

### Photo Fair Labeled Success by Sponsors; 450 Persons Attend

"This was the most successful Photo Fair we have sponsored yet," said Betty Speckels, chairman of the fifth annual event which was staged last weekend by the China Lake Photographic Society.

More than 450 persons viewed the exhibits on display Saturday and Sunday at the Community Center. Visitors saw more than 200 prints by local artists and another 100 prints on loan from the Photographic Society of America — an exhibit entitled "Tops in Photography."

Also on tap were five different color slide shows put together by local photographers, and a prize-winning film, "Dune Buggy '73."

Door prizes were distributed to a number of lucky visitors. The grand prize of an electronic flash unit, donated by Kunz Photo and Hi-Fi in Ridgecrest, was won by Albert Sokol, of Argus.

Others who received door prizes were Holly Breslow, Mrs. Don Barron, Betty Curtis, John Dunker and Lita Reid, all of China Lake, and Richard Fowler, Marie Conn and Don Mooto, of Ridgecrest.

The latter group received color prints or monochrome prints that were donated by the following photographers: Russell Palmer, Milton Speckels, Clare Grounds, Betty Speckels, Bob Johnson, Maurice Curtis and Bill Fettekether. Mrs. Curtis' door prize was a photography book from Wagenhals in Ridgecrest.

In addition, Donna Baker's Costumes in Ridgecrest donated 10 tickets to the DeWayne Bros. Circus, that were given to children.

### Walk-a-Thon To Aid March of Dimes To Be Held Tomorrow

The first March of Dimes Walk-a-Thon to be held in this area, sponsored by the High Desert Junior Woman's Club, will begin tomorrow at 9 a.m. at the Desert Empire Fairgrounds.

Persons who would like to enter this unique fund-raising event still have time to register. All proceeds will go to the March of Dimes' fight against crippling birth defects.

All one needs to do is pick up a sponsor form at the Cerro Coso College office, Ridgecrest City Hall, John's Pizza Parlor, or at any school office, fill it out and bring it to the fairgrounds tomorrow morning.

Registration will be held from 8 to 9 o'clock. All persons under 18 years of age who plan to participate must have a signed permission form from their parents at time of registration.



**ENJOYING THE SHOW** — Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth H. Robinson (he is the former head of the Technical Information Department, now retired), admire the work of Clare Grounds, one of the photographers who exhibited salon prints during the fifth annual Photo Fair, staged last weekend by the China Lake Photographic Society. In all, more than 450 persons attended the two-day event at the Community Center, where they viewed outstanding works such as those shown above.

### National Library Week To Be Observed Locally April 13-19

Libraries throughout the United States will celebrate National Library Week — April 13 through 19 — with special displays, increased emphasis on educational reading, and an expansion in the number of books available for young people.

At the Center Library, Don Cook, head librarian, will direct the facility's emphasis on the "Campus Without Walls" program, which is geared to the concept of reading and study at the graduate levels in management and administration.

"This is in support of the national theme of this special week, 'Information Power,'" Cook said.

A special display of books called the "Staff's choice" will feature reading material selected by the library's staff. In addition, Cook hopes to emphasize the expanded children's section that now includes floor lounges — called polywogs — for those youngsters who want to do their reading in the comforts of home.

"Our young people's section has tripled in size recently," Cook noted. "The emphasis there will be on adult reading that appeals to younger people," he added.

In addition, the library now stocks a number of new magazines, including

monthly editions of magazines in three different languages on dressmaking (English, Spanish and Chinese), and magazines of a more serious nature that will contribute to the educational process.

During 1974, a total of 3,685 new books was added to the stock at the Center Library. Already 2,000 editions have been purchased in 1975.

Story hours for children are still being conducted from 3:30 to 4 p.m. on Fridays. "The basic idea behind this activity is to stimulate the children's minds," Cook said.

The hours of the Center Library also have been increased. The facility is now open from 1-9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Fridays, and from noon to 5 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays.

Cook has a standing offer open to local artists to bring in their works of art for hanging at the library. "We welcome the opportunity to display good paintings — not only to enhance the looks of the library, but to help artists in this area become better known," Cook said.

### Special Floor Show, Dance Set Tonight At Officers' Club

The Good Times band will play for a dance tonight at the Commissioned Officers' Mess, beginning at 9 o'clock.

In addition, Don Marlow — who portrayed "Porky" in the old "Our Gang" movies — will present his country-western musical comedy routine at 10 p.m.

Marlow has headlined at various clubs in Las Vegas and appeared on television in the "Bob Cummings Show," the first "Dragnet" series, and others.

Prior to the entertainment, the dining room will serve a seafood buffet, featuring an outstanding selection of delicacies from the ocean blue.

On the menu are lobster, king crab, crab claw cocktails, fried clam strips, shrimp Newburg and plenty of salads. The price is \$8.50 per person.

Drake Dierkhising, club manager, in extending an invitation to all club members and their guests to participate in tonight's revelry, also noted that the special tomorrow night will be beef Stroganoff with poppy seed noodles. The cost is an economic \$2.25 per customer.

### IF YOU'RE WALKING...

California law requires that pedestrians walking along roads must travel on the left side facing traffic.

## SHOWBOAT

MOVIE RATINGS

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

(G) - ALL AGES ADMITTED  
General Audiences

(PG) - ALL AGES ADMITTED  
Parental Guidance Suggested

(R) - RESTRICTED  
Under 17 requires accompanying Parent or Adult Guardian

CS - Cinemascope  
STD - Standard Movie Screen  
Regular starting time—7:30 p.m.  
Matinee—1 p.m.

FRI. 11 APRIL  
"YOUR THREE MINUTES ARE UP" (93 Min.)  
Beau Bridges, Ron Liebman  
(Comedy) Our credit card society gets the critical eye in an original comedy by James Dixon in which the satire has a sharp edge. (R)

SAT. 12 APRIL  
"GEORGE" (93 Min.)  
Marshall Thompson, Jack Mullaney  
(Comedy) A 250-lb. St. Bernard, raised in a luxurious New York penthouse, suddenly is dropped into the lap of a playboy airline pilot living in Switzerland. (G)

SUN. 13 APRIL  
"FREEBIE AND THE BEAN" (113 Min.)  
Alan Arkin, James Caan  
(Comedy Action) Two San Francisco city detectives are desperate to nail mobster Jack Kruschen. Finding evidence of a numbers racket in his garbage, they press for an indictment, but instead are informed by District Attorney Alex Rocco and their boss, Mike Kellin that they must wait for a witness, and that the mob has a contract out on Kruschen. (R)

MON. 14 APRIL  
"ASH WEDNESDAY" (100 Min.)  
Elizabeth Taylor, Henry Fonda  
(Drama) A 55-year old, well-to-do woman decides to undergo a face lift and massive body sculpture to revive her failing marriage. While waiting for her husband to join her at a posh ski resort, she allows herself to be seduced by a handsome young man. (R)

TUE. 15 APRIL  
"BRING ME THE HEAD OF ALFREDO GARCIA" (112 Min.)  
Warren Oates, Isela Vega  
(Action Drama) Warren Oates, who runs a tourist trap bar in Mexico City, learns that a price has been put on the head of Alfredo Garcia, who has gotten the unmarried daughter of a wealthy rancher pregnant. (R)

WED. 16 APRIL  
"THE WAY WE WERE" (119 Min.)  
Barbra Streisand, Robert Redford  
(Love Story) The unlikely love and marriage of two people with totally different life styles, set against the turbulent 1940s. (PG)

THURS. 17 APRIL  
"NOT NOW DARLING" (97 Min.)  
Leslie Phillips, Julie Ege  
(Sex Comedy) Janie McMichaelson will have an affair with Bodley, a London furrier, only if he will buy her a mink coat. To insure secrecy of the transaction, Bodley employs a scheme to have her husband think he is actually buying the coat for his wife. The scheme backfires, and the action begins. (R)

FRI. 18 APRIL  
"THE NEW LAND" (161 Min.)  
Max von Sydow, Liv Ullmann  
(Drama) In this sequel to "The Emigrants," a Swedish family settles in the Minnesota Territory of 1850. As they struggle to make a place in their adopted land, they experience both great hardship and joy. (PG)

**ASQC To Meet Monday**  
The April meeting of the Sierra Sands Sub-section of the American Society for Quality Control (ASQC) will be held on Monday evening, starting at 7, at The Hideaway in Ridgecrest.

