

Wide Interest Shown In Woman's Club's First Walk-a-Thon

The response for the March of Dimes' "Walk-a-Thon," sponsored locally by the High Desert Junior Woman's Club, has been "fantastic," according to Linda Bouse, president of the local organization. The event will be held on Saturday, April 12.

The club placed 6,000 sponsor forms in different locations throughout the valley, and nearly all of them are gone. Although a new event in this area, Walk-a-Thons have been staged in many different communities throughout the country. Walkers (who will traverse a 12-mi. route) obtain sponsors who pledge a certain amount of money for each mile covered — all of which is donated to the March of Dimes fight against birth defects.

A 10-year-old Vieweg school student, Wendy Radcliff — has been reported to have enough sponsors to earn approximately \$1,000 for the March of Dimes, provided she walks the entire 12 mile route," Mrs. Bouse said.

The local "walk" will begin and end at the Desert Empire Fairgrounds. The route will continue from there down Richmond Rd. to the first checkpoint at the FEDCO service station, then on to Richmond School, via Saratoga Ave., Blue Ridge Rd., and Ticonderoga Ave. The third checkpoint is McBride Park on the Center, with the fourth stop scheduled at the Security-Pacific Bank in the Ridgcrest Plaza. The final leg will be from that point back to the fairgrounds.

One of the original four participants in the first "Walk-a-Thon" — Wayne Sands, an employee of the Public Works Department — will be taking part in the local event on April 12. Sands was one of four men who walked from Los Angeles to San Diego in the mid-1950s to kick off the annual Walk-a-Thon benefit, now being held each year throughout the nation.

Mrs. Bouse reported that MacDonald's hamburger outlet, in Ridgcrest, will provide each participant in the Walk-a-Thon with a free soft-drink during the stopover at Security-Pacific Bank.

Also making the walk will be Joseph Freeland, a cerebral palsy victim, who will cut the ribbon to signal the beginning of the event. Performing at the fairgrounds before, during and following the charity event will be the Burroughs High School stage band, under the direction of Michael Garrett.



MR. AND MRS. EASTER BUNNY will be on hand to captivate the children when Disneyland, the fabulous fun spot in Anaheim, caps a variety of special spring events with an old-fashioned Easter parade on Sunday. The traditional parade, which will be held down Main Street U.S.A. at Disneyland, will begin at 2 p.m. on Easter Sunday. This colorful pageant, staged in a circa 1900 setting, is one of the few old-fashioned Easter Parades presented in the nation. It will be highlighted by special music, decorated horseless carriages, antique bicycles and a variety of performers in turn-of-the-century costume. Then on April 5th and 6th and again on April 12 and 13, Disneyland will stage its "Military Weekends." Special discounted ticket books for either of these weekends are available at the Community Center. The books include admission to Disneyland and contain ducats for any 12 attractions at the Anaheim-based fun center. A \$19.20 value, the books are being sold for just \$5.75 per person. Both civilian and military personnel are eligible to take advantage of this offer.

Local Organizations Invite Leona Kent To Present Talk on 'Women and Alcoholism'

Leona Kent, executive director of the Women's Rehabilitation Association of San Mateo County, Inc., will present a talk on "Women and Alcoholism" next Tuesday at the Burroughs High School Lecture Center, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Mrs. Kent's appearance is being co-

sponsored by the Desert Counseling Center, the Committee on Responsible Drinking, and the United Methodist Women. There is no admission charge and all interested persons are invited to attend.

During the day of her visit, the speaker will be consulting with various community groups on the education and prevention of the "hidden woman drinker." Persons who wish to speak with her on Tuesday should contact Gene St.-Amand by calling 446-5586.

Mrs. Kent has had 20 years of experience in treatment, research, and prevention of alcohol abuse and alcoholism. In addition, she has worked in private and public alcohol abuse and alcoholism programs at the local, county and state levels.

Her varied experience includes filling the role of director of education at the San Joaquin County Alcohol Rehabilitation Clinic in Stockton, serving as information and education officer for the California Department of Rehabilitation Alcoholism Program, and working as a rehabilitation aide for the State of California. She also is the author of several articles and books on the subject.

Class Scheduled On Geography of Desert

A University of California at Santa Barbara Extension Division class entitled "Geography of the California Deserts" will begin next Tuesday evening in Room 17 at Murray School.

The class, which will be taught by Lloyd Brubaker, will meet on Tuesdays from 7 to 10 p.m.

Those taking this course for credit will be charged a fee of \$60 for three units. There is a \$50 fee for those not enrolled for credit.

To enroll, or obtain additional information, interested persons should call Sue Karrer at 446-2362.

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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. 28 MARCH
"INVASION OF THE BEE GIRLS" (87 Min.)
William Smith, Anita Ford
(Action Drama) Ordinary women are transformed into sensual creatures by the stings of millions of bees, which transmit life-and-death giving secrets to their love-hungry victims. (R)

SAT. 29 MARCH
"THE SALZBURG CONNECTION" (93 Min.)
Barry Newman, Anna Karina
(Suspense Drama) A New York lawyer on business in Salzburg becomes involved with international espionage to recover a sunken chest containing names of Nazi war criminals. (PG)

SUN. 30 MARCH
"CALIFORNIA SPLIT" (111 Min.)
Elliott Gould, George Segal
(Comedy Drama) Segal is a young magazine writer whose love of gambling has him up to his neck in debt, and Gould is a devil-may-care professional gambler who lives with two ladies-of-the-evening. Segal and Gould pool all their resources for a jaunt in Reno. Coming out of a poker game a winner, Segal risks all at the dice table and emerges with \$80,000. Gould says they're ready for Las Vegas, but Segal decides to go back home and settle his debts. (R)

MON. 31 MARCH
"ENTER THE DRAGON" (99 Min.)
Bruce Lee, John Saxon
(Action Drama) Bruce Lee makes his final screen appearance in this lavishly produced martial arts action thriller. The first U.S.-produced Kung Fu film and the first to be shot in English, it is the last film made by superstar Bruce Lee prior to his untimely death. (R)

TUES. 1 APRIL
"THE TRIAL OF BILLY JACK" (170 Min.)
Tom Laughlin, Delores Taylor
(Action Drama) After National Guardsmen have attacked her Freedom School, director Delores Taylor relates her story. She refers back to the trial of Tom Laughlin, a Navajo half-breed who served 5 years for murdering the son of powerful Riley Hill. When Laughlin is released, the school's TV station is in the midst of a campaign to arouse the citizens against the abuse of Indians. After murders and violence, National Guardsmen are ordered to raid the school and three students die. (PG)

WED. 2 APRIL
"NAPOLEON AND SAMANTHA" (92 Min.)
Michael Douglas, Will Geer
(Drama) Michael Douglas is recruited by an orphaned little boy who wants to bury his grandfather, hide his pet lion from the neighbors, and run off with his seven-year-old playmate. (G)

THURS. 3 APRIL
"AMAZING GRACE" (99 Min.)
Moms Mabley, Slappy White
(Comedy) On the train to Baltimore, elderly Moms Mabley meets Slappy White on his last day as a pullman porter after 30 years on the job. Moms takes in the outgoing White, who had always wanted to be a song and dance man. Living next to Moms is Moses Gunn, a cultured politician running for mayor. Advisor Jim Karen promises that if Gunn delivers the black vote to the corrupt white mayor, he'll receive a \$10 million urban renewal program in return. (G)

FRI. 4 APRIL
"BAMBOO GODS AND IRON MEN" (141 Min.)
James Iglehart, Shirley Washington
(Kung Fu Adventure) While honeymooning in the Orient, a black boxer discovers that Chinese agents are trying to recover a cheap souvenir Buddha in his possession. They think it contains a substance so powerful that its finder will become ruler of the world. (R)

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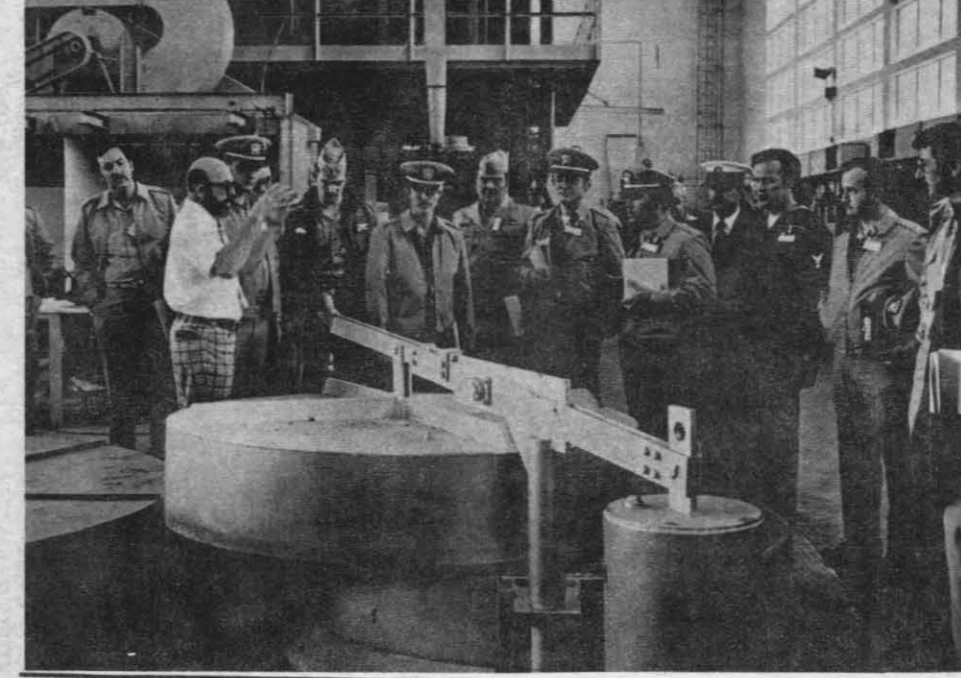
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3 Fire Fighters Commended For Emergency Aid

Letters of commendation from Rear Admiral R. G. Freeman III, NWC Commander, were presented this past Monday to two of three Fire Division employees for their response this past Dec. 10 to an emergency involving two critically injured men.

