

Plans Announced For Inyokern Intercept Air Show on Jan. 25

Final plans are now being made for the fourth annual Inyokern Intercept, a thrill-packed aerial show featuring a wide variety of privately-owned and industrial-type small aircraft, that will be held on Saturday, Jan. 25, at the Inyokern airport.

Again this year, the High Desert Detachment of the Marine Corps League is sponsoring this event for the purpose of raising funds that will enable some blind ex-servicemen to receive training with a canine companion as his guide dog.

The day-long program will begin with a hand-launched glider contest open to boys and girls up to 13 years of age. Trophies will be awarded to first, second and third place winners in the following age brackets: 8 years and under, 9 and 10-year-olds, 11 and 12-year-olds, and those 13 years of age.

Awards in the glider contest will be based upon the longest registered flight times. In addition to the trophies for each age group, there will be a grand prize of a gas-powered BD-5 model aircraft. The model glider kits for this contest, which must be assembled by the entrants, can be purchased now at the Youth Center on the Naval Weapons Center, as well as at The Gift Mart and Cornelius Shoe Store in Ridgecrest.

Among the well-known performers who will be contributing their time and talent to the 1975 Inyokern Air Intercept are Bob Hoover, in his P51-D Mustang; Mira Slovak, flying his Bucker Jungmeister, and Cliff Anderson, in his Starduster.

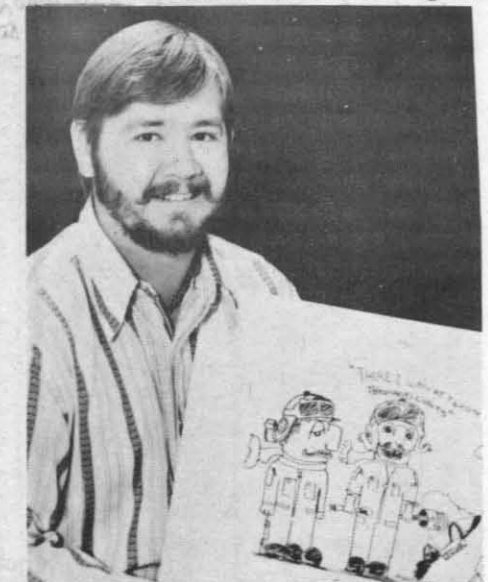
Also scheduled to add to the luster of this year's event are Ken Brock, with his Benson gyrocopter; Jim Lasley, whose humorous "Col. Blunderbird" act is always a crowd-pleaser, and Gerry Massey, in his Meyer "Little Toot."

NAF Sailor Wins Award in Navywide Cartoonist Contest

Airman Bob Norman, whose discharge today will conclude a four-year hitch in the Navy, has been informed that he is one of the four enlisted men whose entries in the 1974 all-Navy cartoon contest rated an honorable mention award.

A panel of five judges screened several hundred entries in the contest, and the final selection of first, second and third place winners, plus four honorable mentions, was made by the Chief of Naval Personnel.

With the exception of the time he spent undergoing boot training and attending the



THIS ISN'T the entry by AN Bob Norman that won an honorable mention in the all-Navy cartoon contest, he just whipped this out in a hurry to show a sample of his work at the time his photo was being taken.

Aviation Mechanic School in Memphis, Tenn., AN Norman has spent his entire four years in the Navy at China Lake. He was assigned to duty servicing aircraft at the Naval Air Facility jet line.

He now plans to return to his hometown of Hemet, Calif., and enroll in nearby Mt. San Jacinto College, where he will major in psychology and theater courses.



AWARD-WINNING TEAM — Gail Falkenberg, director; William Beasley, cinematographer, and John Dunker, editor (l.-r.), who combined their talents to produce the award-winning film, "Dune Buggy '73," were notified recently that the motion picture had won yet another award. The film was awarded a "Best of Category" at the annual San Francisco International Film Festival. It was the only government-produced film to be so honored. —Photo by Maurice Dias

'Dune Buggy' Film Garners Another Honor

"Dune Buggy '73," the superb documentary-type film directed by Gail Falkenberg of the Technical Information Department's Film Projects Branch, has done it again.

It was the only government-produced film to walk off with an award at the 18th annual San Francisco International Film Festival, held recently. The motion picture, which introduced NWC's remote-controlled dune buggy, was voted a "Best of Category" award that will be added to the film's three previous honors won this year. They are "Best in Category" at the San Francisco Film Festival, an "Honorable Mention" from the Industrial Photography Magazine

Film Festival, and a "Gold Camera" award, won at the U. S. Industrial Film Festival in Chicago.

The film, which was sponsored by the Test and Evaluation Department at NWC, was edited by John Dunker. Cinematographer was William Beasley. Support for the making of the motion picture came from the Photographic Laboratory and the Illustration and Design Branches of TID.

The subject of the film is a newly-developed surface target system that can accurately simulate maneuvering sea targets. It can be made available to users by the Test and Evaluation Department's Operations Branch.

HAPPENINGS AROUND NWC

A meeting of the Hi Desert Chapter of the 99s (International Organization of Women Pilots) will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the Kern County airport in Inyokern.

This get-together, a part of the celebration of the 1975 International Women's Year, (as proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly) is dedicated to women in aviation.

The date of Jan. 11 has been set aside in particular to honor Amelia Earhart, famous woman pilot and founder of the 99s.

All interested women are invited to attend tomorrow's meeting and hear how much fun family flying can be. A special invitation has been extended by Margaret Bolton, the mistress of ceremonies from Apple Valley, for other women pilots to join her in sharing their experiences as fliers with other guests who have yet to learn to fly.

Dance Set Tonight at COM
The Good Times Band will play for a dance tonight at the Commissioned Officers' Mess, beginning at 9 o'clock.

Drake Dierkhising, club manager, invites all members and their guests to come early for the Friday night special — Grenadine of choice beef — and stay for the dance.

Tomorrow night, the Tempos will provide music for dining room dancing from 9 p.m. until 1 p.m. Don't miss it!

Club Directory Listings Sought
Listings for the 1975 issue of the Club and Organization Directory are currently being sought by Natalie Harrison, the Community Affairs Liaison Assistant.

Clubs that wish to be listed in this directory should call the office, NWC ext. 5575, and advise Mrs. Harrison of the name of the organization, list of officers, meeting time and location, and a telephone contact.

This information must be received no later than Feb. 28.

Veterinarian Due on Jan. 15

For the benefit of military personnel whose pets are in need of either anti-rabies or distemper shots, a veterinarian from the Naval Air Station at Lemoore will be at China Lake next Wednesday, Jan. 15, from 9 to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 to 2 p.m.

The veterinarian will set up his clinic in the garage at the NWC Dispensary. Fees to be charged are \$4 for distemper shots and \$3 for the anti-rabies inoculations.

Career Workshop Planned
A last-minute reminder was issued this week by the Personnel Department that a career expansion workshop for Trade/Labor/Technician employees has been scheduled tentatively on Feb. 10, 11 and 13.

A minimum of 15 participants is necessary if the workshop is to be held. Employees interested in attending are asked to call NWC ext. 2675 on or before Monday.

Dr. Paul To Lead Class
Dr. Louis Paul, a member of the Desert Counseling Center staff, will lead a workshop entitled "The Science of the First Person," on Sunday, Jan. 19, at the United Methodist Church, 639 N. Norma St. in Ridgecrest.

The workshop will be held from 2 to 6 p.m. Fee for the four hour educational period will be \$5 per person or \$3 in the case of students. According to Dr. Paul, the half-day workshop will deal with seeing "Who I Am."

Persons who wish to make reservations to attend the workshop should contact Marj Boehme by calling 446-5586.

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MOVIE RATINGS

The objective of the ratings is to inform parents about the suitability of movie content for viewing by their children.

- (G) - ALL AGES ADMITTED
General Audiences
- (PG) - ALL AGES ADMITTED
Parental Guidance Suggested
- (R) - RESTRICTED
Under 17 requires accompanying Parent or Adult Guardian
- CS - Cinemascope
- STD - Standard Movie Screen
- Regular starting time—7:30 p.m.
- Matinee—1 p.m.

FRI. 10 JAN.

"DAISY MILLER" (92 Min.)
Cybil Shepherd, Barry Brown
(Comedy Drama) Visiting Vevey, Switzerland, in 1879 from Schenectady, N.Y., are Cybil Shepherd, mother Cloris Leachman and brother James McMurry, 10. Each one is talkative and rather naive and is looked after by mysterious George Morfogen. Attracted to Shepherd is very proper Barry Brown, an expatriate. His aunt, Mildred Matwick, disapproved of the uncultured Shepherd, as does Eileen Brennan, a wealthy American who resides in Rome. (G)

SAT. 11 JAN.

"MYSTERIOUS ISLAND OF CAPTAIN NEMO" (97 Min.)
Omar Sharif, Philippe Nicaud
(Adventure) In 1865, reporter Philippe Nicaud narrates as he and other Union prisoners escape in a large balloon and are carried to the middle of the Pacific Ocean by a hurricane. (PG)

SUN.-MON. 12-13 JAN.

"BLACK SAMSON" (88 Min.)
Rockne Tarkington, William Smith
(Action Drama) Black nightclub owner Rockne Tarkington (Samson) has kept his neighborhood free of vice, but is having trouble with William Smith, nephew of a syndicate boss, who wants to open up the territory. Sampson's chick, Carol Speed, pleads with black gangster Mike Payne for help, but he'd rather let Smith and Samson destroy each other and pick up the pieces. (R)

TUES.-WED. 14-15 JAN.

"THE LORDS OF FLATBUSH" (84 Min.)
Perry King, Sylvester Stallone
(Comedy) In the Flatbush section of Brooklyn, 1957-58, The Lords are a "Social Athletic Club"—actually a street gang composed equally of Jewish and Italian youths. The boys don't mind beating up members of rival gangs or stealing cars, but are more undisciplined than bad. (PG)

THURS. 16 JAN.

China Lake Concert Assn. presents
"Kontorsky Bros." (Duo Pianists)

FRI. 17 JAN.

Kiwanis Club-sponsored
Burroughs High School Stage Band Concert

Burroughs HS Stage Band Concert Slated Jan. 17 at Theater

A concert by the popular Burroughs High School stage band, under the direction of Mike Garrett, will be presented next Friday, Jan. 17, starting at 8 p.m. at the Center theater.