Program for the evening will include a talk on "Supplier Control" by D. Ronald Brothers, of the Pomona Division of the General Dynamics Corp.

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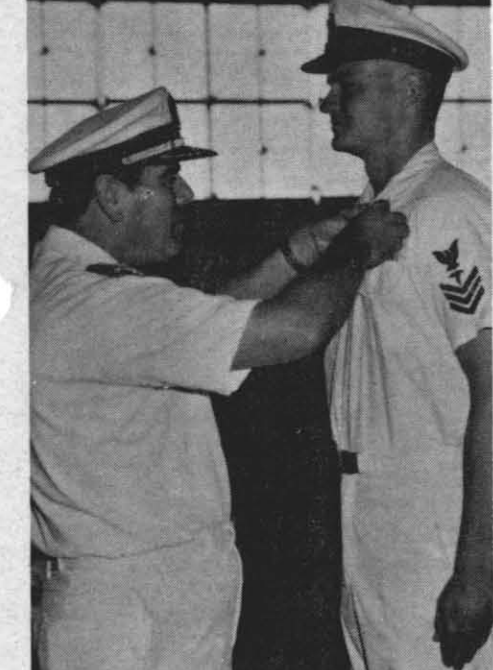
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**PERSONNEL INSPECTION** — Rear Admiral R. G. Freeman III, NWC Commander, is shown inspecting personnel of the Ground Service Equipment, Aviation Safety Equipment, and Quality Assurance Divisions during an all-hands inspection held at NAF last Friday. Behind the Skipper are Lt. R. E. White, NAF's Quality Assurance Officer, and Capt. R. S. Moore, Commanding Officer of NAF. The four men being carefully looked over by the Commander are (l.-r.): AS1 T. J. Moleterno, ASHAN Richard Creighton, ASE2 James Kookan and AS1 Jack Ollom. In the photo at left, RAdm. Freeman pins a Navy Achievement Medal to the uniform of HM1 Norman Fertig. The NWC Dispensary's Training Petty Officer received the medal for his " . . . professional achievement in the superior performance of his duties . . ." according to a citation signed by the Secretary of the Navy. The award is an outgrowth of Fertig's numerous lectures on first aid and survival procedures, his assistance to the Medical Officers at the Dispensary, and work he has done in the study of reptiles and arachnids indigenous to the area.



## Information on Center's Housing Plans Provided For Enlisted Personnel

A sparsely attended meeting, scheduled for the purpose of informing enlisted military personnel and their dependents about all known aspects of NWC's future housing plans, was held Monday afternoon at the Center Theater.

Capt. W. F. Daniel, Jr., head of the Public Works Department, began the hour-long session by announcing that the meeting had been arranged at the request of Senior Chief Walter D. Hall, NWC's Senior Enlisted Advisor.

Capt. Daniel called on Cal Fallgatter, head of the Housing Division, to begin with a report covering the history of the housing development program at China Lake from the early days of the Naval Ordnance Test Station up to the present time when a request has been submitted through channels for declaring 896 housing units excess to the Center's needs.

**Housing Boom Began**  
Subsequent to establishment of the Naval Ordnance Test Station by order of the Secretary of the Navy on Nov. 8, 1943, the construction of Michelson Laboratory, hangars, runways and test range facilities was accompanied by a housing boom at China Lake — since shelter for both military and civilian personnel who were to man the Station also was a necessity.

Fallgatter, a World War II naval aviator, took over the job of housing manager at China Lake in April 1946, and has held it ever since. Justification for additional housing over the years, he noted, was based on the number of military and civilian personnel and, at periodic intervals up until 1961, more homes were added until eventually there were 3,200 housing units.

When the last homes (in the Capehart Site A and B areas) were completed, the old prefabs were demolished and occupants were able to move into better quarters.

**Private Development Encouraged**  
After the Capeharts were completed, the NOTS Command decided against requesting any further home construction on base and began to actively encourage private housing development in the local area, Fallgatter said. To help this along, 114 acres of land were released (part of which is now the Ridgecrest Shopping Center and the Sandalwood homes subdivision).

The incorporation of the City of Ridgecrest attracted other home construction in what are now referred to as the Deeter and El Dorado tracts and, for virtually the first time, Centerites interested in becoming home owners instead of renting government quarters had the choice of more modern housing available to them in Ridgecrest.

**Rental Rates Increased**  
At the same time interest in continuing to rent Center housing units was beginning to fall off, upward adjustments of the charge for rent and utilities of homes at China Lake occurred in 1973. The net result (including the latest boost in shelter rates that became effective on Feb. 1, 1975) has been, for example, an increase of 73 per cent in the shelter rates for three bedroom homes in the Site B Capehart area, along with increases in the cost of utilities as well, the head of the NWC Housing Division, explained.

years, compared to the 98 per cent occupancy rate (50 to 60 vacancies) that is permissible, Fallgatter added.

Alternatives that have been considered as a result of this trend were to demolish, mothball or sell the housing units excess to the Center's needs, and a proposal to do the latter is now enroute via proper channels. When authorization to sell the homes is received from the Chief of Naval Operations, the package will be turned over to the General Services Administration with the recommendation that the vacant excess homes be sold at auction in order to establish a fair market value for later sale of the occupied units.

**Lengthy Delay Foreseen**  
It may take up to two years before all the necessary steps have been completed for auctioning or sale of the excess housing units, Fallgatter added.

After learning from Fallgatter that there are some 200 military families now living in the 896 homes that have been declared excess, one of the first questions he fielded from the audience was what could be done to expedite the move of military families into permanent quarters.

The head of the Housing Division replied that a few such requests already have been received, but it is expected to be a couple of months before a policy can be established on how to handle the moving of military families from the Wherry housing area. It will be necessary first to find out the

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### Watch for Detours This Weekend At NWC's Main Gate

Motorists entering or leaving the Naval Weapons Center's main gate tomorrow and Sunday will be detoured slightly to enable workmen of the Crown Asphalt Co. of San Dimas, Calif., to re-finish the pavement from the NWC boundary along Halsey Ave. to the traffic circle.

This work, which will begin at 3 a.m. Saturday and continue through Sunday, will include cleaning the street, a heater-scarifier operation, and applying an asphalt rejuvenating agent prior to laying down a 1-in. overlay of asphaltic concrete.

