

### Kern Health Dept. anti-rabies clinics planned Jan. 23, 24

The 1976 anti-rabies vaccination and licensing clinics for dogs in this area will be held next Friday and Saturday, Jan. 23 and 24.

On Jan. 23, Kern County Health Department officials will be at the county fire department in Randsburg from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m., and at the China Lake Girl Scout hut on Halsey Ave. from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 to 7 p.m.

On Jan. 24, officials will be at the county fire department in Inyokern from 8 to 9:30 a.m., and at the Ridgecrest Park building from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 to 6 p.m.

Both rabies vaccinations and licensing are required by law for all dogs over 4 months of age.

Only at these public clinics, co-sponsored by the Kern County Health Department and the Veterinary Medical Association, can dog owners get both rabies immunization and license tags for their dogs at the same time.

The vaccination, which costs \$2, provides protection against rabies for two years. In addition, county and China Lake residents must pay \$5 for the two-year license tags; Ridgecrest residents must pay \$8.

Vaccinations are available throughout the year from private veterinary hospitals for a higher fee. Dog licenses can be purchased at the local tax collector's office throughout the year.

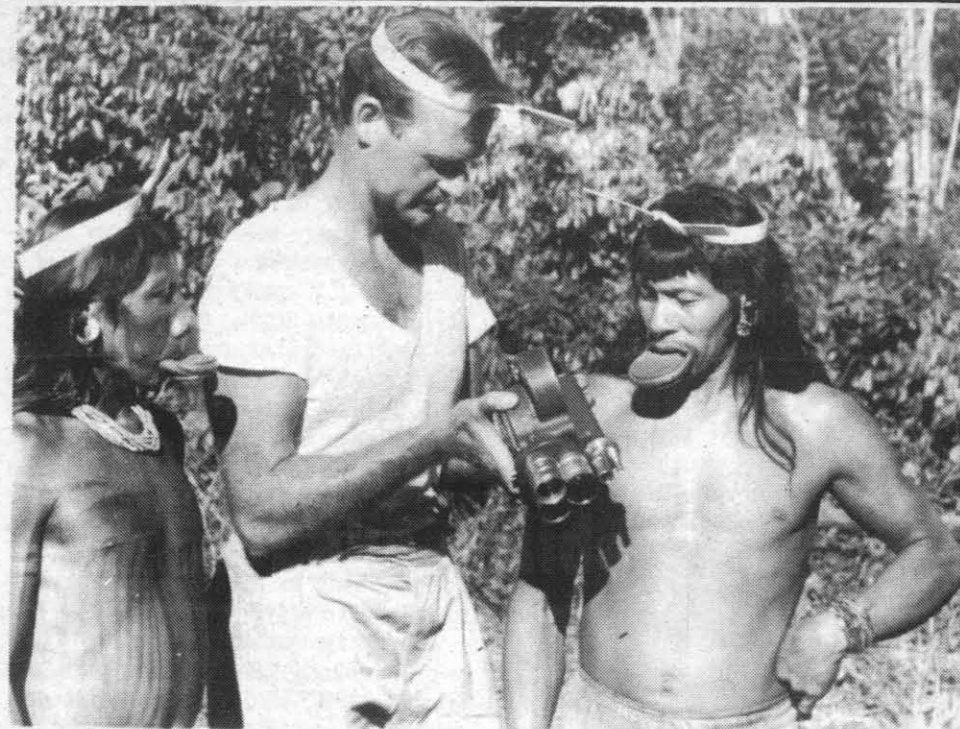
Rabies vaccination is essential in Kern County to protect both the animal and human population, since the State of California has designated Kern County as a "Declared Rabies Area." This is due to the high incidence of bats, coyotes and dogs found to be rabid.

Unvaccinated pets, which have possibly been exposed to rabies, by law must be destroyed or kept in a total quarantine for six months. All dog owners should protect their pets and themselves against the necessity for taking such steps.

### Coast Guard Aux. to offer sailing course

Local Flotilla No. 76 of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary will offer a course on sailing starting next Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Auxiliary hut on McIntire St.

The 7-week course is free; the text book can be purchased for a nominal fee. For further information call Ruel Cameron, instructor, at NWC ext. 3535 (days) or Lane Mead, flotilla commander, at 375-9027 (nights).



**EXPLORE THE AMAZON** — John Goddard, shown here on one of his treks through the Amazon valley in South America, will thrill his audience by presenting a travel/adventure film, "Andes to Amazon," tomorrow night, starting at 7:30 p.m. in the Cerro Community College lecture hall. As a boy made aware of the possibility of letting life slip by, Goddard once listed 127 goals he wanted to accomplish in his lifetime. One of the goals on that list was to travel the Nile river, and he first gained international recognition with his expedition down that 400-mile waterway. Another of his boyhood goals was to "explore the Amazon River." He will share that adventure with those who attend tomorrow night's film. Tickets are on sale at the College Business Office, the NWC Station Pharmacy, and at the Gift Mart in Ridgecrest. They also will be available at the door just prior to the program. The general admission price is \$2, while holders of college student body cards will be admitted for \$1.

### Special activities slated at Youth Center

Registration is now being taken from Youth Center members for a variety of tournaments that will be held on Saturday, Jan. 31, starting at noon.

Competition is scheduled in pool, table tennis, chess, checkers and air hockey.

All entrants will be competing within their own age groups, and the winner of two out of each three games played will advance to the next level of the single elimination tourney in the particular event in which he or she is entered.

Parents and friends are invited to visit the Youth Center and observe the tournament competition.

Next special event on the Youth Center calendar will be a candy bar bingo game

that is scheduled on Saturday, Jan. 24, starting at 2 p.m. This activity, which will continue for approximately 1½ hours, is free of charge to Youth Center members.

Announcement also was made that the Youth Center is maintaining a reserve list of players for all divisions of the Youth Basketball League. This reserve list is essential in order to insure full rosters on all teams in the league, which covers boys from 7½ years of age through high school.

Those interested in having their names placed on the Youth Basketball League reserve list should contact the Youth Center by calling ext. 2909. Any reserve players who are added to a team will be required to pay all fees charged for participation in the league.

### Happenings around NWC

Presentation of a 4-scene play entitled "Once Upon a Tinder Box" will highlight

the next meeting of the Vieweg School PTA. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, starting at 7 p.m., in the Vieweg School cafeteria.

Members of a group of fourth through sixth graders, under the direction of Donna Baker, have been practicing their roles, building scenery and making costumes for this program, which has been planned as entertainment for all members of the family.

#### EEO Workshop Set Feb. 3

A play entitled "The Man Nobody Saw," will be presented as an EEO workshop on Tuesday, Feb. 3, in the Cactus Hall of the Community Center.

This dramatization, which will be staged at 1 and again at 3 p.m., is based on a theme of racial problems and tensions and is designed to provoke thought and discussion. The program is intended for supervisors at all levels. Attendees will be credited with 1 hour of EEO training.

Deadline for nominations is Jan. 23. Sign up for one of the two showings.

#### Dance Scheduled at COM

The Younger Half, a seven-piece band from Victorville, will play tonight for the first dance of the year at the Commissioned Officers' Mess. The dance will be held from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

As a special Friday night treat — perhaps before the dance tonight — "try our live lobster," suggests Roy Moss, manager of the COM.

Moss also announced that the Pub, the new delicatessen at the COM, will hold its grand opening early in February.

## 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. 16 JAN.

"THE HOUSE ON SKULL MOUNTAIN"  
(85 Min.)

Victor French, Jane Michelle  
(Horror Drama) Four people, remnants of the once-powerful Christophe family, arrive on Skull Mountain to find their grandmother dead. Before the will can be read, these unlikely relations must remain in the house for a week. Meanwhile, Jean Durand, a servant, begins eliminating the members of the group. (PG)

SAT. 17 JAN.

"A WARM DECEMBER" (101 Min.)  
Sidney Poitier, Ester Anderson  
(Melodrama) Set in the London embassy of an emerging East African state, this story of intrigue concerns an American doctor and a mysterious young woman. (PG)

SUN. & MON. 18-19 JAN.

"EARTHQUAKE" (122 Min.)

Charlton Heston, George Kennedy  
(Action-Drama) Earth tremors followed by a drowning death at the dam controlling the Los Angeles water supply, plus seismology indicators at the Institute of Seismology, lead officials to the conclusion that a major earthquake is about to hit Los Angeles. Before any official action can be taken, the earthquake hits the city and the film details how it affects several people who have had some close or distant interrelation. Charlton Heston, a construction engineer, and George Kennedy, a policeman, team up as a rescue force. This is a disaster film in the tradition of "Poseidon Adventure" and "Towering Inferno." (PG)

TUE. 20 JAN.

"THE TIMBER TRAMPS" (108 Min.)

Tab Hunter, Claude Akins  
(Action Drama) This film centers around three carousing loggers traveling and working their way to Alaska in order to help salvage the logging business of a fellow logger. Once in Alaska a competitor sabotages their equipment. They overcome this misfortune and complete their job, making friends and renewing an old love. However, wanderlust takes over and in the end they move on. (PG)

WED. 21 JAN.

