRA, who will be a visitor here.

The meeting at which McCulley will be the honored guest will get under way at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the FRA clubhouse, 365 McIntire St., China Lake. All FRA members, whether or not they are affiliated with Branch 95, are invited to attend, Harry Bond, president of the local branch, said.

"A visit from the national executive is a rare privilege, especially in our remote location," Bond stated. Referring to the type of information that is expected to be discussed, the local FRA president added:

"He will undoubtedly have hot news from headquarters that will bring us right up to date on what 'your man in Washington' is accomplishing for the career man and woman."

In addition, McCulley will respond to questions from the audience and will welcome opinions from concerned Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard personnel who are either stationed in the local area, or retired and living here.

Donations Now Being Sought For Book Sale

In preparation for a book sale that is to be held on Saturday, March 18, a community-wide campaign to collect used books has been launched by the China Lake Elementary Music Parents Club. Purpose of the book sale is to raise funds that will be used for scholarships to enable deserving music students from Murray School to attend Arrowbear Music Camp this summer.

Persons having books to contribute for the sale can leave them at the home of Mrs. Jean Backman, 513 Kearsarge Ave., China Lake, phone 446-2325, or with Mrs. H. R. Leon, 312 Toro St., Desert Park, phone 375-7778.

Senior Teen Club Dance Set Tonight

The China Lake Senior Teen Club, sponsored by the Youth Center, will hold a dance for high school and college age students tonight, beginning at 8 o'clock, at the Community Center.

"The Gates" will provide entertainment for the evening. Admission is \$2 per person for general admission, with Senior Teen Club members admitted free of charge.

The dance is open to all high school and college students in the Indian Wells Valley.

Little League Signups Slated

China Lake Little League baseball officials announced that tryouts will be held tomorrow at Diamond No. 4, opposite the bowling alley. Little League is for boys 9 to 12 years of age.



A LITTLE HAIRY—This bevy of beauties will be on hand to enhance the evening for patrons of the "Fractured Follies—'72," which is to be staged tonight and tomorrow night at the Burroughs Lecture Center, beginning at 8 o'clock. These gentlemen, (l.-r.) Jerry Harper, Fred Stahlman and Jerry Lefebvre, strut their stuff in a good cause. Money brought in by the Follies will go into the IWV Campership Fund and will be used to help send deserving youngsters to summer camp this year.

Fractured Follies Opens Tonight, Proceeds Aid Campership Fund

The curtain will go up tonight and tomorrow night at 8 at the Burroughs High School Lecture Center for "Fractured Follies—'72," a musical variety show being staged by the China Lake PTA as a benefit for the Indian Wells Valley Campership Fund.

A packed house is expected both nights for this show, which will spotlight the musical and acting ability of local residents who will take part in 31 different skits. Tickets, priced at \$2 for adults and \$1 for children, are available at the door, or from cast members, China Lake PTA board members, or at Senn's Coiffures, the Station Pharmacy, or the Gift Mart in Ridgecrest.

All profits realized from the program will enable deserving youngsters from China Lake, Ridgecrest, Inyokern and Randsburg to attend summer camp this year as beneficiaries of the Indian Wells Valley Campership Fund. Robert Stevens, a professional

performer and director with the Jerome H. Cargill Producing Organization, of New York, has prepared 31 musical and comedy skits, ranging from a rockette line to a rollicking fun-filled beach scene out of the Roaring 20s. Radio Station KLOA's Blaine Davies will narrate one of the highlights of the show, a "Salute to Show Biz" skit that will feature the talents of Gwen and Everett Baker, Jim Heck, Lynn Bucher, Marlene Page, Marge Meraz, Dan Lydon, Joan Renner, Pat Bolstad, Bernie Caputo, Al Pena, Virginia Keyte, Bill Grady, Hugh Holt, Sid Smith, Pat Burmeister, Dottie Cowan, Steve Kaupp, Fred Stahlman, Jerry Lefebvre, Paul Arundson, Bruce Bolstad, Judy Harper, Don Raef, Orsel Starkey, Daphne Marshall, Pat Homer and Joan Leipnik. During this salute, local performers will recall the days of Al Jolson, Helen Morgan, Eddie Cantor, Sophie Tucker, Bing Crosby, Nelson Eddy and Jeanette

McDonald, and Frank Sinatra. In addition, musical salutes to the Charleston era, the waltz and a "Laugh-in Party" will take place.

