

### Cerro Coso College to present travel film on West Africa

"West Africa's New Rivers," a travel film-lecture by explorer-adventurer Bill Madsen, will be presented at 7:30 p.m. tomorrow at the Cerro Coso Community College lecture hall.

Tickets, priced at \$2 for general admission and \$1 for ASB cardholders, can be purchased in advance at the Gift Mart, the NWC Pharmacy and at the college business office. They also will be available at the lecture center door just prior to the program.

Madsen served with the U.S. Air Force Intelligence during World War II, spending most of his time in India. While there, he took part in an expedition to Tibet. The author of two books, he has written for numerous periodicals and has continued to travel extensively, doing research for his film lectures.

Madsen says his ambition is to show the life-styles of as many cultures as possible, leading to the realization that "there is but one world for all of us."

Tomorrow night's program will cover Senegal, the Ivory Coast, Ghana and Mali, comparing the traditional habitat of the natives with new resort centers for tourists. Aspects of crafts, dancing and industry will be explored in the four countries.

This is the first film of its kind to be made in that area of the world, and will feature such interesting sidelights as life in the stone-age Dogon Country, a Moorish desert camp and the exotic city of Timbuktu.

### Results announced of COM Advisory Bd. voting

The results of the Commissioned Officers' Mess Advisory Board election are in, Roy Moss, manager of the COM, reported.

Newly elected primary board members (who will each serve two years) are Lt. Col. Joe O'Brien, USMC, Marlene Paige, and Les Saxton. Ann Gilmer and Jean Boyd were elected to serve as alternate (one year) members.

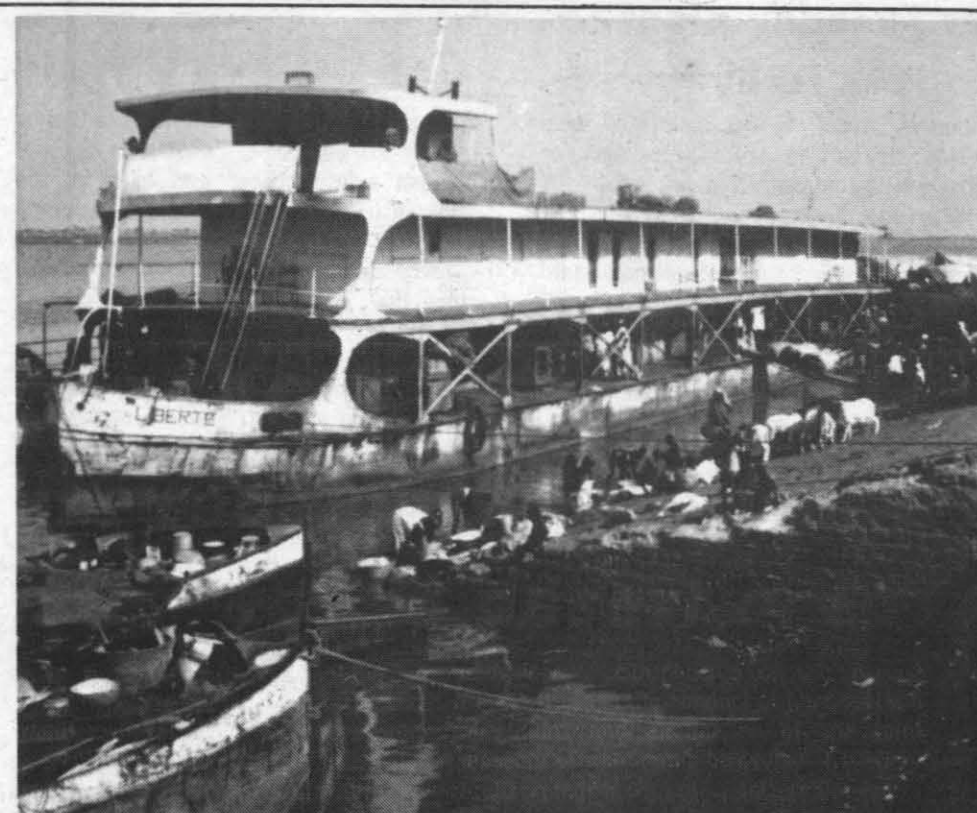
The COM Advisory Board met last Friday to elect officers. They are Lt. Bob Ramsay, chairman; LCDr. James Blakeney, vice-chairman, and Mrs. Paige, secretary.

Other members of the board are Nancy Hawkins, WACOM appointee; Ben Hartman, of the Retired Officers Association, Denny Cline, Marty Landau and Dick Rusciolelli.

Lt. Ramsay, the new chairman, expressed his thanks to the members, who were candidates for the board and to those who voted in the election.



'OW 'BOU A PINT, MATE? — The Naval Weapons Center now has an authentic bit of Old England within its gates in the form of The Pub, an English-style delicatessen, which opened Monday at the Commissioned Officers' Mess. Roy Moss, COM manager, checks over the menu at The Pub with (from left) waitress Susan Brocklehurst, waitress and bartender Su Cha (Kim) Willie and supervisory waitress Sylvia Moss. —Photo by Ron Allen



EXOTIC SCENE — A Niger River steamer loads for Timbuktu, one of the areas where West African culture was explored by Bill Madsen while gathering material for a travel film lecture entitled "West Africa's New Rivers" that will be presented tomorrow night at the Cerro Coso Community College lecture hall.

## Happenings around NWC

A presentation entitled "Defense Program Life Cycle and Fiscal Cycle" will be given on Tuesday, Feb. 17 in Cactus Hall of the Community Center.

W. C. Ruckert, manager of the Market Analysis Division of General Dynamics in Pomona, Calif., will give the briefing at 8 and again at 10 a.m.

The DoD Systems Acquisition System will be explored, taking into consideration the major defense systems and the systems acquisition system of the Army, Navy, and Air Force.

Naval Weapons Center employees interested in attending either of the sessions to be presented by Ruckert can make arrangements to do so by submitting an enrollment form via proper department channels in time for it to reach Code 654 no later than Friday, Feb. 13.

### Brown Bag Seminar Set

Information on a new concept of paying for legal advice will be offered participants in the second Brown-Bag Seminar of the month, which is scheduled at 11:30 a.m., next Wednesday, Feb. 11, at the Community Center.