This program, sponsored by the Ridgecrest Kiwanis Club, is being staged to raise funds needed to help meet the stage band's traveling expense for the invitation-only International Jazz Festival that will take place at Reno, Nev., in early March.

Tickets to next Friday night's program are priced at \$1.50 per person and can be obtained in advance from Kiwanians and members of the Burroughs stage band. Depending upon their availability, tickets also will be sold at the theater box office just prior to the concert.

The program to be presented by the stage band will have something for everyone — ranging from popular tunes of the "big band" era to present-day rock music.

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Attention Called to Proper Respect Due American Flag

A message calling for the proper observance of respect to the American flag by all hands during each day's raising and lowering of the Stars and Stripes was issued this week by the NWC Command.

The message stressed that at any military installation, respect due the flag is a part of the daily ritual that is observed year around (including holidays) during morning and evening colors.

Like most military bases, NWC raises the flag during morning colors at 8 o'clock and lowers it during evening colors at sunset. The proper procedure for passersby to follow during this brief ceremony—whether they be atop or in a vehicle—is as follows:

If walking in the vicinity of the Administration Building, military personnel in uniform should stop, come to attention, face in the direction of the flag and salute—holding the salute until the ceremony of either raising or lowering of the flag has concluded.

Civilian personnel on foot are asked to stop, face the flag and place their right hand over their heart—and hold this position until the colors have been raised or lowered.

At the same time, all motor vehicles in the vicinity of the Administration Circle should come to a complete stop while either the morning or evening colors ceremony is in progress.

Not only military personnel, but all citizens should set an example of their pride in this nation and its heritage, and show that pride by rendering the appropriate honors to the flag.

Trees Falling into Power Lines Cause Principal Storm Damage

A sample of what old-timers at China Lake referred to frequently as "termination winds" hit the Indian Wells Valley on Wednesday morning causing a variety of problems — principally as the result of trees being blown into electric power lines.

The wind, blowing directly out of the west, began to pick up strength at around 9 a.m.

and peak gusts of 57 knots (approximately 65 mph) were recorded at 12:43 p.m. by Weather Service personnel at the Naval Air Facility.

Among the busiest people on the Center during the windstorm were employees of the Public Works Department's Power and Communications Section (Code 70432), who had their work cut out for them restoring electrical service in areas where trees were blown into power lines.

Hardest Hit Area

The Normac area was the section of the China Lake housing area most affected by wind damage. Not only was electric power service temporarily interrupted to some housing units, but trees were blown into streets, fallen trees flattened fences, and (in one case) an air cooler was blown off the roof of a house. In addition, a falling tree damaged a parked vehicle.

In the aftermath of the big blow on Wednesday, Code 70432 workmen expect to be kept busy for several days checking out electric power substations, where it is necessary to clean out accumulations of sand that can lead to future problems, Gus Embree, head of Code 70432, reported.

Other Storm-Caused Problems

There also were power line problems in both the Capehart B and Wherry housing areas, and (at the peak of the storm) fire fighters answered alarms at 102 Carriact St. and at 221 Toro St., where a telephone line was down.

Unusual measures were required to head off damage to a 12 by 60-ft. trailer that was being installed at the north end of Michelson Laboratory. The huge trailer was partially blown off the jacks that were supporting it and was in danger of being blown over (after being shifted about 3 ft.) when two forklift trucks were brought in to steady it and anchor it in place.

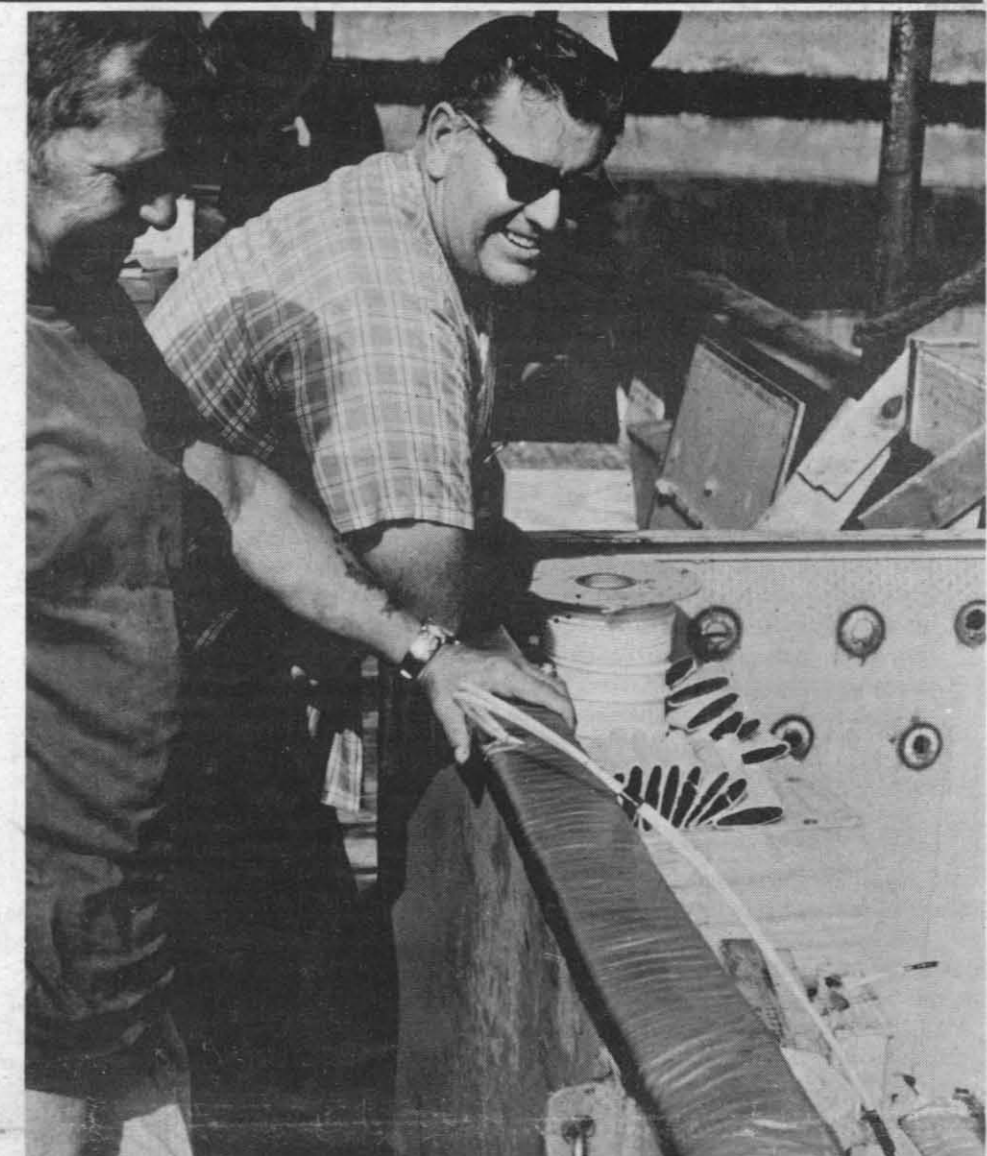
Thursday morning, the forklifts were used to re-position the trailer, T. K. Kahn, (Continued on Page 4)

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Service Set Jan. 15
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PREPARING FOR BLASTING — Bob McKenzie (l.), salvage master for the Murphy Pacific Salvage Co., and Carl Halsey, of the Petrodynamics Branch at NWC, look over some explosive charges that were later used to assist cutting efforts on the SS Mecca, a pilgrimage ship that has been one of several vessels blocking the Suez Canal since the 1967 Arab-Israeli war. Halsey accompanied Dr. Carl Austin, his branch head, recently to aid the Egyptian government in clearing the blockages.

Two NWC Employees Assist In Suez Canal Salvage Operations

"Nimrod Spar," the U.S. Navy-supervised salvage operations currently being carried out on the Suez Canal, reached the halfway point recently when the fifth of ten wrecks was successfully removed from the canal.

Dr. Carl Austin, head of the Petrodynamics Branch in the Research Department's Detonation Physics Division, and Carl Halsey, Austin's chief field engineer, spent two weeks in Egypt recently cooperating with the Egyptian Suez Canal Authority (SCA) and the Murphy Pacific Salvage Co., of New York, in planning the removal of the SS Mecca, an Egyptian passenger ship that is one of those blocking the canal from use.

The important waterway that links the Mediterranean Sea with the Red Sea has been jammed since the 1967 Arab-Israeli war by a number of sunken ships. It has been closed to traffic since that time. A tugboat and three dredges have already been removed from the canal. However, a dredge, tugboat, small tanker and a concrete caisson bridge still remain in the water, in addition to the SS Mecca.

Main Concern

Dr. Austin's main concern was the removal of the pilgrimage ship that was suttled near Port Said. He also was asked to make recommendations on the best way to cut up and remove the concrete caisson, located near Lake Timsah.

The SS Mecca, which is lying on its starboard side, is being cut up into 1,000 ton sections for removal. Formerly a 7,000 ton ship, it lies in 60 ft. of water with ap-

proximately 90 per cent of the ship submerged.

Working directly with the New York based salvage company, Dr. Austin and Halsey studied the blueprints of the ship's interior and exterior prior to making recommendations on the best places to cut. In addition, the two men helped to design the explosive charges to aid in the cutting, which was performed by underwater divers.

Hosted by SCA

During the time they worked on the submerged ship, the two NWC specialists were provided with sleeping quarters, transportation and meals by the SCA. The concrete caisson plus a causeway (Continued on Page 4)

Housing Rental Rates, Utility Costs To Climb

Beginning on Feb. 1, 1975, current housing rental rates at China Lake will be increased by 2.7 per cent, while utility rates will be boosted by 4 1/10ths of a per cent.

This change is a result of the Office of Management and Budget's decision to require annual adjustments of rental rates by application of the Consumer Price Index.

Rental rates have been defined to include shelter rent, utilities, furniture and other charges established for occupancy of family housing and non-housekeeping facilities.