Many other local residents are involved on stage as well as behind the scenes. The committee responsible for the show, in addition to director Stevens, includes Judy Mendonca, general chairman, Ann McCubbin, Pat Homer and Dottie Cowan, who took care of the talent search and rehearsal times, Norweita Cook, wardrobe, and Joanne Kaupp, publicity.

Others who helped are Ann Faith, ticket sales; Charlotte Paulsen, program layout; Nancy Loundigan, advertising; Alan Paulsen, stage manager (aided by his wife, Charlotte); Janet Hughes, make-up, and Kathi Drake, in charge of ushers.

Also behind the scenes are Doris Valitchka, fashion show coordinator; Patty Musser, posters and art work; Dick Mahan, lighting, and Mrs. Mendonca, finance.



JUDGED BEST OF SHOW—Dee Olger, left, and Grace Vorwerk display their ceramic pieces, judged "Best of Show" in the recent Ceramic Hobby Shop exhibit. Mrs. Vorwerk's large urn was selected by the three-member panel of judges and Mrs. Olger's large stein was chosen by the viewing public. The urn was designed by Mrs. Vorwerk and cast all in one stroke. Mrs. Olger's stein was finished and cast in stans.

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MOVIE RATINGS
The objective of the ratings is to inform parents about the suitability of movie content for viewing by their children.
(G) - ALL AGES ADMITTED General Audiences
(PG) - ALL AGES ADMITTED Parental Guidance Suggested
(R) - RESTRICTED Under 17 requires accompanying Parent or Adult Guardian

FRI. 3 March
"A MAN CALLED HORSE" (114 Min)
Richard Harris, Judith Anderson
(Western) A compelling, beautifully filmed depiction of authenticated tribal rites faced by a captive who is treated like a horse by Indians until he wins an ultimate test. No stereotyped Indians here! A-C-T-I-O-N!! (PG)
NO SHORT SUBJECTS

SAT. 4 March
—MATINEE—
"THOSE FANTASTIC FLYING FOOLS" (92 Min)
Troy Donahue
"FEATHER FINGER" (7 Min)
—EVENING—
"HOA BINH" (93 Min)
Cannes film festival winner starring Phi Lan

(Drama-Adventure) Director Raoul Coutard spent 11 years in Viet Nam and now tells the story of 11 year old Phi Lan and his sister, who survive in war-torn Saigon. Waifs of war ask for "Hoa Binh" (Peace) in topic drama. (PG)
"TEST OF VIOLENCE" (15 Min)

SUN. & MON. 5-6 March
"BIGFOOT" (95 Min)
Chris Mitchum, Joi Lansing, Lindsay Crosby, Joy Wilkerson
(Adventure) America's abominable snowman! The greatest monster since King Kong captures a couple of pretty girls so a group of trail-bike riders set out to rescue them. Nine foot creature has actually been seen in Northwest. (PG)
"TO BEEP OR NOT TO BEEP" (7 Min)

TUES. & WED. 7-8 March
"GOING HOME" (97 Min)
Robert Mitchum, Brenda Vaccaro
(Drama) An explosive love-hate tension builds as a father and son are reunited when he gets out of prison for killing the boy's mother. The superb performances are Academy Award caliber in an unusual story. (PG)
"FLIGHT" (7 Min)

THURS. & FRI. 9-10 March
"WHO SAYS I CAN'T RIDE A RAINBOW?" (85 Min)
Jack Klugman, Norma French
(Comedy) Jack "Old Coupler" Klugman plays Barney Morowitz, a man dedicated to kids and animals, who runs a pony farm in Greenwich Village in face of great opposition. A true story brought to life just for fun! (G)
"BRIDGE TO SPACE" (20 Min)

Cage Race Tight

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In Division B action, the Saints salvaged a slim one point victory over the Desert Campus Pioneers, 57-56.

With the score 42-41 in favor of the Saints going into the fourth quarter, both teams scored 15 points to give the Saints the nod in a hard-fought duel. Four players hit double figures for the Pioneers, but it was not enough. Les Bazemore tipped in 17, Kev Keith followed with 13 points, Leo Enriquez managed to tally 11 points, and Neil Hicks hit 10 points.

The Cerro Coso cagers had a scare earlier in the week when the VX-5 Vampires nearly got it all together after a brilliant first half. After tying the score at 29-29 when the halftime whistle sounded, the height and speed of the campus quintet proved to be too much in the final analysis, and the league-leading Cerro Coso squad pulled away in the second half to an easy 78-58 victory.

