



DIRECTOR TAKES A HAND — Members of the Ridgecrest and China Lake Parent-Teacher's Association and other interested persons turned out in full color for "Fractured Follies '74" tryouts, held Feb. 13 at the Center Theater and Burroughs Lecture Center. Mike Whaley (center), the director for Fractured Follies '74, was sent from the Jerome H. Cargill Producing Organization in New

York and is currently involved in rehearsals for the opening of this annual show on March 1 and 2 at the Burroughs High School Lecture Center. Shown going through their dance routine with Whaley are the Fractured Follies show girls Susan Kefka, Sandee Schwarzbach, Sandra Smith, Connie Baker, Doris McKinney, Wandra Rideaux and Joyce Seybold. —Photo by PHAN J.R. Dunn

SHOWBOAT

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. 22 February

"HIGH PLAINS DRIFTER" (105 Min.)

Clint Eastwood, Verna Bloom

(Western) Clint Eastwood rides into the oceanfront community of Lago, controlled by gold mine owners Jack King and Mitchell Ryan. The townfolk share in the guilt of Marshal Buddy Van Horn's death by bullwhips wielded by Geoffrey Lewis and cousins. The three, troubleshooters for the mine, are now in jail. Eastwood kills the three hired men. (R)

SAT. 23 February

"FAMILY MATINEE—

"EARTH II" (98 Min.)

Gary Lockwood, Tony Franciosa

—EVENING—

"HORROR EXPRESS" (88 Min. New Release)

Christopher Lee, Peter Cushing

(Horror) In 1905, in the Chinese province of Hangchow, anthropologist Christopher Lee discovers a fossil of very special characteristics: a strange humanoid being which he believes to be the "missing link" with humanity. He installs his carefully crated discovery in the baggage car aboard the Trans-Siberian Express. Shortly after the train has left Shanghai, the baggage man is discovered dead, his eyes completely drained of any color, left as two white blanks in his head. His body is found in the crate which had contained the fossil—the fossil now missing. (PG)

SUN. & MON. 24-25 February

"GORDON'S WAR" (92 Min. Released 9/73)

Paul Winfield, Carl Lee

(Suspense drama) Ex-Green Beret Capt. Paul Winfield returns to Harlem to find his wife dead from heroin. He beats up pusher Nathan Heard and declares war on Gilbert Lewis, who runs the Harlem drug trade. Winfield's former Vietnam team joins him. They set up a secret headquarters equipped with sophisticated tracking devices and weapons. (R)

TUES. & WED. 26-27 February

"TRADER HORN" (104 Min.)

Rod Taylor, Anne Heywood

(Drama) Taylor plays the title role, a hard-bitten, tough trader who's being pursued by some English soldiers for dealing with the Germans. (It's 1916, and World War I has crept into Africa.) A French gentleman trader played by Jean Sorel convinces Taylor to lead him to a source of platinum deep in the jungle. During the safari and its countless disasters, Taylor and Sorel's mistress, played by Anne Heywood, fall in love. (PG)

THURS. & FRI. 28 February - 1 March

"SAVE THE CHILDREN" (127 Min.)

Marvin Gaye, The Temptations

(Musical Documentary) There was a time when music was one of the few ways out of the agony of black oppression. It seems altogether appropriate for this cluster of stars to take a sometimes sentimental, sometimes terrifying journey back to the memory of poverty, while continually urging the concert audience to save the children. The film maintains its simplicity and observes the way commitment comes out of musical expression with appropriate shifts in tone, rhythm and subject matter. (G)

Laboratory Gate Hours

Employees of the Naval Weapons Center are reminded that the main entrance to Michelson Laboratory will be open 24 hours, seven days a week, including holidays.

All other gates, with the exception of the west gate, will be open from 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday. The west gate will be open from 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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TO _____

HAPPENINGS AROUND THE CENTER

Local photographers are reminded that tomorrow is the deadline for entries in the print division of the fourth annual Photo Fair, sponsored by the China Lake Photographic Society. Scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, March 2 and 3, the Photo Fair will be held in the China Lake Community Center.

The Photo Fair is not intended as a contest and no judging will take place. Rather, it is an opportunity for photographers, whether or not they are members of the Society, to display their works to the public.

All photographic subjects and media are welcomed; any size or format print may be submitted. Because of limited display space, prints shown at previous Photo Fairs will not be displayed.

Entry forms may be submitted to Bob and Nancy Diehl, 446-5994, for black and white or color print entries; or Ken Ogilvie, 446-6027, for color slide entries.

Exchange Gas Pumps

The Navy Exchange service station will continue to pump gasoline to authorized customers Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., "When gas is available," said Lt. E. N. Smith, Navy Exchange Officer.

Although Naval Station, San Diego, in the 11th Naval District, will adopt the gas rationing plan currently in use in Oregon and other states throughout the country, Lt. Smith, with approval from 11ND, will stick to the \$5 limit per customer plan now in effect at the local pumps.

"We don't feel it is necessary to go to the Oregon plan," he said. "Our lines aren't that long and panic buying in this area, at least as far as our customers are concerned, has

UPWARD Training...

(Continued from Page 2) the two Navy men report.

The RAF team also serve on their Command's Human Relations Council, whose chairman is Cdr. Richard L. Wright, Executive Officer of VX-5. This council serves as an active vehicle supporting the chain of command in assessing problem areas and identifying potential tensions.

The Department of the Navy is committed to a program of aggressive action to achieve equality of opportunity and treatment for all personnel, and members of the Naval Weapons Center RAF team at VX-5 are showing just how well it can work.

At NAF, two men are busy setting up a similar program. Lt. Stewart Bell and AMS1 Rene Brossard have recently completed RAF training at San Diego and are looking into ways to make this information available to the squadron. They hope to be in full swing soon, matching stride for stride the efforts of the more experienced VX-5 facilitators.

lessened," he added.

Lt. Smith foresees no changes for the immediate future. "We are looking forward to March when our gas allotment increases," he noted.

Anniversary Plans Made

Plans are now being made for a local observance of the 107th anniversary of the Civil Engineer Corps and the 32nd anniversary of the Seabees. Similar celebrations also will be held throughout the United States and at overseas Naval activities.

While the CEC anniversary falls on March 2 and the Seabees' birthday is March 5, the combined event will be held at the China Lake Community Center on Friday, March 8.

A social hour at 6:30 p.m. will be followed by dinner and then dancing to music provided by the COMNAVAIRPAC band from San Diego.

NWC Civil Engineer Corps officers and members of Reserve Mobile Construction Battalion 17, Sub-unit 11-2, have been invited to attend.

Traditionally, the youngest and oldest Seabees in attendance assist in cutting the birthday cake as part of the annual ball.

Art League Meeting

The Desert Art League is holding its monthly meeting on Monday, at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Center. The guest artist will be Jo Liefeld Rebert, who will present slides to illustrate her talk. "Values and Their Implications."

The artist has been an instructor at Chouinard Art Institute in Los Angeles, at Idyllwild and at her studio. She has held over 20 one-man shows throughout the United States and has received 108 awards for her paintings.

Mrs. Rebert is the author of several textbooks on painting and her work has been reproduced as illustrations in seven other books.

Museum Slates Program

George Silberberg will present a 16mm film entitled "A Search for Noah's Ark," on Monday at 7:30 p.m., in Richmond School. Sponsored by the Maturango Museum, Silberberg's film and lecture will detail his 1964 search for the remains of Noah's Ark.

