

### There Are All Kinds Of Belts--But Only Some Can Save Lives

Belts are nice -- they have lots of uses. For instance, belts hold up your pants. They also hold up stockings and are called "garter belts." Belts help wheels to turn. Some people give belts -- the receiver is belted. There are those who stop off at the bar for a few belts after work, and then they are belted by the wife when they return home.

There are other kinds of belts, such as "cotton belt," "sugar belt," and "corn belt." Also, there are people who hit below the belt. Belts also convey materials along assembly lines.

The best of all belts, however, are used by intelligent people everywhere, and are called... seat belts. This kind of belt keeps people from being belted by the dashboard, steering wheel, windshield, or pavement when they become involved in a motor-vehicle accident.

It is very possible that, sooner or later, this belt will save someone from serious injury or death, maybe you. Seat belts have already saved many lives and prevented an untold number of serious injuries.

Early in life, most of us were belted by our parents and it caused a welt. Don't get welted, instead, get belted -- the seat variety please -- now!

### Plans Announced For 'Toys for Tots' Benefit on Dec. 15

Preparations were announced this week for the annual Toys for Tots drive that is being sponsored jointly by the Naval Weapons Center's Marine Corps Liaison Office and the High Desert Detachment of the Marine Corps League.

Tom Flynn, Marine Corps Leaguer who is serving as chairman of this year's event, reports that a gala country-western concert has been scheduled from 6 p.m. to midnight on Sunday, Dec. 15, at Joshua Hall on the Desert Empire Fairgrounds in Ridgecrest.

At this point in the advance planning for this affair, two bands and more than a dozen country and western music soloists have been lined up to lend their talent for this worthy purpose.

Admission will be by the donation of either a new toy of \$5 per person. Contributions are earmarked for distribution to needy children in an area ranging from Lone Pine on the north to Red Mountain on the south, and from Searles Valley on the east to the Kern River Valley on the west.

### Entries Coming In For Annual Yule Parade on Dec. 7

More than 38 entries have been received by the Ridgecrest Chamber of Commerce for the annual Christmas Parade, which will be staged on Saturday, Dec. 7.

Floats from the Immanuel Baptist Church, St. Michael's Episcopal Church, the Naval Air Facility, IWV "Y" Indian Guides, and others, will carry out the theme of the parade, "Christmas in Every Land."

The parade will begin at 10 a.m. at the corner of Drummond Dr. and China Lake Blvd., and will disband at California St. and China Lake Blvd.

Also entered are the Burroughs High School Band, the Murray School majorettes, banner girls and band, Brownie and Girl Scout troops, color guards from Squadron 84 of the Civil Air Patrol, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars, guide dogs being trained by 4-H Club members in the valley, and other attractions.

Cars and spectators will begin lining up along the parade route early, so all persons interested in seeing the parade should arrive in plenty of time to pick a good spot.



**A DOUBLE ROLE** — John Clark portrays twin brothers in "Ring Round the Moon," the fall production of the Community Light Opera and Theater Association, due for production on Dec. 6, 7, 13 and 14 at the Burroughs Lecture Center. Above, the young actor gets into the role by depicting a double image, each different from the other, as he hopes to do in the show. Eduardo Romero is the director. —Photo by Jim Rieger

### Beta Sigma Phi Fashion Show Planned at Community Center

Six local chapters of Beta Sigma Phi sorority will conduct a fashion show on Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 2 and 3, at the Community Center.

Led by Mrs. Paul Homer, chairman of the event, members of Preceptor Delta Tau, Xi Lambda Chi, Xi Omicron Mu, Alpha Alpha Psi, Chi Alpha and Delta Zeta Delta chapters have been working since early September to plan the show around the theme of a "Desert Christmas."



**"HOLIDAY SPLENDOR"** — Zindi Homer models a suede jacket, trimmed in fur, as a prelude to the upcoming Beta Sigma Phi fashion show, set for Monday and Tuesday at 8 p.m. at the Community Center. Tickets, priced at \$2.75 per person, are available from members of Beta Sigma Phi, or at the Community Center door. Fashions to be displayed during the show will be centered around the "holiday" theme.

Fashions from The Wildflower, Mary Sue's Dress Shop, Adam's Den, and Rene's Dress Shop will be modeled by local men and women. In addition to adult wear, teenage styles and children's nightwear and party clothes also will be displayed.

Senn's Coiffures will style the models' hair. Other Valley merchants will donate merchandise to be given away as door-prizes. Refreshments will be served during intermission time, and a no-host bar will be provided by the Chief Petty Officers' Club.

Proceeds from the sale of tickets will be used for various service projects. Contributions have been made in the past by the various chapters of Beta Sigma Phi to the Navy Relief Society, Porterville State Hospital, the IWV Homemakers' Society, IWV Blood Bank, IWV Swim Team, Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, Cerro Coso College, Quiet Activity at Richmond School, the IWV Activity Center for the Handicapped, and many others.

Admission is \$2.75 per person. Ducats can be purchased from members of Beta Sigma Phi, or at the door of the Community Center at show time.

Assisting Mrs. Homer are Mrs. Jess Hays, co-chairman; Mrs. Dick Moe, models' chairman, and Mrs. Mike Coleman, ticket chairman. Mrs. Moe and Paul Homer will narrate the fashion show.

### Film About Central America Is Next In College Travel Series

Gene Wiancko will bring his years of travel background and motion picture expertise to the Indian Wells Valley on Sunday when he will show and narrate a film on "The Wonderlands of Central America."

This will be the fourth offering in the travel adventure series at Cerro Coso Community College. The film, which includes scenes from the cultures of Guatemala, El Salvador, Nicaragua and the Panama Canal, will be shown at 8 p.m. in the college Lecture Hall. Admission is \$1 for general admission and 50 cents for college students with ASB cards.

Wiancko, a radio narrator, writer and explorer, is a graduate of the University of California. For 12 years he worked as an exploration geophysicist prior to entering the motion picture industry.

The Cerro Coso travel adventure series, organized by Bob Rafal, Dean of Community Services, will end on Dec. 8 with a film lecture entitled "Kayaks Down the Nile River."

## 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. 7:30 P.M.**  
"THE INTERECINE PROJECT" (89 Min.)  
James Coburn, Christiane Kruger  
(Drama) In London, professor James Coburn has a problem of how to eliminate four members of an industrial espionage organization before he can take a top government post in Washington. Tycoon Keenan Wynn stresses that there must be no loose ends. Coburn devises a plan whereby the four will kill each other. (PG)

**SAT. 3:00 P.M.**  
—FAMILY MATINEE—  
"SILENT RUNNING" (90 Min.)  
Bruce Dern, Cliff Potts  
—EVENING—  
"IMPULSE" (95 Min.)  
William Shatner, Ruth Roman  
(Horror Drama) Impulse is a story of possession which spans three decades. It tells the terrifying experience of five people thrown into a fire or death struggle with the demons of evil. It shares the lonely suffering of a 12-year old girl who is doomed to die for knowing the truth. (PG)

**SUN.-MON. 1:20 P.M.**  
"BLAZING SADDLES" (93 Min.)  
Cleavon Little, Gene Wilder  
(Western Satire) The old Western cliches die hard in this story of Rick Ridge, 1874. Attorney General Harvey Korman conspires with crossed-eyed Gov. Mel Brooks to take over the territory soon to be valuable because of the coming railroad. Black railroad worker Cleavon Little is made sheriff by Korman, who reasons that the prejudiced townsfolk will reject him and become vulnerable to attack by Slim Pickens and men on Korman's behalf. (R)

**TUES. 8 P.M.**  
China Lake Concert Association Presents  
"WILLIAM WINDOM AS THURBER" — 8 P.M.  
**WED. 8 P.M.**  
"DIRTY MARY, CRAZY LARRY" (93 Min.)  
Peter Fonda, Susan George  
(Action Drama) After spending the night with nymphet Susan George, racing driver Peter Fonda meets his mechanic Adam Roarke in a small California town. Roarke holds Lynn Borden and daughter Adrienne Herman hostage while Fonda tells supermarket manager Roddy McDowell that his wife and child will be killed unless he hands over \$150,000 in the safe. At times hostile and seemingly without fear, Fonda is exuberant now that he can afford to buy a quality car for stock car competition. (PG)

**THURS.-FRI. 8 P.M.**  
"WHERE THE RED FERN GROWS" (97 Min.)  
James Whitmore, Beverly Garland  
(Adventure Drama) More than anything else in life, Billy Colman wanted a dog, not just any dog, but a redbone hunting hound. Even though it is depression time, Billy resolves to earn the \$50 purchase price of two hounds. Two years later, at the annual coon hunt contest, it looks like Billy and his dogs, Old Dan and Little Ann, will be the winners until his grandfather gets hurt and Billy calls his dogs off their prey to save his grandfather. Still Billy wins the coveted gold cup and prize money. Several months later, out hunting again, a mountain lion attacks Billy and Old Dan dies protecting him. Little Ann dies of a broken heart. On their grave a red fern grows and Billy and his family move to the city. (G)

**Plant Sale To Be Held**  
A sale of indoor and outdoor plants will be conducted by the Oasis Garden Club of Indian Wells Valley next Friday, Dec. 6. Hours of the sale, which will take place at the clubhouse, 363-D McIntire St., are from 9 to 11 a.m.  
All interested persons are invited to make purchases.