Capt. R. D. Franke, NWC Deputy Commander, made the presentations and added his own personal congratulations to Frank D. Holley, a driver-operator, and to Michael W. Gallagher, a fire fighter. The third letter of commendation was prepared for Dahl K. Anderson, also a fire fighter, but he was on annual leave and couldn't be present for the ceremony.

Holley, Gallagher and Anderson came to the assistance of Chief Electrician's Mate H. L. Hamrick, a patron at the Chief Petty Officers' Club, and George L. Barnard, the club manager, who suffered serious wounds from a knife that was wielded by Richard Flynn, 42, of Ridgcrest, during an argument and fight outside the CPO Mess (Open).

In the letters of commendation that each of the three Fire Division employees received, it was noted that: "Your prompt actions and medical care were directly responsible for saving the life of one person (Continued on Page 3)

Personnel at NWC Advised Against Relocating Phones

Naval Weapons Center employees may be subject to penalties if they either move or do installation work on telephones assigned to them.

The government has leased the operation and maintenance of the Naval Weapons Center's official telephone system to the Continental Telephone Co. of California, and the company receives a portion of its revenues from the installation of telephones — both new service and changes to existing service.

If it is discovered that NWC employees have either installed or relocated telephones assigned to them, service will be immediately discontinued and the user, or responsible code, will be billed for the cost of having service restored.

With the additional telephone crews that the Continental Telephone Co. is providing, there should be a minimum delay in either moving telephones or installing new service.

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Status Report on TV Fund Drive Presented, Plans For Future Improvements Aired

A set of figures, compiled by Richard Wolff, treasurer of the China Lake Community Council, highlighted the first of a planned series of status reports that was released Monday on the TV booster fund drive by Bob Fletcher, president of the Council's board of directors, and Don Stanton, chairman of the TV-FM Committee.

According to Wolff's report, a total of \$84,662 has been collected thus far in the drive that began in December with the "TV Booster Bash." The "bash" itself raised \$7,794 to begin the campaign. Purpose of the

fund drive is to replace translating equipment atop Laurel and "B" Mt. in order to meet the standards of the Federal Communications Commission — governing body of the airwaves.

A door-to-door campaign, held on Jan. 26, raised another \$41,320, and mail contributions have brought in an additional \$33,739 as of Monday, March 24. In addition, a dance, sponsored by the Ridgcrest Elks Lodge, raised \$255, while an all-day motocross at Sage Park — staged by the Sandblasters Motorcycle Club of Ridgcrest — brought in another \$1,400.

Club Donates \$154
The final contribution to date (with the exception of those being received in the mail) came from the Burroughs High School Future Business Leaders of Tomorrow. This club donated \$154.

Wolff's report shows that fund drive expenses have amounted to \$1,562, leaving a net total — before the purchase of 10 new UHF antennas — of \$83,100.

Prior to the beginning of the fund drive there was a balance of \$3,464 in the TV booster station account. Since then, \$3,786 has been spent on the new antennas, leaving a balance of \$82,778.

Selection To Be Made Soon
Stanton noted that expenses incurred during the fund drive have amounted to less than 2 per cent of the total contributions. The money that has been collected is now drawing \$465 interest per month.

Stanton pointed out that selection of the firm which will supply the TV-FM Committee with new translators will be made soon. "Four different manufacturers are loaning us one TV translator each for our evaluation," Stanton said. "These will be broadcast into the valley from Laurel Mt. and can be received over four different UHF channels. VHF Channel 2 will be broadcast over Channel 57, Channel 4 over Channel 59, Channel 5 on Channel 61, and Channel 7 will be broadcast over Channel 63," the committee chairman said.

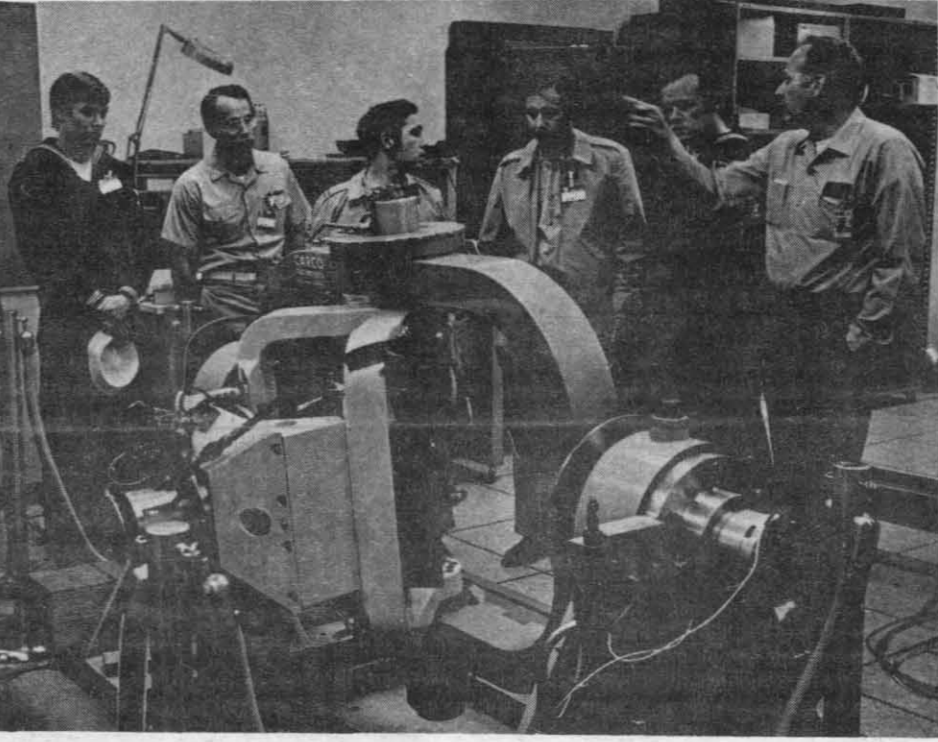
Stanton also quelled a rumor that is currently making the rounds in the Indian Wells Valley. "It is not true that UHF antennas will have to be purchased in order to receive free TV in the valley," he said. "We will be replacing all seven of the VHF (Continued on Page 3)

Progress Reported On Bldg. Construction Work at 'Magic Mt.'

Good progress was reported this week on the construction of a fully insulated, 3,000 sq. ft. concrete block building that is being erected atop a hill called "Magic Mountain" in the Randsburg Wash area.

A part of the Naval Threat Systems Complex, the new building, which will cost \$236,777, will provide space for computers and an office. It is being erected under a contract that was awarded to the construction firm of Brinegar and Fuller of El Cajon, Calif.

Already completed is such preliminary work as the installation of underground electrical lines, a septic tank and water lines from a water tank that serves the area. In addition, all of the footings have been in- (Continued on Page 4)



NAVAL RESERVISTS BRIEFED ON WORK AT NWC — The machine shop in Michelson Laboratory (top photo) was one of the areas inspected by nearly 90 members from four Naval Reserve Intelligence Units who were here March 15-16 for 1½ days of briefings on a number of weapons programs and special facilities used for research and development at the Naval Weapons Center. In the upper photo, William T. Cooper, assistant head of the Engineering Department's Prototype Division, is explaining how one of the pit furnaces in the machine shop's heat treat room is used for the conditioning of metals. The lower photo shows Ray Van Aken (at right), head of the Aircraft Systems Department's Aeromechanics Division, discussing the operation of the Carco Flight Simulation table. When missile heads are hooked up to this table, which is capable of providing roll, pitch and yaw motions, it is possible to simulate their performance and the operation of the missile's guidance system. —Photos by John Dunker

Change Requested in Hours Of Operation at Auto Hobby Shop

A report outlining suggested changes in the operation of the Auto Hobby Shop, and a request for funds needed for enlargement of the picnic grounds at the Minville Park recreation area adjacent to the Naval Air Facility swimming pool, were two of the principal items of business taken up at the March 20 meeting of the Joint Navy - Civilian Recreation Council.

Cdr. W. C. Smith, Executive Officer of Air Test and Evaluation Squadron Five (VX-5), informed Recreation Council members that, at the request of Capt. R. D. Franke, NWC Deputy Commander, he had studied the Auto Hobby Shop operation.

