



HOLIDAY BRUNCH HELD BY WACOM — Members of the Women's Auxiliary of the Commissioned Officers' Mess last week enjoyed a "white elephant" gift exchange and special entertainment in keeping with the holiday season during a "brunch" that was served at the COM. Christmas songs were sung by (top photo, l.-r.) Katie Barron, Sandy Nygaard, Tina Knemeyer, Dixie Miller, Marlene Paige, Sylvia Uhe, Dorothy Freeman, Dana Castillo and Barbara Dupuy, who were accompanied at the piano by Shirley Helmick. In addition, two Ballet Arts Theatre dancers — Terri Jacks and Margaret Cox (not shown) — displayed their talent by presenting classical and jazz ballet numbers, and two Santas were in attendance to distribute the surprise gifts. One of the emissaries from the North Pole is shown carrying out his customary duties at a table occupied by (l.-r.) Elaine West, Sally Goss, Sue Stull, Hazel Ross, Dot Schneider and (back to camera) Betty Blackman.

Happenings around NWC

Nominations for membership on the Commissioned Officers' Mess Advisory Board are now being accepted, Roy Moss, club manager, announced this week.

Persons interested in serving on the board are asked to submit their names to the receptionist at the COM by calling 446-2549 or 446-3105 by 4 p.m. Dec. 29, or by contacting one of the Advisory Board members listed below.

Milt Buford, ext. 2821 or 2915; Denny Kline, ext. 3379; Marty Landau, ext. 3267; Lt. Col. Ed Paige, USMC, ext. 3716; Dick Rusciollelli, ext. 3110 or 3111.

Mrs. Pat Sprankle, ext. 3023 or 2514; Lt. Bob Ramsay, ext. 5221; LCDr. Jim Blakeney, ext. 5280 or 5284; Mrs. Nancy Hawkins, 446-4622; or Ben Hartman, ext. 2550 or 3156.

Last Day for Reservations

This is the last day to make reservations and pick up tickets for the New Year's Eve party at the Commissioned Officers' Mess, Roy Moss, club manager, announced.

To help usher in 1976, there will be music by the "Good Times Music" band, along with other entertainment during six hours of continuous fun-making, beginning at 9 p.m. and continuing until 2 a.m.

Included in the \$15 per person admission fee will be a gourmet filet mignon dinner with wine, party favors and champagne at midnight.

The COM will be closed from Wednesday, Dec. 24, through Monday, Dec. 29, so that COM employees may take holiday leave, the manager noted.

Dance Set at CPO Club

The "Good Times Music" band will play for a dinner-dance tonight at the Chief Petty Officers' Club, George Barnard, club manager, announced.

A prime rib dinner will be served in the

dining room from 7 to 9 p.m., and dancing will follow from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Barnard also stated that tickets for the CPO Club's New Year's Eve party are going fast, but reservations can still be made by calling ext. 3633.

The "Ron Chandler Explosion" band, from Los Angeles, will be the featured musical group for the New Year's Eve fête. A social hour will begin at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 7, and dancing from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m.

Price of admission includes a CPO Club-hosted bar, a prime rib dinner with wine, party favors and hats.

No Trash Pickup Dec. 25

The regular pickup of trash and garbage will be suspended on both Christmas Day and New Year's Day in the Naval Weapons Center housing area.

The Bay Cities Garbage and Refuse Disposal Co., the current contractor, will have its personnel make their regular Thursday pickups on Friday, Jan. 26, and Friday, Jan. 2.

This change will be of concern principally to residents of the Capehart A and B housing areas, whose regular trash pickup day falls on Thursday. For additional information call Jim Upson, ext. 2724.

Visitors' pass office to close Christmas Day

The casual visitors' pass office will be closed on Christmas Day. "Special events visitors cards" will be issued to visitors on Dec. 25 by the main and south gate guards from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.

At other times on Christmas Day, visitors will be directed to the China Lake police station for passes.



Free movie scheduled Saturday for kids

A free movie matinee that is scheduled tomorrow morning from 10 to 11:30 at the Center Theater will be the Special Services Division's Christmas gift to young people of the local area.

The theatre doors will be open at 9:30 a.m., and the dependents of active duty or retired military personnel, as well as youngsters whose parents are NWC civilian employees, all are invited to attend.

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.	19 DEC.	"POLICEWOMEN" (100 Min.) Sondra Currie, Tony Young (Action Drama) (R)
SAT.	20 DEC.	"CARBON COPY" (91 Min.) Robert Hossier, Charles Aznavour (Action Drama) (PG)
SUN.	21 DEC.	"DAY OF THE LOCUST" (144 Min.) Donald Sutherland, William Atherton (Drama) (R)
MON.	22 DEC.	"THE FRONT PAGE" (91 Min.) Jack Lemmon, Walter Matthau (Comedy) (PG)
TUES.	23 DEC.	"FRAMED" (104 Min.) Connie Van Dyke, Joe Don Baker (Drama) (R)
WED.-THURS.	24-25 DEC.	SEASON'S GREETINGS FROM THE THEATER STAFF (NO MOVIE TONIGHT)
FRI.	26 DEC.	"BLACK CHRISTMAS" (98 Min.) Olivia Hussey, Keir Dullea (Suspense Drama) (R)
SAT.	27 DEC.	"THE ASPHYX" (99 Min.) Robert Stephens, Robert Powell (Suspense Drama) (PG)
SUN.	28 DEC.	"ROLLERBALL" (123 Min.) James Caan, John Houseman (Action Drama) (R)
MON.	29 DEC.	"THE GIRL FROM PETROVKA" (103 Min.) Goldie Hawn, Hal Holbrook (Comedy Drama) (PG)

The feature film to be shown will be "Cricket on the Hearth," a motion picture version of the classic Charles Dickens' Christmas story. The movie traces the misfortunes of a toymaker and his daughter, whose lives are upset by the disappearance at sea of the young girl's fiancé.

The 90-min. matinee also will include several Christmas cartoons.

TUES.	30 DEC.	"RETURN TO MACON COUNTY" (89 Min.) Nick Nolte, Don Johnson (Comedy Drama) (PG)
WED.	31 DEC.	"UPTOWN SATURDAY NIGHT" (104 Min.) Bill Cosby, Sidney Poitier (Comedy) (PG)
THURS.	1 JAN.	"WINTERHAWK" (89 Min.) Michael Dante, Leif Erickson (Adventure-Drama) (PG)
FRI.	2 JAN.	"ZANDY'S BRIDE" (97 Min.) Gene Hackman, Liv Ullman (Western Comedy-Drama) (PG)
SAT.	3 JAN.	"SHAFT'S BIG SCORE" (105 Min.) Richard Roundtree, Moses Gunn (Adventure Drama) (R)
SUN.	4 JAN.	"CONDUCT UNBECOMING" (107 Min.) Michael York, Christopher Plummer (Drama) (PG)
MON.	5 JAN.	"HARROWHOUSE" (95 Min.) Candice Bergen, James Mason (Suspense Comedy) (PG)
TUES.	6 JAN.	"CLEOPATRA JONES & THE CASINO OF GOLD" (96 Min.) Stella Stevens, Tamara Dobson (Action Drama) (R)
WED.	7 JAN.	"THE EXORCIST" (122 Min.) Max Von Sydow, Ellen Burstyn (Horror Drama) (R)
THURS.	8 JAN.	"THE MAN WHO WOULD NOT DIE" (90 Min.) Dorothy Malone, Keenan Wynn, Alex Sheafe (Drama) (PG)
FRI.	9 JAN.	"THE TAMARIND SEED" (125 Min.) Omar Sharif, Julie Andrews (Drama) (PG)

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DISPLAY PRESENTED ON "CHRISTMAS IN AUSTRIA" — As a part of the Sierra Sands Unified School District's multi-cultural program, a display about Christmas in Austria was arranged by Mrs. Betty Rivera Sembach, a third grade teacher at Vieweg School, for presentation at elementary schools throughout the district. Shown attired in costumes typical of the clothing worn in Austria are (from left) Suzanne Esch Fountain, a teacher's aide; Leah Saitz, a fifth grader, and Michelle Hurd, who is in the third grade. —Photo by Ron Allen

Christmas holiday greetings

Christmas is a joyful and festive time for millions of people throughout the world as they celebrate, in their different ways, this holiday season.

