

### Paintings of Two Desert Artists On Display This Month

No two artists see the same scene alike. Cezanne, the famous French impressionist, once painted a plaza hundreds of times at different times of the day, and his experiments proved the values of light, tone and the artist's eye to the finished product. To further prove this theory locally, two desert artists - Maxine Booty and Lorraine McClung - have been painting outdoors together since September. The two members of the Desert Art League are the featured artists at the Community Center during the month of March and the paintings they completed during that time will be hung side by side.

The showing will demonstrate how two people can view the same scene differently, interpreting it according to their own interests, color sense and feelings.

The works will hang in the Cactus Hall and Joshua Rm. All interested persons are invited to view the paintings.

### Ardis Walker Will Speak at WACOM Meeting on Tuesday

Ardis Manly Walker, the dean of Sierra story tellers, will speak at the next meeting of the Women's Auxiliary of the Commissioned Officers' Mess (WACOM), which is to be held on Tuesday, beginning at 11 a.m., at the club.

Walker, who was born in the Kern River Valley, is considered by many to be the most sensitive, inspired and authoritative author and poet of the Sierra Nevada mountain areas since John Muir. He will tell something about his life and read from his written and published works.

Luncheon will be served at noon and the price is \$3.25 per person. The nursery will open at 11:15 a.m. for mothers with small children.

### Star Party Slated Tonight

The China Lake Astronomical Society is planning a star party tonight, beginning at 8, at Sandquist Spa for members and interested visitors.

Telescopes will be set up for use by anyone, however, all visitors are encouraged to bring a pair of binoculars.

Weather permitting, such celestial objects as the planet Saturn and its rings will be visible.



WORKING ON PHOTOGRAPHY BADGE - Wendy White snaps a photograph of Kelly Marvin and Meg Garrett (foreground, l.-r.) as part of her requirements toward earning a Girl Scout photography badge. Watching her is Ann Dorgan, leader of Troop 7. Throughout Girl Scout Week (March 9-15), activities such as this will be engaged in by members of local troops. Also planned are parties, clean-up details at the Girl Scout hut at Switzer Circle, and attending church services on Sunday to start the week-long celebration of the birthday of Girl Scouting.

### 1975 Observance of Girl Scout Week To Get Under Way Sunday

Girl Scout Week will begin Sunday throughout the nation. Locally, young girls and women in the movement will begin the week-long celebration by attending religious services at the All Faith Chapel, dressed in their uniforms.

Throughout the week, local units have planned many activities to celebrate the 63rd birthday of the Scouting movement, which was begun on March 12 in Atlanta, Ga., by Juliette Low. Girl Scout cookies, ordered a few weeks ago, will be delivered, along with the Scouts' thanks for the support provided by the purchasers.

The five Junior Scout troops in the area will hold a combined meeting and a Court of Awards ceremony Monday at Murray School, beginning at 7 p.m. Families and friends will be invited to attend.

During the program there will be presentations by each of the five troops on some aspect of Girl Scouting, including a showing of color film slides taken at Camp

Mountain Meadows. A community sing will be led by Senior Girl Scouts. Refreshments will be prepared by the members of Troop 148 - hostesses for the evening - who will be working on the requirements for the Cooking Badge.

During the week, Brownie Troop 200 plans to make placards that illustrate the fun of being a Brownie and carry them on Wednesday during a parade throughout their neighborhood.

Also next Wednesday, Junior Troop 172 and Brownie Troop 341 will hold a birthday party. Special guests have been invited and a cake, bearing 63 candles, will be baked for each party.

Another Girl Scout Week activity will be a clean-up and work party tomorrow at the Girl Scout Hut, located at Switzer Circle. The trees will be pruned and the grounds raked and cleaned. In addition, work will be started on a fence surrounding the property.

The Girl Scouts of the Yucca neighborhood (Site "A" Capeharts) will hold a uniform exchange service at 613 Kearsarge Ave. during the week. Girl Scouts with items to contribute are asked to take the apparel, cleaned, mended and marked with the size, to that address. Scouts in need of uniforms and other articles of equipment, are invited to take advantage of this service.

### Motorists Advised To Be Alert For Street Paving Work

Spring is springing, the grass is on the rise; So, Mr. Motorist, be alert, Use your eyes!

There's a paving crew on board the base, Trying to make this a better place.

The above poem was written by Walt Hagen of the Public Works Department's Contract Division, who is the man in charge of the paving operations that are beginning now on the Center.

Crown Asphalt Coating Co., of San Dimas, Calif., will do the work on the \$269,000 contract, paving such areas as the Main Gate, the Michelson Lab parking lot, and others.

Hagen thought a poem might catch the readers' eye and remind them to be careful driving to and from work—once paving operations get under way.

The work is scheduled to be completed by June 11.

## 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 MARCH

"THE SUMMERTIME KILLER" (100 Min.)

Karl Malden, Olivia Hussey  
(Action Drama) A number of sudden mobster assassinations across the U.S. cause the mob to hire a crooked cop to investigate. The killer kidnaps the daughter of the crooked policeman and arranges a trap to lure her father to his death at a bull fight. (PG)

SAT. 8 MARCH

"OPEN SEASON" (103 Min.)

Peter Fonda, John Phillip Law, William Holden  
(Action Drama) Three war buddies leave their middle-class lives behind and take a lakeside cabin in an isolated wilderness reachable only by boat. They appear to be average beer-drinking, skirt-chasing guys until they kidnap Cornelia Sharpe and her boyfriend. (R)

SUN. 9 MARCH

"THAT'S ENTERTAINMENT" (130 Min.)

Frank Sinatra, Fred Astaire  
(Musical Documentary) Celebrating MGM's 50th anniversary, 11 stars introduce highlights from the company's musicals. Hosts include Gene Kelly, James Stewart, Liz Taylor, Debbie Reynolds, Liza Minnelli and Bing Crosby. (G)

MON. 10 MARCH

"DEAF SMITH AND JOHNNY EARS" (92 Min.)

Anthony Quinn, Franco Nero  
(Western) Anthony Quinn, as Deaf Smith, is in partnership with Johnny Ears. Shortly after Texas wins its independence from Mexico, the team is asked by Sam Houston to locate and destroy a band of rebels dedicated to creating a new dictatorship which would block the entrance of Texas into the United States. (PG)

TUES. 11 MARCH

"THE GAMBLER" (111 Min.)

James Caan, Lauren Hutton  
(Drama) James Caan is a compulsive gambler and finds himself owing \$44,000. He makes love to mistress Lauren Hutton and approaches his mother, Jacqueline Brooks, for the money. She's a well-to-do doctor and daughter of self-made furniture dealer Morris Carmovsky. She's against helping her son until she realizes his life may be at stake. (R)

WED. 12 MARCH

"THE NEPTUNE FACTOR" (98 Min.)

Ben Gazzara, Yvette Mimieux  
(Science Fiction) An undersea laboratory and all its inhabitants are in jeopardy and its rescuers risk their lives to save the ones in the lab. (G)

THURS. 13 MARCH

"BIG BAD MAMA" (87 Min.)

Angie Dickinson, Tom Skerritt  
(Crime Melodrama) Angie Dickinson and her two daughters seek out local bootlegger Uncle Barney in search for a better future, and they set out for the bright lights of Waco. Uncle Barney is killed by federal agents and the three try to carry on his bootlegging trade, but mismanage it comically. Small success intrigues the trio to try bigger jobs. On one robbery they meet a handsome rogue, Tom Skerritt, who soon is bedding with Angie to the chagrin of the two daughters. (R)

FRI. 14 MARCH

"THE LEGEND OF HELL HOUSE" (94 Min.)

Pamela Franklin, Roddy McDowall  
(Horror) Four people agree to stay in the haunted house in an attempt to prove that a ghost can actually commit a murder. (PG)

IF YOU'RE WALKING...