His efforts, Cdr. Smith stated, consisted of checking the funds available for the purchase of consumable supplies necessary to operate the shop more efficiently. This study indicated that with a more comprehensive system of accounting for materials, supplies, equipment, and patron usage of the shop, the appropriated and non-

appropriated funds available would be adequate to operate this facility.

In addition, the VX-5 Executive Officer recommended that more space be allocated for storing of vehicles while they are being repaired, as well as more efficient use be made of the space that is available for this purpose.

Cdr. Smith suggested that an area east of the Auto Hobby Shop be cleared, then enclosed with solid-type fencing, and used for storage of vehicles when they are not being worked on.

Present hours of operation of the Auto Hobby Shop are 4 to 9 p.m. on Monday through Friday; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, and noon to 7 p.m. on Sunday. This new set of hours represents a seven-day operation program during the free time of most patrons. Since VX-5 has nearly 60 personnel who are regularly assigned evening work hours, Cdr. Smith suggested (Continued on Page 4)



INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL — Plans are being finalized by the committee that has been selected to stage an International Festival on April 11 at the Burroughs High School Lecture Center. Committee members are shown above in different international dress. They are (l.-r.): Joanne Busch, in charge of costumes; Dahlia Huckleba, central communications; Suzanne Fountain, program coordinator; Doris Bruce, Museum coordinator; Betty Sembach, general chairman; Donna Baker, costume consultant; Dorothy Smith, patron committee; Theresa Dunham and Kathleen Danley, who will be assisting the general committee. The first rehearsal and audition will be held Tuesday at Vieweg School, beginning at 7 p.m. All children must be accompanied by at least one parent who will then give an OK for their child's participation in the program. The International Festival, staged to promote understanding between peoples of different ethnic backgrounds, is co-sponsored by the Desert Area Teachers' Association's Human Relations Committee, the NAACP's Education Committee, the American Association of University Women, and the Burroughs High School United Nations Club.

Easter Services

Following is the schedule of Catholic and Protestant services during the remaining portion of Holy Week, beginning today and ending on Easter Sunday.

PROTESTANT CONGREGATION

Good Friday -- Service at 4:45 p.m. Laymen will speak on the seven last words of Christ. Open to the public.

Easter Sunday -- Service at 10:15 a.m. Sermon topic, "The Eternal Mystery, Life and Death," Chaplain R. E. Osman.

CATHOLIC CONGREGATION

Good Friday -- Celebration of the Lord's Passion at noon, including Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion.

Easter Sunday -- Sunrise Service, 7 a.m. Mass, 8:30 and 11:30 a.m. Sermon topic, "Obituary Obliterated," Father Aquinas J. Smith.

A HAPPY EASTER TO ALL

Nominations Due by Tuesday for Next NWC Pre-Retirement Planning Seminar

Nominations are due no later than Tuesday from Center employees who are interested in attending a pre-retirement planning seminar that tentatively has been scheduled to begin in mid-April and end in May.

The exact dates, time and place of the seminar will be announced later, according to Nancy Cleland, who will be in charge of this informative program.

The course is intended for NWC employees who are planning to retire within the next five years, and is designed to provide a wide range of information to Civil Service personnel.

Among the subjects to be covered will be

tax information, financial planning, legal matters, Social Security and Medicare, health maintenance, and choosing a second career.

Prospective attendees who would like information added about other subjects are asked to make their requests known by calling Mrs. Cleland at NWC ext. 2018.

Completed enrollment forms must be submitted via proper department channels in order to reach Code 654 by April 1. Additional information requested on each enrollment form is the individual's projected retirement date, and whether he or she would prefer an afternoon or morning session for the seminar.

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-Wages 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 656 or 657). Advertising positions in the Promotional Opportunities column does not preclude the use of alternate recruiting sources in filling these positions. As part of the rating process, a supervisory appraisal will be sent to the current supervisor and the most recent previous supervisor of those applicants rated as basically qualified. The Naval Weapons Center is an equal opportunity employer and selection shall be made without discrimination for any nonmerit reason. The minimum qualification requirements for all GS positions are defined in CSC Handbook X-118, while those for all WG, WL and WS positions are defined in CSC Handbook X-118C.

Clerk (Typing), GS-301-4, PD No. 7552021, Code 55402 — Position provides clerical and typing support to the numerical control machine programmers, branch heads, and division office in the conduct of division work. Duties include general office work and the preparation of punched cards for computer input. Job Relevant Criteria: Ability to meet deadlines under pressure. Ability to work rapidly and accurately. Familiarity with scientific and engineering terms. Familiarity with Navy correspondence format. Telephone answering skills. Training and experience in key-punching operations.

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

Plant Account Clerk, GS 501-4/5, PD No. 7317017, Code 0863 — This position is located in the Central Plant Account Section of the General Accounting Branch. The incumbent will maintain official plant property accounting records; prepare shipping documents; prepare and maintain property record cards; prepare transfer of class 3 and 4 plant property forms; assist the equipment specialists and/or department plant account representatives in Center-wide physical inventories, procuring, identifying, classifying, tagging, and surveying plant accountable equipment. Job Relevant Criteria: Ability to work independently; knowledge of general accounting procedures; knowledge of Navy Plant Property System, knowledge ability to work with Data Processing. May have potential to GS-6.

Budget Analyst, GS 560-5/7, PD No. 7508 011, Code 887 — Incumbent will be a budget analyst in the Financial Analysis and Reports Division of Central Staff. Incumbent will learn content format and methodology of preparation of the Center's more complex financial reports. Researching existing financial history and exploring variables in order to construct statistical planning models for use in projecting 1 to 3 year plans is another function the incumbent will learn. Job Relevant Criteria: Knowledge of

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SAILOR OF THE MONTH — Never too busy to stop and smile, ADR1 George Ginter flashed a happy acceptance of the news that he had been selected as the "Sailor of the Month" by Air Test and Evaluation Squadron Five. A 17-year veteran of the U.S. Navy, ADR1 Ginter is the VX-5 Line Division supervisor. He is responsible for coordinating the ground handling of squadron aircraft.

Sign-ups Being Taken For Youth Hobby Show

Registration forms for the annual Youth Hobby Show, sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Ridgecrest/China Lake, are now available at the Ridgecrest City Hall and the China Lake Youth Center.

All young people who plan to enter exhibits for this show should register before April 8.

The Hobby Show is scheduled on May 10 at the Center's youth gym.



SPRING FASHION SHOW PLANNED — Preparations are well under way for WACOM's spring fashion show, which will be the highlight of a luncheon meeting on Tuesday, April 8, at the Commissioned Officers' Mess. Sharri LaPierre (at left) and Sylvia Uhe, two WACOM members, are shown putting the finishing touches on one of the outfits that will be modeled during the show. All wearing apparel to be displayed is being made by members of WACOM, and this event will offer them the opportunity to demonstrate their dress-making talent. —Photo by Ron Allen

Employee In The Spotlight



Don V. Stanton

Nearly \$85,000 has been raised toward the purchase of new TV translating equipment at the China Lake Community Council's TV booster stations on Laurel and "B" Mts. during a fund drive held the past three months.

The decision about what equipment to buy will rest largely on the shoulders of Don V. Stanton, a supervisory electronics technician with the Test and Evaluation Department. Don is chairman of the Council's TV-FM Committee.

Abe Lincoln's famous advice about the pleasing some of the people, etc., will never be truer once the new equipment is in. "I'm sure there will be some people unhappy about the reception, but you can bet the decision I make — with a lot of help from others — will be the best one within the budget we'll have," Don said.

Glutton for Punishment

Don has very broad shoulders for this kind of thing. You might say he's a glutton for punishment. He also is a member of the Community Hearing Board, whose duty it is to hear complaints regarding violations of Center Administrative Instructions.

He began his life in Camden, N.J., but moved with his family to Bridgeton, N.J., where he was graduated from Bridgeton High School. He entered the U.S. Marine Corps in 1949 and served for nine years, including a tour of duty in Korea with the 1st Amtrac Battalion. During his nine years in the Marine Corps, Don was trained as a radar technician in San Diego. Following his discharge, he returned to that city with the Ryan Aeronautical Corp. as an electronics technician.

In March 1959, he came to China Lake. "I joined the Engineering Department as an electronics mechanic and worked my way up to electronics technician during the first three years I was here," Don pointed out.

In 1962, Don went to work in the old Test Department under Henry Wair and has been employed in the same capacity ever since. Don's group — which he claims to be "the best there is" — is responsible for the maintenance of all communications systems on the Center's ground ranges — ground-to-ground and air-to-air — and for Federal Aeronautics Administration terminal communications systems in the fire control buildings on the ranges. In addition, Don's Code performs all of the maintenance

work on the command destruct systems in use on the ranges.

No stranger to responsibility — like that he bears on the Community Council — Don once worked for a few weeks helping the Kern County General Service Department conduct a study of communications systems in the county. "They needed someone to help them choose between three different proposals for the installation of communications systems, and to evaluate each system," Don recalled. "I was that someone."