As we gather with our families and with our shipmates, let us reaffirm our devotion and our dedication to the spirit of Christmas. You and I must continue to give of ourselves, as American sailors have these past 200 years, in the interest of peace and goodwill.

This troubled world will continue to demand much of us in the year ahead. We have great responsibilities to this nation and its people. It is because of these vital and very demanding responsibilities that many of you will be separated, once again, from your families and your friends this Christmas. I know and appreciate your sacrifice.

To all of you and your families, I wish a merry Christmas and a very happy New Year.

J. L. Holloway III
Admiral, U.S. Navy
Chief of Naval Operations

This is the time of the year, perhaps the only time of the year, when we literally set aside many of the day-to-day concerns that mark our personal experience and give ourselves to the joys of a season. There is an inspiration in the Holiday Season that shines through to enhance our lives with greater charitableness and fellowship. Our concern for the welfare of others and our enthusiasm for making this the very finest time of each year give this season the special meaning that sets it aside.

Throughout the world in many ways, there is a renewal of spirit in the hearts of all people as we celebrate an everlasting heritage. Both the majesty and the simplest of charms of the season are melded by the customs, traditions and beliefs of many people to make this the most beautiful time of the year.

It is in this spirit that we, together with our families, extend our sincere best wishes to all military personnel and civilian employees of the Naval Weapons Center, their families and friends for a joyous holiday season and the very best in the year 1976.

In the true spirit of this time, let us all look forward to "Peace on Earth, Goodwill to All Men." Rear Admiral and Mrs. R. G. Freeman III, USN
Dr. and Mrs. G. L. Hollingsworth

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CATHOLIC CONGREGATION
Confession Schedule
Saturday, Dec. 20 4:15 to 4:45 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 21 8 to 8:25 a.m.
Monday, Dec. 22 Communal Penance, All Faith Chapel 7 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 23 4 to 5 p.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 24 3 to 4 p.m.
Mass Schedule
Sunday, Dec. 21 Regular Schedule—Jesus' birthday celebrated at 11:30 a.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 24 Midnight Mass—carols sung at 11:30 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 25 8:30 and 10 a.m. Mass
Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 27 and 28 Regular Schedule
Wednesday, Dec. 31 5 p.m. Mass (fulfills Jan. 1 obligation)
Thursday, Jan. 1 Masses at 8:30 and 10 a.m.
PROTESTANT CONGREGATION
Sunday, Dec. 21 Sunday School Christmas Program, 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 24 Candlelight Service—Christmas Eve 7 p.m.

Business, recreation facility holiday hours

All facilities of the Employee Services Board will be closed on Christmas Day and New Year's Day. The ESB Beauty Shop and Child Care Center will be closed Dec. 26. All other facilities will be open regular hours. In addition, the Michelson Laboratory cafeteria and the Center Restaurant will be closed on Fridays, Dec. 26 and Jan. 2. The China Lake Propulsion Laboratory cafeteria will be closed from Thursday, New Year's Day and open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Dec. 24 and 31; Community Center—closed Monday, Dec. 22, through Sunday, Jan. 4, except for special evening activities; Ceramics Hobby Shop—closed Dec. 24 through Jan. 4. All Navy Exchange facilities will be closed on Dec. 25, 26 and New Year's Day.

Because of the excused holiday time that has been granted on Friday, Dec. 26, for all except essential operations, the Commissary Store will be closed on the day after Christmas, as well as over the following Saturday and Sunday.

Dec. 25, through Sunday, Jan. 4, for installation of new equipment and painting. Special Services facilities and their hours of operation during the holidays are as follows:

Auto Hobby Shop—closed Dec. 24, 25, 31 and Jan. 1 and open Dec. 26 from 2 to 9 p.m.; Hall Memorial Lanes—open from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Dec. 22 through Jan. 4, except for Wednesday, Dec. 24, when the bowling alley will close at 5 p.m.; Camping Issue Room—closed Dec. 25, 26 and Jan. 1 and open from 1 to 5 p.m. Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve.

Golf Course and Pro Shop—closed Christmas Day and open from 7:30 a.m. to dusk on Dec. 24, 26, 31 and Jan. 1; Indoor Swimming Pool—closed Christmas Day and open from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Dec. 24 and 31 and from noon to 6 p.m. on Dec. 26 and New Year's Day; Gymnasium—closed Christmas Day and open from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Dec. 24 and 31 and from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Dec. 26 and New Year's Day.

Hobby Shop Complex—closed Dec. 25, 26 and New Year's Day and open on Dec. 24 and 31 from 2 to 5 p.m.; Center Theater—closed Dec. 24 and 25 and open regular hours on Dec. 26, 31 and Jan. 1; Skeeet and Trap Shooting Range—closed Dec. 24, 25, 26, 31 and Jan. 1. Youth Center—closed Dec. 25, 26 and

DIVINE SERVICES

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

ROMAN CATHOLIC MASS
Saturday 1700 fulfills Sunday obligation
Sunday 0700 0830 1130

BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL MASS
Daily except Saturday 1135

CONFESSIONS
Daily 1115 to 1130
Saturday 1615 to 1645
Sunday 0800 to 0825
Wednesday 1830 to 1930

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES
Sunday Kindergarten thru 6th grades 1015
Pre-school 1130
Wednesday First thru sixth seventh & eighth (Junior High) 1900

Above classes are held in Chapel Annexes across from Center Restaurant.
As announced Ninth thru 12th grades "In Home" Discussion Groups Monthly Youth Rallies
Contact Chaplain's Office for specifics.

JEWISH SERVICES
EAST WING—ALL FAITH CHAPEL
Sabbath Services every Friday 2000
UNITARIANS CHAPEL ANNEX 95
Sunday Services—(Sept.-May) 1930



TOYS FOR TOTS—Rose Varga, president of We Care, George Beatty, a member of the High Desert Detachment of the Marine Corps League (center), and Tom Flynn, Commandant (at right), were kept busy packaging the approximately 500 new toys that were distributed last week to 248 needy children throughout the Indian Wells Valley and in other nearby areas. The more than 500 persons who attended a country-western concert and dance on Sunday, Dec. 7, donated over 260 new toys and \$325 to the drive. The money was spent for additional toys so that each child would receive two new toys. "Everyone involved in the 'Toys for Tots' drive, including the local Camp Fire Girls who sold candy at the concert and donated their profits to the fund; the businesses and organizations who acted as collection agents for the used toys, and especially Oscar Wittington, Dorothy Cook and Don McNatt, who were successful in lining up the many country and western music stars who performed for this annual charity—are to be congratulated for the tremendous amount of work they did in making this year's drive a success." Flynn stated on behalf of the Marine Corps Liaison Office at NWC and the High Desert Detachment of the Marine Corps League. —Photo by Ron Allen

Mother's Buggies win three more games; increase lead in Premier Bowling League

The Mother's Buggies keglers won all three games Monday night to increase their first place lead in the Premier Bowling League. The victories brought their season record to 34 wins against only 11 losses.

The NAF team posted the high team game for the night with 1,012 pins, while the Mother's Buggies entry rolled the high team series, knocking down 2,819 pins.

Chuck Cutsinger pounded out a 635 series to lead all bowlers. Cutsinger had single game totals of 209, 211 and 215.