Never pass between parked cars to cross a street. Tell children that this is not the kind of surprise a driver can suddenly cope with.

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### Special Tests Under Way Using Miniature Aircraft

General aviation's most talked-about airplane, the BD-5, arrived earlier this week at the Naval Air Facility.

The jet engine-powered version of this miniature aircraft, which is only 12 ft., 5 in. long, and has a wingspan of just 17 ft., is being brought here for a two-week period, and will be flown for special tests.

Bruce Saiger, an electronics technician in the Electronic Warfare Department, is the project engineer for the upcoming series of tests utilizing the pint-sized aircraft.

According to Saiger, the BD-5J is being used as an alternate solution to launching remotely piloted vehicles (RPV). The test requirements call for an extremely small, relatively-fast aircraft. The size and control restrictions eliminated all existing RPVs in the Navy's inventory.

The solution was a piloted aircraft, and the BD-5J was selected. This tiny plane has a gross weight of just 900 lb. and is capable

of speeds in excess of 285 mph. In addition to the obvious advantage of having the flexibility offered by a piloted aircraft, an estimated \$200,000 will be saved by eliminating the need to develop and install special altitude controls if an RPV had to be used for these tests.

Due to the popularity of the BD-5 within general aviation circles, several pilots (both military and civilian) were anxious to assume the pilot's duties for the tests. However, because of the critical flight profiles involved, Bob Bishop, a jet demonstration team member from Bede Aircraft in Newton, Kans., will be at the controls of the microjet for the test series. The BD-5J is the jet model of a propeller driven aircraft that is offered in kit form to home builders of aircraft. Many of these kits are reported to be in various stages of construction in the local area.

Bob Hoover, a former test pilot who is now the director of customer relations for North American Rockwell and appeared here during the recent Inyokern Air Intercept, is one of the few guest fliers yet to be given the opportunity to demonstrate the aerobatic capabilities of the microjet during air races held at Reno, Nev., last fall.

Richard B. Weegman, an experienced flier who writes for Air Progress magazine, described his first take-off at the controls of the BD-5J in the following words. "I was careening down the taxiway with the sensation of being lashed inside a shoebox nailed to a runaway rocket sled."

### Results Reported Of Voting in Tuesday's School Dist. Election

Roderick McClung, one of two incumbents seeking re-election to the Sierra Sands Unified School District's board of education, was the top vote-getter in Tuesday's election with a total of 1,272.

A former China Lake Elementary School District trustee for six years, McClung, who first came to this area in January 1946, retired in 1973 after 27 years as an employee at China Lake.

Other successful candidates, who are scheduled to assume their new duties at an organizational meeting of the school district's new board of education on April 3 are James H. Lewis, a model maker and sheet and plate welder in the NWC Engineering Department's Metalworking Branch, who received 1,119 votes; and Robert R. Sizemore, head of the NWC Engineering Department's Fleet Service (Continued on Page 3)

### Recreation Council To Meet March 13

The next monthly meeting of the Joint Navy - Civilian Recreation Council will be held next Thursday, March 13, starting at 8:30 a.m. in the Joshua Room of the Community Center.

Among the principal items of business to be taken up will be a report by Max Smith on the third annual Banquet of Champions, held on Feb. 22 at the CPO Club.

In addition, council members will consider a request for funds to help pay for expansion of Minville Park, recreation area at the Naval Air Facility swimming pool, and also will go into an evaluation of the hours of operation at various Special Services Division facilities.



HERE FOR SPECIAL TESTS - The BD-5J, a miniature-size jet engine-powered aircraft, was the focus of attention at the Naval Air Facility when it arrived here this past weekend preparatory to participating in special tests this week and next. Bob Bishop, a jet demonstration team member from Bede Aircraft, will be at the controls of the small, but speedy machine during the tests. —Photo by Tom Carter

### Briefings Conducted This Week on Naval Weapons Center's Master Housing Plan

Beginning this past Monday, Naval Weapons Center department heads and top management, members of the China Lake Community Council's board of directors and the Ridgecrest City Council were briefed on NWC's master plan for housing, which calls for disposing of quarters that are excess to the Center's needs.

Capt. William F. Daniel, Jr., NWC Public Works Officer, and Cal Fallgatter, head of the Housing Division, presented an overview of the results of a review that was an extension of the study conducted under the direction of Dr. Ivar Highberg, a consultant to the NWC Technical Director, and then indicated the changes that have been proposed in the study group's recommendations.

#### Action Needed To Remedy Problem

It was pointed out by Fallgatter that the number of vacant housing units (which now stands at 560) makes it mandatory that steps be taken to rectify this situation in order to satisfy the Navy housing regulations' occupancy rate of 98 per cent. It is proposed that the Center retain only the number of housing units and land deemed necessary to meet requirements based on accomplishment of the Center's mission.

In view of this situation, the Center will proceed with a program recommending the

excessing of some of its housing assets through the General Services Administration (GSA), the government real estate agency. (The "excessing" process includes declaring both the land and attached buildings excess to Navy needs for the purpose of disposal.)

At present it appears that about 1,700 housing units will be retained when the planned excessing of some housing is

completed. The net effect will be to reduce Navy-owned housing units by 896—or about a third of the Center's 2,625 usable housing quarters.

In developing the disposal procedure with GSA, the Center will request that full consideration be given to allowing the civilian occupant the opportunity to purchase his present quarters at a negotiated priced (Continued on Page 3)

### BEQ Master-at-Arms Chosen As NWC's 'Bluejacket of Month'

Mess Management Specialist First Class Melito Guanga, who is the Master-at-Arms and assistant manager of the Bachelor Enlisted Quarters, has been selected the March "Bluejacket of the Month."

According to Chief S. S. Taylor, Guanga's supervisor, the March Bluejacket is "an outstanding sailor, in every respect." Chief Taylor described Guanga as "very conscious of his personal appearance and conscientious in the performance of his duties.

"He has developed the facility of combining his two duties into one and meets and handles each situation as it arises to the complete satisfaction of all concerned," Chief Taylor's nomination read.

Further describing Guanga as "cheerful, cooperative, and willing to work hard," Chief Taylor also noted that the March Bluejacket could be "... quite firm when the situation demanded."

Chief Taylor ended his recommendation with "All personnel residing in the NAF barracks will have their tours of duty enriched through the efforts of this man."

The NAF sailor, who was born in Kawit Cavite, near Manila in the Philippine Islands, came to China Lake in October 1973 from the USS Downes, a destroyer homeported then at Long Beach.

The 16 year Navy veteran will receive an all-expenses paid weekend in Bakersfield for he and his wife, Brenda, as a result of his selection for the monthly Bluejacket award. While in Bakersfield, the Guangas will be

hosted by the Bakersfield Inn, where they also will receive their meals.

After arriving in Bakersfield in a new Ford automobile, loaned to him by Doug Butler, owner of Desert Motors in Ridgecrest, to use on the weekend trip, the March Bluejacket will be greeted by representatives of the Greater Bakersfield



MS1 Melito Guanga  
Chamber of Commerce. MS1 Guanga also will receive gift certificates and discount coupons from that city's merchants who (Continued on Page 4)



MEN'S WEAR STORE OFFICIALLY OPENED - Rear Admiral R. G. Freeman III, NWC Commander, smiles broadly as he cuts the ribbon to the new Navy Exchange Men's Wear trailer, located in the parking lot between the Exchange and the Commissary Store. The others in the photo are (l.-r.): Lt. E. N. Smith, NWC's Exchange Officer; Capt. F. E. McDonald, the NWC Director of Supply, and (at right) Lcdr. John Kwolek, the Navy Exchange Officer for the Pt. Hueneme complex, of which China Lake is a part. The men's retail store, which was officially opened last Friday, did \$4,000 worth of business in two days - normally a half-month total. —Photo by Tom Carter



**WINS NAVY COMMENDATION MEDAL** — Jean Daniel, the wife of Capt. William F. Daniel, Jr., NWC's Public Works Officer, pins a gold star on her husband that was presented to him recently in lieu of a second award of the Navy Commendation Medal. In the citation that accompanied the award, signed by Admiral J. L. Holloway III, CNO, for the Secretary of the Navy, Capt. Daniel was cited for meritorious service from August 1971 to October 1974 as head of the Naval Facilities Engineering Command's Northern Division Acquisition Department, in Philadelphia, Pa. Capt. Daniel's managerial skill, exceptional leadership, and comprehensive understanding of the military construction system — exercised during a time when four engineering field division acquisition departments were being consolidated into the one division — were listed as the principal reasons for the commendation. Rear Admiral R. G. Freeman III, NWC Commander, looks on at right. —Photo by Ron Allen

### 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 452, 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 454 or 457). 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.

