

High School Christmas Concert Slated Monday

The annual Burroughs High School choral and instrumental Christmas concert, which has become one of the yearly highlights of the local holiday season, will take place on Monday at the Burroughs High School Lecture Center, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

The program will feature performances by the mixed chorus, the concert choir and the Madrigal singers, all under the direction of Alan Kubik; the brass sextet and orchestra, conducted by Russell Parker, and the stage band, led by Michael Garrett.

An innovation this year will be the brass sextet, which will perform in the foyer of the Lecture Center as the audience is being seated. The ensemble of two trumpets, one trombone, one baritone, one French horn and a tuba will play "Panis Angelicus," by Franck, and "Christmas Serenade," arranged by Clair W. Johnson.

The first group to perform in the main auditorium will be the mixed chorus. Kubik will direct this large ensemble of nearly 60 singers in renditions of "Silver Bells," by Livingston and Evans; the traditional "Holly and the Ivy," a contemporary carol "Strangers in the Streets," by Mencer and Chase, the popular "Carol of the Drum" ("The Little Drummer Boy"), and "O Holy Night," by Adam.

Garrett's stage band will continue the program with Hoyt Axton's "Joy to the World," and "I Don't Want to Love Him" and "Superstar," by Webber and Rice.

Kubik's newly reorganized Madrigal singers will perform a Swedish carol "Now It Is Christmas Time," "Some Children See Him," a contemporary carol by Burt and Hutson, which will feature a tenor solo by Bart Moore; "Jesus Christ Today Is Born," by

Praetorius; an Appalachian carol "I Wonder as I Wander," which features Debbie Wood and Dan Brown as soloists, and a 17th Century "Christmas Hymn," arranged by Jungst.

Frederick Silver's "Before the Paling of the Stars," an upbeat selection, will close out the Madrigal singers' portion of the evening.

Parker will conduct the Burroughs orchestra in arrangements of "Gesu Bambino," arranged by Baron; the "Hallelujah Chorus," from the "Messiah," by Handel; "Parade of the Wooden Soldiers," arranged by Morton Gould, and "Holiday Tune," by Maurice Whitney.

The holiday program will conclude with Kubik directing the select concert choir in renditions of "We Wish You a Merry Christmas," arranged by Alice Parker; "O Hearken Ye," and "Jesu Parvule," by Burt and Burt; "Fanfare Noel," by Searle Wright; Kent Newbury's contemporary "Hallelujah," "Carol of the Bells," by Leontovich, "Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light" (from the "Christmas Oratorio") by Handel, the popular favorite "Do You Hear What I Hear?" by Regney and Shayne, and Cesar Franck's "Psalm 150."

There will be an admission charge of \$1 for the general public with students and military personnel admitted for 50 cents. Proceeds from the Monday evening concert will be utilized to meet many continuing expenses incurred by the performing groups involved.

No tickets will be sold in advance. Instead they will be available only at the Lecture Center box office before the program begins.



A CHRISTMAS CONCERT—The All Faith Chapel was filled to capacity last Sunday as residents of the Indian Wells Valley gathered to hear the combined choirs of Cerro Coso College, the All Faith Chapel and the Grace Lutheran Church, present a concert of Christmas music, including a new cantata, "The Year of Our Lord," by Jeana and Robert Graham. Conductor Ray Blume, who normally directs the Cerro Coso choir, is shown leading the singers through one of the early numbers of the cantata, in the top photo. The inset photo at right shows Greg Erdmann singing the Bach arrangement of "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring." At the bottom is Shirley Helmick, organist, who performed prelude music and accompanied the choirs. Also on the program were a pair of instrumental trio solos, performed by Susan Erdmann on the flute, Carl Helmick at the cello and the viola da gamba, and Joan Fowler at the harpsichord. Rev. Robert Johnson read from the scriptures and Chaplain Robert E. Osman narrated the cantata. —Photos by PH2 D. W. Yeatts

Children's Play Scheduled By New Storybook Players

The new Burroughs Storybook Players will present "The Ransom of Red Chief," a delightful adaptation of the celebrated O. Henry short story on Saturday and Sunday in the Burroughs Lecture Center. Three performances have been scheduled — at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. tomorrow, and at 2 p.m. on Sunday.

Featured in the cast is Rick Howell as Red Chief, while Mike Walker and George White are seen in the roles of Bill Driscoll and Sam Blake, respectively. Susan Beckett has been cast in the part of Mary Alice.

Other cast members are Carla Bechtel, Liane Breitenstein, Sara Brooks, Larry Carter, Roni Kaufman, Judy O'Connor, Dan Peterson, Debbie Strayer, Barbara VanBuskirk and Debbie Wood.

Admission is 25 cents for children up to the age of 12 and 50

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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
CS - Cinemascope
STD - Standard Movie Screen

FRI. 15 Dec.
"PANCHITO VILLA" (STD 92 Min.)
Telly Savalas, Clint Walker (PG)
SAT. 16 Dec.

—MATINEE—
"BATTLE BENEATH THE EARTH" (STD 90 Min.)
Kerwin Matthews, Viviane Ventura

—EVENING—
"LEGACY OF BLOOD" (STD 88 Min.)
Merry Anders, John Caradine (PG)
SUN. & MON. 17-18 Dec.

"SLAUGHTER" (CS 92 Min.)
Jim Brown, Stella Stevens (R)
TUES. & WED. 19-20 Dec.
"SKY JACKED" (CS 101 Min.)
Charlton Heston, Yvette Mimieux (PG)
THURS. & FRI. 21-22 Dec.

"HICKEY AND BOGGS" (STD 111 Min.)
Bill Cosby, Robert Culp (PG)
SAT. 23 Dec.

—MATINEE—
"RUN WILD RUN FREE" (STD 99 Min.)
John Mills, Mark Lester (G)

—EVENING—
"KING ELEPHANT" (CS 93 Min.)
Narrated by: David Wayne (G)
SUN. 24 Dec.

"DAUGHTERS OF SATAN" (STD 90 Min.)
Tom Selleck, Barra Grant (R)
THE CENTER THEATER
WILL BE CLOSED
MONDAY, 25 DEC.

TUES. & WED. 26-27 Dec.
"CONQUEST OF THE PLANET OF THE APES" (CS 87 Min.) (PG)
Roddy McDowall, Ricardo Montalban
THURS. & FRI. 28-29 Dec.

"RETURN OF SABATA" (CS 106 Min.)
Lee Van Cleef, Reimer Schone (PG)
SAT. 30 Dec.

—MATINEE—
"HOOK LINE AND SINKER" (STD 92 Min.)
Jerry Lewis, Peter Lawford (G)

—EVENING—
"THE SALZBURG CONNECTION" (STD 93 Min.)
Barry Newman, Anna Karina
SUN. & MON. 31 Dec. & 1 Jan.

"ULZANA'S RAID" (STD 104 Min.)
Burt Lancaster, Bruce Davison (R)
TUES. & WED. 2-3 Jan.

"EVERY LITTLE CROOK AND NANNY" (STD 92 Min.) (PG)
Victor Mature, Lynn Redgrave
THURS. & FRI. 4-5 Jan.

"WITHOUT APPARENT MOTIVE" (STD 101 Min.) (PG)
Jean Louis Trintignant, Dominique Sands



SCENE SET FOR STORY HOUR—A Christmas story hour will be held for children, 5 to 8 years of age, on Saturday from 10 to 11 a.m. The story hour will be directed by Mrs. Marj Cruise, who will be assisted by members of the Catholic Youth Organization. In preparation for tomorrow's story hour program, CYO members are shown decorating a Christmas tree at the library. They are (from left) Steve Carnahan, Stephen Crow, Mike Donohue, Regina Torres, Kelly McDonough and Elena Best. Parents are asked to be prompt in calling for their children at the conclusion of the story hour.



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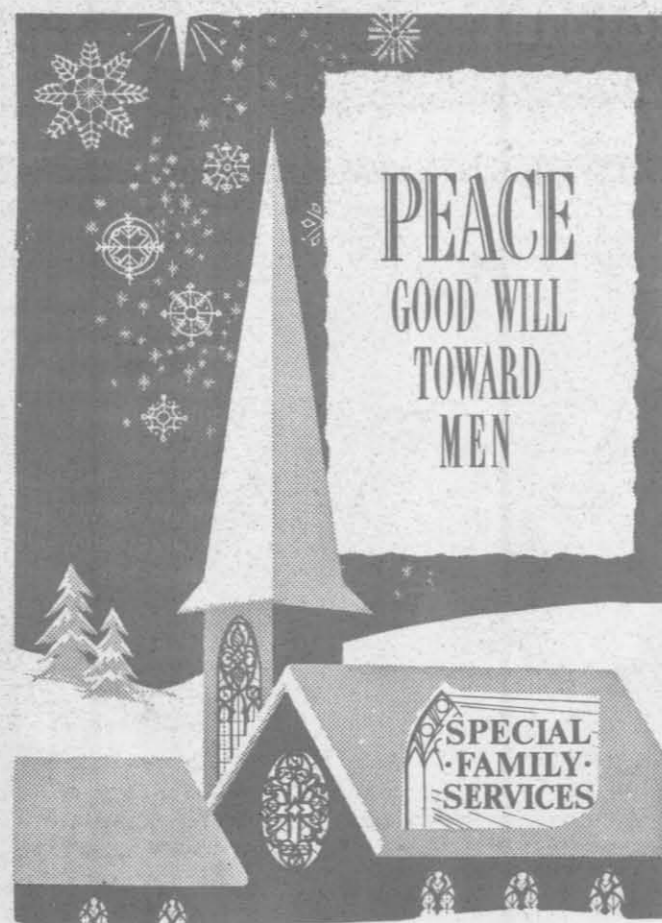
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What could more represent Christmas than a child playing in the snow? Pamela Yeatts, the daughter of PH2 Dan and Charlene Yeatts, literally glows from thoughts of the Christmas tree, Santa Claus, goodies and toys. The sweet innocence of youth recalls the birth of the Christ Child in the Bethlehem manger, whose innocence is a perennial reminder of the need for stressing peace and good will toward men.



