



CLOTA AWARD RECIPIENTS — Herb Childers (2nd from left), and Rick Howell (r.), were named best supporting actor and best male bit actor for the 1973 season at the annual CLOTA awards banquet, held at the CPO Club last Saturday evening. Alan Paulsen (l.), the technical director for "1776," and Russell Parker (3rd from left), the show's musical director, as well as Marijean Akers and Vernon Green, lighting director of "1776," were honored with plaques for the best technical achievement in the year.

Fun Weekend Begins at 'Whiskey Flat'

A five-day celebration, in observance of the colorful times over a century ago when gold was discovered and mined in the Kern River Valley, began yesterday and will continue through Monday. A full schedule of events is on tap for this special fete, known as "Whiskey Flat Days," and the entire community will take part in recreating the boisterous gold rush days of Whiskey Flat—the original name given to the Kernville area. Activities that began yesterday and will continue throughout the annual celebration include the Rotary Club's invitational art show at the Riverview Motel, a frog jumping contest, and a carnival. Also held yesterday was a tour of the Bull Run Mine, led by Ardis Walker, noted local historian and author.

Keyesville, the oldest mining camp in Kern County. Second heat of the frog jumping contest will be followed by an antiques and collectibles show. In the evening, the Odd Fellows Hall will be the location for several festive activities, including a potluck dinner, an old time melodrama, and a big political rally to introduce the candidates for Honorary Mayor of Whiskey Flat. The evening will end with a big dance to the music of Jimmy Thomason and his band at Ewings on the Kern.

Parade Set Saturday
Saturday, Feb. 16, will see the continuation of most of the shows and activities. Big event of the day will be the Whiskey Flat Days grand parade, scheduled to begin at 11 a.m. and led by Sheriff John McNally, honored grand marshal. At noon hungry parade-watchers will be fed at the Future Farmers of America beef barbecue, located in the Odd Fellows Hall.

Other events of the day will be a medicine show, a horseshoeing demonstration and

small animal display, a greased pig catching contest, and a bounty hunters' shoot-out. Audrey Fluhart, member of an early day Havilah mining family, will conduct a tour of Havilah. A grand old-time fiddlers' contest and a fiddlers' jam session at Kernville Elementary School will usher in the evening with some real footstompin' music. A teenagers' dance at the Odd Fellows Hall and a square dance at the Lake Isabella Veterans' Hall will offer more opportunities for high-spirited celebration.

Pancake Breakfast
On Sunday morning, Feb. 17, the Lions Club will sponsor a pancake breakfast at the Odd Fellows Hall. The annual Artists' Breakfast, at Ewings on the Kern, will honor local painters. The Whiskey Flat Trail Ride will also begin on Sunday morning. In keeping with the old west theme, a bounty hunters' shoot-out and frontier town action will be followed by a Whiskey Flat costume parade and whiskerino contest.

WACOM Art Show, Auction Set Feb. 19

On Tuesday the Women's Auxiliary of the Commissioned Officers' Mess (WACOM), with the help of Art/Show Galleries, Ltd., will present an art exhibit and auction of some 100 internationally known artists, such as Chagall, Picasso, Miro and Dali. The show, which will be held for the enjoyment of the entire Ridgecrest/China Lake community, will be at the Community Center, beginning at 6:30 p.m. The show will feature many new, exciting and vibrant original oils as well as numbered and signed lithographs, etchings or engravings either color or black and white. Primarily, it is any work based on one original that through a method of production creates a limited series. Because the artist makes only one original and then strikes from that plate a limited edition of prints, this type of work is a means of bringing art closer to the general public. After a limited series of prints have been made the plate is then destroyed and thus it can never again be duplicated.

authenticated, each with a frame that has been individually selected to compliment "that" work of art. They are all ready to take home, to hang and to enjoy. The event is open to the entire community.

Its a great opportunity for everyone to view art that normally would be seen only in such places as Los Angeles, San Francisco or New York. There will be a general admission of \$2 per person.

Exhibition Precedes Auction
This unique cultural and educational opportunity will begin with an art exhibition, that will include refreshments, followed by the art auction. The auction will consist of two hours of fun and excitement, with a bit of art education and appreciation thrown in for good measure. When the auction is concluded, a door prize, (an original work of fine art) will be given away. There will be no pressure to buy, but if anyone in attendance decides to purchase one of these works of art, BankAmericard and Master Charge will be accepted. Every one of these pieces of art have been serigraphed, signed, numbered and



WACOM ART AUCTION NEARS — The Women's Auxiliary of the Commissioned Officers' Mess (WACOM) would like to give a last-minute reminder to the residents of the community, about the Art Auction to be held at the Community Center on Tuesday. There also will be an exhibition at 6:30 p.m. followed by the auction at 8. Shown with just a few of the types of art to be on display are (l.-r.) Ditty Riggs, Doe Keihner, WACOM president, and Clarine Pugh. There will be refreshments and a charge of \$2 per person.

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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
Regular starting time—7:30 p.m.
Matinee—1 p.m.

FRI. 15 February
"GODSPELL" (102 Min.) (Released April 73)
Victor Garber, Katie Hanley
(Musical) The Gospel according to St. Matthew is an occasion for song and dance as eight youths from various walks of life are attracted to a fountain in Central Park by David Haskell, who appears and disappears before their eyes. He baptizes them in the faith and another youth, Victor Garber, undergoing baptism, becomes their leader. As the others follow, Garber relates passages from the Gospel which disciples act out. (G)

SAT. 16 February
—FAMILY MATINEE—
"THE ALAMO" (162 Min.)
John Wayne, Richard Widmark (G)
—EVENING—
"CHARLEY VARRICK" (100 Min.)
(Released Oct. 73)
Walter Matthau, Joe Don Baker
(Comedy) The title character, played (with his familiar wit and understatement) by Walter Matthau, is an air circus stunt pilot turned crop duster and bank thief. In the third profession he works on a modest scale, only going after banks in small towns. One day he picks one which is temporarily holding a quarter of a million dollars belonging to the Mafia. (PG)

SUN. & MON. 17-18 Feb.
"THE MAN CALLED NOON" (96 Min.)
(Released Sept 73)
Richard Crenna, Stephen Boyd
(Western) Shot at by Angel Del Pozo, gunfighter Richard Crenna falls from his hotel window and suffers amnesia. Escaping on a train, Crenna encounters gunman Stephen Boyd and is taken to Rosanna Schiaffino's Texas ranch. Del Pozo has been holding her a prisoner since killing her father who hid \$25,000 in gold. A bullet from Judge Parley Granger's gun jogs Crenna's memory; he was an arms manufacturer and rancher who turned gunfighter to avenge the deaths of wife and daughter. (R)

TUE. & WED. 19-20 February
"THE OUTSIDE MAN" (104 Min.)
(Released Nov. 73)
Jean Louis Trintignant, Ann Margaret
(Action Drama) The man of the title is Jean Louis Trintignant and what makes him outside in more ways than one is that he's up to his old tricks, not in France this time, but in Los Angeles, where he's sent to pull off a sneak attack on a local big mob kingpin. Having done that Trintignant finds he's next on the list, and so he spends his time dodging bullets all over Southern California. (PG)

THURS. 21 February
"THE TALL BLONDE MAN WITH ONE BLACK SHOE" (90 Min.)
Robert Castel, Jean Obe
(Comedy) French secret service chief Jean Rochefort knows that his deputy Bernard Blier is operating illegally with a network of spies. Rochefort instructs trusted aide Paul Le Person to pick out a man from the crowd at Orly Airport in order to bring Blier out into the open. Le Person chooses tall Pierre Richard, a violinist who happens to be wearing one black and one tan shoe. (PG)

FRI. 22 February
"HIGH PLAINS DRIFTER" (105 Min.)
Clint Eastwood, Verna Bloom (R)
(Western) Clint Eastwood rides into the community of Lago, which is controlled by gold mine owners Jack Ging and Mitchell Ryan. The townsfolk share in the guilt of Marshal Buddy Van Horn's death by bullet wounds wielded by Geoffrey Lewis and cousins. The three, troubleshooters for the mine are now in jail. Eastwood kills the three hired men.

