

Two 'Young Lions' Qualify In Golf Club Championship

Two of China Lake's young lions, an old standby and a golfer who has yet to emerge from his shell to the greatness predicted for him, are the four finalists who will compete tomorrow and Sunday for the China Lake Men's Golf Club championship.

Craig Clark, a 1971 graduate of Burroughs High School who has been attending Porterville College, shot rounds of 79 and 72 for a gross score of 145 to capture first place in the qualifying rounds. Jim Runchey, Jr., who will be a senior at Burroughs this fall, scored with rounds of 74 and 73 for 147 gross total.

The third spot went to Curt Bryan, who has been a finalist many times in the past. Bryan shot rounds of 79 and 72 to qualify with a 151 total. Dick Clay, a Chief Petty Officer stationed at NWC, shot rounds of 78-74 for a 152 total, to qualify for the final spot in the championship play-off.

Max Smith, the current club champion, opened with a 76 on Saturday and slipped to a 77 on the final day of qualifying, to miss out by one stroke. The three-time title holder hit a ball out of bounds on hole No. 18, and three-putted No. 9 to miss his bid for an unprecedented fourth club championship by one stroke.

Other Finalists
The four finalists in the

President's Flight — golfers whose handicaps range from 0 to 11 — are Bob Hooper, Al McDonald, Joe Stricheck and Dan Morey. Young Morey is a Burroughs student who will be entering his junior year in the fall.

Competing in the First Flight — golfers in the handicap range of 12 to 16 — are Dick Davis, Dan Wagner, Terry Vickers and Ron Morey, the father of the young finalist in the President's Flight.

Basil Legg, Jack Lindsey, Fred Anderson and Mike Sanitate will vie for the crown in the Second Flight, for golfers with handicaps 16 and above.

Starting times for the flights tomorrow are as follows: Second Flight, at 8 a.m. Legg will meet Anderson and Lindsey will contest Sanitate. All finals will be match play for 18 holes.

In the First Flight, Davis vs. Morey and Wagner vs. Vickers will tee-off at 8:08 a.m., and the President's Flight will hit the links at 8:16. Hooper will go against Stricheck and McDonald takes on young Morey.

The match that will draw the most galleryites tees off at 8:24. Clark and Bryan will play an 18-hole match, while Runchey meets Clay. The winners on Saturday will play an 18-hole match on Sunday to determine the champions of each flight.



THROWS OUT THE FIRST BALL — O. A. "Gabe" Imer, head of the NWC Special Services Division, threw out the first ball to signal the beginning of the first annual NWC Special Services' Invitational Softball Tournament last weekend.

Clodt's 'Cinderella Team' Wins Softball Tournament

The Earl Davis Contractors — a newly formed team of NWC Varsity throw-aways — not only put down the Varsity softballers, but smashed their way to first place with a 6-1 record in NWC Special Services' first annual Invitational Softball Tournament, held at Reardon Field Aug. 3, 4 and 5.

Known as the Indian Wells Valley Merchants during the tournament, and managed by Rich Clodt, the team socked the final blow to Bob's Cafe from Oildale, 10 to 6, in the last game on Sunday night. Third place went to the Boron Sportsman with the NWC Varsity team finishing a disappointing fourth.

Ralph Stalnaker, of the Earl Davis team, won the "Most Valuable Batter" award with 3 homers, 5 doubles and 10 hits out of 24 times at bat for a .417 average. Burt Galloway triumphed as "Most Valuable Pitcher" by giving up only four earned runs in 24 innings.

"Most Valuable Fielder" award went to Larry Bryant from Bob's Cafe. NWC's Billy Brown and Bob Steckley, from Mel's Pharmacy, won honorable mention for their pitching.

The NWC Varsity began to feel the power of the Earl Davis nine during the first game of the



By Jack Lindsey
The ugly duckling turned out to be a swan, after all! The frog was really a prince! The glass slipper fit . . . and Rich Clodt's fairy tale Cinderella softball team lived happily ever after.

The softballers, sponsored by Earl Davis Contractors, in Ridgecrest, played together as a team for the first time in the China Lake Special Services' Invitational Softball Tournament, held last weekend at Reardon Field, and took all the marbles.

Made up of what manager Clodt described as "NWC Varsity team rejects," the newly-formed team defeated first the Boron Sportsmen and Bob's Cafe from Bakersfield twice on the final day, to win the crown.

"All we really wanted to do was whip the NWC Varsity team," said Lowell Radcliff, coach of the team. "That was the only reason Clodt put the team together. We hadn't any idea that we could go all the way and beat the out-of-towners," he smiled, obviously elated.