The following schedule lists the services that will be held at the All Faith Chapel for Christmas and New Year's:

- December 24 - Sunday School, 9 a.m.; Organ prelude, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:15 a.m.
Christmas Eve Candlelight Carol Service at 7 p.m.
December 31 - Sunday School, 9 a.m.; Organ Prelude, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:15 a.m.
CATHOLIC
Christmas Confessions
Thursday, Dec. 21 - 12-12:30 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 22 - 12-12:30 p.m.; 2-3 p.m.; 7-8 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 23 - 2:45-4:45 p.m.
Masses
Saturday, Dec. 23 - 5 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 24 - 7, 8:30 and 11:30 a.m.; Christmas Caroling at 11:30 p.m., Midnight Mass
Monday, Dec. 25 - 8:30 and 11:30 a.m.
Saturday, Dec. 30 - 5 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 31 - 7, 8:30 and 11:30 a.m.
Monday, Jan. 1 - 7, 8:30 and 11:30 a.m.
There will be no Elementary CCD on Dec. 24 and 31.

True Meaning Of Christmas

We should be careful at Christmas time not to withdraw from real life into a realm of unreal beauty. It was into the real world that Christ came, into the city where there was no room for him, and into a country where Herod, the murderer of innocent children, was king.

CAPT R. E. OSMAN Chaplain

Sylvia Winslow To Autograph Her New Book

Purchasers of the latest Maturango Museum publication, "The Trail of a Desert Artist," on Saturday will be able to obtain the author's autograph on their copy of this book.

Sylvia Winslow, noted desert landscape artist and former long-time China Lake resident, will be at the museum tomorrow between the hours of 2 and 5 p.m. to autograph the book about her travels in search of beautiful desert scenes to capture on canvas.

For those who placed pre-publication orders for it, there is a charge of \$4.95 per copy for "The Trail of a Desert Artist," which contains seven full color reproductions of the author's paintings and monochrome copies of 10 of her sketches, in addition to the story about the travels of Mrs. Winslow and her husband, "Slim." For others who wish to purchase the book, the price is \$5.95 per copy.



WOODSMAN, SPARE THAT TREE - ROCKETEER photographer Dan Yeatts took the cover photo of his daughter, Pamela, near Kennedy Meadows right after a heavy snowfall. Near the petite woodsman was a sign, proclaiming "No Christmas Tree Cutting Allowed." Fortunately for her father, Pamela found the ax too heavy to swing.

Holiday Message

With the Yuletide season once again at hand, it is timely and fitting to extend sincere best wishes for a very merry Christmas and a successful and productive new year to all military and civilian personnel of the Naval Weapons Center and their families.

At this time of the year our thoughts also are drawn to the deeper meaning of Christmas and its message of "peace on earth, good will toward men," as we reflect on the part that efforts made here are playing, and will continue to play, in helping to maintain the freedom of many peace-loving nations around the globe.

With a feeling of satisfaction in the results of the past year's efforts, and looking forward with optimism to the future, we wish each and every one of you the most joyful of holiday seasons, filled with warmth and cheer, and a new year that will bring both happiness and fulfillment.

RADM H. SUERSTEDT, JR., USN NWC Commander H. G. WILSON NWC Technical Director

Contributions Still Sought In 'Toys for Tots' Drive

More than 875 toys have been collected thus far in the annual "Toys for Tots" drive which will end on Monday.

GySgt. Harold Logue, who is attached to the Marine Corps Liaison Office at NWC, reported that 175 new and 700 used toys have been donated since the drive began three weeks ago.

The truck will then be moved to the Ridgcrest Plaza, located at the corner of China Lake Blvd. and Ridgcrest Blvd., where it will sit from 1:30 to 4 p.m.

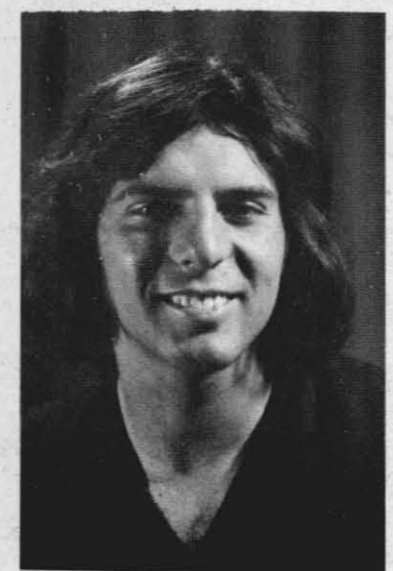
On Sunday, Sgt. Logue, accompanied by GySgt. Gerald Hibbard, will park the truck in front of the Shopping Bag Market at Bennington Plaza on the Center, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

"We will be playing recorded Christmas music and the truck can be easily seen as we will have a couple of large signs posted on it," Sgt. Hibbard said.

"Search through your homes and see if you don't have a toy or two lying around that might make some disadvantaged child happy at Christmastime," said Sgt. Logue. "I'm sure that the act of giving itself will be enough reward," he added.

Jaramillo Singled Out As Top Athlete for November

Randy Jaramillo, who quarterbacked a civilian team, the Roaches, to victory in the China Lake Intramural Flag Football League and then took NWC's MDISL entry to second place in the annual Mojave Desert Inter-League competition earlier this month, has been selected as November's "Athlete of the Month," by the Special Services Division.



Randy, who is a bachelor, is presently a student at Humboldt State College in Arcata, Calif., with one semester remaining before he will receive a bachelor's degree in physical education.

The son of Joseph and Lynn Jaramillo, Randy was graduated from Burroughs High School in 1968, where he was the quarterback for the Burros varsity football team during the 1966 and 1967 seasons.

Following his graduation he enrolled at Bakersfield College and played safety on the Renegades' gridiron squad for two years. He was voted All Metropolitan Conference League safetyman in his sophomore year.

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Cage League...

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Chair League (Division C) will open up the evening with two games: Gentlemen vs. 40-Love at 6 p.m. and the Over-the-Hill-Gang against the Fuze Department at 9 p.m. Sandwiched in between will be the Odds 'n Ends scrapping with Ace-TV in a Division A hooper-duoper.

Table with columns for Division A, Division B Group 1, Division B Group 2, and Rockin' Chair Division. Rows list various teams and their wins/losses.

PROMOTIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Applications for positions listed in this column will be accepted from current NWC employees and should be filed with the persons named in the ad. All others desiring employment with the Naval Weapons Center may contact the Employment Division, Code 652, Extension 2069.

POLICEWOMAN, GS-083-3-4-5, PD No. 718028. Code 843-incumbent will serve as a policewoman in the Police Division, Security Department. Will be required to perform normal police functions such as searching female prisoners, transporting female prisoners, assisting in police investigations, etc.

File applications for above with Charlotte Siewkowski, Bldg. 34, Rm. 204, Ph. 3118. Electronics Technician, GS-854-8-9, PD No. 7257028. Code 5713-Provides services for the development, modification, construction, maintenance and operation of digital equipment.

File applications for above with Pat Gaunt, Bldg. 34, Rm. 212, Ph. 2514.



MUSICIANS REHEARSE FOR "WINTER CONCERT"—Charles Cook (left photo) and Ken Robinson look intently at Dr. Charles Wood, conductor of the Desert Community Orchestra, as they rehearse for the annual holiday concert of the orchestra, to be presented tonight at 8 in the Burroughs High School Lecture Center.

Winter Concert Planned By Desert Community Orchestra

Dr. Charles H. Wood, conductor of the Desert Community Orchestra, will lead the talented array of musicians in the group's annual Christmas program, entitled "Winter Concert," tonight in the Burroughs High School Lecture Center, beginning at 8 o'clock.

Included on the program are selections from Stravinsky's "Firebird Suite," and Gian-Carlo Minotti's "Amahl and the Night Visitors."

In addition, Joanne Purtle will be featured as a vocal soloist on the Jewel Song, from Gounod's "Faust," the Lover's Waltz, from Gounod's "Romeo and Juliet, and the Waltz Song from "La Boheme," by Puccini.

Anna-Marie Bergens, president

of the Desert Community Orchestra Association, has announced that season tickets are still available.

The orchestra will play for three more concerts. In addition to the Winter Concert, there is the annual "Youth Concert" slated in the spring and the Vladimir Pleshakov concert, scheduled on Feb. 21 by the China Lake Civic Concert Association.

Desert Community Orchestra season tickets are priced at \$1 for students and Navy enlisted personnel, and \$10 for a family subscription. Individual concert tickets cost \$1 for students and enlisted personnel and \$2.50 for adults.

All tickets will be available at the Burroughs Lecture Center box office preceding the concert.



Dr. Charles Wood

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Sunday School—All Ages 0900
Wednesday Noon Bible Study 1130
Sunday School Classes are held in Chapel Annexes 1, 2, 4 (Dorms 5, 6, 8) located opposite the Center Restaurant.

ROMAN CATHOLIC
MASS
Saturday 1700/fulfills Sunday obligation
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Sunday Kindergarten thru 6th grades 1015
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Contact Chaplain's Office for specifics.

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Seasons Greetings From Secretary of the Navy

As the holiday season approaches, I urge Navy and Marine Corps men and women everywhere to pause with me to reflect on the full meaning of Christmas spirit.

By tradition, and hopefully this tradition will always be with us, this is the season for the exchange of gifts, the season to gather around the hearth and to be with loved ones at home.

But there seems to me to be more to the Christmas spirit. As each of us work to accomplish a generation of peace, this is a time to renew faith in God and in our fellow man, or to put it in simple words, faith in our shipmates. Whatever their race or creed let us take this opportunity to reaffirm our dedication to peace on earth and a true spirit of goodwill toward all men.

In this changing age, we too often lose sight of the building blocks which formed our great society. We have held as a nation from our very first, that each individual has unlimited worth in our society. By your presence around the globe today you testify to our continuing reliance on that belief, that basic building block of our society.

As Secretary of the Navy, I reflect with great pride on the vital role you continue to fulfill in providing a living example of personal sacrifice and loyalty as you strive to continue to guarantee their freedom. In turn, I ask you all to remember in thought, in prayer, our brave men, some of whom will not be home this Christmas, on long deployments, on stations abroad, and particularly those who are missing in action, or prisoners of war.

To all of you and to your loved ones, I extend my best, my very best, wishes for a merry Christmas and a happy and peaceful new year. God bless you.

John W. Warner Secretary of the Navy



TRENCHING COMPLETED—Jim Lee, superintendent of the China Lake Golf Club, utilizes a tractor to fill a hole so that the trenching operation under way for the past three weeks at the golf course could be completed last Monday. The final 50 ft. of trenching on a job handled by the Automatic Irrigation Co. of Costa Mesa, Calif., was completed and work on replacing the main lines of the back nine irrigation system has begun. Bundled up for the extremely cold weather during the trenching operation are (at left) two employees of the firm owned by R. H. McCallum, of Costa Mesa. Work on the \$40,000 contract was started the second week in November. —Photo by PH2 D. W. Yeatts



By Jack Lindsey
Christmas. 'Tis the season to be jolly.
Peace on earth. Good will toward men.