Silberberg, a physicist with the Data Reduction Branch of the Test and Evaluation Department, was selected by the American Archaeology Society to go on an expedition to Turkey. As official photographer for the expedition, he recorded on film the climb of Mt. Ararat and the search for the Ark, which, according to the Book of Genesis, landed on the mountain following 40 days and 40 nights of rain. Coincidentally, the 1964 expedition also

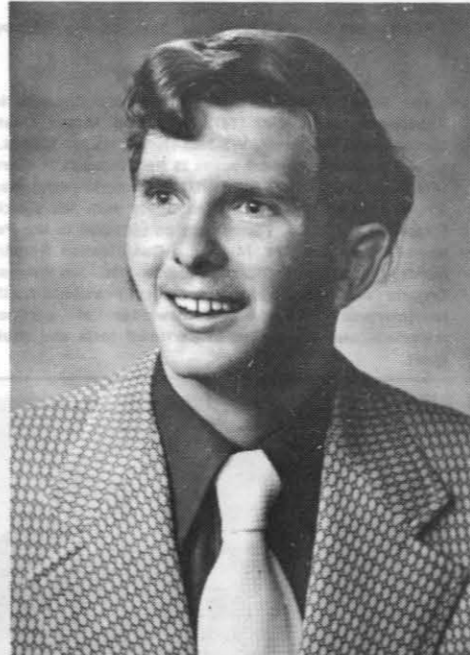
took 40 days and 40 nights, and the group reached the summit on July 18th, the same day Noah was supposed to have landed.

The public is invited to attend this Maturango Museum lecture.

Kern Valley High Senior Appointed To U. S. Naval Academy

Everett H. Oliver, 17, a senior at Kern Valley High School, has received an appointment to the Naval Military Academy, at Annapolis, Md., after Sen. Alan Cranston nominated the outstanding student for the appointment.

A science and math major, Oliver is the



Everett H. Oliver

first Kern Valley student to receive an appointment to any of the military academies.

He has been president of his chapter of the California Scholastic Federation (the California high school honor society) for the past two years. In addition, the 4.0 student completed all math at his high school while still in his junior year and has been taking calculus from the University of California on an extension (correspondence) course.

Participated in NSF Program Last summer, Oliver participated in a National Science Foundation program at San Diego State University. He was recently honored by the Southern California Edison Co. for "Distinguished Achievement in the Sciences," and was acclaimed as the outstanding science scholar at his school. Oliver is the son of Sylvia Oliver, who works in the Command Administration Department's Telephone Branch.

Council Adopts Resolution On Superior Court

Joining with both civic and business leaders in the City of Ridgecrest who have taken similar action, members of the China Lake Community Council board of directors approved and adopted a resolution urging that the Kern County Board of Supervisors take the steps necessary to establish a branch of the county's Superior Court system in Ridgecrest.

Presentation of this resolution, which was done by Cdr. H. O. Brickson, the Naval Weapons Center's Staff Judge Advocate, was a highlight of last week's monthly meeting of the Community Council.

Others urging favorable Community Council action on the resolution in addition to Cdr. Brickson, who also serves as president of the Indian Wells Valley Bar Association, were Charles Porter, a deputy district attorney for Kern County; Ev Tunget, manager, and Gary Stanley, both of the Ridgecrest Chamber of Commerce.

Travel Time Cut If the resolution, which calls for Superior Court sessions to be held in the new Kern County Building that is currently under construction in Ridgecrest, is successful, such a move would make it unnecessary for local citizens to travel to Bakersfield (120 miles away) in order to handle Superior Court matters or for jury duty.

The resolution that was adopted by the directors of the China Lake Community Council reads as follows:

"WHEREAS, The Superior Court of Kern County is located 120 miles from the Naval Weapons Center, China Lake; and

"WHEREAS, The growing population of the Naval Weapons Center, China Lake results in an increasing number of residents having need of the Superior Court; and

"WHEREAS, Travel to Bakersfield represents a great inconvenience in the expenditure of time, money and energy to the Naval Weapons Center and the residents (Continued on Page 3)



MEDICAL FACILITIES INSPECTED — Jerry Esparcia (at left), administrator of the Ridgecrest Community Hospital, extended a welcome last Friday to Rear Admiral E. J. Rupnik, MD, prior to a short tour of the local hospital. RAdm. Rupnik, Assistant Chief for Planning and Logistics in the Navy's Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, Washington, D. C., came to China Lake for the principal purpose of inspecting the NWC Dispensary and the plans for design and location of a new Dispensary and Dental Clinic on the Center. A replacement for the local Dispensary is included in the 1975 Fiscal Year program that is now before Congress, where RAdm. Rupnik will be one of the supporting witnesses. His visit here was to confirm the need for a new NWC Dispensary and make sure that he

would be well informed on the proposal when he discusses it with Congress. A Los Angeles architectural firm is designing the new Dispensary and Dental Clinic, under supervision of the Naval Facility Engineering Command in Washington. Local coordination is being provided by personnel of the NWC Public Works Department's Engineering Division. RAdm. Rupnik was accompanied on his inspection of the Ridgecrest Community Hospital by Capt. Wayland Bennett (right, foreground) NWC Medical Officer, who provided information to the Washington visitor from the standpoint of users of the present NWC Dispensary. In the background are Lt. D. H. Fisher (at left), aide to RAdm. Rupnik, and Ens. T. W. Cox, NWC Dispensary finance officer. —Photo by PHAN J. R. Dunn

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Getting Out the Rocketeer Is More Than a Routine

Most people tend to take the Friday delivery of The Rocketeer matter of factly. We only wish we could.

Sometimes we think that we'll be lucky to publish a paper at all. That feeling generally makes itself known late Monday morning after all of the feature articles have been written and the regular features have been nailed down.

We really shouldn't worry. By Tuesday afternoon, contacts from all corners of the Center have come to us with information. This trend continues on Wednesday, past our normal deadlines, but sometimes we make concessions. In fact, many of our 12-page issues started out looking like a two-page cancellation.

One final word about errors. The Rocketeer is read first by the proofreader at The Daily Independent. Then a staff member proofreads the copy. Both the editor and associate editor read it again after final page makeup at The Independent. Finally, it is turned over to Charles Van Hagan, TID Department Head, who scans it again. And still, gremlins creep into the stories. Ted Fritts, columnist for The Bakersfield Californian and also the public relations director for that publication, printed a poem about the typographical error in a recent Sunday issue. It is reprinted here by way of explanation about this phenomenon.

Typographical Error
The typographical error
Is a slippery thing, and sly,
You can hunt till you are dizzy
But it somehow will get by.
Till the forms are off the presses,
It is strange how still it keeps.
It shrinks down into a corner
And it never stirs or peeps,
That typographical error,
Too small for human eyes!
Till the ink is on the paper
When it grows to mountain size.
The boss he grabs his hair and groans.
The copy reader drops his head
Upon his hands and moans—
The remainder of the issue
May be as clean as clean can be,
But that typographical error
Is the only thing you see.
(See Pages 4 and 5 for More.)



HIGH SPEED PRESS — Jack Lindsey, ROCKETEER associate editor, checks one of the early copies of the newspaper during the press run on Friday mornings. The Goss Community press in use at The Daily Independent, where The ROCKETEER is printed, runs at 12,000 copies per hour at the top of the scale. At left, Dwight Quick, the pressman, is seen adjusting the flow of water to the press, while Mary Post can be seen gathering the papers for tying and bundling.