Ski Club To Sponsor Races

The China Lake Ski Club will sponsor club races on Sunday at Mammoth Mountain Ski Resort. All members are urged to participate.

Trophies will be awarded to the winners in beginners, intermediate and advanced classes. Interested persons may contact Tom Beeler, NWC Ext. 2867, or Gary Grafel, NWC Ext. 3733.

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New Design Concepts Tried Out in Public Works Bldg.

An opportunity will be provided this afternoon from 2 to 5 for all interested persons to have a look at remodeling work, incorporating some new design concepts, that has been completed in Building 982—the new home of Engineering and Contract Division personnel in the Public Works Department.

"It's a unique facility, and we'll do some playing with it to try to come up with better ideas for improving the work environment for employees here and elsewhere around the Naval Weapons Center," Bill Sorbo, head of the Engineering Division, said.

Building 982 previously was used as the Public Works Department's transportation maintenance facility. The move into it by Engineering and Contract Division personnel was made necessary when it was decided to shift the Technical Library from Michelson Laboratory to Building 37, a two-story barracks-like structure located on Blandly Ave. and Hussey Rd.

Relocating the Technical Library will free much-needed space for laboratory functions at Michelson Lab and is part of a series of changes brought about by the move to China Lake of employees and projects formerly assigned to NWC's Corona Annex.

All of the design and construction work connected with the remodeling of Building 982 has been accomplished within the Public Works Department, Sorbo stated. "We have experimented with a lightweight ceiling that negates the requirement for a second fire protection system, and have utilized the building's lights as a primary heating system," Sorbo continued.

Sixty per cent of the heat for the building will be gained from the lights, which will be left on around the clock during the winter season,

the head of the Engineering Division explained. As remodeled, Building 982 utilizes multi-zone heating and cooling systems, and plans call for experimenting at controlling the interior environment by trying out various patterns in the light distribution system. The light fixtures also incorporate the air conditioning diffusers, it was

Air West To Resume Flights To Inyokern

One daily round trip flight, Monday through Friday, by the Hughes Air West airline from Los Angeles International Airport to the Kern County airport at Inyokern and back, is scheduled to be resumed on Monday, March 13.

According to information received at the Joint Air Military Traffic Office (JAMTO), Air West will have an employee on the job at Inyokern starting this Monday, and serice (halted by a strike in mid-December) will be resumed a week later.

The schedule of operations calls for a northbound flight (No. 406) to leave L.A. International at 3:30 p.m. and arrive at Inyokern airport at 4:33 p.m. The return flight (No. 507) will leave Inyokern at 4:45 p.m. and arrive in Los Angeles at 5:45. Both the north and southbound flights will make brief stops at Palmdale.

How much longer Air West will provide this weekday service between Los Angeles and Inyokern is uncertain. On Feb. 18 the air line filed a brief with the Civil Aeronautics Board stating that it does not desire to prosecute the application for renewal of its authority to serve Inyokern airport.

Work Progresses On New Addition to Lab

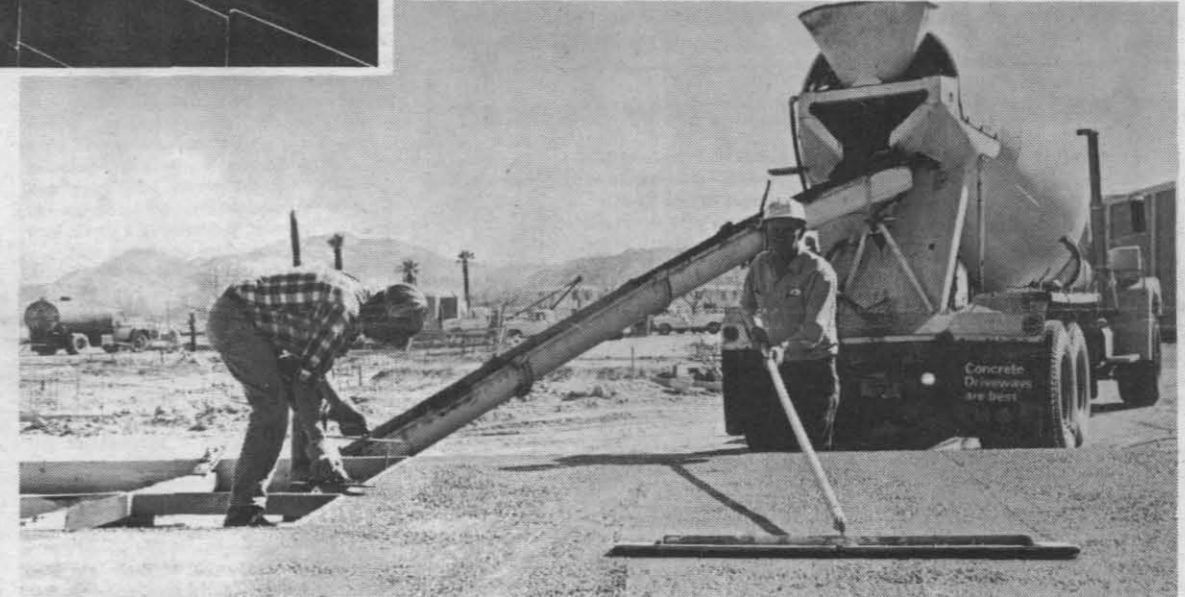
Work on the construction of an addition to Michelson Laboratory, to be known as the Systems Analysis and Computer Laboratory, is now a little more than 20 per cent complete, according to information obtained from the office of Capt. W. H. Sturman, the Resident Officer-in-Charge-of-Construction.