Sentiments worthy of reflection. However, nothing roils my blood more than people, who for three or four weeks a year, radiate goodness and brotherhood, and for the other 48 or so are temperamental, acerbic so-and-so's that wouldn't give you the time of day if they owned the only watch in town.

Football is about the only thing I know of where the performers don't simmer and smile gaily during the Christmas season. The players remain the animals they always were and their only concession to the holiday season is perhaps an added amount of ferociousness — because the season is winding down and championships (and money) are being laid on the line.

During the MDISL flag football tournament held recently at Edwards Air Force Base, seven members of the China Lake contingent were sent to the hospital by an aroused Norton AFB team. And all because Mike Machowsky stole the ball from a Norton player about to cross the goal line for a sure touchdown.

The China Lakers are to be commended. The game could have turned into a blood bath, but they exercised self-discipline and control and walked away from potential fights and arguments.

It seems they got the Christmas spirit just a little earlier than most people. Or perhaps they realized that this was the first time that a team composed mostly of civilians (rather than military, as in the past), has been allowed to represent NWC.

By behaving themselves and presenting a "good image" to leaders of the Mojave Desert Interservice League, the footballers have cleared the way for NWC to have a fair representation of civilians on its future teams.

Because of their performance, NWC may now have a crack at the coveted major sports trophy — for the first time.

Thank you men, one and all, and Merry Christmas.

Pheasant Hunting Open to Bowmen

The special archery and falconry pheasant seasons will open statewide Saturday, the Department of Fish and Game reminded those who pursue either of these sports.

The archery season will continue through Dec. 24 and the falconry deadline is Jan. 14, 1973.

Hunting hours for both archers and falconers are 8 a.m. until sunset.



GIMME THAT BALL!—Chuck Roulund, center for the Duke 72 team in Division B of the China Lake Intramural Basketball League, grabs a rebound during the game last week against the NAF Officers, won by Duke, 35-33. Other players are (left to right) Mark Renella (21, white jersey NAF Officers), Ed Mikami (25), Bill Siegel (20, white) and Leo Enriquez (20, dark jersey). Enriquez scored 21 points to garner high scoring honors during the game.

Intramural League Cage Teams in Action at Gym

The Gentlemen belied their name by blitzing the Dirty Dozen, 54-10, in China Lake Intramural Basketball Division C action on Dec. 5. After leading 26-6 at the half, the Gentlemen piled up another 28 points while holding the unclean ones to a couple of free throws.

Continental Telephone failed to dial the right numbers and fell to the well-tuned Ace TV cagers, 60-42, in Division A competition during the second game of the night's triple bill. Tim Higgins' 16 points kept Ace on the beam, despite Don Branson and Buddy Phillips of Continental plunking 14 points each through the net.

In the evening's final contest, Duke 72 held onto enough points to edge out the NAF Officers, 35-33, after nearly blowing a 13 point half-time lead. Keeping Duke up on top was Leo Enriquez with 21 points. The O's Al Sorenson racked up 19 in a losing effort in B-1 league competition.

Three more games were played on Dec. 6 at the Center gymnasium. In the first duel, the Wallbangers bounced Communications around the court and forged a 53-29 victory in B-2 league action.

The game was touch-n-go until a third-quarter scoring spurt of 18 points by the Wallbangers clinched the win. Walt Casto scored 18 points to lead the victors. Ron Keck was high point man for the losers with 12.

Like the proverb, the Lion's roar was worse than its bite as the China Lake Varsity All Stars smacked it to Loewen's, 77-73, in an exhibition game. Benny McCargo netted 16 points and Dale Dowd 15 for the victors, with Gordy Irvin and Mike Tosti each scoring 12

points for the Lions. Wrapping up the evening, the Dispensary issued sick chits to the Hustlers, winning 59-42. Tom Thompson led the Dispensary shooters and Jack Ahern of the Hustlers each tallied 15 points in the Division B-1 contest.

Dave Taylor, of the Ensigns, scored on a 30-foot jump shot with one second remaining in the game to beat the Odds 'n Ends, 55-53, in Division A competition on Dec. 7 to open up the evening's play.

After trailing by 11 points at the half, the Odd ones fought valiantly and tied the score at 53-all, before Taylor sank his outside shot to sink their hopes of victory.

Taylor and Jim Felton, of the Odds 'n Ends, each scored 16 points for the evening.

The NAF cagers piled up another victory to run their record to 3-0 and the Division A lead in the second game of the night. They downed the Blazers, 68-58, in a well disciplined team effort. Benny McCargo sank 19 points before fouling out in the fourth period to lead all the scoring.

With the game nearly over, the Blazers held a 3 point advantage over the Hawks until their aggressiveness cost them crucial fouls and set up the NAF win. Ron Black, of NAF, was runner-up for scoring honors with 18 tallies.

A name change is called for after The Devastators were trounced by the Tweets, 38-22, in Division B-2 action during the final game of the evening. Jim Brown led the winners with a dozen points while Devastator John Clark also scored 12 points in a losing effort.

Intramural Basketball League action will take a holiday until Tuesday, Jan. 2, when the Rocking

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The News Hunt

By J. B. Hunt



THE DESERT CHRISTMAS

Seeing your breath in the still, crisp air . . . watching as the snow on the mountains changes from pink to gold to white . . . stepping out into this quiet, awesomely beautiful world — so quiet that the Creator shouts his joy into being . . . beauty and enchantment shows everywhere in the desert winter, with frost's mantle reflecting the coming morning. Sunrise on the desert.

That time when there is just the light that blurs images into hazy pastels. A very subdued, calm beauty, grand and magnificent, shrinking the personality and enhancing the conscience of the glory that is His.

There must be a reason that Joshua trees only grow here and in the Holy Land. Perhaps these are the places that He has paid special attention to . . . The magic is here to lift up the spirit and make you aware of the good that is all around.

This is the time when all people become infected with this spirit. Recall the event nearly two thousand years ago, take it into your soul and contain it for the year ahead.

Peace on earth, good will toward men.

Remember that everyone you see is your brother.

Merry Christmas.

NWC Varsity Hoopsters Bow to Edwards AFB, 73-72

The NWC Varsity basketball squad lost to the hoopsters from Edwards Air Force Base last Friday evening, 73-72, in one of the most thrilling games played at the local gymnasium in recent memory.

With just 2 seconds remaining, Johnny Anthony, Edwards' center, hit an outside shot to send the local cage team down to defeat.

China Lake led throughout the game and seemed certain to hold on for a victory, but the outside shooting of Tony and Willie Johnson, forwards for the Edwards cagers, brought the visitors to within one point of NWC with 11 seconds remaining.

Vikings Defeat Raiders in Girls' Flag Football

Myrna Martin and Shyrle Garrard, of the Vikings, headed a powerful running attack to dump the Raiders, 32-14, in Girls' Flag Football League competition on Dec. 6 at Schoeffel Field.

Raider Kathy McDonna intercepted a Viking pass and moved the ball 35 yds. for a touchdown to bring the score to Vikings 16, Raiders 6, early in the second half following two touchdowns (with 2-point conversions) by Martin and Garrard of the Vikings. The Raiders then added the two point conversion to trail 16-8.

Viking quarterback Cindy O'Neill's skillful signal calling kept the opposition's defense off-balance and allowed the Martin and Garrard combo to rip off big yardage gains, adding two more touchdowns and two more conversions that increased the Vikings' lead to 32-8.

Late in the final period, Susan Hamm, Kathy McDonough and Lori Kunkel combined to tie the final touchdown of the game for the Raiders. They showed a lot of heart, but wound up short of the Vikes tally, losing the game, 32-14.

In the evening's second game, the Chiefs racked up 12 points and kept the 49ers to a goose egg.

Suzie McCawn intercepted a 49er pass and ran it back for the first TD, and Carol O'Dell passed to Mary Davis for the final score for the contest.

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Leading by one point, the local hoopsters took the ball downcourt and then turned the ball over on a bad pass. The Edwards team called a time out and regrouped, then made a fast break and that's when Anthony made his spectacular victory shot.

"China Lake lost the game, but won the fans," said Marty Denkin, NWC athletic director. "For the first time, the local team played well together. We have only played six games and have a record of 3 and 3, whereas the Edwards team has played together now for 18 games," Denkin elaborated.

Edwards previously defeated the China Lake contingent by 40 points. Local fans are now looking more hopefully toward the MDISL basketball tourney, which will be held Jan. 18, 19 and 20 at Norton Air Force Base. "From what I saw last Friday night, we have an excellent chance," Denkin predicted.

Lori Kunkel Is Picked as Top Girl Gridironer

Special Services, jointly with the NWC Youth Center, held an awards banquet last night at the Youth Center to honor the outstanding girl gridiron performers of the season, which ended on Wednesday.

Lori Kunkel, of the Raiders, was selected outstanding player of the 1972 season in the Girls' Flag Football League. Miss Kunkel's play all season long has been sparkling.

Individual players also were honored for each of the season's games. Robin Harbin and Laura Terrell were selected for Oct. 25. Miss Kunkel and Sheryl Garrard for their Nov. 1 performances.

On games played Nov. 8, the honors went to Carol O'Dell and Myrna Martin. Singled out for the Nov. 15 games was Mary Davis, while Renda Totah and Cathy McDonough, along with Julie Baker, were selected for their outstanding performances on Nov. 29.

Cindy O'Neill and Suzie McCawn were cited for their play in the Dec. 6 games, and Gratia Boehme and Beth Koff shared the spotlight for games played on Dec. 13.

Funds for Changes At Schoeffel Field Okayed

Approval to spend up to \$12,000 in non-appropriated funds at Schoeffel Field, where two softball diamonds are to be developed in place of the existing baseball field, was recommended at Tuesday morning's meeting of the Naval Weapons Center's Joint Navy-Civilian Recreation Council.

Expenditure of these funds will be contingent upon obtaining the assistance of either Seabees or qualified volunteers to handle necessary excavation work.

A revised cost estimate for the changes that are to be made at Schoeffel Field was presented at the Recreation Council meeting by Ray Gier, recreation director in the NWC Special Services Division.