WACOM ART SHOW AND AUCTION DRAWS CROWD—The Women's Auxiliary of the Commissioned Officers' Mess (WACOM) presented an art exhibition and auction Tuesday evening at the Community Center for the enjoyment of art lovers in the Ridgecrest-China Lake area.

Quarterly Visit of Houchin Bloodmobile To Ridgecrest Planned Tuesday at Elks Club

Another quarterly visit of the Houchin Bloodmobile from Bakersfield has been scheduled next Tuesday from 2 to 6 p.m. at the Ridgecrest Elks Club, 201 E. Church St., Ridgecrest.

Purpose of the visit is to replenish diminishing supplies of whole blood credited to the account of the Indian Wells Valley Blood Bank, Mae Read, the chairman, stated.

Blood donors may designate someone specifically to receive their contribution of a pint of blood, or allow it to be placed in a general fund for use by anyone in need. Mrs. Read stressed that even though a pint of blood is donated to a certain individual, the donor must later call her at 375-7215 in order to arrange for release of this blood. Karl Kafer, a past exalted ruler of the Ridgecrest Elks, will assist Mrs. Read in arrangements for next Tuesday's visit by

the bloodmobile from Bakersfield, and clerical help will be provided by personnel from the Ridgecrest branch of the Community National Bank.

A doctor will be on hand at all times, along with members of the Indian Wells Valley Nurses Club, who donate their services regularly during Blood Bank days in Ridgecrest.

Directory Listings Sought

Next Thursday, Feb. 28, is the deadline for clubs and organizations to submit listing of officers, meeting times, locations, and telephone contacts to the Public Affairs Office, Code 023. This information is needed for the new Club and Organization Directory, currently being compiled.

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DEADLINES: Tuesday, 4:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 11:30 a.m.; Friday 1st and 3rd ONLY; Saturday

DIVINE SERVICES

PROTESTANT: Sunday Worship Service 1015; Sunday School—All Ages 0900; Wednesday Noon Bible Study 1130

ROMAN CATHOLIC: MASS 1700 fulfills Sunday obligation; Saturday 0700 0830 1130

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JEWISH SERVICES: EAST WIND—ALL FAITH CHAPEL; UNITARIANS; CHAPEL ANNEX 95

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 2049.

Supervisory Civil Engineer, GS-110-13, PD No. 7470011, Code 7034—This position is that of Head, Civil Branch, Engineering Division. The position of Branch Head requires full attention to all management matters relating to directing a group.

Housing Project Manager, GS-117-7 or 9, PD No. 747003, Code 7052—Maintains waiting lists for 2,700 family units and 350 bachelor apartments and dormitories makes all assignments in the field.

Engineering Data Management Specialist, GS-301-5, PD No. 7355005-1, Code 5593—Applications will be accepted from current NWC Career or career-conditional employees only.

Clerk-Typist, GS-322-4, PD No. 455108Am11, Code 5585—Applications will be accepted from current NWC career or career-conditional employees only.

Clerk-Typist, GS-322-3 or 4, PD No. 7455006, Code 5531—Applications will be accepted from current NWC career or career-conditional employees only.

Racial Awareness Seminars Now Part of Military Training

The policy of the Navy has been to insure equality of opportunity and treatment for all service personnel irrespective of race, creed, color, sex or national origin.

The program consists of two members who are graduates of Racial Awareness Facilitator (RAF) Training—a three-week course involving participation in an intensive race relations/human relations seminar.

UPWARD addresses racial attitudes, presumptions and prejudices, both individual and institutional, and takes approximately 20 hours of classroom training.

Members of Team

At Air Test and Evaluation Squadron Five, the Commanding Officer, Capt. E. M. Crow, has assigned Chief Data Processing Technician Chester C. Tussey and 3rd Class Aviation Jet Mechanic Bennie R. McCargo, Jr., as the command's RAF team members.

In addition to facilitating UPWARD Seminars, Chief Tussey and Petty Officer McCargo are tasked with conducting human/race relations education training at General Military Training sessions.

Chief Tussey and Petty Officer McCargo have also taken on the task of teaching, or rather sharing, what they have learned to some of the China Lake Elementary School children, in regular school classes.

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tionist, maintains Branch files, etc. Minimum Qualification Requirements: As defined in CSC Handbook X-118. Job Relevant Criteria: Must be a qualified typist.

Data Control Clerk, GS-301-5, PD No. 7455029, Code 5554—Applications will be accepted from current NWC career or career-conditional employees only.

Supervisory Equipment Specialist (Gen), GS-1670-11, PD No. 7125009, Code 5271—This position is Head of the Customer Service Branch, Control Division, Supply Department.

Clerk (Typing), GS-301-3 or 4, PD No. 7375009Am1, Code 5335—The incumbent will serve as the initial distribution clerk for the Distribution Branch of the Technical Library Division.

Benny Suggs Sought As Possible Help In U.S. Energy Crisis

The nation is facing a vitally important energy challenge. The energy crisis is being felt in all phases of the American way of life, as evidenced by the severe shortage of gasoline and heating fuels.

Every citizen, particularly Federal employees, has been asked to conserve the nation's limited supply of energy resources.

Ideal Vehicle

The Beneficial Suggestion program offers an ideal vehicle for employees to submit ideas and practical methods on energy conservation. Illustrative of the types of suggestions being sought are those dealing with the operation and maintenance of buildings, plants, motorized equipment, etc., which result in tangible savings through improved utilization or conservation of energy resources.

Employees who have ideas on energy conservation, as well as other ideas which directly contribute to economy or efficiency, or directly increase effectiveness in carrying out Navy and/or government programs or missions, should complete NAVEXOS 12450/8, the Beneficial Suggestion form.

Will Answer Questions

This form should then be forwarded to Department Benny Sugg representatives. The Employee Management Relations Division of the Personnel Department (NWC Ext. 2348) will be happy to answer any questions regarding the Beneficial Suggestion program.

The Departmental Beneficial Suggestion representatives, and their codes, are as follows:

Benny Sugg Representatives

- Code 12, Kathy Doyel; 17, Shirley O'Malley; 18, Florence Joles; 22, Gladys DeMoss; 25, Jean Gale; 31, Marijean Ackers; 33, Terry Vollmerhausen; 35, Jean Rollinson; 37, Patty Graham; 40, Wendy Sumrall; 45, Lynn Frankovich; 51, Judy Meyers; 53, Becky Sorge; 55, Juanita DeHam; 60, Pat Wierman; 65, Catherine Page; 70, Rita Smiley; 84, Claudet Meyers; 85, Kayleen Martin; and 88, Carole Plante.

publications following their release from the Print Shop. Keeps records of reports sent off Center. Operates machines related to distribution functions such as the addressograph and graphotype.

File applications for above with Mary Morrison, Code 457, Rm. 216, Ph. 2392. Clerk (Typing), GS-301-4, PD No. 738094 AM-1, Code 8412—This position is located in the Security Operations Division of the Security Department.

File applications for above with Linda Grossman, Bldg. 34, Rm. 204, Ph. 2925. Supervisory Equipment Specialist (Gen), GS-1670-11, PD No. 7125009, Code 5271—This position is Head of the Customer Service Branch, Control Division, Supply Department.