He has served on the China Lake Community Council for three years, been a member of the Hearing Board for the past two years, and has chaired the TV-FM Committee for three years. In addition, he is a past member of the Council's Nominations Committee and a past chairman of the Housing and Community Improvements Committee.

"Be in on the Shaking"

His reasons for serving in this manner are simple. "If you plan to get a fair shake, you'd better be in on the shaking," he says.

Don and his wife, Margaret, whom he met while she was a member of the Women's Navy at Patuxent River, Md., have three children. They are Don, 21, who will graduate this year from UC Davis, where he is majoring in bio-chemistry; Susan, 19, who is married and living in Nevada; and Janet, 17, a junior at Burroughs High School.

Don's hobbies are curtailed a great deal because of his involvement with the TV booster stations. However, he has recently become a member of the China Lake Navy Flying Club and is learning to fly. "That's the greatest thing since the invention of popcorn," he said, enthusiastically. Margaret had her first ride in a light aircraft recently, and Don swears she'll be next to sign up for pilot's lessons.

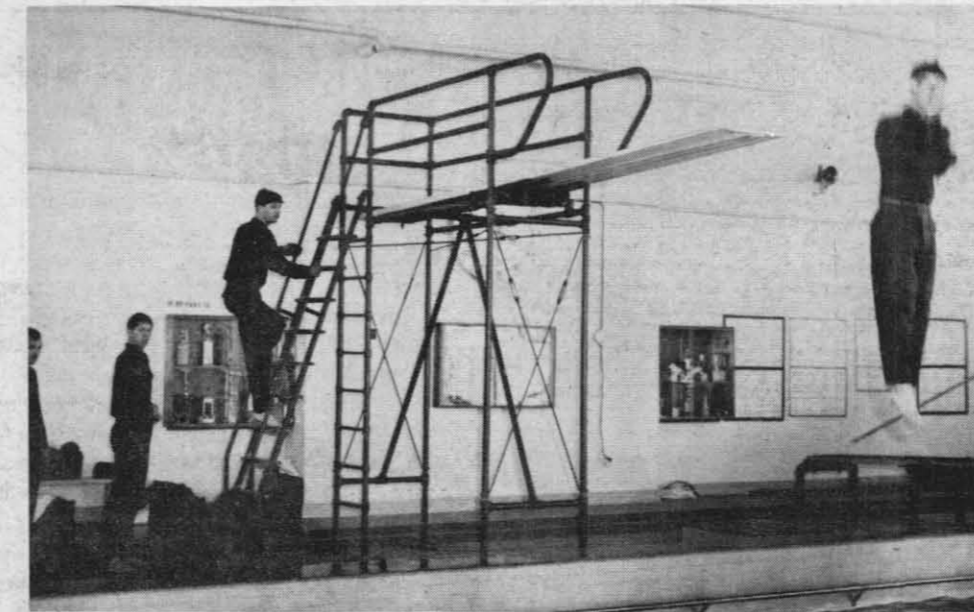
He jogs every two days or so, and rides a motorcycle everywhere. Margaret, according to Don, is an "outstanding" knitter, and a terrific seamstress. "She's won many ribbons at the Desert Empire Fair for her needlecraft," Don noted.

The couple also enjoys backpacking and camping. Margaret, who is a medical secretary at the NWC Dispensary, also is a "great cook."

3 Upward Mobility Seminars Scheduled

Three separate sessions of Upward Seminars have been scheduled in April in the Joshua Rm. of the Community Center. The dates of each session are April 9-11, 16-18, and 23-25 from 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. each day. Instructors will be Lt. Stuart Bell and Emanuel Dunn.

Deadline for filing will be 10 days prior to the class meeting. Nominations should be made by submitting an NWC enrollment form to Code 654 through proper departmental channels before the deadline date.



MARINES TRAIN HERE — Members of the Marine Air Group 16's Helicopter Training Squadron 301, assigned to the Marine Corps Air Station, Santa Ana, flew 'copter to China Lake earlier this week to participate in water survival training in the Center's heated pool. Unfortunately, an indoor pool was not available to them at their home station, thus the request to conduct the water survival exercise here. This training is generally given prior to deployment. The pool was closed to general use during the time the Marines were here. —Photo by Ron Allen

Applications for Membership in Famed Blue Angels Now Being Taken From Navy Pilots

The Navy's Blue Angels Flight Demonstration Squadron is accepting applications for two demonstration pilots and the squadron commanding officer/flight leader to be assigned to the squadron in November 1975.

Applicants must meet the following requirements: (1) minimum of 1,500 flight hours by November 1975, 1,000 of which should be in tactical jet aircraft, (waivers to 1,200 hours are considered, depending upon experience); (2) on or approaching rotation to shore duty following a tour with a carrier-based jet squadron; (3) regular Navy and career motivated; (4) highly motivated to represent the Navy before the public.

Interested personnel should submit a letter of application to the Commanding Officer of the Flight Demonstration Squadron via their reporting senior with a copy to Chief of Naval Personnel (PERS 433A) and Chief of Naval Air Training. Applications should be received by July 1975, and interested personnel should also indicate their preference on their officer preference card.

Applicants for commanding officer/flight leader must be a command screened commander or lieutenant commander with a minimum of 3,500 flight hours and must meet height/weight requirements. It is also requested that the prospective Commanding Officer have already completed a tour in a command billet. Although marital status is not a determining factor for selection to the demonstration squadron, a team member

Opportunities . . .

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accounting principles, theories and methodology. Ability to deal tactfully with a wide variety of people. Ability to work effectively and efficiently with minimum supervision. Promotion potential to GS-11.

Budget Technician, GS 501-4/7, PD No. 7508012, Code 882 — Incumbent will provide budgetary/fiscal and financial management service to a technical department from the perspective of Central Staff as well as the department to which assigned. Will assist in the preparation of technical budget estimates and programs, and in the preparation and presentation of the overhead budget. Will be responsible for the control of over-expenditures on projects and programs. By means of periodic written reports, assists an RMA or independently ensures the head of the department to which assigned and the head of staff are kept up-to-date in the area of financial management. May be required to supplement the RMA efforts provided for the department to which assigned. Job Relevant Criteria: Ability to analyze and generalize from data available in support of budgetary staff requirements. Ability to deal effectively with people. Ability to understand and apply a knowledge of the financial/budgetary system at NWC.

File applications for the above with Tina Lowe, Bldg. 34, Rm. 204, Ph. 2773.

Job Opportunity

Supervisory Recreation Aid, PS-018-5 (42.86 ph) — This is not a Civil Service job. The position is located in the Center Gym, Special Services Branch, Office of Finance and Management. Incumbent schedules gymnasium and swimming activities. Schedules work hours for and supervises lifeguards and gym recreation aids. Ensures cleanliness of and makes minor repairs to gym and pool equipment. Prepares attendance and other reports.

File applications for the above with Elizabeth Sodergren, Bldg. 34, Rm. 204, Ph. 2676.



AUCTION CONDUCTED — Tex Hammond (with gavel), auctioneer from the Defense Property Disposal Resident office in San Diego, coaxes a little more from bidders during an auction sale of surplus government property held on March 20 at the Community Center. A total of 309 persons registered to bid. An additional 50 people packed the Community Center floor to watch the proceedings. The auction brought in \$30,470 on 208 items sold. The highest bid was \$975, recorded twice during the sale. The first was for an International 4-wheel drive van and the second time that figure was reached was for approximately 150 household stoves. The lowest bid was \$10, knocked down a couple of times for pieces of electronic test gear. In all, 101 different persons successfully bid on items. Assisting Hammond with the auction were (foreground, l.-r.) Harold Stalnakar, a warehouseman with the NWC Defense Property Disposal Office, and Pete Donohue, scrap yard foreman at NWC. —Photo by Maurice Dias

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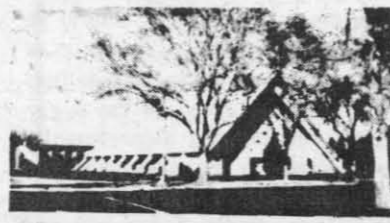
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PROTESTANT 1015
Sunday Worship Service 0900
Sunday School — All Ages 1130
Wednesday Noon Bible Study 1130
Sunday School Classes are held in Chapel Annexes 1, 2, 4 (Dorms 5, 6, 8) located opposite the Center Restaurant. Communion Service first Sunday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

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

BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL
MASS
Daily except Saturday 1135

CONFESSIONS 1545 to 1645
Sunday 0800 to 0825

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES
Sunday Kindergarten thru 6th 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
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Monthly Youth Rallies
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By Jack Lindsey

A total of 52 men and two women braved high winds to play in the China Lake Men's Golf Club's cross-country tournament last Saturday.

Phil Sprankle negotiated the hilly, sandy, 14 hole layout in 51 (net) strokes to take home the trophy. Curt Bryan, who has had a lot of practice lately playing in windstorms, was the low gross prize winner, carding a 63 on the par 58 course.

Runner-up for the net trophy was Bud Sewell, whose score was 53. Glenn Shoblom was third with a net score of 56.

Two men — Dick Seeley and Frank Knemeyer — each posted net scores of 57 to tie for the fourth place spot.