Six other teams were entered in this, the first annual softball tournament at China Lake—the NWC Varsity, NAF Hawks, Bob's Cafe, Mel's Pharmacy from Lancaster, Marv and Jerry's Welding from Bakersfield, and the Boron squad.

The local favorite was Marty Denkin's Varsity nine. However they were eliminated from the tournament on Saturday when they lost their second game in a row to Clodt's merchant nine, the first loss coming in the first game of the tournament on Friday evening.

Bob's Cafe went undefeated until losing to the Davis Contractors in the 5 p.m. game on Sunday. That set up the championship game at 8 o'clock Sunday evening between Clodt's clouters and the eatery bunch.

Grabbing an early lead in the finale, the Contractors went on to win 10-6, staving off a late-inning bid by the visitors from Bakersfield.

After young Ralph Stalnaker (who won the MVP award for his hitting), a graduate of all of the local baseball and softball programs, hit his second homerun during the first game between Bob's Cafe and the Davis Contractors, a visitor from out-of-town was overlooked to remark, "Where does he get all that power. He's just a kid." The same is true of most of Clodt's team, with the notable exception of a couple of old timers — Burt Galloway and Al Hiles. Galloway was selected the most valuable pitcher of the competition.

Big Al used to be a terror at the plate until the terrible motorcycle accident that left him with his

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Femme Sportswriter Will Be New Sports Publicist

Carol Benton, the wife of Al Benton, an employee of the Test and Evaluation Department, has been selected to handle the duties of sports publicist for the Special Services Division.

Mrs. Benton replaces Leo Rick-

Mrs. Benton will be covering sporting events and reporting on other Special Services' activities for The ROCKETEER. In addition, part of her duties revolve around photographic coverage of these events.

In September, Mrs. Benton will initiate a column to be run on the sports pages of The ROCKETEER that will disseminate the woman's point of view in the world of sports.

Her experience includes writing for her high school paper. She enjoys competing in sports and is an active spectator at various sporting events on the Center. Her hobbies include camping, hiking, hunting, and the regular femme pastimes of sewing and home decorating.



Carol Benton

mrs, who returned to Dallas, last month.

Born in Kansas City, Mo., Mrs. Benton was graduated from Ruskin High School, in Hickman Mills, Mo. She worked for a few years at various jobs including secretary-receptionist, as a personnel assistant and as a bookkeeper. She moved to the Indian Wells Valley 1 1/2 years ago and met her husband. The couple was married soon after.

The new sports publicist received an AA degree from Bakersfield College in January of this year.

She plans to attend Cerro Coso Community College in the fall.

Stoner Selected as Athlete of Month

Mike Stoner, second baseman for the NWC Varsity softball team, has been selected as July's "Athlete of the Month." The selection was made by the Special Services Division.

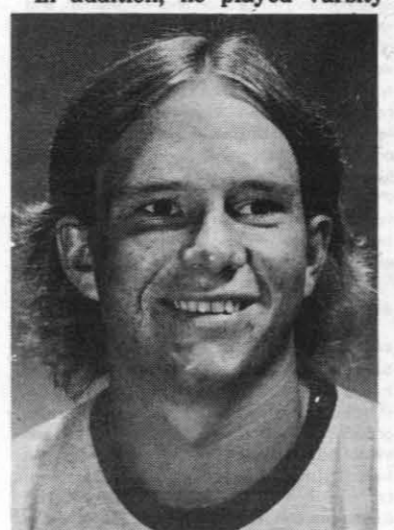
Stoner, a 1972 graduate of Burroughs High School, will be entering Bakersfield College this fall, where he will play for the Renegades' baseball team.

He is the son of Donald and Joyce Stoner, of Ridgecrest. His father is an employee of the Public Works Department on the Center.

Young Stoner has been a prominent baseball player locally since his Little League days. His family moved to China Lake from Long Beach, Calif., when he was 11 years old, and Stoner immediately signed up for the local Little League program. In the ensuing years, he was tapped to play on the Little League All-Star team, and

the All-Star teams in both the Pony and the Colt Leagues.

In addition, he played varsity



Mike D. Stoner

baseball at Burroughs during his sophomore, junior and senior years.

Entries Being Taken For Golf Invitational

Entries are now being accepted for the 12th annual China Lake Golf Club Invitational, set for Sept. 15 and 16. Entry forms are available at the golf club pro shop.