File applications for above with Claire Lewis, Bldg. 34, Rm. 212, Ph. 2371. Clerk (Typing), GS-301-3 or 4, PD No. 7375009Am1, Code 5335—The incumbent will serve as the initial distribution clerk for the Distribution Branch of the Technical Library Division.

Greenkeeper 4 (2.38 p.h.) (Two Vacancies)—This position is located at the Golf Course, Special Services Division. Incumbent maintains grounds and turf of golf course in playing condition.

Greenkeeper 6 (2.89 p-h) (Two vacancies)—This position is located at the Golf Course, Special Services Division. Incumbent maintains grounds and turf of Golf Course in playing condition.

File for above with Tina Lowe, Bldg. 34, Rm. 206, Ph. 2723.

Exam Announcement

The Naval Weapons Center announces Examination Announcement NWC-03 (74), for Model Maker (Metal Components) Foreman, WS-3403-11, \$13,915.20 to \$16,992.40 p/a. This announcement opens 23 Feb. through 11 March 1974.

Employee In The Spotlight



Jack A. Myers

When Jack Myers was seeking a career following his discharge from the U.S. Marine Corps, a College of Marin instructor looked at the results of Jack's aptitude tests and suggested the college freshman seek a career in engineering.

Jack was born in Kansas City, Kans., but moved to California with his family when he was six months old. He grew up around the San Francisco Bay area and was graduated from Richmond High School, in Richmond. He worked in a logging mill at Lagunitas for six months, then he joined the U.S.M.C. Jack saw action with the 1st Marine Division as an infantryman in Korea.

Began in Free Fall Weapons

After earning his AA degree, Jack transferred to the University of Nevada, in Reno. He was graduated in 1960 with a Bachelor's Degree in Mechanical Engineering.

"I was in on the beginning of that and worked on many different programs," Jack said. "One thing for sure, I found out what an engineer does."

In 1966, Jack went into project work for Jack Russell and he now works for Frank St. George in the Missile Radar Branch of the Electronic Systems Department's Electronic Warfare Division.

Jack has 14 patents and pending patents during the 14 years he has been at NWC. He has earned a Master's Degree in Public Administration from the University of Southern California and also has attended many graduate extension courses offered by USC, UCLA, and NWC.

Jack met his wife, Ann, while they were both students at the College of Marin. The couple has five children. They are Kristen 14, Danny 13, Jackie 12, Mary 9, and Curtis 2 1/2.

Wife Likes Flowers

Ann likes to raise flowers and she also enjoys reading. Both Ann and Jack have been very active in Little League and she helps out wherever she's needed at the Grace Lutheran Church in Ridgecrest.

The family likes to go camping. "We really enjoy the beach most of all, but we can't often get there," Jack explained. "So, instead we go to Mt. Whitney, Lone Pine, and places like that," he added.

Jack's hobbies are writing books, directing and planning air shows, operating a ham radio, reading and inventing.

"I've just finished writing a book on 'How to Organize an Air Show,'" Jack said. He should be an expert on the subject. In 1972, Jack organized the first Inyokern Intercept Air Show. The pilots consisted of Bob Hoover, the celebrated stunt pilot and executive of Rockwell International. Jack learned a little more about air shows and in 1973, as director of the annual drive to collect money to support the Marine Corps League's Guide Dogs for the Blind program, Jack organized a much better air show.

Gathered Pilots

This past January, once again the director of the air show, he gathered pilots from all over to present one of the more spectacular aerial extravaganzas ever seen in the local area. Included in the list of aerobatic aces were Hoover, Mira Slovak, Col. Blunderbird, Cliff Anderson, Bob Guilford, Bill Porter, Jim Hines and Clay Lacy.

Jack was the commandant of the High Desert Detachment of the Marine Corps League last year and served as the senior vice commandant in 1971 and 1972. He is also a member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers.

IEEE Meeting Set On Monday at COM

A discussion of basic data communications will highlight the Monday, Feb. 25, meeting of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers. Speaker for this meeting will be Fred Lucas, an engineer with the Hewlett-Packard Corp., who specializes in calculators and other digital applications.

The meeting will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Mojave Room of the Commissioned Officers' Mess.

Lucas will introduce his subject with a video tape describing a generalized data communications network. He will discuss synchronous and asynchronous transmission methods, and the measurement problems associated with the component parts of a basic communications network.

Aetna Man To Visit

Jim Nephew, representative of the Aetna Insurance Co., will be at the Community Center next Tuesday, Feb. 26. Due to illness he was unable to be here yesterday as previously announced. Participants in Federal Employees Benefits Program may consult with Nephew from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. next Tuesday.



RAF UPWARD SEMINAR HELD FOR VX-5 — Racial Awareness Facilitators ADJ3 Bennie McCargo, Jr. (left) and Chief Chester C. Tussey (second from right) recently conducted an Understanding Personal Worth and Racial Dignity (UPWARD) seminar for the personnel at VX-5.



PROMOTED — Col. E. D. Smith, USMC Liaison Officer at NWC, congratulates Gy / Sgt. Dwayne L. Buday following a promotion ceremony held in the Liaison Office recently. The new gunnery sergeant has been at NWC for the past 1 1/2 years.



Basketball is an American sport. It is only within the past few years that other countries are beginning to come up to the United States in skill in the sport.

However, I am informed by my wife that in Britain, basketball is called "net ball," and only GIRLS play.

The other night she was putting on her juggling act for the kids and she dropped one of the tennis balls. Instead of picking the ball up, she began to dribble it until it was finally bouncing high enough for her to grab.

"Say, that's pretty good," said my 14-year-old son, Mike. "Where did you learn to dribble like that?"

"I was the best dribbler in my school," my pert helpmate answered.

I began to laugh and she glared at me. "They don't play basketball in England," I told her, being an expert on the subject. "We call it net ball," my wife replied and she then launched herself into a diatribe on how the game is played in England.

It seems that three of the players are allowed to roam only certain areas of the court. These are guards. One other person is designated the "dribbler," and it is up to this player to bring the ball downcourt and into play. The fifth person on the team is the "shooter," and that's all she does—shoot the ball. She isn't allowed to dribble, nor to move with the ball in any direction.

"The hardest part is dribbling," said my wife. "Nobody can take the ball away from me," she bragged.

"You're on," my son challenged. We all went outside and the little woman then went into her Marcus Haines act. Ten minutes later, puffing and panting, my son gave up.

"Gee, Mom, that's just great," Mike said, a new light of admiration shining in his eyes. He followed his mother into the house, even opening the door for her.

"Beats baking cookies," the woman of the house told me later that evening. "He hasn't opened a door for me in years."

"Did you ever EAT one of your cookies?" I replied.

Volleyball Players Sought for MDISL

Jerry Kissick is looking for players for the NWC Varsity volleyball team. He needs experienced volleyball players, both civilian and military, to compete in the upcoming MDISL Volleyball Tournament, set for March 16 and 17 at the 29 Palms Marine Corps Base.