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Problems in Operation Of Center Gym Aired At Rec Council Meeting

Problems regarding various phases of the operation at the Center gym and its facilities occupied the attention of members of the Joint Navy-Civilian Recreation Council during the monthly meeting this past Tuesday morning.

Cdr. R. B. Nygaard led off what turned into a lengthy discussion on why the issuance of towels to gymnasium users had been discontinued.

Also discussed were the need for installing cross court basketball hoops in order that more persons could utilize the basketball floor at the same time, as well as gripes that have arisen over the matter of scheduling the use of the handball court.

On the positive side, John Shoaf, new head of the Special Services Division, was able to report that under the guidance of BUCS Walter Hagen, director of Self-Help programs for the Center, fencing has been installed for one slow-pitch softball diamond at Schoeffel Field, and Chief Hagen's men also have put in some work on the infield for this softball diamond.

A second softball diamond at Schoeffel Field also will be developed to take care of both women's and youth softball programs. He expects, Shoaf added, that improved facilities for these softball activities will be in operation by around the first of May. Reardon Field, it was noted, will continue to be used for teams competing in the fast pitch softball league.

Prospects also are in the offing to eventually ease the squeeze on use of the present Center gym facilities, Shoaf said, since the former Shopping Bag Annex has been assigned to Special Services for use as a recreation facility. Plans call for the annex to be modified for use as a youth gym to handle the many and varied sports activities scheduled for youngsters at China Lake.

Just when work on the youth gym can be completed is uncertain at this time, but some initial work has been started as a Self-Help project under Chief Hagen's guidance. At last month's meeting, the Recreation Council appropriated \$4,000 to cover the cost of materials to be installed under the Self-Help program. Other work on which deadlines have been set must come first, however, and a delay in procurement of materials has prevented making much headway so far on the youth gym.

In discussing the inadequacies of the present handball court, LCDr. Pete Rice pointed out that the Shore Facilities Planning Board, nearly 1 1/2 years ago, had approved the expenditure of up to \$7,500 to renovate this particular facility, but nothing

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Sierra Sands School District Sup't Position Goes to Dr. Harmon

A contract certifying his employment as the first superintendent of the Sierra Sands Unified School District was signed last night by Dr. Howard C. Harmon, who will move here on March 1 to begin supervising the final steps leading to actual operation of the local unified school district on July 1.

The contract-signing ceremony took place during a special meeting of the Sierra Sands Unified School District board of education that was held in the Burroughs High School library and attended by a sizeable crowd of interested citizens, school teachers and administrators.

The motion to hire Dr. Harmon as district superintendent (a lengthy document prepared by the district's legal counsel) was read by Dr. Leon Karner, and promptly seconded by the Rev. William Charlton,

another member of the district's board.

The vote approving the selection of Dr. Harmon as superintendent was a unanimous one and included a proxy ballot in favor of this action that was cast for Rod McClung, the only board of education member who was unable to be present for the occasion.

Will Come from Carlsbad
Dr. Harmon and his wife, Glenn, will be moving here from Carlsbad, where he guided the Carlsbad Unified School District through its first three years of unification. He had previously served as superintendent of the Carlsbad Union (elementary) School District for more than four years.

A 1941 graduate of Santa Barbara State
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Annual Meeting Of United Way of IWW Scheduled Feb. 21

The United Way of Indian Wells Valley will hold its annual meeting next Thursday, Feb. 21, at The Hideaway in Ridgecrest. A social hour will precede the 7 p.m. dinner, which is open to all interested persons.

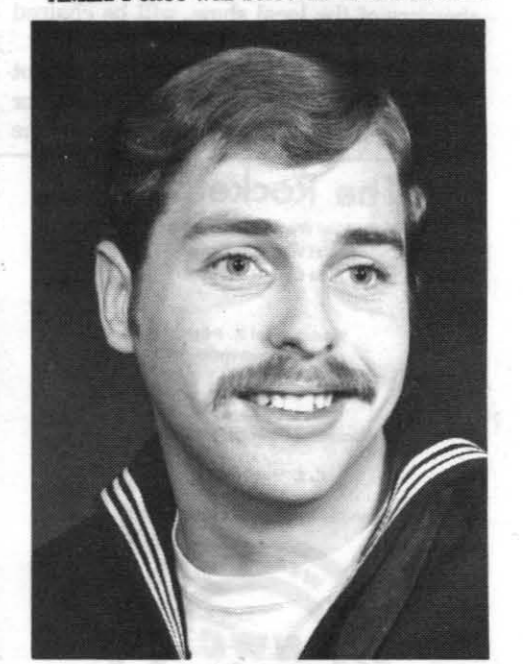
Reports on the 1974 fund drive, and the presentation of awards to groups and individuals who made significant contributions will be highlights of the evening. Ray Miller, president of the IWW United Way board of directors, will be the master of ceremonies, and guest speakers for the evening will be Ron Rossi and Suzanne Hard. Their topic will be "An Activity Center for the Young Adult Retarded."

Mr. Rossi is the principal of the new Special Education complex at Richmond School, while Mrs. Hard is director of a recently opened activity center for young handicapped adults in the community.

Reservations for this annual event, which is expected to draw officers and other representatives of all United Way member agencies, as well as other interested persons, can be made by calling NWC ext. 7276 before 4:30 p.m. on weekdays, or Mary Fredericks, after 5 p.m., at 446-6412. Price of the dinner will be \$4 per person.



VISIT NWC — The Honorable D. S. Potter (l.), Assistant Secretary of the Navy (R&D), and Vice Admiral W. J. Moran (dark raincoat), Director, Office of Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, paid a two-day visit to the Center this past week. They were met at NAF by Rear Admiral Paul E. Pugh (r.), NWC Commander, and Capt. R. S. Moore (behind Sec. Potter), Commanding Officer of the Naval Air Facility. The two distinguished visitors were given technical briefings and met with various NWC project managers who brought them up to date on current programs at the Center. In addition, they toured Michelson Laboratory and visited NAF to view weapons displays.



AME2 Phillip M. Pence

his outstanding professional performance, selfless devotion to duty, exemplary military appearance, and cheerful attitude in the face of demanding tasks.

As a result of his selection, Pence will receive a weekend in Bakersfield as a guest of that city's Greater Chamber of Commerce. While there, he will stay at the Bakersfield Inn, where he and his wife, Marta, will also receive their meals. The Pences will be given gift certificates and discount coupons from Bakersfield merchants who participate in the Bluejacket program.

Prior to departing the local area, Pence will receive the keys to a new Ford automobile from Doug Butler, of Desert Motors, for use on the trip to Bakersfield.

Pence was graduated from William Henry Harrison High School, in Harrison, O., and

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PURCHASES PATRONAGE — Rear Admiral Paul E. Pugh, NWC Commander, registers his support for "Fractured Follies '74" by purchasing a patronage from Sue Hucek (left) and Jerry Fuller, patron ticket chairwoman. The Follies will open March 1 in the Burroughs High School Lecture Center at 8 p.m., and will be presented again on March 2. The Ridgecrest and China Lake Parent-Teacher's Association, sponsors of the yearly event, are looking for more patrons like RADM. Pugh in order to raise money for the Indian Wells Valley Campership Fund.

Artists Take Note: Deadline Is Rapidly Approaching for Annual Kern Art Festival

The deadline for entry into the Kern County Art Festival is March 1. Application blanks for adult amateur artists and professional artists are available at the NWC Library, the Ridgecrest Library, or the Gift Mart in Ridgecrest.

The application blanks are to be filled out and mailed to the Kern County Parks and Recreation Dept., Bakersfield, who will then mail entry stickers to each applicant.

The art festival is an annual event and is open to residents of Kern County. Adult amateur artists compete in the local area show while professionals do not compete locally but will exhibit their works. Professional artists, however, do compete at the County fairs.

Local Show in April

The local area show will take place in Ridgecrest on April 20 and 21 at the Community Center. The Desert Art League, sponsors of the local show, will be chaired this year by Helen Morrin.

All work entered must be original and not copies from other books, artists' work, or photographs other than those which the

applicant has personally taken. All work must have been completed within the past year. Each applicant is allowed to enter two works and choice of media is left to the artist.