Assistant Technical Director for Test & Evaluation and Head, Test and Evaluation Dept., 10 USC 1581, Code 37 — Guides, directs and coordinates support for other DoD labs and facilities in the area of weapons systems performance and "outdoor" environmental test and evaluation. Develops new and improved facilities and instrumentation technology to meet future weapon system test requirements. Job Relevant Criteria: Must be a professional employee, with background and experience in the fields of mechanical, electrical, and aeronautical engineering. Must have recent experience in the planning, organizing, and control of a major T&E organization, with specialized instrumented facilities for testing air and ground launched weapons. Must have a thorough understanding of ground and range operations and instrumentation. File applications for the above with Pat Gaunt, Bldg. 34, Rm. 212, Ph. 2514.



**SAFETY MILESTONE** — D. J. Russell, head of the Electronic Warfare Department, accepts a plaque from Rear Admiral R. G. Freeman III, NWC Commander, that signifies 2 million man hours worked in his department without a lost time accident. The period covered by the safety award is from December 1971 to October 1974.

### COM Slates Navel Maneuvers; Books Belly Dance Troupe

"Sheila and Her Harem" — a group of belly dancers — will appear at the Commissioned Officers' Mess next Friday, March 14. Reservations are limited, so patrons who plan on attending this gala event are asked to call 446-2549 early to reserve seating.

A beef shish ke-bob will be served, along with pilaf, kibbeh, tahina, mousassa and stuffed grape leaves. In addition, assorted salads and desserts will be part of the menu. Tickets are priced at \$6.50 per person. The show will begin at 11 p.m. and dinner will be served from 7 until 10 o'clock.

**Dance Planned Tonight**  
The El Batuka band will play for a dance tonight, beginning at 9 o'clock. Veal Oscar is the specialty of the dining room.

All club members and their guests are invited to attend. Tomorrow night is Members' Night. A spaghetti dinner with garlic bread and salad for \$1.75 per person will be offered. Children under 10 years of age will be served for \$1.25.

### USC Advisors Due Here

Professors Nasser Nahi and C. Roger Freberg, from the University of Southern California, are scheduled to visit the Naval Weapons Center on Thursday, March 13.

The two men will be here to counsel students and prospective students on the USC graduate program in engineering.

Appointments for counseling sessions can be made by calling NWC ext. 2641 no later than next Wednesday, March 12.

### 'Walk-a-Thon' for March of Dimes Slated Here

The High Desert Junior Woman's Club will sponsor a "Walk-a-Thon" on Saturday, April 12, to benefit the March of Dimes.

Although a new event in this area, Walk-a-Thons have been held in many communities throughout the nation. The local version will begin at the Desert Empire Fairgrounds at 8 a.m. and cover a distance of 12 miles.

Each walker must obtain sponsors (people who are willing to pledge "X" amount of money for each mile walked by the contestant.) The more sponsors an entrant has, the more money he will earn for the March of Dimes — plus a 10-speed bicycle from Grant's Department Store,

which will go to the walker whose efforts bring in the most money.

Participants will walk from the fairgrounds, down Richmond Rd. to the first checkpoint at the FEDCO station. Then they will move on to Richmond School via Saratoga, Blue Ridge and Ticonderoga Avenues. McBride Park is the third checkpoint, and the Security Pacific Bank parking lot in Ridgecrest, follows. From there, the participants will walk back to the starting point.

All proceeds from the walk will be used by the March of Dimes to combat birth defects through research, education and treatment.

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### DIVINE SERVICES

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	1700	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		
Ninth thru 12th grades		
"In Home" Discussion Groups		
Monthly Youth Rallies		
Contact Chaplain's Office for specifics.		
JEWISH SERVICES		2000
Friday 1st and 3rd ONLY — (Sept.-May)		
Sabbath Services		0900
Saturday	Sabbath School	
UNITARIANS		1900
CHAPLAIN ANNEX 95		
Services — (Sept.-May)		



**THRIFT SHOP WORKERS RECOGNIZED** — Ditty Riggs (center), advisor to the Thrift Shop for the Women's Auxiliary of the Commissioned Officers' Mess (WACOM), recently presented certificates of service to Mary Atkinson and Liz Johns (from left). The two women donated 20 hours each in helping to operate the Thrift Shop during the period July 1 to Dec. 31, 1974. From the right are Inez Lebeck and Lucille Beecroft, who were co-chairmen of the used merchandise store operated by WACOM during that same period. —Photo by Maurice Dias



**NAVY WIVES OMBUDSMAN** — Norma Pickens, the wife of AMEC J. R. Pickens, VX-5's leading chief, recently was appointed as the Navy Wives ombudsman for Air Test and Evaluation Squadron Five. She is shown receiving the ombudsman pin from Capt. E. M. Crow, Commanding Officer of the squadron, during a recent ceremony. Mrs. Pickens works at the Navy Exchange Annex. Ombudsman is a term taken from Sweden, recently incorporated into the English language, and is translated as meaning one who has power to listen to complaints of the people and take action on abuses and wrongs done them by public officials.

### President Ford Wants 5% Limit Placed On Fed'l Pay Increase Slated in October

President Gerald Ford has proposed that the Oct. 1, 1975, federal pay raise be limited to a five per cent increase.

However, the "Pay Comparability Act" of 1968 requires that the federal pay rate be comparable with civilian enterprise pay rates. Although a final report from the Bureau of Labor and Statistics on this year's increase in civilian salaries has not yet been released, it is estimated that the report will show a civilian increase of about eight to nine per cent.

Public Law also requires that an agency selected by the President, and an advisory committee each year recommend to the President a federal pay raise amount. These

recommendations are based in part on the Bureau of Labor and Statistics report. The President's proposed five per cent pay raise, once formally presented to Congress, will automatically be implemented unless either house of Congress adopts a resolution disapproving it.

If this happens, the President is then required to implement a pay increase similar to the increase recommended by his agent and advisory committee. In 1974, a law was passed requiring that all future military pay raises be applied to monthly basic pay, basic allowance for subsistence (BAS) and basic allowance for quarters (BAQ). This year's pay raise will be spread over basic pay, BAS and BAQ.

### Joint Service Board Studying Methods Of Improving Commissary Store Operations

Five U.S. Navy representatives serving on a Joint Service Board met recently to study methods for improving the efficiency, organization and operation of military commissary stores.

The study, requested by the Secretary of Defense, will determine what changes, if any, should be made to the commissary store system to help reduce costs and provide better service to patrons.

Among the alternatives considered were: a service - wide management organization

### Public Works Will Begin Servicing Of Air Coolers Monday

In preparation for the summer months, the servicing of evaporative coolers will be undertaken by Public Works Department craftsmen beginning on Monday.

During the period from March 10 through May 30, the air coolers will be serviced in the Old Normac, LeTourneau, Wherry, SOQ and JOQ housing units. Access to the coolers requires entrance to these quarters.