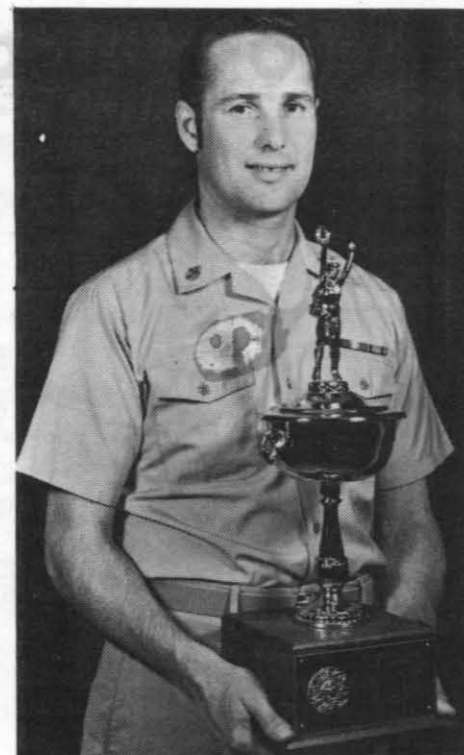
Practices will be scheduled at the Center gymnasium on Sundays from 5 to 7 p.m. Additional practices, if needed, will be scheduled whenever possible.

All interested persons are asked to phone Kissick at 446-8760, or to contact the gym, NWC Ext. 2334.

Jo Richey Wins Tourney

Winners of the monthly "Ace" tournaments during the past year at the China Lake Women's Golf Club, met on Feb. 16 to compete in the annual "Ace" tourney.

Jo Richey fired a net 79 to take first place. Doris Cosner was runner-up with a net 81.



ATHLETES OF THE YEAR—Maria McBride (on the left) and Jim Brown were selected as Athletes of the Year by the Command Administration Department's Special Services Division at the annual Banquet of Champions held Feb. 8. The two are extremely active within the intramural sports programs on the Center. Mrs. McBride, who excels in golf, tennis, softball, volleyball, football and basketball, is the first woman Athlete of the Year. Brown is an outstanding sportsman and plays football, softball, and basketball.

Land Sailers Can Be Ideal Way To Enjoy Desert Winds

Two twin-seat land sailers were purchased by Special Services a little over a year ago for use by NWC recreation-seekers. According to Mike Kinney at the camping issue equipment room, fewer people than expected have been taking advantage of the availability of the sailers. The wind-driven vehicles are perfect for sailing on Mirror Lake or similar playas. "Mirror Lake has been pretty muddy this winter—now that it is dry again, we expect more people to start using the sailers," Kinney said.

Youth Cage Loop Standings

Team	W	L
Hot Shots	3	2
Jets	3	2
Red Devils	2	2
Bulldogs	2	3
Terriers	1	4

Team	W	L
Hawks	4	1
Bruins	3	2
Cougars	3	2
Huskies	3	2
Indians	3	2
Trojans	3	2
Spartans	1	4
Bears	0	5

Team	W	L
Cavaliers	4	0
Stars	4	0
Braves	3	2
Suns	2	2
Rockets	1	3
Trail Blazers	1	3
Sonics	0	4

Team	W	L
Bucks	4	1
Bullets	3	2
Knicks	3	2
76ers	3	2
Celtics	1	4
Royals	1	4

Team	W	L
Conquistadores	6	2
Pistons	5	3
Warriors	4	4
Lakers	1	7

China Lake Little League Registration To Begin Wednesday

The China Lake Little League will kick off its 1974 season with sign-ups scheduled to be held at the Groves School Auditorium on Feb. 26, 28 and March 6. Hours for registration will be from 7:30 to 9 p.m.

All boys who will be eight years old before Aug. 1, and who will not turn 13 before that date, are eligible. Parents should bring a valid birth certificate, issued by Federal, state or provincial registrars, to the sign-up sessions. Copies are acceptable only when notarized. Hospital certificates are not considered valid proof of age.

A donation of \$8 per boy is requested at registration time to help defray the expenses of the league.

The energy crisis will make its presence felt this season in the Little League. According to present NWC regulations, and a directive from NAVMAT, Washington, D.C., games cannot be played under lights. This means that some games will have to be scheduled on Saturdays and Sundays. In order to set up a season schedule, it is important that all boys interested in playing register during the next two week period.

Those persons who are interested in managing or coaching a minor, farm, or T-ball league team are asked to contact either Chuck Dye, president of Little League, at 446-3655, or Ed Park, 446-3165.

Hotshots Upset Other Guys in Division C Basketball Contest

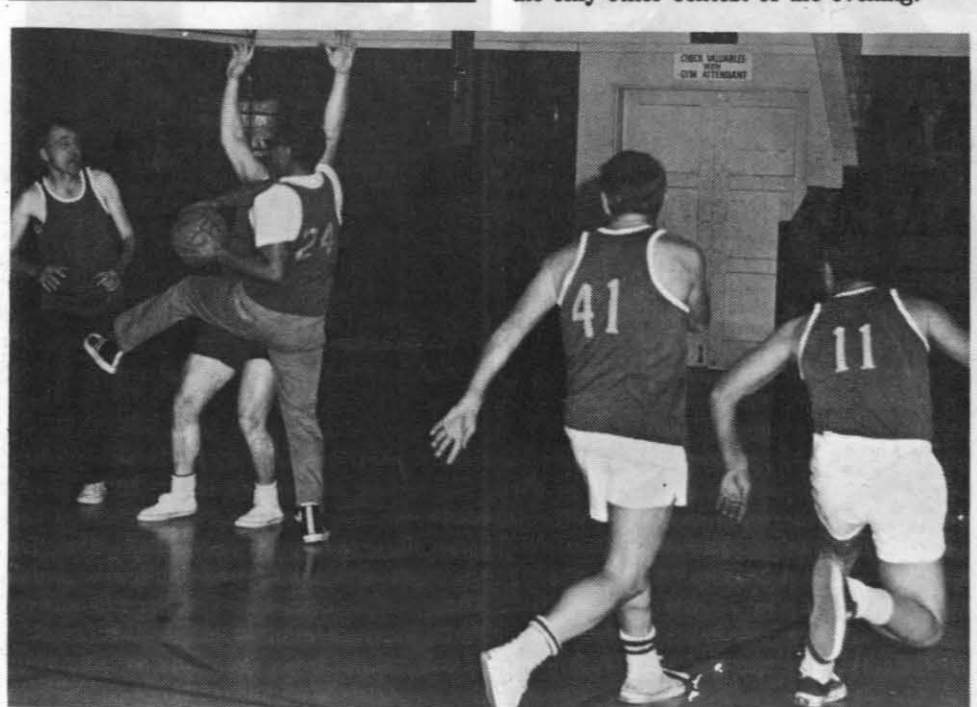
The Hotshots upset the Other Guys, 39-33, in an Intramural League Division C basketball contest on Wednesday, Feb. 13. The Other Guys, currently leading the division, were sunk in the low scoring game by Ernie Calara's 10 points.

In other games played that evening, the Outlaws held up the NAF Enlisted Men cagers, 36-28, and the Loewen's Lions devoured the VX-5 Officers, 69-43.

On Feb. 14, the NAF Officers barely edged the Desert Pioneers hoopers, 46-45, in a close Division A contest. Gary Potteiger tallied 14 points to lead the officers.

In two other games played that same evening, the Chapel quintet blasted Kohoutek, 31-23, and Comarco defeated the VX-5 Enlisted Men, 55-47.

Action this past Tuesday night included a game between the Gasbags and Barons. The Gasbags deflated Baron's, 27-21. The Communications cagers dropped a one-sided contest to the Wallbangers, 37-23, in the only other contest of the evening.