"WHERE THE LILIES BLOOM" (97 Min.)

Julie Gholson, Harry Dean  
(Drama) After the death of her widower father, a 14-year-old girl assumes responsibility for her two sisters and brother. They decide to keep the father's death a secret, so they won't be turned over to the state for care. (G)

THURS. 22 JAN.

"UP THE SANDBOX" (98 Min.)

Barbra Streisand, David Selby  
(Comedy Drama) Happily married and expecting her third child, a young woman imagines herself in more "fulfilling" occupations — as a revolutionary of Fidel Castro, who reveals himself to be a woman, and as an explorer in Africa who is about to be killed by a female tribe. (R)

AND

"SHAMUS" (98 Min.)

Burt Reynolds, Dyan Cannon  
(Action Drama) A roguish private eye is hired by a rich eccentric to recover some stolen diamonds. In the process, he comes across an arsenal of Army surplus equipment and a plot to steal a code book. (PG)

FRI. 23 JAN.

"DON'T TURN THE OTHER CHEEK!" (96 Min.)

Eli Wallach, Lynn Redgrave  
(Comedy Western) The story is about a dying miner who speaks of buried gold. Part of the map is found on a mine manager, put to rest, and the other half is on Wallach's bottom. (PG)

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AMH1 James E. Hill

## AMH1 Hill gets Bluejacket of Month honor

A member of Air Test and Evaluation Squadron Five (VX-5), who has been assigned to temporary duty as shop supervisor of the Naval Air Facility's Intermediate Maintenance Activity (IMA) Hydraulics Work Center, has been singled out for recognition as NAF's Bluejacket of the Month for January.

This special honor has gone to James E. Hill, an aviation structural mechanic hydraulic, who (in mid-December) was promoted to his present first class petty officer rating.

AMH1 Hill, who began his Navy career 12 years ago following graduation from high school in his home town of Tampa, Fla., is just about to begin the second year of a 6-year reenlistment that commenced in February, 1975. He was transferred here last April 8 from Cecil Field at Jacksonville, Fla.

During nearly six years spent at Cecil Field he was assigned initially to the IMA Hydraulics Shop, and later (as a member of Attack Squadron 12) make three 6-month

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## Fund drive success; needs of all United Way agencies met

The new year opened on a happy note for the United Way of Indian Wells Valley when, for the first time that officials can remember, local area support of the Combined Federal Campaign at NWC and the United Way drive in Ridgecrest resulted in contributions in excess of the needs of the United Way's 17 member agencies.

Dr. Jack Eisel, chairman of the United Way budget committee, was pleased to be able to report at a recent board of directors' meeting that not only had agency requests totalling \$79,642 been met, but that it will be possible to allocate some money for three additional pilot programs in 1976.

Anticipated income of the United Way of Indian Wells Valley this year totals \$97,943, including \$70,443 raised by the CFC campaign at China Lake, \$18,000 contributed to the United Fund by donors in Ridgecrest, and a carryover of \$9,500 from 1975.

The above total is to be divided as follows: \$79,642 for agency requests; \$2,000 for "shrinkage" which takes into consideration

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### At Installation dinner

## Civic group's function as communication link between Command, China Lake residents cited

Statements commending the past year's efforts and accomplishments of the China Lake Community Council's board of directors, and a challenge to the incoming board to continue its vital function as the bonafide communications link between the Command and the community, highlighted the local civic group's annual installation dinner held last Friday night at the Commissioned Officers' Mess.

The speaker was Rear Admiral R. G. Freeman III, NWC Commander, who also presented a letter of commendation and a personal gift to Robert C. Fletcher, the council's outgoing president who has held this post for the past two years.

The gift to Fletcher was a handsome engraved plate — a memento of the Navy's 200th birthday — on which was inscribed the dates 1775 to 1975 and the slogan "Building on a Proud Tradition."

#### Installing Officer

Duties of installing officer were handled by Harry Parode, the Center's Public Information Officer, who officiated as Fletcher turned over the president's gavel to Wilt Wyman. Other Community Council officers for 1976 who were installed with Wyman are Jim Walden, vice-president; Robert McCarten, secretary; and Chief Robert Kaufmann, treasurer.

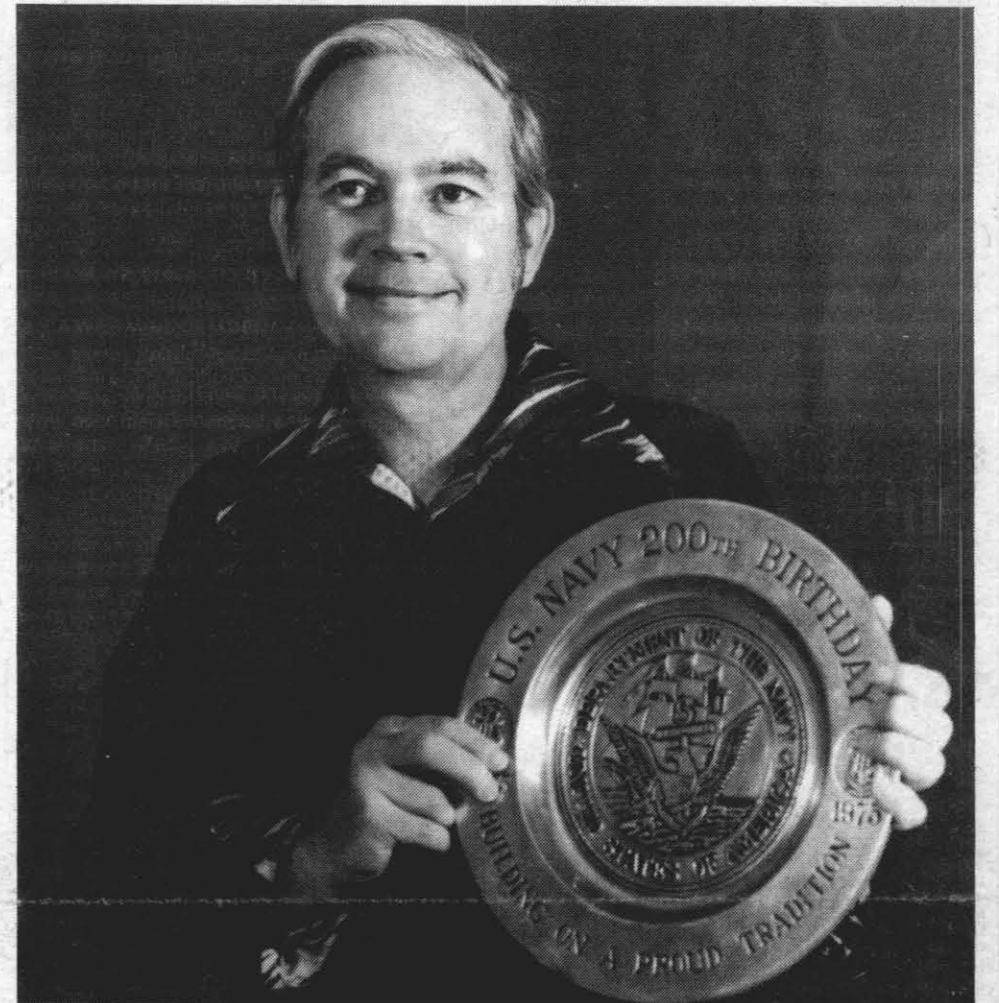
The remainder of the group's board of directors, which includes Fletcher as past president, is composed of Aletha Benson, Don Cook, Dick Mahan, Gail Richards and Rudy Shepard.

The China Lake Community Council was incorporated on Sept. 19, 1950, by the California Secretary of State, which makes this the silver anniversary year of the local civic group, the installing officer pointed out to those in attendance at the installation dinner.

#### Appreciation Expressed

RAdm. Freeman began his talk by conveying the appreciation of the entire community to all outgoing Community Council members for their outstanding service in connection with modernization of the television booster systems.

In reviewing the significant events of the past year, the Skipper observed that members of the Community Council's Housing Committee had demonstrated that volunteers could get together, study a problem and make recommendations to the



COMMUNITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT COMMENDED — Robert Fletcher, who has served two terms as president of the China Lake Community Council's board of directors, received a letter of commendation from Rear Admiral R. G. Freeman III, NWC Commander, during the local civic group's installation of 1976 officers. In addition, the Skipper presented Fletcher with the personal gift he is holding. It is an engraved plate that is a memento of the Navy's 200th birthday.

Command that were "founded in fact and not just emotion."

Also mentioned by the speaker as examples of the contributions made during 1975 by the China Lake Community Council was the group's joint sponsorship with the Ridgecrest City Council of a public forum to examine the issues surrounding the future of the Indian Wells Judicial District Court, as well as the work done in considering the possibility of establishing a community-

based bicycle moto-cross. "In retrospect," RAdm. Freeman stated, "the overall performance of this outgoing council was marked by a high sense of civic responsibility and an equally fine recognition of its duty not only to the residents of China Lake but also to the Command. For that, I would like to thank all of you sincerely."