Permission to enter will be requested if the tenant is at home. Residents who do not desire the workmen to enter their premises when they are not present are asked to contact Jim Svitak, by calling NWC ext. 2082 at the Housing Office. Permission to enter will be assumed if no notification is received.

to operate commissaries; common management organization to operate commissaries; common management organizations for combined exchange and commissary operations within individual services; a single DoD agency to operate all commissary stores; and continuation of the current organizational structure.

The board's recommendations are scheduled to be submitted to the Secretary of Defense by early summer.



**ORIENTATION TOUR OF COLLEGE** — Dr. G. L. Hollingsworth, NWC Technical Director (l.), and Rear Admiral R. G. Freeman III, NWC Commander (2nd from left), paid a visit Tuesday to Cerro Coso Community College. Shown with them are (l.-r.) Dr. Richard Jones, president of the college; Dr. Richard Meyers, dean of instruction, and Ray Marsh, the college's public information officer and supervisor of northern outreach. While there, the Skipper and Technical Director were briefed on the variety of programs offered at the college.

### Employee In The Spotlight

Dr. Raymond T. Merrow, an operations research analyst in the Weapons Planning Group, began his Federal service in May 1942 as a junior chemist at the Eastern Regional Research Lab, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), in Philadelphia, Pa. With the exception of a break from 1947 to 1951 while he studied for his master's degree and Ph.D. at the University of Colorado in Boulder, he has served his country well, distinguishing himself many times through his work and through his service to the community.

Received 30-Year Pin

Recently, he celebrated his 30th anniversary of Federal Service.

Ray was born in Allport, Pa., and was graduated from Morris Township High School, Morrisdale, Pa. He received his bachelor's degree from Juniata College in Huntingdon, Pa., graduating cum laude. Ray's first employment was as a high school teacher in Morrisdale, Pa., but one year later he joined the Union Steel Castings Co., in Pittsburgh, as an analyst.

He entered Civil Service in 1942 with the USDA and in 1943 left to become an officer in the U.S. Navy, serving mostly in the Aleutian Islands. He is now a lieutenant commander, USNR (Ret.)

In 1946, Ray returned to the Department of Agriculture prior to entering college to seek his doctorate. In March 1951, Ray came to China Lake.

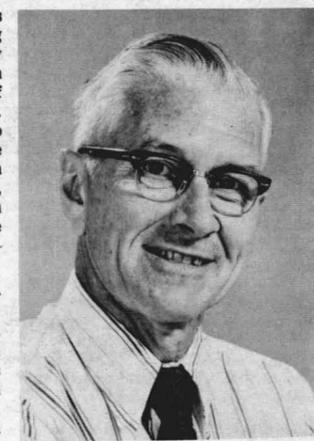
Worked Here First as Chemist

He began his career here as a chemist in the Research Department's Chemistry Division. In December 1968 he became head of the Propulsion Development Department's Solid Propellants Branch. Ray moved into the Fluorocarbon Development Branch in November 1963 as the branch head and, in March 1964, he was switched again. This time he was made head of the Systems Analysis Branch of Code 45.

In September 1971, he took over his present duties as an operations research analyst in Code 12. From August 1972 to January 1973, Ray attended the Armed Forces Staff College at Norfolk, Va.

Ray has been quite active at China Lake. From 1951 to 1969 he was a member of the American Chemical Society and served the local section as treasurer and chairman. He is a long-standing member of Sigma Xi, Phi Lambda Upsilon and the Research Society of America. He was treasurer of the China Lake chapter of RESA in 1973 and 1974.

In addition, Ray was a member of the Education Committee for Ordnance Sciences from 1963 to 1969, and he has served as chairman of the sub group on Propellant Ingredients Utilization of the AdHoc Study Group on Chemical Rocket Propulsion.



Dr. Raymond T. Merrow

Ray was also the last NWC liaison officer to serve in Washington, D.C., before the office was closed. He pulled a two-month stint in October and November 1973.

Ray is listed in "American Men of Science," "Who's Who in the West," and will soon be in the 1975 edition of the "Dictionary of International Biography."

He has been a very active participant in the Burros Band Boosters and serves on the adult committee of Explorer Post 891, Boy Scouts of America. For several years, Ray also sat on the church council of the Grace Lutheran Church.

Active in City Affairs

Since moving to Ridgecrest, Ray has joined the city's recreation commission and the planning commission.

During his 30 years of Federal service, Ray has written 27 publications, presented 17 papers, and has been granted one patent.

The Merrows are a musical family. Ray's wife, Margaret, who is a substitute teacher for the Sierra Sands School District, is a pianist. Margaret, a former full-time teacher, also enjoys playing bridge.

Raymond Charles, 23, who is presently serving in the U.S. Army, is also a pianist. In addition, he is skilled at playing the woodwind instruments. Daughter Carolyn, 15, is a violinist and flautist. Donna Jean, 18, a senior at Burroughs High School, is an accomplished clarinetist, but is also quite active in sports at Burroughs. She skis and plays volleyball, softball, and intramural basketball.

Carolyn, a freshman at Burroughs, will be one of the four youth soloists in the next concert planned by the Desert Community Orchestra.

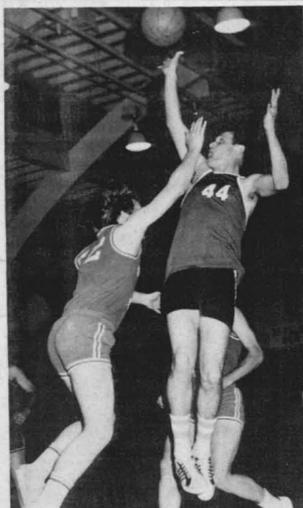
Voice of Musical Talent

"I used to play on the lineoleum," Ray joked. "Seriously, the children got all their musical talent from me. That's why I don't have any," he added.

The Merrows are very fond of traveling and have been to many places in the U.S. and Canada, especially the National parks. Recently they completed a month's vacation to Alaska via the inside passage by ferry from Seattle. "What beautiful country," Ray remarked.

The family owns an Airstream trailer and has used it on most of their trips. This year they are planning a visit to the bottom of the Grand Canyon. "We'll be going by mule rather than by trailer," Ray pointed out.





OVER THE TOP — Dave Taylor, who plays on the Barons team in Division "C" of the China Lake Intramural Basketball League, leaps high to make a basket during the game won by his team, 47-37, against the Pioneers, for the division title. In the bottom photo, members of the Moby Bates and NAF Hawks battle for the ball in the Division "B" title game, won by the Moby Bates, cagers, 69-55. —Photos by Ron Allen



### Allen Wins 220-lb. Wrestling Title in Navy West Coast Meet

Lt. Terry Allen, the Data Processing Officer at Air Test and Evaluation Squadron Five, won the Navy's West Coast 220 lb. freestyle wrestling championship last week at NAS Alameda.

Allen, who normally wrestles in the 198 lb. division, had a big meal the night before the weigh-in and was found to tip the scales at 199 lb., which disqualified him from wrestling in his own class. Therefore, he competed in the 220 lb. class, and won!

In his match-ups for the crown, he defeated the 220 lb. class champions from the 11th, 12th and 13th Naval Districts. The A-4 Skyhawk pilot gave a lot of credit for his success to the practice sessions he had here at home wrestling with Barry Olson and John Stubblefield, both 220 pounders. In addition, just prior to making the trip south, Allen worked out with B. A. Harris, who made him exert a great deal of effort and tuned him up for the competition.

Lt. Allen, a 1968 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md., began wrestling at Prescott High School, Prescott, Ariz., and continued the sport while at Annapolis. In his senior year at the Academy, Allen won honorable mention All American in the 191 lb. class.

In 1972 and 1973 he was the state of Hawaii's Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) wrestling champion in the 198 lb. division.

### Local Golfers To Enter SCGA Playoffs After Win at Muroc

The China Lake Southern California Golf Association (SCGA) team won its final match against a similar squad from Edwards AFB (Muroc Country Club), 27-21, Sunday at Muroc.