WHOOPS, EXCUSE ME—Rudy Moreno (No. 24) plows under an opponent on his way to the basket during a game between Moreno's team, the Barons, and the Gasbags earlier this week. The Gasbags won, 27-21. The two men at right, looking like they are about to escape silently, are Joe Johansen (No. 41), and Tom Sakai. The two teams vie in Division C of the China Lake Intramural Basketball League.

Resolution . . .

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of China Lake, and "WHEREAS, The current energy crisis requires conservation of the fuel that is expended by residents of China Lake traveling to and from the Superior Court; and

"WHEREAS, One Superior Court, sitting in the new City-County Building in Ridgecrest could serve the judicial needs of not only the residents of China Lake, but all the residents of eastern Kern County, at a great convenience and conservation of natural resources.

"NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CHINA LAKE COMMUNITY COUNCIL RESOLVES:

"That it petitions the Board of Supervisors of the County of Kern, State of California, to establish a branch of Kern County Superior Court in the City-County Building in the City of Ridgecrest for eastern Kern County.

"APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 12th day of February, 1974, by the Board of Directors of the China Lake Community Council."

The resolution was signed by Robert C. Fletcher, president, and nine other officers and members of the council's board of directors.

Deadline Near For STC Graphic Arts Contest Entries

Next Thursday, Feb. 28, is the deadline for entries in the Southern California Regional Art Contest conducted by the Society for Technical Communication (STC).

According to Larry Weeks, art contest chairman for the Sierra-Panamint Chapter of STC, the contest will serve as an excellent opportunity for individuals and groups that create or produce graphics to display their talent.

STC membership is not a requirement for submitting entries in the contest, and work that is entered doesn't necessarily have to be done on the job. It is necessary, however, Weeks added, that the entry must have been produced or published during 1973 and have an application to technical work.

Since only unclassified and non-proprietary entries will be accepted, Weeks recommends that NWC management be informed of work done at NWC that is submitted for judging. Applications, guidelines and additional information can be obtained from Weeks, Code 3513, phone NWC ext. 3908.

Judging for this contest will be performed by three professionally recognized people in the technical communications field. Presentations of awards will be made during a special dinner on March 8 at the Mayfair Hotel in Los Angeles.

Following that event, STC will pay the entry fee for the winning art entries to represent the Southern California Region at the International Technical Art Contest and Exhibit to be held in conjunction with the STC International Conference at St. Louis in May.

AAUW To Hear Talks On Special Ed. Programs

A panel discussion by teachers from the new Special Education complex on the Richmond School campus will be presented at the next meeting of the China Lake Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW).

The program, which is open to all interested persons, will be held on Tuesday, starting at 7:30 p.m., in the Richmond School Special Ed. building.

Participants in the panel discussion will be Frances Morgan, teacher of the aphasic class; Dotti Mott, who instructs visually impaired youngsters, and Cathy Atwood, who is in charge of the class for orthopedically handicapped students.



LOOKING AT RESULTS—Capt. Windy Rivers (left), who will soon head up the new office for the aircraft survivability program at NAVAIR, Washington, D.C., and Capt. James McNeerney, a staff member of the Director of Defense, Test and Evaluation, Washington, recently visited the Aircraft Survivability office at NWC. George Moncko shows the two men the ballistic damage abatement techniques being used at the range as they examine structural damage to a fuselage section from an A7 Crusader aircraft. Capt. Rivers, who was a prisoner of war for nearly 7½ years, is being brought up to date on new techniques prior to assuming his new duties. —Photo by PHAN Joe Dunn

Annual Meeting of NWC Federal Credit Union To Be Held Feb. 28

Its annual meeting time once again for the Naval Weapons Center's Federal Credit Union. The get-together will be held next Thursday, Feb. 28, starting at 7 p.m. at the Community Center.

Highlights of this yearly event will include election that will decide membership on both the Credit Union's Board of Directors and Credit Committee, as well as the presentation of a series of annual reports.

There are eight candidates and four positions to be filled on the credit Union's Board of Directors. Incumbents seeking reelection are Dick Hitt, president; George Silberberg, treasurer, Bill Arriola and Gerry Hueck. Others vying for seats on the board are Eva Bien, Cdr. Herbert O. Brickson, LCDr. Edward W. Brooks and Roy Miller.

Vie for Credit Committee

Incumbents in the running for another term on the Credit Committee, on which three vacancies are to be filled, are Al Kowalski, William F. Meggers, Jr., and Lt. Edmund Smith. Other candidates in this race are Bill Arnold, Chief Paul Cockrell, Ray Feist and Patricia Stroud, all of whom have been serving as alternates to the Credit Committee, and Robert Holloway, a member in years past of both the Credit Union's Board of Directors and Credit Committee.

Reports to be presented during the annual meeting will range from those by A. E. (Gene) Boehme, general manager; Dick Hitt, president of the board, and George Silberberg, treasurer; to those of Jean Rollinson, about the Credit Committee and its function; by Pat Brice, regarding the work of the Supervisory Committee, and by Bill Arriola, pertaining to the Education Committee.

Past Year's Highlights

Significant events of the past year will be touched upon by both Board President Hitt, who will note that this is the third year in a row that Credit Union members have received a 6 per cent dividend; and by General Manager Boehme, who will discuss highlights of 1973 in the areas of the financial institution's staff, management and investment of excess funds.

The treasurer's report by Silberberg will be a summary of the Credit Union's monthly reports on financial condition—including income, expenses and investments.

Study Under Way Of Vehicle Usage By NWC Employees

Central Staff and the Public Works Department are currently cooperating on a study which will involve an in-depth review of both official and home-to-work transportation at China Lake.

The primary objectives of this study will be to optimize use of government vehicles and also to effect fuel savings for individuals as well as for the government.

The study team will be considering such things as official transportation required during the day, home to work transportation, traffic flow and patterns, degree of use of privately owned vehicles for official business, and others. The gathering of information has already begun and members of the team may find it necessary to do additional sampling and/or polling.

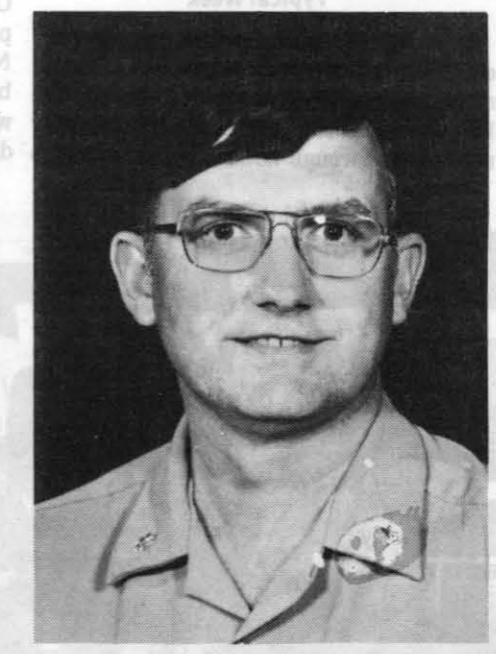
Inasmuch as the study is intended to benefit all concerned, the full cooperation of employees on the Center will be greatly appreciated. In addition, any ideas or suggestions from individuals are encouraged and should be directed to Jack Richards, NWC Ext. 2651, or to Les Saxon, Ext. 3558.