The seminar will feature Stuart J. Baron, president of Group Legal Services, Inc., and William Arriola, manager of the Naval

### Weapons Center Federal Credit Union.

The Credit Union is planning to offer its members a group legal services plan and this meeting will provide information on the types of service available under this new plan.

Based on a principle similar to that of group medical services and other forms of group insurance, Group Legal Services, Inc., offers its members legal advice at reduced rates from a panel of more than 500 attorneys throughout the State of California.

All interested persons are invited to attend the Brown-Bag Seminars and are reminded to bring sack lunches.

### Boy Scout Fund Campaign

A Desert District Boy Scout finance campaign will begin tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock with a pancake breakfast for fund drive participants that will be held at Westwood Manor — the Deeter housing tract trailer court.

Representatives of Cub Packs, Boy Scout Troops, Explorer Posts and smaller groups within these units have been invited to attend.

Locally, Boy Scouts receive 46 per cent of their financing from the Combined Federal Campaign and the United Way of Indian Wells Valley. The other 54 per cent is obtained from campaigns such as the one that will get under way tomorrow.

All money that is raised locally for Boy Scouts is spent in this area for services such as mailing, record keeping, supplies, camp maintenance and the cost of having a local Scout Executive assigned to this area.

Persons interested in additional information can call Norm Wiseman at his office (446-5094) or home (375-8792), or contact Ed Tipler by calling 375-2753.

## The Pub, English style delicatessen, is now open at COM

The Pub, an English-style delicatessen, opened Monday at the Commissioned Officers' Mess. Roy Moss, Club manager, stressed that the entire menu, with the exception of the chef salad and perhaps the soup, is authentically English. The Friday feature, for example, is fish and chips.

The Pub is open daily (except Sunday) for lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and again from 4:30 p.m. until the COM closes.

Although the front bar will be closed on Monday, Tuesday and Saturday evenings, the Pub will remain open, serving food and drinks. On Saturday evenings, the main dining room also will close, leaving the Pub as the spot for food and beverage consumption.

## 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.

Program subject to change without notice — please check marquee.

FRI. 6 FEB.

"PHASE IV" (84 Min.)

Nigel Davenport, Michael Murphy (Science Fiction) This movie concerns the biological imbalance that has taken place in the Arizona desert. It leads to a confrontation challenging man's supremacy of earth. (PG)

SAT. 7 FEB.

"BATTLE FOR THE PLANET OF THE APES"

(93 Min.)

Roddy McDowall, Claude Akins

(Science Fiction) Men and apes finally decide they can live together in peace, but not before most of the humans have been killed. (G)

SUN. 8 FEB.

"THREE DAYS OF THE CONDOR" (117 Min.)

Robert Redford, Cliff Robertson.

(Action Drama) The New York American Literary Society is a front for a CIA division, whose personnel read all literature for possible subversive information. Robert Redford, a reader, code named Condor, returns from getting lunch and finds his co-workers have been brutally slain. Condor contacts Deputy Director Cliff Robertson and is informed that a meeting has been arranged in order to deliver him to safety.

The meeting turns out to be a set-up, and once again Condor is on the run. Beset with fear and needing a place to hide Condor forces photographer Faye Dunaway into taking him to her apartment and convinces her of his plight. With her help, Redford is able to uncover the mystery of the slayings. (R)

MON. 9 FEB.

"CHOSEN SURVIVORS" (99 Min.)

Jackie Cooper, Alex Cord

(Horror Drama) The story concerns a group of survivors from a simulated nuclear attack who seek refuge in a subterranean habitat 2,000 ft. below the earth's surface only to learn it is beset by deadly vampire bats. (PG)

TUES. 10 FEB.

"GIRLIN BLUE" (99 Min.)

David Selby, Maud Adams

(Drama) David Selby, a young man, searches for his dream girl, Maud Adams, a girl he saw only for a moment at a ferry boat landing. For four years he pursues a search for the "girl in blue," forgetting about his girl friend, Gay Rowan. As the film nears the end, he finds his dream girl and discovers she is not for him. (R)

WED. 11 FEB.

"SKYJACKED" (101 Min.)

Charlton Heston, Yvette Mimieux

(Suspense Drama) A hijacked 707 jetliner, originally on a flight from Oakland to Minneapolis, is the background for a story involving all aboard. (PG)

THURS. 12 FEB.

"CAHILL, U. S. MARSHALL" (102 Min.)

John Wayne, George Kennedy

(Western) A big bank robbery takes Marshall Cahill on a dangerous chase that leads the lawman to disaster's edge. (PG)

FRI. 13 FEB.

"ROBINSON CRUSOE AND THE TIGER"

(110 Min.)

Hugo Stiglitz, Ahul

(Adventure) The classic tale of a shipwrecked sailor who undergoes various tribulations on a desert island. (G)

AFGE to meet Monday

Members of the American Federation of Government Employees' Local 1781 will hold their next monthly meeting on Monday, beginning at 7 p.m., at 65-B Halsey Ave.

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## BOLDEAGLE 76, large-scale joint readiness exercise, under way in desert area

Unbeknown to all except a sizable group of Naval Weapons Center military and civilian personnel, whose involvement ranges from flying aircraft and operating sophisticated electronic equipment to providing the necessities of day-to-day living for an influx of some 350 Navy, Air Force and Air National Guard people, the Indian Wells Valley and vast distances in all directions are now the center of a simulated war.

What is transpiring and will be continuing through Wednesday, Feb. 25, is BOLD EAGLE 76, a large-scale joint readiness exercise that is directed by the Joint Chiefs of Staff and sponsored by the U.S. Readiness Command.

BOLD EAGLE 76 is designed to provide readiness training for selected active duty

and reserve components of the Armed Forces through the conduct of joint tactical operations and application of the joint aspects of command control of a corps/multi-squadron sized joint task force. Operations will include measures taken by "friendly" forces to gain air superiority, air interdiction, electronic warfare, reconnaissance, close air support of ground forces, and employment of mechanized and armored units in a high threat environment.

William Hattabaugh, head of NWC's Test and Evaluation Department, is the Center's official point of contact for this exercise, while Lt. Col. James R. Gibbons, USAF Liaison Officer at NWC, is coordinating support for it with the assistance of civilian employees and military personnel from various departments at China Lake.

