

Entries for Photo Fair, Set April 5-6, Now Being Accepted

Photographers in the Indian Wells Valley are urged to select their prints and color film slides they wish to enter in the 5th annual Photo Fair, set for April 5 and 6 at the Community Center by the China Lake Photographic Society, sponsors of the event. The Photo Fair provides local photographers the opportunity to display their works to the public. It is not a contest and judging of entries will not take place. Prints and slides are now being received from all photographers. They need not be members of the society to enter their work in the show. The deadline for print entries is March 26. Any size print may be submitted, but it should be mounted.

Deadline for slide entries is March 30. Slides may be either 35mm or 2 1/4 x 2 1/4.

To enter prints, contact Dale or Reid Baker by calling 375-7343, and to enter slides, call Jim or Mary Dixon at 446-5338.

In addition to the display of photographs, five slide shows have been planned. Robert Ginn, professional newspaper photographer, will present "Man and His Environment." Hall and Jean Bennett will show slides of their hike over "Chilkoot Pass, the Trail of '98," and "Dune Buggy '73," an award winning film produced by Gail Falkenberg, Bill Beasley and John Dunker, also will be shown.

Local photographers Milton and Betty Speckels will present a photo essay on the Bristlecone Pines, entitled "The Ancient." The final two slides shows will be "A Trip to 1849," and "Kamper Kapers by Kay," which is to be presented by Herb and Kay Francis.

Tickets Available For Disneyland's 'Military Weekends'

Tickets are now on sale at the Community Center for the Disneyland "Military Weekends," scheduled April 5 and 6 and April 12 and 13 at the fabulous fun spot in Anaheim.

All Department of Defense personnel — both military and civilian — are eligible to purchase the discount books for the price of \$5.75 per person. The books include a \$19.20 value, and contain admission to Disneyland and tickets for 12 different adventures or attractions.

Art Amos, manager of the Community Center, pointed out that these ticket books will not be available at Disneyland.

Amos also is looking for persons interested in attending L.A. Dodger baseball games via bus from this area during the coming baseball season. All those interested in chartering a bus for this kind of trip are asked to call Amos at NWC ext. 2010.



TWO PERFORMANCES REMAIN — Fred Stahlman (using telephone) is spreading the word that he and his wife, Natalie Stone (l.), are expecting a child after 25 years of marriage. Allan Ward, who plays their son-in-law, sits stunned. The scene is from "Never Too Late," the spring production of the China Lake Players, which will be presented two more times — tonight and tomorrow night — at the Players' Hut, 405 McIntire St., on the Center. Curtain time is 8:15. Seating is by reservation only, due to the limited space available in the hut. Tickets are priced at \$2 for adults and \$1.25 for students and military enlisted personnel. The numbers to call for reservations are 375-9470 or 375-9161. —Photo by Ron Allen

HAPPENINGS AROUND NWC

On Saturday evening, beginning at 5, the High Desert gymnastics team will host the LaVerne team at Joshua Hall on the Desert Empire Fairgrounds. Class III compulsory and Class II optional routines will be performed.

Since several events will be run simultaneously, Mary Ann Wilcox, coach of the High Desert team, suggests that this meet will provide local residents with a good opportunity to see spectacular live gymnastics.

"We would like the chance to show people how well our kids are doing," she added.

Last Dance at EM Club
"Easy Living," Mike Schad's local musical group, will play for a dance tonight from 9 o'clock until 1 a.m. at the Jolly Roger, the Enlisted Men's Club.

Walt Schimke, club manager, invites all members and their guests to come out and enjoy an evening of fellowship and dancing.

Military Ball Set Saturday

Only a few tickets are left for the annual Military Ball, to be held tomorrow night at the Chief Petty Officers' Club, George Barnard, club manager stated. The duets are priced at \$25 per couple.

The combo from the 11th Naval District, San Diego, will provide dance music during

the evening.
The menu will include prime rib and wine. "Barney" reiterated that all military personnel, active and retired, plus members of the CPO Club, are eligible to attend this annual event.

Special Shoe Sale Planned
The NWC Navy Exchange will conduct a "Shoe-O-Rama" in the Panamint Rm. of the Community Center on Thursday, March 20, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.

During that time, many of the shoes now in stock at the exchange will be tagged for sale at reduced prices. In addition, a line of new spring shoes will also be on display for sale at a discount.

Lt. E. N. Smith, NWC's Navy Exchange Officer, stated that a full line of men's, women's and children's shoes will be offered during the sale.

Only military personnel, both active and retired, and their dependents, are eligible to participate in this one-day event.

Retired Officers To Meet

The next meeting of the Indian Wells Valley chapter of the Retired Officers Association will be held on Wednesday, March 19, at the Commissioned Officers' Mess.

A social hour will precede the 7 p.m. dinner, following which a talk entitled "Changing Scenes" will be presented by Capt. Harry Parode, USN (Ret.), who is now the Naval Weapons Center's public information officer.

All eligible retired officers and their guests are invited to attend.

Rebates Due on Some Items

In a move aimed at increasing the sales of their products, two manufacturers are offering rebates to customers of the Navy Exchange who purchase appliances, home entertainment and personal care items during the next two months.

According to Lt. E. N. Smith, Navy Exchange Officer, refrigerators, coffee makers, skillets, clocks, irons, toasters, mixers, hair care appliances, radios and small tape recorders manufactured by the two firms participating in the rebate plan, have been tagged with the amount of the rebate and instructions on how to receive the money.

The Navy Resale System Office in Brooklyn, N. Y., emphasized that rebates will not be made at the local Navy Exchange. However, all necessary details and rebate application forms will be supplied to customers.

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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. 14 MARCH

"THE LEGEND OF HELL HOUSE" (94 Min.)
Pamela Franklin, Roddy McDowall
(Horror) Four people agree to stay in a haunted house in an attempt to prove that a ghost can actually commit a murder. (PG)

SAT. 15 MARCH

"LADY LIBERTY" (95 Min.)
Sophia Loren, William Devane
(Drama) Sophia arrives from Italy to meet her fiancé, Luigi Proietti. At the airport she's denied entrance because of a present for Proietti, a large mortadella (salami or baloney). Sophia refuses to give up the mortadella and Proietti, a former Communist sympathizer, sides with the authorities. Sexual overtones may offend some. (PG)

SUN. 16 MARCH

"HOW TO SEDUCE A WOMAN" (109 Min.)
Angus Duncan, Angel Tompkins
(Comedy) Author James Bacon gets the inside story on master seducer Angus Duncan from four cohorts. Going to great lengths to conquer supposedly invincible women, Duncan has a series of affairs. (R)

MON. 17 MARCH

"BLUME IN LOVE" (115 Min.)
George Segal, Susan Anspach
(Love Story) George Segal stars in this bitersweet love story as a divorce lawyer whose wife finds him cheating one day and walks out on him. From that time on, Blume's life is miserable as he realizes how much he loves his wife and how desperately he wants to win her back. (R)

TUES. 18 MARCH

"HOMEBODIES" (96 Min.)
Ian Wolfe, Frances Fuller
(Horror Comedy-Drama) Six elderly people are being forced out of their building to make way for a \$50 million center under construction by rich Douglas Fowley. They manage to halt the construction and many mysterious deaths follow. (PG)

WED. 19 MARCH

"THE ARISTOCATS" (87 Min.)
Phil Harris, Eva Gabor
(Cartoon Feature) A family of cats is kidnapped by a jealous butler and catapulted into a series of adventures as they turn the Paris of 1910 upside down in efforts to regain their stolen inheritance. (G)

THURS. 20 MARCH

"DR. JEKYLL AND SISTER HYDE" (95 Min.)
Ralph Bates, Martine Besivich
(Horror) Transsexual version of classic horror story. A scientist experimenting on everlasting life, and needing fresh corpses for same, turns to murdering local trollops. Drinking the potion, he turns into an equally murderous female. (PG)

FRI. 21 MARCH

"GORDON'S WAR" (100 Min.)
Paul Winfield, Carl Lee
(Suspense Drama) Angered at his wife's death from an overdose of heroin, a black ex-Green Beret declares war on the Harlem drug trade. (R)

Women's Swim Classes

Swimming instruction for women will begin next Thursday, March 20. Classes will be held from 1 to 2 p.m. for eight consecutive Thursdays.
A fee of \$10 will be charged. Sign-ups for the classes are currently being taken at the gymnasium office between the hours of 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

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Center To Host Naval Reserve Special Units

Nearly 100 members from four Naval Reserve Intelligence Units will arrive here tonight and remain over the weekend for 1 1/2 days of briefings about a number of weapons programs and special facilities used for research and development at the Naval Weapons Center.

A National Guard air lift will be the means of transportation for personnel from Area Analysis Units 2419, 2619 and 2619 all based at the Los Alamitos Naval Air Station. The group of visitors also will include those from a Joint Chiefs of Staff Defense Documentation Unit from Santa Barbara.

LCdr. S. Martin Shelton, USNR, who heads the Film Projects Branch in the Technical Information Department's Presentations Division, has helped to coordinate arrangements for this visit, with assistance from the NWC Commander's Technical Presentations Office.