WACOM ASTROLOGY LUNCHEON PLANNED — Lucile Peterson (l.), poster chairman of the Women's Auxiliary of the Commissioned Officers' Mess (WACOM), and Martha Faron, decorations co-chairman, look over some of the astrology signs that will be displayed throughout the room when Paul Rosner, astrologer, presents a program on Tuesday. The celebrated Hollywood author and speaker's subject will be the stars and how they affect people's lives. A social hour at 11 a.m. will precede the luncheon. The tab is \$3.25 per person.

Rummaging Around for Salvageable Items Is Not Permitted at NWC Tenant Dump

All Naval Weapons Center residents are reminded that at the tenant dump, which is for the exclusive use of China Lake residents, the practice of rummaging around for salvageable items is prohibited at all times. The dump is located west of Richmond Rd., near Sangamon St. Safety is the overriding reason for this restriction, because trash thrown randomly into the dump could endanger someone poking around in the pit area. Also, since the dirt sides of the cut and fill dump are not braced, there is a possibility of serious injury as the result of a fall by anyone scrounging around among the materials discarded along the top edges of the pit, as well as the hazard that a cave-in along a section of the wall could trap anyone

down in the dump pit itself. Another hazard exists in this same area due to the fact that the dirt cover on filled cuts is subject to breakthroughs. For health reasons, no garbage is to be dumped except by government contractor. Persons found lingering in the dump area for reasons other than discarding trash may be cited to appear before the Community Hearing Board, or face such other action as may be deemed appropriate. If a Center resident believes an item of value inadvertently was discarded while they were throwing away trash in the tenant dump, the watch commander of the China Lake Police Division, phone ext. 3325, should be contacted for approval and arrangements to search for it.

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 171-12 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. The minimum qualifications 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.

Planner and Estimator (Wood Craftsman), JD No. 403, WD-4605-08, Code 7084 — (This position is temporary not to exceed one year, but may later be converted to a permanent position.) — Incumbent provides detailed manpower / material estimates in support of facility maintenance for entire laboratory. This includes inspection, job write-up, material lists and sketches, for construction, alteration, repair, and maintenance. Investigates all work requests that fall within his trade area. Previous applicants for the previously advertised full time position will automatically be considered under this ad. Job Relevant Criteria: Journeyman trades of wood craftsman and carpenter.

Boiler Plant Operator WG-5802-10, JD No. 332, Code 70417 — Controls the operation of two to four oil or gas-fired steam boilers in a central plant. Boiler plants evaporation capacity ranges from 30,000 lb. per hour to 80,000 lb. per hour and normal operation of each boiler is at steam pressures above 100 psig. Boilers are operated at constant pressures and temperatures for industrial processes and heating purposes. Also operates other steam powered equipment.

Mail and File Clerk GS-305-04, PD No. 7470001, Code 7002 — The incumbent reviews all mail directed to the Public Works Department and depending on subject matter and/or details, routes mail to all levels of management within the department for action and/or information. Is responsible for the official files of the department, (instructions, notices, directives and etc.). Compiles information for charts, graphs, and reports from existing special reports. Performs basic mathematical calculations before plotting and entering the values on the charts and graphs. Will provide some typing assistance as needed, but does not require a full qualified typist. Job Relevant Criteria: Must have experience in maintaining a filing system, how to operate adding machines, calculators, office copying equipment and be able to type.

Clerk-Typist GS-322-03, PD No. 7378106, Code 704 — Position is located in the Maintenance-Utilities Division. Duties include are typing and reports, filing and logging, and miscellaneous duties as required. Job Relevant Criteria: Reliability and dependability. Ability to get along with others. Ability to type efficiently and accurately.

Heavy Mobile Equipment Mechanic JD No. 23-1, WG-5803-10, Code 70741 — Incumbent maintains, repairs, overhauls, modifies and tests such heavy type gasoline and/or diesel powered equipment as tractors (crawler and wheel types), road grading equipment, cranes, fork lifts, railway locomotives, earth moving equipment and attachments for such equipment.

Automotive Mechanic, WG-5823-10, JD No. 172-1, Code 70763 (2 vacancies) — Maintains, repairs, overhauls, and modifies such automotive types of equipment as sedans, pickup trucks, shop mules, trailers, aircraft support equipment and/or various other types of equipment powered by a gasoline engine or an electric storage battery, such as materials handling equipment. Large gasoline-powered trucks and buses are included.

Housing Project Assistant GS-1173-5, PD No. 7470014 AMI, Code 7051 — Incumbent conducts pre-occupancy, pre-termination, and termination inspections on all housing units under his jurisdiction. Acts as the representative on all matters relating to adequacy and quality of housing residence. Receives and resolves tenant complaints also. Job Relevant Criteria: Knowledge of standard maintenance practices to determine wear and tear as opposed to tenant damage. Must have ability to meet and deal with the public using tact and diplomacy. Knowledge of Center Housing Policy requirements.

Secretary (DMT), GS-318-04 / 05, PD No. 870613, Code 7002 — Position is located in the office of the head, Administrative Division. Incumbent provides secretarial and administrative assistance in the accomplishment of the various Public Works functions assigned to her supervisor and other personnel in the division. Job Relevant Criteria: Ability to type from rough drafts and recordings. Tact and ability to get along with others. Reliability and dependability.

Plant Account Technician, GS-501-5, PD No. 7317061-3 AMI, Code 1743 — The incumbent will be responsible for a wide variety of plant property duties in support of various Center departments. As part of these duties, the incumbent will review all incoming plant property documentation for correctness, input documentation to the plant accounting computer system, and maintain the fiscal integrity of his area account. In addition, incumbent will facilitate transfer and disposition of plant property and coordinates a triennial inventory. Incumbent is under the general supervision of the head, Plant Property Accounting Branch, and will maintain contact with Center departmental personnel at all levels. Job Relevant Criteria: Ability to work independently; knowledge of general accounting procedures; knowledge of Navy plant property system; and knowledge / ability to work with data processing.

Payroll Clerk, GS-544-3 or 4, PD No. 6917042, Code 1744 — Performs routine research of payroll records to correct leave data; prepares changes to employee's earnings, deductions and leave factors; prepares reports of leave availability; leave transfers, and earnings statements. Job Relevant Criteria: Knowledge of payroll / leave regulations. Working knowledge of data processing. Experience and / or training which demonstrates arithmetic

aptitude and ability to contend with intricate detail in compiling data. Advancement potential GS-5.

Auditor, GS 510-9, 11, or 12, PD No. 717011-3, Code 1707 — Incumbent participates in the planning, developing, and executing of complex and diversified internal reviews of the financial and operating activities of the Center. Provides an independent, objective and constructive appraisal of the effectiveness, efficiency, and economy with which the financial and operating responsibilities of the Center are being administered. Job Relevant Criteria: Ability to analyze raw financial / management data and apply sound judgement to determine adequacy / effectiveness of the data. Ability to perceive possible alternate solutions and procedures for accomplishing desired objectives. Ability to communicate effectively and work successfully with others.

Budget Analyst, GS 546, 9 / 11, PD No. 7508001, Code 173 — This position is organizationally located in the Programs and Budget Division of Central Staff and is physically located in the Financial Branch of the Public Works Department. The incumbent is responsible for developing a comprehensive plan for the expenditures of all funds necessary to support the varied missions and programs of the Public Works Department and for maintaining internal control to execute this plan. Job Relevant Criteria: A knowledge of financial management principles and analytical ability to provide financial management, a background in budgetary and accounting procedures, and a complete understanding of reports and task assignment structure in Department of the Navy and the Center.

Clerk-Typist, GS 322-3 / 4, PD No. 7230201, Code 3122 — Incumbent serves as clerk-typist for the Chaparral Branch. Incumbent types administrative and technical subject matter, maintains branch files, receives and screens incoming mail, phone calls and visitors. Job Relevant Criteria: Ability to get along with others in the work group. Ability to type efficiently and accurately. Ability to operate an IBM Magnetic Card Electric typewriter. Reliability and dependability.

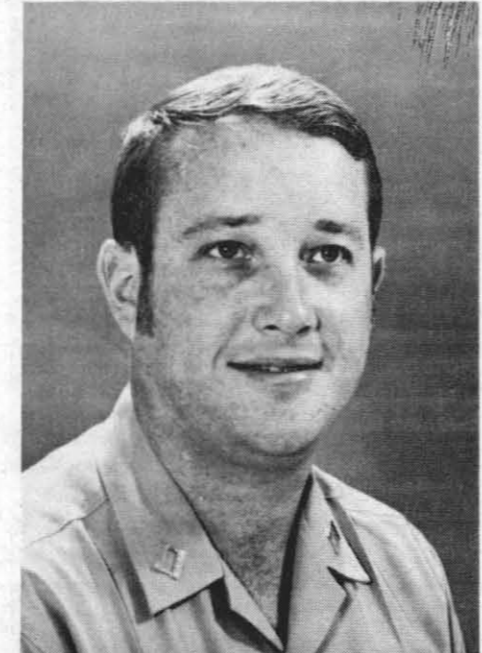
File applications for the above with Tina Lowe, Bldg. 34, Rm. 206, Ph. 2723.

Secretary (Stenography), GS-318-4 or 7, PD No. 7400012, Code 01A — This is the position of secretary to the head of the Resources and Technology Office and his Administrative Officer. Incumbent is responsible for the efficient operation of the office, and performs a variety of secretarial and administrative duties which include, but are not limited to: receiving incoming calls and visitors; review of outgoing correspondence to insure compliance with established policies and procedures; composition of correspondence involving letters of acknowledgment and commendation; typing of technical materials and administrative memoranda; directing incoming mail to appropriate personnel; management of calendars; and other miscellaneous administrative duties in direct support of the office. Incumbent must be thoroughly familiar with Center organization, and have a sound understanding of the Center's mission. Job Relevant Criteria: Ability to type accurately and efficiently, and take shorthand. Knowledge of Center organization and policies. Reliability, dependability and accomplishment of work assigned.