The illustrations on Page 3 show how traffic will be re-routed during the street repair work. Vehicle operators also are reminded to be on the lookout for signs, barricades and flagmen.

Walt Hagen, of the Public Works Department's Contract Division, also noted that because a 30-day waiting period is necessary to allow the fresh asphalt concrete to cure, it will not be possible immediately to re-paint the stripes marking the traffic lanes on Halsey Ave.

Instead, for the next month, traffic cones will be set up to separate the three lanes (two outbound and one inbound), and drivers will have to be on the lookout for the cones until the painted traffic lane stripes can be replaced.

In addition, the main and east parking lots of Michelson Laboratory will be closed for re-paving operations on Saturday and Sunday. No vehicles will be permitted to park in these two areas from 6:30 a.m. Saturday until 6:30 a.m. on Monday.



**NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK COMING** — Marlene Ross (l.) and Mary Lou Nielsen, clerks at the Center Library, prepare an information board of book jackets in preparation for the celebration of National Library Week, which begins on Sunday. Included in the local library's participation will be a special display of books called the "Staff's Choice," which will contain reading material selected by the staff to help increase the reader's information power.



### Concert by Famed Organist Set Sunday at NWC All Faith Chapel

John Weaver, one of the most active concert organists in America, will be featured during an hour-long program on Sunday, starting at 7 p.m., at the Naval Weapons Center's All Faith Chapel.



John Weaver

Every year, Weaver appears in many different parts of the country, where his playing has won the acclaim of critics and public alike. He has built an impressive repertoire of memorized programs, ranging from the early Baroque period up to and including the 20th century.

music degree from Union Theological Seminary in New York.

Weaver, who has concertized extensively from coast to coast, has played recitals at many regional conventions of the American Guild of Organists, including the 1962 mid-winter conclave and at the 1966 national convention in Atlanta, Ga.

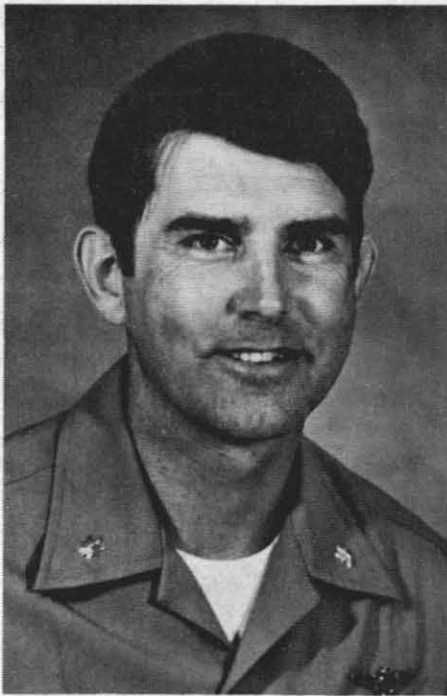
At the present time, he is head of the organ department at Curtis Institute in Philadelphia, Pa.

Sunday evening's program is open free of charge to all interested persons. No admission will be charged, but an offering will be taken to help defray portion of the program's expense.

During the concert, a nursery for young children will be provided at the All Faith Chapel's Annex No. 1.

Enrollees in this health plan who wish to talk to Mugavero can make an appointment to do so by placing their names on a sign-up sheet that will be available Monday at the front desk of the Community Center.

No appointments to see Mugavero can be taken over the telephone, Art Amos, manager of the Community Center, emphasized.



NEW ARRIVAL — LCdr. James W. Pate reported aboard recently to assume the duties of Quality Control Officer at NAF. The 10-year Navy veteran came to China Lake from Attack Squadron 165 at Whidbey Island, Wash., where he served as the Operations Officer the past 3 years.

### 'Follies' Patrons Sought

Letters have recently been mailed to patrons of the Fractured Follies, which will be staged on May 9 and 10 at the Burroughs High School Lecture Center.

### 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.

Supervisory Engineer, Physicist or Mathematician, GS-800-14, GS-1310-14, GS-1520-14, PD No. 7540033, Code 404 — This position is head, Avionics Division, Aircraft Systems Department.

Supervisory Engineer, Physicist, Mathematician, GS-800-14, GS-1310-14, GS-1520-14, PD No. 7540034, Code 408 — This position is head, Survivability and Lethality Division, Aircraft Systems Department.

Accounts Maintenance Clerk, GS-520-4, PD No. 7117030-3, Code 082 — Incumbent is located in the Cost Accounting Branch of the Office of Finance and Management.

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### Employee In The Spotlight



Frank D. Holley

When Frank D. Holley first joined NWC's Fire Division in 1967, he was aiming toward another job in Civil Service.

"I really didn't want to be a fireman. It was just a way to get on the register in order to be hired somewhere else," he recalled.

However, Frank learned that being a member of a professional emergency organization was what he had been seeking all his life, so he stayed.

"I couldn't be happy doing a job where I performed the same routine day in and day out," he said.

"To me, there's no greater gift that I can give a person than to give him back his life," he noted.

#### Life-Saving Skill Demonstrated

This philosophy was dramatically illustrated a few weeks ago when Frank, along with Michael Gallagher and Dahl Anderson, rolled on an ambulance call to the Chief Petty Officers' Club.

During a ceremony held recently by NWC Command to commend the three fire fighters, it was said that their quick action was instrumental in saving the lives of both men.

Frank has prepared himself well for the task of saving human life. In addition to his normal duties as a driver/operator engineer on such emergency equipment as crash trucks and pumpers, Frank is also a certified first aid instructor for the American Red Cross.

#### Attends Night School

Frank has been a night student at Cerro Coso Community College for the past four years, attending courses in fire science and studying to be a medical technician.

"If a man chooses an occupation and a place to live, he might as well work at it," Frank said.

It took him a while to realize that the Indian Wells Valley was where he wanted to live. Frank was born in Pasadena and came to China Lake the first time at the age of 10.

After attending Burroughs High School as a freshman on the original campus where

Murray School is now located, Frank moved to San Bernardino. He dropped out of high school in his senior year and spent the next three years working at odd jobs.

In 1958, he returned to China Lake and went to work for the Navy Exchange, pumping gas at the service station. After putting in six years with the Exchange, Frank quit to try his hand at other work, mainly driving trucks.

"I was a member of the Fire Division for just a short time before I suddenly realized that this was where I belonged," Frank said.

Likes Excitement, Danger Frank has always liked excitement in his life, and an element of danger. An avid motorcyclist in his younger days, he served as president of the now defunct High Desert Motorcycle Club for nearly four years.

Frank's time is kept filled with night courses and teaching first aid to school children and youth organizations. He is always looking for other ways to sharpen his skills as a fireman or emergency medical technician.

The Hollies are in the process of buying their own home, which, according to Frank, will be right up Dodi's "alley."

Frank's wife, Dodi, enjoy camping out with their two daughters, Beth, 10, and Tamra, 12. Frank has one other daughter by a previous marriage. She is Debbie, 13.

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#### Special Training Received

In 1971, when he was the Fire Division's senior ambulance attendant charged with the task of coordinating all of the ambulance activity on the Center, Frank attended a training session with the Los Angeles Fire Department's para-medical crews.

(Editor's Note: Readers who would like to nominate an employee for this column are asked to contact Jack Lindsey by calling THE ROCKETEER, NWC ext. 3354.)