No work entered may be more than 40 in. in either direction. All work must be either framed or matted, and when framed, must be wired for hanging. A separate category for original sculpture (which must not weigh more than 25 lb. nor exceed 40 in. in any direction) will also be maintained.

Persons with any questions should contact Mrs. Morrin, 375-2913, or Lorraine McClung, 375-7987.

CPO Wives Extend Invitation to Meeting

The CPO Wives Club would like to extend an invitation to all the wives of E7, 8 and 9 personnel, and regular members, to attend a social next Thursday, Feb. 21, at 7:30 p.m. in the home of Bernice Hicks, 35-B Ashworth.

Refreshments will be served and the talk will center around new memberships.

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 452, Extension 2069. Current applications (SF-171) or Standard Form 1973 should be submitted bringing your work history up to date if one has not been submitted within the last 6 months. The fact that positions are advertised in this column does not preclude the use of other means to fill these positions. Part of the ranking process of those rated as basically qualified will be a supervisory appraisal form that will be sent to the employee's present and most recent previous supervisor. Selection shall be made without discrimination for any nonmerit reason.

Electronics Engineer, GS-855-12, PD No. 7070006, Code 7035 — The incumbent will be responsible for all of the engineering features of the Center's communications systems. These systems include all of the telephone and related networks, intercommunications, public address, signaling, radio and data transmission. The incumbent is assigned work covering alterations and improvements, construction, replacement, maintenance, and repair concerned with the engineering aspects of the communications systems. Minimum Qualification Requirements: As defined by X-118. Job Relevant Criteria: Must have communications systems design experience. Demonstrated knowledge of the relationships between mechanical, civil, and architectural engineering with electronics/communications engineering will be necessary.

Assistant Planner and Estimator (General), WD-4791-05, Code 7083 (Temporary Promotion Not To Exceed One Year) — Receives and estimates service calls and processes them for shop accomplishment. Acts as one of the contact points for Public Works and customer on emergency service calls. Controls approximately \$400,000 worth of maintenance and service work per year. Minimum Qualification Requirements: Rating will be on the basis of the appropriate J-Element Standard in accordance with X-118C.

Supervisory Quality Inspection Specialist, GS-1960-09, PD No. 7470007, Code 7082 — This position is Head, Maintenance Service Branch. The incumbent supervises and administers the inspection of maintenance service contracts and is designated as the official government representative for Officer in Charge Construction equipment maintenance service contracts. Minimum Qualification Requirements: As outlined in X-118.

Quality Inspection Specialist, GS-1960-07, PD No. 7470005, Code 7082 — Incumbent is individually responsible for specifications, inspections, and certification for payment, on selected contracts in support of NWC facilities upkeep. Performs special reviews in support of housing facilities, fire/safety surveys, and other facility conditions with respect to building codes and NWC instructions. Minimum Qualification Requirements: As outlined in X-118.

File applications with Dora Childers, Rm. 201, Code 457, Ph. 2032.

Photographer (Motion Picture), GS-1960-8 or 9, PD No. 743016, Code 5132 — This position is located in the Motion Picture Process Section, Photographic Laboratory Branch, Systems Development Department. The incumbent edits, splices and times for color balance and density, 16 mm or 35 mm, color or black and white motion picture films. He cleans, rejuvenates, and polishes worn nonreplaceable originals, reprinting on color or black and white print stock. Job Relevant Criteria: Comprehensive experience in general motion picture laboratory operation. Ability to operate such equipment as 6100C Bell and Howell Contact Printer, Eastman Video Color Analyser, continuous motion picture processing equipment, video tape to film transfer, oxberry or fairchild animation equipment. Minimum Qualification Requirements: As defined in CSC Handbook X-118.

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

Mechanical Engineer, GS-830-7 or 9, PD No. 7355022, Code 5544 — This position is located in Weapons Container Branch, Fleet Engineering Division of the Engineering Department. Duties include design engineering for consideration of logistics, shock mitigation, ease of manufacture, and effects of prolonged storage. Sets up procedures for testing and reviews test results. Coordinates preparation and review of documentation on projects assigned. Minimum Qualification Requirements: Experience or education in packaging engineering including testing techniques. Experience with documentation and reports. PLEASE NOTE: Position previously advertised 01-18-74.

General Engineer, GS-801-11 or 12, PD No. 7455019, Code 5581 — This position is located in the Product Support Branch, Product Assurance Division of the Engineering Department. Incumbent's duties include ensuring that

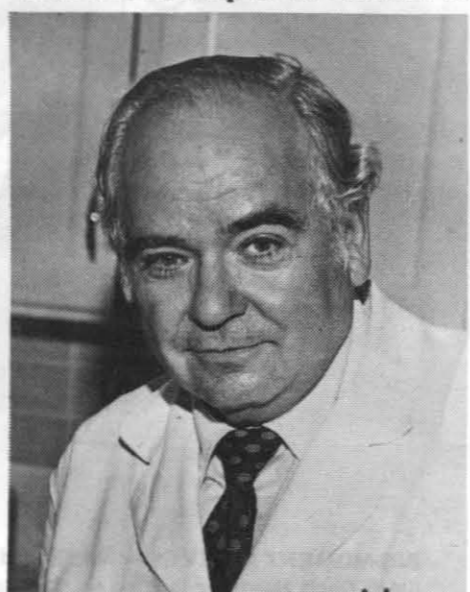
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Dr. Robert G. Boles Skilled in Aviation, Industrial Medicine

Serving as NWC Industrial Medical Officer since late November, Dr. Robert G. Boles has an extensive background both in industrial medicine and in aviation medicine.

A graduate of the University of Toledo in Ohio, Dr. Boles earned his M.D. from the University of Louisville School of Medicine in Louisville, Ky.

After an internship at the Crawford W.



Dr. Robert G. Boles Long Memorial Hospital in Atlanta, Ga., Dr. Boles became Army Medical Officer in 1946 for the Oliver General Hospital in Augusta, Ga.

A two-year residency in ear, nose and throat service at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Louisville, was followed by progressively more responsible positions in ear, nose and throat service at Army hospitals in Memphis, Tenn., Phoenixville, Pa., and Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

Began in Kentucky

In 1952, Dr. Boles entered private practice in Louisville, Ky., where he served for 20 years as an ear, nose and throat doctor. Aviation medicine accounted for about 20 per cent of his practice, with other practice in allergies and head and neck surgery. During this time, he also served as Assistant Professor in Otolaryngology at the University of Louisville School of Medicine.

Dr. Boles said that he and his wife, Lynn, "like it very much in China Lake," adding that they spend their Saturdays exploring remote desert canyons in this area. Indian Wells Valley is a likely place for the new Industrial Medical Officer to pursue his hobbies of anthropology and geology.

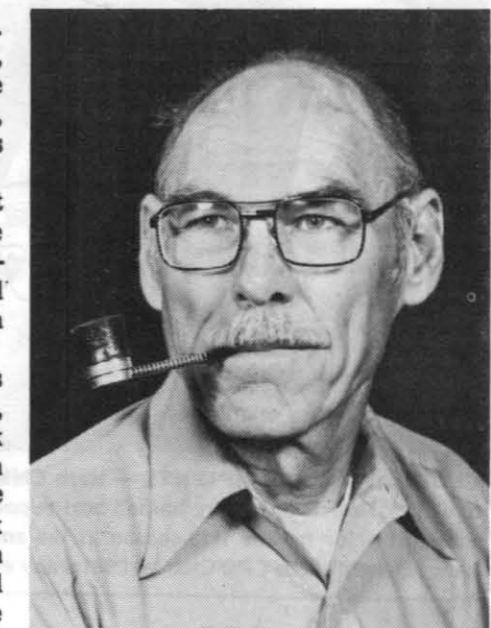
Aetna Man To Pay Visit

Jim Nephew, representative of the Aetna Insurance Co., will be at the Community Center next Thursday, Feb. 21. Members of the Aetna Federal Employees Benefits Program may consult with Nephew from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.