The two women entries were Philys Davis and Rita Pirozek. Although they didn't get into the money, they are to be congratulated for giving the wierdo course the old college try.

Larry Cardinal, tournament director, was pleased at the turnout considering the weather was so bad. His next effort will be a "Specialist Tournament," a charity event to be held for the benefit of the TV Booster fund drive on Saturday, April 19.

It is called a "specialist" tourney because the format restricts each player on a four-man team to playing only with certain clubs. One entrant will hit nothing but woods. The second member on the team will specialize in hitting only the 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 irons, while a third will play only the 7, 8, and 9 irons, and the wedge. The fourth player will do all of the putting.

It will be a handicap tournament and all players must have current SCGA handicaps posted in the clubhouse. The entry fee will be \$5 per person, and all proceeds (after prize money) will go to the TV fund drive.



GETTING IN THE SWIM OF THINGS — Three of the youngsters who are enrolled in Special Education programs at Richmond School are shown receiving one-to-one assistance as they begin picking up the fundamentals of swimming — an activity aimed at both ridding them of any fear of water, as well as providing beneficial exercise and helping to improve their coordination. Shown with the paddlers are (from left) Diana Smith, the Developmental Center instructor; Mrs. Loretta Salatino, who is in charge of the class for trainable retarded children, and Gina Phillips, an aide who is a student at Mesquite High School. These youngsters and their fellow students look forward eagerly each week to Wednesday mornings, when it is their turn to use the Center swimming pool. —Photo by Ron Allen



LEARNING THE FUNDAMENTALS — Three members of the Undecideds, a team entered in the Women's Division of the China Lake Intramural Volleyball League, took advantage of the Easter week break in the action to bone up on the fundamentals of volleyball. Phil Bowen (back to camera) is shown coaching (l.-r.) Diana Wyman, Lynn Kessler and Ellie Jackson on the proper way to hold the hands and arms when setting up the ball for a spike. League action will begin again next Tuesday at the Center gym. —Photo by Ron Allen

NAF Spring Olympics Slated For April 14-18; 10 Events Planned

It's nearly time for the annual Naval Air Facility Spring Olympics, and Lt. Ian Refo, in the NAF Operations Office, has been busy organizing events and providing information about the week-long, sporting event. The NAF Olympics will be held from April 14 to 18.

This year, competition will be divided into 10 different events and the entrants will be members of five maintenance personnel teams, and one team each from administration, operations and the dispensary. Events to be held are 4-man basketball, 6-

Brightwell Bowls Big 714 Series Monday

Thad Brightwell, bowling in the Monday Night Premier Scratch League, uncorked one of his patented big series this week, tallying 714 on games of 268, 247 and 199.

Other high scorers last Monday included Art Karrer, who notched a 648 series on games of 244 and 211, and Earle Roby, who put together single efforts of 236 and 225, finishing with a 609 set. Kim Duckett rolled a 603 series.

man volleyball, 4-man relay foot race, 5-man bowling, doubles teams in billiards, 4-man swimming relays, 5-man trapshooting, 4-man bicycle relays, 2-man horseshoes, and a team tug-o-war. Lt. Refo explained that some men complained about the tug-o-war last year as the orphans had all the "heavies." For this reason, there is a weight restriction of 1,400 lb. per team this year.

Following the conclusion of the final two events on April 18, a picnic for all personnel will be held at the NAF pool.

Persons who want more information should contact Lt. Refo by calling NWC ext. 5464.

Local Navy Keglers Qualify for Pacific Coast Regional Event

Bob Kauffman, who works in the Naval Air Facility's check crew shop, and Bud Beltz, a white hat assigned to the NWC Communications Center, have qualified to bowl in the Pacific Coast Regionals of the Navy's annual bowling rollofs to be held April 7 to 11 at San Diego.

Kauffman, a 179 average kegler in the Monday Night Premier scratch league at NWC, tallied 2,281 pins (a 190 average) to take second place in the Northern 11th Naval District 12-game rollofs held at the Naval Support Activity bowling center in Long Beach.

Beltz, who is carrying a 178 average in the same league, rolled 2,209. That score earned him the spot of second alternate in the regional tourney.

These two men, along with Dave Homley, Bob Frazier, John King, Terry Miles and Jim McBride, earned the right to compete in the 11th ND Northern tournament by winning the top seven spots in a recent rolloff, held locally at Hall Memorial Lanes.

Pony/Colt Sign-ups Set

All boys, 13 through 17 years of age, who want to play Pony/Colt League baseball are urged to register at the Cornelius Shoe Store in the Midway Shopping Center in Ridgecrest on April 1, 2 or 3.

A league representative will be at that location between 5 and 7 p.m. on the dates indicated.

Wilt's Corner

By Wilt Wyman

Representatives of softball teams that plan to enter one of the different leagues this season should plan to attend one of the meetings that will be held in the Joshua Rm. of the Community Center, beginning on Monday, April 7.

Separate meetings will be held for women's, slow pitch, recreation and fast pitch teams. The women will meet on April 7, with the slow pitch, recreation and fast pitch representatives slated to gather on April 8, 9 and 10, respectively.

All sessions will start promptly at 5 p.m. Many teams have already started practice and players are reminded that field reservations should be made after 11 a.m. daily at the Issue Rm. in the gymnasium. Teams that have reservations will have priority on the fields.

Bowlers Enter MDISL Tourney
NWC's Mojave Desert Inter-Service League bowling team will journey to Nellis Air Force Base in Las Vegas, Nev., next Friday (April 4) to compete in the annual tournament.

Team members are Thad Brightwell, Art Karrer, Jim Wright, Dave Homley, Dick Reymore, John Schmitz, Doris Boyack, Sue Haack, Wilma Johnson, Sue Emde, Pat Brightwell and Jeanne Homley.

The bowlers will compete in team, singles and doubles events. Let's hope they can improve on the Center's second place finish last year.

Racketball Tourney

The double-elimination racketball tournament will conclude this week. Results in the winners' bracket are as follows:

Les Saxton and Don Cortichiate def. Phil Fossum and Ian Refo, by default; Wilt Wyman-Mary Goodman dumped John Saitz-Charles Vuitel, 21-17, 21-17; Vern Powell and Jeff Grossman won over Lance Mathew and Mark Loper, 21-10, 21-10; Verl Lillywhite and Jeff St. Dennis pounded John Strang and Curtis Sandburg, 21-6 and 21-11.

Claude Brown - Harlan Reep defeated Powell and Grossman, 21-17, 20-21, 21-17; Wyman-Goodman smashed Saxton-Cortichiate, 21-11, 21-14; Brown-Reep edged Lillywhite - St. Dennis, 21-17, 21-19.

In the losers' bracket, Fossum-Refo crushed Mathews - Loper, 21-6, 21-6, and this same duo also knocked off the team of Saitz-Vuitel, 21-10 and 21-10. Powell-Grossman had to go three sets before defeating the team of Saxton - Cortichiate, 15 - 21, 21-15, 21-20.

Swim Lessons To Begin

Swim lessons on eight consecutive Tuesdays will begin for tiny tots on April 8. Children 6 months to 4 years of age will receive instruction from 9 to 10:30 a.m., and those 5 years of age will be in the pool from 10:30 to 11 and from 1 to 2 p.m.

Children who are 6 to 10 years of age will be taught to swim on Mondays for eight consecutive weeks, beginning April 7, from 3 to 4 p.m. The registration fee for these classes is \$8, and a sign-up sheet is located in the Center gymnasium office.

NWC Military Invited To Enter Golf Tourney

Entry blanks for the annual Dewing Classic golf tournament are being distributed throughout the divisions at NAF and VX-5. All golfers — experienced and beginners — are urged to enter this yearly affair, which will take place on April 23, 24 and 25 at the China Lake golf course.

The man for whom the tournament is named — Capt. L. A. Dewing, a former Commanding Officer of NAF, is now retired and living in Rancho Bernardo. Dick Bauers, a former champion of this golf tourney now stationed at Alameda NAS, will be entered as will LCDr. Jim Kincheloe, W01 Larry Boyd and LCDr. Scotty Malloy, USN (Ret.), who organized the first Dewing tournament five years ago.

The number of entries will be limited to the first 144 persons who sign up, provided they are members of the military community at NWC.

TV Fund Drive . . .

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channels now being aired and they will continue to be re-broadcast from "B" Mt. over VHF after the new equipment is installed," he added.

In addition, Stanton pointed out that the test transmissions of VHF channels over UHF channels will not interfere in any way with regular reception of the VHF channels in the valley.

"However, we would appreciate hearing from residents who will be receiving the four test channels. We would like to have their inputs regarding picture clarity, sound, color, etc.," Stanton said.

Residents who wish to inform the China Lake Community Council of their opinions regarding the four test channels will be able to do so by calling NWC ext. 3481 from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or they may send their comments to P.O. Box 5443, China Lake, CA 93555.

Trial Equipment Due

The trial translators will begin to arrive within the next week, and will be put into operation for a 30-day period. Following that time, a decision will be made as to which equipment will be purchased and an order placed. After the order is placed, the new translators should arrive within 30 to 45 days. Considering a three week period for installation, Stanton feels that a complete changeover should be accomplished by the middle of July.