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

Electronics Technician, GS-854-11, PD No. 7055002-2, Code 532 — Position is concerned with the preparation of the complete system tests on passive infrared detecting missile guidance and control groups. This involves test up, operations and calibration of complex test equipment. Duties include the design, development, and maintenance

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REPORTS TO NAF — Lt. Ron Hill, a graduate of Colorado State University at Fort Collins who joined the Navy 7 1/2 years ago through the Aviation Officer Candidate School program, reported for duty recently at the Naval Air Facility, Lt. Hill was transferred here from Fleet Composite Squadron 8 at Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico, where he served as the squadron's assistant maintenance officer and safety officer. The new NAF officer received his Navy "wings of gold" in September 1969, following flight training at Pensacola, Fla., Meridian, Miss., and Kingsville, Tex., and then served as a flight instructor at Meridian for the remainder of 1969 and for a good part of 1972 before being assigned to duty in Puerto Rico. Lt. Hill was accompanied to China Lake by his wife, Donna, and the couple's two children—Trudi, age 3, and Jason, who is 6 mo. old.



FIRST FEMALE RECRUITED HERE — Lydia Deborah Wright is sworn into the U.S. Navy by Lt. R. A. Shepard, the Naval Air Facility's Administration Officer, during a recent ceremony. Mrs. Wright, who was recruited by RCC R. A. Belcher, is the first local woman to be inducted into the Navy by the China Lake-based recruiter. A graduate of Boron High School, Mrs. Wright enlisted under the Navy's delayed entry program—CACHE—and will report to Orlando, Fla., on May 1, 1975. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Douglas McMillan, also were present for the ceremony. —Photo by Joe Dunn

PROMOTIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

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of specialized test equipment. Investigates, evaluates and analyzes GCG malfunctions. Job Relevant Criteria: Experience in design and operation of test equipment. Experience with optical devices and infrared. Knowledge of mathematics required for calculations in test arrangements and equipment.

Supervisory Electronics Technician, GS-854-11, PD No. 7455003, Code 5411 — Position is that of head, Electronics Failure Analysis Section. Work assignments of the group include failure analysis of components design and fabrication of special test circuits held to simulate system conditions. Duties include determination of test techniques, of program plans, develops test requirements for quality evaluation of components, develops methods and instrumentation for measurement of various parameters. Duties include supervisory administrative and management tasks such as manpower planning, budget, performance evaluation, etc. Job Relevant Criteria: Familiarity and knowledge of use of failure analysis equipment. Knowledge of electronic theory and practice. Experience in and knowledge in the application of failure analysis principles and techniques.

File applications for the above with Carol Downard, Bldg. 34, Rm. 204, Ph. 2925.

Administrative Officer, GS-341-12 13, PD No. 7437050, Code 3702 — The incumbent serves as the assistant department head for Administration, Test and Evaluation Department. Responsible for a variety of administrative and management services including planning, budgeting, personnel and financial management, training, management analysis, and general administrative services. As the chief administrative advisor to the department head, the incumbent is the central administrative contact for the administrative operations of the organization. Job Relevant Criteria: Sound knowledge of DOD, Navy and Center administrative and management (especially financial, personnel, and budget related) principles and procedures. High degree of initiative and decisiveness. Ability to deal effectively with people of many disciplines (on and off the Center). High degree of diplomacy and persuasive skills. Ability to express himself appropriately both orally and in writing.

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

Secretary (Typing), GS-318-4 / 5, PD No. 7440251, Code 408 — This position is in the Aircraft Systems Department in the newly formed Survivability and lethality Division. Incumbent provides secretarial services for the division head. Duties include typing, filing, scheduling meetings, arranging travel and particular emphasis is on making long distance phone calls. Job Relevant Criteria: Ability to meet deadlines under pressure. Must be familiar with Navy's correspondence format. Ability to cordially and effectively deal with people in person or during phone conversations.

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

Electronics Engineer, GS-855-9 / 11, PD No. 7250063, Code 3344 — This position is located in the Fuze Project Branch III, Development Division II, Fuze Department. The incumbent performs designs and development, including theoretical and experimental studies, on electronic components and circuits for an assigned TDD system for a guided missile. He designs electronic equipment or test sets for use in testing components, assemblies, or complete TDDs. He performs theoretical and experimental analyses of proposed electronic system components and/or systems to evaluate their ability to provide a practical solution to current or anticipated problems in the TDD. Job Relevant Criteria: Must have experience in the design, development, testing, and/or analysis of components or systems for guided missiles. Experience in the use of high-current narrow pulse modulators. Ability to develop computer methods of data reduction.

Supervisory Television Production Specialist, GS-1071-12, PD No. 6975007 AMI, Code 5322 — This position is that of head, Presentations Development Branch, Presentations Division, Technical Information Department. Incumbent is responsible for the production of mixed media presentations. Directs the branch in the development of slide, filmstrip and chart presentations for top management or project personnel. Provides audio-visual support in the form of materials, equipment, consultation and personnel to aid top management in presenting the work of the Center to others. Conducts a program of presentation instruction and evaluation. Job Relevant Criteria: Experience in the development of mixed media presentations of R & D material. Writing, producing and directing audiovisual presentations. Academic training in the audio, visual and written communications arts is desirable. Ability to

develop and present instructional materials. Promotion Potential: GS-13.

File applications for the above with Claire Lewis, Bldg. 34, Rm. 212, Ph. 2271.

Supervisory Interdisciplinary Position, GS-12, PD No. 7435191A, Code 3594 — This is an interdisciplinary position classifiable in any of the following series dependent upon the parameters. Duties include supervisory administrative and management tasks such as manpower planning, budget, performance evaluation, etc. Job Relevant Criteria: Interest / experience in interfacing with computer via remote terminal to input data and initiate runs. Experience working with detailed data. Ability to follow instructions and learn new things. Ability to effectively deal with people. Capable of working independently as required.

Supervisory Electronics Engineer, GS-855-13, PD No. 7359904, Code 3597 — This position is that of a branch head located in the Foreign Technology Branch, Countermeasures Division of the Electronic Warfare Department. Incumbent is responsible for the exploitation of foreign fire control radars and directors. He is further responsible for working with Tri-service in providing a data base for the acquisition of, exploitation of, and coordination of foreign radar equipment. Job Relevant Criteria: Knowledge and experience in the exploitation and modification of foreign electronic hardware. Ability to work closely with various intelligence activities. Ability to make critical analyses and evaluations of exploitation procedures and to justify them.

File applications for the above with June Adams, Bldg. 34, Rm. 208, Ph. 2577.

Electronics Engineer, GS-855-11 / 12, PD No. 7545001, Code 4531 — This position is located in the Ballistics Test Branch. Incumbent will be responsible for the operation, evaluation, and maintenance of instrumentation at the Skytop and Range test facilities. Incumbent will lay out, organize and supervise operations involved in measuring the various parameters as specified by test plans. He also will be responsible for documentation, written procedures and adherence to specifications for tests. Job Relevant Criteria: Ability to plan and coordinate instrumentation and data requirements on complex tests. Experience with documentation of tests. Ability to develop written procedures.

Engineering Technician, GS-805-9 / 10 / 11, PD No. 7245071, Code 4531 — Located in the Ballistics Test Branch of the Propulsion Development Department. Responsible for the coordination of Area R operations. Incumbent supervises ordnance operations and personnel, performs firing officers' duties, assists in test planning, scheduling and preparation of cost estimates. Responsible for overall Area R safety. Job Relevant Criteria: Knowledge of fundamental principles of engineering, testing, shop practices and ordnance. Extensive knowledge of explosive handling and ordnance and assembly. Skilled in understanding and working with people.

Engineering Technician, GS-854-3 / 4 / 7, PD No. 7545002, Code 4531 — The prime responsibility will be to support the movie X-ray (cinetutorography) testing under the direction of a senior electronic technician. Will also provide general instrumentation support at the Skytop test facility. Job Relevant Criteria: Working knowledge of photography (location or avocation). Experience working with X-ray. Ability to deal effectively with others.

Engineering Technician, GS-805-7 through 11, PD No. 7545002, Code 4532 — This position is located in the Environmental Engineering and Inspection Branch,

Fed'l Employees Earn Praise For Caliber of Work Performed

Messages commending the caliber of work performed by Civil Service employees and emphasizing the necessity for attracting and retaining high quality career employees were received recently from President Gerald R. Ford and Secretary of Defense James R. Schlesinger.

In a memorandum to heads of departments and agencies, President Ford wrote: "Whatever else, recent experience has proven one thing about the Federal government: It can continue to function and move ahead even under the most difficult circumstances. This is due chiefly to more than two million career civil servants who, day-in and day-out give of themselves in a thoroughly dedicated and efficient manner to assure this continuity.

"These men and women act in the best traditions of the career Civil Service, which has demanded from them for more than 90 years the highest degree of professionalism and competence. In return, it has assured them of a competitive system free from political considerations either in their appointments or in their promotions.

Permanent Policy

"I intend to keep it that way — and I call upon you to see to it that the merit principles contained in the Civil Service Act and the Personnel Laws and Regulations are fully and effectively carried out in your department or agency. Appointments and promotions in the career service must not be made on the basis of either politics, race, creed or sex.

"I have informed the chairman of the United States Civil Service Commission of my determination to keep the federal career service just that — a career service in which men and women can be accepted in the first place on their ability and promoted on their merit. I ask you to make sure your agency fully complies with both the letter and spirit of the law in this regard," the memo from President Ford concluded.

In transmitting the President's statement

to the Secretaries of Military Departments, Secretary Schlesinger stated:

"As the largest employer in the government, we have the greatest need to attract and retain a high quality, professional career civilian work force.

"I believe we have such a work force and that it is a vital complement to our career military service. It has been and continues to be my intention that personnel actions in the civilian career service, as well as the military service, be based solely on merit and free from bias as to politics, race, creed or sex.

"It would be timely for you to call attention to the importance of the work being performed by your civilian career staffs and reaffirm your support of the merit principles on which the career Civil Service is based."

Endorsed by RAdm. Freeman

Rear Admiral R. G. Freeman III, Naval Weapons Center Commander, added the following statement to those of President Ford and Secretary of Defense Schlesinger: "I take this opportunity to join the top management of the Department of Defense and the Navy in reaffirming my commitment to the principle of merit in personnel management.