Three other keglers also topped the 600 series mark. Ken Dalpiaz had a three game set of 619 that included single games of 233 and 200. Bill Foote fashioned a 607 series with a high game of 210. Bob Kauffman notched a 605 series with a 226 high game.

Chuck Rouland, Jim Wright, Jim Bowen and Jack Leininger all came up with three game series of 590 or above on the basis of high games over the 200 mark.

Team	Won	Lost
Mother's Buggies	34	11
Hideaway	26	19
Loewens'	24	21
Western Columbia	22	23
NWC Fed'l Credit Union	21	23
NAF	21	24
Number One	21	24
King Max	20	25
Hi Desert	19	25
Elks' Club	17	28

Cerro Coso cagers outscore Taft, 75-68 for second win; lose to Antelope Valley

The Cerro Coso College varsity basketball team won its second game of the season Friday night—something they failed to do all last year—by outscoring the Taft College hoopsters, 75-68.

The play of Noel Roberts, 6 ft., 5 in., forward, was the reason for the Coyotes' victory. The big man netted 25 points on 12 field goals and one free throw. Roberts also controlled both offensive and defensive boards, pulling down 19 rebounds and

blocking two shots. Steve Forrester and Cash Cowles helped the Coyotes cause along by scoring 16 and 14 points, respectively. Cowles also garnered 13 rebounds and blocked four shots.

Forrester led the local team in assists with eight, followed by Dave Wright and Roberts with five each.

The Coyotes lost to Antelope Valley College at Lancaster on Wednesday night by a score of 95-61.

Cerro Coso College Basketball Schedule

Tuesday, Dec. 23 Antelope Valley College Home +
Friday, Dec. 26 College of the Desert Away
Saturday, Dec. 27 Christmas Holiday Tournament Away
Friday, Jan. 2 Mira Costa College Home +
+Played at Center gym, tip off time is 7 p.m.

Promotional opportunities

Unless otherwise specified in the ad, applications for positions listed in this column will be accepted from current NWC employees and should be filed with the person named in the ad. All others desiring employment with the Naval Weapons Center may contact the Employment-Wage and Classification Division, Code 652, Ext. 2049. Ads will run for one week and will close at 4:30 p.m. on the Friday following their appearance in this column, unless a later date is specified in the ad. Employees whose work history has not been brought up to date within the last six months are encouraged to file a Form 171 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-116, while those for all WG, WL and WS positions are defined in CSC Handbook X-118C.

Clerk-Typist, GS-322-3/4, PD No. 7235172AM, Code 3931—This position is located in the Weapons Department, Surface Systems Division, Mine Warfare Branch. Incumbent types and assembles official correspondence, memoranda and reports, receives and directs visitors and phone calls, receives and routes incoming mail, maintains all assigned files and processes timecards, personnel forms and travel orders. Job Relevant Criteria: Ability to type efficiently and accurately, to get along with others, reliability and dependability.

Clerk-DMT, GS 316-3/4, PD No. 7539104, Code 3954—This position is located in the Weapons Department, Radio Frequency Division, R. F. Systems Branch. The incumbent provides a variety of duties for the branch such as maintaining and setting up appointments and meetings, receiving and screening visitors and phone callers, receiving, opening and screening all mail, reviewing all outgoing correspondence for proper format and typographical errors, arranging for travel, maintaining timekeeping and leave records; maintaining branch files and receiving and returning classified documents. Incumbent prepares technical reports, correspondence, statistical tables and memoranda from handwritten and machine-dictated notes. Job Relevant Criteria: Ability to type efficiently and accurately. Ability as dictating machine transcriber, receptionist abilities, ability to get along with others in a work group.

Communications Clerk, GS-394-3/4, PD No. 7385095-2, Code 3934—This position is located in the Telephone Branch, Communications Office. The incumbent is responsible for the maintenance of all telephone/radio/circuit records including communication services request, communication service authorization, telephone directory locator cards, and telephone trouble tickets and bills. Incumbent reviews and verifies the monthly installation, rental and maintenance contracts for the operation of a PABX. Incumbent distributes distribution of code directories and updating and correcting cable books. Job Relevant Criteria: Ability to read computer printed material, knowledge of PABX and understanding of telephone procedures. Ability to type is desired.

Administrative Officer, GS-341-7, 9, 11, PD No. 7431101E, Code 3934—This position is located in the Telephone Department, Weapons Development Division. Incumbent coordinates and assists in the preparation of all project budget submissions, prepares division overhead budget, monitors overhead expenditures, performs fiscal studies and analyses and is financial advisor to the division head, branch heads and project office heads. Incumbent acts as an advisor on personnel matters and applies (1) e. recruitment, grievance and training. Incumbent also provides services in such areas as plant account, procurement, safety, security, communications, and facilities and space. Incumbent is the principal administrative contact in the division. Job Relevant Criteria: Thorough knowledge of administrative management techniques and administrative and management practices. Ability to express thoughts in oral and written form. Ability to meet and deal effectively with people. Ability to work under pressure. Ability to make decisions and use good judgment.

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

Physical Sciences Technician, GS-1311-7/8/9, PD No. 7540029, Code 4018—This position is located in the Physical Sciences Branch, Physics Division, Research Department. Incumbent implements modifications to optical and vacuum systems by adapting existing components and by constructing one-of-a-kind components. Designs, constructs and tests various components to be used in normal and ultrahigh vacuum environments. Consults and applies application shop tools and machines. Job Relevant Criteria: Experience in working with a large assortment of machine tools and assembly procedures, ability to work from verbal instructions or sketches in a prototype environment and experience or familiarity in working and in maintaining clean room environments and associated procedures. Promotion Eligibility: GS-1311-7/8/9.

Editorial Assistant (Typing), GS-1087-5/6, PD No. 350065, Code 408—Incumbent provides editorial assistance in the preparation of reports, manuscripts, and documents for personnel of the Aerothermochemistry Division of the Research Department. Also provides limited secretarial services for this division. Work demands an unusual degree of patience, attention to details and a liking for close and exacting work. Job Relevant Criteria: Must know how to use IBM Magnetic Tape Selectric Typewriter or equivalent. Must be familiar with technical reports and publications. Must have sufficient command of English grammar and composition to make constructive corrections and contributions so that manuscripts are acceptable. Must be able to work under severe time limitations and show initiative with a minimum of supervision.

Administrative Officer, GS-341-12/13, PD No. 7540153, Code 4002—As head of staff, Systems Development Department, incumbent provides staff and management services to the department head and the department. Functions include planning, budgeting, management and organization analysis, manpower and financial analysis, personnel, facilities, space, and general administrative services. Job Relevant Criteria: Sound knowledge of Navy and Center administrative and management (especially financial, personnel, and budget related) principles and procedures. High degree of initiative and decisiveness. Ability to deal effectively with people of many disciplines. High degree of diplomacy and persuasive skills. Ability to coordinate and supervise the work of other employees in the absence of the manager.

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

Office Services Supervisor, GS-342-6 or 7, PD No. 7525003E, Code 2513—As head, Administrative Branch, incumbent provides assistance to immediate supervisor, division heads and other Supply Department supervisors on staffing requirements and personnel problems. Incumbent controls the training program for the Supply Department, insures that personnel actions are completed and recorded, and that records are maintained in a current status on all employees of the department. Job Relevant Criteria: Knowledge of human relations, diplomacy and tact in recognizing and dealing with recommendations and resolving conflicting opinions, initiative, imagination. Knowledge of government personnel procedures. Demonstrated ability to employ tact and diplomacy in work contacts. Knowledge of supply procedures. Ability to express ideas both orally and in writing. Knowledge of NWC classified document control procedures. Knowledge of NWC plant property account procedures. NOTE: Previous applicants need not re-apply.