Continuing in this vein, the NWC Com-

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## Center Commander to speak at Business Outlook Conference

Rear Admiral R. G. Freeman III, Commander of the Naval Weapons Center, will join a panel of informed speakers on subjects ranging from the future of the oil industry, health care and energy availability to the impact of the military community on economy at the 1976 Kern County Business Outlook Conference.

This 18th annual event, sponsored by the Kern County Board of Trade, is scheduled next Wednesday, Jan. 21, starting at 9 a.m. at the Civic Auditorium in Bakersfield.

Both RAdm. Freeman and Maj. Gen. Thomas P. Stafford, USAF, a former astronaut who is now Commander of the Air Force Flight Test Center at Edwards Air Force Base, will speak during the morning session of the conference.

"The Impact of the Times on the Naval Weapons Center" will be the subject of comments by the NWC Commander, while Maj. Gen. Stafford will discuss "Aerospace Aircraft of the Future."

Other speakers will cover such subjects

as real estate and construction, agricultural activity in Kern County, tourism and election year economics.

"Inflation, the cost-of-living spiral, the energy crunch, fluctuating interest rates, economic uncertainties and other fast-breaking developments on the local, state and national scene give a sense of urgency to the 1976 Kern County Business Outlook Conference," Robert Marshall, president of the Board of Trade, stated.

Marshall also noted the importance of making advance reservations for this event by calling the Board of Trade office at (805) 861-2367, since a turnaway crowd of more than 1,200 persons attended last year's conference.

Keynote speaker during the afternoon luncheon program will be Stuart Davis, president of the California Chamber of Commerce and chairman of the board — chief executive officer of the Great Western Financial Corp. His topic will be "1976: The Turning Point."



RAdm. R. G. Freeman III



WOMEN'S GOLF CLUB OFFICERS — A number of special events, in addition to the regular "Ace of the Month" tournament, will be held throughout 1976 by the China Lake Women's Golf Club. Newly-elected officers who will be directing the group's activities during the coming year are (l.-r.) Sue Bates, president; Billie Robinson and Lee Lee, vice-presidents; Helen Eyre, secretary, and Susan Halop, treasurer. Women golfers who are not yet members of the club but are interested in joining can obtain additional information by calling Mrs. Lee, who is also the tournament chairman, at 375-9534. —Photo by Ron Allen



SEABEES COMMENDED — During a special ceremony held recently, Cdr. J. L. Uhe (at left) ... presented letters of commendation to a group of active duty Seabees...

Dr. Hollingsworth to speak at '76 National Prayer Breakfast on Jan. 29 at CPO Club

Local participation in the 1976 National Prayer Breakfast is scheduled on Thursday, Jan. 29, from 6 to 7:15 a.m. at the Chief Petty Officers' Club.

Society of Logistics Engineers to hold dinner meeting Tues.

A dinner meeting of the Eastern Sierra Chapter of the Society of Logistics Engineers (SOLE) will be held on Tuesday evening at the Commissioned Officers' Mess.

A social hour will precede the dinner, which is scheduled to start at 7 p.m., and the program will follow at 8 o'clock.

Speakers on this occasion will be Wes Doyle, vice president of operations from SOLE national headquarters, and Frank Knemeyer, head of the Naval Weapons Center's Systems Acquisition Office.

Subjects to be discussed will be SOLE education/professionalism and the acquisition of total weapon systems within the Department of Defense.

Reservations, which will be accepted no later than 4:30 p.m. today, can be made by calling Dan Baker, at ext. 3445, or John Pratt, at 446-6546.

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Promotional opportunities

Unless otherwise specified in the ad, applications for positions listed in this column will be accepted from current NWC employees and should be filed with the person named in the ad. All others desiring employment with the Naval Weapons Center may contact the Employment-Wage and Classification Division, Code 452, Ext. 2049.

Electronic Engineer, GS-855-12/13, PD No. 7555194, 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.

Supervisory General Engineer, GS-14/15, PD No. 7455002, Code 55 — This job is advertised temporarily, not to exceed one year, with a possibility of becoming permanent. The GS-15 grade level is contingent upon classification of the position at that level by the Office of Civilian Manpower Management.

Electronic Engineer, GS-855-11/12, PD No. 7555120, Code 5535 — This position is located in the RF/EMC Systems Evaluation Branch, Product Design Division, Engineering Department. The incumbent designs electronic circuits for missile systems test equipment.

Physicist or Mechanical Engineer, GS-1310 or GS-830-7/9/11, PD No. 7660001, Code 403 — This position is located in the Impact Mechanics Branch, Detonation Physics Division, Research Department. The incumbent maintains and operates the light-gas gun and powder gun ranges.

File applications for the above with Carol Dornard, Bldg. 34, Rm. 204, Ph. 2925. Clerk (Typing), GS-310-3/4, PD No. 7425029Am, Code 2511 — This position is located in the Planning and Analysis Branch, Planning and Administrative Division, Supply Department.

File applications for the above with Charlotte Siecokowski, Bldg. 34, Rm. 204, Ph. 3118. Mechanical Engineer, GS-830-9/11, PD No. 7545120, Code 4567 — This position is located in the Terrain Detail Weapons Branch, Conventional Weapons Division, Precision Development Department.

File applications for the above with Mary Morrison, Bldg. 34, Rm. 210, Ph. 2392. Accounting Technician, GS-523-05, PD No. 7500048, Code 0861 — The incumbent maintains the customer order ledger by entering source fund allocations.

Clerk-DMT, GS-310-3/4, PD No. 7417021, Code 08 — This position is located in the Word Processing Center, centralized dictation/transcribing unit, of the Office of Finance and Management.

File applications for the above with Richard Peterson, Bldg. 34, Rm. 210, Ph. 2392. Religious Education Classes: Pre-school 0900, Sunday School - All Ages 1130, Wednesday Noon Bible Study 1130.

File applications for the above with Charles Siecokowski, Bldg. 34, Rm. 204, Ph. 3118. BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL MASS: Daily except Saturday 1135.

CONFESIONS: 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, First thru sixth 1530, seventh & eighth 1900 (Junior High).

George Mullett is now associate head of new NAF Targets Dept.

A promotion to the position of associate head of the newly-established Targets Department at the Naval Air Facility was received recently by George Mullett, who was previously in charge of the Target Instrumentation and Evaluation Division—a part of the NAF Maintenance Department.

Mullett, who has been at China Lake for the past 11 years, came to work here initially as a contractor representative for the Reeves Instrument Co. of Long Island, N.Y.

In this capacity, he was the field service representative for the MSQ-51 Aerial Target Control Central, a radar system used to control drones, until he joined Civil Service in 1968.

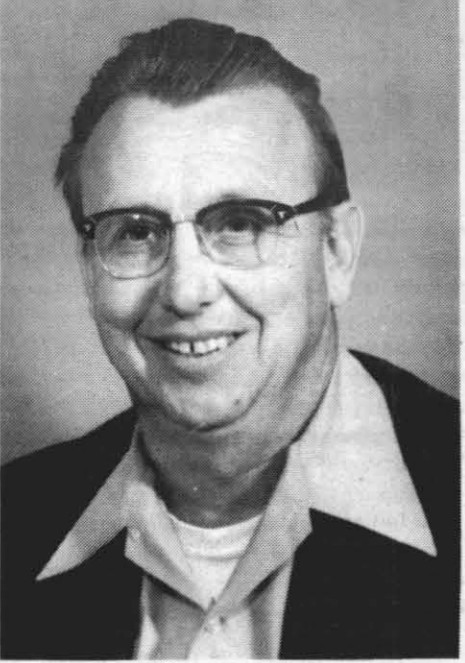
As a Federal employee, Mullett continued in this same line of work for a Naval Aviation Service Unit headquartered in Philadelphia. Although based here, his territory was expanded to include Naval Air Stations at El Centro, Calif., and Fallon, Nev., as well as target ranges at Yuma, Ariz., and San Clemente Island.

A native of Brewer, Maine, Mullett entered the Army National Guard following his graduation from high school and began

working on drone control systems in 1951 while assigned to a National Guard unit in his home state.

He attended the Army's Drone Radio School at Fort Bliss, Texas, in 1951, and returned three years later for a more advanced course in drone control training. At that time, Mullett held the rank of 1st lieutenant in the National Guard and he is currently a lieutenant colonel in the 6303 Army Reserve Training Unit.

Mullett's preparation for the position he now holds also included 38 months as a



George Mullett student at the Army Guided Missile School at Fort Bliss, and for six years (1953-59) he was commanding officer of the 201st Radio Controlled Aerial Target Detachment, a Connecticut National Guard unit that provided drones for summer training of National Guard anti-aircraft units.

Mullett and his wife, Lois, who are Ridgecrest residents, have two married children who also reside in the local area. Their son, Charles, is employed by an auto parts store in Ridgecrest, while their daughter, Mrs. Charles (Cheryl) Eodice, is married to an employee in the NWC Public Works Department and is the mother of a 1 1/2-year-old girl.

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Those interested in participating can sign up at the gym office between the hours of 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. for either of these swimming classes.