COUNCIL LEADERS — Robert Fletcher (2nd from left) is the new president of the China Lake Community Council, and presided at this week's meeting of the local civic group. Also serving as officers with Fletcher, who is the Time of Arrival (TOA) Program Manager in the Electronic Systems Department's RF Development Division, are Martha Pena, treasurer; Dick Mahan (next to Fletcher), secretary; and Lovic Thomas, vice-president. Other Community Council members are William F. Ball, Reuel Launey, Eleanor Phillips, Mary Rayner, Rudy Shepherd and William Werbach, past president.

Employee In The Spotlight



Amos "Steve" Etheredge

Bakersfield College, Desert Campus, and went to work full time in the Center's machine shop. He was made an experimental machinist in 1958 and in 1963, Steve realized another ambition—he became a mechanical engineering technician.

He presently works under Dick DeMarco in Code 4569.

Steve and Dell have four children. In addition to Nancy, who is working at the Sands Hotel in Las Vegas, there is Stephen, who also lives in Las Vegas; Sherry, who is married to Roger Rockwell, an Indian Wells Valley native, and Richard, a senior at Burroughs High School.

It is through his work with the youth of the valley that Steve has realized his greatest success. "My main interest has always been sports," said the man who once played semi-professional baseball for the old NOTS Rockets. Through the years, Steve has coached many Little League baseball teams and he has officiated at high school baseball and football games. In addition, he was one of the originators of the Youth Football League in the valley, serving as president of the league in 1970.

He has lent a helping hand to the NWC Youth Center when it was needed. Talk to any of the youngsters who played baseball for Steve and they'll give you a warm reaction. His teams didn't always win, but they were always in the thick of the battle.

"If I don't succeed in what I do," said Nancy in the letter, "I know he will be just as proud of me because I tried." That's the key word with Steve Etheredge...trying.

Determination in the face of adversity. "I have enjoyed living and working here," Steve said. "The Indian Wells Valley has been good to us." Steve and Dell have just completed building their own home in the Valley. "It still takes up most of our time, so we don't get to go fishing as much as we used to, but we'll get around to it," he added.

Project Management Course Planned Soon
A week-long course in NWC Project Management has been scheduled from Feb. 25 through March 1 at the Training Center.

James Coulson, of Harbridge House in North Hollywood, will conduct the course that will be held from 7:45 to 11:45 a.m. daily.

The class, which has been tailored to reflect the project management needs in the Naval Weapons Center environment, will cover such topics as "A Systems Concept of Management," "Managing the DoD Weapons System Acquisition Process," and "Recent Changes in Navy Policy Affecting Project Management."

The names of nominees to attend this course should be submitted via department offices in time to reach Code 654 no later than next Tuesday, Feb. 19.



GETTING CHECKED OUT — H. O. Solibakke (at right), senior chief aerographer, relieved AGC J. E. McMullen as the CPO in charge of the Naval Weather Service Environmental Detachment at China Lake on Jan. 30. Chief Solibakke reported here from the staff of the Seventh Fleet Amphibious Force Commander, Okinawa-Japan. Chief McMullen, who has served as the enlisted men's representative on the Joint Military-Civilian Recreation Council while at China Lake, is leaving here for duty at the Marine Corps Air Station, Iwakuni, Japan. —Photo by PH3 Jerry Sizemore

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safety criteria and requirements are included in design consideration during system/hardware development process. Incumbent performs systematic hardware analysis including system interface and integration evaluation which will be consistent with performance, readiness and cost effectiveness requirements. Also evaluates and controls contractor system safety program or efforts. Job Relevant Criteria: Experience in system safety engineering and in reliability or engineering with missile weapons systems. Familiarity with the production life cycle. Minimum Qualification Requirements: As defined in CSC Handbook X-118.

File applications for above with Linda Grossman, Bldg. 34, Rm. 204, Ph. 2955.

Clerk-DMT, GS-314-3 or 4, PD No. 7133064, Code 3542 — This position is branch secretary for the Microwave Systems Branch. Incumbent will type from rough draft, handwritten, copy, or dictation all types of letters, charts, memoranda, official correspondence, reports and forms. Miscellaneous duties will consist of answering phones, placing and receiving long distance calls, receiving visitors, arranging for travel for members of the branch, keeping time cards, sorting and distributing mail and other duties required to maintain an efficient office.

Job Relevant Criteria: It is desirable that the incumbent be proficient in operating a IBM magnetic card typewriter and have a working knowledge of engineering terminology. Minimum Qualification Requirements: GS-3 one year of general clerical experience; GS-4, one year general and one year specialized clerical experience.

File applications for the above with Sue Prasolowicz, Bldg. 34, Rm. 206, Ph. 2577.

Policeman, GS-982-3/4 or 5, PD No. 884015, 884016, 7184019, 2 Vacancies, Code 843 — This position is located in the Police Division of the Security Department. Incumbent will perform his duties as a uniformed patrolman. He will be responsible for the prevention of criminality, repression of crime, apprehension of offenders, recovery of property, regulation of non-criminal conduct including traffic control and enforcement. Minimum Qualification Requirements: As defined in CSC Handbook X-118. Job Relevant Criteria: Incumbent must have the ability to work in stress situations. Must be able to exercise good judgment. Must be able to properly apply and enforce laws.

File applications for above with Charlotte Sleskowsky, Bldg. 34, Rm. 204, Ph. 3118.

Accounts Maintenance Clerk, GS-3/4 or 5, PD No. 7117031, Code 1762 — Receives and processes purchase documents. Validates outstanding vouchers and outstanding accounts payable for assigned segments of ac-

counts. Minimum Qualification Requirements: As defined in CSC Handbook X-118. Job Relevant Criteria: Knowledge of accounting clerical methods and procedures.

File applications for above with Elizabeth Sodergren, Bldg. 34, Rm. 206, Ph. 2676.

Technical Publications Writer-Editor (Engineering), GS-1082-7, 2 Vacancies, Ann. No. A-37 incumbent will write detailed evaluation test plans of new weapons systems, edit plans, reports and other documents supporting evaluation projects. Incumbent will work closely with project officers and staff specialists in developing the scope and content of each project document. Document materials will be prepared in both expository and analytical styles. Incumbent is often required to prepare appropriate graphs, charts and tables for effective preparation of test data for inclusion in reporting documents and will aid project officers in preparing for technical reviews and presentation, often developing appropriate visual aids. Job Relevant Criteria: Writer or editor of technical reports and publications which has required a substantial subject-matter knowledge of the engineering field and the ability to understand and utilize this knowledge in the writing and editing process.

This position is under the cognizance of Commander, Operational Test and Evaluation Force, Norfolk, Va. (Duty Station VX-5, China Lake). Interested applicants should contact Lt. Kail or LCDR. Hamon, ext. 5387 or 5337 not later than 20 February 1974.

Tax Booklet for Navy Personnel Available

A yearly tax booklet designed to help Navy people with their 1973 income tax forms was published recently by the office of the Judge Advocate General, in cooperation with the Internal Revenue Service.

The booklet, entitled "Armed Forces Federal Income Tax," summarizes those Federal tax laws that are of special interest to military people.

The pamphlet contains information on legal deductions, itemization, exemptions, gross yearly income and various tables and charts to aid in the filing of Federal income tax returns. Copies of the booklet have been distributed to all Naval ships and stations, and should be available for use in personnel or legal offices.

Supply Department Plans Annual Birthday Party

The Supply Department Recreation Club will again sponsor a party in celebration of the anniversary of the Navy Supply Corps. A birthday cake for 179 years of Navy supply work will highlight the party, which is to begin at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 20, at the China Lake Golf Clubhouse.

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Brown, McBride Win 'Athlete of Year' Honors at Banquet

Jim Brown and Maria McBride were named 1973 "Athletes of the Year" at the annual Banquet of Champions, sponsored by the Special Services Division of the Command Administration, held at the CPO Club Feb. 8.

Mrs. McBride, who competes in basketball, softball, golf, volleyball, flag football, and tennis, is the first woman to be designated as an athlete of the year. Pat Brightwell, the other female "Athlete of the Month," during 1973, was the first woman to ever be so selected by Special Services.

Brown is an outstanding athlete who participates in most sports on the Center. Nearly 125 persons attended the second annual affair, presided over by O. A. "Gabe" Imer, who has been head of Special Services at NWC for the past eight years. This was Imer's last official function at NWC as he will be leaving Sunday for a three-year tour of duty in Naples, Italy.