The proposal, as outlined by Gier, relies upon the Seabees or trained volunteers to handle excavation and fill of the softball diamond infields using brick dust, and also spells out how Special Services personnel will be utilized for constructing backstops and dugouts and installing water lines and sprinklers in order to hold down the cost of the renovation work at Schoeffel Field.

Conversion of Schoeffel Field to softball will not interfere with its use for flag football play in the fall, Gier assured Recreation Council members. Also being considered, he advised, is the possibility of introducing team handball as a part of the Center's athletic program.

Unusually Cold Weather Hits Mojave Desert

Unusually cold weather for wintertime in this part of the upper Mojave desert has created problems for personnel of the NWC Public Works Department's Maintenance-Utilities Division.

Daytime temperature this past Sunday reached a maximum of just 32 degrees, and the mercury dropped to 16 on Sunday night.

Frozen water lines and a power outage, also believed attributable to the overnight low temperature, confronted employees and residents of China Lake on Monday morning. Areas affected by the power outage were the Naval Air Facility, the Thompson Aeroballistics Laboratory and the B Mt. area according to LCdr. J. R. Jackson, shops engineer in the Public Works Department.

Monday's daytime temperature shot up to 41, but the overnight low was 12 degrees, readings taken at the Naval Air Facility weather station, revealed.

The cold spell has resulted in frozen water lines throughout NWC housing and commercial areas, LCdr. Jackson reported. He advised residents to protect water lines by wrapping them.

Water lines can be protected by using rags or even a pile of leaves to protect them from cold air and wind. Providing such protection by digging down slightly below the surface will be more beneficial than wrapping just those parts of pipelines that are above ground.

Where there are water lines that are exposed and constantly subject to freezing, residents are asked to call the Public Works trouble desk. As time allows, workmen will make the rounds providing proper insulation for such pipelines.

While funds have now been earmarked for the modifications planned at Schoeffel Field, the timetable for doing this work is far from settled. "A lot depends on whether or not Seabees will be available and can do the job," Gier explained. He later suggested (when doubt was expressed that any regular duty Seabees will be back to assist with Self Help projects until sometime in the spring) the project be carried out with the assistance of qualified volunteer truck drivers and heavy equipment operators. Many of these men are involved in the Center's athletic programs and their help can be counted upon, the recreation director said.

He could assure NWC Command support for such use of Navy equipment, Cdr. C. D. Brown, Recreation Council chairman, offered.

Gier then pointed out that while the four Colt League teams would no longer be able to use Schoeffel Field, once the changes he outlined had been made, arrangements have been made for these teams to use baseball diamonds at Burroughs High School, which are being improved with the help of the NWC Special Services Division.

In other business taken up at Tuesday's monthly meeting of the Navy-Civilian Recreation Council, approval also was given to a request from O. A. (Gabe) Imer, head of NWC's Special Services Division, for the purchase of two dual-seat land sailers and two car carriers.

The motion to approve this outlay of funds was passed, contingent upon verification from the Navy Bureau of Personnel that existing insurance policies will cover this additional recreation activity.

Before presenting the request for funds for purchase of the land sailers (wind-driven recreation vehicles), Imer had contacted the

Equipment For TV Booster System Ordered

New equipment needed to improve the local television reception of programs aired on Channels 2, 5 and 13 was ordered this week, according to Richard Schmitt, chairman of the China Lake Community Council's TV Committee.

An initial payment of \$4,000 was sent with the purchase order to Electronics Missiles and Communications, Inc., in White Haven, Pa., and the remaining \$12,000 (plus shipping costs) will be paid following delivery and after it has been determined the equipment will operate satisfactorily.

This will be the first major improvement to equipment installed for receiving and transmitting the signals for Channels 2, 5 and 13 since a new relay station was set up on B Mt. during the latter part of 1963, Dick Furstenberg, who heads the maintenance crew, stated.

The manufacturer will have a maximum of three months time for delivery of the new translators and amplifiers for Channels 2, 5 and 13. Because the equipment is to be checked out in advance, its installation (Continued on Page 7)



PREPARING BALLOON—Members of Detachment One of the U.S. Air Force's Cambridge Research Laboratories, Air Force Systems Command, prepare a balloon for tests held this week at G-Range of the Naval Weapons Center in support of a joint service test operation. Maj. B. B. Burnett, operations officer of the detachment, which is home-based at Holloman AFB, N. Mex., brought 12 crewmen to China Lake for the tests. The balloon (shown here being filled with helium through the long tube at the right of the photo), measured 66 ft. in diameter when filled. It is made of polyethylene and resembles a giant "Baggie." —Photo by PHAN D. M. Jenereaux

Balloon-Borne Target Tests Conducted Here by Air Force

Lt Col. R. J. Reddy, Jr., Commander of the Balloon Research, Development and Test Branch at Holloman Air Force Base, N. Mex., delivered a presentation on the Air Force's research and test ballooning to an interested group of spectators last week in the Earth and Planetary Sciences Building.

Lt Col. Reddy, who represents Detachment 1 of the Air Force Cambridge Research Laboratories, Air Force Systems Command, described the mission of the Command in the area of ballooning.

"I guess you might call me and others like me a balloonatic," he joked. "I've been involved in balloon usage for a number of years and I've discovered that using balloons is a more

economical, reliable method of performing certain tests, provided the wind is right," he added. Detachment 1 is presently conducting low altitude, tethered operations at China Lake. Headed up by Maj. B. B. Burnett, this group is providing a stable balloon-borne target for test operations in support of a joint service project.

The test requirements involve a multiple tethered system at about 4,000 ft. above ground level. "Our mission here at China Lake is not only operational support, but research and development as well," the Air Force scientist said.

Balloons, however, have attained tremendous altitudes in free flight. Since 1948, Lt. Col. Reddy's unit (and its predecessor) has been involved in over 2,100 balloon flights. They presently conduct

approximately 80 flights per year. These flights range from low and medium altitude tethered balloon tests to those involving altitudes of 15,000 ft. above sea level on single tethers and high altitude free balloon tests between 70,000 and 170,000 ft. The size of the balloons vary from 38 ft. to 520 ft. in diameter.

The largest balloon used thus far, when fully inflated, displaces over 47 million cu. ft. of atmosphere, contains 47 acres of material and is 750 ft. long at launch. Free balloons at launch occupy less than 3 per cent of their ultimate displacement volume. The lifting helium gas expands between 30 and 1,000 times during ascent to float altitude.

Detachment 1 has flown a 250 lb. payload at 170,000 ft.; 11,000 lbs. (5-1/2 tons) at 105,000 ft. The heaviest payload launched to date weighed in excess of seven tons. Gross

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Blast Fatal To Two Employees, Third Injured

Two employees of the Propulsion Development Department's Explosives Branch were fatally injured Wednesday morning in an industrial accident involving explosive ordnance while working in a remote area of the Naval Weapons Center.

Walter LaDassor, 47, an engineering technician, and Richard Plauson, 36, a research physicist, were pronounced dead at the scene. A third employee, Duane Fojt, 27, a physicist, sustained minor leg injuries in the explosion and was taken to the NWC Dispensary and placed under observation. He was released this morning.

LaDassor, who has been employed at NWC since Feb. 7, 1949, leaves his wife, Margaret, and two children. Plauson, an employee of the Center since Oct. 1, 1961, is survived by his wife, Mary, and three children.

The cause of the accident is under investigation.

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BALLOONATICS—Lt. Col. R. J. Reddy, Jr., left, Commander of the Balloon Research, Development and Test Branch at Holloman Air Force Base, N. Mex., confers with Maj. R. L. Brown, USAF Liaison Officer at NWC, prior to a lecture on the Air Force's Balloon program, delivered last week at the Center. Lt. Col. Reddy, a self-confessed "balloonatic," outlined the Air Force Systems Command's balloon test background and history for the audience, and presented a film that showed various size balloons and the results of using them for high altitude and tethered tests.

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Christmas Parade Ushers in Holiday Season



WINNER OF the sweepstakes trophy in the annual Christmas parade was this float, entitled "Toys That Never Grow Old," entered by the youth of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Santa was the feature attraction on the Ridgecrest C-of-C entry (at right), which brought up the rear of the parade.



AMONG COMMERCIAL entries in the Christmas parade, this float prepared by the Mayflower Transit Co. won the first place trophy. Center of interest is "Packy," a giant-size figure built from packing boxes.



THE FIRST PLACE trophy for high school bands was awarded to the musicians from Trona High School.



WHEN IT CAME to color guards, top honors in the Christmas parade went to the mounted group from the Marine Corps Supply Depot at Barstow (top photo). In lower photo may be seen another of the eye-catching floats entered in this annual event.

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THE EFFORTS of Brownie Scout Troop 380 were rewarded when judges chose this "Santa's Workshop" float to receive the grand prize trophy in the annual Indian Wells Valley Christmas parade.



THE BURROUGHS HIGH majorettes garnered a first place trophy in the high school level majorette competition for their appearance in the Christmas parade. Behind them is the local high school band, which won a second place award.



MEMBERS OF the 4H Guide Dog Club advertised their presence by joining the Christmas parade, along with the animals they are training to fill a vital future role for some blind person.

7 Navy Women Assigned to Duty at NWC

During the winter of 1941-42, leaders of the U.S. Navy realized that they would have to incorporate women into the ranks of their organization. The British had already seen the necessity of such a move and the need for manpower to fight the war dictated that this country adopt the practice as well.

So, on July 30, 1942, Congress adopted a plan for a new organization, christened Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service (WAVES).

Mildred McAfee, then president of Wellesley College, was selected to head the new volunteers and was sworn into the Navy as a lieutenant commander.

When the WAVES were established, the Congressional bill provided for only 10,000 members with 600 officers. Eventually, the number of WAVES in actual service at any one time reached about 85,000.

The move was labeled a success as the presence of the WAVES (now called Navy women) throughout the Navy's shore establishments began to be felt. Soon, large numbers of men were released from their support jobs ashore for duty at sea.

Through the years since World War II (women became a permanent part of the Navy in 1948), women in the Navy have continued to serve. They are assigned to duty interchangeably with men; there are women in the hospital corps, the medical service corps, dental technician ratings and at least one woman has been assigned to duty in what was once considered exclusively a man's world — as a master chief aviation maintenance man (or is it woman?).