Units' Mission

The mission of the Naval Reserve Intelligence Units is to support the Fleet Intelligence Center, Pacific, headquartered in the Hawaiian Islands, by the production of Fleet intelligence materials. This will be the first visit to China Lake by this group of Naval Reservists.

The program for the visitors will open shortly after 8 a.m. Saturday in Rm. 1000-D of Michelson Laboratory with introductions by LCdr. Shelton and welcoming remarks by Capt. R. D. Franke, NWC Deputy Commander.

Following that, the Naval Reservists will be briefed on the QF86H Drone Conversion Program by C. V. Bryan, head of the Remotely Piloted Vehicle Project Office in the Surface Missiles Department; on the Walleye II program by W. H. Woodworth, head of the Aircraft Systems Department's Missile Development Branch, and on the ATE Simulator by 1st Lt. L. D. Cardinal, USAF, who heads the ATE Program Office, also in the Aircraft Systems Department.

Other Participants

Others who will discuss their particular assignments at the Naval Weapons Center before lunch on Saturday will be Lt. Col. R. F. Boyd and Lt. Col. J. R. Gibbons, who are,

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Date Set for Start Of Count-Down On Vacating Homes

Sierra Sands Unified School District personnel who are living aboard the Naval Weapons Center, and are not otherwise qualified for housing on the Center, have been notified that March 1 has been set as the beginning date for determining the length of time they will be permitted to remain as tenants of Navy housing.

Commencing on March 1, 1975, all school district employees will have a maximum of three years or their first eligibility for retirement date (whichever comes first) to relocate off the Naval Weapons Center.

Non-DoD employees, such as those of Cerro Coso College, the Desert Counseling Center, the U.S. Postal Service and the NWC Federal Credit Union, who also are living at China Lake and are not otherwise eligible for NWC housing, will have one year from March 1, 1975, to relocate off the Center.



GETTING READY FOR TEST — Ed Brehmer, a mechanical engineering technician, is shown making final adjustments on a test unit designed by Gordon Greene, a physicist in Code 4541, just prior to moving the experiment into a firing bay and initiating the explosive. In this particular test, discarded aluminum beer cans are being used as the container for holding either liquid or putty-like explosive materials. —Photo by Maurice Dias

Discarded Beer Cans Prove Useful in Explosive Tests

A new use for discarded beer cans has been found by the ingenious employees of the Explosives Branch in the NWC Propulsion Development Department's Applied Research and Processing Division.

Gordon Greene, a physicist in Code 4541, was faced with the task of developing or finding a thin wall, seamless container about 2 to 3-in. in diameter for holding either liquid or putty-like explosive materials.

For the purpose of this particular test, which is being carried out to evaluate the ability of an explosive to reverse its direction of detonation, it also was necessary to have a container which had a low mass but was sufficiently strong so that the explosive charge could be handled without being easily distorted.

Small-size seamless aluminum beer cans were found to answer these requirements admirably since their lightweight sides are just 0.005 in. thick.

Some missile warheads are fuzed in front with the booster in the aft end facing the rear of the projectile. The warhead explosive when initiated by the booster must therefore reverse its direction of detonation and proceed toward the front.

Several of the less sensitive explosives that are desirable for safety reasons have difficulty making this change in direction of reaction. This ability to turn around the direction of reaction cannot be measured directly or easily inferred using more conventional explosive characterization tests, Greene noted.

Sizemore Win in School Bd. Election Confirmed

A vote recount held Wednesday in Bakersfield confirmed that Robert R. Sizemore had edged out Mrs. Sue Kyser by just one vote, 843 to 842, in balloting held March 4 to elect three members to the Sierra Sands Unified School District's board of education. Each candidate picked up one vote in the recount.

Sizemore, who is head of the NWC Engineering Department's Fleet Service Branch, has had prior school trustee experience as a member of the IWV Union School District board for four years.

Interest High In Master Housing Plan for Center

The question of housing — always a matter of prime interest to employees at China Lake — is in the spotlight once again following last week's briefings by the NWC Command on a proposal that calls for excessing 896 homes on the Center.

Nearly 130 China Lake residents and other interested persons attended this past Tuesday night's meeting of the Community Council's board of directors to ask questions and exchange points of view on this matter, Bob Fletcher, president of the local civic group, reported.

Cal Fallgatter, head of the Public Works Department's Housing Division, attended the meeting as a representative of the Center Command but, like Fletcher, he had to acknowledge that at this early stage of the game many of the inquiries cannot be answered.

NWC Request Sent Out

NWC's request for permission to proceed with the excessing of housing units and land not deemed necessary to meet requirements based on accomplishment of the Center's mission left here last Friday in a letter sent to the Chief of Naval Operations in Washington via the Western Division of the Naval Engineering Command at San Bruno, the 11th Naval District, the Chief of Naval Material and the Commander of the Naval Engineering Facilities Command.

The proposal, which is to work through the General Services Administration (GSA), the government's real estate agency, in carrying out the disposal of land and buildings excess to the Navy's needs, contains a new wrinkle.

Auction Recommended

The Center Command has recommended that, once the approval to proceed has been received, the initial step in excessing certain housing quarters will be the auctioning off of unoccupied homes. Through this process, it is proposed to determine the established price for the sale of each of the various types of housing units that are no longer needed.

This is a new approach in matters of this kind, and as yet there is no way of knowing whether or not it will be approved.

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JOLLY ROGER TO CLOSE — After 11 years of operation, the Jolly Roger (pictured above), the Enlisted Men's Club at NWC, will officially close its doors on March 20. The recommendation to shut down was made by the Enlisted Advisory Group at its last meeting and was approved by Rear Admiral R. G. Freeman III, NWC Commander. The building will be razed to allow construction of a new EM Club on the same site. It should be completed early in 1976. Until that time, the Chaparral Club will be the central hotspot for all enlisted men stationed at China Lake. The building has a long history. It began as a movie hut which was also used for religious services. Then, in 1948, during the time that Chaplain O. B. Salyer headed the Protestant Congregation and Chaplain H. E. Meade led the Catholic Congregation, it was converted into a chapel. It was used in that capacity until Nov. 3, 1957, when the All Faith Chapel was dedicated. It was then used for a variety of other purposes until it was remodeled as the Jolly Roger in 1964.



CERAMIC SHOW COMING — Virginia Mills (l.), vice-president of the Desert Ceramic Club, and Carolyn Rogerson, a member of the group, exhibit some of their work that will be on display during the club's annual hobby show on Sunday and Monday at the Community Center. Members will exhibit their works for judging, not only by other members, but also by the audience. In addition, many ceramic pieces will be for sale during the show and door prizes will be awarded. Hours of the show are from 5 to 9 p.m. on Sunday and from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Monday. —Photo by Jeanne Gritton



DEAN OF SIERRA STORY-TELLERS — Ardis Manly Walker, well known historian and author, spoke to more than 200 persons at the March meeting of the Women's Auxiliary of the Commissioned Officers' Mess (WACOM) this week. He cited recollections of his early life and told how he turned from engineering to writing about his beloved Sierra Nevada mountains. The grand nephew of Gen. Joseph Walker, for whom Walker Pass is named, is considered the dean of Sierra story-tellers. Also at the meeting, the WACOM nominating committee introduced its candidates for WACOM offices during 1975-76. They are Deborah Cattern, president; Suzanne Shuff, vice-president and program chairman; Joanne Rusciollelli, secretary, and Kay O'Brien, treasurer. Others may be nominated at the April luncheon and then the election of new officers will be held during that meeting. The installation banquet is scheduled in May. In the foreground, at left, is Linda Spane, current president of WACOM, who is seated next to Gayle Walker, wife of the speaker. —Photo by Ron Allen

Outpatient Clinic for Administering Injections Set Up at NWC Dispensary

A clinic, where all immunizations, inoculations and allergy injections will be administered to eligible personnel, has been established in the Outpatient Department of the NWC Dispensary.

This clinic will operate on a five-day, walk-in basis.

Allergy injections will be administered Monday through Thursday, from 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., and on Fridays from 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Serum to be administered to Civil Service personnel whose physicians are not in the

area, must be obtained from that physician and the serum delivered in person to the clinic. No medicinals ordered by physicians in the Ridgecrest area, other than Office of Federal Employees Compensation (OFEC) cases, will be given to Civil Service personnel.

The pediatrics clinic will continue to administer all injections to its patients, with the exception of smallpox shots which will be given at the immunization clinic.

This new clinic will permit a medical officer to be present when an injection is being administered.