1973 Hall of Famers

Capt. D. W. Alderton, NWC's Deputy Commander, made the presentation to Brown. He also announced the names of five athletes from 1973 who were inducted into NWC's "Hall of Fame." They are Marla McBride, Jim Brown, Bob Hooper, Earle Roby and Burt Galloway.

Six persons were chosen as the first athletes from NWC to be enshrined in the Hall of Fame last year. Their names were engraved on the new perpetual trophy to be housed at the Special Services office. They are Bobby Kochman, Bert Andreasen, Billy Brown, Max Smith, Leo Enriquez and Dick Boyd.

McMullen To Leave

Cdr. C. D. Brown, head of the Command Administration Department, made the first award of the evening, a special plaque to Jerry McMullen, a Chief Aerographer who will be leaving China Lake this month. Myrtle Snyder was honored for her work with junior bowlers and Floyd Maxwell was singled out for the fine work he does in keeping the automatic pinsetters at the Hall Memorial Lanes in good running order.

Others who received awards were Tom Fortney, for his officiating; Dick Hughes, the distance runner; and Ken Burke, Steve Kaupp, George Lindsteadt, George Wright, DeAnn Wahl and Jack Lindsey. In addition, a special award was presented to the Mojave Desert Officials Association.

Each award was presented as a result of the recipient's time, energy and effort to benefit the sports program at NWC.

Potteiger Tapped as December Athlete; Excels in Basketball, Softball, Football

Gary Potteiger, an aerographer in the VX-5 weather office, was selected the Athlete of the Month for December by the Command Administration Department's Special Services Division.

Potteiger, who competes in basketball, softball and flag football at the intramural level, was honored for his prowess in the sport of basketball. A member of the NWC Varsity team, Potteiger also competes on the NAF Officers in Division A of the China Lake Intramural Basketball League, and he was a member on the all-military team from China Lake that recently competed in the 11th Naval District tournament. Last year, he played for the NWC team in Division B, and for the Loewen's Lions in Division A.

Lettered in Three Sports

A native of Harrisburg, Pa., where he was graduated from Central Dauphin East High School, the December athlete lettered in three sports. "Baseball was my major interest and softball is still the sport I like to play the most," Potteiger said. This past year, he competed on the Hideaway team in the Fast Pitch League and averaged .427 at the plate. The previous year, Potteiger led



NOW IN FULL OPERATION — The Skeet and Trap Range, located on Sportsman Rd. across from the Sierra Gun Club, is now in full operation. The hours are from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. Fees are 60 cents if the shooter furnishes his own birds. Shells are \$2.40 per box, which would come to \$3 per round if the range furnishes everything. Range guns are available at no cost. Reservations are not needed. Frank Weaver and Paul Albert are the co-managers. They may be contacted for further information at NWC ext. 5278. The two men are attempting to form a skeet and trap club and they are looking for persons interested in joining such an organization. —Photo by PHAN Shellie Reed

Texas Instruments Scores Win In Active Basketball Week

Texas Instruments cagers kept up their hot hand in Division A of the China Lake Intramural Basketball League by defeating the NAF Officers, 49-40, this past Tuesday evening. Tim Higgins scored 17 while Gary Potteiger was dumping in 14 points in a losing effort.

In other games played last Tuesday, the Rebels defeated the Gasbags, 39-30, and the Pioneers rolled by the Ensigns, 47-45.

On Feb. 6, the Kahoutek cagers defeated the Hot Shots, 36-33. That same evening the Roaches blasted the VX-5 Officers, 50-40, and the Pioneers smashed the VX-5 Enlisted Men, 68-38.

The following night the Chapel team barely edged the Barons, 25-23. Dispensary squeaked by NAF Hawks, 50-48, and the Loewen's Lions won a close contest with the New Breed, 71-66.

Gordon Irwin shelled in 25 points for the winners while teammate Scott Shacklett dumped in 23 counters. John Clark had 22

Cyclists Offered Tips

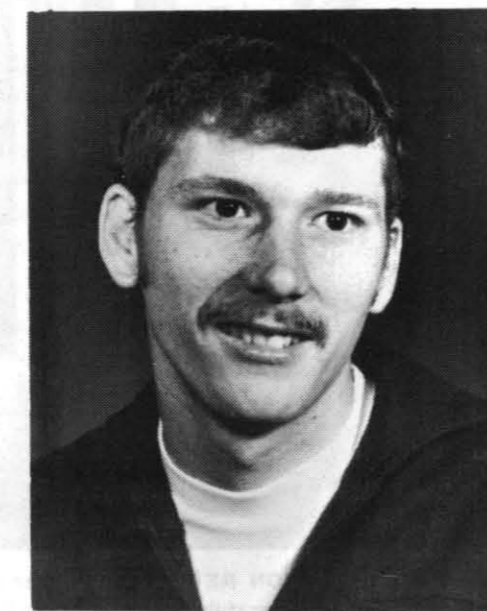
On Motorcycle Safety

A community Motorcycle Safety Class will be held Saturday at the NWC Traffic Safety Bldg., corner of Hussey and Nimitz, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

For further information contact Elizabeth Hise, ph. 939-2367, or Dick Cox, ph. 375-7221.

the league with a .340 average. He plays shortstop.

In flag football, he played halfback for the



Gary W. Potteiger
Dispensary Docs.
Potteiger also participates in golf and

points and Benny McCargo tallied 21 for the losers.

The Hustlers continued to dominate the women's league with a 34-2 victory over Loewen's. Gail Falkenberg led the scoring with 12 tallies.

Jo Dunnick dumped in 14 points to lead the Wildcats to a 27-13 win over the Raiders. In the nightcap, Myrna Hansen tallied 8 points to help the Zingbats beat the Frisbees, 18-6.

Women Bowlers Vie For Tournament Win

The Sierra View Motors bowling team took first place in the 1974 Women's City Bowling Tournament this past weekend at Hall Memorial Lanes. The team fired a 3038 team series (with handicap) to finish 32 pins ahead of the High Desert keglers.

Linda Jeffris, Joyce Zurn, Marlys Bowles, Maggie Branson and Darlene Herbstreit make up the roster of the winning entry. Bowling on the High Desert squad are Wilsie Olinger, Wilma Smith, Doreen McDermott, Aiko White and Wanda Billings.

Myrl Plante recorded a 604 scratch series, which included a high game of 245, to rack up the big score of the weekend. Cheryl Shepard earned herself a century patch by rolling a 224 game, 107 pins above her 117 average. Pat Brightwell also bombed out a 224 game.

sports a 10 handicap. In 1973, he finished runner-up in the first flight of the annual Dewing Classic, for military personnel only.

He is married to his high school sweetheart, Robin. The couple has two sons, Gary, 2, and Tim, 1. The Potteigers enjoy the outdoors and spend a lot of time camping, hiking and fishing. The December athlete also enjoys hunting, a hobby not shared by Robin.

In the winter months, Potteiger also referees Youth Center League basketball.

Men's Golf Club To Hold Gen'l Meeting Next Tuesday Night

Members of the China Lake Men's Golf Club are reminded of the general meeting set for Tuesday night, beginning at 7:30.

Many of the problems currently facing the new board of directors, led by president John Faron, and plans for the coming year, will be discussed.

"Bring a friend who would like to join the club," said Faron. "Let's get participation up," he added.



By Jack Lindsey

In his autobiography, "The Moon Is a Balloon," David Niven talked about the time, when he was a struggling actor, that he and a fellow thespian had to scrounge meals through thiercy.

It seems that the two men would enter a restaurant at different times and sit together. One would order a sumptuous meal, the other just coffee. The fellow who had eaten the meal would then take the check for coffee only and pay it, while the other out-of-work actor would sit quietly, sipping his coffee, and wait for the first man to leave. Then he would ask for his check.

Not His Check

"There is your check," the waiter would say, pointing to the "other" check on the table. "But that's not mine, all I had was coffee," the Hollywood trickster would point out. After a little furor, during which the actor would sit quietly picking his teeth, he would finally get his check for one coffee, pay it and leave.