"We do not know what the exact cost of the translator equipment will be," said Fletcher. "We do expect to be able to put the present TV channels now being received in the valley back on the air. However, we may have to ask for additional contributions in order to replace the present FM radio stations now being broadcast and add any new television channels," the Council president added.

Public Will Be Informed

Fletcher noted that if this is the case, the Council will inform local residents of the amount needed as soon as possible, and identify the additional TV and FM channels it is planned to purchase.

"The Community Council's board of directors would also like to take this opportunity to thank all of those who have given so generously to the fund drive. We also would like to thank Pat Leopard, who chaired the drive itself, and the hundreds of volunteers who helped during the campaign to make it such an outstanding success," Fletcher concluded.

Commendations . . .

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and reducing the morbidity for the other person. The outstanding response demonstrated by you under the stress of emergency conditions is highly commendable.

"Following the emergency care," it was added "the prompt and efficient transport to the dispensary and hospital was performed in a highly professional manner."

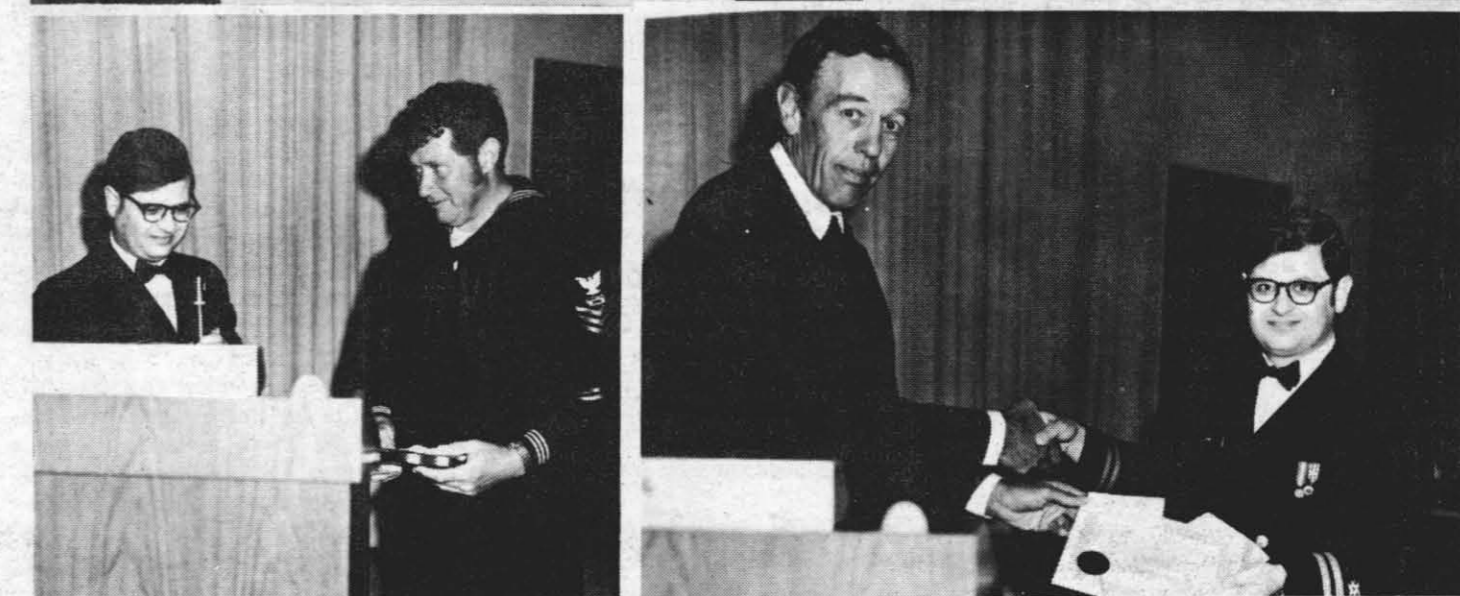
The letters of commendation continued: "It is understood that you volunteered for this duty assignment of ambulance attendant and demonstrated exceptional initiative in attaining the emergency medical technician skills you possess. Your desire to serve your fellow man in time of emergency is most commendable and your initiative in preparation and study — both on and off duty — is sincerely appreciated.

RAdm. Freeman also mentioned the great pride he felt in awarding commendations to the three firemen for their outstanding performance, noting that: "The high degree of proficiency and professionalism demonstrated by you is a credit to the Fire Division, Security Department and the Naval Weapons Center."

Commissary Store Will Be Closed on Monday

The Navy-operated Commissary Store at China Lake will be closed all day on Monday for inventory.

Regular hours of operation at the Commissary Store will be resumed at 10 a.m. Tuesday, SHCM G. E. Jacobs, officer-in-charge, reported.



CIVIL ENGINEER CORPS, SEABEES CELEBRATE — More than 130 persons were present last Saturday night at the Community Center for an anniversary ball marking the 100th birthday of the U.S. Navy's Civil Engineer Corps (CEC) and the 33rd birthday of the Seabees. Among highlights of this affair was the cutting of a large birthday cake (top left photo) by Capt. William H. Sturman, CEC, USN (Ret.) former Public Works Officer at NWC, who returned for the occasion. Capt. Sturman was assisted by Chief Equipment Operator William Thorpe, who is the last original member still serving in the local Seabee Reserve unit (China Lake Detachment 0217 of Reserve Mobile Construction Battalion 17) and by Steelworker Apprentice Steve Russell (at left), a Self-Help program worker, who was the youngest active duty Seabee in attendance. In the photo at top right, Lt. Michael Levine, Commanding Officer of Detachment

0217, is shown presenting a "Silver Seabee" award to Chief Warrant Officer 3rd Class, who retired three months ago after serving for 14 years as a member of the local Seabee Reserve unit. Lt. Levine also presented the "Seabee of the Year" award (lower left photo) to Construction Electrician 2nd Class William Hickok. The latter was singled out for his qualities of leadership, excellence in his rate, and devotion to duty above and beyond that required to satisfy weekend drill requirements. In the lower right photo, Lt. Levine was on the receiving end of a certificate of appreciation that was presented to the Seabee Reserves on behalf of the City of Ridgecrest by Mayor Rex Shacklett. Thanks was expressed by city officials for the help received from the Seabee Reserves on such projects as development of the miniature golf course, and for improvements to Little League baseball fields in Ridgecrest. —Photos by PHAN Joe Dunn

Non-Smokers Insist Upon Right to Clean Air

"I fully support your right to smoke, but not when it deprives me of my right to clean air!"

That's the feeling of Connie Crawley, a staff systems accountant in the Office of Finance and Management's Accounting and

Disbursing Division. She is the spokesman for a group of China Lake residents who are interested in seeing what can be done about insuring that consideration is shown to non-smokers.

She and others in the group are growing

more and more concerned about current studies which indicate that non smokers can inhale toxic levels of carbon monoxide in smoke-filled rooms.

The concern of Mrs. Crawley, and others like her, stems from a study, reported in a mid-February issue of the Los Angeles Times, which defined "toxic levels" as "levels sufficiently high to produce headaches and loginess."

The L.A. Times article quoted Dr. Raymond G. Slavin, a St. Louis University physician, who is chairman of the Weather and Air Pollution Committee of the American Academy of Allergy. Dr. Slavin reportedly stated that: "Previous studies have shown that smoke from a smoldering cigarette puts twice as much nicotine and tars into the air as exhaled smoke, and that in a closed room the concentration of nicotine may reach the level a smoker receives when he smokes four to five cigarettes."

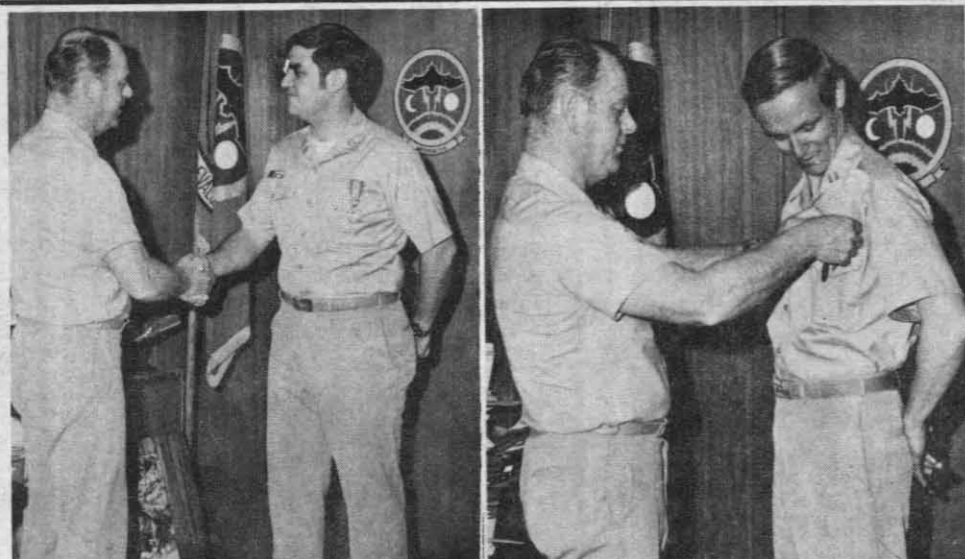
In addition, a British nicotine study revealed that "virtually all urban non-smokers have measurable amounts of nicotine in their body fluids throughout most of their lives."