#### Dance Set at Chaparral

The Golden State Music Co. will play for a dance tonight at the Chaparral Club, beginning at 9 o'clock.

Walt Schimke, club manager, invites all military enlisted personnel E-6 and below, to come out to the Chaparral for an evening of fun and enjoyment.



HE "CAN DO" — Capt. W. F. Daniel, Jr., NWC's Public Works Officer, presented the Seabee "Can Do" award recently to Edward H. Larosche, a planner/estimator in the Construction Support Branch of the department's Maintenance Control Division.

### Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Course To Be Started Here Next Week by Red Cross

The average person faced with having to treat an obvious cardiac arrest emergency wouldn't know what to do.

However, if he had attended a Red Cross cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) course, it is possible he could save the victim's life.

Most cardiac fatalities occur outside the hospital. Many of the more than one million fatalities each year could have been prevented if basic life support emergency first aid had been administered in the first few seconds.

The course, which is approved by the Kern County Heart Association, will be taught by Doug Warschauer. He will be assisted by Fred Camphausen. Both men are Red Cross first aid instructors.

Enrollment will be limited. To register for the course, or to obtain more information, contact Floyd Forrand by calling the Ridgecrest Community Hospital at 446-3551.

### Credit Union's New Manager To Arrive At NWC on April 22

Gary L. Grissett, 37, who has been branch manager of the Hughes Aircraft Employees' Federal Credit Union in Los Angeles for the past nine years, will arrive at China Lake on April 22 to take over the duties of general manager of the NWC Federal Credit Union.

He will replace A. E. "Gene" Boehme who resigned from the position last November. In the interim, Jim Messer has been the acting general manager. He is supervisor of the collection department.

The announcement of Grissett's selection came from Bill Arriola, president of the Credit Union's board of directors.

### Opportunities . . .

work rapidly and accurately. Promotion potential — GS5. Accounting Technician, GS 525-5, PD No. 7117011, Code 082 — Incumbent is an Accounting Technician located in the Travel Control Unit, Cost Accounting Branch, Office of Finance and Management.

Secretary (DMT), GS-318-4/5, PD No. 7455021, Code 5302 — Position is that of secretary in the Strike Production Office, Engineering Department. Duties include screening of visitors, calls, making appointments, reading and distribution of correspondence, drafts, memos, composes correspondence, reports on statistical and informative material, performs basic editorial duties.



PATENT AWARD SHARED—Bob Hillyer (center), head of the NWC Fuze Department, examines a sample of hardware that was fabricated in conjunction with the patent for a "Pressure-Armed Ordnance Fuze."





By Jack Lindsey

A field of 144 golfers, all members of the United States Navy stationed at China Lake, will tee off on April 23 to signal the beginning of the annual Dewing Spring Golf Classic which is to be conducted for three days on the local links.

This is primarily a fun event with the accent on companionship and good, clean competition. Most of the sailors in the field will be "duffers," although a few good golfers have entered the event.

The tourney is named for Capt. L. A. Dewing, USN (RET.) a former Commanding Officer of NAF who now lives in Rancho Bernardo.

After three days of fun on the course, the contestants will get together for a dinner and dance at the Community Center.

Good luck to all entries. Specialist Tourney

And, speaking of golf tournaments, Larry Cardinal, the local Men's Golf club veep and tournament chairman, has scheduled a "Specialists' Tournament," on Saturday, April 19.

This competition will be held to benefit the TV Booster fund drive and the format will be a very unusual one, never tried before in this area. Each member of a four-man team will "specialize" in the use of certain clubs. For instance, one golfer will hit only the woods, a second only the 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 irons, while the third hacker will use only the 7, 8 and 9 irons, and wedges. The fourth team member will do all the putting.

The entry fee is \$5 per person with the balance after prize moneys to go to the TV booster fund drive. An entry sheet is located at the clubhouse.

Results of Women's Matches

This ought to please all of the bowlers, but I've got some more golf news to report. Philys Davis won the first China Lake Women's Golf Club Match Play tournament a couple of weeks ago.

I'm sorry the results haven't been printed until now, but there was a slight mix-up on who was to give them to me. Philys defeated Jo Richey for the title.

The other semi-finalist in the event was Kay Someson, who had to forfeit her match to Jo because she wasn't up to par. Tough luck Kay, and better luck next year.

### White Hat Bowls Big 779 Series In Military League

MacK McKee, a 170 average bowler in the Wednesday Noon Military League at Hall Memorial Lanes, stunned the entire local kegling fraternity this week when he blasted a 779 three-game series, the highest ever recorded in the history of the Ridgcrest/China Lake Men's Bowling Association.

McKee's super set included games of 268, 253 and 258. He surpassed the previous high series of 765 rolled a few years ago by Billy Esch in the Monday night Premier League, and equaled recently by Warren Turnbaugh during a practice session.



**SKIPPER RECEIVES TROPHY**—John Shoaf (foreground at right), director of Special Services, acting for Dean O. Ray, manager of NWC's Mojave Desert Inter-Service League team, presented the first place trophy to Rear Admiral R. G. Freeman III, at left, after the team returned from Nellis Air Force Base in Las Vegas where they won the annual bowling tournament. Team members are (l.-r.) Jim Wright, Thad Brightwell, John Schmitz, Bud Beltz, Art Karrer and Dave Homley. —Photo by Maurice Dias

### China Lake Team Wins MDISL Bowling Tourney at Nellis AFB

The China Lake team entered in the Mojave Desert Inter-Service League Bowling tournament, held last weekend at Nellis Air Force Base in Las Vegas, Nev., won a convincing 55 to 46 victory over the



**SINGLES CHAMP**—Jim Wright shows the form that produced a 654 scratch series at Nellis AFB last weekend during the MDISL bowling tourney and won him the singles trophy during the competition. Wright's finish aided the NWC team to win the MDISL competition, improving on last year's second place finish.

host team. The representatives from March AFB were third, tallying a total of 39 points.

In addition, the local women keglers destroyed the rest of the field, racking up a total of 113 points. The George AFB women's team, which finished in second place, tallied only 34 points.

The men managed a first and second place in the singles events and were second in the team events. In addition, local male keglers completed the scoring by coming in third, fourth and fifth in all events and eighth in the doubles category.

Jim Wright won the singles title with a 654 series, while Thad Brightwell's 623 earned him second place. Brightwell led the local bowlers in the all events, tallying 1,750 pins for the nine games. Art Karrer racked up 1,744 pins for fourth best score in all events and Wright notched a 1,738 total.

Jeanne Homley was second in the singles with a 504 series, followed closely by Doris Boyack, who tallied 502. The doubles team of Pat Brightwell and Mrs. Boyack registered 1,039 to win the trophy in that event, and

Mrs. Boyack's nine game total of 1,479 was highest of all the female bowlers entered in the tourney. Sue Emde, another local bowler, finished second in all events with a 1,448 total.

The China Lake women also won the team event with a score of 2,708.

Dean O. Ray, manager of Hall Memorial Lanes and also manager of the team, registered joy when notified of the team's victory. "I knew they could do it," he said, noting that the NWC bowlers finished in second place last year.



**PERFECT FORM**—Jenne Homley took second place in the singles competition last weekend at Nellis AFB in the women's division of the MDISL tournament. She rolled a 504 series, barely edging out teammate Doris Boyack, who notched a 502 set and captured third place honors.