The two would meet at a designated place and go on to another restaurant, where the roles would be reversed. "Needless to say," Niven pointed out, "you couldn't eat in the same restaurant ever again."

'Friendly Match'

Which reminds me of a golf match I had the other day while visiting my brother-in-law. He is a member of a ritzy club in Southern California and we were playing a "friendly" match. It seems that one of the other two men we were playing with was using a Blue Max golf ball like mine, only a different number. On the final hole I hit one of my best shots of the day and was sitting about 10 feet from the cup, laying three (on a par four hole). The man who was playing the same ball as mine hooked one into the left sand trap, behind the green, laying two. We won't go into why it took me three shots (the final one coming from 155 yds. out in the fairway) to get on the green.

Anyway, the guy walks up to MY ball and marks it, putting it into his pocket. "Hey, that's my ball," I yelled. He took the ball back out of his pocket and looked at it. "No," he said, "it's mine, all right."

I walked over to him and looked. Sure enough, it was his number. I went over to the sand trap, looked and there was my ball, or at least, it was the same number as I had been using.

'Not My Ball'

I grabbed by brother-in-law and pulled him aside. "Jerry, I'd swear that's his shot in the sand trap. I'm sure I couldn't have rolled all the way back there," I muttered.

But, there wasn't anything I could do about it. Later, we reasoned that he had been playing the same number ball as I from about the tenth hole on. When the opportunity afforded itself, he made a ball switch that rivaled anything ever invented by the College of Pacific with the Statue of Liberty Play years ago.

Fortunately, Jerry sank a 40 foot putt for a birdie and halved the match, but I learned a lesson. Now, I not only check my own ball from time to time, but I check that other guy's as well.

Recreation Council...

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has yet been done.

The reason for this, Gabe Imer, outgoing head of the Special Services Division, explained, is that the bids which were received on this project exceeded the funds allotted for it. Now plans are in the works to accomplish the needed improvements at the handball court under the guidance of Chief Hagen as a joint Self-Help program and Public Works undertaking.

Baland Expresses Displeasure

While LCdr. Rice's concern touched on the matter of having some temporary repairs made at the handball court, LCdr. G. A. Baland expressed displeasure on behalf of the Naval Air Facility men he represents on the Recreation Council because even when appointments are made for a certain time and date to use the handball court, frequently those who had understood the court would be reserved for their use find it already occupied and they are turned away.

In addition to the complaint he raised about the decision made in early January to stop issuing towels to users of the gym facilities, Cdr. Nygaard also commented that "it takes an eternity" for repairs to be made when equipment in the exercise or weight room is broken.

The decision to stop issuing towels at the Center gym was one he had sanctioned, Imer acknowledged, and then quickly added that Special Services will resume the practice of issuing towels. What is needed, however, he stressed is a means of controlling both the issuance and return of the towels.

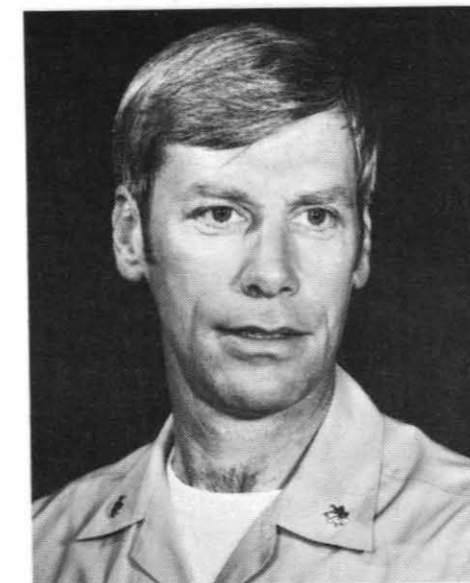
Will Resolve Problem

For his part, Shoaf stated that he will attempt to resolve this problem with the existing personnel who are assigned to work at the gym, and make sure as well that internal controls necessary are put into effect to guard against loss.

Cdr. Nygaard's principal point during the discussion was that the Recreation Council had recommended and the NWC Command had authorized the procurement and issuance of towels at the gym 1 1/2 years ago, and he was at a loss to understand why this service was abruptly discontinued last month.

Shoaf shed some light on this matter by reporting that of the 48 dozen towels purchased initially for use at the gym, there are now only five dozen in good condition, while another 5 1/2 dozen are available but not in satisfactory shape for use. Some reductions in money available for all recreation programs was behind the decision to cease providing towels in the face of the steady loss that was occurring.

Turning to other matters, Lovic Thomas,



REPORTS TO VX-5 — LCdr. John J. Shutt reported aboard recently to assume the duties of administration officer for Air Test and Evaluation Squadron Five. The graduate of the Southern Illinois University, at Carbondale, received his wings at New Iberia, La., after taking officers' training at Pensacola, Fla. His home town is Auburn, Ill. LCdr. Shutt came to China Lake from Attack Squadron 165, at Naval Air Station, Whidbey Island, Wash. He and his wife, Suzanne, have three children -- Megan 8, Stephen 5, and Kyle 3.

College Plans Series Of Art Films At New Lecture Center

To be alive is to learn — in this belief, Cerro Coso Community College is sponsoring an unusual series of new films on art, produced by Universal Studios. This series of five two-hour 16 mm films will be shown in two formats, to allow a wide segment of the community an opportunity to view the films.

Entitled "Museum Without Walls," the series will be shown in one-hour segments in the college's large lecture hall, Room 235, on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11:30 a.m., beginning on Feb. 19. The same series will be presented in Rm. 235 in two-hour segments on Friday evenings at 7:30 p.m., beginning on Feb. 22. Admission will be 50 cents for each one-hour segment, \$1 for each two-hour segment, or \$4 for the total series.

Picasso, Goya Featured

Program I, to be shown this coming Tuesday and Thursday, and again on Friday, will discuss Picasso's work from Guernica to his recent death. The film, called "Picasso: War, Peace and Love," includes many unknown and unfamiliar works as well as some live sequences of the artist at work in his studio. Also to be shown on this program is a film on the great Spanish artist, Goya. Featuring the artist's major works in Madrid's Prado Museum, the film will also show the famous "black paintings" from the walls of Goya's own house.

Giotto's Innovations

Program II, scheduled for Feb. 26 and 28, and for March 1, will show the innovations of the Italian artist Giotto, through a series of contrasts between this major fresco cycles and the hieratic art of his predecessors. Archeological findings at Crete and Mycenae will be shown in the second half of the program. The cultural history of the Minoan civilization will be compared with that of Mycenae.

Program III, on March 12 and 14, and March 15 will show the art conservation laboratory of the Los Angeles County Museum of Art, provocative experiments by young artists of the kinetic school in Paris and the origins and development of Impressionist painters from Corot to Monet.

Topics for other programs in the series will range from a discussion of the seminal architect Le Corbusier, through a look at the evolution of the structure and decoration of Grecian temples, to the Cubist epoch and the Dada movement in Germany during and after World War I.



SERVICE PINS DISTRIBUTED — Employees of the Systems Development Department with 20 and 30 years in the Federal Service, were honored recently at a simple ceremony held in the main lobby of Michelson Laboratory. Charles P. Smith (seated at left), head of the department, made the presentations. Ada A. Snyder (at right, seated), received a 20-year pin. In the back row the recipients are (l. - r.): Sam O. Wyatt, 30; James H. Pennington, 20; Edward B. Benton, 20; Harold G. Cook, 20, and Clifford M. Reinholdt, 30. —Photo by PHAN Joe Dunn

New Supt...

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College, the local area's new school district superintendent later obtained a master's degree from UCLA in 1953 and a doctorate in education from the University of Southern California in 1965.

All of his years of educational experience have been in California, including employment as a teacher at Big Bear Lake, and superintendent of the Morongo School District at Twenty-nine Palms. In addition, Dr. Harmon worked in Whittier first as a school principal, then as director of special services, and finally as assistant superintendent of schools before moving on to accept the post of superintendent of schools in Kentfield.

An active member of the California Association of School Administrators, Dr. Harmon has served for the past six years as a member of the State Professional Standards Committee, and is currently chairman of the statewide committee's Region XVIII, which includes San Diego and Imperial Counties.