Good Progress In Reducing Energy Usage Reported

Good progress in achieving a Center-wide reduction in energy usage was discussed during a meeting held Tuesday morning.

Reporting on behalf of Capt. W.H. Sturman, NWC Public Works Officer, Cdr. J. L. Uhe, assistant Public Works Officer, stated that, comparing energy usage for January 1974 with various types of energy usage for the same period in 1973, the changes noted were:

- Electric power usage down 26 per cent.
- Propane gas use down 6 per cent.
- Natural gas use reduced 10 per cent.
- Electric power consumption in the housing area down 26 per cent.



BACK AT CHINA LAKE—Lcdr. Floyd M. Oakes, who served a three year tour at VX-5 from 1968-71, has returned to be the Avionics Officer at the Naval Air Facility. He reported to China Lake from the Fleet Air Reconnaissance Squadron Three, NAS Agana, Guam. The 20-year Navy man is a Limited Duty Officer, having come up through the ranks from an enlisted man. He and his wife, Dorothy, have three children, Mark 17, Teri 15, and Kelly 14. Lcdr. Oakes stated that he and his wife are looking forward to meeting their old friends and acquaintances here.

The Naval Weapons Center in Words and Pictures--Brought to You on a Weekly Basis

By Elizabeth Babcock

... If you want to know anything about community and social events, just call the "Rocketeer."

... You have to have an "in" to get something printed—people at the "Rocketeer" run whatever news and feature articles they feel like putting in.

... The "Rocketeer" has a large staff, so let them come to us for the news.

... If the newspaper staff felt like it, they could make the paper much more controversial, they could put in comics, letters to the editor, pin-up pictures, etc.

... When we don't get our paper on Friday afternoon, it's because the "Rocketeer" staff has a personal animosity toward us.

... People at the "Rocketeer" don't notice the errors they sometimes make, and they need us to keep them on their toes.

... "Rocketeer" photographers need lots of suggestions on what would make a good picture.

... The "Rocketeer" photo lab is a good place to get photo work done free.

The above are a few of the misconceptions people at NWC have about the "Rocketeer," most of them stemming from a basic ignorance of how this weekly news organ gets put together, printed, and distributed.

This worlds-and-pictures tour of the "Rocketeer" is an effort to show how and why things at the paper are done as they are.

Staff of Three

A function of the Technical Information Department, the "Rocketeer" has a full-time civilian staff of three. These three people do all the writing, editing, news-gathering, proofreading, page layout, phone-answering, interviewing and filing for 50 issues a year. Although we answer a lot of off-beat questions, we appreciate it when we are left to do our real work.

In addition to the three-member civilian staff, we have a military photographic staff, attached to the Naval Air Facility, but working to fill photo orders submitted by our civilian staff. It is expected that the photo staff will eventually be converted to civilian status. To that end, our photographers are currently teaching members of the China Lake Police how to use a camera, in order to relieve the "Rocketeer" photographers of another duty that not many people know they have—that is, around-the-clock photo duty for the Security Department.

Typical Week

In a typical week at the "Rocketeer" editorial office, we begin on Friday, rewriting announcements that we receive by phone, through "canned" publicity notices, or through notices people bring to

the office. Monday is the day that we interview "Bluejackets of the Month," or other people we want to feature in the paper for special reasons. At the end of the day, we take all accumulated copy to Hubbard Printing Co. (printers of the "Daily Independent") for it to be set into type.

By Tuesday, we are starting to make corrections on the copy that the printshop has set for us. This is also the day that brings a usually nervous "Employee in the Spotlight" to our door. We are probably engrossed in gathering materials for and writing our lead articles, the biggest stories of the NWC news week. These are usually the articles that have to be cleared through the Public Affairs Officer. If an article contains mention of issues bearing on sensitive areas of NWC administrative policy, the Public Affairs Officer probably will then clear it with the NWC Commander and/or the Technical Director.

Incidentally, we try to stick to a reasonable "mix" of news, and, although we may seem arbitrary, we usually have good reasons for running or not running a particular story. We do not have the authority to make drastic changes in the type of material run in the "Rocketeer," which is first and foremost an NWC house organ.

News Deadline

Tuesday afternoon at 4:30 is the deadline for news, such as meeting announcements, that people bring to our office. We will accept such announcements any time, but people should understand that they may have to wait for a later issue.

Usually by Wednesday we have enough material back from the printshop to start laying out the dummy pages. We are also busily writing picture captions, a chore that often includes numerous phone calls to track down identifications. By the way, the telephone is a necessary and very important reporting tool. We use it extensively, both to collect information and to check sources. On Thursday, we read more copy and we play a fascinating little game called Head Writing. Somewhat like a crossword puzzle, this game involves writing a headline that will state the meaning of the story and that will also fit within a set number of spaces.

Thursday afternoon finds the editor and the associate editor at the "Daily Independent" printshop, where we supervise paste-up of the pages of the "Rocketeer." On occasion, we fit a last-minute item in the paper at this time. For instance, when the NWC Advisory Board visited last November, we left a space for the official photo, which was taken and developed on Thursday. For that same issue, we also used a

photo of the Michelson Laboratories Awardees that was shot on Thursday evening!

Early Friday morning we're at the printshop again, proofreading one more time on the pages. We also receive an early visit from our department head, Charles E. Van Hagan, who goes over the pages before they go to press. Once we finish reading the pages, we turn them over to the printshop, where they are made into large negatives, then chemically etched on aluminum plates. If all goes well, the paper is off the press by 10:30.

We have nothing to do with the distribution of the "Rocketeer"—that is part of our contract with Hubbard Printing Co. As soon as the people at the printshop have stuffed the papers in the appropriate envelopes, they load them in a Public Works truck. The papers are then taken to all the guard mail stations on-Center, where they are distributed. We often spend a good part of Friday afternoon on the phone, trying to explain this process to impatient NWC employees.

If you see a typographical error in the paper, chances are we have already seen it. That's another way we spend Friday afternoon—answering phone calls from eager volunteer proofreaders.

Photographers' Helpers

The photographers, too, sometimes feel they get too much help at the wrong times, particularly when they are trying to line up a group for a picture. Helpful suggestions from five or six amateur photographers definitely make the job harder. Furthermore, just like any other NWC facility, the photo lab at the "Rocketeer" is accountable for its expenses—free work of any sort is not done. If your picture appears in the paper, we will not furnish you with free prints. However, we will loan you the negative of your picture and you can get your own prints made.

There are several very real ways you, the "Rocketeer" readers, can help us, though. We are always interested in news that is of interest to NWC employees. And we are always anxious to locate sources for an unclassified technical article. If you have an announcement or an idea, give us a call or come by to see us. We're located near the corner of Nimitz and Lauritsen Rd.

To conclude the story of our week at the "Rocketeer," Friday afternoon once again finds us hard at work on the following week's issue. We feel that we have some of the most varied and interesting jobs on-Center and we hope our enthusiasm communicates itself to you, our readers, through the pages of the "Rocketeer."



TYPESETTERS — Sharon Robinson (above) is seen typing ROCKETEER articles on a tape puncher. The tape is then run through a computer which justifies the type to the pica size desired. Below, Penny Chase is typing correction lines following the Friday morning reading of the pages by staff members.