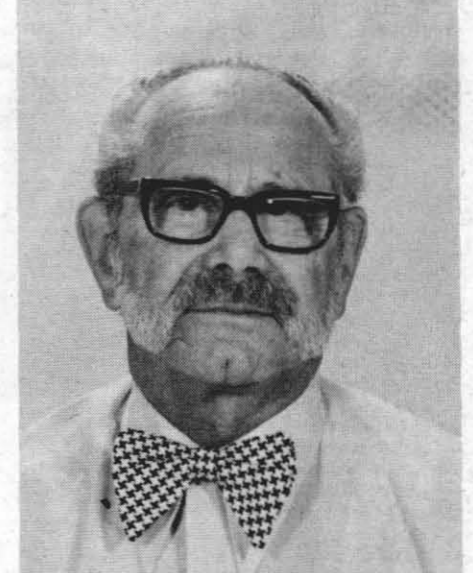
"Each manager, supervisor, and personnel specialist is to assure that all considerations for employment, training, promotion, and work assignment are made without regard to politics, race, creed, or sex, and are based solely on the merits of the individuals."

Dr. David Rausten Is New Industrial Medical Officer

Dr. David S. Rausten, former director of emergency services at the Paradise Valley Hospital in San Diego, reported aboard this week to assume the duties of Industrial Medical Officer at NWC.

Dr. Rausten, who was born in Lowitce, Poland, took his pre-medical training at New York University. He earned his MD at Loma Linda University in California, and carried out his internship at the Los Angeles County Hospital.

The new Industrial Medical Officer calls Lincoln, Nebr., his home town. He was in private practice there for 21 years. Prior to



moving to San Diego, Dr. Rausten was director of emergency services at the San Geronio Pass Memorial Hospital in Banning.

He has taught at Loma Linda University, Creighton University Medical School, Omaha, Nebr., the University of Nebraska Dental School in Lincoln, and is a member of the consulting faculty of the Institute of Clinic Toxicology, Houston, Tex.

Dr. Rausten belongs to the American Academy of Clinical Toxicology, and is a Fellow of the American Academy of Family Physicians. In addition, he is a charter member of the American College of Emergency Physicians.

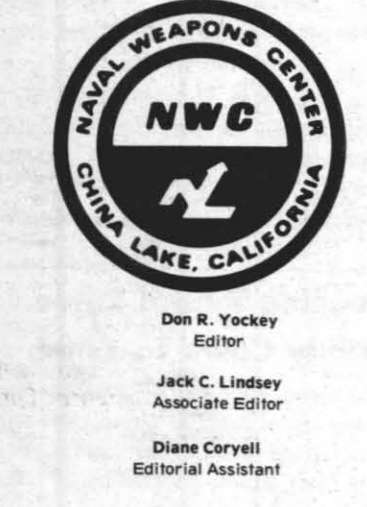
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PROTESTANT		1015
Sunday Worship Service		0900
Sunday School — All Ages		1130
Wednesday Noon Bible Study		
Sunday School Classes are held in Chapel Annexes 1, 2, 4 (Dorms 5, 6, 8) located opposite the Center Restaurant. Communion Service first Sunday of the month.		
ROMAN CATHOLIC MASS		1700
Saturday	fulfills Sunday obligation	
Sunday		0700, 0830, 1130
BLESSSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL MASS		1135
Daily except Saturday		
CONFESSIONS		1545 to 1645
Saturday		0800 to 0825
Sunday		
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		
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JEWISH SERVICES		
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Wilt's Corner

By Wilt Wyman

To start the New Year off on a charitable note, all clothing and other items found at the gym and unclaimed before Wednesday, Jan. 15, will be taken to the Salvation Army deposit box. If you've lost or left anything at the gymnasium, see me prior to that date. The conservation of energy program under way at NWC means that all athletic field lights will be turned off until the baseball/softball programs begin in the spring. The NWC Security Department will check on all persons using lighted fields.

Racquetball Tourney

The favorites in the upcoming singles only racquetball tournament, which is set to begin Tuesday, are Phill Fossum, Rick Roberts and Larry Darnell. Maybe there's a racquetball fan reading this. If so, come in and watch the tournament.

We would like to organize volleyball into two leagues for men and two for women this coming year. One league will be for players from one of the departmental codes on the Center, the other for players from any code.

Basically, this division of teams will be one league of recruited players and the other a fun league. The object of dividing the leagues is to establish a year-round sports program that will emphasize participation, rather than competition.

If I can establish this type of participation in all sports activities, then the department with the best over-all record at the end of the year will be given a perpetual trophy. Anyone who wishes more information should contact me at NWC ext. 2334.

Water Polo, Anyone?

Water polo is fast becoming a popular sport. Mike Morrow, ext. 5344, and Dwayne Eacret, 375-4744, are trying to find out just how popular it is at NWC. If approximately 30 people are interested enough in forming a league, the two men will schedule practice times. If you are interested in playing water polo, contact one of these men.

Bowling Scores Low as Leagues Resume

Scores were light last Friday night as the Friday Mixed Foursome bowling league returned to the lanes following a two-week layoff for the holidays.

High series for the women was Bev Greblowski's 500. Kay Weeks racked up a 222 single effort.



AT EDWARDS AFB TODAY—Members of the NWC varsity basketball team pose for a photo prior to leaving for Edwards Air Force Base, where they began competition this morning in the annual Mojave Desert Inter-Service League tournament. They are (front row, l.-r.): Benny McCargo, Killer Kilpatrick, R. E. Penny and Bob Moody, coach. In the back row (l.-r.) are John Bateman, Tom Hille, Frank Santoni, Jim Erdmann and Al Sorenson. Two other members of the team, John Clark and Rowe McDaniels, were unable to be present for the photo.

NWC Varsity Cagers Crushed By Edwards AFB Hoopsters, 122-68

The NWC Varsity basketball team journeyed to Edwards AFB for its first game as a unit last Tuesday night and was buried beneath the expertise of the Air Force cagers, 122-68.

"This particular team includes four starters from the all-Air Force basketball team, and they are tremendous," said Wilt Wyman, director of athletics and youth

programs at NWC. The Edwards team averaged 6 ft., 4 in. in height and has been playing together since September.

The China Lake team, on the other hand, was only recently formed as the local military installation has cut back on varsity teams because of the money crunch. "However, we should be playing together very well by the time the 11th Naval District basketball tournament rolls around, which is what we're really pointing for," said Bob Moody, team coach.

The local cagers will play in the annual Mojave Desert Inter-Service League tournament at Edwards AFB, which begins today. In their first game, the NWC hoopsters will tangle with March AFB in this double-elimination event.

Team members, in addition to Moody, are John Bateman, Tom Hille, Frank Santoni, Jim Erdmann, Al Sorenson, Benny McCargo, Killer Kilpatrick, R. E. Penny, John Clark and Rowe McDaniels.

Hustlers Devastate Opposition in Femme Basketball Contest

The Hustlers slammed Chuck's Carpets, 45-2, in the women's division of the China Lake Intramural Basketball League last Monday night as play resumed following the Christmas-New Year's holidays.

Elaine Mikkelsen scored 12 points to lead all cagers in the contest.

In other games played on Monday night, the Roachettes thrashed the Odds 'n Ends, 24-14. Jo Dunning poured in 8 points from the field for the Odds 'n Ends in a losing effort, while Mary Boe led the Roachettes with 6 tallies.

The final game of the evening saw the NAF cagers defeat Moby Bates, 53-49, in a Division B contest. Bob Moody notched 15 points for the Hawks and Randy Johnson dropped 18 points through the net for Moby Bates.

Tuesday Night's Action

Dave Taylor tallied 16 points for the Barons to help defeat the Pioneers quintet in a Division C contest, 30-24. The high point man for the losers was Bob Christiansen, with 6 buckets.

The second contest of the evening was won by the Outlaws squad, 45-35, against the Wallbangers in a Division B-2 tilt. Mick Rindt, with 18 points, was high point man in this game.

The Huff 'n Puffs outscored the Hotshots, 40-27, in the final game of the evening—a Division C contest.



By Jack Lindsey

1974 was a good year, in spite of one or two minor problems. In order to weed out the difficulties I encountered last year, I have made a few New Year's resolutions, to wit: I hereby resolve to discontinue the practice of predicting the outcome of football games, especially in public.

To solve my weight problem I hereby resolve to learn the game of tennis (which could be good for everyone).

Once I've learned how, I resolve to actually play tennis.

I resolve to avoid being put on committees during 1975.

This year I will pay more attention to the needs and wants of the readers (space permitting).

I will do more walking in 1975 and less riding.

This is the year I plan to quit smoking (this is an oldie which never seems to work out).

I hereby resolve faithfully to NOT get so emotionally involved in the games of the UCLA Bruins basketball team, especially the close ones.

I plan to ignore my wife when one of her favorite teams loses a close game (this one is doomed to defeat).

I promise not to bore anyone with my resolutions, unless I adhere to them.

Swim Classes To Resume

Beginning on Monday, Jan. 20, swimming lessons will be held at the Center gymnasium for children between the ages of 6 and 10, male and female adults, and for women only.

In addition, water ballet classes have been scheduled.

Lessons for the children will be held from 4 to 4:45 p.m. and consist of eight classes on Mondays. Registration fee is \$8.

Both men and women adults will be taught to swim from 5 to 5:45 p.m. on Mondays for eight consecutive weeks. Registration fee is \$10.

The water ballet classes will be held on Wednesdays from 1 to 2 p.m., beginning on Jan. 22. A fee of \$10 will be charged.

Women only will be taught from 1 to 2 p.m. on eight consecutive Thursdays, beginning on Jan. 23. The fee for this course is \$10.

Military Wrestlers Needed

Four military men at NWC are currently practicing to compete in three major wrestling tournaments within the next two months.

Led by Lt. Terry Allen, who wrestles in the 198 lb. class, the men are preparing for the 11th Naval District tournament in San Diego Feb. 12 and 13.

In addition, they hope to compete in the West Coast tourney, Feb. 24-28, and the All Service championships, March 10-13. The latter two tournaments also will be held in San Diego.

"We could use a couple of more wrestlers," said Allen. John Stubblefield wrestles with Allen in the 198 lb. class, while Barry Olson competes in the 220 lb. division. The fourth wrestler, Ian Refo, will suit up for the 165 lb. class.

Persons interested in joining the team are asked to contact Allen by calling NWC ext. 5322.

Martin Luther King Memorial Service Set Next Wednesday

A special service commemorating the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., famous civil rights leader who was assassinated on April 4, 1968, will be held next Wednesday, Jan. 15, starting at 1 p.m. at the NWC All Faith Chapel.