Women's Physical Fitness Since summer is not all that far away, now is the time to shape up. Use of the NWC gym is reserved exclusively for women on Mondays from 6 to 9 p.m. and on Thursdays from 9 to 11 a.m.

Women are invited to join an exercise class, use the sauna and steam room or weight training equipment, or go swimming.

Registration also is being taken for a women's racketball class that will start on Jan. 22, and continue from 10-11 a.m. on Thursdays for six weeks.

Racketball is easy to learn and fun to play. All necessary equipment will be provided. Since there will be a limit on the size of the class, those interested in joining should call ext. 2334 as soon as possible.

Tickets available for Winston Western 500

Discount tickets for the Winston Western 500-mile road race that will take place on Sunday, Jan. 18, at the Riverside International Raceway in Riverside, Calif., are now available at the Community Center during regular working hours.

According to Art Amos, manager of the Community Center, Civil Service employees and military personnel can purchase tickets regularly priced at \$7 for \$4 each, while \$5 tickets are available for \$3 each.

Anglers, time to get 1976 fishing license

Sport fishing licenses for 1976 are now on sale at Department of Fish and Game offices and by license agents throughout the state.

Angling licenses are issued on a calendar year basis, and 1976 licenses have been required since Jan. 1.

Fees are \$4 for resident licenses, \$2 for the inland waters validation stamp and \$3 for the trout and salmon stamp. The three-day ocean fishing license costs \$2.

With approximately 2.4 million licensed fishermen, California is the leading state in fishing license sales.

Employee in the spotlight

"But I'm just a little person." This was Peggy Davis' reaction when asked to come in for an interview for this article.

A "little person," neither a manager nor a "wheel," Peggy holds her own as an atmospheric physicist — a woman in what is traditionally a man's field — in NWC's Environmental Studies Group.

When asked what she does in her job, Peggy refers to a nickname given the group by NAF pilots — Project Smog Sniff. The group does ambient air monitoring; Peggy does "a little of everything," from office work (data analysis and report writing) to flying to the "grubby field work" which she prefers.

"Everybody in the group does everything," said Peggy. Then she remembered a time when "I sat on my femininity." She balked at towing the group's 18 ft. trailer full of expensive equipment across the desert.

Peggy is turned on by the out-of-doors. She particularly likes skiing, backpacking, seeing new places and new people, and grubby field work.

Started Out as School Teacher After growing up in Duluth, Minn., Peggy went to the University of Minnesota where she was graduated with a major in physics and a teaching credential.

Since several of her college friends were from California, Peggy came here also to teach math in an inner-city school in Paoli, Calif. By October she knew that teaching wasn't her bag, but she finished the school year (many beginning teachers quit at the end of first semester) before closing the door on that career.

"Actually, I have no complaints, I learned so much. I became more tolerant; little things don't bug me as much as they used to . . . College doesn't prepare you for the real world — kids don't follow the psychology books."

The following September, Peggy started graduate studies in astrophysics at the University of Colorado. In June she got a summer job at NWC, working for Dr. Larry Matthews, who was studying droplet coalescence — fog formation. She never left the Center.

After working with Dr. Matthews, Peggy joined Paul Owens and Raymond Kelso on a new project for the State of California — an extensive atmospheric study ranging from San Francisco through the San Joaquin



Peggy Davis Valley and the Los Angeles basin. The three of them have been together ever since. The Environmental Studies Group, as they named themselves, became part of the Technology Utilization Office when it was formed, "probably because we were working for the State and using Navy equipment and Navy personnel." They like being connected with the T.U.O.

"Enthusiastic!" Supervisor and co-workers alike use this word to describe Peggy. She approaches her work with enthusiasm and carries through on a job she begins. "She is willing to take on just about anything," reports George Linstead, head of the Technology Utilization Office, who adds, "she has been very successful in her work."

Peggy has been studying the atmosphere since her undergraduate days. At the University of Minnesota she worked part-time on a project studying fair-weather effects, particularly the aurora. At the University of Colorado she became involved with people who were working on atmospheric stuff — the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration was doing thunderstorm research. Since coming to NWC she has continued studying the air.

"Each time I get bored something new comes along," she says, so she keeps at it. The group is now starting to get into energy utilization studies: solar energy research proposals, geothermal potential studies. Since they monitor winds, the group will probably be a part of any wind power studies at NWC. An exciting variety.

Promotional opportunities

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between the user and the computer. As such, specific duties will entail setting up, reviewing and correcting operation, reliability, dependability and the ability to meet deadlines under pressure. Advancement Potential: GS-5. File applications for the above with June Adams, Bldg. 34, Rm. 210, Ph. 2371.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Resident Manager, Mississippi Test Facility Complex, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi — Primary functions, in addition to some administrative duties, will involve coordinating with NASA and other federal agencies and with resident research and development functions in the complex, to identify potential solutions to problems defined within the State of Mississippi and perhaps its neighboring states; or, at times actually negotiate for work to be undertaken on a reimbursable basis by the federal agency or a support contractor.

Information and/or applications should be submitted to Dr. Tai Bankston, 1935 Lakeland Drive, Jackson, Miss. 39216.

Bartender, NA-7441-3/5, (\$2.43 or \$3.10 p/h, respectively). This is not a Civil Service job. This is a part-time position at the Commissioned Officers Mess (Open). Applicants must be 21 years of age or older. The NA-3 positions are for trainees. The NA-5 positions are for fully qualified, experienced bartenders. Incumbent mixes alcoholic/non-alcoholic drinks to order, delivers drinks, receiving payment or appropriate charge to members' credit card. Incumbent may be required to serve catered parties, stock service bar, prepare garnishes, and wash glasses and other bar equipment. Above duties are performed under close supervision of regular bartender or the bar manager. Job Relevant Criteria: Must have ability to do simple arithmetic and make proper change, be able to follow instructions and deal effectively with people and

have experience in preparing alcoholic beverages.

Waitress, NA-7453-01, PD No. 74COM107, \$2.30 p/h. This is not a Civil Service job. This position is at the Commissioned Officers' Mess (Open). The incumbent asks patrons for beverage orders, describes types of cocktails, liquors and wines upon request, gives order to bartender, receives and places order on tray and serves patron, receives cash or credit card from patron and makes change, and keeps tables free of empty glasses, dirty ashtrays and clutter. When guests leave, incumbent cleans tables and returns empty glasses to bar. Desirable Qualifications: Ability to work with public, knowledge of cocktails, liquors and wines and of serving procedures, and the ability to follow instructions.

Cook, NA-7404-08, PD No. 74COM110, \$3.97 p/h. This is not a Civil Service job. This position is at the Commissioned Officers' Mess (Open). The incumbent prepares, seasons, and cooks soups, meats, vegetables, deserts and other foods, adjusts thermostat controls to regulate temperature of ovens, broilers, grills and steam kettles, carves meats, portions food on serving platters and garnishes, gravies and sauces to fill orders. Desirable Qualifications: Ability to prepare a wide variety of fish, fowl, meats, and sauces and knowledge of food service equipment.

Cook, NA-7404-05, PD No. 74EMO104, \$3.10 p/h. This is not a Civil Service job. This position is located in the Enlisted Mess (Open). The incumbent prepares such foods as steak sandwiches, pizzas, hamburgers, etc. prepares salads, appetizers, sandwich fillings, and cold dishes, and may assist chef in Main Galley to prepare and cook roasts, soups, vegetables, etc. Desirable Qualifications: Ability to prepare a variety of meats, poultry, seafood, vegetables, soups and gravies and knowledge of cooking equipment.

File applications for the above with Dora Childers, Bldg. 34, Rm. 204, Ph. 2674.

### Burros cagers drop two league games; to play Kennedy next

Burroughs High School's varsity basketball team, losers in two of its first three Golden League tilts of the 1976 season, will be out to even its league slate at 2-2 in a game to be played tonight at Kennedy High School in Barstow.

Tip-off time for the varsity clash is 8 p.m., while the junior varsity contest will get under way at 6:30.

After posting an impressive 84-52 win over Quartz Hill in the league season opener on Jan. 6, the Burroughs cagers were edged 56-54 last Friday in a game played at Palmdale and this past Tuesday night suffered a 76-64 defeat on their home court at the hands of the league-leading Victor Valley High School hoopsters.

#### Free Throws Made Difference

While the Jackrabbits from Victorville canned 20 of 23 free throw attempts, the Burroughs hit on just 4 of their charity tosses and this difference of 16 points was more than enough to spell defeat for the locals.

Coach Larry Bird's varsity quintet got off to a 6-0 lead in Tuesday night's clash with Victor Valley, but the visitors soon found the range and, after cutting the Burros' lead to 12-11 hit 9 more points to build up a 20-12 first quarter lead.

A second period scoring spurt by the locals enabled them to cut the 'Rabbits' lead to 24-23, but just when it looked like the Burros (who stayed close and were trailing, 32-29) might gain the upper hand, Victor Valley hit a pair of field goals to leave the floor at halftime on top by a score of 36-29.

#### Burros Trailed by 14

For the remainder of the game, the best the Burros could do was reduce the Victor Valley lead to 4 points (44-40) midway through the third period, which ended with the visitors in the lead, 50-44.