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From China Lake—Doris Hammer, a housewife; Dr. Richard Knipe, a research physicist; Judy Lind, a management technician; and Anthony Simshauser, an engineer.

From Ridgecrest—Dr. Arnold Adicoff, a chemist; Dan Butler, management services coordinator; Rev. William Charlton, a minister-counselor; Helen Ferguson, educator; Dr. Leon Karner, orthodontist; Dr. David S. Kyser, physicist; Rod McClung, a senior engineer at NWC; Marino Melsted, a mechanical engineer; Dr. John O'Lane, obstetrician and gynecologist; Harry Pursel, manager of the Ridgecrest facility of Texas Instruments, Inc.; Bob Sizemore, a supervisory general engineer, and Dr. Aldean Washburn, dentist.

From Inyokern—Charles L. Keene, Jr., pipe shop foreman, and Richard Lewis, manager of Automation Industries, Inc., Ridgecrest facility of the Vitro Services Division.

A number of the candidates for the board of trustees of the new unified school district are now school board members, or have had such experience in the past.

All five members of the board of trustees of the Indian Wells Valley Union School District are seeking election to the unified school district board. They are Butler, Dr. Karner, Lewis, Dr. O'Lane and Dr. Washburn. While Dr. O'Lane has filed his candidate's papers, he later announced his intention of withdrawing from the race, since he has accepted a position with a hospital in Detroit, Mich.

Current or past trustees of the China Lake Elementary School



FAMILIARIZATION TOUR CONDUCTED — Among distinguished visitors last week at the Naval Weapons Center was Rear Admiral W. L. Harris, Jr., from the OPNAV Office of Research, Development, Test and Evaluation. RADM. Harris (seated second from left) is director of the Tactical Air, Surface and Electronic Warfare Development Division. He is shown conferring with RADM. Paul E. Pugh, NWC Commander (at right); Frank Knemeyer (seated between the two admirals), NWC's Deputy Technical Director for Strike Systems, and Leroy Riggs, Deputy Technical Director for Electronic Systems. During the day-and-a-half that he spent at China Lake, RADM. Harris received a concentrated briefing on current research and development programs, and was able to look over NWC facilities and equipment. RADM. Harris also is shown in photo below with Deputy Technical Director Riggs as he boarded a helicopter prior to making an aerial tour of the NWC ranges.

Aid to Visitors...

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handle vehicle registration changes Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. These latter two services previously were cut off at 4:30 p.m. on weekdays.

The pass desk will continue to operate daily from 7 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. Between the hours of 11:30 p.m. and 7 a.m., passes will be issued by the gate guards.

These changes are the result of continuous efforts by the Security Department to improve its services to the community.



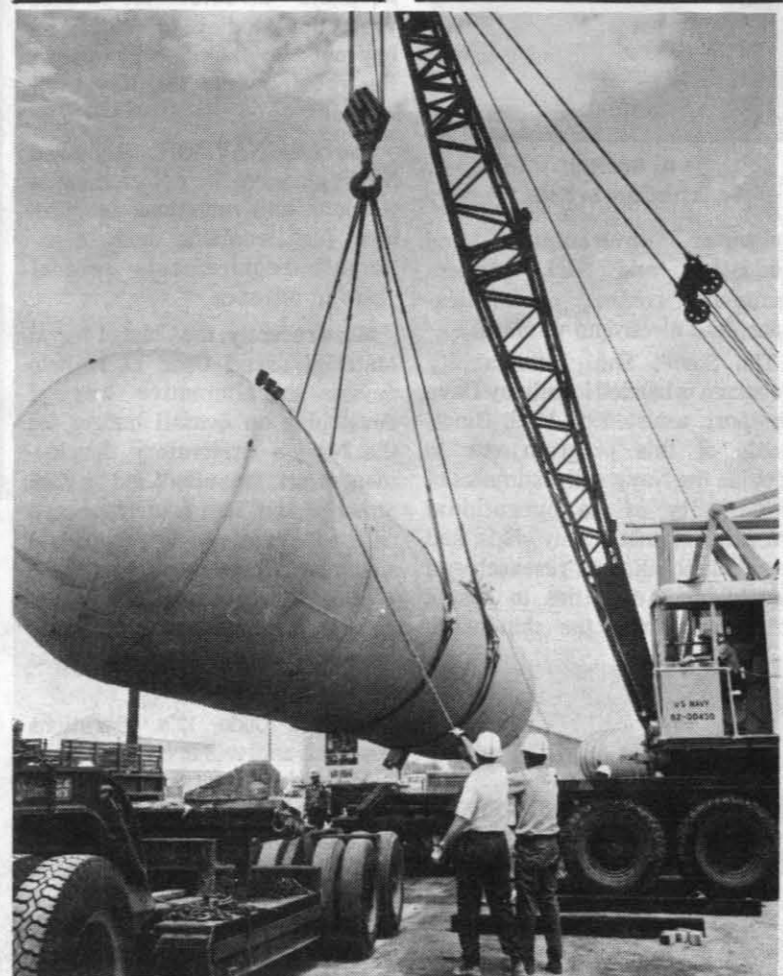
PHOTO MIXUP — Two photos taken more than a year ago, and then never used, inadvertently were incorrectly identified when placed in the ROCKETEER files. The error cropped up to haunt the NWC newspaper staff last week when a photo of Ellie Blackwell was published in place of the one which had been intended of Sue Gardner, whose name was in the news because of her participation in the Management Intern Program. Belatedly, and with apologies to all concerned, The ROCKETEER is publishing Mrs. Gardner's photo above.