This nicotine, according to the study carried out by M. A. H. Russell of the Addiction Research Unit of Mandsey Hospital in London, "is derived from the indoor air they breathe, and it requires no more than one or two smokers to contaminate a vehicle or building."

NWC employees or China Lake residents who are concerned about indoor clean air, both on and off the job, are asked to call Mrs. Crawley either at NWC ext. 3166 during working hours, or other times at 446-4376.



CONGRATULATIONS EXTENDED — Acting on behalf of Rear Admiral R. G. Freeman III, NWC Commander, letters of commendation were presented Monday by Capt. R. D. Franke, Deputy Commander, to Frank Holley (in center) and Michael W. Gallagher, two employees of the Security Department's Fire Division. A third fire fighter, Dahl K. Anderson, was similarly cited but was unable to be present for the photo. The firemen were commended for their prompt response and the medical care they provided following an emergency involving two critically injured men this past December. —Photo by Ron Allen



COMBAT AWARDS PRESENTED — Capt. E.M. Crow, Commanding Officer of Air Test and Evaluation Squadron Five (VX-5), recently presented South Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry medals to two of the officers under his command. The recipients were Lt. D.G. (Skip) Harvey (in photo at left) and Lt. Dave Lung. Lt. Harvey, who is the VX-5 electronic warfare officer, flew 200 combat missions during the Vietnam conflict, while Lt. Lung, the squadron's legal officer, had 150 combat missions to his credit. —Photos by SA Pamela Bittick

Annual Meeting Slated April 9 By Desert Counseling Center

Plans are now being made for the Desert Counseling Center's 24th annual dinner meeting, which will be held on Wednesday, April 9, at the Commissioned Officers' Mess. A no-host social hour will precede the dinner to be served at 6.

Price of the "hanging beef" buffet is \$6.50 per person, which includes admission at the Cerro Coso College Lecture Hall where Sam Keen, noted author, theologian and psychologist, will talk. Keen, whose visit is co-sponsored by the DCC and the college, will be the featured guest at the dinner.

His talk, "In Praise of Outlaws, Lovers, and Fools," will be delivered at the college's Lecture Hall at 8:30 p.m. Tickets for the lecture only will be on sale at the college, beginning at 8 o'clock. They are priced at \$1 for general admission and 50 cents for college students with ASB cards.

Dinner reservations must be made by next Friday, April 4. The number to call is 446-5586.

Main order of business during the annual dinner will be the installation for members elected to the board of directors. Ballots are now in the mail for the purpose of electing seven directors whose terms will expire this spring, and to fill one vacancy created by a resignation.

In addition to the installation of the new board members, Paul Riley will be seated as president of the board. Also on the agenda is a special welcome from the outgoing president, Fred Essig, and a message from Dr. Ellis Cline, executive director of the DCC.

Keen, who is currently writing his newest book, "Beginnings Without End" at his home in Sausalito, will present his talk following the dinner.

Formerly a Fellow at the Western Behavioral Sciences Institute and Center for the Study of Persons, Keen also is a past director of the Esalen Institute Theological Residence program. He is the author of "Apology for Wonder," rated by Newsweek magazine as one of the 10 best religious works of 1969.

Manager Announces Hours of Operation At Chaparral Club

With the closing of the Jolly Roger (Enlisted Men's Club), the Chaparral Club is temporarily serving all enlisted men at NAF.

Walt Schimke, Chaparral Club manager, has released the following information on the club's hours for the information of the new members.

From Monday through Thursday, the Chaparral Club is open from 11 a.m. to 12:30 a.m. The hours on Fridays are from 11 a.m. to 2 a.m., and on Saturday, the club will remain open from 11 a.m. to 1 a.m.

Sunday's hours are from noon to midnight.

Schimke also mentioned that Kerry Shacklett's band, "Good Grief," will play for a dance tonight, beginning at 9 o'clock.

All club members and their guests are invited to attend.

New Building . . .

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stalled and workmen employed by Vic Ross, the masonry sub-contractor, are erecting the concrete block walls.

After the building's walls are up, the roof trusses will be set in place. The overhead will include a heavily insulated metal covering plus a built-up roof that will go on over it. According to Robert Easley, construction representative for the NWC Public Works Department, the building also will have a 2-ft. raised metal pan, tile-covered floor that will be removable in 2-ft. sections in order to provide access to the maze of wiring for the computers.

Change in Hobby Shop Hours Requested . . .

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that consideration be given to opening the Auto Hobby Shop to a limited number of patrons during the afternoon for minor auto repairs.

It also was recommended that collection of the daily stall fee of 25 cents be managed more closely. It was found, for example, that patrons who park their cars overnight are being charged only for the days they are actually working on their cars — not while waiting for parts — even though such vehicles are occupying a stall.

Extra Help Suggested

Cdr. Smith proposed that a Navy storekeeper be assigned to the Auto Hobby Shop to handle the paperwork, thus leaving the other two duty personnel at this facility free to oversee more efficiently the management of the shop.

John Shoaf, head of the Special Services Division, stated that many of these problems had been recognized and that efforts are being made to correct them. He added, however, that the new hours of operation at the Auto Hobby Shop were necessary to reduce expenses and provide service to the largest number of military personnel possible. He also gratefully accepted any offers to assign a storekeeper to the Auto Hobby Shop.

The VX-5 Executive Officer concluded his presentation to the Recreation Council by stating that he would provide a formal written proposal at the council's April meeting in order that appropriate recommendations can be made to the NWC Deputy Commander prior to establishment of the Fiscal Year 1976 budget.

\$3,000 Needed for Materials

In regard to the proposed enlargement of the Minvielle Park picnic grounds, Shoaf informed Recreation Council members that he had received a request for \$3,000 to purchase materials for a Self-Help project to accomplish this task.

After discussing this matter, Recreation Council members felt that additional action and information will be required before it would be appropriate to make a recommendation on this subject. Lt. Ian Refo, who represented the Naval Air Facility at the meeting, was asked to initiate a request to the Shore Facilities Planning Board for site approval of an additional group picnic area, as well as a request for appropriated fund support for purchase of the required materials.

In addition, Lt. Refo was asked to find out if Seabee help is currently available for this project and, if not, when such help could be expected. If the Shore Facilities Planning Board turns down the request for appropriated funds for this project, Recreation Council members will then consider what financial help they can provide. A specific material list would be required before the Recreation Council could act, it was added.

Shoaf was asked to report at the April meeting of the Recreation Council on whether financial support for this project

would have any effects on projects already under way — such as upgrading of facilities at Sandquist Spa and the development of additional softball diamonds.

Turning to other matters, Cdr. R. B. Nygaard, chairman of the Recreation Council, asked the members if they had any comments or proposals regarding the current hours of operation of any of the Special Services facilities. With the exception of the objection to the new hours at the Auto Hobby Shop that was raised by Cdr. Smith of VX-5, the only other change discussed was the possibility of opening the Wood and Electronic Hobby Shop and the resale facilities on Sundays.

A report is to be presented by Shoaf at the next Recreation Council meeting regarding what the additional cost would be to open this facility on Sunday — thus making it a six day per week operation — or what the expense would be to open on Sunday, but be closed on a second weekday. At present the Wood and Electronic Hobby Shop and resale facilities are open Tuesdays through Saturdays.

Report About Banquet Presented

A report on the recent NWC Banquet of Champions was presented by Cdr. Nygaard, who stated that some 120 persons attended this affair, which was held to honor outstanding participants in various fields of athletic endeavor. In the future, the Recreation Council chairman stated, the amount of the expenses for this event that are paid out of recreation funds will be limited to the cost of the awards for the athletes who are to be honored.

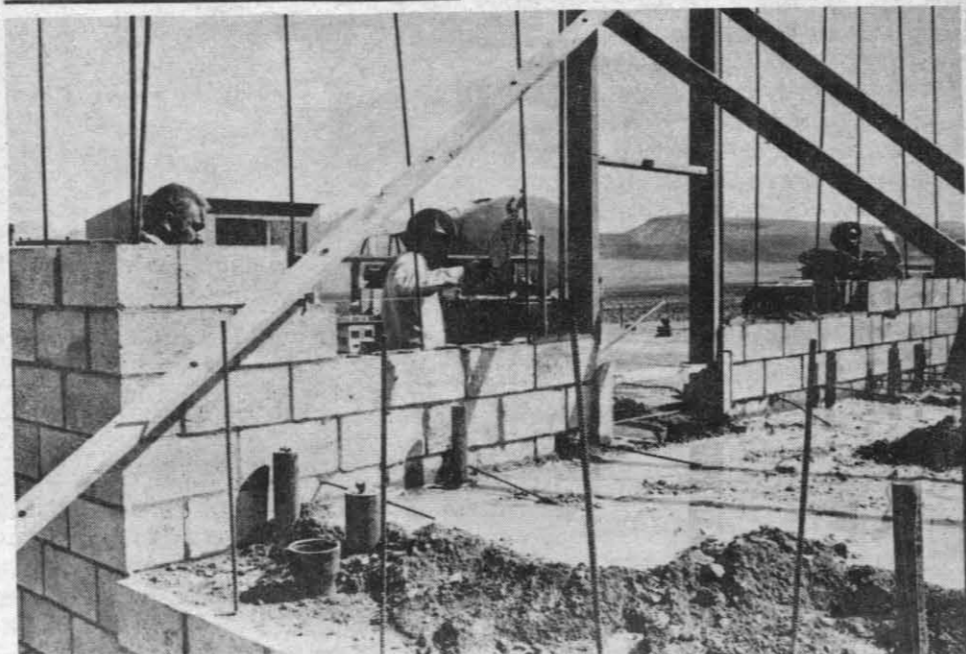
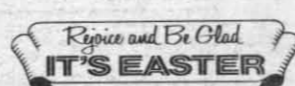
During his monthly report to the council, Chief J. S. King, chairman of the Enlisted Recreation Committee, noted that new television sets may be needed for the new Bachelor Enlisted Quarters now under construction. No mention was made regarding how the TVs would be obtained or maintained.