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## \$100,000 Sought To Upgrade TV Booster System

Residents of the Indian Wells Valley have been enjoying television since 1952 at a very nominal cost. In the last 22 years, since Laurel Mt. booster station was erected by volunteer help in 1952, it has cost a total of \$74,700 for equipment to keep TV coming to the viewers.

The cost breaks down as an average of 48 cents per year, per home (based on a figure of 7,000 homes in the valley), or a total of \$10.57 per home since 1952. For viewers who have been here only since 1968, when much new equipment was installed, the cost has been a total of \$3.48, or 57 cents per year, per home. By any standards, that's pretty inexpensive for nightly entertainment.

**Improvement Mandatory**  
Recently, the China Lake Community Council, a non-profit organization which operates the TV booster station at Laurel Mt., and the transmitting station at "B" Mt., was told by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) that the system now in use locally no longer meets FCC standards and regulations. In other words, the existing system must be brought up to specifications, or go off the air.

In order to do this, \$100,000 is needed. That seems like a large figure, and indeed it is, but Don Stanton, who heads up the Community Council's TV Booster Committee, has estimated that a donation of \$20 per household in the Indian Wells Valley will raise that amount. If the drive is successful, the new equipment, when installed, will continue the same service now in operation, with a few additions. Three new channels will become available—KERO-TV and KCBK, from Bakersfield, and KVCR, from Riverside.

**New Equipment To Be Installed**  
According to Jim Rieger, a television engineer and member of the committee, UHF translators will be installed on Laurel Mt., and VHF transmitters will be in operation from "B" Mt.

"What this means to the viewer," Rieger explained, "is that all persons in the valley, including the outlying locations of Brown and Inyokern, will be able to receive all channels better than they are now getting (Continued on Page 4)"

## Command To Provide Broad Overview Of Management Picture

As a means of furthering two-way communication between top management and employees of the Naval Weapons Center, a meeting has been scheduled on Monday, starting at 2:30 p.m., at the Center theater.

"We are interested in using this opportunity to provide employees with a broad overview of the current NWC management picture," RADM. R. G. Freeman III, Center Commander, stated.

Much of the meeting should be available to respond to questions and comments — some of which have already been received as a result of feedback from the latest issue of "News and Views," the NWC Commander added.

Because of the seating capacity of the theater, attendance at this meeting will be limited to employees who are GS-12s and above.



**BEFORE AND AFTER** — These photographs, taken in a national forest in Montana during the early development stages of the NWC Fireline Construction Device, point out how the firefighting aid can clear an open path through dense brush. In the photo at



left, U.S. Forest Service personnel and experts from the NWC Research Department's Petrodynamics Branch in the Detonation Physics Division, lay out the fireline hose prior to a blast. An area approximately 2½ ft. wide was cleared, as shown at right.

## Fireline Construction Device Developed At NWC Big Help Fighting Blaze in Idaho

Smoke jumpers combatting a blaze in the Idaho Panhandle National Forest last September were the first persons (without expert supervision) to successfully use the NWC-developed Fireline Construction Device, a method to blast a path through brush and other forest fuel to reduce the spread of fires.

The device used by the firefighters was slightly altered by private industry from the version developed at NWC. However, three Center employees—Dr. Carl Austin, Carl Halsey and Sam Kendall—performed safety studies on the alterations and recommended its use to the U.S. Forest Service.

"The alteration consisted mainly of using a dry fire retardant rather than the liquid one developed here," said Dr. Austin, head of the Petrodynamics Branch of the Research Department's Detonation Physics Division.

**Basic Fireline Device**  
The basic fireline device consists of either one, two or three strands of 400 grain primacord centered in a plastic tube that also contains an outer cavity that is filled with fire-retardant material. The device can be deployed in any lengths, and to any desired configuration.

Upon detonation in the forest, a line is cut through the adjacent vegetation ap-

## Members of Rec Council Focus Attention on Financial Matters

A discussion of financial problems which ranged from the hefty subsidy that is required for operation of the Youth Center, and the matter of revising the fee schedule for use of the Community Center, to recommending the expenditure of funds for the annual Naval Air Facility and VX-5 Christmas parties occupied the attention of members of the Joint Navy-Civilian Recreation Council during their monthly meeting last week.

"Operating Expenses Too High"  
"No one questions the purpose and requirements for the Youth Center, but current operating expenses are running too high," Cdr. R. B. Nygaard, the new chairman of the Recreation Council, commented after looking over the recreation fund status report.

proximately 2½ ft. wide and provides quick access to the area by Forest Service firefighters. In addition, according to Dr. Austin, a path that wide is sufficient in most cases to halt a ground fire. "A blaze will not jump a cleared area that wide, providing it hasn't taken to the tops of trees, as in a crown fire," Dr. Austin pointed out.

**Successful Results Reported**  
In a report made by Bud Clarke, leader of the smoke jumpers, the device was used successfully on two different days. Difficulty was experienced only during the drop from the aircraft when one of the chutes deploying the fireline explosives failed to open and slight damage was sustained to a connector. Clarke found after laying 100 ft. of line that the cord did not propagate at the standard connectors and solved the problem by laying another 100 ft. of line parallel to the first about one ft. apart at the ends, and taped them together. Results of all blasts following that were 100 per cent, according to the fireman's report. On the first day, Clarke's crew blasted a line 500 ft. in length and on the second day cleared another 300 ft. of brush.

One of the things Dr. Austin noticed from the report was that the smoke eaters were adhering to the recommended 5-man crews. "A five man crew using the fireline device can do the work of a 25-man crew during a forest fire," he said. "They didn't seem to have too many problems, other than the one with the connectors, and I would call the dry retardant developed by Ensign/Bickford Co. successful. It doesn't work as well as the liquid retardant developed at NWC, but it'll do," Dr. Austin added.

**New BEQ To Begin Taking Shape Soon When Walls Go Up**  
"Sidewalk inspectors" can expect to see some startling changes soon in the work that is under way on the new Bachelor Enlisted Quarters being constructed at the corner of Halsey Ave. and Hussey Rd.

According to Lt. Don Morris, head of the Public Works Department's Contract Division, workmen are now setting foundations and stem walls up to the first floor height of the two story structure.

Construction of the new BEQ is being handled under a \$2.8 million contract awarded to the Cardan Co. of Los Angeles, and a number of sub-contractors are involved in the electrical, mechanical, plumbing and masonry work.

At this time, the structure's underground plumbing and electrical work is nearing completion, Lt. Morris stated, and within the next month the exterior concrete masonry walls will begin going up.

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OUTSTANDING CATHOLIC COUPLE — Jack Pakulak (l.), president of the Catholic Parish Council, presented Mary and Charles May a plaque signifying their selection as "Catholic Couple of the Year" during the 12th annual dinner-dance of the congregation last Friday. The Mays were cited for their help and work over the past 12 months on the Council and within the Catholic community at NWC. Both teach religious classes and serve on the Council. Mrs. May is a lector (a reader during Masses) and vocalist in the Catholic Congregation choir. She also has been in charge of First Communions for the past two years. More than 275 persons in attendance at the "Frosty Frolic" applauded their approval of the selection. The dinner-dance took place at the Community Center.

### Organist To Present Holiday Concert Sunday

John Powell Green, exciting young organist from Fullerton, will be presented in concert at the All Faith Chapel on Sunday at 7 p.m. This will be a special concert weaving together music from Thanksgiving through Christmas. The son of a Methodist minister, Green comes from Illinois. He began at the keyboard at the age of six when his parents discovered him picking out hymn tunes on

the church piano. At 12 years of age he became the organist in his father's church. Green studied music at Arizona State University and Whittier College, under such notables as C. Eugene Harris, Charles S. Brown, and Robert Prichard. A winner of several college music scholarships, he began presenting concerts at that time. Now 27 years old, he has played more than 150 concerts in the southwestern United States

alone. Green is currently the organist at the First United Methodist Church of Fullerton—Orange County's largest church of that denomination. Also he is the manager of the church organ division of Gould Music Co., distributor for the Allen Digital Computer Organ. The organ at All Faith Chapel is this type and was purchased from the Gould Music Co. Consequently, Green knows the instrument and its possibilities better than most organists.

The concert selected by Green includes Christmas carol preludes by Bach, Reger, and Buxtehude. He will also play Handel's "He Shall Feed His Flock" from the Messiah, and "Noel-Grand Jeux et Duo" by D'Aquin. In addition, he will present his improvisations of selected carols. The closing number will be "Marche Militaire" by Franz Schubert.

The concert is open to the public, and community passes will be available at the NWC main gate. Free nursery service will be provided at the Chapel Nursery, across the street from the Center Restaurant. There is no charge for the concert, but an offering will be received.

### Tickets Now on Sale For NAF Xmas Party

Tickets are now on sale for the Naval Air Facility Christmas dinner-dance, set for Dec. 20 at the Community Center.