Workmen for the Cardan Co. of Los Angeles, successful bidder on the \$1,455,600 project, have placed concrete for the basement floor and walls, as well as for a portion of the main floor of the single-story building that will provide an additional 25,000 sq. ft. of floor space for NWC's technical facilities.

As of last week, concrete also had been placed for a fourth of the building's tilt-up walls. At the same time, work is progressing on the installation of underground utilities, including plumbing work, electric power lines and telephone connections.

Estimated completion date of the Systems Analysis and Computer Laboratory is next December. It will house the Univac computer as well as peripheral equipment and related scientific data computation and reduction functions. In addition, analog computers and simulation equipment will be moved to the new building from

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CONSTRUCTION WORK PROGRESSES—Workmen are busily engaged these days on the construction of an addition to Michelson Laboratory. The new building, designated as the Systems Analysis and Computer Laboratory, is due to be completed in December and will provide an additional 25,000 sq. ft. of floor space for NWC's technical facilities. —Photo by PH3 Ronald G. Mills

Mine Fire Brings Call for Aid By Ground Search, Rescue Team

Training in the use of self-contained breathing apparatus, which several members of the Indian Wells Valley Ground Search and Rescue Team received on Thursday of last week at the Naval Weapons Center, may be put into use as early as tomorrow.

That's the word from Gary Peek, lieutenant in charge of underground search and rescue operations, who was one of three members of the local ground rescue team to be called out last Saturday to inspect an abandoned mine shaft in which a fire has broken out. The mine is located along the northern tip of Piute Mt., in the vicinity of Weldon.

At the time that Peek, Fred Camphausen and Sam Wyatt had a chance to look over the old mine, a fire far down in the 100-ft.-deep shaft had been smoldering for three days. The latest word (at mid-week) was that smoke was continuing to emerge periodically from the mine shaft, despite the fact that 60,000 gallons of high expansive foam had been pumped

into the mine in an effort to snuff out the fire. "If the Sheriff's Department wants us to, we'll send men down to check it out," Peek said in reference what may be coming up tomorrow.

A report regarding the mine shaft fire and the possible need for volunteers from the IWV Ground Search and Rescue Team to have a look at it was received here last Friday, just a day after eight members underwent instruction given by two men from the U.S. Bureau of Mines in the use of a new kind of self-contained breathing apparatus that has been acquired by the IWV Civil Defense, Inc., after being declared surplus for use in connection with work being done in Nevada by the Atomic Energy Commission.

Here from Reno, Nev., to conduct the special training were Alvin Lords and John Braeutigan, his assistant. As part of this drill, the mine rescue team volunteers entered a railroad boxcar in which

some sulfur was set afire after the doors had been tightly closed.