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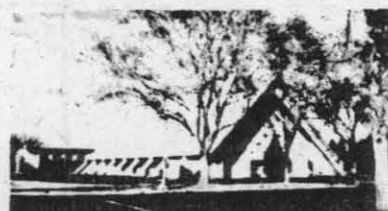
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DIVINE SERVICES

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| Sunday Worship Service | 1015 |
| Sunday School — All Ages | 0900 |
| Wednesday Noon Bible Study | 1130 |
| Sunday School Classes are held in Chapel Annexes 1, 2, 4 (Dorms 5, 6, 8) located opposite the Center Restaurant. Communion Service first Sunday of the month. | |
| ROMAN CATHOLIC MASS | |
| Saturday | 1700 fulfills Sunday obligation |
| Sunday | 0700, 0830, 1130 |
| BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL MASS | |
| Daily except Saturday | 1135 |
| CONFESSIONS | |
| Saturday | 1545 to 1645 |
| Sunday | 0800 to 0825 |
| RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES | |
| Sunday | Kindergarten thru 4th grades 1015 |
| | Pre-school 1130 |
| Wednesday | First thru sixth 1530 |
| | seventh & eighth 1900 |
| | (Junior High) |
| Above classes are held in Chapel Annexes across from Center Restaurant. As announced | |
| | Ninth thru 12th grades "In Home" Discussion Groups |
| | Monthly Youth Rallies |
| Contact Chaplain's Office for specifics. | |
| JEWISH SERVICES | |
| EAST WING — ALL FAITH CHAPEL | |
| Friday 1st and 3rd ONLY — (Sept.-May) | |
| Sabbath Services | 2000 |
| Saturday | Sabbath School 0900 |
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| Services — (Sept.-May) | 1930 |

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. 2069. 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 456 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.

Supervisory Firefighter, GS-081-6, PD No. 789009, Code 842 — This position is located in the Fire Division of the Security Department, incumbent is crew chief of the major piece of motorized fire fighting apparatus and its crew. Duties include answering fire alarms, instructing crew in operation of fire equipment and all phases of fire fighting and directing the fighting of fires in absence of higher authority. Job Relevant Criteria: Knowledge of fire prevention practices and ability to conduct inspections and identify fire hazards. Ability to communicate with others effectively both orally and in writing in working out solutions to problems or questions relating to the work. Leadership potential: Potential to motivate, train, and work effectively with subordinates who have a variety of backgrounds and training. Ability to plan own work and carry out assignments effectively (Example: Demonstrated potential ability to plan initial attack including rescue and the efficient control and extinguishment). Knowledge of locations (streets, water distribution, alarm/detection systems, building contents/layout). This announcement will be used to establish the promotion register for Firefighter GS-081-6, which will remain in effect until August 1975.

Firefighter, GS-081-5, PD No. 7284014, Code 842 — This position is located in the Fire Division of the Security Department. Major duties include driving and operating structural pumps, and any type of crash fire trucks; responding on ambulance calls as either driver or attendant; inspection of Center's buildings and property; and conducting training classes for trainee firefighters. Job Relevant Criteria: Knowledge of locations (streets, water distribution; alarm/detection systems; buildings; contents/layout); ability to operate firefighting apparatus and equipment (trucks, pumping systems, nozzle, rescue equipment); driving ability - (proper use of gears, clutch, and brakes in acceleration/deceleration; demonstrates safe, smooth, and effective operation of vehicles). Knowledge of firefighting hydraulics and ability to apply it to firefighting situations. Knowledge of fire prevention practices and ability to conduct inspections and identify fire hazards. Firefighting knowledge (knowledge of fire, origin, and techniques of extinguishment). This announcement will be used to establish the promotion register for Firefighter GS-081-5B, which will remain in effect until July 1975.

File applications for the above with Charlette Siczowski, Bldg. 34, Rm. 240, Ph. 3118.



SPECIAL EFFORT NOTED — A letter of commendation was presented recently by Capt. E. M. Crow (back to camera), Commanding Officer of Air Test and Evaluation Squadron Five (VX-5) to C. C. Tussey, the squadron's data processing chief. DPC Tussey was cited for his untiring efforts which resulted in raising more than \$500 for construction of the new Naval Aviation Museum at Pensacola, Fla. In recognition of this contribution, the squadron's name will be engraved on a plaque that is to be hung at the museum. —VX-5 photo

Seminar Planned Featuring Word Processing Center

This month's Brown-Bag Seminar, which is to be held at 11:30 a.m. next Wednesday in the Panamint Room of the Community Center, will feature a panel discussion on the functions of Central Staff's new Word Processing Center.

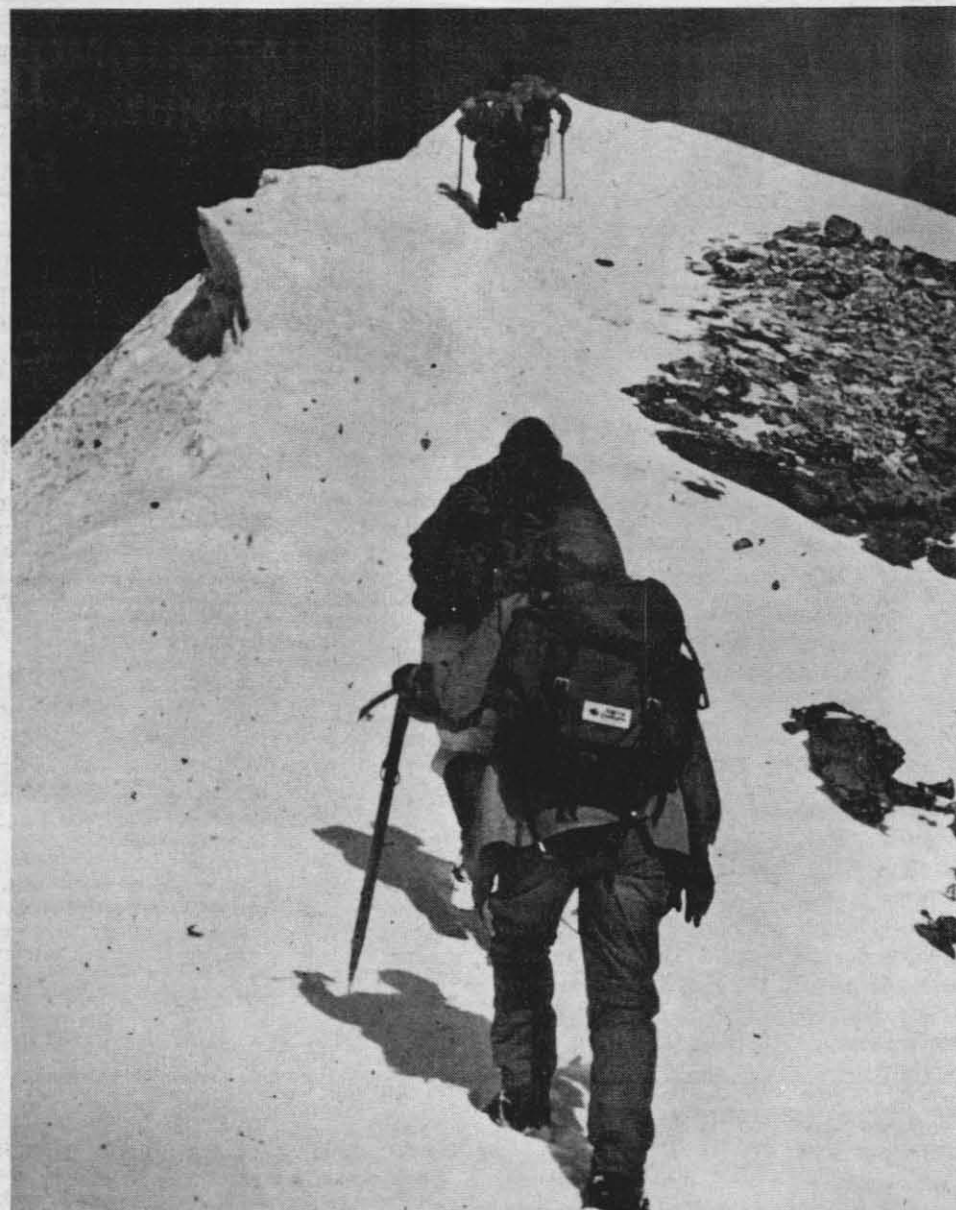
Brandi Williams, Kayleen Martin, and Lola Fulks, all employees of the Word Processing Center, will explain how the center works and answer questions about it.

The Brown-Bag Seminars, designed for the working woman, are sponsored by Alice Pastorius, NWC Federal Women's Coordinator. The first issue of the Brown-Bag Newsletter, assembled by Diane Coryell on the subject of "Income Tax," will be available to attendees at next Wednesday's meeting.

Participants are asked to bring lunch and a friend.



RECORDING MEASUREMENTS OF TRACKS — Five members of the China Lake Mountain Rescue Group recently presented a demonstration and briefing on tracking to members of the Southern Inyo Search and Rescue Squad at the Trona Airport. More than 30 persons, including members of the Inyo County Sheriff's Office, took part in the joint exercise and meeting. In the photo above, Liz Anderson (kneeling at right), a CLMRG member, measures the dimensions of tracks which are recorded by Neil Burton, who belongs to the Trona based SAR team. Others in the photo (all members of the Southern Inyo squad) are, from left: Alton Nunlee, Wayne Boutzale and Clyde Burton. The other four members of the CLMRG who attended the meeting were Lee Lucas, Don Harris, Harry Garner and Rolland Robbins. Other participants in the all-day session included representatives of the Indian Wells Valley Search and Rescue Team, and National Jeep Association, California State 4 Wheel club, and the BLM Desert Rangers.