Priced at \$3 per person, the ducaats will entitle the bearer to an evening of holiday joy, including a prime rib dinner and dancing to the music of a special combo from the COMNAVAIRPAC Band in San Diego.

The festivities will begin at 6:30 and last until midnight. During the course of the evening a number of door prizes will be given away to some of those in attendance.

Tickets may be purchased from the following persons: NAF Chaplain R. W. Harper, whose office is in the Terminal Bldg.; Lt. R. G. Engelhardt, at NAF Operations; ABCM C. O. Parr, NAF Leading Chief; A. J. "Gus" Getusky, in NAF Maintenance, and DTPC J. S. King, in the NAF Dispensary.

### PROMOTIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Unless otherwise specified in the ad, applications for positions listed in this column will be accepted from current NWC employees and should be filed with the person named in the ad. All others desiring employment with the Naval Weapons Center may contact the Employment-Wage and Classification Division, Code 652, Ext. 2049. Ads will run for one week and will close at 4:30 p.m. on the Friday following their appearance in this column, unless a later date is specified in the ad. Employees whose work history has not been brought up to date within the last six months are encouraged to file a Form 171 or 172 in their personnel jacket. Information concerning the Merit Promotion Program and the evaluation methods used in these promotional opportunities may be obtained from your Personnel Management Advisor (Code 656 or 657). Advertising positions in the Promotional Opportunities column does not preclude the use of alternate recruiting sources in filling these positions. As part of the rating process, a supervisory appraisal will be sent to the current supervisor and the most recent previous supervisor of those applicants rated as basically qualified. The Naval Weapons Center is an equal opportunity employer and selection shall be made without discrimination for any nonmerit reason. The minimum qualification requirements for all GS positions are defined in CSC Handbook X-118, while those for all WG, WL and WS positions are defined in CSC Handbook X-118C.

Technical Communications Specialist, GS-1001-S or 7, PD No. 7275014, Code 5302 — (2 Vacancies) Incumbent will participate in the Intern Program for Technical Communication Specialist, and will be assigned duties in the field of technical communications on three or more rotating work assignments within TID. Assignments may be in areas such as proofreading, technical writing/editing, papers, articles and reports based on information obtained from workers in the field. Incumbent edits manuscripts for organization, grammar, clarity and style. Job Relevant Criteria: Ability to establish productive working relationships with a variety of Center personnel. Working knowledge of English composition. Ability to organize and present written material. Promotion Potential: GS-11. Writer/Editor (Printed Media), GS-1082-S, PD No. 7453062, Code 5311 — The incumbent writes and rewrites reports, articles and reports based on information obtained from workers in the field. Incumbent edits manuscripts for organization, grammar, clarity and style. Job Relevant Criteria: Ability to establish productive working relationships with a variety of Center personnel. Working knowledge of English composition. Ability to organize and present written material. Promotion Potential: GS-11. Clerk (Typing), GS-301-2 or 3, PD No. 7425207, Code 25501 Environment Simulation (EWES) facility in the Randsburg Wash Test Area. It is affiliated with the Countermeasures Division in the Electronic Systems Department. The incumbent will provide clerical support (40 percent) for the Systems Engineering Branch, and operate

a PBX board (60 percent). Clerical support will entail typing of official correspondence, memoranda, travel orders, itineraries, preparation of weekly time cards and overtime authorizations, and other miscellaneous clerical duties. Operation of the PBX board will be for the entire Randsburg Wash Test Area. Job Relevant Criteria: Must have typing skill with general knowledge of technical terminology. Must be pleasant and have the ability to work well with others. Promotion Potential: GS-4. Motion Picture Clerk (Typing), GS-1001-2, 3, or 4 PD No. 7375005, Code 5323 — The incumbent types motion picture scripts, film plans, budgets, schedules, memos, etc. Prepares detail processing and printing orders from the existing laboratory contract, and prepares laboratory orders for the "in house" laboratory. Reviews and identifies incoming footage; catalogues and files stock footage and preprint material and types film library index cards. Splices film and operates projectors of all types. Job Relevant Criteria: Demonstrated ability in routine office work. Ability to adapt quickly to changing situations. File applications for the above with June Adams, Code 656, Rm. 208, Ph. 2577.

Quality Inspection Specialist GS-1940-S/7, PD No. 7470005-3, Code 7082 — (Temporary not to exceed one year). Incumbent is responsible for specifications, inspections, and certification for payment on selected service contracts in support of NWC facility upkeep. Is responsible for contractor performance on site to validate compliance with contract requirements. Coordinates schedules with contractor and NWC. Job Relevant Criteria: Ability to inspect and administer Maintenance Service Contracts. Ability to apply good judgment in analyzing work to be accomplished by contractors. File applications for the above with Dora Childers, Code 657, Rm. 210, Ph. 2032.

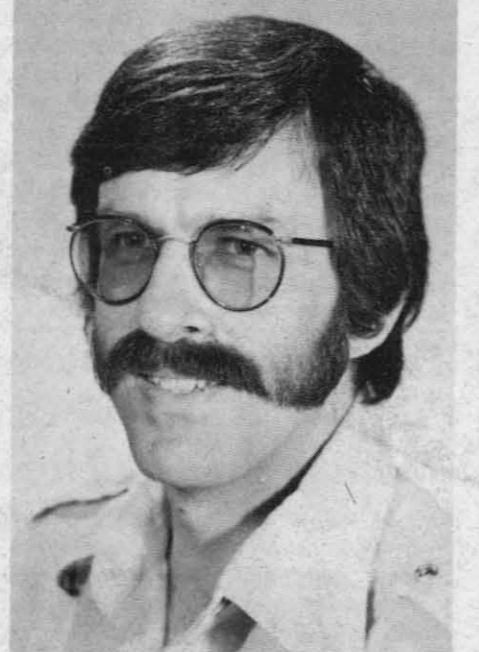
Electrical Engineer or Physicist, GS-855-12, Code 5522 — Position is located in the Electromechanical Division of the Engineering Department. Duties include design development analysis for guided missile circuitry. Design effort includes all phases of electronic design from original concepts and breadboarding to production engineering and redesign. Particular emphasis is required in solid state configurations which would be relevant to missile closed loop guidance control functions. Consulting, evaluating and reporting on projects is required. Job Relevant Criteria: Experience in electronic design and development. Experience in working all types of electromechanical and electronic controls as related to missile guidance control systems. File applications for the above with Carol Downard, Bldg. 34, Rm. 204, Ph. 2925.

Air Conditioning Equipment Mechanic, General Foreman, WS-5304-13, Code 70 — Annc. NWC-14 (74). Ability to supervise through subordinate supervisors: to plan and organize work; knowledge of different relevant lines of work; ability to work with others; ability to meet deadline dates under pressure and ingenuity, ability to suggest and apply new methods. File SF-172 and supplemental experience sheet with Betty Jo Geiser, Code 652, Rm. 100, Bldg. 34, Ph. 2657.

### Psychiatrist Added To Staff of Desert Counseling Center

Dr. Gene F. Kester, a psychiatrist with a private practice in Los Angeles, will be available on Wednesdays at the Desert Counseling Center to see patients from noon to 7 p.m.

Dr. Kester, who also is a staff psychiatrist for the Los Angeles County Mental Health



Dr. Gene F. Kester

Department, received his specialty training in psychiatry at the University of Southern California.

He performed his internship at Dallas (Tex.) Methodist Hospital after receiving his M.D. from the University of Maryland, at Baltimore. Dr. Kester earned his bachelor's degree in biology from New York University, N.Y.C.

Specializing in adult general psychiatry, the new consulting psychiatrist plans to help patients deal with internal conflicts and inter-personal relationships through individual therapy and some group therapy. Appointments to see Dr. Kester can be made by calling the DCC at 446-5586.



BIG BOOST FOR NAVY RELIEF — Rear Admiral R. G. Freeman III, NWC Commander, happily accepts a contribution of \$1,400 for the Navy Relief Society. The check, a portion of the proceeds from the WACOM-operated Thrift Shop, was presented jointly by Inez Lebsack (at right), chairman, and Alice Zilmer, treasurer, of the Thrift Shop. —Photo by Ron Allen

### Thanksgiving Dinner Held for Members Of Chapel-Sponsored Laubach Literacy Class

A group of some 80 persons attended the annual Thanksgiving dinner held on the evening of Nov. 21 in the East Wing of the All Faith Chapel for members of the Laubach Literacy Class and their spouses.

The Laubach Literacy Class, which is sponsored by the Protestant Congregation of NWC's All Faith Chapel, was formed for the purpose of assisting foreign-born residents to learn English by instruction in reading, writing and conversational English.

In addition, some of the students also are prepared for naturalization examinations leading up to becoming American citizens, Mrs. Lucille Berghold, chairman of the Laubach Literacy Class, reported.

During the past year, seven members of the class in which 30 students are now enrolled have become naturalized citizens, and three more have passed their examinations as a prelude to becoming U.S. citizens.