The self-contained breathing gear, called the McCaa apparatus,

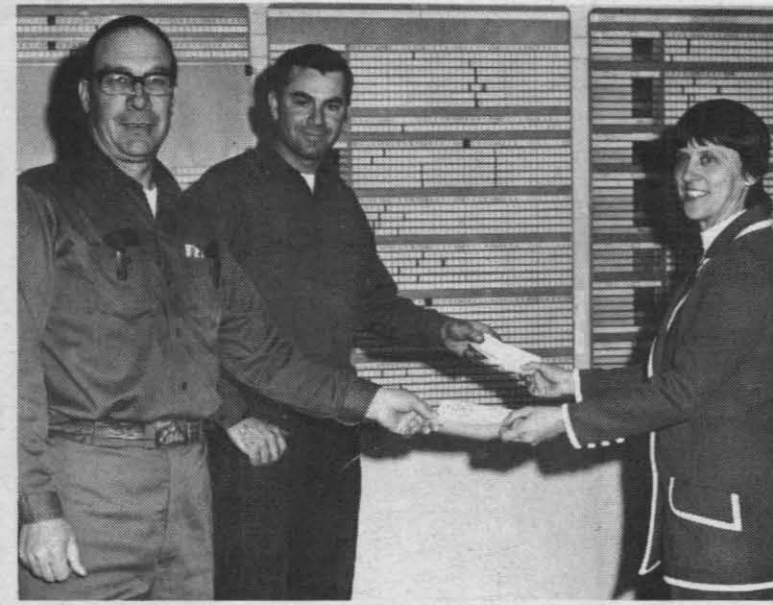
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Housing Div. Plans Survey Of Dependents

The Housing Division (Code 705) will soon be conducting an annual housing requirements survey which requests data pertaining to dependents. The data requested is similar to that required by NAVWPNSCENINST 11101.1F, dated Nov. 29, 1971.

C. J. Fallgatter, Housing Division head, would like to remind tenants that this survey is not to be confused with the instruction as they are two separate items. One is a survey, the other is a revalidation of dependents for eligibility purposes.

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RETARDED KIDS HELPED—Three checks totalling nearly \$150 were presented last week to Doris Hammer (at right), president of the Indian Wells Valley Council for Retarded Children...

It's Time Again To File Tax Exemption Forms

Once again it's time for homeowners, veterans, churches and welfare organizations to file for property tax exemption...

The filing dates are March 1 through April 15 for homeowners and veterans, and March 1 through 15 for welfare and church exemptions.

In order to qualify for the \$750 homeowners' exemption, an individual must own and be the occupant of his residence as of March 1, 1972...

Homeowner and veterans' exemption forms have been mailed to those who qualified for such benefits in the past...

Happenings Around NWC

Pianist Norm Alexander will appear in the Plaquer Room of the Commissioners Officers' Mess each Monday during the month of March...

who do not work on the Center. EM Club Dance Slated

The Jolly Roger will be the scene of a dance tonight with "The Horsefeathers," a Los Angeles rock group, providing the music.

In addition, Reinaldo Jacques, club manager, has announced that the COM has scheduled a St. Patrick's Day dinner-dance for March 17...

All members and their guests are invited to attend.

Flower Judge To Speak Mrs. Edward Hall, well known nationally rated flower judge, from Woodland Hills, will be featured as guest speaker at the Thursday, March 9, meeting of the Oasis Garden Club.

A musical group, "The Phantoms," will play dance tunes from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m. Admission to the dance is \$3.25 per person...

The meeting will be held at the Commissioners Officers' Club, beginning at 9:30 a.m. The public is invited to attend.

Craftwork To Be Displayed The Indian Wells Valley Rug and Needlecraft Club will host an open house at Chapel Annex No. 4...

Newcomers Club Meeting Chessie Brown, the local manager for Tupperware products, will be the guest speaker at the next meeting of the Newcomers Club, slated Tuesday at 9:30 a.m.

On display will be the work of members of the club. Passes will be available at the gate for those



PUBLIC WORKS AWARDS CEREMONY—Capt. W. H. Sturman, center, Public Works Officer, recently officiated at a Beneficial Suggestion awards ceremony, where the two men pictured with him, George Perrige (at left) and Marvin Windsor received awards...

Happy Hour Held Mon., Fri. Only At Officers' Club

Happy Hour time at the Commissioners Officers' Mess (Open) is reserved for Monday and Friday evenings only—not Monday through Friday as was reported incorrectly in last week's ROCKETEER.

Casual wear is appropriate during Happy Hour, but at all other times dress regulations call for coat and tie or turtle-neck sweater and coat within the club proper.

Casual wear is appropriate at all times at the Barefoot Bar.

Job Opportunities . . .

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ability to follow directions in shop, dexterity and safety, ability to work as a member of a team. The incumbent must have a working knowledge of basic arithmetic through decimals and fractions.

Mechanical Engineer, GS-430-11-12 or Aerospace Engineer, GS-641-11-12-1 Vacancy, PD No. 7245914, Code 4575—This position is located in the Applied Technology Branch, Propulsion Systems Division, Propulsion Development Department.