### There's Good Skiing At Shirley Meadows

Unusually late snowfall is providing an extra bonus for local area skiers who find it handy to make the comparatively short trip to the Shirley Meadows ski area for their enjoyment of this wintertime sport.

The Shirley Meadows ski runs, which reportedly have 4 ft. of packed base and powder snow, are scheduled to remain open this weekend, as well as on April 19 and 20, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Shirley Meadows can be reached by taking the Wofford Heights turn-off to the Greenhorn Mt. recreational area.

### Wilt's Corner

By Wilt Wyman

The men's and women's MDISL bowling teams had a very successful tournament at Nellis AFB in Las Vegas over the weekend. They noticeably improved last year's second place finish by recording 55 points and a victory over the Air Force boys from the host team.

Congratulations!

**Double-Header Tonight**

The Hideaway softball team, managed by Max Smith, who also is president of the IWV Softball Association, will play a double-header tonight against the Petro-Lock squad, from Lancaster.

The Hideaway is the valley's All-Star team that will represent this area in various tournaments throughout the year. This team has already played a number of tournament contests getting warmed up for the season.

The team they will be playing against tonight at Reardon Field is one that has battled them recently in some very close games. The contest will begin at 6:30 with Billy Brown set to hurl the opener. Bert Andreesen is designated to pitch the second game.

There is no admission and all softball fans are encouraged to attend.

**Softball Meetings**

I have been conducting softball meetings with representatives of teams in each division of the China Lake Intramural Softball League all this week. So far, the meetings have gone well and much is being accomplished.

I plan on giving a full report of these meetings in next week's ROCKETEER, and all persons who will be competing in the league should watch for this information.

Once again I must remind everyone that reservations for practice fields should be made one week in advance. Calls for reservations can be made after 11 a.m. daily, Monday through Friday, at the gymnasium issue room.

Incidentally, if there are enough players to form four teams, I would like to begin an "Over 30" slow pitch league this year. Softball is fun and is an excellent participation sport for all ages. This would be a good league for the many center residents who would like to get involved in softball, but who feel they are not good enough to participate in the other leagues.

For more information, contact me by calling NWC ext. 2334.

### STANDINGS IN VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE

Following are the standings in the China Lake Intramural Volleyball League, as of Tuesday, April 8.

Women's Division		Points Won
Team		
Court Clowns		12
Court Blanche		12
Ms. Takes		6
Undecideds		6
Open Division		Points Won
Team		
Bouncers		6
No-Ops		5
Netwits		4
Dingbats		3
Sudsuckers		3
Brewers		0
Branch One		Points Won
Team		
UCLA Desert		9
Duck Soup		3
Nets		3
Shooters		2
Spenders		2
Kyoties		2
Department Division		Points Won
Team		
50 Blandly Bloomers		9
Snorts		9
Code 7031		3
Code 12		3
Huff 'n Puff		3
NAF Ordnance		0
Branch Two		Points Won
Team		
Code 18		9
VX 5 Vampires		9
Ektalons		8
T&E Rangers		4
Mamas & Papas		4
Firefighters 8421		1
Natl Assoc. of Letter Carriers		1

### NWC Housing Plans Outlined . . .

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rotation dates for such military personnel. Any moves of Navy families from the Wherry housing area to other quarters on the Center will be at the government's expense, Fallgatter added, and that's why no further military assignments to Desert Park are being made at this time.

Answering another question, Fallgatter stated that in cases where military personnel are reassigned to a base where no housing exists, and they request permission to leave their families here, such requests are being honored.

Its uncertain at this time, how the individual lots in the Wherry housing area are to be surveyed prior to their sale (since some have attached carports), and there is no answer on whether or not it will be possible or practical to split a duplex unit that is put up for sale.

A variety of complaints about housing maintenance and repairs also were brought up during Monday's meeting with military personnel at the Center theater. "When there is a firm requirement for it, we will renovate vacated quarters to improve their appearance," Capt. Daniels stated, while Fallgatter added that an attempt is made by his office to be consistent in following a policy of making sure that vacated quarters are left in nearly the same condition as when they were first assigned to a family.

Vandals Hit Vacant Homes

Vacant homes are the frequent targets of vandalism, it also was brought out during the discussion on this point. Specific mention was made of the fact that it was necessary to rehabilitate one Capehart housing unit three times.

A Navy enlisted man, soon to be married, had put in a request for quarters which he said had been vacant for nearly three months, but was told it couldn't be assigned to him. "Unless it has previously been assigned, that's not a valid answer today," Fallgatter replied as he noted down the address and promised to look into this matter.

Another enlisted man who stated that he expected to remain here for four years, expressed willingness to move at his own expense if he could be relocated right now—since he would like to be able to start im-

proving his place of residence, but not if he was going to be required to move at some later time during his assignment at China Lake.

During a portion of the meeting, the head of the Housing Division also listened to and noted down complaints that were aired about the length of time and quality of work that is being done by those assigned to housing repair and maintenance work.

"There has been no conscious attempt to reduce housing maintenance," Capt. Daniel assured his listeners. As evidence of this he stated that a contract will soon be awarded for painting the exterior trim of 300 units in the new Wherry housing area.

**Fairness Assured**

"Housing operations are always an emotional and difficult problem. In any policy that is set, there will be some who get hurt, yet it is our intention to make such policies as fair as possible," the head of the Public Works Department concluded.

Both he and Fallgatter urged military personnel with any further questions or problems not to hesitate to call the Housing Division office. Others who also are available to help are Senior Chief Hall, the Senior Enlisted Advisor, or Senior Chief Jesse Inman, who is assigned to the Housing Office.

### German Engineer To Take Off Tonight On Flight to Homeland

Jurgen Funck, a German engineer who has spent a year working at China Lake as a participant in an exchange of 70 engineers with Germany under an agreement between the U.S. Secretary of Defense and the German Minister of Defense, will be leaving the desert today.

Funck, who was assigned initially to the Propulsion Development Department's Environmental Engineering and Inspection Branch, has spent the last few months employed in the Advanced Technology Branch of the Aircraft Systems Department's Survivability and Lethality Division.

He described his stay here as "marvelous." An active man, Funck got involved in hiking and climbing and also joined the Sub-Sonic Flying Club in Inyokern. He recently purchased a Piper Apache 180, which he will fly to his home in Germany.

Funck plans to leave from Inyokern tonight at 10, bound for Amarillo, Tex. From there he will fly on to Washington, D.C., where he plans to spend a week. At Monckton, Canada, his next stop, the aircraft will be fitted with a UHF radio.

Funck's next landing will be at Goosebay, Labrador, then on to Narssarsuaq, Greenland. From there he will fly to Reyjavik, Iceland, enroute to Stavanjer, Norway. The final touchdown will be at Nord Horn-Klaus Heide, near Funck's home in Meppen, Germany.

The enthusiastic pilot believes the entire trip, including the lay-over in Washington, will take approximately two weeks.

His plans for the future include trying to get reassigned to China Lake. "I am hoping that my country will ask me to come back here to test our own rockets," he said.

### Dr. Austin To Address Retired Officers Ass'n

A talk about his experiences during work connected with the clearing of the Suez Canal will be presented by Dr. Carl Austin at the next meeting of the IWV Chapter of the Retired Officers Association.

The meeting, a dinner affair, is scheduled on Wednesday evening, starting at 7, at the Commissioned Officers Mess. The talk by Dr. Austin will follow the meal.