"GETTING HIGH IN MEXICO" — That's the title of a slide show to be presented by the China Lake Mountain Rescue Group on Tuesday and Wednesday, March 18 and 19, at the Richmond School auditorium. The program centers around seven members of the CLMRG who traveled to Mexico to climb that country's three highest mountains. The photo above shows (from the bottom) Diane Lucas, Nick Botka, Bob Westbrook and Daryl Hinman about to reach the top of Itzacchiuati, one of the three peaks climbed during the trip. Other CLMRG members along on the expedition were Ron Atkins, Dennis Burge and Lee Lucas. The program will begin at 7:30 both nights. Admission is free.

NWC Commander To Speak at March 27 Meeting of Local Quality Control Group

Rear Admiral R. G. Freeman III, NWC Commander, will speak on the "Impact of Quality on Navy Acquisitions," at the March dinner meeting of the Sierra Sands Sub-Section of the San Gabriel Valley Section, American Society for Quality Control.

The meeting will be held on Thursday, March 27, at the Commissioned Officers' Mess, beginning at 7 p.m.

Also during the evening, nine sub-section members will be awarded their quality engineers' certificates.

The nine are among 314 newly certified quality engineers who passed a comprehensive nationwide examination given by the ASQC last December. Local members who will receive their certificates are Chris Peterson, Dick Reymore, Floyd Towner and Phil Wehle, all employees of NWC, and Jim Barkhoff, Herwil Bryant, Dick Butler, Bob Moore and Bob Sheckler, who are employed by Systems Consultants, Inc., in Ridgecrest.

Tony Miller, chairman of the local subsection, announced that reservations for the

Some Tickets Left For Special Show At COM Tonight

There is still time left to make reservations to see "Sheila and Her Harem" tonight at the Commissioned Officers' Mess.

The belly dance troupe from Los Angeles will perform during a floor show at 11 o'clock following a buffet dinner of beef shish ke-bob, pilaf, stuffed grape leaves and assorted salads and desserts.

Tickets are priced at \$6.50 per person. Unfortunately, members of the COM and their guests are the only persons eligible to attend. The number to call for reservations is 446-2784.

Prior to the show, the Caravan will provide music for dancing.

dinner may be made with Bryant by calling 446-3501.

Miller also reported that a six-week refresher course in quality engineering will be held beginning on April 10. This course will prepare ASQC members for the next certification examination scheduled for June 7.

Registration for the course can be made by calling Miller at 446-3501.



MOVIN' ON UP — Burrell Hays (at left), head of the NWC Engineering Department, congratulates Kirk R. Armstrong after presenting him with a certificate denoting Armstrong's completion of the department's 4-year-long pre-journeyman training program. Along with the certificate went a promotion from machine operator WG-9 to machinist WG-10 for Armstrong, whose extensive training has prepared him to operate any of the equipment in the Michelson Laboratory machine shop. —Photo by Maurice Dias

Employee In The Spotlight



Thomas M. Fortney

Mr. Umpire. Heavy on the Mister. They call him Big Tom . . . respectfully. "They call me a lot more than that, but not when I'm around," "Big" Tom Fortney said with a huge grin.

Tom works in the rehab section of the Public Works Department. However, in the Indian Wells Valley, he's better known for his officiating at baseball games and football contests, or basketball clashes.

But, for all of his size, "Big" Tom is an easy-going, affable sort of person . . . quick to laugh and quicker to forgive.

Grew Up in Darwin

He grew up around the confines of the Naval Weapons Center, coming here in 1942 at the age of five when his dad took a job in Inyokern driving a Caterpillar grader. "He worked for about a year on the early construction of the Naval Ordnance Test Station (forerunner to NWC), then he took a job with the Anaconda Copper Mining Co. in Darwin," Tom recalled.

Born in Pawhuska, Okla., Tom felt right at home living in Darwin. There were a lot of things to do and places to explore. One of his chief childhood pursuits was capturing burros and riding them. While attending Lone Pine High School, Tom worked during the summers in the mines.

"I busted rocks with a sledgehammer. One summer I helped a driller. It was interesting but not the sort of thing one would do for a living," he said.

Tom's father was killed in an accident when Tom was a junior in high school and the family stayed in the area only long enough for him to graduate. Then they moved to Palmdale, where Tom's mother still lives.

Joined Army Engineers

Following his graduation, he joined the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and spent three years as a mechanic and truck driver. A three-letter man in high school (football, basketball and baseball), Tom continued his interest in sports while in the Army. He played basketball on the company team while he was stationed with the 6th Army at Ft. Ord. At Ft. Belvoir, Va., where he was in training as an honor guard for the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Tom organized a company basketball team and became heavily involved in the athletic program.

He organized his first umpire's association while stationed in Toul, France, with the 507th Engineering Co. — an association with officiating that has lasted

ever since.

After his discharge, Tom went to work for the City of Escondido as a carpenter's helper with the Recreation Department. One year later, he rejoined his family in Palmdale and began working for the North American Aviation Corp. as a fireman. He worked for them two years.

Worked Here as Fireman

That was a night job so Tom also worked for the Suburban Gas Co., of Palmdale. That company transferred him to Ridgecrest in 1963. In 1966, he came to NWC as a fireman and then joined the Public Works Department six months later.

After a series of jobs he was moved into his present position in 1970.

Throughout all of this time, Tom continued to officiate at sporting events. He joined the Southern California Municipal Athletic Federation in 1958, and while in Escondido, belonged to the San Diego Officials Association.

After coming to the Indian Wells Valley, he continued this work through the Mojave Desert Officials Association. He is now assistant commissioner of that group. His primary duty is assignment secretary for umpires working 28 different high schools, not counting all of the officiating the association does for the Naval Weapons Center and the City of Ridgecrest.

Met Wife in Palmdale

He met his wife, Linda Jean, while he was working in Palmdale. The couple has five children. They are Jesse, 13; Kathy, 12; Tommer, 10; Bob, 7, and Dano, 5.

Linda enjoys doing decoupage, working with ceramics, and making wall plaques. "Her first love is sewing, however," Tom said. Linda makes most of the family's clothes, including many of Tom's shirts. "I can't just walk into a store and buy a shirt," said "Big" Tom.

In addition, the Fortneys recently purchased a home in Ridgecrest Heights and much of their spare time is taken up working around the residence. Tom enjoys woodworking and photography, but claims hunting and fishing with his boys gives him the most pleasure.

Immunization Clinic For Children To Be Held in Inyokern

A Kern County Health Department clinic for children two months through 17 years of age who have not been immunized against common childhood diseases will be held on Tuesday from 3:30 to 5 p.m. at the Inyokern Elementary School.

Parents or legal guardians must accompany children to this clinic and sign consent slips before their youngsters can obtain any of the initial series of shots or boosters for diphtheria, whooping cough and tetanus (DPT), polio, regular measles (rubeola), and German measles (rubella).



A very serious oversight was made by me last week in reporting the results of the all-day moto-cross held at Sage Park on March 2 for the benefit of the TV Booster fund drive.

I neglected to mention that the Sandblasters Motorcycle Club was entirely responsible for staging the event, including all of the planning, scheduling, bringing in riders, etc.

This fine group, which has been in operation now in the valley for many years, has a past history of staging charity events with as little fanfare as possible.

I'm sorry gang. That's my only excuse. You do things so well and without blowing your own horn, that I overlooked you. It won't happen again.

For the record, Ken Seaman was referee for all of the races and Bill Faith coordinated the event with Pat Leopard, chairman of the TV Booster fund drive committee. The president of the Sandblasters is H. R. Rouse.

Nona Turner, who is running a little match-play tournament for women at the

Final tryouts for the Major Division of the China Lake Little League will be held tomorrow from 9 a.m. to noon at the Pony League diamond.

Registration will be taken at that time for all those interested in playing in this division. Proof of age must be presented when registering to play.

local golf course, reported to me that Kay Someson, Jo Richey and Philys Davis won their matches this week to move into the semi-finals.

Kay ousted Paulette Moore, Joanne downed Rusciolli and Philys whipped Lee Lee. None of the matches were won easily as the losers contested each match all the way.

Nona won the consolation flight and was quite happy with her game, shooting a 91 gross score.

She also asked me to mention that the Women's Invitational tourney is set for May 7 and all female golfers should start planning for it.

Competition Close

In Men's Bowling

Association Tourney

Competition was really fierce during the team events of the Indian Wells Valley Men's Bowling Association's city tournament, held this past weekend at Ridgecrest Lanes.

The top five teams were within 22 pins of one another, and all five scored above 3,000 pins for the three games, with handicap.

Finishing on top was the Triangle Mobile Homes team that bowls in the Thursday Night Scratch league in Ridgecrest. The team, led by Warren Turnbaugh, captain, racked up a 3,040 score.

In second place, tallying 3,030 pins, was the D.J.'s quintet, followed closely by the Mattoids team, which posted a 3,028 score. Two teams — Three Rights and Two Wrongs, and the Free Wheelers — tied for the fourth spot with 3,018 pins.



LITTLE LEAGUE BALL DIAMONDS BEING IMPROVED — Chuck Dye (l.), president of the China Lake Little League's board of directors, and Ed Park, vice-president, are shown looking over a 120-to-1 scale model of the league's ball diamonds, as they will look when work, now under way, is completed. Both diamonds will have new infield sprinkling systems installed, new infield grass planted, and base paths and home plate areas covered with crushed scoria (lava) rock. The project will cost an estimated \$2,000 for materials and equipment rental. Work is being accomplished by an all-volunteer labor force and is scheduled for completion in time for Major Division play on April 21.