File applications for above with Linda Grossman, Room 204, Bldg. 34, Phone 2725. Clerk-Typing Machine Transcriber, GS-316-4, PD No. 7135178, Code 4521—Provides clerical support for two branches, 3521 and 3522, in the Electronics Systems Department.



NOVEL PASTIME—An amateur sports car racing enthusiast, Maj. William L. Stein, USMC, is shown with his MG Midget which he drove to a win on his first try recently at Riverside.

Jet Airplane Pilot Enjoys Sports Car Racing Pastime

What does a jet airplane pilot do when it comes to looking for exciting diversions?

The answer to that question may be almost as varied as the individuals involved, but in the case of Maj. William L. Stein, USMC, who is assigned here as the Marine Corps' liaison officer with Air Test and Evaluation Squadron Five (VX-5) it's sports car racing.

Only a recent devotee of auto racing, Major Stein late last year attended a driver school to prepare himself for this new adventure, and just three weeks ago emerged as the winner of his first race over a tricky, 2 1/2 mile course at Riverside.

The driver of an MG Midget, Major Stein competes as an amateur racer in the Class G production category. In his first outing, he averaged nearly 89 miles per hour for each lap covered during the 25-minute race.

His prize for winning against other entrants driving not only Class G production machines, but also Class D sports racers and Class H production cars, was a checkered flag as well as points in amateur race car standings.

Except for major mechanical repairs that may be required on the engine of his MG Midget, Major Stein does most of the work on his car himself, using the facilities of the auto hobby shop at China Lake.

In addition to events at Riverside, Sports Car Club of America races in which he plans to compete are held at the Laguna Seca raceway near Monterey, at the Ontario International track, and at the Orange County International Raceway in Santa Ana.

The next race in which he hopes to compete will take place during the Continental 5,000 professional Class A event that is scheduled April 8-9 at Riverside.

As a Marine Corps pilot, Major Stein has logged flight time in the A-7 Corsair II, the A4 Skyhawk, the F4 Phantom jet and also has flown the OV10 Bronco.



177th ANNIVERSARY—Capt. E. M. Wieseke, NWC Director of Supply, cuts the birthday cake at a party held in the Golf Club clubhouse, Feb. 21, to celebrate the 177th anniversary of the Navy Supply Corps. Lt. (jg) J. C. Richards, Food Service Officer, waits patiently for his piece of cake, baked by chefs of the NWC Main Galley. Lt. F. R. Castillo headed up the committee which planned the annual affair and was attended by approximately 80 members of the NWC Supply Department (including their spouses).

Scholarships For College Available

If your son or daughter is approaching college age, he or she may be eligible to compete for scholarships which have been made available to dependent children of members of the Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard.

Over the years, various Navy-oriented groups and associations have generously established special scholarship and award programs to help service families get over the financial pinch that the soaring costs of higher education present.

Scholarships are awarded on the basis of scholastic record, character, and financial need. The Chief of Naval Personnel coordinates applications for the awards, but actual selection of recipients and presentations are made by the sponsoring organizations.

In most cases, scholarships are given to dependent children—including adopted children and step-children—of members of the Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard who are serving on active duty, or retired with pay, or deceased (while on active duty or retired with pay). A dependent child is considered to be anyone who is unmarried and under age 21, or under age 23 if enrolled in a full-time course of study at an approved institution of higher learning.

Applicants must be graduates or prospective graduates of accredited high schools. Students already enrolled in college may also apply.

All scholarship applications must be made on a form issued by the Bureau of Naval Personnel, which may be obtained by writing to the Chief of Naval Personnel (Pers-P511), Navy Department, Washington, D.C. 20370. When completed by the applicants, these forms should be submitted by May 15 to the same office for processing.

There are many scholarships available. Among these is the Robert Crown Memorial Scholarship which provides educational assistance to NROTC College Program students who are children of Navy and Marine Corps enlisted members. The scholarship consists of two annual awards of up to \$2,000 each, which are renewable for the full four years of college.