File applications for the above with June Adams, Bldg. 34, Rm. 216, Ph. 3271.

Engineering Technician, GS-802-9, 10 or 11, PD No. 7537107, Code 3712—(Two vacancies, one of which is intermittent). This position is located in the Fire Division in the Security Department. Incumbent is responsible for all firefighting operations on his shift. He directs responses to structural and crash fires, emergency aircraft landings, and rescue calls. He is responsible for administering personnel policies and procedures. Job Relevant Criteria: Able to have experience in directing crash and structural firefighting operations.

File applications for the above with Sus Prasolowicz, Bldg. 34, Rm. 208, Ph. 2577.

Materials Engineering Technician, GS-802-7/11, PD No. 7551975, Code 3516—This position is located in the Materials Engineering Branch, Engineering Services Division, Engineering Department. The incumbent will design, modify and develop test apparatus, equipment, and facilities for the performance of non-destructive evaluation. The incumbent will be responsible for maintaining equipment and facilities and reviewing requirements for NDE materials. In addition, the incumbent will be required to perform NDE of materials and/or components used for NWC projects. Principle areas of NDE used are radiography, ultrasonics, magnetic particle and liquid penetrant. Job Relevant Criteria: Knowledge of NDE equipment, facilities, apparatus, techniques and procedures. Ability to effectively make oral and written presentations. Ability or potential ability to be certified to Level II per MIL-STD-410 in the four major areas of NDE mentioned above.

Electronic Engineer, GS-855-12/13, PD No. 7551596, Code 5531—This position is located in the Guidance Branch, Product Design Division, Engineering Department. The major duties of the position are guidance system evaluation, analysis, design, and technical consultation and contract liaison. Incumbent works with state-of-the-art microwave techniques. Job Relevant Criteria: Knowledge of system evaluation, microwave systems and guidance systems. Ability to orally communicate effectively. File applications for the above with Carol Downard, Bldg. 34, Rm. 204, Ph. 2925.

Accounting Technician, GS-525-05, PD No. 7500668, Code 0861—The incumbent maintains the customer order ledger by entering source fund allocations, verifying and correcting entered data and posting weekly job order costs. Incumbent analyzes cost against source funds available for correct fund placement, determines what actions are taken relative to expiring funds, excessive costs, and excessive funds and is responsible for billing customers of DoD organizations. Job Relevant Criteria: Ability to consolidate and maintain financial information in ledger format and technical knowledge and experience in application of accounting procedures and techniques. Secretary (Typing), GS-318-4/5, PD No. 7515151-3, Code 12—Incumbent is secretary for program director in the Weapons Planning Group. Major duties include receiving visitors, telephone calls and mail, typing official correspondence, travel orders, security clearances and itineraries, scheduling conferences and meetings, and maintaining supervisor's calendar and files. Job Relevant Criteria: Must be a typist, have thorough knowledge of Center clerical procedures and be able to deal with a wide variety of clerical and administrative procedures. File applications for the above with Dora Childers, Bldg. 34, Rm. 206, Ph. 2674.

Mechanical Engineer, GS-830-9/11, PD No. 7545131, Code 4574—Incumbent is in the Airbreathing Propulsion Branch, Propulsion Systems Division, Propulsion Development Department. Incumbent performs analysis and preliminary design of propulsion systems for advanced missiles. He engages in the design, development and test of propulsion components and/or systems which will be used in a Navy weapons or research program. Job Relevant Criteria: Knowledge in the field of compressible fluid flow and of the strength of materials, thermodynamics and heat transfer. File applications for the above with Mary Morrisio, Bldg. 34, Rm. 210, Ph. 2393.

JOB OPPORTUNITY
Motion Picture Projectionist, NA-3910-05, \$3.10 per hour—This is not a Civil Service job. The position is located at the Center Theater, Special Services. The incumbent in spect incoming film and makes reports, operates 16mm projectors, spotlights and slide projectors, and supervises other theater employees in the absence of the manager. Job Relevant Criteria: Demonstrated experience in operation of 16mm motion picture projectors, sound reproducing equipment, spotlights and slide projector and related equipment. Must be willing to work weekend and week nights. Note: This is an intermittent position approximately 15 hours per week. File applications for the above with Dora Childers, Bldg. 34, Rm. 206, Ph. 2674.



Wilt's Corner

Thanks expressed to those who aided athletic programs

By Wilt Wyman
NWC Athletic Director

I would like to express my thanks to all of you who have been involved with the NWC recreation program since my arrival 18 months ago. The time and talent you have put into the programs have been tremendous help to me and have been the big reason for the success that has been achieved.

As a result of your advice, assistance and cooperation many improvements have been made and new programs have been started. With the same cooperation from all of you who have been involved, new and better programs will be possible next year.

MDISL Basketball

The first competition in the 1976 Mojave Desert Inter-Service League sports program will be a basketball tournament at March Air Force Base in Riverside, Jan. 16 through 18.

All basketball players interested in trying out for the Center's MDISL team should contact me as soon as possible by calling ext. 2334.

Other MDISL Tournaments

The locations for 1976 tournaments in the other MDISL sports have been selected and are as follows: tennis and golf — NWC; minor sports carnival — March Air Force Base; volleyball — Barstow Marine Corps Base; fast pitch softball — Norton Air Force Base; slow pitch softball — Nellis Air Force Base, and bowling — Edwards Air Force Base.

Since NWC won the overall and individual sports trophies, the other bases will be doing their best to beat our teams. In order to successfully defend our titles, we must field the best athletes available in every sport.

Scuba Diving Class

We would like to offer another class in scuba diving starting sometime in January, but will not be able to do so unless additional students sign-up.

At the present time, only four people have done so. We need at least 10 participants before we can offer the class. All men and women 15 years of age and older who are members of the NWC Athletic Association or the Youth Center are eligible. Those interested are asked to sign-up at the gymnasium or contact Adrienne Swinford by calling 375-5260. Leon Breden, from Lancaster, will be the instructor.

Kayak Classes

A kayak class, emphasizing basic techniques for running white water, is scheduled to begin at the NWC swimming pool starting on Wednesday, Jan. 7. Ken Lagergen, who attended the Roger Paris Kayak School near Aspen, Col., will be the instructor.

Since the class is almost full, all other interested persons 15 years of age or older should contact the gymnasium secretary as soon as possible by calling ext. 2334, or Lagergen, at 446-2464, after 5 p.m.

Handball Tourney

A "singles only" handball tournament will be held Tuesday through Thursday, Jan. 13-15 and 20-22. All military and civilian employees of NWC are encouraged to participate. An entry fee of \$1 per player will be charged.

Deadline for entries is Thursday, Jan. 8, at 2 p.m. Entry blanks are available at the gymnasium office.

Burros cagers defeat Arvin in non-league tilt

Burroughs High School's varsity basketball team, building up for the start of the 1976 Golden League season on Jan. 6, made it tough on the hoopsters from Arvin last Saturday night by knocking off the Bears, 70-63, in a game played at the local high school gym.

This made it three wins out of four for the varsity cagers from Burroughs, who began their non-league play on Dec. 2 with a 57-44 win over their counterparts from Rubidoux High School near Riverside.

The Burros are now on the road competing in a double elimination tournament that began yesterday at Rubidoux. In first round action, the Burroughs varsity defeated Hemet High School 70-51.

The win over Arvin made it two in a row for Larry Bird's varsity basketball squad, which ran into more than it could handle two weeks and lost to Bakersfield High, 82-59. The Burros then bounced back on Dec. 9 to stampe the Bishop Broncos by a final score of 85-60.

Forwards Daryl Moline and Robert Campbell each tallied 18 points to post top honors in the scoring department in the Burros' win over Arvin. Also in the double-figure scoring column for the locals were guards Bill Doremus and Tommy Fluornoy, who accounted for 13 and 10 points, respectively.