Winners Reported in 3 Divisions Of CL Youth Basketball League

The Instructional, Intermediate and Junior Divisions have completed play in the China Lake Youth Basketball League. The Senior and High School Divisions have two games left to play before the season ends.

Winners in the Instructional Division were the Terriers, coached by Steve Vie and Steve Kaupp. Members of the team are Mark Butler, Jerry Chalmers, Joseph Hess,

Two Races Planned Saturday by Over The Hill Track Club

The Over the Hill Track Club will stage a pair of road races tomorrow, at the Desert Empire Fairgrounds.

The first, a two-mile event, will be run over a flat and paved course, while a four-mile race will be run over desert terrain.

Contestants will be divided into age groups for both men and women. Ribbons will be presented to those finishing first through fifth in each division and all those who complete the race will receive other ribbons.

An entry fee of 50 cents will be charged to members of the track club, while non-members must pay \$1. Registration will begin at 10 a.m. tomorrow with the first race scheduled to begin at 11 o'clock.

Men's Golf Club Schedules Cross Country Tournament

The China Lake Men's Golf Club will stage its annual cross country tournament on Saturday, March 22.

A sign-up sheet is posted at the clubhouse for all who want to play in this annual event. This year, women are invited to participate along with men. An entry fee of \$2 will be charged. The same course used last year will be set up for this year's tournament.

Participants may sign up in foursomes, or single entrants will be placed in foursomes.

Deadline for entries is 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 20. Prizes will be awarded for low net scores only.

Wilt's Corner

By Wilt Wyman

Attention women! Is your figure ready for springtime?

If not, come and join the women's physical fitness program on Mondays, beginning at 7 p.m., and on Thursdays at 9 a.m. at the gym. Sheila Miller will be offering spot-reducing classes for problem areas during this month.

These exercises are designed to improve the figure, relax tension, and encourage a sense of well being.

Volleyball Results

March AFB won the Mojave Desert Inter-Service League volleyball tournament last weekend at Barstow. The local team, led by Jerry Kissick, finished second, and Edwards AFB and the Los Angeles Air Force Station tied for third place.

The local squad deserves a lot of credit for its second place finish as all of the teams were very well balanced. The scores were close and the games were very exciting.

It seems as though March AFB is picking up where Norton AFB left off as it has won both basketball and volleyball this season. However, China Lake is tied for second in the overall standings with George AFB and our strong sports are coming — bowling, softball, golf and the Minor Sports Carnival. I think we're in a good position to win the overall trophy.

Inter-Service Bowling

Team members have been selected to represent NWC in the 11th annual Inter-Service Bowling tournament, to be held tomorrow and Sunday at Long Beach.

Don Ehle, Bud Beltz, Skip Phearson and Tommy Cox won out over a large field of bowlers. In addition, the bowlers that will represent NWC in the 11th Naval District

The Center gymnasium will be closed next Friday, March 21, for the annual cleaning of pipes.

No hot water will be available on that day because pumps and heaters will be shut down between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m.

bowling tourney on March 21, 22 and 23 (also at Long Beach) has been selected following a rolloff tourney here. They will be Beltz, Ehle, Bob Fraser, Jim McBride, John King, Bob Kaufman and Dave Homley, captain.

Racketball Tourney

A "doubles only" racketball tournament will begin on Tuesday. Ten strong teams have been entered and competition should prove to be tough.

Rick Roberts and Vic Rehn moved up from the losers' bracket to defeat Charles Vuitel and John Saitz for the title in the recently concluded "doubles only" handball tourney. The final game scores were 21-17, 14-21, 21-18. What a match!

Volleyball League

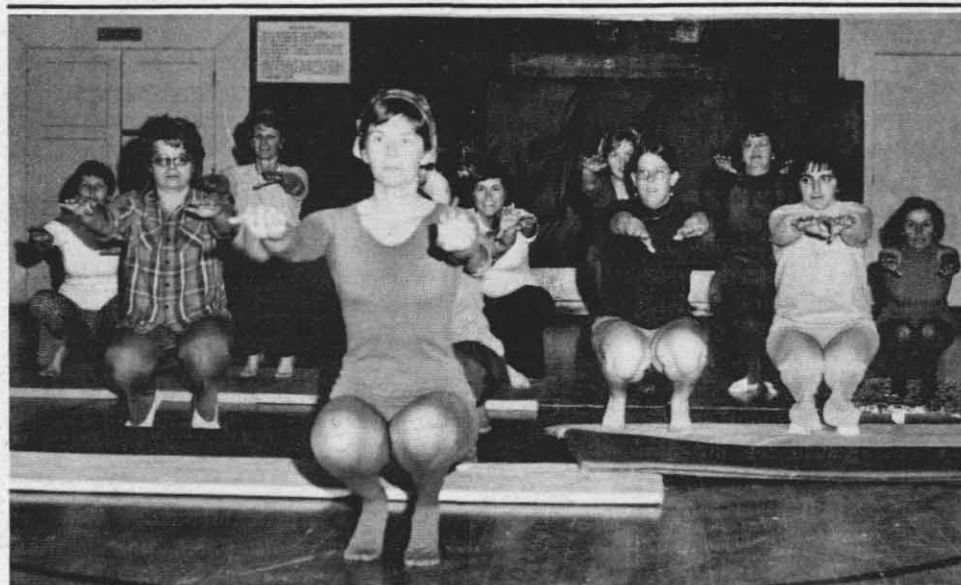
On the local volleyball scene, league play begins Tuesday. Entry fees should be turned in to Barbara Revels before 3 p.m. on that day. Schedules will be distributed at the time the entry fees are paid.

Sean Johnson, Mark Kaupp, Kelly Leopard, Ron Pruitt, Darrin and David Vavricka, and Stephen Vie.

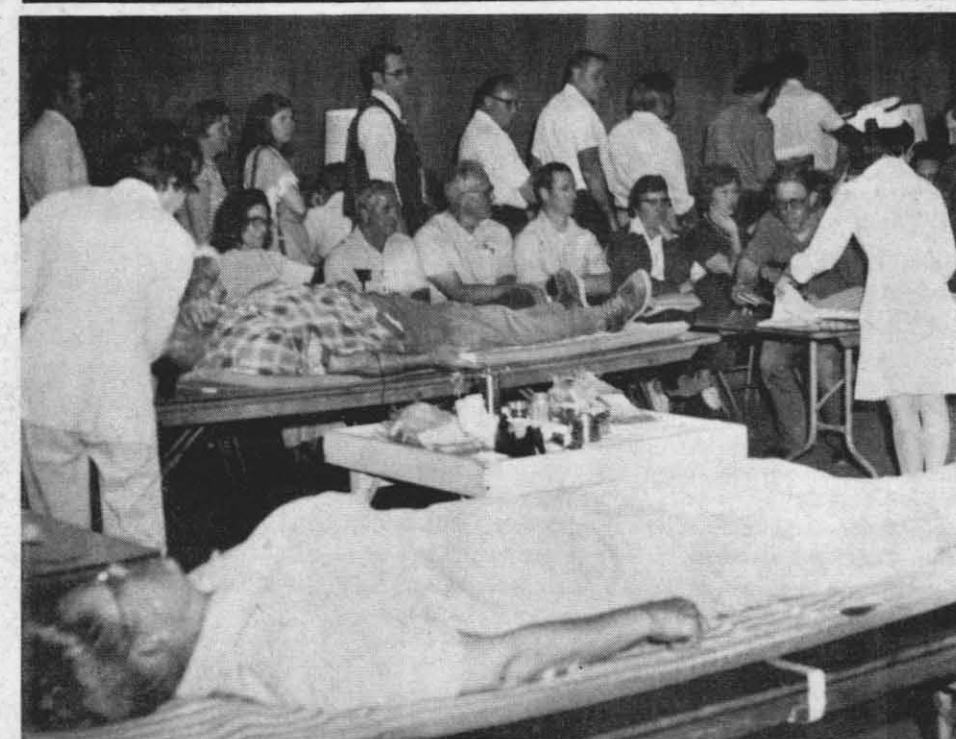
Finishing on top of the Intermediate Division were the Huskies, coached by Ralph Corbin and Larry Kuster. Members of this championship team are Doug Corbin, Ronnie Fekrat, Mark Flores, Todd Hintz, David Jones, Tony Karrer, Scott Kuster, Bobby Kvammen, Tracy Radcliff and Howard Stanton.

Junior Division champs are the Stars, coached by Dick Drake, Dave Bates and John Cleveland. Cagers on this team are James Cleveland, Danny Drake, Dale and Todd Killilea, Mike Pruitt, Jesse and Jimmy Vipperman, and John Woodall.

Carol Hape, manager of the Youth Center, sponsors of the youth cage league, also noted that she has a huge box full of t-shirts, sweaters, coats, jackets, etc., that will be given to the Salvation Army within two weeks time if they are not reclaimed by their owners.