Thoroughly Investigated

Commenting that he had never before been investigated so thoroughly in all his life, Dr. Harmon expressed pleasure at being here. "I know putting together a unified school district is a big job, and one that will require a lot of teamwork in order to get into operation by July. I hope we can all hope together," he added in a brief statement that preceded the contract signing.

While Mrs. Harmon also is a teacher, she does not plan to work in that capacity here—preferring instead to be a housewife and become involved in other community activities on a voluntary basis. The Harmons have four children all of whom are grown and on their own, but living in California close enough for occasional family visits.

Dr. Harmon was selected from a field of 55 candidates for the position of superintendent of the Sierra Sands Unified School District.

Screening Committee

Beginning last November, the local district's board of education obtained the assistance of Dr. Theron McCuen, a former superintendent of the Kern Union High School District, who headed a committee whose members screened the long list of applicants down to 16 before finally recommending eight of them for personal interviews by local board members.

Working with Dr. McCuen on the screening committee were Edmund L. Lewis, assistant executive secretary of the California School Boards Association; Dr. Donald R. Wheeler, superintendent of the Redlands School District, and Dr. John B. Brinegar, professor of educational administration at California State College in Bakersfield.

After the field of candidates had finally been narrowed down to just one, members of the Sierra Sands Unified School District board of education visited the Carlsbad area to determine how businessmen, civic leaders and educators in his own community felt about Dr. Harmon before coming to the final decision to offer him a contract as superintendent of the new unified school district here.

Service Station Open Even Shorter Hours

The continuing shortage of gasoline has resulted in the need to again reduce the hours of operation at the FEDCO service station. The new hours, which will go into effect on Tuesday, Feb. 19, are:

Monday, Thursday and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.; Tuesday and Friday, 1:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Wednesday and Sunday, closed.

The Employee Services Board regrets the inconvenience that the shorter hours will cause and assures Center residents and employees that FEDCO is making every effort to obtain as much additional gasoline as possible. Meanwhile, the \$5 limit per purchase will remain in effect.

Government Contribution Percentage Raised on Health Insurance Plans

The Federal Employees Health Benefit Law has been amended to increase the government contribution towards health insurance premiums from 40 to 50 per cent of the unweighted average high option premiums of the eight largest plans. The effective date of the change is Jan. 6, 1974. The new rates will be reflected in paychecks on Feb. 22. Retroactive adjustment will be reflected on subsequent payrolls. For 1975, and each year thereafter, the Government contribution will be 60 per cent.

Below is a list of the revised 1974 biweekly premium rates for all plans open to employees of Naval Weapons Center.

Plan	High Option	Low Option
Blue Cross / Blue Shield		
Self and Family	\$15.30	\$2.50
Self Only	6.39	1.02
Aetna Life and Casualty		
Self and Family	12.50	3.69
Self Only	5.03	1.49
Alliance		
Self and Family	12.33	2.39
Self Only	5.12	.94
AFGE		
Self and Family	12.86	3.03
Self Only	6.05	1.04
American Postal Workers		
Self and Family	12.94	3.54
Self Only	6.83	1.45
Government Employees Hospital Association		
Self and Family	8.98	3.70
Self Only	6.00	2.14
Mail Handlers		
Self and Family	13.81	5.02
Self Only	4.44	1.63
+Kaiser Foundation (Southern California)		
Self and Family	18.99	
Self Only	7.08	

+Only for employees who are currently enrolled in Kaiser



AAUW PLANS CHAMPAGNE AUCTION — Members of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) will hold their annual Champagne Auction on Saturday, Feb. 23. The auction will take place in the home of Roger and Sue Reinking, 236 So. Lilac, at 8 p.m. Sue Dunker, Ellie Ives and Sue Reinking (l. to r.) are shown displaying some of the items to be auctioned.

HAPPENINGS AROUND NWC

The Good Time Music Band, led by Don Kummerman and featuring Ronnie and Patti Thompson on vocals, will have a busy weekend.

Tonight they are appearing at the Commissioned Officers' Mess from 9 p.m. until 1:30 a.m. Tomorrow night the group will provide dance music from 9:30 p.m. until 1:30 a.m. at the Chaparral Club.

Members and guests of both clubs are invited to come out and listen to the sweet sounds of this local musical conclave.

ROA Meets Wednesday

The Indian Wells Valley Chapter of the Retired Officers' Association will meet at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 20, at the Commissioned Officers' Mess for a dinner honoring the new leaders of the association for this coming year. A social hour will precede the dinner.

RAdm. Paul E. Pugh, NWC Commander, will serve as installing officer for a slate of officers that was unanimously elected at January's meeting. They are Maj. Ralph Levenberg (USAF-ret.), president; Lt. Col. Cecil Davis (USA-ret.), first vice-president; Lt. Col. Cecil Davis (USA-ret.), second vice-president; Lt. Col. Ben M. Hartman (USAR-ret.), third vice-president; and Lt. R. A. Reese (USM-ret.), secretary-treasurer.

Members and prospective members Bluejacket...

(Continued from Page 1) entered the U. S. Navy in September 1970. He was sent to the Naval Air Technical Training Center, Memphis, Tenn., where he attended "A" school, and then came to China Lake.

The February Bluejacket enjoys gardening, hunting and "communing with nature." He met Marta, who is a Bakersfield native, in the Greenhorn Mts. "I used to go there on weekends because I enjoy being in the high country," Pence said. "Marta was working at the Jack Ranch Resort on Sugarloaf Mt."

He hopes, Pence said, to pursue a career in forestry or some related field when his service tour is finished. In the meantime, he is taking courses in agriculture and first aid at Cerro Coso Community College. Marta also attends class there. She is studying painting under Mary Polk. The couple is expecting their first child in June.

expecting to be present are asked to make reservations no later than Monday by calling the COM at 446-2549.

Burroughs High School Play

"Here and Now," the new Burroughs High School production, will be staged again tonight and tomorrow night in the Burroughs High School Lecture Center. Curtain time is 8:15 p.m.

Tickets are on sale at the box office. They are priced at \$1.50 for general admission and \$1 for students and military personnel.

Based on a real situation, the play uses the theatrical medium to make a timely point: among people of all ages, communication is all-important. A strong cast, led by Larry Carter and Lora Edwards, movingly gets this point across.



PROMOTED — Cheryll Ann Murphy pins Ltjg. bars on the collar of her husband, formerly Ens. L. S. Murphy, Public Works Department Transportation Officer. Ltjg. Murphy came to China Lake in May 1972 as the Assistant ROICC for the Naval Facilities Engineering Command Contractor. He was transferred to the NWC Command in December 1972. A graduate of Louisiana Polytechnic University, in Ruston, Ltjg. Murphy has been in the Navy since May 1970.

Jim Fath Honored by Silver Beaver Award From Scouting

Jim Fath, currently leader of Webelo Pack 803 and also the assistant Scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop 848, was honored at the Boy Scout Recognition Dinner on Feb. 8 at the Elks Lodge, as the fifth recipient of the coveted Silver Beaver award from this area.

On hand were officials of the Desert District and the Southern Sierra Boy Scout Council from Bakersfield, to witness the award. The dinner was part of the local observance of the 64th anniversary of Boy Scout Week.

Never a Boy Scout

Fath, who has been in Scouting for 13 years, was never a Boy Scout. He came into the organization in 1960 as the assistant Cubmaster of Pack 291. Since that time he has made up for all the time he lost as a boy.