The speaker, who is head of the Petrodynamics Branch in the Research Department's Physics Division, spent two weeks in Egypt during the latter part of 1974 cooperating with the Suez Canal Authority and the Murphy Pacific Salvage Co. of New York, in planning the removal of the SS Mecca, an Egyptian passenger ship that was blocking the canal.



**ARMY GENERAL VISITS CHINA LAKE**—Brigadier General D. F. Packard, USA (at right), Commander of the Combat Development Experimentation Command at Fort Ord, Calif., was a recent visitor at the Naval Weapons Center. While here, Brig. Gen. Packard received briefings on helicopter fire control, joint operational testing for laser guided weapons in close air support, camouflage and visual target acquisition, and infrared measurements. He also was taken on a tour of NWC's various range areas. Shown with the visitor from Fort Ord are (from left) Maj. Harry W. Nieuwboer and Col. Norman T. Tiller, two members of Brig. Gen. Packard's staff, and Lt. Col. Richard F. Boyd, the Army Material Command's liaison officer at NWC. —Photo by Maurice Dias

### Navy Exchange, Commissary Store Spring Sale To Begin on Monday

Shoppers at the Navy Exchange and Commissary Store will be searching for bargains during the annual "Spring sale," which will begin on Monday and continue through Saturday, April 19.

During these six days, patrons will be able to purchase a wide variety of items marked down from 15 to 40 per cent at the two retail outlets.

One of the leading line of items to be offered during the sale will be Whirlpool appliances, said Lt. E. N. Smith, NWC's Navy Exchange Officer. "A special closeout sale will be held on these articles, and all will be priced at below cost," he added.

Items in every retail department of the Exchange will be offered at reduced prices. This includes men's and women's clothing, sporting goods, camping gear, and even drugs. In all, some 80 to 100 different items will be marked down.

Also during the week, the three snack bars operated on the Center by the Navy Exchange will feature two different "specials," available to either civilian or military customers. "We plan to offer a deluxe jumbo hamburger, fries and a Pepsi for 98 cents or a hot dog and Pepsi for 39 cents during the celebration," Lt. Smith said.

At the Commissary Store, which will be closed on April 19, SHCM G. E. Jacobs, resident assistant officer-in-charge, stated he will offer dozens of items at reduced prices as his part in the spring sale.

All articles on sale will be of the finest quality and will not be seconds or irregular items. This special merchandising event will highlight the 29th anniversary of the Navy Resale System Office, which was established on April 1, 1946.

### Conference Slated On World Hunger, Human Development

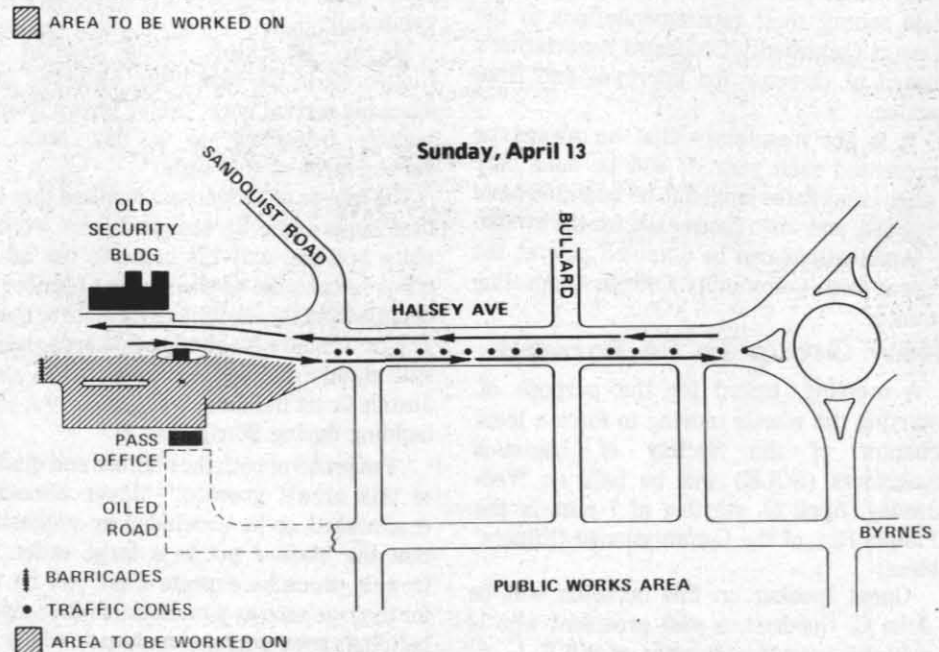
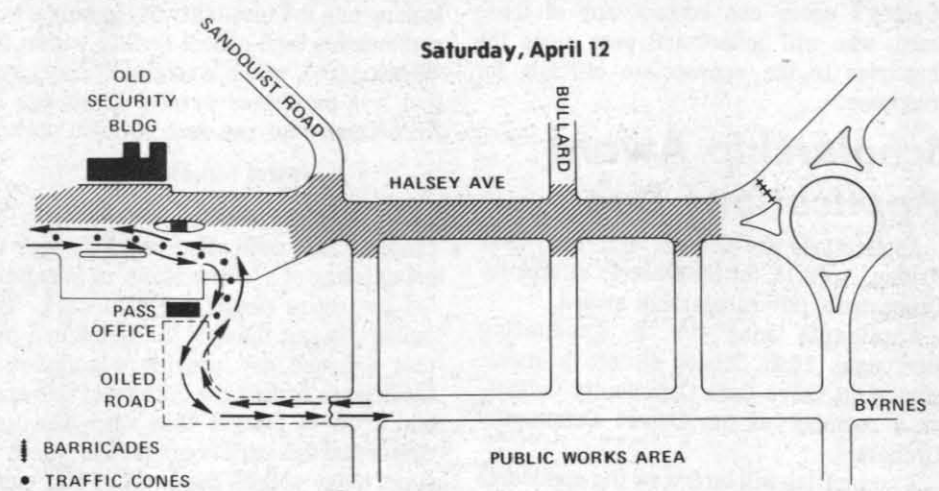
A two-day conference on Human Development and World Hunger, open to all interested local residents, has been scheduled on Saturday and Sunday, April 26 and 27, at Cerro Coso Community College.

The conference is being sponsored by a group called the IWV Task Force for Social Concern, and will be held in cooperation with the local college.

According to Dr. Jack Eisel, a physical scientist in the NWC Research Department, the purpose of the conference is to bring together people who are knowledgeable in the areas of ecology, demography (the statistical study of human populations), home gardening, poverty, rural development, energy use and political action.

Keynote speaker for the conference will be Joseph Keys, a member of the International Development and Christian Mission at the School of Theology at Claremont, Calif.