Speakers representing the military, civilian, educational and religious leadership of the China Lake-Ridgecrest area will deliver brief tributes to Dr. King, in addition to the main address, "His Prophecy Fulfilled, His Dream a Reality in the Making," that is to be presented by LCdr. Aquinas J. Smith, Catholic chaplain at NWC.

The service will begin with an organ prelude by Mrs. Joan Fowler, who also will accompany Mrs. Dottie Freeman as she sings "My Precious Lord," the last song requested by Dr. King.

Other Vocalists on Program

Other vocal selections will include Dr. King's theme song, "We Will Overcome," sung by Mrs. Joan Renner. There also will be other singing by members of the Vieweg School Children's Choir, directed by Mrs. Shirley Helmick.

Tributes to Dr. King will be presented by Rear Admiral R. G. Freeman III, NWC Commander; Dr. Rex Shacklett, Mayor of Ridgecrest; Dr. Sol Spears, assistant superintendent for educational services of the Sierra Sands Unified School District; and the Rev. Murray Boyd, pastor of the Immanuel Baptist Church in Ridgecrest.

Other participants in the memorial service for Dr. King will be Ted Bailey, president of the Indian Wells Valley Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and Mrs. Bettye M. Rivera Sembach, Human Relations Chairman for the Desert Area Teachers Association, who will present a biographical sketch about Dr. King and recall her own experience when she met the noted civil rights leader.

Dr. King will be present not only in spirit,

but a tape recording of his voice will be played through arrangements made by Jim Lewis.

To Lead in Prayer

Leading the congregation in prayer during the service will be Capt. R. E. Osman, NWC's senior chaplain, and the Rev. Robert Oliver, pastor of the Union Baptist Church in Ridgecrest.

In 1972, the National Council of Black Churchmen, in conjunction with Mrs. Coretta Scott King (wife of Dr. King), the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, and with the cooperation of the National Council of Churches, published a proclamation declaring that Jan. 15 be set aside each year as a holy day to commemorate and honor Dr. King and the principles for which he worked and died.

Big Increases In Commissary Store Prices Not Yet Firm

With the passing of the 1975 Defense Construction Authorization Bill, Congress established a policy of no longer approving use of appropriated funds for the construction or modernization of military Commissary Stores.

Instead, it authorized an increase in the surcharge to the price of Commissary items for construction and modernization. The Navy's surcharge will still allow Navy Commissary Store customers a savings of 18 to 19 per cent compared to civilian grocery stores, however, other proposals are under study which could result in an even higher surcharge being set.

These proposals are aimed at reducing or withdrawing appropriated funding of Commissary operations (with the exception of overseas transportation), and if the most drastic proposal was executed, savings on Commissary Store goods could be reduced to about 10 per cent.

The budget process is still continuing and although imminent, no decision has yet been made. In the meantime, Navy officials are formulating several counter-proposals in an attempt to maintain Commissary Store operations and prices as nearly as possible to the present level.

Maturango Museum Luncheons To Resume

Reservations are now being taken for the next in the series of weekly Maturango Museum luncheons, which will be held on Monday in the Sidewinder Room of the Community Center.

The Monday luncheons, which feature gourmet food, are open to the public and there are two servings—one at 11:30 a.m. and the other at 12:30 p.m. The price for the luncheons is \$3, including sales tax.

On the menu for Jan. 13 will be shrimp Florentine, orange cream salad Lorraine, hot rolls, and mocha refrigerator cake.

Reservations should be made in advance by calling NWC ext. 2010 on week days between 8 and 11 a.m.

Navy Relief Office Moved to Dispensary

Over the Christmas-New Year's Day holiday period, the Navy Relief Office was moved from its former location and is now set up in the Naval Weapons Center Dispensary.

The most convenient way to reach the Navy Relief Office, which is located at the rear of the Dispensary, is through the Industrial Medicine Division on the west side of the building.

There was no interruption in the services provided by the Navy Relief Office as a result of the move, and the telephone number to call for assistance remains the same—446-4746.

Available at the Navy Relief Office are some used military uniform articles in limited sizes and quantities that can be obtained at no cost.



MARINE HONORED UPON RETIREMENT—Rear Admiral R. G. Freeman III, NWC Commander, added his personal congratulations to those of Brigadier General Philip D. Shuttler, the Marine Corps' Deputy Chief of Staff for Aviation, to Major Kenneth D. McCurry, USMC, (at left) who retired on Dec. 31 after 22½ years of service in the Marines. Major McCurry had spent the final 18 months of his military career as the aviation ordnance officer assigned to the Marine Corps Liaison Office at China Lake. —Photo by Ron Allen

Major McCurry, USMC, Retires; Gets Commendation Certificate

The presentation of a Certificate of Commendation from Brigadier General Philip D. Shuttler, Deputy Chief of Staff for Aviation at the Marine Corps Headquarters in Washington, D.C., highlighted a retirement ceremony honoring Major Kenneth D. McCurry, USMC, that was held on Dec. 31 in the office of the Naval Weapons Center Commander.

Rear Admiral R. G. Freeman III, NWC Commander, represented Brig. Gen. Shuttler in presenting the USMC commendation to Major McCurry, who has served for the past 18 months as the aviation ordnance officer assigned to the Marine Corps Liaison Office at China Lake.

Major McCurry's wife, Mary Lou, and the couple's two children—Dean, 12, and Leanne, 11—were present during the retirement ceremony, along with fellow Marine Corps officers and men with whom the retiring Leatherneck had served during his final tour of duty.

Commendation Read

The Certificate of Commendation from Brig. Gen. Shuttler read as follows:

"The Deputy Chief of Staff for Aviation takes pleasure in commending Major Kenneth D. McCurry, USMC, for dedicated and faithful service rendered to your country and to the United States Marine Corps over the past 22 years.

"You are particularly to be cited for your outstanding performance of duty as the Marine Corps Liaison Officer for Aviation Ordinance, Naval Weapons Center, China Lake, Calif. Your initiative, ingenuity and dedication to duty have been directly responsible for the initiation and execution of several important Marine Aviation development projects.

"Your ability to perceive potential problems of technical, funding, and logistic support nature, and your ability to formulate and implement timely solutions to these problems has gained the respect of your fellow officers and scientists at the Naval Weapons Center.

"In future years, your dedication, professionalism, perseverance and pride in accomplishment demonstrated during this, your last tour of duty, will guide you on a true course."

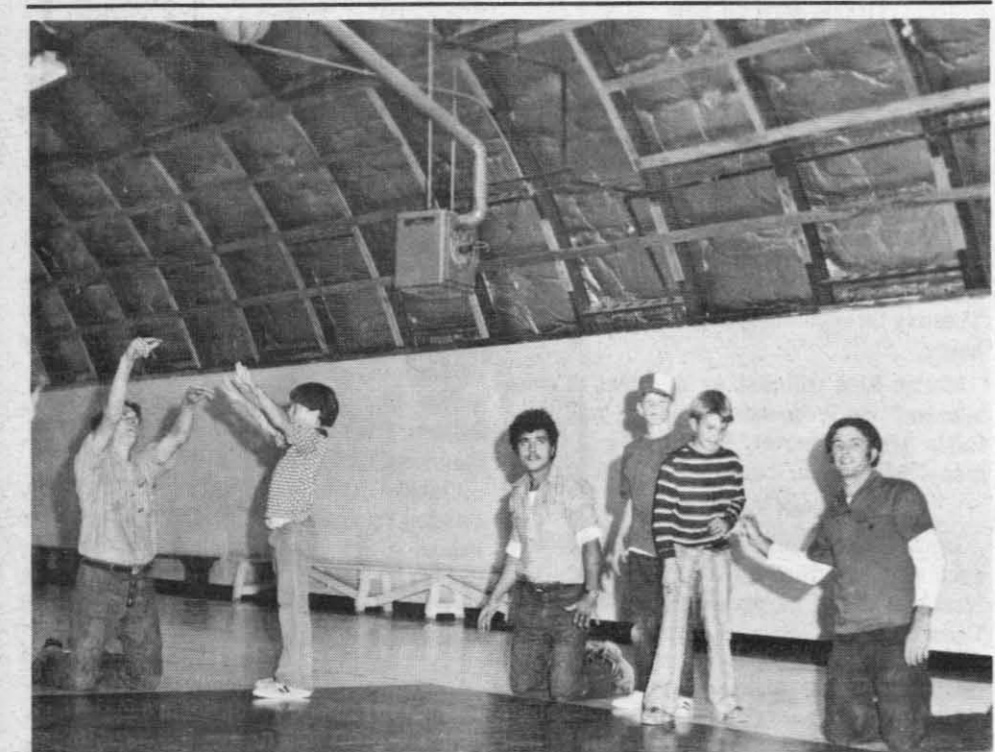
Mrs. McCurry Also Honored

In addition to the commendation that was read and then presented to Major McCurry by RAdm. Freeman, the latter also presented a certificate of retirement to the departing Marine Corps officer, as well as a retirement pin to Mrs. McCurry in recognition of the part that she played in her husband's successful military career.