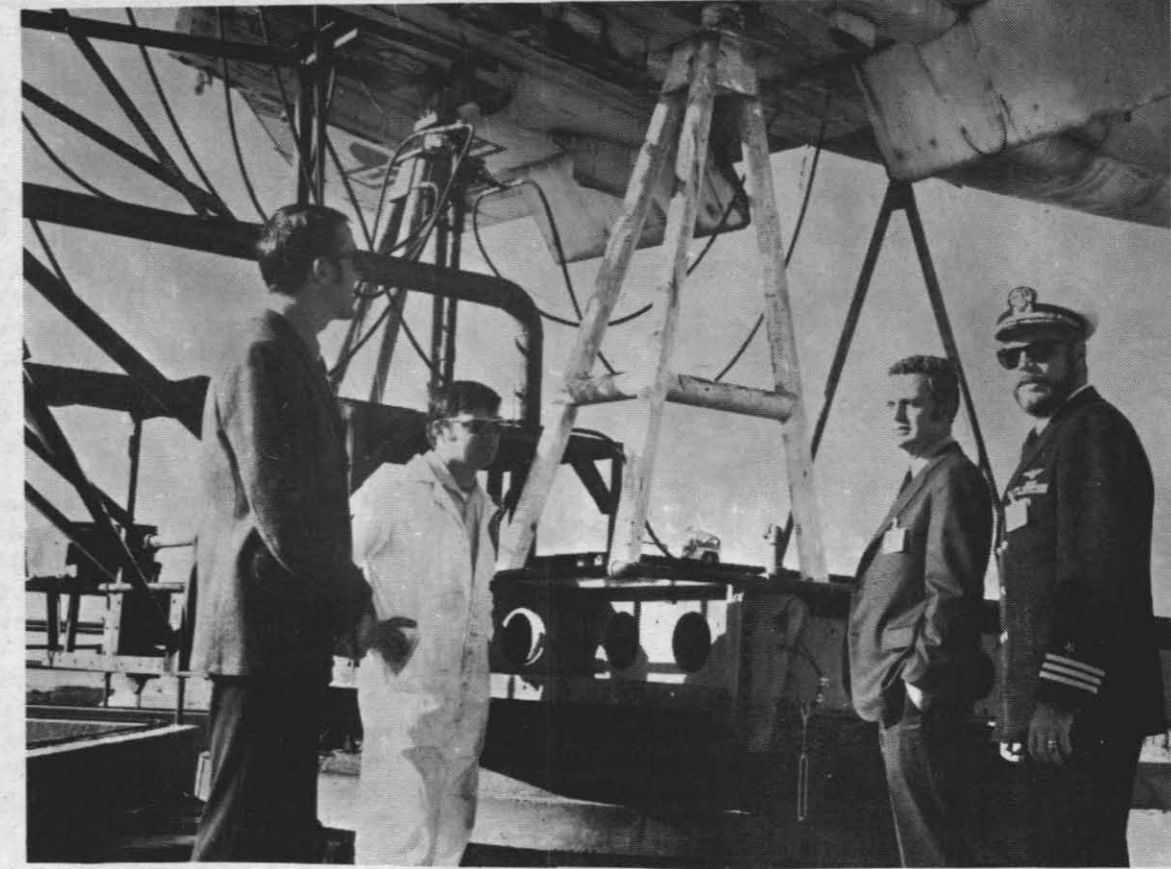
The Dolphin Scholarship Foundation is established for the sons and daughters of members and former members of the submarine service.

The Society of Sponsors of the U.S. Navy offers scholarships to Navy career-motivated students entering preparatory schools to prepare them for entrance to the U.S. Naval Academy.

Navy Plans Cut In Active Fleet

The Navy has announced plans for ship retirements which will reduce the active Fleet by 63 ships during the fiscal year starting next July 1.

A total of 84 ships will be retired, but 21 ships will enter the Fleet from new construction or conversion. The end result will be a smaller, but more modern Fleet.



TEST RESULTS CHECKED—Jerry L. Reed, head of Code 3014, and John Fontenot, deputy manager of the aircraft survivability program, are shown at left as they joined Robert Hume, of NAVAIRSYSCOM, and Cmdr. M. L. Johnson, NAVAIRSYSCOM's program manager for aircraft survivability, in looking over the results of a recent test that was conducted here using an A-4 aircraft.

Meeting Held by R&D Gp. Studying Problem of Aircraft Survivability

A meeting of the Research and Development Sub-Group of the Joint Technical Coordinating Group on Aircraft Survivability was held recently at the Naval Weapons Center.

Mission of the Joint Technical Coordinating Group, which is supported by the Navy, Army and Air Force, is to study and support programs that will increase survivability of U.S. aircraft. The mounting cost of aircraft and the aircraft losses in Southeast Asia have created a climate of concern by all three services about the problem of reducing aircraft vulnerability.