THE ROAD TO HEALTH — Sheila Miller (foreground), who instructs the women's physical fitness program at the Center gymnasium on Monday evenings and Thursday mornings, leads a group of women interested in regaining physical health in an exercise routine. Approximately 40 women are enrolled in the program, which is open to all interested persons. For further information, contact the gymnasium by calling NWC ext. 2334. —Photo by Ron Allen



BLOOD BANK HITS LIMIT — Response to last week's visit of the Houchin Mobile Blood Bank from Bakersfield was so great that potential donors who showed up after 4:30 p.m. had to be turned away. A total of 160 pints of blood — all that could be collected and transported — was credited to the account of the Indian Wells Valley Blood Bank or donated for the assistance of individuals, such as 19-year-old Gary Haugen, of China Lake, who has been stricken with leukemia. In addition to blood bank personnel from Bakersfield who assisted, volunteer aid was provided by Dr. J. C. Shrader and Dr. Georg Daiber, of Ridgecrest; and by members of the Emblem Club, Eagles Auxiliary, Desert Area Teachers Association, and Psi Omicron Nu chapter of Beta Sigma Phi sorority. Kay Thoms, local blood bank chairman, stated that because of the exceptional response to the last two visits of the mobile blood bank, it has been decided to schedule visits every two months. The next one will be held on May 27, also at the Ridgecrest Elks Club.

Naval Reserve Units To Visit China Lake . . .

(Continued From Page 1) respectively, the Army and Air Force Liaison Officers at the Naval Weapons Center, and Carl Schaniel, head of the Weapons Planning Group. In addition, Dr. H. W. Hunter, head of the NWC Research Department, will provide the visitors with an overview of the varied types of work carried out by the employees of his department.

Tours of Michelson Laboratory that will include the microelectronics laboratory, the A7E Simulator facility, and the machine shop are on tap after lunch, as well as a talk by F. M. Ashbrook head of the Electronic Warfare Department's Countermeasures Division. Ashbrook's presentation will precede a visit to Echo Range.

A no-host reception for the visiting Naval Reservists is planned at the Commissioned Officers' Mess. It will begin with a social hour followed by a dinner at 7:30 p.m.

After breakfast on Sunday morning, the program arranged for the visitors will

Funds Allocated To Help NWC Get Rid Of Diseased Trees

NWC management has provided funding for another program for removal of diseased trees and to insure the best overall landscaping condition for the Center.

When the U. S. Naval Ordnance Test Station (forerunner to NWC) was built, the object was to get greenery in fast. As a result, now there are many areas that are over-planted.

For this reason, it is necessary to thin out the excess and diseased trees (the ones that break up and fall on cars, houses, and powerlines thus causing extensive damage), and then replant trees and shrubs under a separate program to keep the community beautiful, shady, and ecologically balanced.

Selected trees that have been marked in red will be removed from around various Navy quarters. This work is covered by a formal contract, therefore, it is requested that Center tenants NOT give any instructions to the contractor performing the removal. Tree removal is scheduled to be completed by July.

If tenants have any questions regarding the program, they are urged to call Jim Upson, of the Public Works Department's Maintenance Service Branch (Code 7082) at NWC ext. 2227 or 2228. Upson, or a representative of his group, will be happy to be of assistance.

Results Announced

Voting by Mail Proves Success In NWC Credit Union Election

Results of the election of members to the NWC Federal Credit Union's board of directors and credit committee were announced at the group's annual membership meeting, held on March 6 at the Community Center.

Four persons were elected to the board of directors. Out of 3,673 ballots returned in this first-ever ballot-by-mail election to be held by the Credit Union, I. Bruce Werthenberger, an incumbent, received 2,260 votes to lead all candidates.

Others elected to the board of directors, and the number of votes each received, were Dr. William R. McBride, 1,885; William J. Baker, 1,832; and Margaret A. (Nancy) Raphael, 1,805. Baker was an incumbent. Other candidates for the board and their vote totals were Lee Lakin, 1,619; LCdr. Edward W. Brooks, an incumbent, 1,618; George L. Barnard, another incumbent, 1,389, and Roy A. Miller, 1,309.

In the election of three members to the credit committee, incumbent Jean A. Rollingson garnered the most votes — 1,968. Also elected were Beverly Meeker, 1,728 votes, and Lt. Edmund N. Smith, an incumbent who received 1,618 votes.

Unsuccessful candidates for the credit committee, and the votes each received, were Raymond W. Feist, an incumbent, 1,479; William E. Arnold, 1,437; James F. Peck, 1,096, and Clarence T. Hicks, 713.

This is the first year that the Credit Union has tried balloting by mail. In the past, all elections were held at the annual meeting and the most votes anyone could possibly have received would have been 300.

Recently, at the annual meeting of the Defense Credit Union in Las Vegas, Nev.,

Asphalt Paving In Various Areas On Center Continues

Asphalt paving and patching operations are continuing this week in various parts of the Naval Weapons Center by workmen of the Crown Asphalt Co. of San Dimas, Calif.

Walt Hagen, of the Public Works Department's Contract Division, reports that the work, which currently is being concentrated on the parking lot at Michelson Laboratory, the Lark area access road, and on some of the launching areas at the Naval Air Facility, is proceeding at a satisfactory pace.

Hagen cautioned NWC employees that should any problems arise, they should not attempt to iron them out directly with the workmen on the job, but instead should contact him by calling NWC ext. 3309.

To do otherwise could result in claims by the contractor against the Navy for causing undue work stoppages.

the head of the National Credit Union Administration strongly urged that elections be conducted by mail. As a result of this recommendation, the local financial institution mailed out 11,700 ballots to members (all those 18 years of age and over), and 3,673 were returned.

"We consider this election to be highly successful and are certainly looking into balloting by mail in the future," said Bill Arriola, current president of the board of directors.

The election was held under the scrutiny of the Credit Union's supervisory committee, headed by Monroe B. Sorge, chairman.

Everyone Entering NWC Gates Must Have Access Pass

As announced in the Jan. 17, 1975 issue of The ROCKETEER, random, unannounced checks have been made at both the main gate and south gate entrances to the Naval Weapons Center to insure that all individuals entering the Center had a valid access pass in their possession.

During one check period that was just 90 min. in duration, 93 persons were required to obtain a temporary pass from the Visitors Center at the main gate in order to gain access to the Center.

Of this number, 43 were referrals from the south gate. The result was a real inconvenience for these people. Many tempers were frayed and, unfortunately, the guards and pass desk personnel had to suffer the brunt of this dissatisfaction. Much uncalled for discourtesy reportedly was displayed on the part of those who were required to obtain a temporary pass.

The periodic spot checks for valid passes is one of several programs initiated by the NWC Commander to increase the security of the Center and the personnel therein. The results of these programs (in terms of numbers of unauthorized persons detected and prevented from entering the Center) have proven their worth and they will be continued.

In view of the recent problem, all persons desiring entrance to the Center are reminded once again that they must have their NWC pass in their possession. During the spot checks, this requirement applies equally to all personnel — regardless of position or rank — including "V" pass holders.

"Please carry and protect your NWC pass, and avoid the inconvenience experienced by 93 persons during a recent spot check," W. E. Davis, NWC Director of Security, urged.



TO BE AUCTIONED — Mary Davis (l.), a senior at Burroughs High School and work experience student who spends part of her study time at the Rocketeer photo lab, is being shown some of the vehicles that will be auctioned off here on March 20 at a Surplus Government Property sale. Gordon Peacock (c.), who heads the NWC Defense Property Disposal Office, and Bill Giuliani, an employee there, are busy recording the sale numbers of the vehicles. Included on the list are Jeeps, Scouts, vans, and sedans. Also to be auctioned off during the day of the sale will be elec-

trical equipment, generators, office equipment, drill presses, household furniture, land sailers, and many other items. Everything to be sold will be on display Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Defense Property Disposal Office. Persons wishing to bid must be registered and be present at the sale, which will take place at the NWC Community Center, beginning at 9 o'clock. Registration will get under way at 8 a.m. For further information, those interested should call the office at NWC ext. 2502 or 2538. —Photo by Ron Allen



CONGRATULATIONS IN ORDER — Rear Admiral R. G. Freeman III, NWC Commander, extended his personal congratulations to W. E. Davis, Director of Security, after the latter returned from a 2-week Information and Security Management course held at the Defense Industrial Security Institute in Richmond, Va. Davis received a perfect score in every exam conducted and rated tops in a class of nearly 30 security managers from Army, Navy, Air Force, Department of Transportation and Defense Supply Agency installations. Subject matter that was covered ranged from automatic data processing systems security to the procedures to follow in the clearance of both classified materials and equipment. In addition, instruction was given in the preparation of classification guides and in the total security of government property and classified material for which the Commander of an installation such as NWC is responsible. —Photo by Ron Allen

Interest Runs High in Housing Plans . . .

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Rear Admiral R. G. Freeman, NWC Commander, has stressed the importance of considering the employee who is now occupying quarters that are earmarked for eventual sale in order that such individuals and their families will be able to remain in these homes if they wish to purchase them.

Just how to handle the sale of a duplex unit is still uncertain, but there are methods in existence to enable just half of such a unit to be sold, Fallgatter stated.