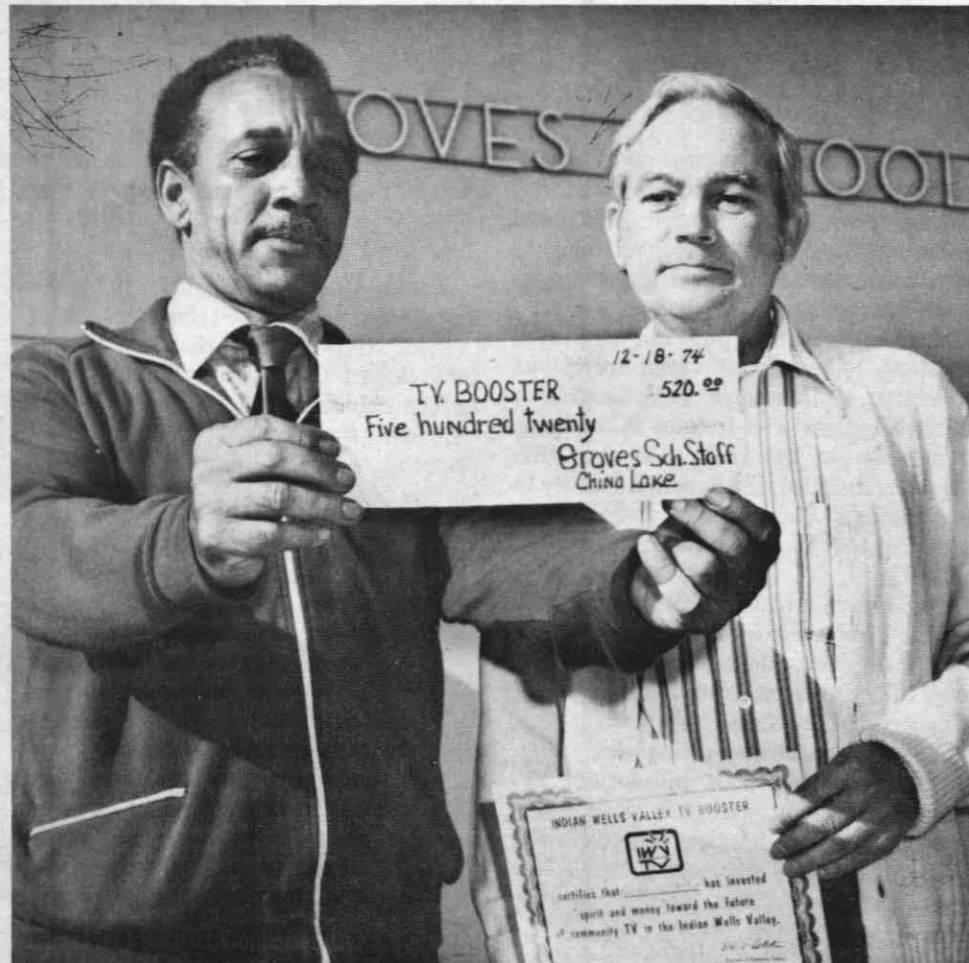
Major McCurry joined the Marine Corps during the Korean War in June 1952. He



NOT EXACTLY A CHRISTMAS PRESENT—Vandals who forced open the door to the Richmond School teachers' lounge between early evening on Dec. 26 and the following morning left an almost indescribable mess and damage—some of which can be seen in the above photo. The contents of file cabinets and desk drawers were emptied and strewn all over the floors of the main office, the nurse's office, and an adjoining workroom and storeroom. Raw eggs and paint were thrown against the walls and doors of the school's main office, and a mixture of glue, raw eggs, black paint, ink and a powder-type cleanser was splattered liberally upon carpeting and the papers from the file cabinets and desk drawers. In addition, a locked door leading into a room used to store coffee break supplies was pried open and the floor left littered with coffee, coffee filters, sugar, powdered cream, soap and napkins—some of which also was dumped into a coffee-making machine. The break-in and damage (no estimate of the amount was available) was discovered in mid-morning of Dec. 27 by James Kight, a school district warehouseman, who reported it to China Lake police. The expense of clean-up and repairs (which also included the cost of putting back into working condition an electric typewriter into which glue had been poured) must be borne by all taxpayers of the Sierra Sands Unified School District. In view of this, school district officials have requested the cooperation of all local residents in reporting to police the presence on any of the district's campuses of individuals at times when classes are not in session or special activities under way. —Photo by Maurice Dias



WORK COMPLETED ON YOUTH GYM—Another of the Naval Weapons Center's Self-Help projects (converting the former Shopping Bag Market Annex into a youth gym) was completed on Dec. 17 and began receiving extensive use the following day in preparation for Monday's opening of elementary school-age basketball league competition. Under the supervision of Airman Harry Wolters, from the Naval Air Facility, 8,000 sq. ft. of vinyl floor tile was installed to put the finishing touches on the youth gym. AA Wolters (kneeling in center along foul line) watches as a ball put into the air by Airman Apprentice Skip Parker, also of NAF, arches toward a basket during the inauguration of this new recreation facility for local youngsters. In addition to AA Parker, other NAF personnel who worked on the youth gym from time to time and after hours were Airman Tim Strawmyre (at right) and Bill Winningham, Mitchell Potts and Furman "Butch" Peters, who were unable to be present for the photo. Youth basketball league games for youngsters from 6½ through 12 years of age will begin on Monday and continue until around March 1. Games are scheduled throughout the week beginning at 5, 6:30 and 8 p.m. —Photo by Maurice Dias



TEACHERS SUPPORT TV BOOSTER FUND—The first group contribution to the Indian Wells Valley TV Booster Fund Drive was made by Wally Bruce (at left) on behalf of teachers at Groves School. Bruce, who instructs a combination 4th, 5th and 6th grade class, presented a check in the amount of \$520 to Bob Fletcher, president of the China Lake Community Council's board of directors. The latter is holding a TV booster certificate which those who contribute \$20 per family receive in recognition of their participation in this valleywide fund-raising effort. Since the opening of the fund drive with a TV Booster Bash on Dec. 14 that brought in \$9,000, the amount contributed toward the \$100,000 goal that has been set had reached \$19,000 as of press time for this week's issue of The ROCKETEER.

First Female 'Bluejacket' Chosen . . .

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chants who participate in the monthly program.

In addition, the January Bluejacket will receive the use of a new Ford automobile from Desert Motors in Ridgecrest for the weekend trip.

The San Diego native joined the Navy in December 1972 after completing 2½ years of study at Grossmont Community College in El Cajon. A graduate of Monte Vista High School in Spring Valley, YN3 Zielke interrupted her education to join the Navy after taking a long look at the unemployment lines.

"There I was with an AA degree and further education at that time didn't seem practical. People with 4-year degrees were out of work, so I decided to join the Navy and see the world," she said.

What she has seen are Orlando, Fla., where she received her boot training, and China Lake, her first duty assignment. She

Supervisors Ass'n. To Install Officers At Meeting Saturday

New officers of Chapter 28 of the National Association of Supervisors will be installed at a dinner to be held tomorrow evening at the Commissioned Officers' Mess.

A social hour will precede the 8 p.m. dinner, which is to be followed by the installation ceremony and a dance. Tickets to this affair are priced at \$8 per person.

Bill Prince, from San Diego, second vice-president of Zone 2C of the National Association of Supervisors Federal Government, will be both the installing officer and guest speaker. Duties of master of ceremony will be handled by Harry Parode, NWC's Public Information Officer.

Officers and directors to be installed are Wayne Jackson, re-elected president; Don Green, vice-president; Dennis Rowell, secretary-treasurer; Bob Padgett, sgt.-at-arms; William Francis, historian; Ralph Taylor, chaplain; and Barbara Thurman, Loren Chadwick and James Crista, who will serve as directors for terms of 1, 2 and 3 years, respectively.

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NAVY WIVES' OMBUDSMAN — Carol Bousquet (center), the wife of AME1 Henry Bousquet (2nd from left), has been officially designated the Ombudsman for Navy Wives at NWC. Shown presenting her with the official notification of this honor is Rear Admiral R. G. Freeman III, NWC Commander (2nd from right), while Capt R. S. Moore (l.), NAF Commanding Officer, and AMCS Walter D. Hall, NWC's Senior Enlisted Advisor (r.), look on. Mrs. Bousquet, who has been a member of the Navy Wives Club of America for the past eight years, is currently chaplain of the Desert Flowers Chapter No. 125, the local branch of NWCA. She also represents NAF Enlisted Wives on the Commissary, and Exchange Advisory Board. A Navy Wives Ombudsman's duties include counseling Navy wives who feel they have been treated unfairly by a government agency, checking into specific incidents, explaining policy and procedure to Navy Wives, and advising them. The term ombudsman—taken from Sweden where it originated—means someone who has the power to listen to complaints of the people and take action on abuses and wrongs done them by public officials. —Photo by Ron Allen

Door-to-Door Fund Drive For TV Boosters Planned on Jan. 26

Residents of the Indian Wells Valley should mark Sunday, Jan. 26, on their calendars. That day has been set aside as "TV Day," when coordinators of the TV Booster Fund Drive will conduct a door-to-door campaign to raise \$60,000 of the \$100,000 needed for installation of new TV booster equipment on Laurel and "B" Mountains.

Precinct captains throughout the valley have been appointed to head the drive's solicitors. Each precinct captain will have a number of "neighborhood captains" who will perform the actual door knocking.

On the Naval Weapons Center, members of the China Lake Community Council board of directors will act as precinct captains, overseeing the efforts of neighborhood volunteers in the precincts already designated as Community Council boundaries.

These captains are: Precincts 3 and 7 — Rudy Shepard and Aletha Benson; Precincts 5 and 6 — Lovic Thomas and Richard Wolff; Precincts 4 and 8 — Wilt Wyman and Don Stanton; Precincts 1 and 2 — Dan Baker and Robert Fletcher, and Precinct 9 (Wherry housing) — Gary Beale and Dick Mahan. (China Lake residents wishing to know which precinct they reside in need only refer to the back inside page of the Center's telephone directory.)

Inyokern Precinct Captains
In Inyokern, the precinct captains will be Dorothy Stapp and Ann Watts. These women will oversee an area between Jack Ranch Rd. on the east and Highway 14 on the west.

Precinct captains in the remaining areas of Ridgecrest and outlying portions of Kern County have not yet been chosen.
Pat Leopard, chief coordinator for the drive, has put out a call for neighborhood captains. "Each volunteer will be given a maximum of 30 residences to cover on Jan. 26, and will carry with them all the necessary credentials and paperwork," she pointed out.
China Lake residents who wish to lend a helping hand by acting as a solicitor should call Mrs. Leopard at 446-7136, or the precinct captains listed for their area.
Residents of Ridgecrest also are asked to contact Mrs. Leopard to volunteer for the

role of neighborhood captain.
Nerve centers during the drive will be the Community Center at NWC, the Ridgecrest City Hall, and Inyokern Airport.

The TV Day goal of \$60,000 was established as a practical amount to be collected on that day. To date, a little more than \$19,000 has been contributed in the fund drive which has a final goal of \$100,000.

Equipment Must Be Replaced
The need for the latter amount was realized in 1974 when the Federal Communications Commission notified the Community Council that the TV booster stations did not meet current FCC regulations and that all of the equipment in use would have to be replaced, or else the local stations will have to discontinue operations.