The R&D Technology Sub-Group is responsible for the development of long-range plans that will identify technology areas to be pursued by all three branches of the military service. The meeting held here was called for the purpose of setting up the organizational framework for the R&D Technology Sub-Group.

Jerry Reed, head of the Advanced Systems Branch in the Weapons Development Department's Weapons Systems Division (Code 3014), was appointed chairman of the sub-group, which includes members from the Air Force Flight Dynamics Laboratory, the Air Force Aeropropulsion Laboratory, the Army Ballistic Research Laboratories, the Army Aviation Material Laboratories, the Army Material Command, the Navy Weapons Laboratory, the Naval Air Systems Command and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

At the meeting held to organize the sub-group, ad hoc committees were appointed to study technology relating to aircraft propulsion, fuel systems, structure and materials, flight controls and hydraulics and personnel protection.

Also during this meeting, a series of presentations were made by key members of the sub-group who outlined the status of current survivability research and devel-

opment work in all three branches of the military service. Dale B. Atkinson, from the Air Force Flight Dynamics Laboratory at Wright Patterson Air Force Base, was selected to serve as co-chairman of the R&D sub-group. Among others present at the meeting held here were Cmdr. M. L. Johnson, chairman of the Joint Technical Coordinating Group on Aircraft Survivability, and R. B. Bernier, of the JTCG-AS steering committee.

While at the Naval Weapons Center, members of the sub-group witnessed a ballistic test that was conducted using an A-4 aircraft at NWC's vulnerability survivability range. The next meeting of the R&D sub-group will be held sometime in May at the NASA Ames Research Center, Moffett Field, Calif.

China Lake PTA Presents Annual Educator, Layman of Year Awards

Two long-time residents of China Lake were singled out last week for special recognition during the annual Founders Day meeting of the China Lake PTA.

Honored as educator and layman of the year were Ronald Rossi, pupil-personnel consultant for the China Lake Elementary School District, and Mrs. Lawrence Mason, a homemaker who has been active in the PTA as well as in church and youth work.



HONORED BY PTA—Mrs. Cheryl Thurm (at right), president of the China Lake PTA, extended her congratulations to Mrs. Lawrence Mason and to Ronald Rossi, following the announcements made at last week's Founders Day meeting that they had been singled out to receive the China Lake PTA's annual honorary life membership awards.

The two honorees received PTA honorary life membership awards that were presented to them by last year's recipients—Mrs. Mary Bischel (teacher) and Mrs. Jacqueline Renne (layman). Money contributed for the life memberships is pooled by each state PTA and then sent to national headquarters where it is placed in a scholarship fund.

Rossi, a graduate of San Jose State College in 1959, that same year began teaching a fifth grade class at Richmond School. At the same time, he continued his advanced studies by making a weekly round trip to Los Angeles to attend classes.

Rossi was promoted to his present position of pupil-personnel consultant for the school district in 1965.

His long list of youth and community service activities includes involvement as a leader in the Indian Wells Valley Campership Fund, 4-H Club, Cub Scout and church work. Mrs. Mason, the mother of three children, came to China Lake in mid-year of 1958 and has been extensively involved in service to the community, especially in the areas of church and school work.

Active as a PTA room mother as her own children moved from grade to grade in school, Mrs. Mason also served two years each as president and vice-president of the China Lake PTA, and now holds the office of president of the East Kern County PTA Council. For her church (Seventh-day Adventist), she has been a leader of the Home and School Club (an organization similar to the PTA), served as a head deaconess and was in charge of the church's welfare program, directed the primary and youth departments of the Sabbath School, and is also an official hostess.

Health Aid Counselors Appointed

Health benefits counselors and advisors have been established on 60 military installations in California to provide information and assistance to beneficiaries of the Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services (CHAMPUS). The local counselor is located in the NWC Medical Department, Code 88, NWC Ext. 3720.

CHAMPUS is a Congressionally funded comprehensive health benefits program designed to provide families of uniformed services personnel and service retirees an alternative to medical care in military and Public Health Service facilities.

As a general rule, these persons are eligible to receive any care generally accepted as good medical practice on either an inpatient or outpatient basis from health care providers of their own choosing.

Authorized benefits include physical care, dentistry, psychological counseling, optometry, podiatry, physical therapy and private duty nursing. Hospital inpatient care, ambulance service, prescription drugs and medical equipment rentals are also benefits.

Advisors and health benefits counselors are intended as regional focal points where detailed information and assistance regarding program benefits and eligibility will be readily available to beneficiaries, according to California Blue Shield, the fiscal administrator for the program in California.