In addition to contributing 18 points for Burroughs, Campbell also was the game's top rebounder as he snagged the ball 13 times off the backboard.

High point honors in the Burroughs vs. Arvin game went to John Herrera of the visitors, who tallied 19 points, while a teammate, Bill Delano, wasn't far behind

NWC places first in Admiral's Cup racketball tourney

Competition in the Admiral's Cup round-robin racketball tournament last week was extremely close with all games being decided by identical scores of 3-2.

The Naval Weapons Center's entry came out on top, defeating the players from both VX-5 and the Naval Air Facility. NAF captured second place in the tournament by knocking off VX-5.

By winning the racketball event, NWC moved into a first place tie with NAF in the overall Admiral's Cup athletic competition. Each has earned 20 points in overall play. VX-5 remains in third place with 16 points.

The next event in the Admiral's Cup competition will be a basketball tournament in January, and a volleyball tourney is coming up in February.

Youth Soccer League awards presented; plans discussed for future expansion

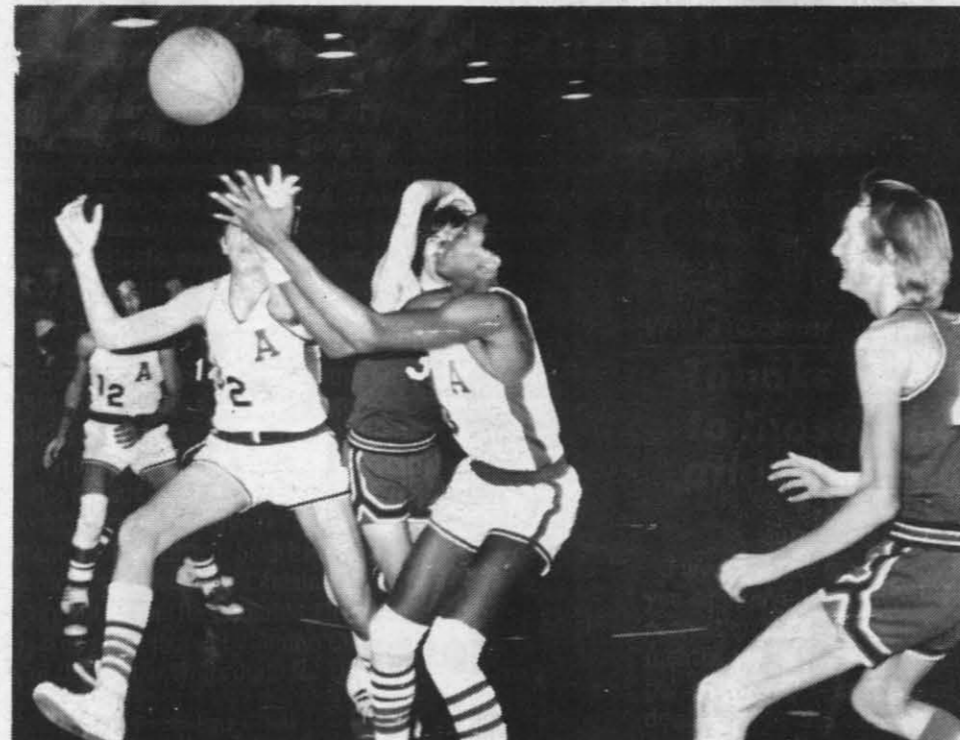
An awards presentation and picnic lunch was held Saturday at the NWC Youth Gym for 85 players and coaches involved in the recently concluded Youth Soccer League program.

First item on the program was a discussion on the past and future of soccer in the area. Parents, coaches and players alike, voiced unanimous approval of the soccer programs initiated this year, and urged continuing a year-round active soccer program.

Plans for this winter will include informal, but supervised "choose-up" games on Saturday mornings following the adult workouts. The adult players will supervise the games, along with interested parents, and will provide some instruction for improving youngsters' play. Emphasis will be placed on the kids "just having fun."

In the spring, a number of matches are planned between local youngsters and teams from Granda Hills and San Gabriel, and possibly with youth teams from Ridgecrest's sister city, Tepic, Mexico.

Long range plans call for organizing enough teams in the Indian Wells Valley and surrounding areas so that more games can be played without extensive traveling.



GRAB THAT BALL! — In this scramble for the ball, Robert Longmeier, the center for Arvin, seems to have the best chance to pick off the rebound, while another of his Arvin (teammates) charges for it along with Martin Forrester of Burroughs, who is half-hidden between them. At right is Daryl Moline (No. 40), the Burros' leading scorer so far this season with 77 points in four games. Last Saturday night, the local varsity quintet had a little too much for the visitors from Arvin, who they defeated, 70-63.

—Photo by Al Wilson

with 17.

Despite giving up the home court advantage, the Arvin Bears hung on grimly throughout the game, being outscored by just a single point in the first, third and fourth periods, and by four points in the second quarter.

In what was a seesaw battle, the Burros got off to a 17-16 first quarter advantage, and (when Arvin cooled off briefly in the closing minutes of the first half) were able to draw ahead, 33-28, at the halftime intermission.

Youth activities during Christmas holiday season include basketball, chess tourney

The method of selecting players for each team in the Youth Basketball program has been revised for this year in order to permit coaches and their assistants to better evaluate the abilities of former and new players, Wilt Wyman, NWC Special Services athletic director, reported this week.

For a period of two weeks, all leagues will be practicing within their own age groups. During this time, each player will be observed by the coaches in order to give them a more realistic idea of each player's abilities. At the end of two weeks, the coaches and their assistants will meet to form the teams that will play in each league.

The purpose of the initial two weeks of play is to divide the players according to their abilities and thus provide a better balance among the teams in each league.

Tournaments in chess, ping pong and pool are scheduled to begin on Saturday, Dec. 27. Youth Center members interested in participating in any of the tournaments are asked to register at the Youth Center as soon as possible, or to contact Carol Hape by calling ext. 2909.

Candy Bar Bingo

Members of the Youth Center will be able to play Candy Bar Bingo on Friday, Dec. 27 and Friday, Jan. 2. Carol Hape, director, has announced. Play will begin at 2 p.m. each day.

Open bowling set at Hall Memorial Lanes

Open bowling is scheduled at Hall Memorial Lanes starting Monday and continuing through Sunday, Jan. 4, between the hours of 11 a.m. and 11 p.m. The only exception to this will be Wednesday, Dec. 24, when the bowling alley will close at 5 p.m.

Every Friday will continue to be "red pin" day at the Hall Memorial Lanes during this period of open bowling.

Players sought for NWC 11th ND tourney team

Military personnel interested in playing on the team that will represent NWC in 11th Naval District Basketball competition will begin practice after the Christmas-New Year's holiday season, Lt. Ian Refo, team coach, announced this week.

Prospective members of the team are asked to contact Lt. Refo, who will coach the team, by calling NWC ext. 5308.

Duties of the team's assistant coach will be handled by Jim Erdman.

Photographic record of Navy squadrons trained at C-range now preserved by NAF

A nearly 20-year record of many of the Navy fighter groups and attack squadrons whose personnel received training in close air support of ground forces, as well as in the development of special weapons tactics at the Naval Weapons Center's C range, has been preserved in a special photo display case that has been set up in Hangar 3 at the Naval Air Facility.

Until a recent visit to the "Charlie" range tower by Capt. Conrad B. Olson, Commanding Officer of the Naval Air Facility, the old photos were kept at the tower building. Believing that this treasure trove of memorabilia (covering the period from 1952 to 1971) should be more permanently preserved, Capt. Olson made arrangements to have the photo display case set up.