Tutors of the class prepared a typical Thanksgiving dinner for the students and

### Products Withdrawn Due to Possibility Of Aspirin Poisoning

At the request of the Food and Drug Administration, the Whitehall Laboratories of New York City voluntarily recalled the below listed products, because they could produce potentially fatal aspirin poisoning, if misused. They are:

Aspirin Free Arthritis Pain Formula, listed on Dept. D-1 Merchandise Box 74-333 and Defense Supply Agency Supply Bulletin No. 10-500-005.

Saloxium Analgesic Anti-inflammatory tablets. This item is not listed.

Both products were manufactured by Whitehall Laboratories of New York and are available in 24 and 100 tablet bottles.

The Food and Drug Administration warned consumers not to use the two products because they were labelled aspirin free and they convert to an aspirin-type compound in the body. Some people may use the two products to relieve arthritis suffering and take regular aspirin at the same time. Such concurrent use could lead to serious aspirin poisoning.

Withdrawal from sale, report to supplying vendor inventory on hand and request disposition instructions. Dissemination of this information to patrons is requested.

### Trade Council To Meet

The regular monthly meeting of the Indian Wells Valley Metal Trades Council will be held next Thursday, Dec. 5, starting at 7:30 p.m. at 65-B Halsey Ave.

## Employee In The Spotlight

When Cal J. Fallgatter took over the job of Housing Manager at NWC in April 1946, his biggest problem was finding housing for all of the employees. Now, nearly 29 years later, the problem has reversed itself.

In past months, more than 300 housing units have been demolished at China Lake and there are approximately 500 other empty units on the Center. "That's progress," Cal said with a big sigh.

Cal's first visit to China Lake was in 1944 when his dive bomber squadron trained at the Naval Ordnance Test Station (now NWC) in the use of the 3-in. HVAR rockets. Cal, who was a Navy pilot, then deployed to Bougainville where he put his training to good use.

Born in Kintyre, N. Dak., Cal grew up in that town and was graduated from Kintyre High School. He attended LaGrange (Ill.) Junior College before completing his bachelor's degree requirements in business administration at Jamestown (N. Dak.) College.

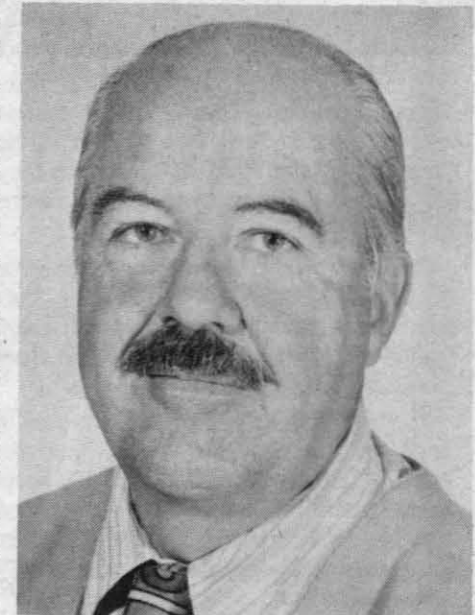
### Dive Bomber Pilot

He joined the U.S. Navy then and went through flight cadet training at Iowa City, Ia., prior to receiving his wings at Corpus Christi, Tex. During World War II, Cal saw action as a dive bomber pilot during the Battle of Leyte Gulf as well as at Bougainville. He was injured while trying to land his out-of-gas aircraft aboard the aircraft carrier USS Bunker Hill and the war was over for Cal.

He was sent to recuperate at Long Beach Naval Hospital. Four months later, Cal returned to Corpus Christi, this time as a flight instructor for English and French cadets. He was released from active duty in October 1945.

After a brief sightseeing trip around the country, the Fallgatters (Cal married his wife, Ginny, in December 1943 prior to shipping out to the Pacific) came back to China Lake, where Ginny's folks were both employed. Cal decided to stay here, so he paid a visit to Jack McLaughlin in the Personnel Department. "They were hiring anything alive and warm that walked into that office in those days," Cal recalled. "He gave me a job as a Property and Supply Clerk, but kept me in the Personnel office working on veterans' records. In April 1946, a new job opened up and I took it," he added.

The job was that of housing manager for the China Lake Community. "In the old days



Cal J. Fallgatter

all of the departments on the Center had their own housing quotas, and they jealously guarded the living quarters assigned to them. If an employee transferred departments, the odds were pretty good he couldn't take his house with him, which necessitated a move. Sometimes, if he was unlucky, there wasn't anyplace to move into," Cal remembered.

Housing was really tight in the early years. It was so bad that volunteers, made up of Center employees looking for places to live, asked to convert some of the old contractors' barracks into living quarters.

"There were little or no building materials available for fences and garages, either. Residents were given permission to tear down a few old buildings, but a couple of accidents nearly brought that to a halt. Finally, it was decided to put a carpenter in charge of the job and the volunteers (in one day) completely tore down a large building across from where the Administration Building is now located. Boy, were they hungry for lumber," Cal said.

### Same Job—Same Building

"Just to give you an idea of how short we were for living space, the building where my office is now located is in exactly the same place where I began in 1946. I've never moved from there. However, back in those days, the rest of the building was occupied by single women. Very interesting," he commented.

Cal has managed to tie up his off-duty time working with housing and space problems. He is currently involved in operating a mobile home subdivision and in subdividing other real estate in the local area.

He and Ginny raised seven children in the valley, all of whom were graduated from Burroughs High School. They are Jim, 29, now in Germany working for the U.S. Air Force; Tom, 28, an attorney in Bakersfield; John, 26, an insurance agent, also living in Bakersfield; Bill, 25, who helps Cal with the real estate; David, 24, a grocery clerk at Fazio's Market who will soon return to college; Cindy, 20, who plans on returning to school, and Cathy, 18, who is a dental technician for Dr. Earl Karner in Ridgecrest.

Cal's only other interest at the moment is Kiwanis. He is presently the lieutenant governor of Division 28, which encompasses California, Nevada and Hawaii, and is a past president of the Ridgecrest Kiwanis Club.

### Supervisors To Meet

The December business meeting of the National Association of Supervisors, Chapter 28, will be held at 11:30 on Wednesday, Dec. 4, in the Sun Room of the Commissioned Officers' Mess.

The main order of business will be the election of officers for the coming year and finalization of the installation dinner plans. All members are urgently requested to attend and bring along a guest.



COPIES OF "GOLD GAMBLE" ON SALE — "Gold Gamble," the latest Maturango Museum publication, can now be purchased at a price of \$4.50 per copy at the museum on weekdays between 10 a.m. and noon, or on weekends from 2-5 p.m. Written by Roberta Starry, "Gold Gamble" is the story of the strike for riches in the nearby Rand Mining District. Mrs. Starry is shown above as she autographed a copy of her book for K. H. Robinson, a director of the Maturango Museum. A file is kept at the museum of those who placed advance orders (at a slightly reduced price) for "Gold Gamble." The above photo was taken during the WACOM Holiday Bazaar, when the new book first became available.

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### DIVINE SERVICES

PROTESTANT 1015  
Sunday Worship Service 0900  
Sunday School — All Ages 1130  
Wednesday Noon Bible Study 1130  
Sunday School Classes are held in Chapel Annexes 1, 2, 4 (Dorms 5, 6, 8) located opposite the Center Restaurant.  
Communion Service first Sunday of the month.

ROMAN CATHOLIC MASS  
Saturday 1700 fulfills Sunday obligation  
Sunday 0700, 0830, 1130

BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL  
MASS 1135  
Daily except Saturday

CONFESSIONS 1545 to 1645  
Sunday 0800 to 0825

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES 1015  
Sunday Kindergarten thru 6th grades 1130  
Pre-school 1530  
Wednesday First thru sixth seventh & eighth (Junior High) 1900

Above classes are held in Chapel Annexes across from Center Restaurant.  
As announced Ninth thru 12th grades "In Home" Discussion Groups Monthly Youth Rallies Contact Chaplain's Office for specifics.

JEWISH SERVICES  
EAST WING — ALL FAITH CHAPEL  
Friday 1st and 3rd ONLY — (Sept.-May)  
Sabbath Services 2000  
Saturday Sabbath School 0900

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### Wilt's Corner

A handball tournament, postponed earlier because of major court renovations, will begin on Tuesday, Dec. 10, at 5 p.m. Players already entered should check the bulletin board at the gymnasium for starting times.

Wilt Wyman, director of athletics and youth programs at NWC, also noted that a racquetball tourney will be held beginning on Jan. 14, 1975, in three separate classes of skill - "A", "B", and novice. The cost will be \$1 per player, per event.

#### Soccer

More than 20 energetic persons are now playing soccer. Provided enough interest is shown, a varsity soccer team will be formed to compete with other military installations. Interested players should report to Schoeffel Field on Mondays and Wednesdays at 5 p.m.

Along with soccer, competition in another English sport, that of rugby, is being planned at NWC. There is still time for a team from the Center to enter the California Rugby League, which begins in January. All rugby players, or persons interested in learning to play, should call Lt. Bob White at NWC ext. 5480.