Women officer candidates attend the U.S. Naval Women Officers School at Newport, R.I., where they study such subjects as history, logistics, personnel administration, correspondence, ships, aircraft and weapons, the Uniform Code of Military Justice and leadership and responsibilities of junior officers.

They are assigned to a variety of fields which include: meteorology, oceanography, intelligence, computer programming, data processing, communications, engineering, public relations, legislative liaison, administration, personnel management, personnel planning, education and training, finance, merchandising, comptrollership, logistics and supply.

No longer a Reserve component, the women now serve in the Regular Navy and the Naval Reserve.

Here at the Naval Weapons Center, seven members of the Women's Navy work in six different capacities. They are: Lt. Rosemary L. Waller, who is the Personnel Educational Services Officer at NAF; AVCM Italia F. Birkinsha, office manager of the Electronic Warfare office at VX-5; RM3 Rebecca L. Blackwell, a communications yeoman; RMSN Elizabeth Vass, a teletype operation and radioman seaman; RMSA Elizabeth Reich, another radioman who is working temporarily in the NWC galley; Shellie Kristine Borders, a photographer on the staff of The ROCKETEER; and RMSA Constance Eisenbarth, who works in the communications center.



ELIZABETH REICH, a Radioman Seaman Apprentice, presently helps out in the NWC Main Galley on temporary duty. The Yonkers, N.Y., native, who now lives in Santa Ana, Calif., will return to her job in communications next week. She enjoys playing tennis and baseball in her spare time.



LT. ROSEMARY WALLER confers with PNCS C. T. Hicks in the Naval Air Facility Personnel Office. Lt. Waller is the Personnel Education Services Officer at NAF and doubles as the Public Affairs Officer. She hails from Dexter, Me., and holds a bachelor's degree in theater from the University of Maine.



RMSN ELIZABETH VASS (left) and SA Connie Eisenbarth, both graduates of Radioman "A" School, Bainbridge, Md., work in the NWC Communications Office where they handle message traffic. Miss Vass is planning to be married soon. Miss Eisenbarth says she will stick to crocheting and horseback riding.



RM3 REBECCA L. BLACKWELL "loves" the Navy. She also likes being at China Lake. Miss Blackwell entered the Navy nine months ago at her home town of Indianapolis, Ind., and presently works in the NWC Communications Office as a communications yeoman. Her hobby is needlecraft and she likes to travel.



PHAA SHELLIE K. BORDERS took the photographs accompanying the article on Women in the Navy. The Tigard, Ore., girl is a graduate of Photographers "A" School and is assigned to the staff of The ROCKETEER. She also stands watch duty for security and fire photographic coverage. She has wanted to serve in the Women's Navy ever since she was 8 years old.



AVCM Italia F. Birkinsha searches for documents pertinent to her job in the Electronic Warfare office at VX-5. Chief Birkinsha, a 28-year veteran in the Navy, enlisted during World War II because "... I thought I could help."

By Jack Lindsey

Through Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol," most Americans are familiar with an old-time English Christmas. Unlike Americans, who have combined so many different Christmas customs to arrive at the method with which we now celebrate Christmas, the English holiday, has changed little since the time of Dickens.

For instance, most English children believe in Santa Claus, or Father Christmas, as they call him, until they

Christmas Traditions in England Have Changed Little Since Time of Dickens

are 9, 10 and even 11 years old. One of the reasons for this is that most English families do not put up Christmas trees until Christmas Eve, after the children have gone to bed. The English children believe that Father Christmas erected the tree.

This also precludes any pre-wrapped Christmas gifts being laid under a tree. How can you make a child believe that Father Christmas brings the gifts when they can visibly see them reposing under a tree?

Therefore, seldom does a child receive a "wrapped" Christmas gift. My wife, Pat, says that she would go to sleep on Christmas Eve with a pillowcase tied to the end of

her bed and one of her father's stockings hung by the fireplace. When she awoke on Christmas morning, the pillowcase would be full of little girls' toys and the stocking was stuffed with fruit, nuts and candies.

Large gifts, such as tricycles, baby buggies, etc., would be on the floor, surrounding her bed. The parents (naturally), would be just as amazed as the child at the wondrous gifts from Father Christmas. Then, upon moving to the living room, they would all "discover" the brilliantly decorated Christmas tree.

Caroling still plays a large role in the life of an English child. The wife informs me that approximately one week before Christmas, she and her friends would go out each evening and carol from door to door. They would end each song session with a little ditty that was in reality a plea for money. It went like this: "Please put a penny in the old man's hat. If you haven't got a penny, a ha'penny (half-penny) will do; if you haven't got a ha'penny, then God bless you."

In this manner she would earn a few pennies to spend on Christmas cakes and pies.

The Christmas dinner in England has changed a little

from the time of Dickens. Few families now eat the Christmas goose. Turkey is the mainstay, or a large 14- or 15-lb. chicken, sometimes ham. Vegetables, such as runner beans and cabbage, and cauliflower with a cheese sauce, are served with the meat.

Highlight of the Christmas meal is the plum pudding. Everyone in the family is required to have one stir of the pudding when it is being made. Each person makes a wish (to be kept a secret) when they take their turn stirring. Then the pudding is cooked with pieces of silver in it. (Generally a three-penny silver bit is used.) This is topped with a flaming brandy sauce.

The English eat their Christmas dinner early, at dinner time as my wife puts it. This gives them plenty of time for tea at approximately 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

Tea consists of small mince pies, jam tarts, apple pies (topped with custard), and of course, tea.

Adults do very little celebrating as they join in with the children. Christmas is traditionally a children's holiday in England and the day is spent quietly at home. During the late afternoon, entire families will visit other relatives in the village and their friends. They drop in for one drink to wish them Merry Christmas, then it's on to the next home.

A visit to an English home on Christmas day will find the liquor or other drink sitting on the sideboard waiting, smiles on everyone's face, and an open invitation to join in on a few Christmas carols.



HELPING HAND—A portion of the proceeds from the Beta Sigma Phi 10th annual fashion show "Holiday Splendor," held Tuesday, Dec. 4, at the Commissioned Officers' Mess, was presented to Chaplain R. E. Osman of the All Faith Chapel, for Navy Relief, by Carol Genrich, president of the City Council of Beta Sigma Phi. The check in the amount of \$130 included donations from all five local chapters of Beta Sigma Phi.

Tips Given For Accident-Free Yule Holiday

Someone asked, "What do you want for Christmas? The answer was, "peace of mind." Maybe being safe is a part of that answer. Why not get it for yourself?

While driving

Take time for extra care in holiday traffic and on wintry roads to reduce the possibility of an accident. This would give us another gift if we take time to really enjoy the holiday. Never hurry into an accident. Allow plenty of room for stopping especially if the road might be slippery.

Make it a practice to be seen. Having headlights on helps you to be seen as well as it helps you to see others. Slow down while driving at night. More serious accidents happen at night than in daylight hours.

Watch out for drinking drivers. Also there are more tired drivers on the road who may not react as fast to a problem situation, and we may be tired ourselves.

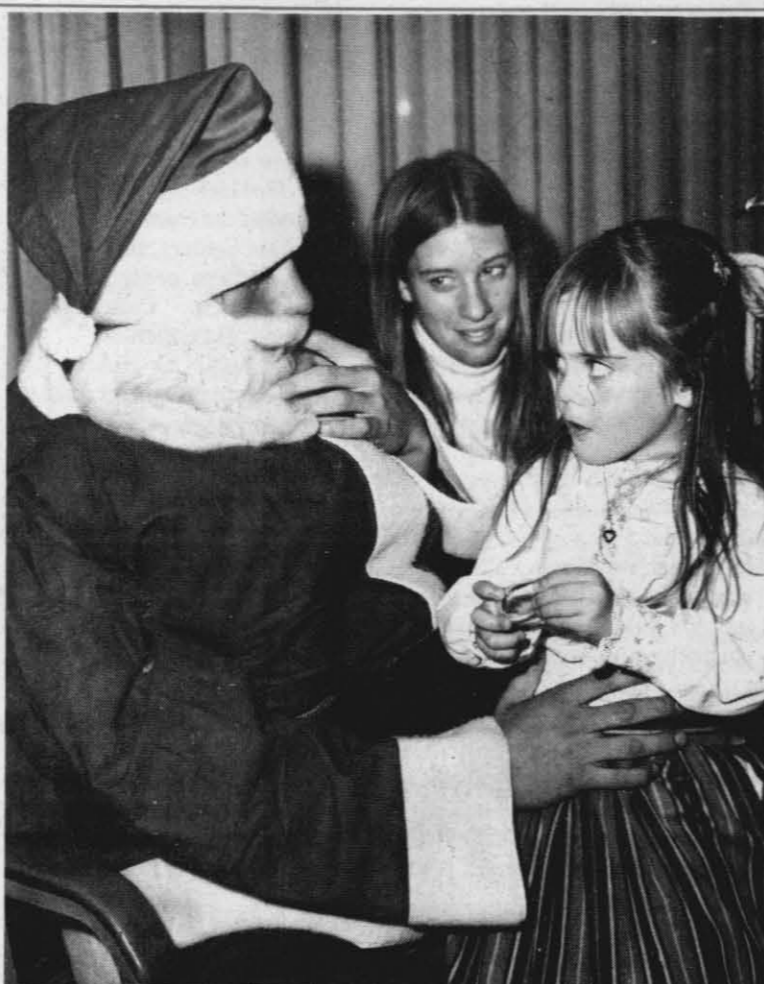
A fastened seatbelt will not prevent accidents, but it may protect against serious injury. The presents under the tree

Are you giving your child a bicycle for Christmas? Does it have a headlight and reflectors or does he have his very own flashlight to use as a headlight. Does the bike fit the child? Have you given him a road test so you are satisfied that he knows and understands the rules of the road and safety rules.

If there is a mini-bike in your child's future, how about a motorcycle safety course. Call 939-2037 for information about a course. A little knowledge of the accidents of others could help your youngster avoid making the same mistakes.

Toys are not always designed with the safety of the child in mind. It is up to us to choose. Are they well designed so they won't splinter or shatter. Are they non-toxic? For small children and infants, are the toys free of small removable parts which could be removed and swallowed. Are the trimmings firmly attached to the toy?