Because of the type of training exercise that this is, there will be only light participation by the Navy (in terms of direct operational involvement), when compared with that of the Air Force and Army, Col. Gibbons noted.

### Valuable Lessons Learned

Joint readiness exercises such as BOLD EAGLE 76 (a number of which are conducted annually) are essential, the USAF Liaison Officer explained, because whenever the time comes for the Armed Forces of the U.S. to fight wars in response to Congressional and Presidential directions, the military services do not (and cannot) operate independently.

"It's reasonable then to expect that unless we practice in peacetime, we cannot be expected to be a viable military force in war," Col. Gibbons noted. "Besides," he added, "lives are saved if we make our mistakes before we get involved in the real thing."

Air Force units taking part in BOLD EAGLE 76 will come from across the United States and will include Air National Guard and Reserve groups working side-by-side with active duty Air Force personnel. This is in keeping with the Department of Defense total force policy. This exercise is perceived as part of an overall program aimed at maintaining the readiness of U.S.

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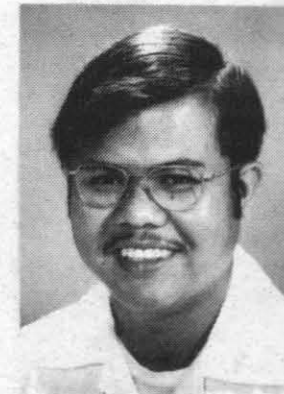
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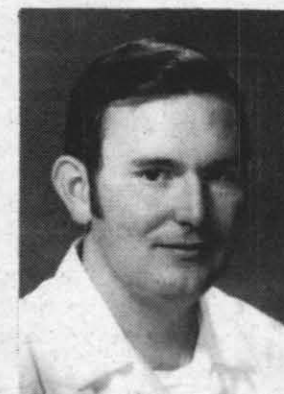
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DP3 Darryl Maresch



HM1 Gregory Prater

## NWC's top Bluejacket of Year to be honored at banquet Saturday

Tickets are still available for the seventh annual Bluejacket of the Year awards banquet, which will be held tomorrow night at the Commissioned Officers' Mess.

The Indian Wells Valley Council of the Navy League of the United States sponsors this yearly dinner as a way for the community to honor outstanding Navy enlisted men assigned today at China Lake.

The price of the banquet is \$8 per person. Tickets can be obtained from any Navy League member or from Terri Chew in the Center's Public Information Office, phone NWC ext. 3511.

The evening will begin with a social hour at 6:15. Preceding the 7:30 dinner, Harry Parode, NWC's Public Information Officer, will introduce the Bluejackets and other guests of honor.

## Operation of new post office brings changes

During the past year, local residents have been watching the progress of construction of a new post office building in Ridgecrest.

Perhaps only a few persons, however, have given much thought to the fact that as the new post office becomes fully operational, the community "China Lake" will cease to be the address of many residents.

To clarify this matter, Billy Culp, Ridgecrest postmaster, has announced that those who receive home delivery of their mail on board the Naval Weapons Center may still use the "China Lake" address. However, those who receive their mail at post office boxes should give their return address as "Ridgecrest" on their outgoing mail and inform those with whom they correspond of this change.

The schedule for the phase-in operation of the new Ridgecrest Post Office and the closing of the China Lake annex of the local post office will bring about the following changes:

Effectively immediately, all residents who receive notices that the postman was unable to leave a package or other mail addressed to them must pick up that mail at the new post office in Ridgecrest.

The sale of stamps, money orders, and other "financial" operations at the post office annex on the Naval Weapons Center (Continued on Page 7)

## Turn in timecards early next Friday

All personnel who are responsible for submission of employee timecards are reminded that because of the Washington's birthday holiday, all timecards for the regular work week ending on Feb. 14 must be delivered to the Payroll Office no later than 11:15 a.m. next Friday, Feb. 13.

This is necessary because the processing of timecards must be completed by next Friday night. No timecards are to be held out, since failure to provide the Payroll Office with an accurate timecard on the Feb. 13 deadline may result in a delay in pay for the employee.

Any overtime on Friday night, Feb. 13, or Saturday, Feb. 14, should be submitted on a supplemental timecard for payment covering the subsequent pay period.





CPO WIVES CLUB OFFICERS INSTALLED — Evelyn Livingston, left, wife of Capt. R. N. Livingston, Commanding Officer of Air Test and Evaluation Squadron Five (VX-5), was the installing officer during ceremonies held last Friday for the CPO Wives Club. Shown with the installing officer are (l.-r.) Chris Emert, outgoing president; Norma Pickens, incoming president; Kay Meredith, vice president; Pat Tussey, secretary and Nine Lane, treasurer.

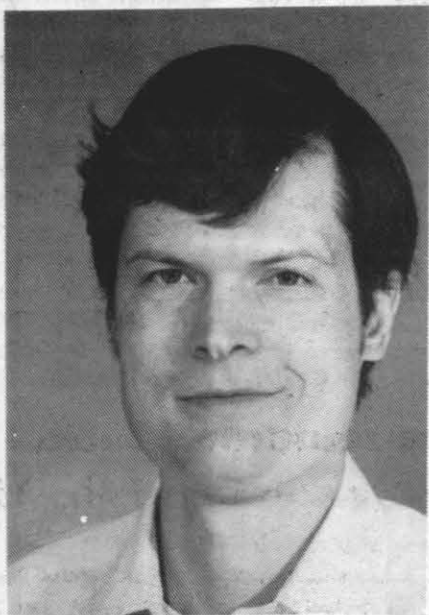
### James Stansell, ex-editor of newspaper at NAS Lemoore, joins ROCKETEER staff

A new associate editor has joined the staff of the ROCKETEER to replace Jack Lindsey, who left the Naval Weapons Center this past November.

The new arrival is James J. Stansell, who has moved to China Lake from the Naval Air Station at Lemoore, Calif., where he was editor of the GOLDEN EAGLE, the NAS Lemoore weekly newspaper.