In a high-scoring fourth quarter, the local varsity hoopsters trailed by as much as 16 points (72-56) before rattling off four field goals, while the visitors connected on four more charity tosses to make the final score 76-64 in favor of Victor Valley.

High point honors were shared by Clifford Boyd and Larry Fealey, who scored 18 apiece for the Jackrabbits, while their teammates Sergio Lugo and Dansyl Sturdivant accounted for 14 and 12 points, respectively.

Robert Campbell led the Burros with 14 points. Other local varsity cagers in the double-figure scoring column were Bill Doremus and Drew Martin, who each tallied 12.

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### Premier League led by Mother's Buggies

The Mother's Buggies bowling team's grip on first place in the Premier League slipped to just eight games over the second place Loewen's keglers in action this past Monday night at Hall Memorial Lanes.

High series for the evening was the 651 posted by Leroy Wise of the Credit Union team, who had single game totals of 226, 201 and 224. Jack Herbstreit, of the Western Columbia squad, rolled the highest single game for the night — a 265 effort that enabled him to come up with a 628 series.

Four other bowlers were over the 200 mark in every game. Their names, the scores for their 3-game series, and the teams they bowl for, are: Harlow Dean, 637, the Elks; Dave Homley, 627, NAF; Bill Osborne, 624, the Elks; and Chuck Rouland, 602, Mother's Buggies.

In addition, Al Mazurowski, who bowls for the King Max team, accomplished the rare feat of picking up the 7-10 split.

Team	Won	Lost
Mother's Buggies	38	13
Loewen's	30	21
Western Columbia	27	24
Hideaway	26	25
Credit Union	24.5	26.5
NAF	23	28
Number One	23	28
Elks	22	29
HI Desert	21.5	29.5
King Max	21	30



**YOUTH BASKETBALL SEASON BEGINS** — Tip-off of the first Youth Basketball League game of the season, played Monday night at Youth Gym, found Bobbie Weeks (right) of the Huskies and Paul VanderWerf of the Rockets battling for the ball that was tossed up by John Shoaf, acting head of the Special Services Division's Recreation Branch. The Rockets went on to win the game, 25-15. The game's high scorer was Phillip Prince, who tallied 10 for the winners. Youth League games in the Instructional, Intermediate and Junior Divisions are played Monday through Thursday evenings in the Youth Gym, while teams competing in the Senior and High School Divisions mix it up on Friday evenings and Saturday mornings at the Center gym. —Photo by Ron Allen

### Maturango Milers do well in Wasco; 18 qualify for So. Calif. Federation finals

A sterling effort was turned in last Saturday by members of the Maturango Milers who competed in the Southern San Joaquin Athletic Association cross country finals held in Wasco.

Of the 21 local runners who entered this event, 18 finished among the top eight in their class and thus qualified for the Southern California Municipal Athletic Federation finals that will be held on Saturday, Jan. 24, in Newport Beach, Roland Veon, coach of the Maturango Milers, reported.

Tops among the local entrants was John



**WINS TOURNEY**—Joanne Rusciolelli (at right) was the winner by one stroke over Nancy Webster in the China Lake Women's Golf Club's "Ace of the Year" tourney held last Saturday on the local golf course. Mrs. Rusciolelli carded a low net score of 71 (including a 29 handicap), while Mrs. Webster finished the 18-hole course with an 82 and, by virtue of her 10-stroke handicap, ended up with a low net score of 72. The winner's name will be engraved on perpetual trophy.

Condos who won the 1½-mile race for boys in the 14 and 15-year-old age group in the time of 8 min., 54.7 sec. Fourth place in this race went to a teammate, Mark Pohl.

Medals were awarded to those who placed first, second or third, and ribbons were presented to fourth through sixth place finishers.

In addition to Condos, other first place winners, their age groups, the distances they ran, and their winning times, were:

Leslie Wilson, girls 9 and 10 yrs. old, half-mile race, 2:56.9; Jan Barglowski, boys 9 and 10 yrs. old, half-mile race, 2:53; Diane Harms, girls 13 and 14 yrs. old, 1 mile race, 5:48.8; Valerie Shanteler, girls 14 and 15 yrs. old, 1 mile race, 5:31.1; and Teresa Shanteler, girls 15 and 16 yrs. old, 1 mile race, 5:49.6.

Jeff Swinford, the youngest member of the Maturango Milers, finished a close second in the half-mile race for boys 7 and 8 yrs. of age. This was his first time out as a competitor in this age group.

Other local runners who qualified for the finals coming up on Jan. 24 in Newport Beach, the age group in which they competed, and the distances they ran, were:

Bridget Lackaye, girls 9 and 10 yrs. old, half-mile; Lynn Kruk, Andrea Veatch and Alaina Wolff, girls 10 and 11 yrs. old, half-mile; Jack Reed, boys 11 and 12 yrs. old, 3/4 - mile; Marc Condos and Jack Sturgeon, boys 12 and 13 yrs. old, 1 mile; Alicia Wolff, girls 14 and 15 yrs. old, 1 mile; and Bobby Campos, boys 15 and 16 yrs. old, 2 miles.

### Distance runners plan 3-mile race on Jan. 24

Plans were announced this week by members of the Over-the-Hill Track Club for staging a series of age-grouped, 3-mile races for men and women on Saturday, Jan. 24.

The races, which will be entirely on desert roads, will start at 11 a.m. at a location behind Trader May's on the extension of S. China Lake Blvd. Ribbons will be presented to all those who finish the 3-mile grind.

Sign-ups for the races will start at 10 a.m. Donations will be 50 cents each for Over-the-Hill Track Club members and \$1 for non-members. Additional information can be obtained by calling Dick Hughes at 375-4194.



### Wilt's Corner Players sought for Center's varsity volleyball team

The NWC varsity volleyball team scrimmaged against the Lancaster all-stars last Sunday at the Center gym. According to Coach Jerry Kissick, the team is progressing satisfactorily at this point in the season, but has a lot of hard work ahead in order to improve on last year's second place finish in Mojave Desert Inter-service League competition.

More players are needed to bolster the present 8-man squad composed of Jim Bevan, Bob Smith, Tim Higgins, Bob Berry, Ed Bailey, Duane Fojt, Ed Mikami and Kissick.

Anyone interested in playing on NWC's varsity volleyball team is asked to contact Kissick by calling NWC ext. 3000, or attend practice sessions that are held on Sundays, from 4 to 7 p.m., at the Center gym.

#### 11th Naval Dist. Tourneys

A schedule of the 11th Naval District athletic tournaments has been received and is posted on the bulletin board at the Center gym.

A wrestling tourney will take place on Saturday, Feb. 14, and the team that will represent NWC in this event is now holding practice sessions daily at the Youth Gym from 4:30 to 6:45 a.m.

Lt. Ian Refo, phone ext. 5308, and Lt. Terry Allen, phone ext. 5322, would like to hear from active duty military personnel who are interested in all-Navy and interservice competition in judo and boxing.

The 11th ND judo tourney will be held on Sunday, Jan. 25, and the boxing tournament is scheduled Feb. 10 to 13.

#### Scuba Diving Class

Starting the first week in February, a scuba diving class will be offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6 to 10 p.m. A fee of \$63 per student (not including the expense of equipment and field trips) will be charged, and is due no later than Feb. 2. Additional information can be obtained by calling Adrienne Swinford at 375-5260.

#### Swimming Classes

Monday is the last day to sign up for a swimming class for youngsters 6 through 10 years of age that will be held, starting Jan. 19, from 4:30 to 5:15 p.m. There is a fee of \$8 for eight lessons.

A swim class for both men and women will get under way next Wednesday, Jan. 21, from 7 to 8 p.m. The charge for this class is

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### Intramural League basketball standings

China Lake Intramural Basketball League standings as of Tuesday, Jan. 13.

Team	Won	Lost
Open League		
Loewen's No. 1	4	0
Desert Motors	4	1
Texas Instruments	3	2
Bloodstone	1	3
Homestead	1	3
Delinquents	0	4
Division A — Recreation League		
Shooters	4	0
Huff 'n' Puff	3	1
Gas Bags	2	2
Hackers	2	3
Crusaders	2	3
Lobos	0	4
Division B — Recreation League		
Loewen's No. 2	4	1
Dispensary	4	2
Bird Olds	3	2
Lizards	1	4
Perdejos	1	4

## CLCC board commended for efforts in 1975 . . .

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mander added that he felt the high point in service rendered by the 1975 Community Council was the "uncommon support given the Navy's 200th birthday celebration."

To the incoming council, RAdm. Freeman stated that he was looking forward to another year of working together closely on matters which affect the China Lake community. There will be issues and problems during the coming year, just as was so this past year, the speaker noted.

"The disposal of Wherry housing will be carried out this year and, at this moment, I'm not at all certain that the General Service Administration will be able to comply with my request that occupants of that housing be given the first opportunity to buy," the NWC Commander said.