Not only are the photos exhibited, but by going back through the daily log books that were kept it was possible (in some cases) to

The Naval Air Facility is interested in enlarging its collection of old photos or other items of historical interest. Individuals having such items they would like to contribute are asked to contact Lcdr. James Pate by calling NWC ext. 5212.

identify the individual fliers, in addition to the unit to which they were assigned.

Duane Mack, who had been the range engineer at C-range for 19 years (but is now retired) had been responsible for keeping this unofficial record of the test activity, and also for having the squadron or unit photos taken.

Paul Alexander, who spent nearly 20 years at C range (starting out as a munitions worker and worked his way up to the position of assistant range engineer) added to the value of the photo collection by going through the old log books to identify individuals in many of the units.

At the present time, Alexander is a project engineer in the Test and Evaluation Department's Project Engineering Division, whose job it is to handle the scheduling of tests at C-range.

He recalled that at the outbreak of the Korean War, C-range was reactivated for

Annual Yule parade, canceled by wind, to roll tomorrow

Mother Nature last Saturday upset the best laid plans of those in charge of arrangements for the Indian Wells Valley Christmas Parade by coming up with a blustery windstorm that forced postponement of this annual event until tomorrow.

According to information obtained from the Naval Weather Service Office at NAF, there were sustained winds averaging 30 mph during a good portion of the day last Saturday, while the peak gusts of 50 mph hit at 1:26 p.m., or shortly before the parade's scheduled starting time.

Blowing dust and sand seriously restricted the visibility of motorists traveling on portions of N. China Lake Blvd., route of the parade, at the height of the windstorm.

The delayed Christmas parade will get under way tomorrow at 2 p.m. The procession will start from the corner of Drummond Dr. and N. China Lake Blvd., travel south to Ridgecrest Blvd., and then turn west to S. Warner St. where participants will turn south and disband in the vicinity of Ridgecrest park.

More than 80 entries, including floats, three marching bands, a drum and bugle corps, color guards, equestrian groups and individual riders will take part in this Ridgecrest Chamber of Commerce-sponsored event.



PRESERVED FOR POSTERITY — Rear Admiral R. G. Freeman III, NWC Commander, was joined this week by Capt. R. B. Conklin, executive officer of the Naval Air Facility, and William Hattabaugh (center), head of the Test and Evaluation Department, in a look at photos of the personnel from many of the Navy fighter groups and attack squadrons who sharpened up their skills in the support of ground forces during tests conducted at C range. The photos, which cover the period from 1952 to 1971 and are of historic interest and value, are now preserved in a recently completed display case that was set up in Hangar 3 at NAF.

Fleet training purposes. In those days, this was the only range on the West Coast where pilots could receive instantaneous feedback of such data as their aircraft's dive angle, the release altitude and release slant range of the ordnance they were dropping or firing, and its impact point.

As many as 20,000 bomb drops per year were logged in at C-range, Alexander noted, and at times the C-range crew was busy day and night, seven days a week, when the rush was on to convert Navy fighter groups that had been trained principally for air-to-air fighting and ground strafing to attack groups that dropped bombs or fired rockets.

Other ranges, with instrumentation patterned after that in use at C-range were later developed at El Centro, Calif.; Yuma, Ariz.; Cherry Point, N.C.; Eglin AFB in Florida and on the Island of Puerto Rico.

Among the earliest users of C-range were pilots from Air Test and Evaluation Squadron Five, who were based at Moffett Field near Mountain View, Calif., before the squadron was transferred to China Lake in July 1956. The development of special weapons tactics was the major mission of VX-5 personnel then as it continues to be today.

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CONGRATULATIONS IN ORDER — Capt. Conrad B. Olson (at left), Commanding Officer of the Naval Air Facility, added his congratulations to those of Rear Admiral R. G. Freeman III, NWC Commander, at a recent ceremony during which he presented letters of commendation from RADM. Freeman to (l.-r.) Lcdr. Michael A. Rij, Jr., a helicopter pilot, and his two crew members ADJ3 Revis G. Reed and ADJAN Alfred P. Ortiz. The helicopter pilot and his crew members were commended for the expert assistance they rendered when a member of the China Lake Mountain Rescue Group was injured in a fall during a training exercise that was being conducted near Durrwood Camp on the Kern River. With daylight fading fast, and only one chance to get the injured man aboard the helicopter before it would be too dark to see, Lcdr. Rij successfully maneuvered his helicopter in an area that was greatly restricted by natural obstacles. Reed and Ortiz then lowered and hoisted a litter back into the helicopter with the injured man, Allen Jones, secured safely in it. Jones was flown quickly to the Ridgecrest Community Hospital, where the helicopter was landed and he received treatment for his injuries.

Non-smokers file petition seeking relief

A petition signed by 486 persons whose objective it is to "Stop Offensive Smoking," was presented at last week's meeting of the board of directors of the China Lake Community Council.

In addition, a talk was presented on the hazards of drunk driving that are expected to escalate during this holiday season of the year.

Spokesmen for the "SOS" group were Dr. Peter Pinto, a physician at the Ridgecrest Community Hospital and Drummond Medical Group, Inc.; Mrs. Jean Hollingsworth, wife of Dr. G. L. Hollingsworth, NWC Technical Director, and Connie Crawley, an accountant in the Office of Finance and Management's Accounting Division.

The Committee on Responsible Drinking (CORD) was represented by Judge Charles Porter, of the Indian Wells Judicial District Court.

Health Problems Cited

Dr. Pinto called attention to the health problems that can be traced to smoking, and also noted that non-smokers aren't immune from them due to what he called "sidestream smoke" — that which escapes from burning cigarettes or cigars or is exhaled by smokers and then inhaled by non-smokers.

Working in a smoke-filled environment can be a health hazard to non-smokers, Dr. Pinto explained.

In her presentation on behalf of the "SOS" group, Mrs. Hollingsworth discussed non-smokers' rights to clean air, their right to speak up about the lack of clean air, and their right to act to obtain clean air by means of appropriate regulations.

For her part, Mrs. Crawley reviewed some of the legislation aimed at curbing smoking except in designated areas that has been passed in such California cities as Los Angeles, Sacramento and San Diego, in the states of Arizona, Oregon and Utah, as well as in Washington, D.C.

Where such laws already are in existence, those who violate them may be subject to fines and/or jail sentences, Mrs. Crawley added.

Petition Presented

She concluded the "SOS" group's part of the Community Council meeting by presenting a petition which she asked directors of the local civic group to turn over to the NWC Command. The signers of the petition are asking that all enclosed buildings and shopping facilities at China Lake which lack a separate ventilating system be considered "non-smoking" areas.

Judge Porter bemoaned the fact that double or triple the usual number of drunk drivers are on the highways during the Christmas and New Year's holiday season as he began his presentation on behalf of CORD.

The committee, he commented, has

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Military, civilian personnel excused from duty Dec. 26

By Executive Order 11891 of Dec. 15, 1975, the President has ordered that all personnel, military and civilian worldwide (except for those whose services are required for national security or other public reasons) shall be excused from duty on Friday, Dec. 26.

All offices and installations not required to remain open for reasons of national security or defense or other public reasons will be closed.

At the Naval Weapons Center, all employees who are responsible for submission of employee timecards for the week ending Dec. 27 can deliver them to the Payroll Office on either next Wednesday, Dec. 24, or prior to 9 a.m. on Monday, Dec. 29. Payday for civilian employees will be Dec. 24, instead of Dec. 26.

Open season continues for Federal Employees' Health Benefits Program

This is a reminder that the annual "open season" under the Federal Employees' Health Benefits Program will end on Dec. 31, 1975. All pamphlets and brochures about the health plans that are available to Naval Weapons Center employees (including information on changes in rates) has been received and distributed to the various departments on the Center.