Prior newspaper experience for Stansell, who put in 14 months as editor of the GOLDEN EAGLE, includes more than a year as a general assignment, police and county government reporter for the Las Vegas Review Journal. In addition, after being trained initially as an artilleryman when he entered the Army during the latter part of 1969, Stansell was reassigned to work as an information specialist for the major portion of his two-year tour of duty, which he spent in Germany.

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ROCKETEER was born in Orange, N.J., but came to California in 1951 when his father moved here to accept a teaching position he still holds as an instructor of speech and phonetics at California State University in Los Angeles.

A 1963 graduate of Ganesha High School in Pomona, Stansell enrolled at Claremont Men's College and was graduated four years later with a bachelor of arts degree. He had majored in government at Claremont and continued his studies in this field at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C., where he received his master's degree.

For 1 1/2 years prior to the time that he was called into the Army, he worked as a researcher and writer for the Federal government.

Stansell, who is single, is an amateur astronomer and enjoys playing tennis and jogging to keep in good physical condition.

### NWC physicist attends radar reflectivity course

Dr. William M. Cornette, Jr., a mathematical physicist in the Delivery Systems Analysis Branch of the Systems Development Department's Weapons Systems Analysis Division, recently attended a week-long course on "Radar Reflectivity of Land and Sea."

The course, sponsored by Georgia Tech's Engineering Experiment Station in Atlanta, was conducted by the university's Department of Continuing Education.

The subject matter was designed for managers, scientists and engineers who need a better understanding of reflectivity data. Emphasis of the course was on a physical understanding of back-scatter from land and sea, rather than the development of theory.

### The Rocketeer

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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. 2069. Ads will run for one week and will close at 4:30 p.m. on the Friday following their appearance in this column, unless a later date is specified in the ad. Employees whose work history has not been brought up to date within the last six months are encouraged to file a Form 171 or 172 in their personnel jacket. Information concerning the Merit Promotion Program and the evaluation methods used in these promotional opportunities may be obtained from your Personnel Management Advisor (Code 456 or 457). Advertising positions in the Promotional Opportunities column does not preclude the use of alternate recruiting sources in filling these positions. As part of the rating process, a supervisory appraisal will be sent to the current supervisor and the most recent previous supervisor of those applicants rated as basically qualified. The Naval Weapons Center is an equal opportunity employer and selection shall be made without discrimination for any nonmerit reason. The minimum qualification requirements for all GS positions are defined in CSC Handbook X-118, while those for all WG, WL, and WS positions are defined in CSC Handbook X-118C.

**Military Pay Clerk, GS-345-3/4, PD No. 7117012 or 7117013, Code 0645** — Incumbent examines routine pay authorizations and determines entitlements for a variety of types of pay, allowances, allotments and collections, maintains the pay records for active duty Armed Forces personnel, and provides advice on military pay system. Job Relevant Criteria: Ability to work accurately and efficiently, ability to deal effectively with people and to apply military pay regulations.

**Laborer, WG-392-82, JD No. 153-4, Code 0822** — Position is located in the Office of Finance and Management, Mail, Files, and Records Branch. Incumbent Performs labor duties in the movement of mail bags and mail in boxes, wraps and seals large packages for mailing, and delivers and picks up mail coming into and leaving the Center. File applications for the above with Dora Childers, Bldg. 34, Rm. 206, Ph. 267.

**Visual Information Assistant, GS-1001-7, PD No. 7453207, Code 5342** — (2 vacancies) Located in Field Service Branch No. 2 of the Technical Information Department. Incumbent supports visual information specialists and illustrators in preparing material for publication and presentation. Work is performed for the various types of visual communication such as reports, oral presentations, and vupgraphs. Incumbent assists in the design of the product to be presented and also does composing and proofreading. Job Relevant Criteria: Experience in assisting illustrators, designers, visual information specialists, or editors in preparing visual communication products, demonstrated skills in composition, layout and page design, knowledge of reproduction and printing methods, and familiarity with NWC technical publications and applicable military specs.

**Library Technician, GS-1411-4/5/6, PD No. 7553090, Code 5333** — Located in the Acquisitions Branch of the Technical Library, incumbent performs acquisition services of technical and scientific periodicals. This involves renewing subscriptions after determining the need for the periodical. Incumbent also is responsible for the binding of these periodicals. Job Relevant Criteria: Understanding of library techniques and methods in acquisition and binding of periodicals, general knowledge of bibliographic searching tools and techniques, and ability to work independently and meet deadlines. File applications for the above with Pat Gaunt, Bldg. 34, Rm. 212, Ph. 2514.

**Information Receptionist, GS-304-4, or Clerk (Typing), GS-301-3, PD No. 7584015, Code 8412 (2 vacancies)** — This position is located in the Security Operations Division of the Security Department, Visitors' Branch. Incumbent will greet visitors to the Center. Duties include answering telephone, receiving the public, typing and issuing passes, contacting sponsors, verifying clearances and access needed, issuing vehicle decals, miscellaneous typing and filing, and providing information and directions to the public. Job Relevant Criteria: Must be able to deal tactfully and courteously with the public, typing ability, and ability to understand and carry out written instructions. Position requires occasional weekend and evening work. May be filled on intermittent basis.

**Engineering Technician, GS-402-9, 10, or 11, PD No. 7537187, Code 2712** — (Two vacancies, one of which is intermittent). Prepares test plans, coordinates and directs the modification of aircraft to accept special instrumentation, schedules and monitors all aspects of test, briefs and debriefs aircrews. Job Relevant Criteria: Knowledge of ordnance and weapons systems related to naval aircraft as well as the aircraft itself, and knowledge of test instrumentation techniques, safety procedures, test range facilities and managerial ability.

**Mathematics Aid, GS-1521-2/3, PD No. 7437011, Code 3715** — This position is located in the Test and Evaluation Department, Data Reduction Branch. It is a trainee position where the incumbent will learn to assist mathematicians and other scientists in data reduction and analysis. Job Relevant Criteria: An aptitude for learning practical mathematics and computer operations. Ability to work with project engineers throughout the Center. Promotion Potential: GS-7.