Power Outage Slated Sunday In Range Area

A power shortage, during which all electrical power will be shut down between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and noon, will take place on Sunday at various locations in the Naval Weapons Center range area.

This action is necessary in order to replace a weakened pole on the 32,000 volt power line which extends into the Center from its western boundary, Joel T. Halop, head of the Public Works Department's Maintenance Control Division, stated.

Barring any serious interference with vital test programs, the areas that will be affected by the power outage are: The intermediate pump station at SNORT; wells No. 18A, 28 and 29 at B-4; the Askania station east of the B-1 substation on the B-1 range; the Askania station northeast of the G-4 track in the L-B area; the Askanias at Cinder Peak on G-4 range, and the Sandquist Spa recreation area.



PREPARING FOR WINTER — The arrival here last week of six additional propane storage tanks will put the Naval Weapons Center in a much better position to get through the coming winter months free of concern over what a shortage of propane gas supplies would mean to the Center. Each of the additional storage tanks (one is shown being unloaded above) is capable of holding 30,000 gallons of propane gas, which is expected to be in short supply in California this winter due to a 30 per cent cutback in production. The government surplus storage tanks were obtained from Camp Parks, near San Francisco. Jesse Bell, head of the NWC Supply Department's Material Division, directed arrangements for disassembly of the tanks at Camp Parks and their transportation to China Lake.

District who are now up for election to the unified school district board are Mrs. Hammer, Dr. Knipe, and McClung.

Another of the candidates, Sizemore, is a former member of the IWV Union School District board of trustees.

School Budget...

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In other business taken up at Monday night's school board meeting, Dr. Sol Spears, district superintendent, reported upon a meeting which he held recently with Harry Blair, Kern County Superintendent of Schools, and his staff, to discuss the implications of unification of schools in the local area from the teachers' point of view.

Since that meeting with Blair, which was sponsored by the steering committee of the local United Teachers' Organization, Dr. Spears has met with Joe Basso, the steering committee chairman.

At that time, Dr. Spears advised school board members and fellow administrators, he suggested to Basso areas and topics on which study groups, or committees composed of teachers, school administrators and parents could work together to prepare recommendations for consideration by the governing board of the unified district following its election on Oct. 2.

China Lake Elementary School District trustees also were informed by Dr. Spears that Friday, Aug. 24, has been set as the target date for beginning the move into all of the district's new buildings, with the exception of the special education complex, and full occupancy of the new buildings is anticipated on Friday, Aug. 31.

Classes for the new school year will begin on Thursday, Aug. 30, instead of following Labor Day as has been customary in the past.

Red Cross Sets First Aid Class

Instruction will begin at 7 p.m. next Wednesday, Aug. 15, in a Red Cross advanced first aid course that is to be held at the Safety Building, located at the corner of Nimitz Ave. and Hussey Rd.

After the new school year starts in September, future first aid course sessions will be held on Tuesdays from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Safety Building.

Anyone possessing a currently active standard first aid certificate is eligible to take this class.

Those interested in registering for the class, or anyone seeking further information, are asked to call Warschauer at NWC ext. 3967 or 3962 during working hours, or after work at 446-6932.

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few months until, in the fall of 1966, he left for Case-Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio, to study for a Ph.D. in control engineering. The following spring he was awarded an NWC Fellowship that continued in effect for two years, and he ultimately completed the requirements for his doctorate in June 1971.

His Ph.D. thesis was entitled "Experimental Modelling of Network-like Systems."