A fire at Christmas can ruin your day. Keep your tree in water to keep it from drying out. Check your



CHRISTMAS PARTY—Stephanie Sever, 4, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mel Sever, shyly presents her list to a pondering Santa Claus at the annual Christmas party of the China Lake Day Nursery School, held this past Tuesday at the Community Center. Members of the "Pixies," a Catholic Youth Organization volunteer group, helped feed, entertain and control the crowd of approximately 250 children who attended the affair. The Santa Claus is Steve Carnahan, also a Pixie. Punch and cookies were served to the children by parents, who also attended. The girl in the background is Pixie Nancy Cunningham. —Photo by PH2 D. W. Yeatts

Christmas lights for worn insulation. Use only off-tree spotlights on a metallic tree. Candles sometimes burn low into decorations, and cause problems.

Use a metal tray underneath the burner of fondue pots or chafing dishes to protect against any overflow of blazing alcohol. Emptying ashtrays directly into wastepaper baskets has caused many fires, but wetting them down takes only a minute.

Officials of the Naval Weapons Center Security Department's Fire Division also noted that community buildings may use only flame retardant or non-combustible Christmas decorations. Such decorations must be inspected by Fire Division personnel prior to occupancy of a building.

In addition, Fire Division personnel stand ready to assist

residents who may have questions about the use of decorations in their homes. Inquiries can be made by calling NWC ext. 2095 or 2404.

Center Employee Gets Professional Engineering Degree

Advanced study by Marko Afendykiw under an NWC Fellowship award was culminated earlier this year by his receipt of the professional degree of electrical engineering from the University of Michigan.

It was erroneously reported in last week's ROCKETEER that Afendykiw, who has a Master's degree in electrical engineering from the U. of Michigan, had been awarded a Ph.D. in electrical engineering.

June Lake Loop Is Year-round Vacationland

Four sparkling blue lakes — June, Gull, Silver and Grant — strung together by streams in a setting of rugged Alpine beauty, make up the June Lake Loop, a year-round vacationland located in the Eastern Sierra mountains.

In addition, June Mountain, where ski runs for novice, intermediate and advanced skiers may be found, lies just south of the Loop. (See map at right.)

During the winter, the lakes are frozen over, and present an ideal spot for ice skaters. Perhaps the greatest attraction during the coming "snow" months is the June Mountain ski area. Here, superb skiing over packed or unpacked powder snow is offered. A high-capacity double chair lift services the face of the mountain with its challenging runs and carries the skier to the 8,600 ft. level. In the "bowl," a T-bar lift gives skiers access to slopes and runs tailored for the beginner and intermediate skier. At the upper terminal of the T-bar, a second double chair lift will take the more advanced skier to the top of June Mountain, elevation 10,212 ft.

On the skyline is the Grand Chalet Schweizerhof, with its breathtaking panorama of valleys, lakes and mountains. The Chalet features complete dining facilities, a ski shop, ski rental department and lockers. The June Mountain Ski School has a fine reputation, with group lessons and private classes available.

Scenic Trips

For those persons not interested in skiing, many scenic trips are available around or near the June Lake Loop area. These include the Devil's Post Pile National Monument, Rainbow Falls, the Earthquake Fault, Crater Lakes, Hot Sulphur Springs, the Wilson Cone, Obsidian Glass Flow, and the Mono Craters. All of these scenic trips are located within just one or two hour's drive from Bishop.

Warm Weather Activities

During the spring, summer and early fall, visitors to the June Lake Loop area will find the four lakes a fisherman's paradise. Catches from pan size to trophy size reward the angling enthusiast. Rugged pursuers of the sport will find native brook and golden trout lurking in the lakes and streams found in the primitive back country — accessible

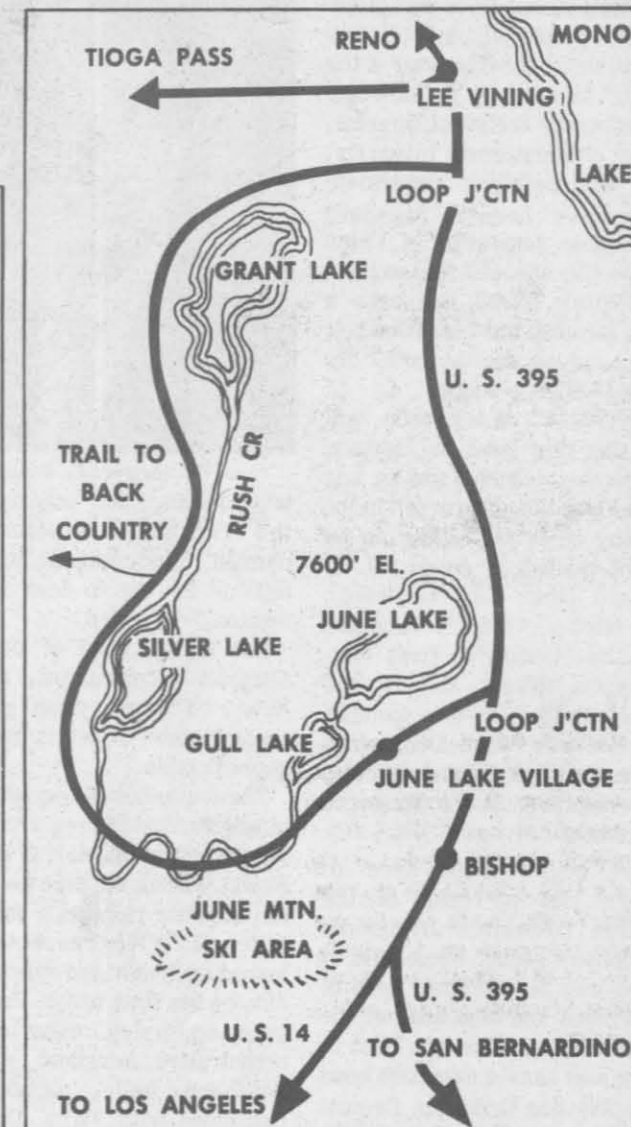
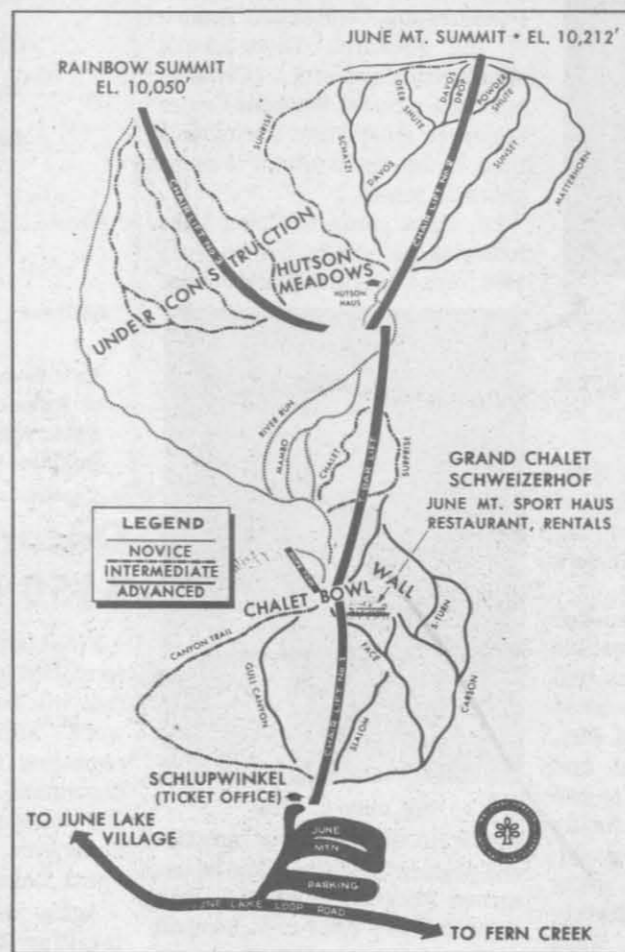
from the loop by well-marked trails.

Hunting, horseback riding, swimming, hiking and camping all play an important role in the vacation pastimes in the loop area. Well marked trails threading their way from lake to lake lure the hiker on and swimming in the crystal clear lakes is invigorating.

Horseback trails are well defined and maintained by the U.S. Forest Service and hunters will find the area an ideal headquarters. Reversed Peak and surrounding coun-

tryside is the home grounds of the Mono Lake deer herd.

The June Lake Loop is located north of Bishop on Highway 395. Look for the turn-off signs.



Balloons Used in Tests...

(Continued from Page 3) weight of this system was 23,000 lb.

The high altitude balloons are manufactured of polyethylene or reinforced mylar-dacron scrim. Thickness of this material usually varies between 3-10,000 and 2-1000 of an inch, depending upon the balloon design and performance requirements. Polyethylene balloon material is very similar to the Baggies one uses to package food.

Since the balloon travels with the wind — control exists in selecting times and altitudes of favorable winds. Wind velocity and direction varies with the altitude, so gas is valved through the balloon apex to reduce altitude. A fine steel, lead or glass dustlike ballast is released to gain altitude. By altitude control, the balloon is maneuvered to favorable wind fields in order to maintain controlled flight.

This has proven to be a very effective technique. From 1964 to 1967 a series of 150 flights were launched from Artesia and Roswell, N. Mex., to a pinpoint target on the White Sands Missile Range 200 miles away. Approximately 50 per cent of these flights were tracked to within five miles of the target and within five minutes of an estimated time of arrival (which had been forecast at launch some 6 hours previously).

Another 120 flights were tracked within 10 miles and 18 minutes. Using altitude control techniques, the balloonists have maintained free balloon systems within 50 miles of the launch site for up to 58 hours. Good radar coverage and

selected seasons of light wind velocity have made the balloon hovering duration and trajectory precision possible.

Lt. Col. Reddy stated that the Army and Navy use the Air Force's balloon platforms, as do the Atomic Energy Commission, NASA, the Defense Nuclear Agency, Department of Transportation, National Science Foundation and various civilian universities operating under Department of Defense grants.

Some of the projects that Detachment 1 has worked on include the collection of high altitude debris from the Atomic Energy Commission under Project Ash Can; the acquisition of extensive upper atmospheric data in support of NASA's manned space flight programs; tests of the soft lunar landing module (Surveyor) and tests leading to the development of an alien environment to test missile re-entry vehicles for the Defense Nuclear Agency; an assessment of supersonic transport pollution efforts for the Department of Transportation, and the development of an accurate homing missile for the Army — Project Homine.

"In general, our balloons have provided platforms for studies concerning atmospheric, cosmic and infrared radiation, optical and electronic measurement for meteorology, space exploration, sampling, offensive and defensive weaponry, observation, reconnaissance and security," Lt. Col. Reddy observed.