### Weekend Detour at NWC Main Gate



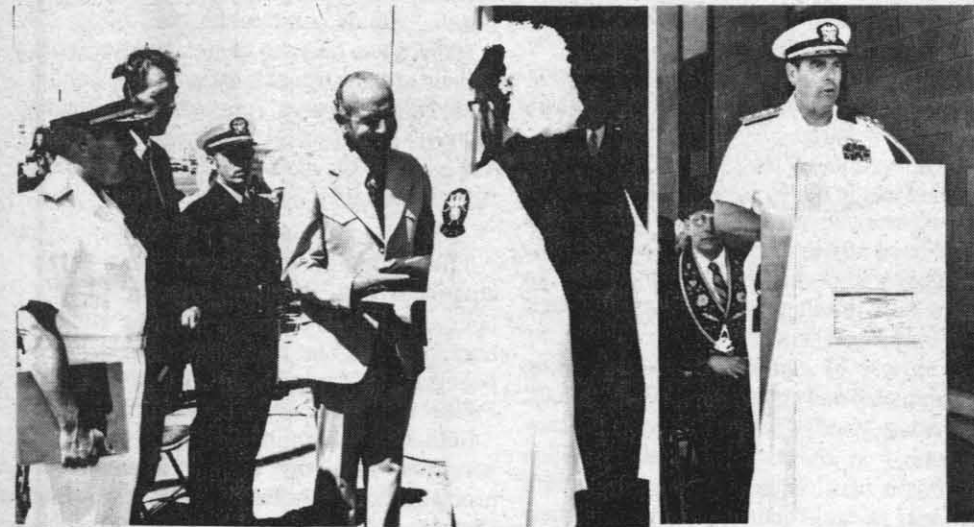
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Masons Officiate at County Bldg. Cornerstone Laying Rites

During a ceremony the history of which can be traced back to Biblical days, and which had its beginnings in this country as far back as 1717 when a number of masons' guilds joined together to form the order of Freemasons, the cornerstone for the Kern County Northeastern Regional Center Administration Building was set on Friday afternoon.

A silver trowel, appropriately engraved for this event, was presented by Ed Winemore, master of Indian Wells Valley Lodge No. 691 F&AM, to Burton Meyer, Jr., Grand Master of Masons in California and Hawaii, who was joined by his fellow officers of the Grand Lodge in carrying out the cornerstone ceremony's ancient ritual.



At the request of officials involved, the IWV Masonic Lodge has arranged for previous cornerstone ceremonies in this area at Burroughs High School, Cerro Coso College, as well as at the lodge's own building at 625 N. Norma St., Ridgecrest, it was noted by Maurice Hamm, a past master of Lodge 691, who delivered the welcoming address at the outset of the program.

The latter also introduced three special guests who were invited to speak during the cornerstone laying ceremony, as well as a number of other dignitaries, including four of Kern County's elected officials.

A metal box containing various official documents and newspaper articles pertaining to the county's acquisition of the land from the Navy, and later the area's annexation to the City of Ridgecrest, was set inside a section of the new county building's block wall before an engraved cornerstone plaque was mounted on the wall to seal the cavity left for this memorabilia.

The guest speakers were Rear Admiral R. G. Freeman III, NWC Commander; Dr. Rex Shacklett, mayor of Ridgecrest, and LeRoy Jackson, First District representative on the Kern County Board of Supervisors.

Other county officials in attendance, in addition to Supervisor Jackson, were Al Loustalot, sheriff; Herbert Roberts, the assessor, and Ray Verammen, the county recorder. Also present were Mary Landis and G. E. Thompson, judges of the Trona and Indian Wells Valley Judicial District Courts, respectively.

During his brief comments, RAdm. Freeman stated that "this building, which has already become a most important asset in our valley, is tangible evidence of the progress which has become the hallmark of this area over the past quarter of a century."

"It represents," the NWC Commander continued, "the positive fulfillment of a commitment to the citizens of this sector of Kern County by several levels of government. In a very real sense, this cornerstone ceremony therefore marks the completion of a 'giant step' in the development of this regional park area."

Other additions, RAdm. Freeman pointed out, will include the construction of a post office on land adjacent to the new county building, as well as development of the first segment of the park itself — when the funds become available for such work. Also, the Sierra Sands Unified School District is looking into the feasibility of locating a new continuation high school facility within the 106-acre area, which is originally Navy land that was purchased several years ago by Kern County for use as a regional park.

Weather permitting, telescopes will be set up to permit club members and visitors to view such celestial objects as the planet Saturn and its rings, star clusters in the Milky Way, and the great nebula in the sword of Orion. Visitors are encouraged to bring their own binoculars.

Evidence of Progress

Members of the China Lake Astronomical Society have planned a star party that will be held on Saturday evening, starting at 8, at Sandquist Spa.

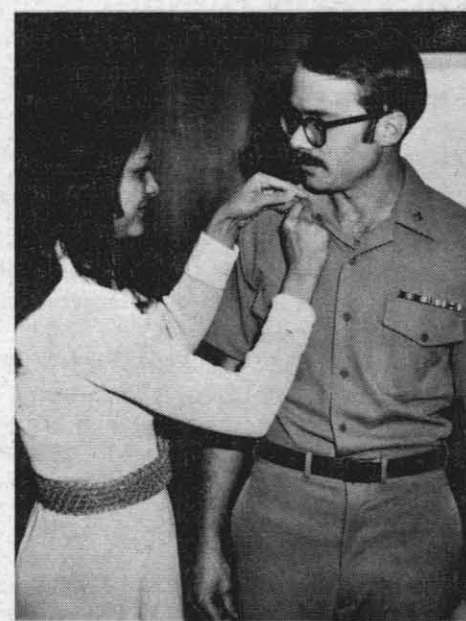
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First Milestone

"In a larger sense," the Skipper concluded, "this dedication acknowledges the establishing of a 'cornerstone' or foundation for the entire desert regional park. This building is just the first milestone in a plan that will one day provide a complex of facilities to benefit the citizens of this area, and I would predict that when the time comes that this park is completed, where we stand today will be the heart of this entire community."



The gold oak leaf insignia of lieutenant commander was pinned on her husband's collar during a recent ceremony by Mrs. Sandra Kern, wife of former Lt. S. Y. Kern, head of the NWC Supply Department's Planning and Administration Division. Lt. Blakeney, who entered Officer Candidate School in October 1965, was transferred to China Lake in August 1974 from duty as Supply Officer aboard the USS Fort Fisher, a landing ship dock. Lt. Blakeney comes to NWC from the USS Coral Sea where he was the catapult officer for two years. Prior to that, he attended the U.S. Navy's Postgraduate School at Monterey, Calif., where he earned a master's degree in aeronautical engineering.

HAPPENINGS AROUND NWC

A blessing of the animals ceremony, a tradition that goes back to time immemorial in many different religions, will be observed for the first time at China Lake on Sunday, starting at 12:45 p.m., in front of the NWC All Faith Chapel.

The animals to be blessed on Sunday afternoon will range from small household pets such as cats and dogs to larger varieties of animals, including horses. Each of the animals will be sprinkled with holy water by Chaplain Smith.

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A special floor show is on tap for members of the Chief Petty Officers' Club tonight at 11 o'clock when Don Marlow — who portrayed "Porky" in the old "Our Gang" movies — will present his country and western musical comedy routine.

George Barnard, club manager, also has scheduled the "Younger Half," from Victorville, to provide dance music before and after the floor show. Marlow has appeared at nightspots in Las Vegas and on many television programs, including the old "Bob Cummings Show" and the first "Dragnet" series.

Results of the annual balloting to elect members to the Desert Counseling Center's board of directors were announced at the group's annual meeting Wednesday night.

Stage Band From Burroughs High School Wins First Place in Wasco Jazz Festival

The Burroughs High School stage band, directed by Michael Garrett, last week won first place at the Wasco Jazz Festival for the second consecutive year. In addition, three local band members walked off with four top awards. Bill Lutjens was named "most outstanding" flautist and tenor saxophonist at the festival. Steve Nygaard, who was voted "most outstanding" trumpeter last year, was singled out as the top jazz trumpet soloist this year, while George Burdick was named "most outstanding" trumpeter in this year's competition.