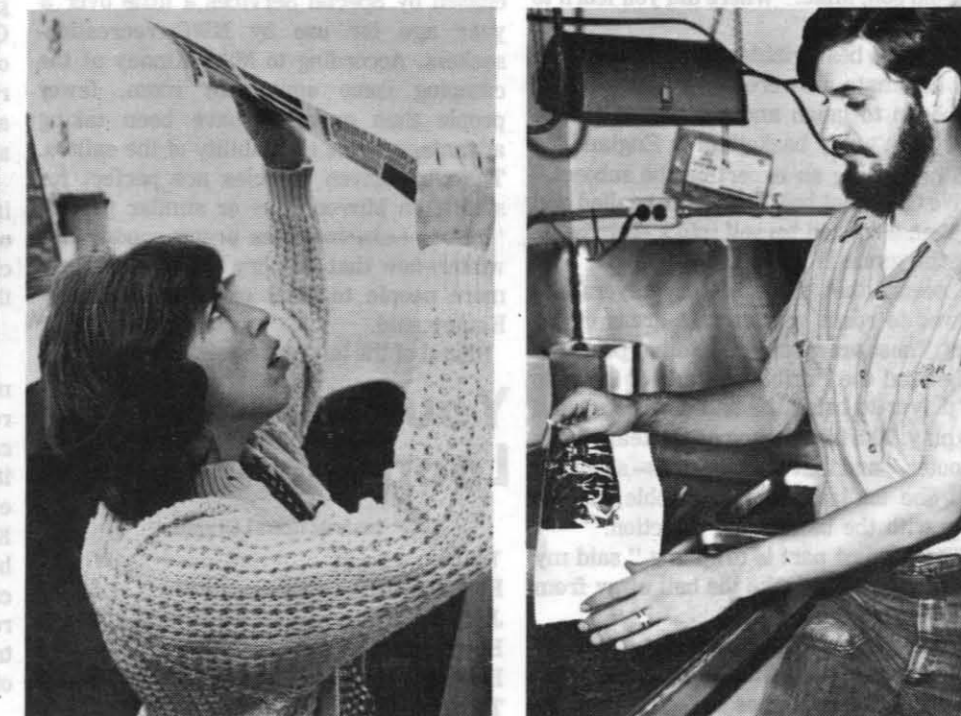
CHECKING FOR QUALITY — PH3 Jerry Sizemore, a ROCKETEER photographer, checks a strip of negative prior to pulling a "proof" sheet, which is then sent to the editorial staff for selection of photos. The quality of the photo lab is high, resulting in a great many very fine to excellent photos in the paper.



FINAL PAGE CHECK — Jack Lindsey, associate editor, reviews a "plate," from which the newspaper is printed by the offset process, prior to the press run. Dwight Quick also helps in this procedure.



BUSY, BUSY BUSY — Sometimes Nancy Jones (above), the editorial assistant, feels the telephone is growing out of her ear, especially on Mondays and Tuesdays. She also writes articles, handles women's news, and arranges for telephoned photo orders, in addition to keeping the newspaper's morgue up to date.



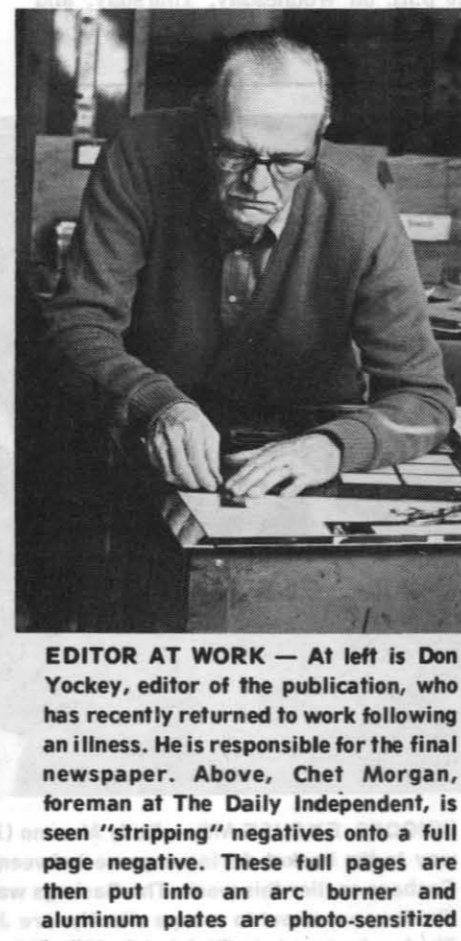
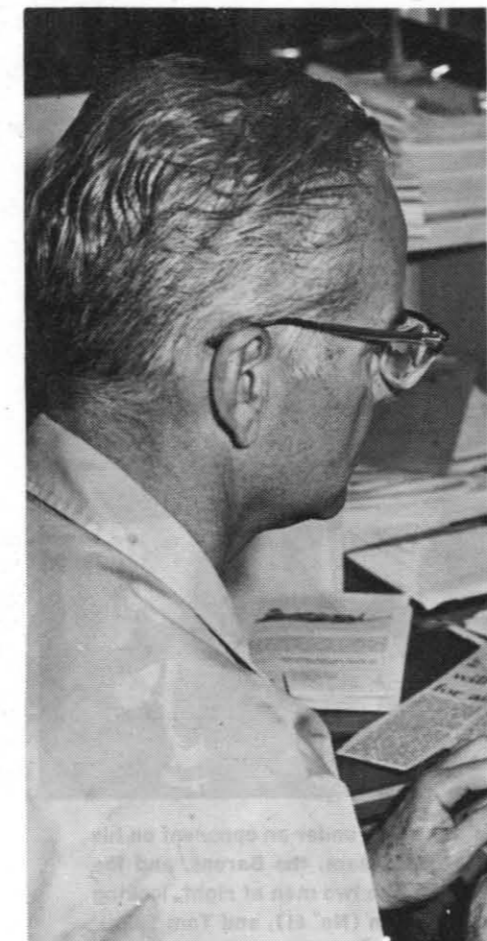
AT LEFT, Elizabeth Babcock, who was a staff member during the illness of Don Yockey, checks a layout page on Friday mornings to make sure that everything has been pasted up straight. Right, Bill Brooks, who is in charge of the photo lab's printing crew, checks a print before sending it to the dryer.



PHOTOGRAPHERS AT WORK — PHAN Joe Dunn snaps a photograph of 20 and 30 year pin recipients at Michelson Laboratory. The photographers are assigned to jobs ranging from mundane to highly exciting. They have been sent to locations as far away as the Russian River, and as close as in front of The ROCKETEER building. They are supervised by PH2 Dan Yeatts.



EXACTLY RIGHT — Jack Lindsey supervises layouts of the paper each Thursday afternoon. Here, Phyllis Orr (who is no longer employed at The Daily Independent) lays in a "window" on the paste-up page. A window is a red piece of paper that photographs as clear as a page negative, allowing the stripper to place a photo negative on top of it.



EDITOR AT WORK — At left is Don Yockey, editor of the publication, who has recently returned to work following an illness. He is responsible for the final newspaper. Above, Chet Morgan, foreman at The Daily Independent, is seen "stripping" negatives onto a full page negative. These full pages are then put into an arc burner and aluminum plates are photo-sensitized before going on the press.



PERFORMING LAYOUTS — Wednesdays and Thursday mornings are usually the days when the paper's layout is performed by the staff. Here, Jack Lindsey and Elizabeth Babcock discuss some ideas on creating each page of the edition.