HAVE A Merry Christmas BRING YOUR FAMILY...

A special Christmas day dinner is being planned by the Food Service Division at the Navy enlisted dining hall. Meal tickets for the Christmas day meal went on sale Wednesday, Dec. 13, at the Food Service office and will be sold on weekdays between the hours of 8 and 11 a.m. and 1 to 3:30 p.m. through Friday, Dec. 22.

There is no charge for enlisted personnel who have meal passes. However, those on commuted rations must pay \$1 for themselves and \$1.50 for adult guests, and 75 cents for children under 12 years of age. Officers and civilian guests who wish to eat at the enlisted dining hall on Christmas day can purchase tickets for \$1.50 for adults and 75 cents for children.

CHRISTMAS DINNER	
Shrimp Cocktail	Cream of Tomato Soup
Crisp Saltines	
Choice Prime Rib Roast of Beef	
Christmas Roast Young Tom Turkey	
Natural Au Jus	Giblet Gravy
O'Brien Corn with Red Peppers	Buttered Young Tender Peas
Creamy Mashed Potatoes	
Salads	
Tossed Vegetable Salad	Cranberry and Orange Salad
Waldorf Salad	Three Bean Salad
Salad Dressing	
Zesty French Lamaze Dressing	Vinegar and Oil
Sour Cream Dressing	
Assorted Breads	Hot Dinner Rolls
Desserts	
Apple Pie with Cheese Slices	Lemon Chiffon Pie
Fruit Cake	Maple Ice Cream
Assorted Candy	Assorted Nuts
Assorted Fresh Fruits	
Beverages	
NAF Style Egg Nog	Chilled Fresh Milk
Iced Tea with Lemon Wedges	Chilled Chocolate Milk
Hot Coffee	

Applications for WEPCOSE Training Now Being Taken

Applications with an endorsement signed by the applicant's department head will be accepted from now until Feb. 1 from persons interested in participating in the Weapons Control Systems Engineering (WEPCOSE) post-graduate training program for 1973-74.

The Naval Weapons Center has participated in the WEPCOSE program for a number of years. Primary objective of the program is to meet a continuing need for qualified personnel in the physical sciences and for engineers in the field of weapon control systems engineering.

Courses of study offered are fulltime for nine months and, in exceptional cases, 12 months. Graduate training will be offered at the following universities:

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Mass.; Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, N.Y.; Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio; University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Mich.; University of Washington, Seattle, Wash.; Stanford University, Stanford, Calif.; UCLA and the University of California at Berkeley; California Institute of Technology in Pasadena, and the University of Rhode Island at Kingston, R.I.

In order to be considered for this post-graduate training, applicants should be employed in, or perform work related to, the field of weapon control systems development. They also must have a degree in aeronautical, chemical, electronic, mechanical or marine engineering, mathematics or physics,

and be admissible to an appropriate graduate school.

In addition, it is desirable that all candidates have completed a minimum of two advanced mathematics courses beyond differential equations, and a basic course in servomechanisms.

The completed applications must be submitted to Code 6009 no later than Feb. 1. Selection of the recipients of the WEPCOSE training awards will be made by a committee designated by the Office of Civilian Manpower Management in Washington, D.C., from candidates nominated by Naval Laboratories and Centers.

The award provides for payment of salary, tuition and all travel and moving expenses allowable under the Joint Travel Regulations for training purposes.

Additional information and answers to questions about how to apply for the WEPCOSE post-graduate training program can be obtained by contacting the NWC Education Office, Code 6009, phone Ext. 2641.

Assessments Due Following Auto Accident Waived

Assessments usually levied by the China Lake Mutual Aid Society and Government Employees Benefit Association following the death of a member have been waived following the demise of Ivan Cottingham, an employee in the Public Works Department.

Cottingham, who was 54 years old, died Dec. 8 as the result of an automobile accident on Highway 14.

Employee In The Spotlight

"Newt Ward's modesty won't let him admit it, but he is one of the very few people who are directly responsible for the character of the Center," said Dr. W. B. LaBerge, NWC's Deputy Technical Director. "His unquestioned integrity, ethics and unfailing gentlemanliness have been a standard for a whole generation of China Lake people. Like Bill McLean and Hack Wilson, Newt has been a leader forming this place in their image, and we are the better for it," Dr. LaBerge added.



Dr. Newton E. Ward

Dr. "Newt" Ward, who will retire the first week in January, first came to China Lake in late 1945 to "look the place over" in the company of Dr. Gil Plain on an aircraft piloted by VAdm. J. T. Hayward (then Cdr. Hayward), USN (Ret.). "Chick" Hayward was the Center's first Experimental Officer and is still connected with NWC as a member of the Advisory Board. Dr. Plain is NWC's education director and also is a consultant in the Research Department.

Newt began work here in January 1946 as head of the Aviation Ordnance Division's development group. From 1948 to 1950 he was the assistant head of this division and also head of the Aircraft Projects Section. Then in 1950 he was named associate head of the Aviation Ordnance Department—a position he held until 1954. At that time he was picked the man to head up AOD, and filled that job until 1960 when he became the assistant Technical Director for Development (Weapons Systems) and head of AOD.

In 1970, Newt assumed the duties of Acting Deputy Technical Director for the Center, then was appointed to the post of Associate Technical Director following the hiring of Dr. LaBerge. For his work at China Lake, Newt won the L.T.E. Thompson Award in 1962.

Because his work history has been thoroughly documented and his capabilities and accomplishments at NWC are well known, this Spotlight will concentrate on Dr. Ward himself.

"Dr. Ward is, without reservation, the greatest person I have ever worked for," says Louise Mitchell, an associate and friend of Newt's for many years. "He accepts and respects people, not for their position in life, but for themselves. He worked with his people," she added.

"The thing I remember most about him when he was head of AOD is that his door was always open to the employees, and still is," she recalled.

"Working with Newt for the past 20-odd years has been a most interesting and unusual experience for me," says H. G. "Hack" Wilson, NWC's Technical Director. "Contrary to some opinion, I have found Newt to be extraordinarily practical in his approach to technical and management situations. He has an amazing concern for, and interest in, people. There are many who will long remember their association with AOD while Newt was the head foreman of the ranch," Wilson continued.

"Another characteristic of his which has been helpful to me is his

low tolerance for bureaucracy," the Technical Director commented. "In addition, it is not difficult for one to determine his opinion," he added. Bill Davis, head of the NWC Security Department, says of Newt, "The one thing you can predict about Newt is that he's unpredictable."

The unpredictable, quiet-spoken physicist tried for years to get his employees on his staff to call him Newt. "For all the time we worked for him, we resisted," said Mrs. Mitchell. "We respected and looked up to him too much to call him by his first name. He finally gave up trying when one administrative assistant, a young Southern belle, immediately responded with "Why, Dr. Ward honey, I couldn't do that."

The centralized staff at AOD was so well organized that Code 17 once did a study to see what made them "tick." "He inherited us from Dr. Bill McLean, however, I suspect he organized the staff when he was the associate department head," Mrs. Mitchell commented.

Newt and his wife, Maryon, met when they were both students at the University of Oklahoma. "I had occasion to read the personnel files of two bright young men beginning graduate work at the university," Maryon recalled. "One was Newt and he sounded so interesting I made a mental note to remember him," she smiled.

Five years after their marriage and graduation from the university (Maryon holds two degrees—one in library science and the other in political science), they came west to China Lake. Maryon, who is in charge of the Center Library, was pregnant at the time. "We had the usual experiences of those who came here in the early days," she continued.

"The house we were assigned to was complete with everything but a refrigerator and Newt was kept pretty busy running back and forth to the Commissary Store buying milk for me," she laughed. "I was determined to drink large quantities of milk," she reminisced.

"My first impression of NOTS (now NWC) was that it consisted entirely of huge power poles and garbage pails," Maryon said. "All of the homes were painted that awful sand color and seemed to fade into obscurity, leaving nothing but the poles and the pails," she laughed.

Newt and Maryon have two sons, Tom and John. Tom is doing graduate work in molecular biology at Harvard University in Boston, and John is presently

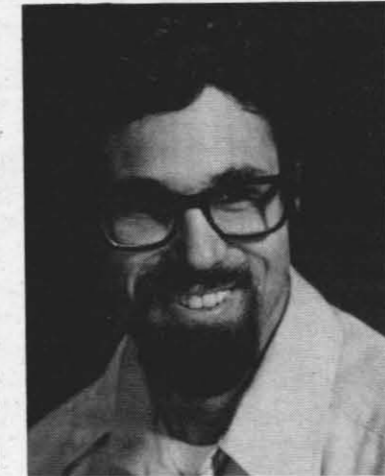
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Ph.D. in Chemical Engineering Won By John L. Eisel

John L. Eisel, a research engineer who was the recipient of a NWC Fellowship for advanced study in the field of solid rocket propellants, has been awarded a Ph.D. in chemical engineering by the University of Utah.

Dr. Eisel, who is assigned to the Fundamental Combustion Branch of the Research Department's Aerothermochemistry Division, has been a Naval Weapons Center employee since 1960. During this time, he has spent a total of seven years at school.

Dr. Eisel came to China Lake following his graduation in June 1960 from Lewis and Clark College



Dr. John L. Eisel

with a BA degree in mathematics and physics. Since that time he has earned Master's degrees in both physics (June 1966) and chemical engineering (June 1972) from the University of California at Davis and from the University of Utah, respectively.

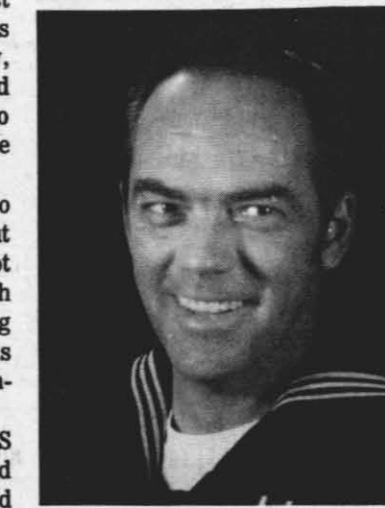
For his Ph.D. in chemical engineering, Dr. Eisel prepared a dissertation on the "Flame Spectra of Solid Propellants During Unstable Combustion."

Dr. Eisel and his wife, Mary, who is employed as a teacher, and two children—a son, Jeffrey, and a daughter, Linda.