#### Physical Fitness Program

Complete information on the Presidential Sports Awards has recently been obtained and awards can now be earned in almost any sport, ranging from archery to weight training. For more information, contact Wyman at the Center gymnasium.

#### Flag Football

The VX-5 Vampires have won the 1974 flag football intramural league. They finished in a tie with the Civilian Roaches team, but won the play-off game, 24-14.

#### Varsity Basketball

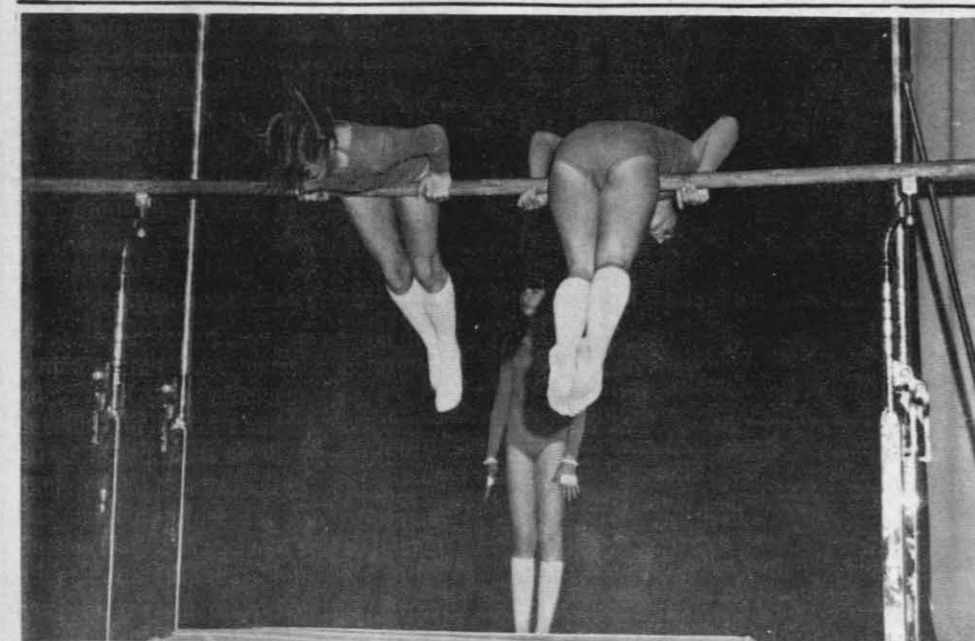
Wyman is looking for coaches and players for both a men's and women's traveling team. The men's team already is scheduled to enter three tournaments. The first will be at Norton Air Force Base, followed by one at Edwards AFB, and the yearly Mojave Desert Inter-Service League competition.

### Branson's 563 Is Tops

Maggie Branson racked up a 563 series to lead the scoring in the Monday Night Women's Scratch League this past week. Her three-game set included a 209 single effort.

She was followed closely by Pat Brightwell, who notched a 550 total that included a 200 game. Jeannie Crom blasted a 208 and a 523 set, while Fran Brooks tallied 520 on the strength of a 200 single game.

Other good single game scores included a 200 by Shirley Johnson, a 201 by Mary Jane Clark and Wanda Billings, and Peggie Perrige's 218.



**SWEET SWINGERS** — The sport of gymnastics has become extremely popular in the United States in recent years, probably due to the influence of two tiny, beautiful stars—Cathy Rigby, an American, and Olga Korbut, a Russian. Three local diminutive, talented gymnasts are shown above in a trio routine on the uneven parallel bars that took place during the gymnastics show, sponsored by Burroughs High School and the Ridgecrest Recreation Dept., last week. Attended by more than 600 persons in its three-day run at the Burroughs Lecture Center, the show raised a much-needed \$900, which will be spent for equipment for both the Burroughs and IWV gymnastics teams. B. J. Peck, the director of the program called "Rhymes and Reasons," is to be congratulated, as are the many fine gymnastics teachers who worried, fretted and stewed over the progress of each of their pupils.

—Photo by Maurice Dias



**STUDENT BODY LEFT** — Looking like a wave of U.S. Marines during an invasion landing, members of the Burroughs High School varsity football team step over a gridiron littered with white jerseys as they follow Mark McDowell, Burroughs' fullback (No. 33), on his way to another long gainer. McDowell gained 156 yds. in an evening that saw him score four times against the visiting Mt. Carmel Crusaders in the opening game of the Division 2-A CIF playoffs, and kick five extra points for a 29-pt. scoring total. The Burros earned the right to meet Agoura High School at Pierce College tonight, beginning at 8 o'clock. Pierce College is located in Woodland Hills, at the intersection of Winnetka and Victory Blvds., just off the Ventura Freeway.

—Photo by Maurice Dias

## Burros Trample Mt. Carmel In Stampede to CIF Title, 49-28

Peaking at just the right time of the year, the Burroughs High School Varsity football team shellacked Mt. Carmel High School, 49-28, to win the first round of the 2-A Division CIF playoffs last Friday night.

The victory advances the Burros to a meeting with Agoura of Los Angeles, a team that shut out El Segundo High 40-0 last Friday. The contest will be played on neutral ground, at Pierce College, in Woodland Hills, beginning at 8 o'clock tonight.

Gaining a total of 352 yds. on the ground, the Burros, led by Mark McDowell's 156 yds., punched holes through the Mt. Carmel Crusaders' defensive line all night long. McDowell, in his old position of fullback with a healthy Steve Blanche running out of the tailback slot, scored four times on runs of 45, 7, 4 and 32 yds. He also added five more points on conversion boots for a total of 29 pts. during the contest.

The Burros' other scoring came on a 30 yd. run by Steve Paine, a 6 yd. smash from Blanche, and a 7 yd. keeper play by quarterback Kevin Smith.

Smith completed three passes out of eight attempts for 43 yds., giving the Burros a total of 395 yds. in the game, but it was the aerial show put on by Rory Quiellette, the Crusaders' quarterback, that brought the crowd to its feet time and time again.

### CAGE LEAGUE STANDINGS

Following are the standings in the China Lake Intramural Basketball League as of Friday, Nov. 22. No games were played this past week due to the Thanksgiving Day holiday.

Division A		
Team	Won	Lost
Loewen's Roaches	2	0
Texas Instruments	2	0
Digital Equipment Corp. Minis	0	2
VX 5	0	2

Division B		
Team	Won	Lost
NAF Hawks	2	0
Dispensary	1	1
Wallbangers	1	1
Biazers	0	2

Division C		
Team	Won	Lost
Barons	2	0
Dingbats	1	1
Other Guys	1	1
Hot Shots	0	2

Women's Division		
Team	Won	Lost
Mustangs	1	1
Rocheffes	1	1
Hustlers	1	1
Odds 'n Ends	1	1

Division B-2		
Team	Won	Lost
Outlaws	2	0
Moby Bates	1	1
Loewen's Firefighters	1	1
Stump Breakers	0	2

Division C-2		
Team	Won	Lost
Pioneers	2	0
Huff 'n Puffs	1	1
Gas Bags	1	1
Boomers	0	2

### Basketball Sign-ups Close

Tomorrow is the final day to sign up for youth basketball. Late entries will not be accepted. For more information, contact the Youth Center, ext. 2909 or 2259.



By Jack Lindsey

Raspberries to the athletic directors of the Big 10 football conference. Once again they are succumbing to the power of Woody Hayes, head coach of the Ohio State Buckeyes, and sending his team to the Rose Bowl.

I guess if I had to live with an unhappy Woody Hayes for as many months out of the year as they do, I, too, would vote that way, just to get him out of my hair.

I don't think it's right. I feel Michigan's Wolverines should have gotten the nod to play for the roses. This is a team that has compiled one of the best records in the nation during the past three years and still hasn't been able to garner a bowl game bid.

When a Big 10 team's offense is limited to field goal kicking, then it doesn't have an earthly against the USC Trojans, and you can quote me. At least Michigan managed to score a TD against the Buckeyes, which is more than Woody Hayes' celebrated offensive unit could do against the Wolverines.

#### Tennis Tourney on the Way

The Ridgecrest Recreation Dept. will sponsor its first tennis tourney ever, to be held at Cerro Coso College on Dec. 7, 8, 14 and 15.

The tournament will consist of classes made up of the following: Beginners mixed under 14 years of age; beginners mixed, 14 and over; intermediate men's, advanced women's, men's doubles, women's doubles, and mixed doubles.

An entry fee of 50 cents, plus one can of optic yellow USLTA tennis balls, will be charged for each event entered. Trophies will be awarded the winner and runner-up in each category.

Entry forms are available at the Ridgecrest City Hall, 301 Balsam St., and at the college. The deadline for entries is 5 p.m. on Tuesday, so hurry.

## College Basketball Team Opens Season Tonight at BHS Gym

College basketball is coming to the Indian Wells Valley!

The varsity basketball team of Cerro Coso Community College will host a team from Porterville Community College tonight at 7:30 in the Burros' gymnasium, beginning an ambitious 28-game schedule for 1974-75.