"The weather was absolutely rotten, but it has been nearly every time we played this season, which might account for our success," joked Curt Bryan, captain of the team. The victory gave the China Lake contingent the championship and the team will now enter the SCGA playoffs, against an opponent as yet unknown.

The China Lakers wound up the season with a 5-1 record, losing only to the Hilton Inn golfers on the local course.

Bryan shot a 77 Sunday, which was low gross, while the partnership of Bill Sorbo and Gary Castor recorded the low team net for the day — a fine 67.

### Kyra Specht Wins Silver Medal At Class II Gym Meet

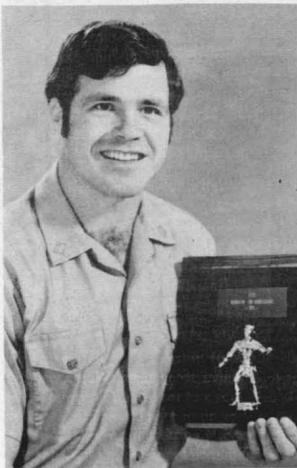
Four members of the High Desert gymnastics team competed last Saturday in Redlands against five other Southern California gymnastics' teams in the Class II District Meet.

Led by talented Kyra Specht, the local gymnasts more than held their own, as three of the four qualified to enter the prestigious Class II Southern California state championship meet, which is scheduled next month in Orange.

A silver medal was earned by Miss Specht, with all-around scores of 32.15 in compulsory routines and 27.45 in optionals. "Kyra was way ahead of all the others in compulsories. A shaky routine on the uneven parallel bar optionals was probably the only thing that kept her from coming in first in the competition," Mary Ann Wilcox, her coach, stated.

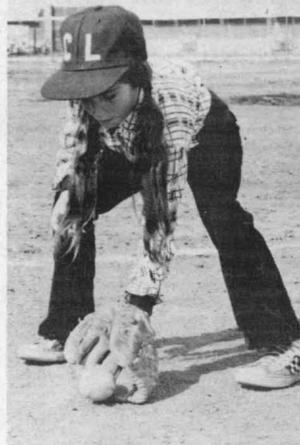
Patty Parks, competing with Miss Specht in the Junior Division, also earned high scores of 29.40 in optionals and 29.25 in compulsories. In addition, Mary Knemeyer, who was entered in the Children's Division, earned a total of 28.10 points.

Although she didn't score high enough to qualify for the state meet, young Kathy Lamb earned a respectable 25.65 points all-around, after putting in a hard-working first year on the team.



Lt. Terry Allen

Allen hopes to form an AAU team here at China Lake. Competition begins this month and anyone interested in wrestling in any division is asked to contact him by calling NWC ext. 5322. Allen will coach and train team members.



CATCH THE BALL, UH, DARLING — Zan Mendonca, 8, was the first of several girls to sign up for the 1975 China Lake Little League. She will play in the T-ball Division. Little League tryouts are scheduled tomorrow and again on Saturday, March 15, from 9 a.m. to noon at the Pony League diamond. Parents of youngsters who have not yet signed up are reminded that they may do so at the tryouts. Proof of age must be presented at the time of registration.

### Wilt's Corner

By Wilt Wyman

The Moby Bates cagers defeated the NAF Hawks for the title in Division "B" of the China Lake Intramural Basketball League last week and the Barons dumped the Pioneers in Division "C" playoffs.

This year, 24 teams competed in four separate divisions. Next year, the emphasis will be on recreation divisions designed solely for participation, rather than competition. Hopefully, more individuals will participate in the leisure time atmosphere of recreation-oriented competition.

#### Volleyball Practice To Begin

Practice games for teams entered in the China Lake Intramural Volleyball game will be scheduled, starting next week. Team captains should check the bulletin board in the gym for playing times.

The NWC varsity volleyball team leaves today for Barstow to compete in the Mojave Desert Inter-School League tournament. Jerry Kissick, team captain, hopes for a good showing as he has an excellent team this year. Good luck!

#### 11th Naval District Bowling

Rolloffs were held earlier this week to determine which six bowlers will go to Long Beach on March 22 and 23 to compete in the 11th Naval District bowling tournament. China Lake will send six representatives. The winners in Long Beach will compete in the 11ND championships, set for San Diego April 7-11.

### Cutsinger Bowls 668 To Lead Scoring In Premier League

Chuck Cutsinger led the scoring Monday night in the Premier League with a 668 series that included games of 253 and 233. Earle Roby notched a 632 set on single efforts of 235 and 235. Terry Miles recorded a 628 series and a 244 single game, while Bud Beltz fashioned a 612 series that included a 223 high game.

Jim Wright also tallied 612 and Thad Brightwell recorded a 606 three game set.

#### Friday Mixed 4-Some

Jack Herbstreit was high for the men on Feb. 28 in the Friday Mixed 4-Some League, bowling a 650 series that included a 255 game. Floyd Maxwell recorded a 223 single effort and Ed Plant notched a 210 game.

Pat Brightwell led the female bowlers with a 531 set. Carolyn Smith tallied 516 and Pat Maddux had a 514 series.



In The Catbird Seat

Wilt Wyman has scheduled practice games for all teams entered in the China Lake Intramural Volleyball League, which begins play on March 18.

The practice games will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday at the Center gymnasium, beginning at 6 o'clock both nights.

Three "leagues" have been established within the overall league. These are the Department, Open and Women's leagues, which are also divided further into "A" and Recreation divisions.

To date, 28 teams have signed up to play. All team captains are asked to check the bulletin board at the gym to learn the times and dates of their practice games, however, I will list them below, hoping there will be no last minute changes.

On Tuesday, at 6 p.m., Code 703 will meet the Ektelons (Code 65), and the Firefighters 8422 will play the T & E Rangers. At 7 o'clock, it will be the Blandy Boomers vs. the VX-5 Vampires, while the NAF Hawks go up against Code 40's Huff 'n Puffs.

The games scheduled for 8 o'clock are the Net Wits vs. the Kyties, and Duck Soup vs. the No-Ops. At 9 p.m., the contestants will be the Dingbats and the Shooters, and the Bouncers vs. Roberts.

Wednesday night's practice game schedule, which begins at 6 o'clock, shows the Firefighters 8421 vs. Code 122, and the Nets vs. the Sud Suckers. At 7 o'clock, the Mamas & Papas will meet the Pushers, and Zrada (Code 33) will oppose the Snorts. At 8 p.m., Desert Sounds take on the Court Clowns and the Ms. Takes will meet the Court Blanche squad.

During all of these practice tilts, the NWC varsity team members will observe the play and recommend to Wyman which league each team should enter. So the practice sessions are important. Don't miss them!

#### Soccer Clinics Set

A soccer clinic for children 15 years of age and under will be held on Tuesday and Thursday nights between 5:30 and 7 at the Murray School football field. This clinic will continue through the month of March, or until practice begins for Little League.

Another clinic for adults will take place on Monday and Wednesday evenings, also from 5:30 to 7. Instructors for the clinics are Marv Goodman and Frank Fulton.

Interested persons should come out to Kelly Field (Murray School) at the designated time. Soccer is a great game and playing it is a tremendous conditioner.

#### Volleyball Team

The NWC varsity volleyball team, under the leadership of Jerry Kissick, captain, left today for Barstow to compete in the MDISL tournament.

Carrying the banner for NWC in this competition, in addition to Kissick, are Ed Mikami, Bob Berry, Jim Bevin, Gary Schmidt, Bob Smith, Tim Higgins, Chuck Jones, Duane Fojt and Tom Hill.

The double-elimination tourney will conclude on Sunday. Last year, NWC did quite well in this event, finishing second overall. This year, the NWC Special Services Division is hoping for a first place trophy.