"Sometime this year," he added, "I anticipate that we will re-align the southern perimeter fence, and I am certain there will be those residents who will interpret that change as another 'pressure' by the Command to 'force them to move off the Center.'"

#### Not in Housing Business

The Navy isn't in the housing business, and none of the facilities on Center should compete with those in Ridgecrest, the Skipper said. The community outside the gate is the one that supports the Center with the commercial activities that are needed, he emphasized.

RAdm. Freeman pointed out that Wyman and the members of his board will have the advantage of the experience of this past year, the momentum and direction of a very good year of service, and that it will be up to the new president to sustain it. "For my part," the speaker stated, "I can only reiterate what I've said many times before: The China Lake Community Council will be the principal instrumentality for dialogue between the Command and the residents of China Lake."

## Wyman outlines views on role of civic group

(Editor's note: The following statement was issued by Wilt Wyman, newly-elected president of the China Lake Community Council's board of directors, briefly outlining his views on the role and responsibilities of the local civic group, as well as the part its constituents can play in decisions which affect the residents of China Lake.)

For the China Lake Community Council, 1976 will be a year of challenge, change, and education.

The challenge will be to represent all of the residents of China Lake as their elected officials, to serve the residents by passing on their thoughts and ideas to the proper authority, and to assist those in authority in the performance of their duties when called upon to do so.

And 1976 will be a year of change for the Naval Weapons Center. The council can help by disseminating information to residents through personal contact, monthly and special meetings, and the news media. Hopefully, in this way, the necessary changes will be better understood and accepted by the residents of the community.

In order for challenges and changes to be more effective, education will play an important role for the China Lake Community Council in 1976. To help this education process, residents are encouraged to become involved in the areas of their interest, attend regular meetings, and consult their council members.

I'm not sure the council has ever had a theme, but I would like to propose we adopt one for 1976: "Consult Your Council."

Consult your council to relay thoughts and ideas.

Consult your council to stay abreast of changes and potential changes.

If the challenges and changes are freely discussed then the education process will be effective.



**NEW OFFICERS INSTALLED** — New officers and directors of the China Lake Community Council were joined by Rear Admiral R. G. Freeman III, Commander, for this photo that was taken during the local civic group's installation dinner last Friday. Shown seated (l.-r.) are Wilt Wyman, president; Jim Walden, vice-president; RAdm. Freeman, and Bob Kauffmann, treasurer. Those standing are (from left) Gail Richards, Bob Fletcher, Rudy Shepard, Aletha Benson, Don Cook, Dick Mahan and Bob McCarten, who holds the office of secretary.

As the elected representatives of the residents of China Lake, members of the Community Council's board were told that in this role they can be major contributors to the accomplishments of the Center's mission, and in sustaining the morale and general welfare of the people who make NWC an asset to the Navy.

Representatives from Ridgecrest who attended the Community Council installation dinner and spoke briefly were Mayor Rex Shacklett and Dave Henderson, president of the Chamber of Commerce.

Mayor Shacklett also commended the Community Council for the fine year just completed and stated that city officials are pleased with the excellent rapport that exists between the city and the civic group at China Lake.

The title of "honorary mayor" was conferred on Fletcher by Shacklett, who also presented the Community Council's past president with a replica of the Ridgecrest city seal.



**APPRENTICE PROGRAM BEGINS** — Members of a group of promising employees recently admitted to the NWC Apprentice Program are shown listening to an orientation talk by Jerry Maxwell (at left), Apprentice Coordinator from Code 654. In the background are supervisors who will be responsible for the apprentices' on-the-job training. After a period of 10 years during which NWC has had no apprentice program, 17 men and three women (NWC's first women apprentices) recently became the first apprentices to enter a new 4-year program of academic and on-the-job training. At the end of this training, the apprentices will graduate to become full journeymen as either electronic-mechanics or machinists. The next group of 20 apprentices will be selected for the program in September 1977. Thereafter, plans call for 40 apprentice billets to be kept filled at all times to provide NWC with the skilled workers it needs in these trades.

## 7 sailors vying for Bluejacket of Year honor

Seven 1975 Bluejackets of the Month — those still stationed at China Lake — will be guests of honor at the 1975 Bluejacket of the Year banquet, which has been scheduled on Saturday, Jan. 24, at the Commissioned Officers' Mess.

During the course of the evening, one of these men will be honored as the Naval Weapons Center's most outstanding enlisted sailor for 1975.

Last year's selectee, AO1 Kenneth Reichart, who has since been reassigned to another duty station, was awarded a check for \$650, a gift certificate from Cornelius shoes, and a 3-day stay in Las Vegas. He and his wife also were loaned a new Ford automobile by Desert Motors in Ridgecrest for their trip to the Nevada city.

#### Winner in 1974

YNI Raleigh J. Nauta, the 1974 runner-up (now a chief petty officer), received a check for \$250; all other Bluejackets of the Month for 1974 received checks for \$75.

The seven sailors eligible for the 1975 Bluejacket of the Year honor are PR2 George E. Burwick, HM1 Gregory R. Prater, PN1 R. C. "Rocky" Manzano, MS1 John J. Fitzpatrick, AMS2 Jerry E. Carr, LH1 Ronnie Brown, and DP3 Darryl B. Maresch.

Former Bluejackets of the Month who have either been promoted to the rank of CPO or who have left the Center are not eligible for the Bluejacket of the Year award. Four 1975 Bluejackets have left the Center and fall into this group. They are YNI Martha L. Zielke, MS1 Melito Guanga, AO2 William M. Windle III, and ADJ1 David Fairbanks.

#### Basis for Selection

A selection committee will choose the Bluejacket of the Year, basing its decision on military bearing, appearance, conduct, job performance, supervisor's recommendation, and the answers to certain questions the committee asks the Navyman.

Those wishing to buy tickets to attend the banquet should contact a local Navy League member or Linda Grossman. Mrs. Grossman is in the Public Information Office, NWC ext. 3511.

Tickets are priced at \$8 per person. A social hour will begin at 6:15 with dinner to be served at 7:30. Following the dinner and the awards ceremony, the San Diego Navy Band (dance combo) will play music for dancing until 1 a.m.

## Medical care rates for dependents of military increased

The inpatient medical care per diem rate for dependents at military hospitals has been increased from \$3.70 to 3.90 per day effective Jan. 1, 1976.

The rate increase also affects cost-share requirements for care received by active duty personnel dependents at civilian hospitals under the Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services (CHAMPUS).

The new CHAMPUS cost-share for civilian hospital care is \$3.90 per day for stays in excess of six days or \$25 for one to six days.

CHAMPUS will continue to pay 100 percent of reasonable professional charges incurred by active duty personnel dependents during inpatient care at civilian hospitals. In addition, CHAMPUS will continue to pay 75 percent of hospital charges and 75 percent of professional charges for retired servicemembers' or deceased personnel dependents' inpatient care.

The per diem increase is tied to the Oct. 1, 1975, five per cent military pay raise. Future increases in per diem rates will be made to reflect increases in military compensation.

# EEO counselors available to help employees

By Elizabeth Babcock

Frequently, NWC employees with on-the-job discrimination complaints contact the Equal Employment Opportunity Office, Code 09, in hope of resolving the problem. "I'm here to be responsive to the EEO needs of all NWC employees," said Alice Pastorius, acting Deputy Equal Employment Opportunity Officer. "But I would like people to know that there is a mechanism set up for dealing directly with EEO complaints that (in its initial phases) does not involve the full-time EEO staff." She explained that any NWC employee who feels that he or she has been discriminated against because of race, color, religion, sex, age, or national origin may contact any of the Center's EEO Counselors for help. The counselors, who have all taken a basic counseling course from the Civil Service Commission designed to familiarize them with the procedures involved in dealing with allegations of discrimination, have also all had experience as nonjudgmental, empathetic listeners.

### Broad Spectrum Covered

Representing a broad spectrum of occupations and ethnic backgrounds, these EEO Counselors are selected for personal qualities that include empathy, objectivity, perceptiveness, resourcefulness, flexibility, stability, maturity, honesty, and a personal commitment to promote equal job opportunity for all persons.

Although a single incident often motivates an employee to seek counseling, EEO problems frequently are the result of many occurrences culminating in this "last straw." Typical problems confronted by EEO Counselors are failure to be promoted or considered for promotion, failure to be selected for training, disciplinary action, or harassment by supervisors.

### First Step Outlined

In the first step of the counseling procedure, a counselor meets with the aggrieved employee and listens to a full description of the problem. If the problem clearly involves an allegation of discrimination based on race, color, age, religion, sex, or national origin, the counselor will begin looking into the problem and will be allowed 21 calendar days for the informal resolution of the alleged complaint.

The counselor will be in frequent contact with the aggrieved employee during this time. Steps taken to reach informal resolution usually involve conversations with the employee's supervisor or any other persons involved in the incident, and thorough examinations of any pertinent documents or records. Confidentiality is

## Assessments due following deaths of 3 former employees

Assessments are now due from members of the Government Employees Benefit Association and the China Lake Mutual Aid Society following the recent deaths of three former Naval Weapons Center employees.