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

**Clerk-Typist, GS-322-3/4, PD No. 7170065, Code 703** — Position is in the Public Works Engineering Division. The incumbent types correspondence, technical reports and provides general clerical services, receives personal and telephone contacts, files, and performs other miscellaneous duties. Job Relevant Criteria: Must be a qualified typist, show initiative with little or minimum supervision, have the ability to apply judgment, tact, and knowledge to various situations involving telephone and personal contacts and the ability to perform work accurately, efficiently and thoroughly. File applications for the above with Terry Rowell, Bldg. 34, Rm. 212, Ph. 2032.

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Wilt's Corner

Adult volleyball league season to get started soon

Adult volleyball leagues will begin play almost as soon as basketball has finished. There are three leagues for which coaches and players should be preparing.

The open league is for players who want a high level of competition. The recreation league is for players of "B" and "C" level. Couples who enjoy playing volleyball at the recreation level are invited to enter the co-ed league.

A league for women only also will be organized if there is enough interest expressed in it.

Youth Football Meeting

There will be a general meeting of the Indian Wells Valley Youth Football Association next Wednesday, Feb. 11, at 7 p.m. at the Community Center.

Potential league sponsors and other adults interested in the league are encouraged to attend. Policies and rules affecting the 1976 season will be discussed and voted on at this meeting, and, once adopted, no changes will be allowed.

Handball Tourney Deadline Near

Deadline for the singles only handball tournament is 2 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 12.

Players will compete in the open, recreation or novice classifications, beginning on Tuesday, Feb. 17, at 5 p.m. The tournament draw will be posted by 4 p.m. Feb. 13 on the gym's main bulletin board.

The entry fee of \$1 per player will be used to purchase trophies for the three events.

To Enter Wrestling Tourney

Air Test and Evaluation Squadron Five's Lt. Terry Allen, who won first place in the (Continued on Page 7)

Maturango Milers vie in championship cross country race; win medals, ribbons

Maturango Milers John Condos and Valerie Shanteler brought back gold medals to the Indian Wells Valley from the 1976 Southern California Municipal Athletic Federation (S.C.M.A.F.) cross country championships held recently in Newport Beach.

In all, five medals and four ribbons were garnered by nine of the 15 Milers. The local runners competed with 95 participants who represented the Southern San Joaquin Athletic Association (S.S.J.A.A.).

Condos' first place finish in the 13-year-



ACTION APLENTY AT YOUTH GYM—China Lake youngsters are getting ample opportunity to work off their energy in Youth League basketball games played at the Youth Gym. In this bit of action during a Junior Division game played last Monday night, John Woodall of the Rockets stumbles into Doug Corbin, a player for the Huskies (on floor) as he tied up the ball being held by Bobby Weeks (No. 51), also of the Huskies. Other players visible are "Scat" Fulton (No. 42) of the Rockets; R. J. Rogerson (No. 3) of the Huskies and, at left, Glenn Paff, another player for the Rockets. The division-leading Rockets won this with the Huskies by a score of 26-20. —Photo by Ron Allen

Burroughs varsity cagers falter on comeback trail, lose to Victor Valley

The Burroughs High School varsity basketball team, on the comeback trail as the result of four consecutive wins in Golden League competition, ran out of gas in the fourth quarter of a game played Tuesday night at Victorville and lost to the league-leading Victor Valley cagers, 73-60.

In other league action this past week, the Burros avenged an earlier defeat by outscoring the Palmdale High hoopers, 81-70, in a game played here last Friday night.

Tuesday night's loss to Victor Valley leaves the Burroughs High varsity quintet with a 5-5 league record as they go into the final four games of the season by hosting the Kennedy High Spartans tonight. Tip-off

time for the varsity clash will be 8 p.m. It will follow a junior varsity contest that is slated to get under way at 6:30.

Two periods of play in which the Burros failed to hold up their end in the scoring department spelled defeat for them Tuesday night at Victorville. The Jackrabbits jumped off to a 10-0 lead before the Burros could get on the scoreboard in the first quarter, which ended with the host team on top, 17-10.

Disaster Strikes

The fourth quarter was a disaster for the locals, who couldn't cope with the slowdown tactics employed by Victor Valley, and were outscored 21-12 as they lost by a final tally of 73-60.

In both the second and third periods, however, the Burros showed that they are capable of playing well against any team in the league. After trailing 17-10 at the start of the second quarter, the local varsity quintet began to steadily reduce the Jackrabbits' lead. Thanks to a tip-in by Robert Campbell right at the half-time buzzer the Burros were down by just four points, 37-33.

Four times in the third quarter, the locals cut the Victor Valley lead to just 2 points, but that was as close as they could come to catching up with their rivals. The 'Rabbits began the fourth period with a 4-point advantage of 52-48, and then proceeded to salt the game away as they ran off 21 points to 12 for Burroughs in the final 8 min. of playing time.

Basketball Rarity

A basketball rarity occurred in the fourth quarter when Larry Fealy of Victor Valley tipped in a shot for Burroughs after he grabbed the ball during a melee under the Burros' basket.

Tony Anderson of Victor Valley was the game's top scorer with 22 points, while Clifford Boyd, one of his teammates, wasn't far behind with 20. In addition, Sergio Lugo and Barry Stonesifer tallied 17 and 10 points, respectively, for the winners.

Top scorers for Burroughs in the Victor Valley game were Tommy Flournoy with 15 and Daryl Moline, who hit 12.

Last Friday night on their home court, the Burros hung an 81-70 loss on the Palmdale Falcons.

Balanced scoring was the key to the local

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Sierra Desert Gun Club to hold annual banquet Mon. night

Presentation of annual achievement awards and the installation of new officers will highlight the Sierra Desert Gun Club's yearly banquet, which is to be held on Monday night at the Community Center.

A social hour starting at 6:30 p.m. will precede a dinner catered by the Maturango Museum luncheon group.

Speaker for the evening will be Capt. Harold Carlin, Department of Fish and Game Regional Hunter Safety Coordinator, who will present a talk and film slides entitled "The Hunter's Image."

Achievement awards to be presented are based upon participation and scoring in small bore and high power rifle marksmanship events, in pistol competition, and in competition open to junior members.