Morris Scharf, athletic director at Cerro Coso and the basketball coach, doesn't expect any miracles. "We've got a small team, and we're short-handed, but we've got to start sometime, and it might as well be now," he pointed out. "Some of the teams we'll be playing have been fielding basketball squads for a number of years, but one day we'll be in that position," he added.

Second game on the schedule takes place tomorrow night against West Hills Community College in Coalinga, also at the Burros' gym.

The price of tickets is \$1.25 for adults and 75 cents for all college students with student body cards. The box office at the gymnasium will open up at 6:30 both nights for the sale of tickets.

## Mobile Unit of Houchin Blood Bank To Be at Elks' Club Tues.

Final visit for the year of the mobile unit of the Houchin Community Blood Bank in Bakersfield has been scheduled on Tuesday, from 2 to 6 p.m., at the Ridgecrest Elks' Club, 201 E. Church St., Ridgecrest.

Kay Thoms, the new chairman of the Advance Blood Fund for the Indian Wells Valley (replacing Mae Read), asks that all residents between 18 and 65 years of age who are able to give blood do so during this quarterly visit of the mobile unit.

#### Purpose of Blood Bank

This advance fund is maintained for the use of anyone in the area who needs blood as the result of an accident, emergency or illness.

## Contributions From Backers of '75 CFC Now Total \$69,000

Contributions of gifts and pledges to the 1975 Combined Federal Campaign reached the \$69,000 mark as of this past Monday, Harry Parode, the fund drive chairman, reported.

More participation is still the key to making a better showing in the effort to reach the \$100,000 pre-campaign goal that was set, Parode noted, since the amount raised to date has been contributed by just 31.6 per cent of the Center's civilian employees and military personnel.

What this means, Parode continued, is that those who have joined in support of the 17 member agencies of the United Way of Indian Wells Valley, as well as nine National Health and 5 International Service Agencies, have been most generous and are to be commended.

While some departments have not yet reported any returns to the Combined Federal Campaign, the contributions of all stragglers will be gratefully accepted through next Friday, Dec. 6, Parode concluded.

At the present time, Donnie Shearer, 10-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John Shearer of Ridgecrest, is among those in need of blood. Doctors at the UCLA Medical Center are making every effort to save the life of this local youth, who is the victim of leukemia.

Blood donors may designate to whom their blood is to be given, or they may contribute a pint of blood to the Indian Wells Valley blood bank for whoever may have need for it.

Giving a pint of blood is not painful and takes only a few minutes. Each donor will receive in the mail a folder for wallet or purse, listing his or her name, address and blood type, Mrs. Thoms said.

Other Donor Requirements In addition to the age requirements for blood donors (mentioned above), those giving blood must be in general good health, must not have a cold, must not have had major surgery or have been pregnant during the past six months. Anyone who has ever had hepatitis, cancer, tuberculosis, heart disease, diabetes or syphilis is banned from giving blood.

Prospective blood donors will be checked by a doctor or nurse at the blood bank, and are asked not to eat any dairy products or fatty food within three hours prior to the time they donate blood.

"A gift of blood is a gift of life, and this makes blood donors very special people," Mrs. Thoms observed.

Assistance during the bloodmobile visit will be provided by volunteers from the Indian Wells Valley Nurses Club, the Emblem Club and members of Beta Sigma Phi sorority.

**Aetna Agent Due Dec. 4** The Aetna Insurance representative, Jim Nefew, will be at the Community Center next Wednesday, Dec. 4, from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m.



**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION PROGRAM DISCUSSED** — A sound level meter used for measuring the sound from explosions and aircraft flight operations is examined by Lcdr. William P. McTomney, CEC, USN (seated left), who directs the Navy Environmental Support Office at the Construction Battalion Center, Port Hueneme. Lcdr. McTomney was here to meet Capt. William F. Daniel, Jr., CEC, USN, (seated at right) the Naval Weapons Center's Public Works Officer, in order to discuss on-going research and development programs in the environmental protection field, as well as Code 70's interface in this same area with the Naval Environmental Support Office. A primary reason for Lcdr. McTomney's visit to China Lake was to assess the possibility of utilizing NWC expertise in ordnance pollution control and air sampling for the entire Navy. He was briefed in a seminar moderated by Jim Ouimette, head of the NWC Public Works Department's Environmental Engineering Office, during which a wide variety of on-going environmental work was presented by Center scientists and engineers. Standing are Rex Winters (at left), head of the Field Operations Department under Lcdr. McTomney at Port Hueneme, and Ouimette.

—Photo by Maurice Dias

## NWC's 1973 Bluejacket Recalls Elation Upon Being Selected

"To be selected the 'Bluejacket of the Year' was the highest honor I received in a year full of honors," said HMC Dick Clay, NWC's 1973 winner of that distinction.

"Last year I received 'Bluejacket of the Month' recognition, won the China Lake Men's Golf Club championship, was selected for the rank of Chief Petty Officer, and then singled out for the yearly honor at the IWV Council of the Navy League banquet. It was quite a year for me, but nothing quite topped that final award. To know that a panel of Navy officers and enlisted men thought that I warranted such recognition makes a man feel humble, indeed," Clay noted.

On Dec. 10, the Navy League will again honor a local sailor as the "Bluejacket of the Year." He will be selected by a committee chosen especially for that task from a list of

nine former monthly "Bluejackets" over the preceding year. All winners of the monthly award who have sewn on CPO stripes or who have been reassigned to another duty station are not eligible for the yearly recognition.

#### Nine Sailors Eligible

Those who are eligible are AT2 John V. Bateman, ADJ2 C. Ray Taylor, ETN2 Donald L. Barker, PR2 Gregory Brown, AO1 Kenneth J. Reichart, AZAN Tyrone O'Neal, YN1 Raleigh J. Nauta, AMS3 James A. Vaughan, and AMH2 Roy S. King.

Three other monthly "Bluejackets" have either been promoted to the rank of CPO, or have been transferred. AME2 Phillip M. Pence and AO Jack Wilson, Jr., have left NWC. DT1 John S. King is now DTCP King.

The Bluejacket of the Year selection committee is led by Cdr. Fred G. Spellman. Helping him to select the most outstanding sailor at China Lake during 1974 are Lt. Dan G. Herrington, Lt. Delbert Oakes, AMCS W. D. Hall and AMEC J. R. Pickens.

#### Basis for Selection

The selection will be based on the Navyman's military bearing, appearance, conduct, job performance, supervisor's testimonial, and the answers to certain questions asked them by the committee.

Winner of the 1974 Bluejacket of the Year will be announced at the Navy League banquet on Dec. 10. The event will be held at the Chief Petty Officers' Club.

Tickets for the banquet, priced at \$7.50 per person, can be obtained from Mike Molner, president of the IWV Council of the Navy League, phone 446-2300; Vern Smith, 446-4806; Bud Gott, 446-7562; or Linda Grossman, Public Information Office, Code 003, Rm. 2027, Administration Bldg. Mrs. Grossman's NWC ext. is 3110 or 3111.

The evening will begin with a no-host cocktail hour at 6:30 with dinner to be served at 7:30. Following the dinner and awards ceremony, a combo band from the COMNAVAIRPAC band in San Diego will play dance music until 1:30 a.m.

## Secretary of Navy Thanksgiving Day Message Received

Throughout our nation's history, Americans have paused on Thanksgiving Day, the one holiday that is purely American, to give thanks for the unique good fortune we have attained and the blessings we have received.

Again this Thanksgiving we are faced with many challenges to our survival, but we acknowledge the blessings that have been ours as individuals and as a nation.

As the men and women of the Navy and Marine Corps pause to give thanks for freedom that transcends adversity, I join you in counting the many blessings that God has brought our country.

Best wishes to you and your families, and happy Thanksgiving.

J. William Middendorf II,  
Secretary of the Navy



**INFORMATION EXCHANGED** — Rear Admiral R. G. Freeman III (at right), NWC Commander, and Rear Admiral R. L. Baughan, Jr., Vice Chief of Naval Material, met for a brief discussion regarding the command inspection of the Naval Weapons Center that was conducted from Nov. 18 through 21, and was concluded on Nov. 22 by a post inspection critique attended by RAdm. Baughan. A group of 27 personnel from various Navy field activities, as well as from the Naval Material Command's Management Division, carried out the inspection during which ideas were sought from all sources on the better application of Navy resources. W. C. Poe, NMC's Deputy Inspector General for Inspections, served as coordinator of the inspection team, and was aided by Capt. R. A. Noren, as assistant chief inspector. The NWC Command has already started to review the recommendations made by the inspection team with the various departments concerned.

—Photo by Maurice V. Dias



## CSC's Merit Promotion Policy Explained for Center Employees

The purpose of this article is to inform employees of the basic principles of the Federal Merit Promotion Policy, its objectives, and its operation at the Naval Weapons Center.

Civil Service Commission regulations require that all Federal activities have "a program designed to insure systematic means of selection for promotion according to merit." This basic philosophy is to be carried out through adherence to the following merit principles:

### Merit Principles Listed

- (1) Areas of consideration will be as broad as practicable.
- (2) Minimum qualification standards prescribed by the Civil Service Commission shall be used.
- (3) Candidates meeting minimum qualification standards shall be rated eligible for promotion.
- (4) Job relevant elements shall be used to differentiate among eligibles in identifying those highly qualified.
- (5) Qualification standards and evaluations shall be fair, equitable, reliable, and relevant.