## Former, Present NWC Scientists On Nuclear Power Plant Panel

Dr. Emory Ellis and Dr. Pierre St.-Amand—the first an early-day pioneer who came to China Lake in 1943 with a group from CalTech to establish a rocket testing center and the latter an internationally-recognized expert in the field of geology and seismology—will be the participants in a day-long Kern County forum that will be held on Wednesday, March 19, at the Civic Auditorium in Bakersfield.

Purpose of the meeting will be to discuss a wide range of information bearing on all aspects of a nuclear power generating plant that is being proposed for location in the vicinity of Wasco—approximately 20 miles northwest of Bakersfield.

If completed as planned by the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power,

In 1973, he was one of seven international experts invited by the Organization of American States to inspect the earthquake-damaged city of Managua, capital of the South American country of Nicaragua, and make recommendations on its reconstruction.

As a consultant to Kern County, Dr. St.-Amand has set up a program concerned with seismic and other natural hazards to



Dr. Emory Ellis

this will be the largest nuclear power plant in the U.S. It will cover a 2,500 acre site and cost an estimated \$4.7 billion.

This forum is being co-sponsored by the Kern County Board of Trade and the Greater Bakersfield Chamber of Commerce, in cooperation with 19 chambers of commerce throughout Kern County. According to Ed Curtis, chairman of the forum's steering committee, its aim is to present all sides of the picture on the subject of having a nuclear power plant built near Wasco.

#### No Recommendations To Be Made

No recommendation will be made or vote of sentiment taken at the public information forum. "We simply hope that all who participate will come away with a better understanding about what the proposed project really is and what problems and possibilities it presents to Wasco and Kern County," Curtis said.

Dr. Ellis, who is now retired and lives in the Kern River Valley, will speak on the views of a concerned scientist. He became a Civil Service employee at China Lake in 1945 and later served as head of the old Rocket Department from November 1951 to August 1954. He then served for a short time as head of what was then called the Systems Programming Group before accepting a private industry job as director of planning of the Rheem Manufacturing Company's Ordnance Research and Development Department.

#### Also Served at Pentagon

Dr. Ellis also served for four years as a member of the Institute for Defense Analysis at the Pentagon, where he participated in evaluations of the effectiveness of new military weapons systems, including inter-continental strategic missiles.

Dr. St.-Amand's part in the forum will be to assess the matter of whether or not a nuclear power plant built at Wasco is sufficiently removed from active earth faults. He also will provide information on how much of a quake a nuclear power plant can withstand before the public is endangered.

An employee at China Lake since 1954, Dr. St.-Amand heads the Research Department's Earth and Planetary Sciences Division. He has won acclaim for his work in geology, geophysics, oceanography and atmospheric sciences.



Dr. Pierre St.-Amand

the county, and is directing the technical phases of developing this program. In addition, he consulted extensively on the Baldwin Hills dam failure in Los Angeles, as well as on atomic energy reactor sites at Bodega Head and in the Malibu area.

The Kern County forum on March 19, which will include a luncheon session at noon, will open at 9 a.m. and continue until 4:30 p.m. Tickets, which include the cost of the luncheon, are priced at \$6.50 each and can be ordered by contacting the Greater Bakersfield CoC office at 1807 19th St., phone (805) 327-4421.

#### AFGE To Meet Monday

The American Federation of Government Employees, Local 1781, will hold its regular monthly meeting on Monday in the Joshua Rm. of the Community Center, beginning at 7 p.m.

Local 1781 is the representative of a unit composed of non-supervisory civilian employees of the NWC Security Department's Police Division.



MOTO-CROSS BENEFIT SUCCESSFUL — Donations to the TV Booster fund drive topped \$80,000 this week, thanks to the highly successful moto-cross event (pictured above) held last Sunday at Sage Park. Hundreds of local motorcycle racing fans attended, thus helping to raise an additional \$1,233 for the fund drive. Mike Ayres, owner-operator of the oval track located south of Ridgecrest on Hwy. 395, donated all gate proceeds and money earned from the sale of concessions to the drive. Fund drive coordinators still hope to reach the \$100,000 goal, which was established as the amount necessary to buy and install equipment that meets the regulations of the Federal Communications Commission atop the Laurel and "B" Mt. translating sites. Equipment now in use does not meet FCC regulations. Persons who have not yet contributed to the drive may do so by sending a check or money order, made payable to the China Lake Community Council, to P.O. Box 5443, China Lake, CA 93555. —Photo by Ron Allen



DISTINGUISHED VISITOR — Dr. Harold Goldberg (at right), Chief Engineer on the staff of Vice Admiral Robert C. Gooding, Commander of the Naval Sea Systems Command in Washington, D.C., received an NWC plaque as a memento of his recent visit to China Lake. The presentation was made by Dr. G. L. Hollingsworth, NWC Technical Director. Dr. Goldberg, who was here for briefings on anti-ship missile defense and fuze programs, heard presentations by representatives of the Weapons Planning Group, the Surface Missiles, Electronic Warfare and Fuze Departments, in addition to meeting with both Dr. Hollingsworth and Capt. R. D. Franke, NWC Deputy Commander.

## NWC Housing Plan Outlined . . .

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based on the average selling price developed from the sale of similar types of housing. The sale of vacant units not needed by other government agencies will be available to any interested party.

Final determination of the number of housing units and land to be excessed will be controlled by the vacancy factor in those units remaining under Navy control. If, at some time in the future, there is still a sufficient number of housing units excess to the Center's needs, disposal of additional quarters will be recommended.

#### Housing Plan Guidelines

The selection of types of housing for disposal will be guided by the Center's desire to retain those units best suited to the long-term needs of NWC. The present plan of disposal will consider the following units in the initial increment: 600 Wherry housing units, 110 LeTourneaus, 84 one- and three-bedroom Normacs, and 122 two-bedroom Normacs.

Scheduled to be retained are 106 two-bedroom Normacs to cover projected bachelor requirements, while the four-bedroom Normacs also will be retained for

rental by larger families.

It is anticipated that the disposal of homes included in the first increment will take up to two years to process. During this time, the Center will continue to evaluate its requirements.

#### Next in Line for Disposal

If additional disposal is required, the next housing types to be considered will be the Normac duplexes, the Card St. apartments, the old duplexes located south of Halsey Ave., and the balance of the Normacs.

Because of the varied locations of the different types of housing, the security fence around NWC property will be moved to generally parallel Halsey Ave. This will avoid the cost of changing the location of the fence as additional phases of the program to dispose of Navy housing units are carried out.

If China Lake residents have questions, they are urged to contact a member of the Community Council's board of directors for information about this housing plan.

## Election Results . . .

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Branch, who garnered 842 votes. An affidavit requesting a vote recount was presented yesterday in Bakersfield by Sue Kyser, who was just one vote behind Sizemore with 841 in Tuesday night's unofficial tally.

Other candidates for election to the local school district's board of education, and the number of votes each received, were: Doris Hammer, 566; Marianna VanderWerf, 495; Richard Wolff, 369, and Judith Gill, 355.

In the balloting to elect one member to the Kern Community College District's board of trustees, the winner was Cecil J. Bailey, the incumbent, who received 19,074 votes. The challengers, Bill Nabers and Ronald Reid received 5,371 and 5,209 votes, respectively.

### Temporary 'Yield' Sign Put Into Use

Motorists leaving the Naval Weapons Center at the start of each working day are advised to be on the lookout for a change that was made Wednesday afternoon in the boulevard stop sign at the intersection of Sandquist Rd. (which leads to NAF from the Main Gate) and Halsey Ave.

During the period of time each morning that cones are set up to expedite the passage of traffic through the main gate, a temporary "yield" sign will cover the "stop" sign at Sandquist and Halsey.

At all other times, drivers will be required to come to a full stop at this intersection before proceeding.