During the installation of officers, Lloyd Smith will succeed Robert Gould as president of the Sierra Desert Gun Club. Other new officers who will help guide the group's activities during the coming year are Leo Schultz, vice-president; Frank Driggers, treasurer, and Gary Rainwater, secretary. In addition, the following executive officer assignments have been made:

H. B. 'Bernie' Mathes, junior division; Jack Braun, high power rifle; Robert Gould, small bore rifle; John Meredith, pistol; Dave White, shotgun, and Earl Clark, muzzle bore rifle executive officer.

NWC volleyball team does well in tourney

The NWC varsity volleyball team, coached by Jerry Kissick, traveled last Saturday to Pacific Palisades High School to compete in a Single A classification tournament.

Three groups of six teams each were entered in this event. As a result of winning 8 of the 10 games played against other squads in their group, the China Lakers earned the right to compete in the tournament finals, but were then eliminated by the VMs, a team that went on to win the tourney championship.

This is the best effort to date for the NWC varsity volleyball team, whose members are preparing for the Mojave Desert Interservice League tournament scheduled March 21-22 at the Marine Corps Supply Center in Barstow.

In addition to Kissick, the player-coach, other members of the NWC volleyball team who played at Pacific Palisades are Bob Smith, Jim Bevan, Tim Higgins, Bob Berry, Ted Bailey, Duane Fojt and Ed Mikami.

Youth basketball action continues

Competition is in full swing in the Youth Basketball League. Teams vying in the Intermediate and Junior Division have completed three weeks of play and each of the teams have six games under their belts. Standings as of this past Saturday were as follows:

Table with columns: Team, Instructional Division, Intermediate Division, Junior Division, Senior Division, High School Division. Lists teams like Terriers, Bruins, Cougars, Lakers, Trojans, Spartans, Warriors, Rockets, Hawks, Stars, Huskies, Bucks, Sonics, Knicks, Blazers, 76ers, Pistons, Suns, Conquistadors with Won/Lost records.



PROCLAMATION SIGNED — Rear Admiral R. G. Freeman III, NWC Commander, and Rex Shacklett (at left), mayor of Ridgecrest, look on as Wilt Wyman, president of the China Lake Community Council's board of directors, adds his name to a proclamation they had already signed which designates the period of Feb. 8 to 14 as Afro-American History Week. In the background is Mrs. Bettye Rivera Sembach, chairman of the Human Relations Committee of the Desert Area Teachers Association, who is responsible for arranging displays and special programs honoring distinguished U.S. citizens of African heritage in local schools during the coming month. —Photo by Ron Allen

Afro-American History Week proclaimed; displays, programs scheduled at schools

Schools of the Sierra Sands Unified School District will emphasize the achievements of U.S. citizens of African heritage during Afro-American History Week (Feb. 8-14) and continuing through the first week of March.

According to Mrs. Bettye Rivera Sembach, chairman of the Human Relations Committee of the Desert Area Teachers Association, the local observance of Afro-American history will be extended "in order to give teachers enough time to adequately cover this rich subject."

One feature of the month-long event will be a slide show and a presentation of native African artifacts by Mrs. Alene Blackmun of Trona, who has traveled extensively on that continent for several years.

The artifacts will first be on display at the Media Center of Vieweg Elementary School on Feb. 25 and 26, and Mrs. Blackmun will deliver her presentation twice on Feb. 26, at 9:15 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. in the school's main auditorium. The public is invited to attend.

Mrs. Blackmun will take the artifacts and slide presentation to other schools of the district. Times and places will be announced later.

A second highlight of the local observance



Thousands whose lives have been saved through blood plasma transfusions owe their existence to Dr. Charles R. Drew.

His pioneering work on the use of plasma rather than whole blood for transfusions was reported in his thesis, "Banked Blood." This earned him the first Doctor of Medicine degree (akin to a PhD in medicine) ever awarded to a black surgeon.

Prior to America's entry into World War II, he directed the British Blood Bank. In 1941, Dr. Drew was appointed director of the American Red Cross project to collect and bank blood for American military and civilian use.

BOLD EAGLE 76

(Continued from Page 1) forces, with particular emphasis on enhancing this nation's capabilities to conduct strategic deployment and large scale joint operations.

Major ground forces for BOLD EAGLE 76 will consist of two mechanized battalions — one on the "friendly" and the other on the "enemy" side. Both battalions will come from the 2nd Armored Division, based at Fort Hood, Tex. They will be supported by specialized units, including intelligence, supply and service elements, and communications teams.

Ground maneuvers involving infantry and armored units will be conducted on the Fort Irwin military reservation and a portion of the Naval Weapons Center's Mojave "B" range.

Air Operations Start Today

Highlighting the exercise will be an air war. The air operations (which began today and will continue through Tuesday, Feb. 17) will be held in the restricted airspace of the Nellis Air Force Base (Nevada) complex, the restricted airspace complex in the Death Valley/Mojave Desert region of California, in designated joint use restricted airspace east of the Nellis AFB restricted area and surrounding the ground maneuver area at Fort Irwin.

BOLD EAGLE 76 will be conducted in three parts — the first of which (an air defense/air superiority campaign) began today. A field training exercise for air units only will continue through next Wednesday, Feb. 11. It is designed to allow Air Force units of the Joint Task Force to conduct an air defense/air superiority campaign prior to the employment of Army forces in order to portray more realistically the probable tactical conditions of employment for a large size Joint Task Force.

The JTF Air Force units will be committed to providing air defense and gaining air superiority for the "friendly" forces.

VX-5 Aircraft Involved

Some aircraft, their pilots and maintenance crews from Air Test and Evaluation Squadron Five (VX-5) will be involved in this large-scale readiness training as a part of the red ("enemy") forces. The VX-5 aircraft to be used are an A-7 Corsair II, an A-6 Intruder, and an A-4 Skyhawk.

Also flying out of the Naval Air Facility will be two EA-6Bs, specially-equipped models of the Intruder, operated by Navy Tactical Electronic Squadron 136 (VAQ 136) from Whidbey Island Air Station at Oak Harbor, Wash.

Part of the BOLD EAGLE 76 will consist of a Joint Command Post Exercise on Feb. 12 and 13 for the purpose of carrying out joint staff procedures, checking com-

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munications networks, and providing intelligence operations that will produce information needed for continuing the development of the tactical situation.