New Handball Court Needed

Included in the items of new business taken up by Recreation Council members was a recommendation that additional handball courts be a priority item in the future planning for recreation facilities at NWC, since the present court is so much in demand that it is extremely difficult to get a reservation.

It is reported that General Services Administration (GSA) basic units are available at a cost of approximately \$8,000. Adding a heating and cooling system to these units would increase their cost to around \$12,000, council members were informed.

Cdr. Nygaard suggested that a handball court project be considered in view of the heavy utilization of the single one now available for use.



NEW BUILDING AT RANDSBURG WASH — Scheduled for completion in July is a building that is being constructed atop "Magic Mountain" as a part of the Naval Threat Systems Complex. Workmen for Vic Ross, the masonry sub-contractor from San Diego, are shown erecting the concrete block walls.

HAPPENINGS AROUND NWC

The Employee Services Board has arranged for an additional telephone to be installed at the beauty shop in Bennington Plaza.

Patrons wishing to make an appointment for service at this ESB concession can do so by calling 446-2602.

A change of management at the beauty shop is now being worked out at this facility, which will be taken over by ESB effective May 1.

Social Security Agent Due

A representative of the Social Security office in Bishop will pay another of his regular monthly visits to China Lake next Wednesday, April 2.

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

COM Schedules Dance

The "Home Town Rockers" will play for a dance tonight at the Commissioned Officers' Mess, beginning at 9 o'clock.

Special of the dining room tonight is shrimp scampi for \$5.25 per person. In addition, on Wednesday night, April 2, Drake Dierkhising, COM manager, has scheduled Swedish meatballs with poppy seed noodles as the special in the dining room.

All club members are invited to par-

Franchise Tax Bd. Representative To Be Here on Tuesday

A representative of the State of California's Franchise Tax Board will pay a visit to China Lake on Tuesday to provide special assistance to taxpayers who have not yet completed their 1974 state income tax return.

The state income tax expert will be available from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Community Center.

Taxpayers who expect to file their state income tax return at this time should bring the form they received in the mail to which is affixed the gummed label prepared by the Franchise Tax Board. Use of this label will speed the processing of the return and the issuance of a refund if one is due.

Taxpayers who owe an additional amount of state income tax this year, and intend to submit payment at the time they visit the Franchise Tax Board representative here on Tuesday, should be ready to provide a check or money order, since the field representative cannot accept cash in payment of the tax liability.

April 15 is the deadline for filing both state and federal income tax returns.

ticipate in the activities scheduled, beginning with the dance tonight.

Easter Egg Hunt Planned

The Chief Petty Officers' Wives Club will stage an Easter egg hunt tomorrow from 2 to 4 p.m. at the CPO Club.

Children between 2 and 10 years of age who are the dependents of members of the CPO Club are eligible to attend free of charge. Entry blanks are available at the club office.

George Barnard, club manager, also reminded club members that the Good Time Music Co. will play for a dance tonight, beginning at 9 o'clock.

All members and their guests are invited to attend.

Photo Entry Deadline

Photographers in the local area have two more days to submit entries in the color film slide category for the 5th annual Photo Fair, which is scheduled April 5 and 6 at the Community Center.

Film slides may be either 35mm or 2 1/4 x 2 1/4 in size. Entries should be submitted to Jim or Mary Dixon, who may be contacted by calling 446-5338.

The Photo Fair provides local photographers the opportunity to display their work to the public. However, it is not a contest and judging will not take place.

The deadline for entering prints has passed.

Speechcraft Class Set

A speechcraft training program, open to men and women interested in improving their communication and leadership skills, will be sponsored by the China Lake Toastmasters Club No. 853 for eight consecutive Thursdays, beginning April 3.

These training sessions will be conducted in accordance with the guide published by Toastmasters International and will be held at the Commissioned Officers' Mess, beginning at 6 p.m.

A \$5 initiation fee — plus optional dinner expenses — will be the only cost. For further information, interested persons should contact Dave Wirtz by calling NWC ext. 7273.

Visit by Veterinarian Slated Next Wednesday

The veterinarian from the Naval Air Station, Lemoore, will be at the NWC Dispensary garage on Wednesday, April 2, to administer rabies and distemper shots to the pets of active duty military personnel.

Hours for the clinic will be from 9 to 11:30 a.m. and from 12:30 to 2 p.m.

A fee of \$4 will be charged for distemper shots and \$3 will be asked to administer the anti-rabies vaccine.



PATENT AWARD PRESENTED — Burrell Hays (at left), head of the Engineering Department, congratulates David L. Bergman, a supervisory electronics engineer in the Product Design Division's Guidance Branch, after presenting him a patent award for a gated clock multivibrator. Designed originally for use in the Shrike missile, the gated clock multivibrator is usable in any digital electronic circuitry. Its three functions are to serve as a gated clock and either as a retriggerable or non-retriggerable multivibrator. Others present for the patent award ceremony, but not included in the photo, were Bergman's division and branch heads — J. R. Bowen and D. J. Simmons.

Dr. Michael Day To Present Illustrated Talk April 7 on Fossil Man's Evolution

Dr. Michael H. Day, internationally known authority on fossil man, will present an illustrated talk entitled "Human Evolution — The Latest Fossil Evidence," on Monday, April 7, beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Burroughs High School Lecture Center.

Dr. Day's visit to the local area is sponsored by the Maturango Museum. Tickets are priced at \$2 for non-members of the Museum and \$1 for members. They can be purchased at the Gift Mart in Ridgecrest, the Station Pharmacy, or at the Maturango Museum.

In addition, the following individuals will have tickets for sale: Carroll L. Evans, Carol Panlaqui, Lorraine McClung, A. S. Gould, A. B. Christman, Janet Westbrook, H. L. Neeley, K. H. Robinson and Bruce Wertenberger.

Dr. Day has worked with Dr. Louis and Mary Leakey for more than 15 years in a search for man's origins. He is now continuing that work with the Leakey's son, Richard. In addition, the visiting lecturer is a professor of anatomy at St. Thomas Hospital Medical School in London, England.

Currently on a tour of the United States,



Dr. Michael H. Day

fossil men of Africa, their place in the current theories on human evolution, and the place of Homo Erectus and the Neanderthals of Europe in the evolutionary picture.

He will use color film slides to illustrate his talk which will be followed by a question and answer session.

Roadrunners Stage Easter Goodies Sale

An "Easter goodies" sale began this morning at 9 and will continue until 2 p.m. in front of Fazio's Market at Bennington Plaza.

Members of the Roadrunners' Auxiliary of the Children's Home Society, will offer a variety of baked goods (including bread dough plaques) and mint molds.

All proceeds from this pre-Easter fundraising event will go to the Children's Home Society, a privately-supported child welfare agency.

IWVMTC To Meet Mon.

The Indian Wells Valley Metal Trades Council will hold its next regular meeting on Monday, starting at 7:30 p.m., at 65-B Halsey Ave., China Lake.



NEW OFFICERS OF NAVY WIVES CLUB — A new slate of officers of Desert Flower Chapter No. 125, Navy Wives Clubs of America, headed by Carol Bosquet, as president, was installed during a recent ceremony held in the banquet room of the Hi-Desert Cafe in Ridgecrest. Shirley Franke, wife of Capt. R. D. Franke, NWC Deputy Commander, served as the installing officer. The new officers, shown with their installing officer, are (l.-r.) Beverly Creighton, corresponding secretary; Brenda

Guanga, vice-president; Rita Harper, recording secretary; Mrs. Franke, Mrs. Bosquet, Ronnie Hunter, treasurer; June Tracey, parliamentarian, and Diane Wadelin, chaplain. Mrs. Bosquet succeeded Barbara McKee as president of the Navy Wives Club. In addition to Mrs. Franke, other guests who attended the installation luncheon were Cathy Gire, club sponsor; Paulette Moore, Madeline Harper, Esther Osman, Doris Cox, Rita Glover, Kitty Jones, Mae O'Brien and Mae Rogers.