Selection of the Burroughs Stage Band as top musical group at the festival in Wasco comes on the heels of winning the prestigious Reno Jazz Festival last month. Garrett, who is a mathematics instructor at

Elected to serve three year terms were two new directors, Beverly Elliott and Carol Bond. In addition, five incumbents also were re-elected for that length of time. They are Johannah Webster, Lois Allan, Fred Essig, Don Winter and Barry Walker.

Pat Leopard was chosen to serve a two year term on the board to fill a vacancy created by a resignation.

Paul Riley, who was installed as the new president of the board of directors at the annual dinner meeting, introduced the new directors. Riley served on the nominating committee with Don Raef and Don Winter. The latter was chairman of the group.

The annual garden tour, sponsored by the Oasis Garden Club of Indian Wells Valley, has been scheduled next Thursday, April 17, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Tickets for this inspection of 10 outstanding gardens, which have been selected on the basis of their beauty and variety, can be obtained from any member of the Oasis Garden Club, at the Gift Mart in Ridgecrest, or ordered by calling Mrs. L. J. Kibbe at 375-5213. Donations are \$1.50 per person.

Tickets also will be available on the day of the garden tour at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hutton, 405 Karen St., Ridgecrest, where coffee and refreshments will be served, and various kinds of plants will be offered for sale.

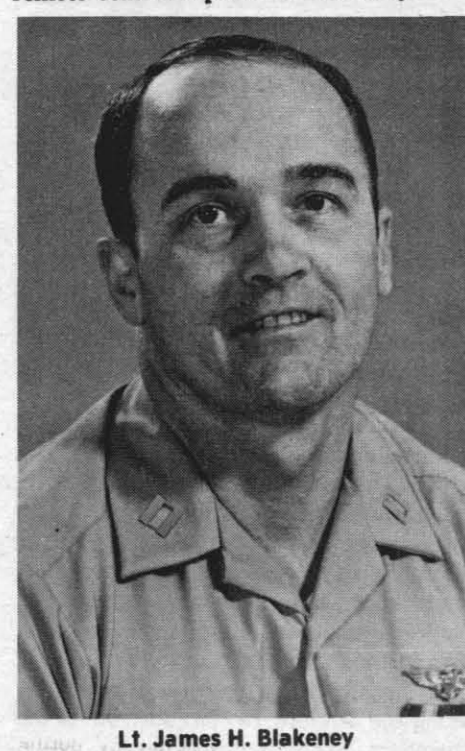
The American Federation of Government Employees, Local 1781, will hold its next monthly meeting on Monday in the Joshua Rm. of the Community Center, beginning at 7 p.m.

Designing of Sets for 'Diary Of Anne Frank' Was Difficult Task

The creation of Anne Frank's "secret annexe" — the place in Amsterdam, Holland, where Anne and seven other hid from the Germans for two years during World War II — was one of June Deatherage's most difficult assignments since she joined the Community Light Opera and Theater Association as a set designer a few years ago.

Asked by Gail Falkenberg, the play's director, to capture the right mood for the special hiding place, Mrs. Deatherage designed five rooms on four different levels, which have been constructed faithfully by William F. Beasley and Vic Deatherage, the show's technical directors.

The set will be seen on April 25, 26 and May 2 and 3 when CLOTA presents "The Diary of Anne Frank," the poignant, true story of two fateful years in the life of a



Lt. James H. Blakeney

Lt. James H. Blakeney Is Now Serving As Ground Support Equipment Officer at NAF

Lt. James H. Blakeney arrived at China Lake recently to assume the duties of Ground Support Equipment Officer at the Naval Air Facility. In addition, the 14 year Navy veteran is handling the collateral duties of AFE Division and Para-Loft Officer at NAF.

After his graduation from Annapolis, Lt. Blakeney was sent to Pensacola, Fla., for flight training and then on to Kingsville, Tex., where he earned his wings of gold. In addition to serving aboard the USS Coral Sea, Lt. Blakeney also made a Mediterranean Sea cruise on another aircraft carrier, the USS Independence.

He and his wife, Julie, whom he met at Pensacola, enjoy swimming and water skiing. In addition, the new NAF officer also



SPECIAL INVITATIONS EXTENDED—Tickets inviting them to attend the International Children's Festival tonight at the Burroughs High School Lecture Center were presented earlier this week to Rear Admiral R. G. Freeman III (2nd from right), NWC Commander, and to Dr. Rex Shacklett, mayor of Ridgecrest. The tickets were presented by Kathleen Danley, at left, president of the Burroughs High United Nations Club, and by Bettye Rivera Sembach, who represents the Human Relations Committee of the Desert Area Teachers' Association, and the NAACP's Education Committee.

International Children's Festival Set Tonight

The International Children's Festival will be held tonight, starting at 7 o'clock, at the Burroughs High School Lecture Center.

This event, sponsored by the Human Relations Committee of the Desert Area Teachers' Association, the NAACP's Education Committee, the American Association of University Women, and the United Nations Club of Burroughs, will feature children dancing, singing and performing in the folk costumes of different countries throughout the world.

Admission is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children through high school. The festival is being staged to promote a better understanding of the folkloric and ethnic backgrounds of people of other nations.

Breads and other delicacies made from recipes popular in foreign lands will be offered for sale by the AAUW during the program. All proceeds from the festival will go to the Martin Luther King, Jr., Scholarship Fund, which has been established to aid graduate level students.

Policy on Rents Discussed . . .

rental and utility rates, Fallgatter explained in his report to the Community Council. An increase of 2.7 per cent was applied to the last appraisal on the shelter rates and utility charges were upped by .4 per cent. Subsequent increases or decreases will occur on Feb. 1 of each year, and new appraisals will be conducted every five years, instead of three. The national average CPI of September will be used for the following February adjustments, Fallgatter noted.

Other members of the Community Council's Housing Committee, in addition to Mahan, are Robert McKnight, Jr., Kenneth Catcott, Harold L. Smith, Anthony Simshauser and Forrest Easley. China Lake residents with questions on future plans for the disposal of housing that is excess to the Center's needs can contact any of these men, who will collect and pass along the inquiries to the appropriate officials for response.

A committee will interview the applicants and submit their recommendations to the Desert Community Orchestra Association's board of director for approval and final action.

It is not mandatory that an award be presented each year. It will be done only when candidates judged to be qualified have applied, and when funds exist for the award. Applications can be obtained now at the Cerro Coso Community College Counseling Center.

A meeting, called for the purpose of starting the wheels moving to form a local chapter of the Society of Logistics Engineers (SOLE) will be held on Wednesday, April 23, starting at 7 p.m. in the Plaque Rm. of the Commissioned Officers' Mess.

Guest speaker on this occasion will be John C. Goodrum, a past president who is now the executive director of SOLE. Interested persons can obtain further information by calling either Richard T. Warner or Fred E. Winegar, of Code 5583, at NWC ext. 3445.

Scholarship Award Applications Due

Applications are due no later than next Friday, April 18, for the Desert Community Orchestra's 1975 scholarship award.

Applicants may be a graduating Burroughs High School senior, a music student at Cerro Coso Community College, or a member of the Desert Community Orchestra.

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