"Once the goal has been reached, the entire valley will benefit by the improved transmissions from our booster stations," Mrs. Leopard said. "Not only will the existing seven channels be replaced, but three additional UHF channels will be added — one from San Bernardino and two from Bakersfield. In addition, FM Radio Station KLOS, from Los Angeles, will be included in the new translator equipment," she added.

Residents of the valley are reminded that their contributions should be in the form of a check or money order (although cash will be accepted), and should be made out payable to the China Lake Community Council. Those who wish to mail in their donation can do so by posting the check to the Council, P.O. Box 5443, China Lake, CA 93555.

Shopping Hours At Commissary Altered

Beginning this past Tuesday, a change in the hours of operation at the Commissary Store went into effect on Tuesdays and Wednesdays in a move aimed at providing better service to patrons.

Currently the Commissary Store is open on the following schedule: Mondays—10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Tuesdays—9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Wednesdays—10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Fridays—10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

arrived on the local scene in February 1973 and went right into the education services office.

Lt. D. W. Herrington, NAF's Personnel Officer, stated that YN3 Zielke is "... a worthy candidate for Bluejacket of the Month." In a letter nominating her for the award he added:

"This enthusiastic young lady utilizes her own above-average educational level to assist and aid her shipmates to improve and advance themselves. Her diligent performance of arduous advancement paperwork insures her contemporaries of a more than even break in Fleet-wide examinations. Her deliberate approach towards maximum service with minimum hassle easily outdoes Navy service standards."

YN3 Zielke is a second class petty officer selectee, although no date has yet been announced for her promotion.

Not long after her arrival at China Lake, YN3 Zielke (then YN3 Woempner) met AMH1 Dan Zielke and the two began dating. They were married in July. AMH1 Zielke is well known in the local area for his many volunteer flights with the China Lake Mountain Rescue Group as a helicopter crewman.

The Zielkes lead a quiet life. Occasionally, the pair journeys to Opal Canyon where they do a little rock hunting.

The January Bluejacket enjoys the Navy and is thinking seriously of a career. "I plan to complete my education, but I haven't thought much beyond that," she said.

One interesting note, AMH1 Zielke does all the cooking. "I hate to cook," the first female Bluejacket of the Month noted.

Nimrod Spar . . .

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near Lake Timsah presented other types of problems. The causeway was built by the Israelis, who didn't want their bridges burned behind them when they invaded Egypt, and was then destroyed when they pulled back. While at Lake Timsah, Dr. Austin and Halsey were housed at Navy quarters at Ismailia.

According to a recent news release from the U.S. Navy, the salvage operations are expected to be completed sometime this month.

Wind Storm . . .

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head of Code 70's Operations/Services Branch, reported.

The Naval Air Facility reported no damage — thanks to advance warning from the Weather Service Office that enabled all aircraft to be securely tied down well before the worst of the storm hit.

CHAMPUS Ensures Health Care For Dependents of Servicemen

(Editor's note: This is the fourth in a series of articles prepared for publication in The ROCKETEER regarding the problems currently faced by the Navy in providing medical care for its active duty and retired personnel and their dependents. Because of the importance of this information, it is suggested that readers affected by the cutbacks in medical service clip and save this and following articles.)

Even before the end of the draft, it became apparent that total demands for health care placed by DOD beneficiaries could not adequately be met in military facilities. The statutory authority was amended in 1966 by Congress to ensure the availability of health services for beneficiaries other than active duty members, when care was not available in military facilities.

This amendment is known as the Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services (CHAMPUS).

No Premium Charged

CHAMPUS is a health benefits program provided by law. Unlike a health insurance plan available on the commercial market, there is no premium. Those who are eligible pay only when medical care is obtained, and then only a small portion of the total cost. The program is composed of two parts, the Basic Program and the Program for the Handicapped.

At a time when the Navy's Medical Department is finding it increasingly difficult to provide the full range of health service to all beneficiaries, CHAMPUS provides the answer in many areas. It provides extensive outpatient and inpatient care in civilian facilities to dependents of active duty members, and for the first time, to retired members, their dependents and survivors.

Care under CHAMPUS is on a cost-sharing basis with both CHAMPUS and the patient paying part of the bill.

Those who are eligible under the Basic Program are:

Covered by CHAMPUS

Spouses and children of members of the uniformed services serving on active duty (except those on active duty less than 30 days).

Former members who are entitled to retired pay, or equivalent pay and their spouse and children.

Spouses and children of members who die while serving on active duty or while entitled to retired pay.

Most beneficiaries will become eligible for Social Security Medicare benefits at age 65 and lose their CHAMPUS eligibility. If not eligible for Medicare hospital benefits and evidence to this effect is submitted, CHAMPUS coverage can be continued.

The program applies to all of the uniformed services: Navy, Army, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and the

Commissioned Corps of the Public Health Service. Dependent parents and parents-in-law are not eligible for CHAMPUS benefits; however, they can receive medical care at military facilities subject to availability.

A uniformed services ID card is the passport for the CHAMPUS program. Dependents need their DD Form 1173 (dependents' ID card). Retirees must use their gray colored ID card (DD Form 1). With valid identification, the beneficiary can go directly to a civilian physician, hospital or other authorized source of care and obtain care authorized by the program.

Dependents of active duty service members must first obtain a non-availability chit from the DOD medical facility which would otherwise have provided the care. When the provider of care (hospital or physician) participates in CHAMPUS, he agrees to accept the CHAMPUS payment together with the sponsor's cost-sharing portion as full payment for his services. The beneficiary must fill out and sign the first section of the claim for the provider.

Benefits Authorized

Authorized benefits under the CHAMPUS Basic Program, in general, are any procedures and types of care considered good medical practice other than that specifically excluded by law or regulation.

For inpatient care, dependents of active duty members pay the first \$25 of hospital or other inpatient charges or \$3.50 a day, whichever is greater. Retirees and all other dependents pay 25 per cent of hospital or other inpatient charges, and 25 per cent of the allowable charges of professional personnel.

For outpatient care there is \$50 deductible each fiscal year per patient, not to exceed \$100 per family. After the deductible has been met, the active duty dependent pays 20 per cent of the allowable charges.

In computing charges, inpatient care also includes care received on an outpatient basis within 30 days before admission and 120 days after discharge if that care is related to the same condition. For maternity care it includes all care related to the pregnancy. Drugs purchased from civilian sources, however, are paid for on an outpatient basis (i.e. on the \$50 deductible scale).

How Claims Are Paid

In the United States, Canada, Mexico and Puerto Rico, there are two contractors for payment of hospital and other inpatient claims. All other types of claims from other sources of care are paid by fiscal administrators in each state.

CHAMPUS advisors located on most bases and stations have complete information on CHAMPUS, and a list of correct addresses of hospital contractors and fiscal administrators.

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The Kontarsky Bros., Duo-Pianists

Famed Duo-Pianists To Present Concert on Jan. 16 at Theater

Alfons and Aloys Kontarsky, Europe's most acclaimed duo-pianists, will be featured in the third concert of the 1974-75 China Lake Civic Concert Association season on Thursday, Jan. 16.

The Kontarsky brothers will stage a program of original music for one piano (four hands) which begins at 8 p.m. in the Center Theater. The works of Mozart, Ravel, Stravinsky, and Schubert will be performed.

Tickets Now on Sale

Single admission tickets are priced at \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for students under 22 years of age, and enlisted military personnel. Pro-rata season tickets, which can provide a savings of up to 47 per cent on the three remaining concerts, also are available. All seats are reserved.

Tickets will be on sale today at the theater box office from 4:30 to 6 p.m., and again on Tuesday through Thursday during the same hours.

Martin Best will display the "Art of the Minstrel" on Wednesday, Feb. 12, and the Early Music Quartet, from Munich, Germany, will appear here on April 22.

Reception To Be Held

Immediately following next Thursday evening's program, a reception for the Kontarskys will be presented by the High Desert Music Teachers' Association in the East Wing of the All Faith Chapel. All members of the audience are invited to attend.

The brothers, who are both professors at the State Academy of Music in Cologne, Germany, were acclaimed as early as 1950, when they were still high school students. The two men play only original compositions, never compromising by playing arrangements. When performing classical compositions, they play only from "Ur-text-editions."

For their China Lake concert, the Kontarskys have selected Mozart's "Sonata in F Major, KV 497," "Ma Mere L'oye," by Ravel, Stravinsky's "Easy Pieces," and the "Divertissement a la Hongroise, Opus 54," by Schubert.
Although Aloys is one year older than



PATENT AWARD PRESENTED — Bob Hillyer (at right), head of the Fuze Department, examines a lateral photodetector that was devised by Ken LaBaw, a physicist in Code 33's Systems Study Branch, and Keith Gardner, who (at the time) was a physicist in the Electronics Branch of the Weapons Development Department's Infrared Systems Division, but was unable to be present for the photo. Labaw received \$40 in patent award money for this device which, when operated in the photoconductive mode, may be used in an optical tracking system to track the aim direction of a pilot's helmet. In such a system, the photodetector is used behind a lens to determine angles in the object space of the lens.

Contaminated Tuna Has Been Recalled

The Food and Drug Administration has advised of the voluntary recall of the below listed canned tuna because of histamine contamination:

Van Camp's brand chunk light tuna, Ralston Purina Co., St. Louis, Mo., lot number CL207/50F1C, 6½ oz. can.

Chicken of the Sea brand chunk light tuna, Ralston Purina Co., St. Louis, Mo., with the following lot numbers and can sizes — CL107/50G1C (3¼ oz.); CL207/50F1D (6½ oz.); CL207/50F2B (6½ oz.); CL207/50F1B (6½ oz.); CL207/50F2N (6½ oz.); CL307/50F1J (9¼ oz.); and CL307/50G1G (9¼ oz.).

Food stores and Commissaries are advised to withdraw from sale the above brands of canned tuna in the lot numbers and can sizes listed; inform their supplier of the quantity on hand, and request disposition instructions from the supplier.

South Gate Hours Cut

In line with the continuing effort to reduce overhead expenditures, the hours during which the Naval Weapons Center's south gate on Richmond Rd. will be open to traffic will be reduced.

Effective on Monday, Jan. 20, the new hours of operation at the south gate will be daily from 6 a.m. to midnight.