William Smith, an employee in the Public Works Department's Metal Shop who had retired, died on Jan. 4 at Camarillo Hospital. Smith, who was in his late 70s, was best known for his work as a caretaker for many years at the NWC stables. On Jan. 8, Henry "Doc" LaFortune, a recent retiree from the Supply Department's Material Division, died at Lake Tahoe. In addition to working at NWC, he also had been associated with Dr. James Henry as a chiropractor in Ridgecrest since 1957.

Word was received Monday regarding the death of Duane Huff, a retired employee of the Engineering Department, who died on Jan. 10 at Onyx. He was 54 years old.

GEBA and CLMAS members are asked by Larry Mason, secretary, to contact the collectors in their work area to pay these latest assessments, which are Nos. 348, 349 and 350.

strictly respected and the EEO Counselor remains as impartial as possible throughout this inquiry.

Within the allowed 21 calendar days, the aggrieved employee must be satisfied, or he or she may take the next step — the filing of a formal EEO complaint. However, to the credit of the skill and understanding of the EEO Counselors and the usually cooperative attitude of managers and supervisors with these counselors' efforts, only one person in every 10 government-wide who lodges a complaint with an EEO counselor goes on to file a formal complaint of discrimination.

While the EEO Counselor operates independently from the formal complaint system, counseling must be accomplished

as a necessary first step before a formal complaint may be lodged. "If you feel you have an EEO complaint, you must contact an EEO Counselor within 30 calendar days of the date of the incident that gave rise to your complaint," Miss Pastorius reminded NWC employees.

"Through posters, folders, and this ROCKETEER article, the EEO Office is publicizing the EEO Counselors in order to give employees free access to their services." She suggested that employees keep a copy of this article on file in case they have future need of EEO counseling.

Those wishing further information about the counselors may call Miss Pastorius on ext. 2348 or 2738.



Jessie Burfeindt



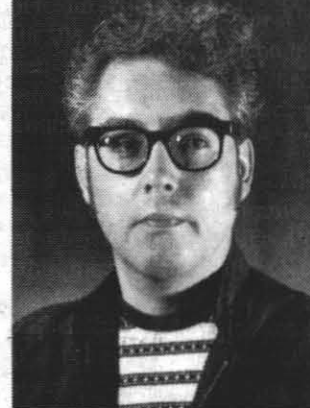
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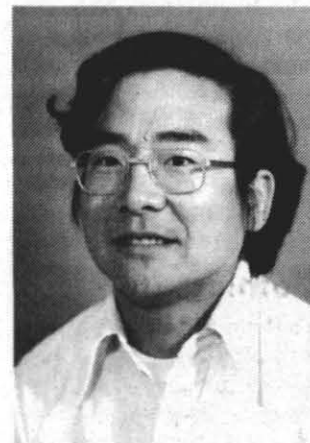
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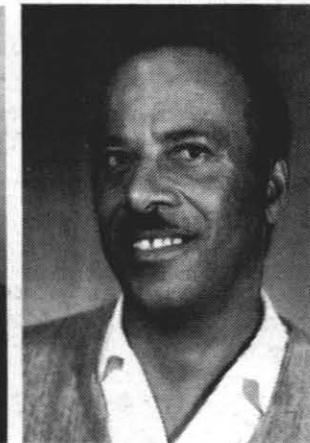
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Eric Kajiwara



Mort Kuratori



Horace Stanton

11 EMPLOYEES of the Naval Weapons Center are currently serving as EEO counselors. They are: Jessie Burfeindt, associate head of the Accounting and Disbursing Division in the Office of Finance and Management; Alma Cowan, associate head of the Special Services Division in Code 08; Fred Davis, a physicist in the Research Department's Earth and Planetary Sciences Division; Max Donald, a painter in the Public Works Department's Paint Shop; Joachim Flores, an electronics technician in the Electronic Warfare Department's Microwave Development Division; Leonard Gulick, head of the Advanced Gun Concepts Branch in the Systems Development Department; Eric Kajiwara, a mechanical engineer in the Test and Evaluation Department's Range Instrumentation Support Division; Mort Kuratori, a mechanical engineer in the Propulsion Development Department's Quality Assurance Division; Horace Stanton, another Code 45 employee who works as a chemist in the Advanced Technology Division; Andrew Victor, head of the Propulsion Development Department's Propulsion Analysis Branch, and Terry Vollmerhausen, a budget analyst in Code 08's Financial Analysis Division. Donald has had the longest tenure as an EEO counselor, having taken on this additional responsibility in July 1966. Others whose service as EEO counselors dates back to mid-1971 are Mrs. Cowan, Gulick and Victor. The most recent appointees are Kajiwara and Kuratori, who have been EEO counselors since February and November of 1975, respectively. —Photos by Ron Allen



Andrew Victor



Terry Vollmerhausen

## 2nd semester of work experience program to begin

The second semester of this year's high school work experience program is scheduled to begin on Monday, Feb. 2.

Sponsored jointly by the Naval Weapons Center and Burroughs High School, this program offers on-the-job training experience to qualified junior and senior students. Students wishing to enroll in the program for the second semester should contact their school counselors as soon as possible and complete application forms available at the school.

Students who were enrolled for the first semester may stay on in their assigned jobs or may ask for changes to other jobs at this time. They must, however, re-enroll at the high school for credit for the second semester. Individual coordinators of the three subdivisions of the program may be contacted for information, and sponsoring codes should notify them by memorandum of proposed sponsorships.

The individual coordinators will place students in jobs that are available. Every effort will be made to ensure placement most beneficial to both the student and sponsor. The coordinators for each subdivision are:

Administrative / Clerical (administration and management, secretarial, clerical and office support) — Alma Cowan, Code 085, ext. 3387 or 3105; Vocational (skilled trades) — Ray Emerson, Code 3303 ext. 3296; and Laboratory (science and math) — Don Moore, Code 6052, ext. 3207.

The NWC Coordinator, Bery Strunk, Code 5302, ext. 2266, also is available for questions.

It is important that sponsors understand that the sole purpose of the program is student training; any volume of production accomplished is purely a side-effect benefit. Students will be available for training for two hours daily on regular work days. They will be assigned "work hours" (actual times may be slightly flexible), and they will be graded according to their records of participation.

It is imperative that students maintain regular attendance; those who fail to do so will be dropped from the program. Employees working with the students will be asked to provide data including attendance records for grading to the school coordinator, who will visit the work area. The Burroughs High School coordinator for 1976 is Jim Fekrat who can be contacted by calling 375-4476.

Qualification requirements for students are that they have a sincere interest in the program they elect, cooperate fully with school and Center personnel involved, maintain a good attendance record, and have a satisfactory scholastic record for the program selected.

## Course in rescue operations being offered by college

A new course being offered at Cerro Coso Community College during the spring semester is designed to cover fundamentals of ground search for lost persons.

Dr. Carl Heller, a chemist at NWC, and Dr. Lee Lucas, a numerical analyst at NWC, are the instructors of this course, which deals primarily with the search aspect of a rescue operation and will consider air search operations from the viewpoint of the ground search base camp leader.

Both instructors have been involved in mountaineering and mountain rescue work for a number of years. Dr. Heller was one of the founders of the China Lake Mountain Rescue Group which was formed in 1957. Dr. Lucas has been a member of the group since 1967.

The class, entitled "Search and Rescue (Land Search)," is being held on Tuesdays, from 8 to 9:50 p.m., at Burroughs High School.

# Jackrabbits cause damage at golf course

## Bluejacket . . .

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tours to the Mediterranean on board the aircraft carrier USS Independence.

His interest in and aptitude for mechanical work was recognized during recruit training at Great Lakes, Ill., and he subsequently attended Aviation Structural Mechanic "A" School as well as the Aviation Structural Mechanic Hydraulic "C" School, both at Memphis, Tenn.

At the Naval Air Facility, the major portion of his work involves the repair of hydraulic components and related systems on the A-7 Crusader aircraft. This includes tearing down the component, finding out why it failed, and then making the necessary repairs.

According to Lt. G. W. McFetridge, Jr., head of the Airframes Division who recommended AMHI Hill for the Bluejacket of the Month honor: "He constantly exhibits the highest standards of professional expertise and personal conduct, and can be relied upon to complete even the most complex tasks in a safe, efficient and expeditious manner."

### Extremely Conscientious

In addition, Lt. McFetridge noted that AMHI Hill "is an extremely conscientious individual who diligently directs his assigned personnel to insure that correct maintenance procedures are strictly adhered to. The Bluejacket of the Month also was cited for his positive "can-do" attitude and tremendous personal energy.

Since becoming supervisor of the IMA Hydraulics Work Center at NAF he has implemented a vigorous training program and is not afraid to innovate when attacking new problems, Lt. McFetridge stated.

AMHI's Hill's 12 years of service in the Navy included three years (1964 to 1967) with Carrier Airborne Early Warning Squadron 13 homebased at Alameda, Calif., but shipped out to Cubic Point in the Philippine Islands. While there, AMHI Hill was dispatched to handle hydraulics equipment maintenance work aboard a half-dozen different aircraft carriers whose planes were flying missions to support both U. S. and South Vietnam forces during the Vietnam War.