2-Week Halt Called On Issuing ID Cards

No government motor vehicle operator's identification cards will be issued during the two-week period from Dec. 18 through Jan. 1.

Holders of vehicle operator's identification cards that are due to expire during this period should get them renewed prior to Monday.



4 MORE YEARS—David T. Homley, an aviation structural mechanic (hydraulics) 1st class at the Naval Air Facility, re-enlisted recently for four more years of service in the Navy. A veteran of nearly 13 years of active duty, AMH1 Homley was transferred here last September from Fighter Squadron 211 at the Naval Air Station, Miramar.

Christmas Decoration Contest Entry Blank

I will have an entry in the following division of the Christmas Decoration Contest, sponsored jointly by the China Lake Community Council and the Ridgecrest Chamber of Commerce.

..Check one only:

- Mobile Homes
- Window Display
- Outside Yard Decorations
- Sweepstakes (requires both window and yard decorations)
- Business Firm

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Entries must be mailed to the Christmas Decoration Contest in care of Ridgecrest Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 771, Ridgecrest Calif. 93555, or delivered to the CoC office at 141 Panamint St. Deadline for receipt of entries is noon on Tuesday, Dec. 19.

Decoration Contest Under Way, \$150 in Prizes To Be Awarded

Final details, including information about the cash prizes that will be awarded to winners, were announced this week regarding the annual Christmas decoration contest sponsored by the Ridgecrest Chamber of Commerce, with support from the China Lake Community Council.

Again this year, cash prizes totalling \$150 will be divided among the winners and top runners-up in the various categories of the contest. For its part, the China Lake Community Council is donating the first place prize of \$25 in the sweepstakes category.

There also will be second and third place awards of \$20 and \$15 in the competition for the sweepstakes award, which is open only to entrants who have prepared both yard and window decorations at their homes.

In addition, cash prizes of \$15, \$10 and \$5 for first, second and third place will be awarded to the entrants whose window displays, outside yard and mobile home decorations are judged best by a panel of six judges. The latter will inspect entries in the contest next Tuesday and Wednesday from 7 to 11 p.m.

Business firms also are invited to compete in a separate category of the Christmas decoration contest, with a trophy for the winner at stake.

Retail Store To Close

Because of the holiday season, the Supply Department's Property Disposal Retail Store will be closed for the next two Fridays—on Dec. 22 and 29—it was announced this week.



NEW AT NWC — Lt. William R. Stout reported recently to the Naval Weapons Center and was assigned to the duty of Weapons Control Officer in the Systems Development Department's Technology Development Division. A Navy man for 11½ years, Lt. Stout joined the Navy Enlisted Scientific Education Program in 1961, and was commissioned an ensign upon his graduation in 1969 from the University of Colorado with a Bachelor's degree in electrical engineering. Lt. Stout was transferred here from duty as the Talos fire control officer on the USS Chicago, a guided missile cruiser. He was accompanied to China Lake by his wife, Beverly, and their two children—a son, Wayne, 6 years of age, and a daughter, Christine, who is 4.

Dr. Ward...

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working at the Haight Ashbury Detoxification Clinic in San Francisco, following the receipt of his Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of California Medical Center, San Francisco, last June.

Maryon reports that Newt enjoys working with his hands and is an excellent handyman. Buddy Deffes, head of the Engineering Department's Mechanical Division, always said that Newt's greatest pleasure was " . . . tearing things apart," as he had to do many times during the Center's early days.

The Wards enjoy traveling and intend to do quite a bit in their retirement. First on the list is a trip to Florida and then a visit to New Zealand and Australia in the works.

Newt's latest hobby of cooking will stand him in good stead. "He will probably be delighted to cook up something for visitors at our retirement home in Vista, Calif.," Maryon said. "That is, if we're home and not boating down some river or visiting some country we've always wanted to see," she added.

Summer Employment Exam Applications Being Taken

Examinations have been scheduled by the U.S. Civil Service Commission for 1973 summer jobs in Federal agencies.

Candidates whose applications are received by Dec. 29, will be tested on Feb. 10, 1973. Those whose applications are post-marked prior to Jan. 26 will be tested on March 10. Applications post-marked after Jan. 26, will not be accepted.

All high school seniors must take the summer examination to be considered for summer employment for jobs covered by this announcement.

College students may by-pass the examination provided they expect to complete their sophomore year (60 semester hours or 90 quarter hours) by June 1973 and if they have an overall grade point average of 3.5 or better out of a possible 4.0 at the time they apply.

Complete instructions for filing and information on opportunities available are contained in CSC Announcement No. 414, Summer Jobs in Federal Agencies, which may be obtained from Federal Job Information Centers, most college placement offices, or from the U.S. Civil Service Commission, Washington, D.C. 20415.

Students who by-passed the summer examination last year on the basis of their overall grade point average must reapply this year on the basis of their current overall grade point average, or they must apply to take the examination.

Students who took the examination last year and who wish to retain their score will be contacted by the U.S. CSC to update their qualifications and to ascertain their availability. If

Dance Slated New Year's Eve By Optimists

The new Joshua Community Hall, located on the Desert Empire Fairgrounds, will be the scene of a New Year's Eve dance, Jan. 31, sponsored by the Ridgecrest-China Lake Optimist Club.

A family musical group, "The Phantoms," is slated to play for the evening. The dance will begin at 9 p.m. and continue until 1 a.m. A donation of \$3 per person will be asked. Tickets are available at the Station Pharmacy.

Proceeds from the dance will be returned to the community by the Optimists, who support many youth clubs and other community projects in the local area.

All residents of the Indian Wells Valley 21 years of age or older are invited to attend the affair.

Most NWC Facilities To Close on Dec. 25, Jan. 1

All facilities of the Employee Services Board will be closed on both Christmas and New Year's Day. In addition, the Station Restaurant will close on Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 23 and 24, and again the following weekend, Dec. 30 and 31.

Special Services facilities that will be open on Christmas Day are Hall Memorial Lanes and the China Lake golf course. However, the pro shop at the golf course will be closed. The Center Library also will be closed on Sunday, Dec. 24, and on Sunday, Dec. 31.

Hall Lanes and the golf course will be open on New Year's Day as well, with the pro shop again closed on Jan. 1. The Center Theater will be open for its regular hours on Monday, Jan. 1.

Students were not contacted by Nov. 15, they should write to the Operations Control Section, Bureau of Recruiting and Examining, U.S. Civil Service Commission, 1900 E Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20415.

Application forms for both the examination and grade point average bypass can be obtained from the receptionist at the NWC Personnel Department, Bldg. 34, located on Blandy Ave. For additional information, those interested should call NWC Ext. 2690.

The CSC has urged candidates to apply early for maximum consideration and emphasized that the number of jobs available through the nationwide test will be extremely small in proportion to the number of competitors. Last year there were 203,244 eligibles and only 12,000 were appointed through the nationwide CSC examination.

In addition to providing details about the types of jobs that will be filled through the nationwide examination, Announcement No. 414 contains information on other summer jobs that will be filled through merit procedures administered by individual Federal agencies.

Film Matinees Planned During School Vacation

The China Lake Youth Center has scheduled three holiday vacation matinees at the Center Theater — Dec. 20, 21 and 28.

All three movies are rated "G" and will begin at 1 p.m. The theater doors will open at 12:30 p.m. Members of the Youth Center will be admitted free of charge. All others must pay 30 cents.

Slated to be shown on Wednesday, Dec. 20, is "The Bushbaby," a film about a young English girl who misses her ship in order to return her pet to its native habitat.

On the bill of fare for Thursday, Dec. 21, is "Call of the Wild," a film made from the exciting Jack London novel. The movie stars Clark Gable.

"Ring of Bright Water" is scheduled on Thursday, Dec. 28.

Directors Elected At COM Meeting

Three new members to serve on the board of directors were elected during last week's annual meeting of the Commissioned Officers' Mess.

Those chosen to join the governing board, now headed by Cdr. Gary Bailey, as chairman, were Lt. Charles Fitz-Gerald and Lt. Bill Siegel, both from the Naval Air Facility, and Grace Kelley, an employee in the Electronic Systems Department.

TV Booster...

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The money for purchase of this new equipment was raised during a communitywide TV Booster Fund drive in the spring of 1970, and this forthcoming expense will just about wipe out the reserve that had been set aside for this purpose.

Routine maintenance and operation of the TV booster station is paid for from recreation funds.



CHRISTMAS PARTY GUESTS—Capt. R. S. Moore, (at left), Commanding Officer of the Naval Air Facility, and Mrs. Paulette Moore, were welcomed to the annual Gold Hashmark Club's Christmas party on Dec. 8, at the Chaparral Club, by Larry Peck, right, president of this top Navy Petty Officers' group. Approximately 30 persons attended the party, including Capt. T. C. Wimberly, the NWC Technical Officer, and Mrs. Wimberly. Capt. Wimberly represented the NWC Command at this event.

Recreation Council Meets...

(Continued from Page 3) heads of the NWC Safety, Security and Public Works Departments, as well as the Center's Staff Judge Advocate to make sure that no unforeseen problems within the cognizance of these officials would be created by the use of land sailers at Mirror Lake.

Discussed at the Recreation Council meeting was the possibility of using Mirror Lake as a site for training or check-out of potential renters of the land sailers which, for the most part, will be taken to areas some distance from the Naval Weapons Center that are already being used for this purpose—such as El Mirage dry lake near George Air Force Base.

Imer also reported that preparations are moving ahead for development of a publicity room that will be used for presenting displays about recreational activities of general interest occurring within a radius of 250 miles of China Lake.

An open house at this new facility, which is to be located in a small room just behind the reception desk at the Community Center, is being planned early in January, Imer said.

The pending reassignment of the Shopping Bag Annex building was called to the attention of the Recreation Council by Cdr. Brown, and council members promptly went on record requesting that this structure be reserved for recreation purposes, including the possibility of roller skating.

Change Due In Retirement Procedure

Moving the Center's youth basketball program to the Shopping Bag Annex from the gym was mentioned as one practical use for the vacant building—in order to relieve the pressure that currently exists on use of the gym.

At the present time, it was pointed out by Imer, 48 basketball teams (22 adult squads and 26 youth teams, including four for girls) are organized for the current season. No military base in the country of comparable size has anything like the number of teams involved in the basketball here, Imer added in pointing out the need for additional space.

The annex, it was noted, has a lot of potential for use as a place to play basketball or other indoor sports, as well as for various physical fitness programs.

This week's meeting of the Recreation Council was concluded