(6) An adequate number of highly qualified candidates shall be provided the selecting official.

(7) Selection shall be made without discrimination for any non-merit reason and without favoritism based on personal relationship or patronage.

(8) Supervisors shall not advocate or participate in the selection and/or promotion of a relative.

(9) Employees selected for promotion or for a position with known promotion potential shall be released from their old positions promptly, normally no later than one complete pay period. Release within two pay periods will apply to selections for reassignment unless other arrangements can be made with the concurrence of both the gaining and losing organization.

### Vacant Positions Publicized

Vacant positions at NWC (with some exceptions as will be described below) are publicized in either the ROCKETEER or by announcements posted on official bulletin boards. The advertisement must remain open for at least a week. It must include such information as the title and grade of the position, its duties, the minimum qualifications required by the Civil Service Commission, and the criteria that will be used to rank the qualified candidates.

Applicants are first rated by the Personnel Department as to whether or not they meet the minimum qualifications for the position required by the Civil Service Commission. Next, with the assistance of the selecting official concerned or a designated panel, the Personnel Management Advisor, using the established and publicized criteria, distinguishes between the qualified and highly qualified applicants from among the eligible candidates.

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If there are more than five highly qualified applicants, a further grouping into best qualified is made from the highly qualified group and referred to the selecting official. If there are five or fewer highly qualified applicants, they are all considered best qualified and referred to the selecting official. The best qualified candidates are those who rank at the top in comparison with other eligible candidates on a promotion listing. If meaningful distinctions cannot be made among the highly qualified, a maximum of 10 can be referred as best qualified. The selecting official then makes the selection and all candidates are notified.

Ranking candidates in groups of qualified, highly qualified, and best qualified is based upon job relevant elements (i.e. skills, knowledges, abilities and/or personal characteristics that are important to success on the job); supervisory appraisals; awards; and training, self-development, and outside activities which relate to the potential effective performance in the position to be filled.

### Other Procedures Followed

The filling of some positions and also some promotions do not require advertisement and the other procedures described above. For example, individuals may be reassigned to positions at the same grade level as that currently held (if the known promotional potential is no greater) without going through the competitive procedures. Other examples are:

(1) Career promotions. Career promotions may be made under the following circumstances:

(a) Career promotion of an employee in a position with known promotion potential such as career ladder, trainee, and understudy positions filled at grades below the established or anticipated grade.

(b) Career promotion of an employee under a training or executive development agreement.

(c) Career promotion of an employee whose position is reconstituted in a higher grade due to gradual addition of duties and responsibilities.

(2) Promotion to positions upgraded without significant change in duties and responsibilities.

(3) Re-promotion to grades or positions from which demoted without personal cause.

(4) Placement as a result of reduction in force.

(5) Promotion to a higher grade for 120 days or less.

(6) Promotion after failure to receive proper consideration.

(7) Competitive appointments of non-Federal employees.

(8) Promotion to positions at GS-16 and above, which are filled through the Federal Executive Assignment System.

### Information Available

Employees are entitled to various kinds of information on specific promotion actions at their request. They have a right to know whether they were found eligible on the basis of minimum qualification standards; whether they were one of those in the group from which selection was made; who was selected for promotion; and in what areas, if any, the employee should improve himself to increase his chances for future promotion.

Failure to be selected for promotion when proper promotion procedures are used (that is non-selection from among a group of properly ranked and certified candidates) may not be used as a basis for a formal grievance. However, grievances that allege the correct procedures and/or regulations were not followed with respect to a given action are processed under either the Navy's administrative grievance procedure, procedures negotiated with employee unions, or the Civil Service regulations governing the handling of equal employment opportunity complaints, as appropriate.



ROTARY DISTRICT GOVERNOR WELCOMED — Norman Hefner (left), governor of Rotary International's District 524, was welcomed last week during his official visit to the China Lake Rotary Club by Cdr. H. O. Brickson, NWC's Staff Judge Advocate, who serves as president of the local Rotarians. Hefner commended the China Lake Rotary Club for its strong backing of Rotary's International Service efforts through support of the Rotary Foundation under which a local student, Melinda Marsh of Ridgecrest, will be the beneficiary of an all-expenses-paid scholarship next year in Germany. In addition, the China Lake Rotary Club is planning to host foreign students and a special exchange group of young businessmen from Scotland, who will visit the Indian Wells Valley next March. During the visit by Dist. Gov. Hefner, Capt. R. D. Franke, NWC Deputy Commander, was inducted as an honorary member of the China Lake Rotary Club.

## 60 Local Navymen Sign Up For PREP Classes Offered at NWC

A tailored education program which features automated instruction has attracted more than 60 Navymen from China Lake, who have enrolled in the first cycle of classes offered by La Verne College PREP.

PREP (Pre-discharge Education Program) is offered to active duty servicemen and women as a bonus to their regular GI educational entitlement.

With tuition paid by the Veterans Administration, students can earn a high school diploma in as little as 12 weeks, or brush up on basic English, math, history, reading or science skills before entering college or a vocational school.

Students enrolled in PREP are individually counseled and tested before classes are selected. When the educational goals of each student are determined, an individual course of study is prescribed to meet each serviceman's needs.

An unusual aspect of PREP is the "Rapid Learning Lab," a room equipped with teaching machines, cassette recorders, film-strip projectors and reading pacers

## Social Security Man To Visit China Lake

A representative of the Social Security office located in Bishop will begin monthly visits to China Lake next Wednesday, Dec. 4.

Persons wishing to apply for a Social Security number, or obtain information about Social Security or Supplemental Security Income claims can do so at the Community Center between 8:30 and 11 a.m.

Prior to this time, the local area was served by a Social Security field representative from Lancaster, but the responsibility for covering Indian Wells and Searles Valley has now been switched to the Social Security office in Bishop.

For any matters that cannot be handled during the time of the monthly visit by Wally Cantrell, the claims representative from Bishop, local residents can place collect telephone calls to the Social Security office in Bishop for additional help.

which use materials programmed to the courses offered.

Students making use of the lab can review material covered in class, or move ahead in their work as fast as they wish. Flexible scheduling of classroom instruction offers another advantage to servicemen.

"Many servicemen cannot take advantage of community college or high school programs due to their changing work schedules," said Dianna Lacey, PREP coordinator. "La Verne College PREP classes are held on base throughout the week at various times to allow each student to attend class when his work schedule permits."

La Verne College PREP is operated under the supervision of La Verne College, a four year liberal arts school located near Pomona, Calif.

More information about PREP may be obtained by calling NWX ext. 2052. La Verne College PREP is located in Building 937, the NWC Training Center's Annex No. 1.



NEW APPROACH TO OLD PROBLEM — A unique aspect of the La Verne PREP program at China Lake is the "Rapid Learning Lab," which is designed to accelerate learning. Students who use the teaching machines, reading pacers, cassette recorders and projectors find them helpful in working toward a high school diploma, or in taking refresher courses in preparation for college or vocational school.

## William Windom's 'Thurber' Is Next Concert Offering

William Windom, celebrated star of stage, screen and television, will portray James Thurber, the well-known artist, at the second offering of the China Lake Civic Concert Association, for the 1974-75 season.

The concert is set for Tuesday at the Center Theater. Tickets for this concert or for the season will be on sale at the theater box office Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Single-admission duets are priced at \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for students under 22 and enlisted military personnel. Season tickets, which can provide a savings of up to 50 per cent on the four remaining concerts, also are

available.

This concert has been declared an official meeting of the membership of the CLCCA. Holders of season tickets will be asked to vote on whether or not to change the name of the organization to "Indian Wells Valley Concert Association," effective next season.

Best known for his Emmy award-winning lead role in TV's "My World and Welcome to It," based on the writings of cartoonist James Thurber, Windom brings these and other stories and fables before live audiences in a delightful look into Thurber's enchanted world.

Sometimes nostalgic, sometimes whimsical, Windom's

performance reveals what he likes to call "the light and dark sides of the American coin that is



William Windom

Thurber." He uses material in which Thurber himself was included, then turns storyteller, holding audiences as only this veteran of numerous motion pictures and Broadway plays can.

Thurber's life baffles and irritates biographers, because of its lack of design. One has the disturbing feeling that the man contrived to be some place without actually having gone there. His drawings, for example, sometimes seem to have reached completion by some other route than the common one of intent.

Time Magazine said of Thurber: "He is able, more than any writer, living or dead, to pass within a single sentence from reality to unreality, from non-

sense to the sublime."

T. S. Eliot said of him: "His writings and also his illustrations are capable of surviving the immediate environment and time out of which they spring. To some extent, they will be a document of the age they belong to."

Windom will bring this and more to the stage of the Center Theater on Tuesday night. It will be an evening of laughs, tears and nostalgia.

Following the program, a reception for Windom will be held in the East Wing of the All Faith Chapel, located across the street from the theater. All members of the audience will be invited to attend.