From now until Dec. 31, employees and annuitants may change from one plan or option to another, or from self only to self-and-family, or make any combination of these changes. Also, employees not now enrolled under any plan may enroll.

Employees wishing to enroll in a Federal Employees' Health Benefits Program or make other permissible changes in coverage should contact their personnel clerk.

If an employee is unable to make desired "open season" changes in enrollment between now and Dec. 31 due to circumstances beyond his control (i.e., on annual or sick leave), late registration may be permitted through Jan. 15, 1976.

However, all interested employees, who are able to do so, are urged to make their change prior to the deadline. Changes which are made through Dec. 31, 1975, will become effective on the first pay period in January (Jan. 4, 1976). Late registrations will become effective on

the first pay period following the change.

Listed below are the Federal Employees Health Benefit Program plans that are available to Naval Weapons Center employees.

Next Brown Bag Seminar will take place Jan. 7

Participants in the Brown-Bag Seminar series are asked to mark their calendars now — noting that the next seminar will take place after the holidays, but before the next issue of The ROCKETEER.

Wednesday, Jan. 7, is the date, the time is 11:30 a.m., and the place is the Community Center. Betty Wofford, an organizational development trainer visiting the Center in order to conduct classes in Transactional Analysis, will be the speaker.

It is expected that Mrs. Wofford will speak informally with seminar attendees on some Transactional Analysis tools for developing communication skills in the work environment.

A leading consultant to women in management, Mrs. Wofford develops and leads workshops for the University of Hawaii, State of Idaho, State of California, U.S. Forest Service, and other such organizations. An associate of the Transactional Analysis Management Institute in San Francisco, Mrs. Wofford is also executive vice-president of Wofford and Associates.



VISITORS FROM MEXICO — Two councilmen from Ridgecrest's sister city of Tepetitlan, Mexico, headed the delegation of visitors from south of the border who were shown orientation films, and taken on tours of Michelson Laboratory, the Naval Air Facility and the housing area at China Lake this past Monday. "Building bridges of friendship across the border," is one of the principal aims of the sister city program. Rear Admiral R. G. Freeman III, NWC Commander, (speaking in Spanish) told his special guests during a luncheon held in their honor at the Commissioned Officers' Mess. The visitors reportedly were greatly impressed with what they saw and heard, and a bit amazed to find a Navy base situated in an isolated desert area. The photo above was snapped in the Research Department's wing of Michelson Laboratory, where the group from Mexico was invited to inspect an electron microscope. Victor Casados (at left), an engineer in Code 555, served as interpreter during the tour, which was led by Denny Kline (at right), who coordinates the visits of official visitors to NWC. Others are (l.-r.) Beatriz Padilla de Franco, who is standing next to her husband, Dr. Silvinia Franco Alvarez (a councilman), Dr. Juan Martin del Campo (another councilman), and Maria Socorro de la Torre, whose husband, Miguel de la Torre Gutierrez, is looking over her shoulder. The latter serves as secretary to the mayor of Tepetitlan.

Register now for Chapman College classes

Registration for Chapman College's Term III winter semester is now going on and will continue through Jan. 5.

Sign-ups are being handled Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the college office, 218 N. Sanders St., Ridgecrest. Term III will begin Jan. 5 and end Feb. 27.

NWC employees who attend Chapman College can obtain a tuition refund, provided that they submit a proper NWC enrollment form via department channels to Code 654 prior to registering for any course.

Chapman College offers courses in upper-division coursework fulfilling requirements for bachelor of arts degrees in Social Science and Psychology and for Master of

Arts degrees in Education, Special Education and Marriage, Family and Child Guidance Counseling. Classes are taught at Pierce School, or informally in the evening in the instructors' homes.

Courses to be offered during Term III are Psychology 303, Introduction to Probability and Statistics; Sociology 404, Sociology of the Family; Sociology 405, Human Sexual Behavior; Education 465, Education of the Mentally Retarded; Education 608, Sociological Foundations of Education; Government 446, International Organizations; History 437, History of the American West; Mathematics 320, Mathematics for Elementary Teachers; and Education 404, Methods of Teaching Mathematics.

BIWEEKLY WITHHOLDING RATES FOR ALL PLANS AND OPTIONS FOR 1976

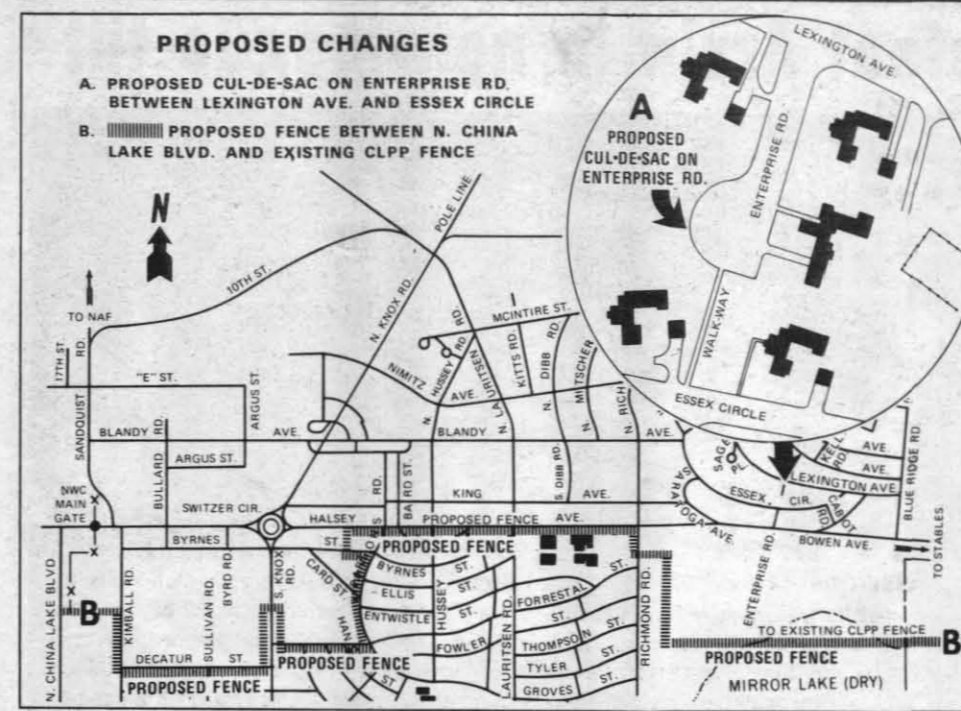
These rates apply to all Federal employees on a biweekly pay schedule except Postal Service employees. Postal Service employees should contact their personnel officer or head of installation for information. For 1976, the biweekly Government contribution is increased from \$7.64 to \$9.42 for a self only and from \$18.93 to \$23.13 for a family enrollment, but no more than 75 per cent of the total cost of any type of enrollment. Your biweekly withholding from pay in 1975 and 1976 is shown below. To find whether your biweekly withholding increases or decreases in 1976, compare amounts shown in last two columns for your plan and type of enrollment. Equivalent monthly withholding and contribution rates are approximately 2 1/4 times the biweekly rates.