Part three of the exercise (from Feb. 13 through 17) will be the combined air/ground phase during which ground units will be conducting offensive and defensive ground operations. At the same time, Air Force personnel will continue the air campaign and carry out air superiority, interdiction, reconnaissance, close air support and electronic warfare missions.

No Live Ordnance Dropped

While all of this sound ominous, as it definitely would be if this was the real thing instead of a training exercise, no live ordnance will be dropped by aircraft striking tactical targets on the Naval Weapons Center's Coso Range or in the Ft. Irwin area, while the air activity at NWC's Echo Range will consist of testing aircraft electronic countermeasures equipment against the sophisticated electronic installations at Echo Range.

It also was noted by Col. Gibbons that even though 250 aircraft will be involved in BOLD EAGLE 76, their actual presence in the skies over this part of the desert may be apparent only in the form of distant vapor trails. There is a restriction on flights below 21,000 ft. over the Indian Wells Valley area, and no sonic booms are expected to be created.

Aircraft from Navy Tactical Electronic Squadron 136 arrived at the Naval Air Facility this past Tuesday and Wednesday, followed yesterday by a contingent of 50 of the squadron's enlisted men. All will be housed at China Lake.

Encamped at Straw Peak

Also this past Tuesday, 30 officers and 250 enlisted men from the 107th Tactical Control Squadron, an Air National Guard unit based at Phoenix, Ariz., began arriving here and were moved to Straw Peak, a mountain located at NWC's Echo Range, where they will live in tents and operate a control and reporting center that will provide radar control and safe separation of aircraft participating in BOLD EAGLE 76.

Civil engineers from Nellis Air Force Base were brought in to help set up the self-contained "tent city" at Straw Peak, and a contingent of Air Force Security Service personnel also is involved in BOLD EAGLE 76 to insure communications security.

What impact there will be upon the China Lake-Ridgecrest community as the result of a military exercise of this magnitude is expected to be minimal and be apparent principally by the presence at various times in town and at places of recreation and amusement of a portion of the 350 visiting Navy and Air National Guard personnel during their off-duty hours.

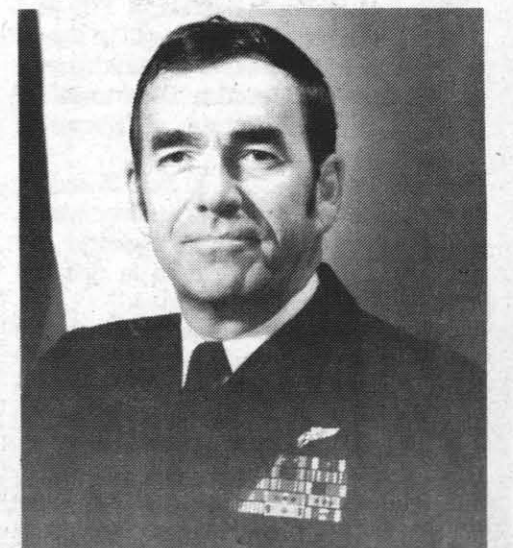
RAdm. Julian Lake to be featured speaker at meeting of IWV Navy League on Feb. 12

Rear Admiral Julian S. Lake, Commander of the Naval Electronic Systems Command in Washington, D.C., will be the guest speaker at the next meeting of the Indian Wells Valley Council of the Navy League, which will be held on Thursday, Feb. 12, at the Commissioned Officers' Mess.

A social hour at 6:30 p.m. will precede the dinner, and a talk by RAdm. Lake on the subject "Command and Control in the '80s" will follow. Persons interested in hearing what RAdm. Lake has to say can make arrangements to attend the Navy League meeting by calling the COM, phone 446-2549.

RAdm. Lake enlisted in the Naval Reserve in 1942 and was commissioned an ensign and designated a naval aviator in 1944. He subsequently saw combat in the Pacific in World War II and the Korean War as an aviator.

While Commander of Fighter Squadron 74 in the early 1960s, he set a jet aircraft record by flying from Los Angeles to New York in just 3 hours and 3 minutes. This flight was made in the new F4H Phantom II while his squadron was the first to fly this



RAdm. Julian S. Lake



## 170 Centerites attend local observance of National Prayer Breakfast on Jan. 29

Getting off to a good start — on that day or any other particular time of the year — more than 170 Centerites and their spouses turned out at the Chief Petty Officers' Club on Jan. 29 to attend the 1976 local observance of the National Prayer Breakfast.

The ecumenical flavor of this yearly event was in evidence as members of various religious groups and representatives of different branches of the Armed Forces took part in a program not unlike a multitude of others that were arranged by federal government activities and military installations from coast to coast. The local event was co-sponsored by the All Faith Chapel's Catholic and Protestant Congregations.

Harry Parode, the Center's public information officer, was the master of ceremonies; opening remarks were delivered by Rear Admiral R. G. Freeman III, NWC Commander; and the inspirational talk was presented by Dr. G. L. Hollingsworth, the Center's Technical Director.

### Other Participants in Program

Other participants in the National Prayer Breakfast program were Master Chief W. D. Hall, NWC's Senior Enlisted Advisor, who gave the invocation; W. A. (Bill) Lewis, a China Lake police officer, who chose Psalm 91, verses 1-10, as the scriptural reading; the pledge of allegiance was led by S. Sgt. Rick Baldwin, USMC, while the closing benediction was delivered by Seymour Uberman, president of the NWC Hebrew Congregation.

Music for this occasion included three vocal music selections that were sung by the Sweet Adelines' chorus, directed by Mrs. Eleanor Hartwig, and the entire assemblage joined in singing "Let There Be Peace."

During his opening remarks at the prayer breakfast, RAdm. Freeman invited all those present to join with him in prayers for the family of Chief Radioman Arthur Powers, who had suffered a fatal heart attack the night before.

### Especially Appropriate Now

"As we enter this Bicentennial year, it is most appropriate on this National Day of Prayer that we rededicate ourselves to the principles on which this nation was founded, and particularly the principle of religious freedom," the NWC Commander observed.

Referring to prayer as "the greatest pick-me-up in the world," RAdm. Freeman then read the 25th Psalm and urged his listeners to walk closer with God during this nation's 200th anniversary year.

"The Assumptions We Make" was the title of the inspirational message shared by Dr. Hollingsworth with those in attendance at the National Prayer Breakfast.