## Authority on Teenage Alcoholism To Speak at United Way Meeting

The annual meeting of the United Way of Indian Wells Valley will be held on Wednesday, March 12, at the Burroughs High School Lecture Center, beginning at 6 p.m. Highlights of this yearly event will be a presentation by Art Cole, noted authority on teenage alcoholism and alcohol abuse, an election of new board members, recognition of individuals who distinguished themselves during the annual United Way fund appeal, and a brief business meeting.

### Nominees To Be Introduced

Chuck Arnold, who heads the nominating committee, will introduce Lowell Wilkins, Jerry Ennis, Pam Marker, Terry Vollmerhausen, Don Baer and Doris Burnett, whose names have been proposed for election to the board. Other nominations will be accepted from the floor prior to the election itself, which will take place during the meeting.

Mickey McDowell, who leads the campaign committee, will give a brief report during which he will pay recognition and issue awards to those individuals who generated outstanding response to the United Way fund appeal. Others who will give short reports at the meeting are Doug Warschauer, chairman of the budget committee; Rev. Cal Torrance, who heads the human services committee; and Lucia Essig, treasurer.

Jack Eisel, president of the local United Way's board of directors, also will speak

briefly. Following the meeting, Cole, who was the man most instrumental in guiding the realism and factual information contained in the recent television production, "Sarah T - Portrait of a Teenage Alcoholic," and who is a consultant to many state and national alcohol programs, will talk about this widespread problem.

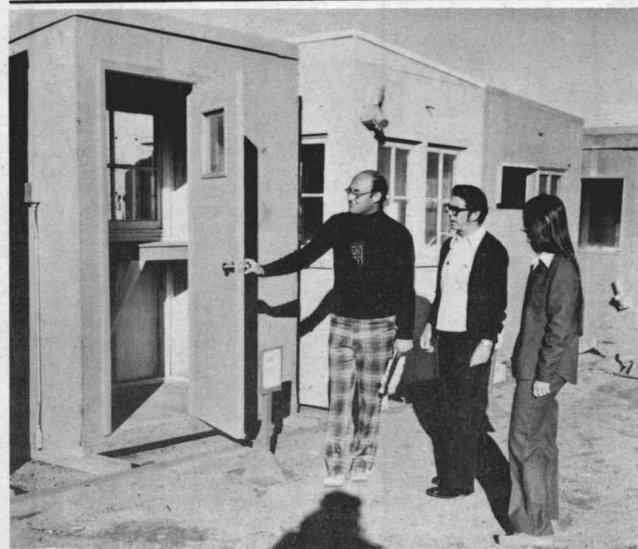
Cole, who is an account director with Grey Advertising, Inc. in Los Angeles, also was the man behind the Merv Griffin TV special about teenage alcoholics and was instrumental in the CBS-TV special, "Young Alcoholics," which aired recently in Los Angeles.

### Serves as State Consultant

In addition, Cole has been asked by Governor Edmund Brown, Jr., to be a consultant on teenage alcoholism and alcohol abuse in the State of California. He also acts in that capacity with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's office, the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, and the Los Angeles County Department of Health.

His presentation here has been arranged by Gene St.-Amand, the alcohol abuse coordinator at the Desert Counseling Center. Sharon Ballenger was responsible for putting together the annual meeting program.

All interested persons are invited and encouraged to attend.



**SURPLUS PROPERTY SALE COMING** — A sale of surplus government property will be held at the Naval Weapons Center on Thursday, March 20. Among the 212 different items to be sold are portable guard shacks (above), being shown by Bill Giuliani to Harold Stalnaker and Mary Davis (l.-r.), and plenty of electrical equipment, such as the voltmeter Giuliani holds (at left) while Gordon Peacock, who heads the NWC Defense Property Disposal Office, records the machine's number. Also to be auctioned off will be 43 vehicles, including a couple of Jeeps and Scouts, generators, calculators, typewriters, drill presses, household furniture, refrigerators, and land sailers. These items will be on display beginning March 12 from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, at the Defense Property Disposal yard. Persons who wish to bid on any of the property must be present and registered. Registration will begin at 8 a.m. on the day of the sale, which begins promptly at 9 o'clock. The registration and the auction will be held at the NWC Community Center.

## 'Bluejacket of Month' Picked . . .

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participate in the monthly program. A graduate of the U.S. Navy's Stewards Class "B" School, MSI Guanga served as leading steward aboard the USS Downes prior to being assigned to China Lake. He is looking forward to attending BEQ Management School in San Diego prior to completion of construction work on the new bachelor enlisted quarters at NWC in October. "They will be ready for occupancy in November," Guanga said.

Brenda is very active in the Navy Wives Club and is program chairman for the group. Guanga enjoys camping, fishing and oil painting. He has completed a correspondence course in drawing and painting, but he says he paints strictly for his own pleasure. "I drew the cover for the Navy Wives Club scrapbook, but normally I don't exhibit my work," he said.

Guanga also plays basketball and competed on the Hot Shots team in the China Lake Intramural Basketball League this past season.

The March Bluejacket served two consecutive tours of duty in Vietnam between 1968 and 1971 as a steward with Mobile Construction Battalion 121. The first tour was at Phu-Bai and the second was at Da Nang.

### Library Open Sunday

The library at the Cerro Coso Community College will remain open to students and the general public on Sundays from 1 to 5 p.m., it was announced by Frank Selvara, library director.

The new library hours reflect the college's philosophy of serving the community.

The Guangas enjoy traveling and are planning a trip to the Philippines this summer. The couple has two children. They are Tanya, 6, a kindergartner at Pierce School, and Jennifer, 18 months old.



**AIR FORCE OFFICIAL WELCOMED**—Lt. Col. J. R. Gibbons (at left), Air Force liaison officer assigned to the Naval Weapons Center, was on hand to greet Major General Al Slay, when the latter stopped off for a recent day-long visit. While at NWC, Maj. Gen. Slay, who is the Air Force's Director of Operations Requirements and Development Plans and Deputy Chief of Staff for Research and Development, received briefings on air-to-air and air-to-ground weapons systems and associated technologies. He also had the opportunity to examine NWC-designed missile hardware and personally operated a Visual Target Acquisition System (VTAS).

## HAPPENINGS AROUND NWC

"Never Too Late," the spring production of the China Lake Players, will continue this week with two more performances, and will end on Friday and Saturday, March 14 and 15, with the final two performances.

The comedy, which will be staged tonight and tomorrow night at the Players' Hut, 405 McIntire St., beginning at 8:15, revolves around a couple that has been married for 25 years and is expecting another child.

Seating is by reservation only. Tickets are priced at \$2 for adults and \$1.25 for students and military enlisted personnel. The numbers to call to reserve a seat are 375-9470 and 375-9161.

### Program on Beekeeping Set

K. H. Robinson, director of the Maturango Museum, will present a program on beekeeping at the Richmond School auditorium on Thursday, March 13, at 7:30 p.m. The program is part of the museum's lecture series and is open to the public

without charge.

Hints on how to raise bees and beat the sugar shortage — as well as cost estimates on getting started — will be included by the speaker, who has been keeping bees for more than 40 years.

In addition, a half-hour film on bees will be shown which features color photography taken inside the beehive.

### Square Dance Planned

Ken Bower, renowned square dance recording star, will be the guest caller for a Jim Dandies square dance tomorrow night, starting at 8, at the Community Center.

Guests will come by bus from Lancaster and the Kernville area to dance to the calls of Bower, who is known to be one of the best in the world.

All interested persons are invited to attend. A donation of \$1.75 per person will be asked to help cover expenses.

### Drama Slated March 25

Two presentations of "Lady on the Rocks" by an actor's group called Plays for the Living of Southern California have been rescheduled on Tuesday, March 25, in the Community Center's Cactus Hall.

This short drama, which is described as a revealing portrait of the effects that alcoholism can have in family, business and external relationships in the community, is scheduled at 1 and 3 p.m. on March 25.