In addition to the main question on the minds of those who attended Tuesday night's Community Council meeting, which had to do with how the sale price of the Navy's excess housing units is to be determined, other matters about which more must be learned are those related to building codes and other City of Ridgecrest requirements, the head of the NWC Housing Division, noted.

Judy Lind, a member of the Sierra Sands Unified School District's board of trustees, was present at the Community Council meeting to call attention to the affect that the proposed excessing of land and housing quarters on Center will have upon the local school district's financing.

The amount of Federal aid to school districts is considerably higher in the case of Category A students, whose parents both live and work on a Federal installation, than it is in the case of students whose parents work on but reside off the Naval Weapons Center, Mrs. Lind pointed out. At the same time, however, once the excess Navy homes and property are sold, they will become part of the school district's tax base and the district will gain some of the lost income back in the form of property taxes.

Since an interval of between one and two years is likely before the first of the excess Navy housing quarters and land can be sold,

IF YOU'RE WALKING . . .

Set a good example. Teach your children and grandchildren to walk safely. Explain the dangers to young pedestrians so they'll know why they should exercise special caution.

a lot more information will become known as time goes by.

Concerned China Lake residents therefore are urged to put their questions on this matter in writing and mail them to the Community Council, P.O. Box 5443, China Lake, CA 93555, or to contact members of the board of directors of the local civic group.

In addition to Fletcher, who is the Community Council president, and Dick Mahan, who volunteered to serve as chairman of a newly-established housing committee, other members of the board are: Daniel Baker, Gary Beale, Aletha Benson, Rudy Shepard, Don Stanton, Lovic Thomas, Richard Wolff and Wilt Wyman.

Beer Cans Useful . . .

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reaction front produced in the sample explosive is then measured with an ultra high speed sweeping image camera. This camera is capable of measuring the time of arrival of the detonation wave at the charge surface with a resolution of better than a hundredth of a microsecond, thus making it possible to determine the shape of the wave to less than a hundredth of an inch.

The arrival of the detonation wave at the surface of the can is made visible by a thin layer of argon gas surrounding the can which gives off a brilliant flash of light when the shock wave from the detonation strikes the surface of the can.

Ed Brehmer, a mechanical engineering technician in Code 4541, has been involved with Greene in the general problem of how to reverse the direction of a warhead explosive. Just recently, it was decided to experiment with explosives that were either liquid or soft and putty-like.

For the latter types of explosives, the use of discarded aluminum beer cans has solved the problem of finding a suitable container that, in addition to their utility for this purpose, have the added advantage of being cost-free.

These tests are being conducted in conjunction with work on the Zuni missile warhead booster system.

New Center Policy

Police Procedures for Handling Drunks, Users of Drugs Outlined

(Editor's Note: In recent months, there have been an increasing number of inquiries regarding the policies and procedures for handling motorists arrested for driving while under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Command policy is described in the following article. However, it is of interest that a review of such cases since June 28, 1974, shows that all persons cited for DWI (except for current pending case) have been brought before the NWC Traffic Court and received point and penalty (suspension of driving privileges) assessments in accordance with SECNAV-mandated instructions. In addition to this administrative action, all civilian offenders have been cited to the Indian Wells Justice Court in consonance with applicable California laws. All military personnel have been referred to their parent commands for disciplinary action, in accordance with Article 15, Uniform Code of Military Justice. COMNWC authority extends to administrative actions in compliance with Navy Regulations and, where applicable, California laws. Judicial actions are independent matters, particularly with regard to non-military personnel.)

Procedures now being followed by China Lake Police personnel during and after arresting a motorist suspected of driving on the Naval Weapons Center while under the influence of alcohol or drugs (referred to as DWI) are spelled out in a new procedure that has been approved by NWC Command.

One of the major objectives of this new policy is to insure that all persons who are arrested on suspicion of DWI on board the Naval Weapons Center are treated equally. A key provision of this new policy is that drivers, both civilian and military, arrested for DWI will be held for a minimum of five hours in the holding room at the China Lake Police Station. This applies to all male and female, civilian and military personnel.

Previous Practice Changed
This is a change from the previous practice of turning DWI suspects over to the Kern County Sheriff's Department and having them placed in the Kern County Jail facility in Ridgecrest, which is shared by the Ridgecrest police, and where there is no continuous surveillance.

During the entire period of an individual's detention in the holding room at the China Lake Police Station, closed circuit television (soon to be installed) will be used by the desk officer to continually monitor the suspect or suspects, and immediate action will be taken in the event of any untoward condition or situation. Until the closed circuit television is installed, police personnel will keep close check on persons being detained.

After installation of the closed circuit television, the desk officer must physically check each suspect at least hourly for safety and security reasons. Any person who appears to be ill or injured will be examined by medical personnel immediately.

At the end of the five hour period (computed from the time of a DWI arrest), the watch commander on duty will determine if the suspect's condition allows his or her release without jeopardizing the suspect's or the public's safety.

May Place Phone Call
Upon release, a suspect will be allowed to place a local telephone call to obtain transportation, or may simply walk home. This is in addition to the phone call permitted DWI suspects just prior to being placed in the holding room.

Juveniles who are arrested on suspicion of driving while intoxicated or under the influence of drugs will not be detained for five hours, but instead will be released to a parent or guardian if one can be found. Otherwise, they will be transported to the Juvenile Hall in Bakersfield.

Should an adult motorist who is arrested at China Lake on suspicion of driving while under the influence of alcohol or drugs become violent, combative or attempt to escape, he will be booked into the Kern County jail facility in Ridgecrest, rather than placed in the detention cell at the China Lake Police Station. In the case of females who fall into this category, they will be booked at the jail in Mojave.

Routine Field Procedures
Routine DWI field procedures are followed in the event of all such arrests. These include questioning and, if the suspect consents, administration of sobriety, balance tests. Each DWI suspect will be offered the choice of having one of three tests (blood, breath or urine) administered. The taking of a chemical test is voluntary

but if the driver refuses he or she automatically will lose on-center driving privileges for six months. This does not, however, affect the motorist's right to continue driving outside the Naval Weapons Center.

The suspect also will have the option of leaving his or her car locked and parked at the scene, impounded off-center by a commercial tow service, or released to a competent adult over 21 years of age.

In those instances when the DWI suspect is a female, a woman police officer will respond to the scene, if one is on duty. Otherwise, an off-duty woman police officer will be called in, if possible, to assist with the processing and to be present during the entire detention period.

More than one suspect may be placed in the China Lake Police Station's holding room, however, male and female suspects will not be placed in the holding room at the same time.

Paper Work Involved

Among the paper work that will be processed and completed in the aftermath of a suspected DWI arrest will be a citation to appear in the NWC Traffic Court. For civilians, a misdemeanor notice to appear in the Indian Wells Valley Justice Court will be given.

A military data sheet will be completed in the case of all military personnel, whose duty officer will be notified of the charge(s) and advised that the suspect will be detained for at least five hours. The duty officer will then be notified when the suspect is about to be released.

Further action under the Uniform Code of Military Justice is the responsibility of the Commanding Officer of the military DWI suspect.



COOKIE MERCHANT — Virginia Owens, a Girl Scout Cadette with Troop 206 at China Lake, sold 205 boxes of Girl Scout cookies during the annual sale recently concluded. A 14-year-old freshman at Burroughs High School, Miss Owens was the top salesman in the Twin Valley District, which includes Trona, Ridgecrest and China Lake. Her total is the highest ever recorded by a single Girl Scout in one year in the district. Eileen Spellman is Miss Owens' Scout leader.

Seabee Reservists on Active Duty

A group of 25 Seabee Reservists, members of China Lake Detachment 0217 of Reserve Mobile Construction Battalion 27, will return home tomorrow following two weeks of active duty training at the Naval Construction Battalion Center at Port Hueneme.

Members of the local detachment, which is commanded by Lt. Michael Levine, USNR, a control systems engineer for the Condor program in the Systems Development Department's Air-to-Surface Division, have been involved in both classroom instruction and on-the-job training aimed at increasing their proficiency in various trades and crafts.

Electricians, builders, mechanics and equipment operators who are members of China Lake Detachment 0217 are part of a battalion totalling 500 Seabee Reservists who have been at Port Hueneme since

March 2.

Construction work in which they have taken part includes improvements to the Seabees' permanent drill site at Port Hueneme, the erection of two prefabricated steel buildings — one for administrative purposes and the other as a center for instruction in various trades and crafts — as well as the renovation of a frame building that is used by active duty Seabees.

The reservists also erected and put into operating condition the Chick Inn, a short food outlet, that was moved recently from China Lake to Port Hueneme.

In addition, some of the Seabee Reservists were sent to Vandenberg Air Force Base, near Lompoc, Calif., where they worked on the reconstruction of ponds that serve as a temporary resting place for wild ducks and other game birds that follow the Pacific flyway during their annual migrations.

Lecture Set on Cultural Heritage of Mexico

Dr. Ignacio Bernal, director of Mexico's National Museum of Anthropology, will present a lecture and slide presentation about that country's cultural heritage on Thursday, March 20, at 8 p.m. in the Cerro Coso College lecture hall.

Dr. Bernal's talk will center on Olmec City, Teotihuacan, and Tenochtitlan, ancient cities of Mexico.