### Met Wife in Philippines

It was during the time that he was stationed in the Philippines that AMHI Hill met and married his wife, Milana. The young couple have five children. They are two sons, Jerry and Robert, who are 8 and 7 years old, respectively, and triplet daughters Benjamine, Jertrudis and Jacqueline, 4 years of age.

The January Bluejacket of the Month and his wife love to go salt water fishing but, since moving to China Lake, haven't found the opportunity to engage in their favorite pastime.

As a result of AMHI Hill's selection as Bluejacket of the Month, he and his wife will be the guests of the Greater Bakersfield Chamber of Commerce some weekend this month. While visiting the Kern County seat, they will be hosted at the Bakersfield Inn, where they will receive their rooms and meals, and also will receive various gift certificates and discount coupons from Bakersfield merchants who participate in this monthly program.

For transportation to and from Bakersfield, the Hills will have the loan of a new Ford automobile from Desert Motors in Ridgecrest.

## Nurses Club to meet

Dolores Milton, nursing education consultant with the Board of Registered Nursing in Los Angeles, will be the guest speaker at the next meeting of the Nurses Club of Indian Wells Valley.

This meeting, which is open to all registered nurses and licensed vocational nurses, will be held on Monday, starting at 7:30 p.m., in the Burroughs High School lecture center.

Miss Milton, who is an RN, will discuss implementation of the continuing education law for the re-licensing of registered nurses. She also will explain the requirements that must be met to satisfy this new law, which will go into effect on July 1, 1978.

Damage to fairways of the China Lake golf course from jackrabbits exceeds any previously seen, according to long-time local golfers. With the turf dry and winter-dormant, jackrabbits are digging down to the more succulent roots and wreaking havoc particularly on the front nine holes.

Patches as large as 20 to 25 square ft. are dug up in a single night by the foraging rabbits.

The jackrabbit of the Mojave Desert is more properly called a blacktailed hare. Observers of wildlife consider populations of rabbits cyclic, reaching peak numbers for a year to two and then leveling off as dry cycles and disease affect their survival. Commencing in late 1974 and continuing through 1975, rabbit populations have been on a noticeable upswing. Though populations may have reached their peak regionally, damage to the golf course is increasing because the rabbits' preferred food plants are dead or dormant for the winter.

### Favorite Foraging Area

The golf course, always a favorite foraging area for jackrabbits, is especially attractive this time of year because the roots of the turf are easy to get at and more succulent than other available foods.

The NWC Natural Resources Management Office consulted federal, state and county agencies to develop a workable and humane solution for the problem. These agencies included the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service of the Department of the Interior, California Department of Fish and Game, California Department of Food and Agriculture, and the Kern County Department of Agriculture.

Use of poisons of any kind to control jackrabbits on the China Lake golf course is out of the question because of other wildlife in the area, as well as the hazard to domestic dogs or cats. Populations in the vicinity of a rare species of wildlife, the Mojave ground squirrel, rule out the use of poisons or anti-coagulant agents.

### Other Methods Ineffective

Tests made of the use of live traps have proved this control method ineffective. A non-poisonous chemical repellent tried earlier in the season to halt rabbit damage to the greens was effective for only a short time and is not checking the nightly damage caused by large numbers of jackrabbits digging up the turf of the fairways.

To save the golf course from further destruction, consent has been given by California Department of Fish and Game for designated members of the China Lake Police Division to shoot jackrabbits.

## Needs of all United Way agencies met . . .

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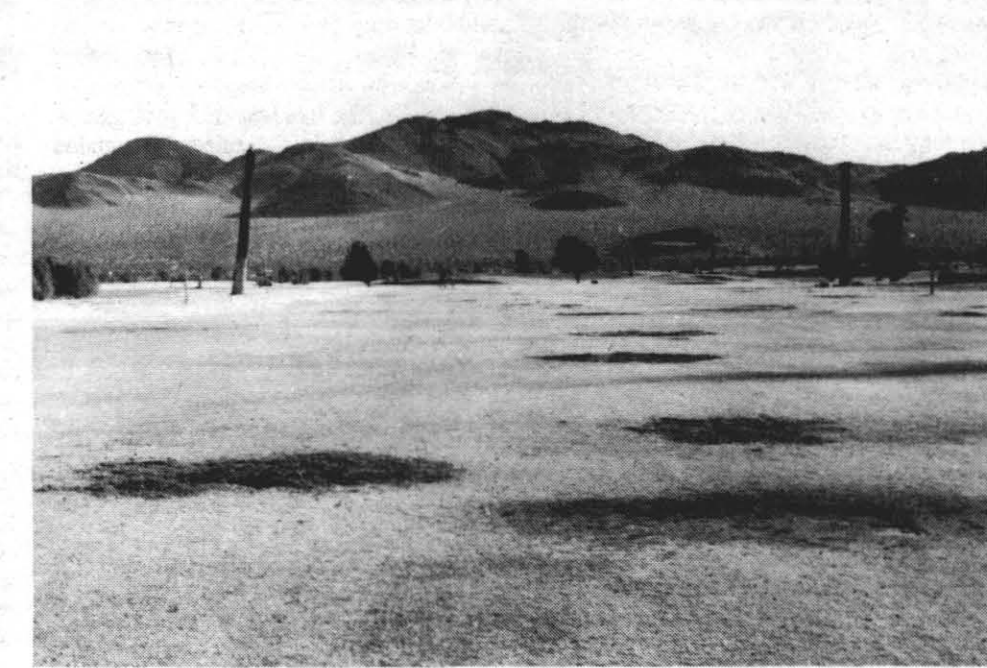
the possibility that some pledges may not be paid in full, or some of those who have pledged contributions will move out of the area during 1976; \$1,800 for campaign expenses, to cover the United Way's costs for a yearly audit and pay for such things as stationery and postage; pilot programs and cash reserve, \$10,041, and over-designations, \$4,460.

Four of the United Fund's member agencies were designated amounts in excess of their requests. These agencies and the amount each was over-designated were: Children's Hospital of Los Angeles, \$2,585; the China Lake Mountain Rescue Group, \$1,126; Children's Home Society, \$686, and One-to-One, \$63.

Taking the foregoing into consideration, the directors of the United Way of Indian Wells Valley, led by Dr. James Stanford, as president, approved the following allocations to member agencies:

American Red Cross, \$14,250; Boy Scouts, \$8,700; Camp Fire Girls, \$1,500; Children's Home Society, \$761; Children's Hospital of Los Angeles, \$3,281; China Lake Mountain Rescue Group, \$3,126.

Desert Counseling Center, \$10,230; Girl Scouts, \$8,068; Helpline, \$1,658; IWV Homemaker Service, \$4,800; IWV Association for the Retarded, \$5,780; IWV Campership Fund, \$1,065.



HARE TROUBLE — An unusually large population of jackrabbits has been wreaking havoc this winter on the fairways of the front nine at the China Lake golf course. The darkened areas in the top photo give an indication of the size and frequency of this problem in certain spots where jackrabbits have been digging up the dry turf to get at the edible roots. Many of the miniature trenches created by the jackrabbits' quest for this more easily obtainable food than their normal diet at this time of the year on the high desert are as much as 3 in. deep, as can be seen from the photograph at right.

—Photos by Ron Allen

Commencing Monday evening, some China Lake Police officers will be assigned to shoot jackrabbits on the golf course between the hours of 7 and 10:30 p.m. No species other than rabbits will be targets for this reduction program.

This program will be in effect for two weeks from Jan. 19 through 29. Then from Feb. 2 through 13, an evaluation will be made of the effectiveness of the shooting program in controlling jackrabbit damage to the golf course. The condition of the fairways will determine whether additional reduction of jackrabbits will be required. Maintenance personnel at the golf course will collect dead rabbits during early morning hours for disposal by burial.

If it appears necessary to extend the reduction program, an announcement of the dates and hours will be published. Parents are urged to keep all youngsters



away from the golf course after dark for the next two weeks. Domestic dogs turned loose despite the Center's stated regulations concerning pets may be in danger during the reduction program if they are on or around the golf course.

To discourage jackrabbit activity on the golf course, an open zone will be bladed around the golf course wherever feasible. Jackrabbits depend on vegetative cover and are timid about crossing wide open spaces. Removing cover by creating an open zone may reduce the numbers of rabbits using the golf course for nightly foraging.

## Hours at Clothing Store

The Military Clothing Store, part of the service offered by the Supply Department's Small Stores, wishes to remind enlisted personnel of its hours of operation.

They are Tuesday and Thursday, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., and every military payday from 9:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

AMERICAN REVOLUTION BICENTENNIAL  
1776-1976

The first casualty of the American Revolution was a black seaman, Crispus Attucks, who was killed in the Boston Massacre on March 5, 1770. He had sought his own personal freedom earlier when he had run away from his master, William Brown of Framingham. Despite Brown's offer of a ten pound reward for the return of his slave, Attucks had remained free for nearly 20 years before he joined the group attacking the British soldiers. Bostonians honored Attucks and the other four men killed with a state funeral that was attended by thousands.