## Financial Matters Discussed...

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try to hold costs within the proposed budget. Also tabled until the next Recreation Council meeting was action on a schedule of increased fees that have been suggested for use of the Community Center by clubs and organizations, for parties and by commercial vendors, and for club exhibits.

During 1973, expenses paid from non-appropriated funds for operation of the Community Center exceeded income by more than \$4,500. In view of this, Recreation Council members were asked to consider both increased fees and restructuring the fee schedule by establishing daily and hourly rates — regardless of the type of non-official organization which uses this facility.

### Fee Schedule Out of Line

It was Cdr. Nygaard's view that the Community Center's current fee schedule is out of line with rental rates charged for any comparable facilities in the local area. On the same subject, concern was expressed by Lt. E. N. Smith, Navy Exchange Officer who serves on the Recreation Council, that the Community Center should be utilized more extensively and a fee increase might produce the opposite result.

Some of the Special Services Division's expenses in connection with operation of the Community Center are generated at times when the building is not actually being used during the day, but is kept available for official use when needed. After regular working hours, a paid attendant is on duty only on evenings when something is going on, Shoaf explained to Recreation Council members.

In considering the pros and cons of complying with requests received from the Naval Air Facility and VX-5 for money to help finance their annual Christmas parties, the Recreation Council finally voted 5-2 to recommend to the NWC Command that a sum of \$2.50 per enlisted man be set aside for this purpose. Based on the present on-board count, this is expected to total between \$1,600 and \$1,700.

### Original Requests

In its original request, VX-5 had asked for \$900, while NAF's request was for \$2.50 per person for the 552 enlisted men and officers assigned to the air field.

Key issues in the discussion about this matter revolved around the question of using recreation funds (which are raised by both military and civilian personnel through their patronage of Navy Exchange and Employee Services Board business activities) for just these two Christmas parties. In addition, at least one Recreation Council member was opposed to the idea of allocating recreation funds for such events, while at the same time charging increased fees for the use of recreation facilities in order to reduce the substantial subsidies which must be provided in carrying on the Centerwide recreation program.

During that portion of the Recreation Council agenda devoted to a report from Shoaf, the Special Services' director in-

formed council members that approval has been received from the Shore Facilities Planning Board to proceed with the development of three new softball fields.

A part of the Center's master plan for recreation, the new softball diamonds will be located in an area of vacant land at the corner of So. Knox Rd. and Forrestal St.

### Three Year Program

Work on the new softball fields is expected to be completed in three years, with maximum use made of Self-Help program volunteers, Seabee Reserves, and surplus property suitable for the purpose.

Shoaf also reported that work on the youth gym (formerly the Shopping Bag Market annex) should be completed shortly. This will take some of the squeeze off the use of the basketball court at the main gym, as the youth gym will accommodate youngsters 12 years of age and under.

Because of its low ceiling, however, the youth gym is not considered suitable for other basketball players.

New business covered at the latest meeting of the NAF Recreation Committee was outlined by Chief J. S. King, who raised the possibility of free golf clinics being provided for enlisted personnel as a way of encouraging more golf course patronage.

Shoaf replied that he would look into this matter.

Reporting on the current practice of restricting use of the Center gym to military personnel only on weekdays from 4:30 to 5:45 p.m., Shoaf noted that this is now working out.

### Follow-up Report Requested

Nevertheless, Cdr. Nygaard asked the NAF Recreation Committee to verify the desire for exclusive use of the gym by the military for this 1 1/2-hour period on a continuing basis — particularly since it was reported that the military users have to invite others to participate in order to have a sufficient number to engage in a particular game.

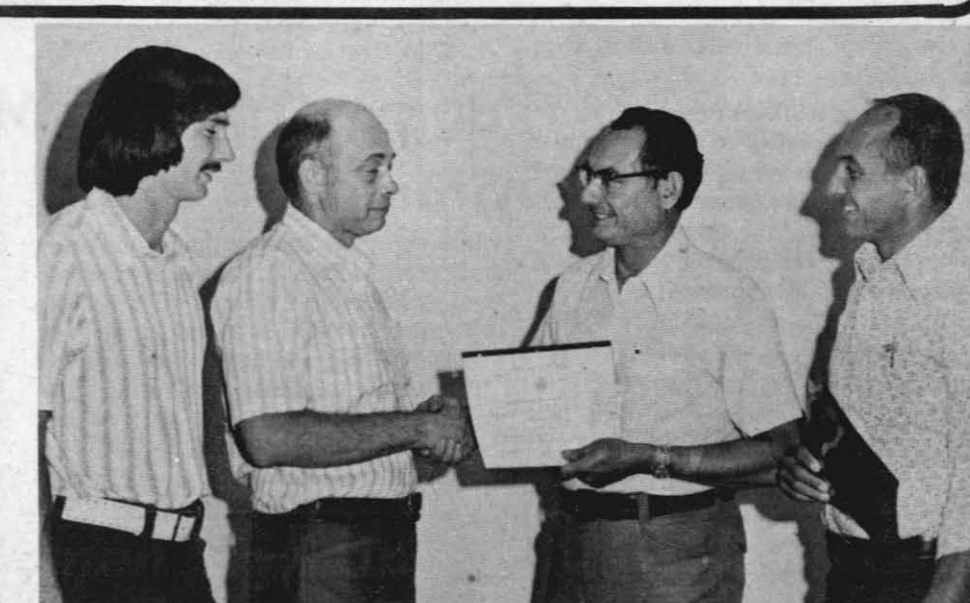
In addition, Cdr. Nygaard exercised his authority as chairman of the Military-Civilian Recreation Council by abolishing the recently established fee study committee, whose members have been looking into and recommending revisions in the charges paid by intramural league teams and for individual use of various NWC recreation facilities.

In place of this special committee, Cdr. Nygaard requested that the responsibility for continuously analyzing user fees and charges be handled by the Special Services Division.

### Dances Set at Jolly Roger

The Jabberwalkies, a combo from San Jose, will be at the Jolly Roger tomorrow and Sunday to play dance music for patrons and their guests.

The hours for dancing on Saturday are from 9:30 until 1 a.m. On Sunday, the Jabberwalkies will tune up at 9 and play until midnight.



SAFETY RECORD NOTED — Three employees of the Systems Development Department were the recent recipients of safety awards that were presented by C. P. Smith (second from right), department head. Awards denoting one year without a lost-time accident went to (from left) Dr. Robert Smith, who accepted for Code 5151, and to A. J. Rice, of Code 511. Joe Kovar (on right) received an award for three years without a lost-time accident in Code 5152.

## Pedestrian Safety Rules Apply Also to Those Out for Exercise

Joggers and walkers at NWC are reminded by Safety Department officials that they, as pedestrians, should be using the left side of the roads and streets facing traffic.

Some runners have been observed using roads north of the security fences at the north edge of the housing area. This area is restricted for use by authorized personnel in a work status only. This restriction also applies to hikers and bicycle riders—except those who are going to and from their work sites.

More and more joggers are wearing day-glo vests which help to make them more easily seen. Bright clothing of any kind helps. Some who are running at night are using reflective material on clothing and shoes, or are strapping a bicycle two-way light onto their outside arm. These lights

have been proven to be helpful in reducing accidents.

Some joggers, however, have been observed using busy streets at times of peak traffic. It is recommended that they either select routes with low traffic or run at a time when traffic is known to be light. Jogging in the traffic circle is considered extremely dangerous at almost any time. Nevertheless, some joggers have been observed there.

An alternative jogging area might be the B Mountain trail over the stile. Permission has been granted to joggers, hikers and bird watchers to use the B Mt. trail. In addition, the track at Murray School is used by many who are out for exercise early in the morning, at noon and in the late afternoon when the field is not being used by the school.

## Improved TV To Cost \$100,000...

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them. For instance, if Channel 2 is coming in fuzzy over VHF, the viewer can switch to UHF and receive Channel 2 over Channel 57," Rieger pointed out.

"Color will be vastly improved with the new system," Rieger added.

The new system, once installed, is estimated to have a usable life of 10 years. The \$20 donation per family will figure out to \$2 per year. That is still a bargain for nightly entertainment.

A fund drive to raise the needed \$100,000 will begin in December with a "TV Booster Bash" on Dec. 14 at Joshua Hall on the Desert Empire Fairgrounds. A committee, led by Pat Leopard, who is assisting the Community Council, will be aided by a number of community clubs and

organizations. This group has already begun plans for the kick-off event. Representatives from the Ridgecrest and Inyokern Chambers of Commerce are also aiding Mrs. Leopard.

The latter will hold a meeting soon at which leaders of all of the social, fraternal and charitable organizations in the valley will be invited to attend. "This is a total community effort. In order to maintain the present number of channels we are now receiving in the valley, the figure of \$100,000 must be raised. I don't feel this can be done without the cooperation of everyone who lives here," she noted.

Persons who would like to donate talent, time, or ideas for the fund drive, or for the TV Booster Bash, should contact Mrs. Leopard at 446-7136, or Jack Lindsey, at 446-5272.