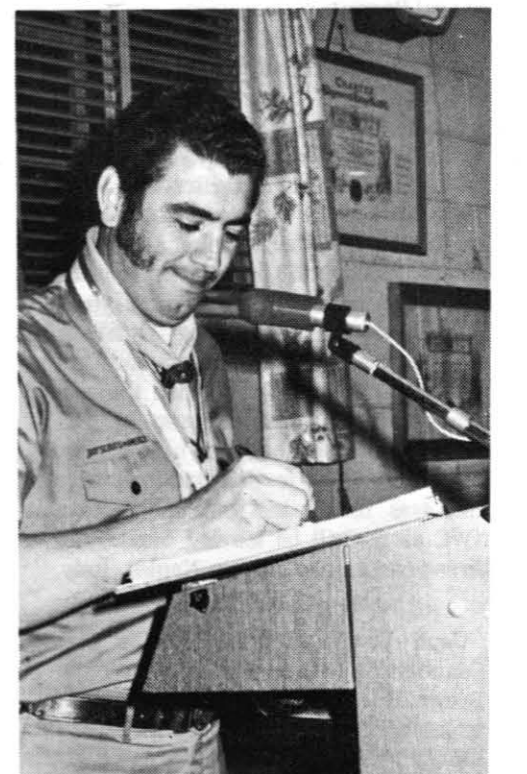
Over the years Fath has been Cubmaster of Pack 803, Scoutmaster and assistant of Troop 35, District Commissioner of the Desert District, Assistant Scoutmaster of the National Jamboree in 1969, held in Farragut, Idaho, and an instructor to Scouts and Scoutmasters.

Teaches Wood Craft

He has completed wood badge training and now teaches that craft to Scouts. In addition, he instructs Scoutmasters for the district and also conducts PowWow training for adult Cub leaders. He holds classes in Den Chief's training and classes for commissioners, as well.

Fath has been to many camps with his Scouts. His involvement has even rubbed off on the rest of his family. His wife, Arline, is a Brownie leader. Two sons, Paul and Lance, are members of Boy Scout Troop 848 and Cub Scout Pack 803, respectively. Daughters Patricia and Turkey ("What else do you name a girl born on Thanksgiving Day?") are Brownies. One other son, Howard, is looking forward to the day he's old enough to become a Cub Scout.

In addition to his Scouting activities, Fath has been a Little League coach and manager for the past five years and he is



JIM FATH HONORED — The fifth Indian Wells Valley resident to receive the Silver Beaver Award from Boy Scouting, Jim Fath, makes an acceptance speech at the Recognition Day banquet held recently at the Elks Lodge, in Ridgecrest.

currently the vice-president of the IWV Youth Football League. He is employed as a management analyst in the Electronics Systems Department.

Fath joins Bill Werback as the only two living recipients of the Silver Beaver award in the Indian Wells Valley.



WINNER OF LAYMAN'S AWARD — Marty Denkin (r.), NWC's Athletic Director, was honored by the China Lake PTA last week at the annual PTA Founder's Day program as the Layman of the Year. Denkin was cited for his work with young people and sports at the Naval Weapons Center. He is one of the originators of the Reality program, in addition to often counseling and guiding youths through his position on the Center. Jack Lindsey, associate editor of the ROCKETEER, made the presentation. —Photo by PHAN Shellie Reed

Holiday Hours at NWC Listed

Monday, Feb. 18, will be observed as Washington's Birthday and the day is a holiday for all Civil Service and most military personnel.

Following are the hours of operation for Center facilities on that day:

The Camping Issue Room, Ceramic Hobby Shop, Community Center, Electronics Hobby Shop, Hobby Resale Shop, Skeet and Trap Range, and Woodworking Hobby Shop will be closed.

Open regular hours are the golf course, the NWC theater, Hall Memorial Lanes, and the Youth Center.

Business hours for the Auto Hobby Shop, NWC gymnasium, NWC Library, and the indoor swimming pool at the gymnasium, are from 1 to 5 p.m.

ESB Facilities

Hours of operation for Employee Services Board facilities are as follows: barber shop, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., beauty shop, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., NWC Station Restaurant, 6:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

BHS Stage Band To Give Concert At Lecture Center

The Burroughs High School Stage Band will present a concert next Thursday, Feb. 21, at the Burroughs Lecture Center. Scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m., the concert will also feature the Burroughs Madrigals. Tickets, priced at \$1.25, will be available at the door or from members of the band.

Michael Garrett, director of the Burroughs Stage Band, has planned a varied concert to take advantage of all types of instrumental sounds. Big band sounds will be showcased in a number called "Camel Lips," featuring high trumpet parts. A Neil Diamond number will contain a soprano sax solo, and a drum battle will occur in "Meet a Cheetah."

The Madrigals, directed by Alan Kubik, will perform "What Do I See," arranged by John Coates, Jr., and Norman Luboff's "Much Ado About Nothing," among other vocal selections. A combined band-madrigal number, entitled "Peace on Earth," will unite youthful talents in a Carl Strommen arrangement of a jazz prayer.

The Burroughs Stage Band went on a highly successful tour last month, visiting six other schools in the area, Garrett said. He added that this is the first time such a tour has been attempted by the band and that all the schools have invited the band back. Schools visited were Trona, Kern Valley, Mojave, and Desert High Schools, and Murray and James Monroe Schools.

1:30 p.m., Station Pharmacy, 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Fazio's supermarket, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Other Facilities

The Commissary Store will be closed in observance of the holiday. The Navy Exchange will be closed, as will the snack bar at NAF, the malt shop at Bennington Plaza, and the Chick Inn. However, the snack bar in the bowling alley will remain open normal hours.

Hospitalman Cited for Saving Man's Life

A Letter of Commendation for prompt assistance provided by HN Bradley Slaton to a neighbor in San Diego, after the latter suffered a near fatal heart attack, was presented last Friday by Rear Adm. Paul E. Pugh, NWC Commander, to Hospitalman Slaton, who is now assigned to duty as an orthopedic technician at the Center Dispensary.

The incident which was the basis for the Letter of Commendation occurred last July while HN Slaton was on leave in San Diego, and came to the assistance of R. W. Barthae.

Praised by Physician

"The attending physician stated that through your prompt and considerate efforts the life of Mr. Barthae was saved," it was noted in the Letter of Commendation from Rear Admiral Pugh.

The letter continued: "You are hereby officially commended for your alert and prompt action which was significant in the saving of Mr. Barthae's life. This humanitarian act, which demonstrated your acceptance of moral and civil responsibilities, brings great credit to you and the Naval service. Well Done!"

Details of the role played by HN Slaton in saving Mr. Barthae's life were outlined in a letter sent to the NWC Commander by a friend of the stricken man. Information sent here included the following:

While returning from a walk one evening,

Fire Safety Taught In Center Theater

Fire Division 842 has made arrangements for a film, "Fire Trap," to be shown at the Station Theater on Tuesday and Wednesday, Feb. 19 and 20, free of charge at 1 p.m.

The film will discuss life safety and fire safety.

For more information contact the dispatcher at Fire Division 842, ph. 939-2402 or 939-2095.

HN Slaton noticed that a light was flashing on and off as a signal of some possible emergency. In checking it out, Slaton found that Mr. Barthae, a neighbor, was in severe pain and nearly prostrate due to symptoms that the hospitalman recognized as being due to a serious heart attack.

Drove Man to Hospital

After learning from Mr. Barthae who his doctor was and what hospital he should be taken to, HN Slaton got the keys to the stricken man's car, carried him to the vehicle and drove him to the hospital emergency room.

The Navy man then drove Mr. Barthae's

car back, parked it in front of the stricken man's residence, put the keys in the house and unobtrusively left the scene. On the next day, HN Slaton left for his home in Fresno, but Grace M. Moran, another resident in the apartment occupied by Mr. Barthae, took the trouble to learn the whereabouts of the young Navy man in order that he could be commended for what was affirmed by the patient's doctor to be the life-saving efforts he had initiated.

Miss Moran wrote, after talking to the stricken man's physician, that "the speed and recognition of Mr. Barthae's condition did, in fact, save his life."



COMMENDATION RECEIVED — Rear Admiral Paul E. Pugh (right), NWC Commander, congratulates Hospitalman Bradley Slaton after presenting him with a Letter of Commendation this past Friday. HN Slaton was cited for the part he played in assisting the victim of a severe heart attack. The incident occurred while HN Slaton was in San Diego on leave last July. —Photo by PHAN J. R. Dunn



TAKES HELO RIDE — Brig. Gen. George Brier (r.), gets ready for a helicopter ride over the NWC ranges while pilot Maj. Ross "Lasterer, USMC, briefs the distinguished visitor on the trip ahead. Gen. Brier, the Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff (AIR), USMC Headquarters, Washington, D.C., visited the Center for two days recently to receive an update on current Marine Corps-sponsored programs at NWC. —Photo by PHAN Joe Dunn