Dr. Bernal has published nearly 200 books, papers and reviews on this and other subjects relating to the anthropology of Mexico. He has been a guest professor at the Sorbonne (University of Paris), the University of London, and the following universities in the U.S.: Harvard, Texas, UC Berkeley, UC Santa Barbara, Texas and Oregon. Currently president of the Panamerican

Institute of Geography and History, Dr. Bernal also serves as vice president of the International Council of Philosophy and Humanistic Sciences.

He received his Ph.D. in archeology from the University of Mexico City and has performed his principal field work at Coixtlahuaca, Yagul, and other sites in the Valley of Oaxaca.

The guest lecturer was also the director of the restoration project at the ancient city of Teotihuacan.

Tickets for Dr. Bernal's lecture, priced at \$1.50 for general admission and \$1 for Cerro Coso student body holders, may be purchased at the Gift Mart in Ridgecrest, the Station Pharmacy, or at the college.

Burroughs Stage Band Is Best at Reno Jazz Festival

Members of the Burroughs High School stage band, directed by Mike Garrett, returned home Sunday tired but triumphant after winning the first place trophy in their division of the International Jazz Festival that was held last Friday, Saturday and Sunday in Reno, Nev.

The topnotch musical group from Burroughs was entered in the Class 4A competition for schools having an enrollment of more than 1,800 students. In addition, seven of the 20-member group, playing as a separate combo, tied for second place honors while vying with 30 similar combos, including some composed of college musicians.

The Jazz Festival agenda called for the Burroughs High stage band to play for its initial judging on Friday night, but it wasn't until shortly before 1 a.m. Sunday that it

Talk About Cable TV To Highlight Next STC Meeting

A talk entitled "Cable TV — What's in Store for Ridgecrest" will highlight the next meeting of the Sierra-Panamint Chapter of the Society for Technical Communication. The meeting will take place next Thursday, March 20, starting at 7:30 p.m. in Conference Rooms B and C of Michelson Laboratory.

Glenn Shoblom, manager of Ridgecrest Cable-vision, will be the principal speaker. He will be accompanied to the STC meeting by Fritz Baker, his chief engineer.

Shoblom will tell about services that will be available to cable television subscribers, in addition to receiving the eight TV channels that are now available via the translators and booster equipment operated by the China Lake Community Council.

New Hours at Auto Shop

New hours of operation will go into effect on Monday at the Auto Hobby Shop, it was announced this week by John Shoaf, director of the Special Services Division. Beginning on March 17, the Auto Hobby Shop will be open on weekdays from 4 to 9 p.m.; on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and on Sundays from noon to 7 p.m.

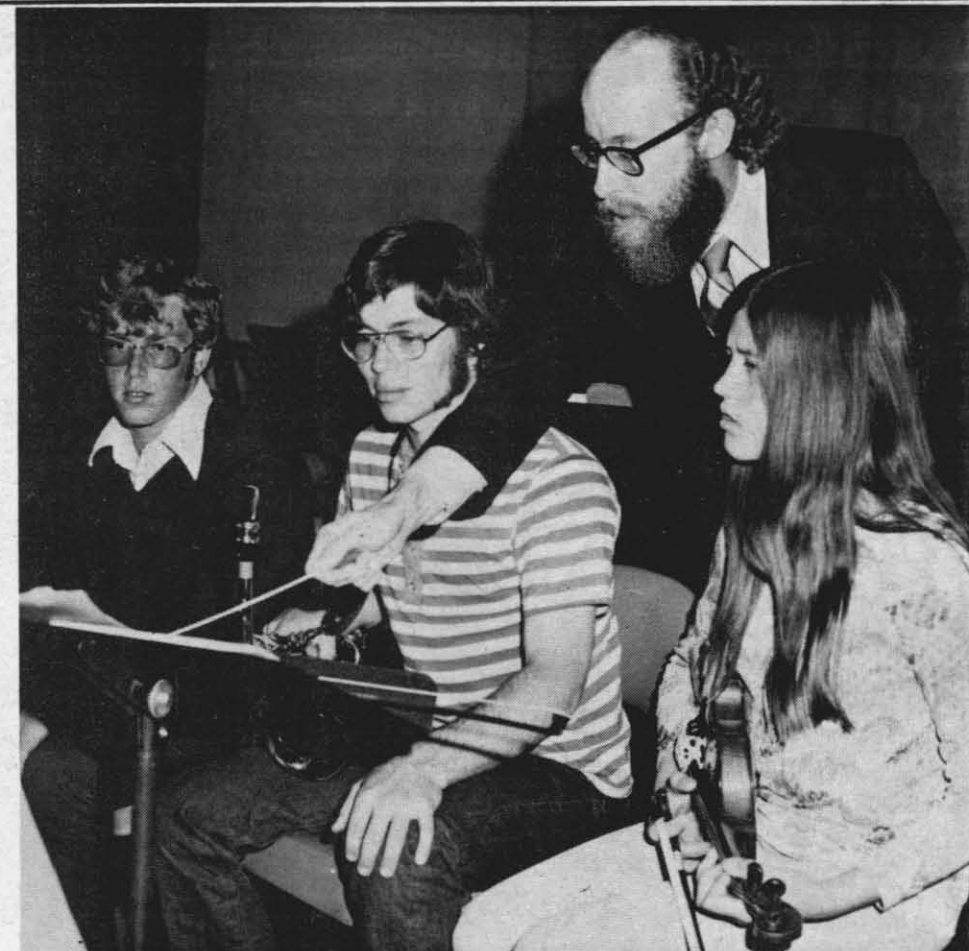
was the local musical group's turn to perform during the finals of the Class 4A (big school) competition.

Residents of Indian Wells Valley will have an opportunity to lend their personal acclaim to that of the judges of the International Jazz Festival in Reno, Nev., by attending a Burroughs High School stage band concert next Thursday, March 20.

The program during the concert, which also will spotlight the band's combo, will feature the musical selections which won them top honors at Reno, as well as other numbers in the group's repertoire.

There will be an admission price of \$1 per person for this special concert, which will begin at 7:30 p.m. on March 20 at Burroughs lecture center.

Three modern jazz selections — "Is There Anything Still There?," "Little Dipper,"



YOUTH SOLOISTS — Gordon Trousdale, conductor of the Desert Community Orchestra and director of music at Cerro Coso Community College, points to a passage in the musical score that will be played at the annual Youth Concert, which is scheduled on May 11 by the orchestra. Three of the four youth soloists, who were chosen after auditions, are shown listening to the conductor. They are (l.-r.): Steve Nygaard, Bill Lutjens and Carolyn Merrow. The fourth audition winner, who was not present for the photo, is Glenda Davis, a pianist. Nygaard will play Haydn's "Trumpet Concerto in E Flat Major." Lutjens, a saxophonist, will perform Vivaldi's "Violin Concerto in A Minor." Miss Davis plans to play the "Concertino for Small Hands," written by Koh-Ichi Hattori. The youths, along with the full orchestra, are now rehearsing for the concert. —Photo by Ron Allen

and "Nice an' Juicy" were the numbers played by the Burroughs stage band during the preliminary judging, with the latter two numbers being repeated in the finals.

There were 140 entries from other high schools, and the Burroughs High musicians had to outperform the bands from two much larger schools — Nathan Hale High School of Seattle, Wash., the winner for the past three years, and Huntington Beach High School from Huntington Beach, Calif. — in the finals in order to win the trophy.

The good news that the Burroughs High stage band was the Class 4A winner wasn't announced until about 2 a.m. Sunday by the panel of five experts who judged the competition.

Members of the Burroughs stage band combo who also distinguished themselves as a separate musical group by tying for second place were led by Bill Lutjens, a saxophone and flute player. He was joined by Mike McLane, trombonist; Steve Nygaard, on the trumpet, and a rhythm

section composed of Dewayne Evans, bass player; Debbie Johnson, drummer, Liz Knemeyer, pianist, and Jim Gibbons, who handled the percussion instruments.

"Super Strut" and "Night Theme," both jazz rock selections, were the two numbers played by the combo.

Other band members, in addition to those who formed the combo, are George Burdick, Brian Gravelle, Roger Godett, Ken Gould, Billy Hall, Dave Krausman, Debbie Johnson, Carl Lind, Lori Mahan, Donna McKernan, Tom McLean, Lynn Preston and Darwin Rosenlof.

Money to help cover expenses of the trip to the Jazz Festival was raised by playing at concerts and dances that were sponsored by the Ridgecrest Kiwanis Club, the China Lake Rotary Club and the Optimist Club of Indian Wells Valley.

Enroute to Reno on Thursday, March 6, the Burroughs stage band stopped off for a performance at LeeVining High School.



STAGE BAND WINS BIG ONE — First place in the Class 4A competition was won by the Burroughs High School stage band for the group's excellent performance turned in at the International Jazz Festival this past weekend in Reno, Nev. Competing with schools — some of which have a much larger enrollment than the 1,900 students at Burroughs — the local musicians put it all together for themselves and their director, Mike Garrett, who is seen at left during the Jazz Festival. Local residents will have a chance to hear a repeat of the band's prize-winning performance during a concert March 20 at the Burroughs lecture center. —Photo by Charlie Motte