NWC employees interested in attending either showing can make arrangements to do so by submitting an NWC enrollment form via proper department channels in time for it to be received by Code 654 no later than next Friday, March 14.

### Retirement Dinner on Tap

Friends of Assistant Fire Chief Emmet Miller and Firefighter Harold Espenlaub are invited to join the Fire Division in honoring them at a retirement dinner at the Commissioned Officers Club next Friday, March 14. Dancing to music by The Caravans will follow.

Reservations should be made no later than Monday. For additional details, contact Darrell Johnson, by calling NWC ext. 2095, or the Fire Division communication specialist at ext. 2404 or 2095.



## Husband and Wife Involved In Co-op Work Program at Center

Brandon and Janet Ahrens, a married couple who are seniors majoring in electrical engineering at New Mexico State University in Las Cruces, are back at the Naval Weapons Center once again as



Brandon Ahrens

participants in the Center's co-operative work and study program.

Under an agreement with nine colleges and universities throughout the nation, NWC provides college level students with the opportunity to alternate periods of academic study with periods of study-related or career-related employment.

This is the third spring semester in a row that Mrs. Ahrens has been at China Lake, while her husband, Brandon, has been here for two previous tours as a participant in the

## New Hours Adopted For Navy Exchange, Commissary Store

New hours of operation that will go into effect soon at the Commissary Store, the Navy Exchange and men's retail store, and at the Navy Exchange Annex were announced this week.

Beginning on Monday, March 17, the Commissary Store will open at 10 a.m. Monday through Friday and remain open until 5:30 p.m. each weekday except Thursday, when it will be open for an additional hour — until 6:30 p.m.

At the main Navy Exchange and men's retail store, the doors will open Monday through Saturday at 10 a.m. and close at 5:30 p.m. except on Thursday and Saturday when the closing times will be 7 and 2 p.m., respectively. On pay days, these two facilities will remain open until 7 p.m.

Hours of operation at the Navy Exchange Annex will be Monday through Friday, from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and Saturdays, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

## Ceramic Club Plans Show at Community Center March 16-17

The Desert Ceramic Club will stage its annual show on Sunday and Monday, March 16 and 17, at the Community Center.

Members will compete in 38 different divisions, ranging from miniatures to glazes, porcelains and hand thrown (potter's wheel) ceramic figures.

On display will be chess sets, figurines, vases, dinner ware, lamps, and other items. All entries on display will have been judged and ribbons will be attached to the winners in each division.

The show will be open to the public and there is no admission charge. Hours for the event are from 5 to 10 p.m. on March 16 and from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on March 17.

Door prizes will be awarded and the club will offer ceramic items for sale during the show.

co-op program.

Janet, who last year was the recipient of a scholarship from the Kennicott Copper Corp. to attend New Mexico State U, is now assigned to the Electronics Branch in the Engineering Department's Electro-mechanical Division. At the present time, she is receiving additional instruction in electronic circuit assembly and testing.

In addition to being involved previously in similar work with Code 3523, Janet also has picked up knowledge of computer programming during co-op program assignments with Codes 4063 and 4041.

Brandon, who is assigned this spring to the Electro-optical Guidance Branch of the Systems Development Department's Guidance and Control Division, is highly interested in his present job of building and checking out a video tracker.

During one of his two previous six-month stints as a participant in the co-op program, Brandon was involved in assembling microcircuits, doing layout work and learning his way around the Microelectronics Branch of the Engineering Depart-



Janet Ahrens

ment's Electromechanical Division. That was two years ago.

Last year, he handled testing and checkout of Sidewinder telemetry electronics and test gear while assigned to the Telemetry Branch of the Test and Evaluation Department's Instrumentation Support Division.



**STILL A CHAMPION** — While his fight ring days are over, Archie Moore, popular ex-champion of the world in the light-heavyweight division, showed the caliber of man he is as he described his ABC (Any Boy Can) program to a sizeable audience at the Center theater last Wednesday. Moore presented an inspirational talk during which he outlined his philosophy that anyone can attain his or her individual goal by thinking and acting positively, while at the same time following a moral and ethical code. During his visit to the Naval Weapons Center, the likeable fight world figure amazed youngsters at the Youth Center with a demonstration of the quickness of his hands. He put a ping pong paddle on the table in front of him, placed his hands behind his back, and then challenged the best player there to serve a hot one and try to get it past him. Despite the handicap, the ex-champ not only returned the serve but had so much on the ball that it couldn't be handled by his opponent. Moore is shown above as he refereed a ping pong game in which David Coryell (at right) and Bobby Lopez, were matched against two other players. Visits to the Microelectronics Laboratory and machine shop in Michelson Lab, a look around the China Lake community, and a short stop at the Chapparal Club also were included on the itinerary of Moore's visit to NWC.



**SEABEE RESERVES LEND HELPING HAND** — Four members of Reserve Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 17's Detachment 0217 from China Lake transported a grader and bulldozer to Johannesburg recently to help with the job of developing an improved Little League baseball field. Carl Nyholm, an equipment operator 1st class, was in charge of this detail. He was joined by Warren Berry and Anthony de la Cruz, both equipment operators 2nd class, and Bill Hickok, an electrician 2nd class. Another example of the Navy's Self-Help program, this project called for the Seabee Reservists to grade and fill portions of the playing field, in addition to removing part of a hill in order to provide a larger playing area. Other work which will be done by residents of the Rand District will include erecting a backstop, bleachers and a stone wall. —Photo by Ron Allen

## NWC Wins 2nd Place in Bronze Hammer Self-Help Competition

The Naval Weapons Center was notified this past week by Adm. J. L. Holloway III, Chief of Naval Operations, of its second place finish in Category II of the Navy-wide Self Help Bronze Hammer awards competition that concluded recently.

Category II includes all activities not having a Naval Construction Battalion Unit in the immediate area and where less than 1,000 enlisted personnel are stationed. First place in this category was won by the Naval Air Station at Fallon, Nev.

The Center got into the Navy-wide competition as a result of winning first place in the same category of the 11th Naval District competition last September.

Self Help projects at NWC are coordinated by BUCS William Cava, who is detailed to the Public Works Department. Senior Chief Cava is responsible for determining priorities of projects, arranging for messing

and berthing of Self Help volunteers from other units, and procurement and storage of required construction materials.

All projects undertaken in the Self Help program are of a permanent nature, designed and completed to enhance facilities provided for military residence or recreation.

During the past year, the following men and women of the U.S. Navy participated in Self Help programs at the Naval Weapons Center:

Fleet Seabees from Port Hueneme, Calif.; men from the Naval Support Facility, Antarctica; Reserve Mobile Construction Battalion 17, Sub Unit 11-2, China Lake; personnel of the Naval Air Facility and Air Test and Evaluation Squadron Five, China Lake.

Activities performed in the past year and submitted for judging in the Bronze Hammer competition, include the following:

Work at Minvielle Park recreation area at the NAF swimming pool; renovation of the Bachelor Enlisted Quarters; construction of picnic sites and recreation facilities on the ranges and at Sandquist Spa; help in the construction of two sections of 11 units each of a mobile home park for enlisted personnel; renovation of the NAF mess and galley; conversion of a quonset building into a youth gymnasium, installation of a car wash facility at the Auto Hobby Shop (still under way); renovation of the handball courts at the Center gymnasium, and various other community service projects.

## Tickets for Military Ball March 15 On Sale at CPO Club

A very few tickets still remain to be sold for the annual Military Ball, scheduled for Saturday, March 15, at the Chief Petty Officers' Club.

All active and retired military personnel and other eligible persons are invited to attend the gala affair. Tickets are priced at \$25 per couple and are available at the CPO Club.

George "Barney" Barnard, manager of the club, has booked the Good Time Music Co. for a dance tonight, beginning at 9 o'clock. Prior to the music, Barney will be serving prime rib in the dining room.

All members of the CPO Club and their guests are invited.