GOVERNMENT-WIDE PLANS

Enroll. Code	Type of enrollment	In 1975 enrollee paid	In 1976 enrollee pays
Service Benefit Plan (Blue Cross-Blue Shield)			
101	Self Only—High Option	\$5.40	\$8.77
102	Self and Family—High Option	12.88	20.01
104	Self Only—Low Option	1.02	1.02
105	Self and Family—Low Option	2.50	2.95
Indemnity Benefit Plan (Aetna)			
201	Self Only—High Option	\$3.88	\$6.71
202	Self and Family—High Option	9.77	15.33
204	Self Only—Low Option	1.59	2.14
205	Self and Family—Low Option	3.93	5.31

EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATION PLANS

Enroll. Code	Type of enrollment	In 1975 enrollee paid	In 1976 enrollee pays
AFGE Health Benefit Plan			
301	Self Only—High Option	\$4.49	\$4.83
302	Self and Family—High Option	8.93	9.61
304	Self Only—Low Option	.94	.94
305	Self and Family—Low Option	2.73	2.73
Alliance Health Benefit Plan			
461	Self Only—High Option	\$2.83	\$2.98
462	Self and Family—High Option	6.74	7.30
464	Self Only—Low Option	.75	.75
465	Self and Family—Low Option	1.91	1.91
American Postal Workers Union Plan			
471	Self Only—High Option	\$8.71	\$6.93
472	Self and Family—High Option	17.47	13.27
474	Self Only—Low Option	1.45	*
475	Self and Family—Low Option	3.54	*
Government Employees Hospital Association Benefit Plan			
311	Self Only—High Option	\$3.85	\$4.08
312	Self and Family—High Option	5.66	6.65
314	Self Only—Low Option	1.91	1.91
315	Self and Family—Low Option	3.70	3.70
Mail Handlers Benefit Plan			
451	Self Only—High Option	\$3.95	\$2.99
452	Self and Family—High Option	12.64	9.61
454	Self Only—Low Option	1.89	1.95
455	Self and Family—Low Option	5.20	5.40



Members of Naval Reserve group handle variety of duties at NWC

By Lt. Mike Thompson, USNR-R
Brenda Lynn Woodard, for one, is glad that Naval Ordnance Unit 1719, a reserve group from Pomona, Calif., is aboard the Naval Weapons Center.

Miss Lynn, the latest addition to the family of LCdr. and Mrs. Craig Woodard, was under the post-delivery pediatric care of Cdr. Frank Schafer, the NAVORD 1719 doctor, at the NWC Dispensary last week. Caring for a new member of a Navy family is just one of a number of contributions made by the reserve unit from the East San Gabriel Valley area while at China Lake for its annual active duty training period.

For the past two weeks, members of the group were found working side-by-side with regular NWC personnel, and performing a variety of services in the bargain. Projects included not only medicine and nursing, but also personnel administration, supply activities, public works and construction, and work associated with weapons development.

This is the second year in a row that NAVORD 1719, under the leadership of its executive officer, LCdr. Jack V. Hale, has served at the Naval Weapons Center. This continuing association makes the Center an effective second home in a Navy environment, as well as a valuable training ground for unit personnel.

"We look forward to our active duty at China Lake, since it represents a double opportunity for our group — a chance for training and a chance to make a real contribution to the active Navy," LCdr. Hale

stated.

Some examples of this combination of operational support and functional training range from participation in the Harpoon weapon development program by LCdr. Dal Swart, LCdr. Bob Wardell and Lt. Phil Wyatt to work on various construction activities, such as new handball courts and the new Seabee Park trailer park by EN1 Curtis Miller, IC2 David Lawson, and BM3 Larry Miller.

"The Navy needs a hand here and there," IC2 Lawson asserted, "and we're here to give it. That way everyone comes out ahead."

Photos collected . . .

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The array of photographs in the special display case includes group shots of squadrons whose personnel at that time included Cdr. Wally Schirra and Cdr. Alan Shepard, who later went on to become astronauts; Capt. Thomas Wimberly, former NWC Technical Officer; a photo of Capt. Robert Moore, an ex-Commanding Officer of NAF, who was then a Lt(jg); Cdr. John Faron, NAF's present airspace coordinator, who was a junior officer when the old photo was taken; and Capt. Carl "Tex" Birdwell, a former Commanding Officer of VX-5, who was a lieutenant with VA 212 in April 1956, when his squadron's photo was snapped.

In addition, Capt. Olson also found his own photo, which was taken in 1957 when he was serving as a lieutenant with VA 212.



(Editor's note: This column, which will be published from time to time, contains information from the Naval Weapons Center Command about problems of general interest to China Lake residents and NWC employees. Person having questions which fall into this category are invited to submit them in writing to the Public Information Office, Code 003, for response.)

As indicated in the accompanying sketch, Circle for pedestrian traffic. The proposed change to Enterprise Rd. has been approved by the Chesapeake Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, and it is planned that the conversion will be made prior to June 1976.

Petition submitted...

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obtained the backing of both Ridgecrest and NWC officials in designating December as "Safe Driving Month" as part of an educational campaign aimed at reducing the drunk driving problem.

In his lengthy and detailed report to the CLCC board of directors, Judge Porter stressed that it takes only a small amount of liquor to make a person subject to arrest and possible conviction for driving under the influence of alcohol. In the case of a 150 lb. man, for example, four drinks on an empty stomach can place him in just such jeopardy, the judge of the IWV Judicial District Court said.

Judge Porter also expressed his own views in favor of having all judges prescribe identical fines or sentences to those who enter guilty pleas or are found guilty of drunk driving. Such a move, he said, would end the practice of "shopping around" for more lenient handling of drunk driving offenders and provide for equal treatment under the law.

In Kern County, he added, a person's first arrest for drunk driving usually results in a fine and probation, or a suspended sentence if there are no other mitigating circumstances involved.

Contract awarded for construction of new dispensary

A contract for the construction of a 10-bed dispensary and dental clinic at the Naval Weapons Center has been awarded to the Riha Construction Co. of La Mesa, Calif.

The new medical facility, which will cost \$2,881,000, is to be built in an area directly north of Schoeffel Field that is now occupied by a group of vacant apartments. The old structures must be demolished and removed prior to start of work on the dispensary.

According to Bob Barling, the project design engineer in the plans and specifications branch of the Public Works Department's Engineering Division, the contract includes all additive bid items that were sought.

Off street parking, an ambulance shelter, emergency entrance, as well as regular entrances on both the north and south sides of the building are included under the contract.

June 15, 1977 is the estimated date of completion.

Emergency siren system to be tested on Tuesday

There will be a 1 min. test of the Naval Weapons Center's emergency siren system at noon on Tuesday.

Such tests normally are conducted on the last Thursday of each month, but because that will be Christmas day, the test will be carried out on Tuesday, Fire Chief W. R. Knight reported.

Emergency warning sirens located at various locations throughout the Center, including those at each fire station, the China Lake Pilot Plant and at the Naval Air Facility, all will be tested at this time.



HELPING HAND GIVEN AT CLINIC — Two of the officers from Naval Ordnance Unit 1719, a reserve group from Pomona, were assigned to the local branch clinic of the Naval Regional Medical Center in Long Beach during their two week tour of active duty at NWC. Cdr. Frank Schafer, an MD, is shown examining a young patient (Jason Schmidt), while LCdr. Elaine Jones, USNR-R, waits to record information in the outpatient treatment log. —Photo by Ron Allen

OLD FASHIONED CHRISTMAS DINNER

A bountiful Christmas dinner will be served continuously from 2 to 5 p.m. on Christmas Day, Thursday, Dec. 25, at the Enlisted dining hall, located in Bldg. 880 on King Ave. just north of the police station.

Christmas Menu

Split Pea Soup	Roast Tom Turkey	Crisp Saltines
Turkey Gravy	Steamboat Round	Natural Gravy
Buttered Whole Grain Corn		Cornbread Dressing
Mashed Potatoes		Buttered Green Peas
Assorted Salads		
Waldorf Salad		Fresh Green Salad
Fruit Salad		Chilled Cranberry Sauce
Assorted Relish Tray		Assorted Dressings
Hot Brown 'n Serve Rolls		Chilled Butter Patties
Desserts		
Pumpkin Pie		Mince-meat Pie
Whipped Cream		Ice Cream
Fruit Cake		Fresh Fruit Tray
Mixed Nuts		Hard Candy
Drinks		
Chilled Fresh Milk		Coffee
Assorted Fountain Drinks		Tea