"There is generally a feeling that assumptions are secondary — inferior to facts. My thesis is that, in terms of the

## Course on evaluation of fire, explosion hazards scheduled

A course in Fundamentals of Fire and Explosion Hazard Evaluation will be taught by Dr. Chester Grelecki in cooperation with the Continuing Education Department of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers.

The course, scheduled on Feb. 25 and 26, is designed to provide the student with a basic understanding of the chemical and physical principles employed in fire and explosion hazards evaluation.

The objective of the course is to make the chemical engineer aware of the technology that is available, and to show him the value of applying this technology to design and operation of process facilities.

Center employees interested in attending this course should submit an NWC enrollment form via proper department channels in time for it to reach Code 654 no later than Friday, Feb. 13.



**INSPIRATIONAL MESSAGE** — His thoughts on the subject, "The Assumptions We Make," were expressed during the inspirational message that was presented by Dr. G. L. Hollingsworth, NWC Technical Director, during the local observance of the National Prayer Breakfast. This well-attended event was held Jan. 29 at the Chief Petty Officers' Club. —Photo by Ron Allen

factors that govern our lives, shape our behavior, or determine our success in love or business, assumptions are much more important than facts," the Technical Director began.

Dr. Hollingsworth commenced his talk by mentioning two kinds of assumptions — those made in the absence of facts and those made in spite of facts, but for examples he cited material things such as the assumption that a person's car would start when he or she turned the ignition key.

This he said provides the clue that individuals are willing to make assumptions about familiar things, particularly when they have personal experience regarding them. "When we make assumptions," he stated, "that are in spite of the fact, a great deal of understanding is necessary," he continued.

The speaker reinforced this statement



**WELCOME EXTENDED** — Greetings and brief opening remarks were expressed to those in attendance at the National Prayer Breakfast by Rear Admiral R. G. Freeman III, NWC Commander. —Photo by Ron Allen

with a Bible quotation (Proverbs 4:7) "For wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get thee wisdom, but with all thy getting, get understanding."

"What about assumptions in the realm of ethics, morals, the spiritual?" Dr. Hollingsworth asked rhetorically, "These are just as necessary, perhaps more so, and certainly as important, although they may well be the most difficult assumptions of all to make," he added.

This is so, the Technical Director continued, because experience will be limited, facts are often hard to come by, and experiments are dangerous. While acknowledging that making assumptions is a chancy business, "there is no escape, for make them we must," the speaker emphasized.

"Is there any guidance or help we can seek in the business of making assumptions in the realm of the spirit?" Dr.

## Campaign to reduce costs within fed'l gov't. extended

In May of last year, President Gerald Ford announced a campaign for cost reduction within the Federal Government. This campaign, which was scheduled to end on Dec. 31, 1975, has been extended through May 5, 1976.

During this campaign, the President is personally recognizing all contributions under the Federal Incentive Awards Program which have measurable benefits of \$5,000 or more.

In a recent message, the Secretary of the Navy stated: "I wish to clearly establish my strong personal support for all aspects of this program, and am pleased to report that as of this date I have signed transmittal letters requesting Presidential recognition for 262 Navy personnel, both military and civilian. Total savings from the special

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efforts of these individuals amount to \$15,768,723.

"These outstanding results, which are most gratifying, have been realized only through the dedication and commitment of military members and civilian employees at all levels who have actively promoted and participated in the campaign."

To receive this Presidential recognition, the qualifying criteria are:

1. The individual (or group) contribution must generate savings to the government of at least \$5,000.
2. The contribution must have been beyond normal job responsibilities.
3. The contribution must have been previously recognized within the framework of the Federal Government Incentive Awards Program.

## Need seen for China Lake residents to increase energy conservation efforts

There is a serious need for more effort by China Lake residents to help achieve the Department of the Navy's goal of reducing the energy consumption of Navy shore facilities by at least 15 per cent — when compared to Fiscal Year 1973 energy usage figures.

According to Rick Davis, head of the Naval Weapons Center's Energy Conservation Office, China Lake residents consumed 6½ per cent more electricity during the month of December than was used in December 1972. This statistic is based on a comparison of the number of housing units that were occupied then and now.

Forty per cent of the energy used by the housing sector of NWC during December was electricity, while the remainder was natural gas.

Even though this past December was generally a warmer month than was the case for this same period in FY 1973, the consumption of natural gas by occupants of Navy housing was down by just 16.2 per cent compared to a 22 per cent drop in December 1972. In view of this, energy-conscious officials of the Center are concerned that China Lake residents are not doing all that they could do to conserve energy.

Compared to the housing area, the commercial/industrial sector of NWC did

better in its efforts to conserve energy this past December since the consumption of natural gas and fuel oil was down by more than 22 per cent, propane gas usage was cut by 16 per cent, and the conservation of electrical energy was only 4 per cent short of the desired 15 per cent reduction.

All told, the Naval Weapons Center's commercial/industrial sector achieved an overall energy savings in December of 17.3 per cent, which is considerably better than the 8.5 per cent figure for the housing area.

For the six month period (July to December 1975) a comparison of the savings in energy consumption in the housing area and the commercial/industrial complex at China Lake shows the following:

Electrical power — housing area down 3.3 per cent, commercial/industrial use down 15.2 per cent.

Natural gas — housing area down 13.5 per cent, commercial/industrial use down 18.2 per cent.

Propane and fuel oil — commercial/industrial use down 20.6 per cent.

Taking the above figures into consideration, there has been a cut of 7.8 per cent in the energy consumption rate in the housing area compared to a 16.5 per cent reduction for the commercial/industrial area during the six month period that ended on Dec. 31, 1975.

## Activities of past year reviewed, awards presented at Maturango Museum meeting

Officers, directors and members last week launched what will be a busy year for the Maturango Museum by holding an annual dinner meeting for the purpose of reviewing notable achievements in 1975, honoring members who have retired from the board of directors and electing replacements for them, and listening to a report on plans for a major fund-raising effort that (eventually) will enable a permanent building to be constructed to house the museum.

After enjoying a dinner prepared under the direction of Mrs. Sue Byrd, with the assistance of the Museum Monday luncheon volunteers, voting took place that resulted in the election of Robert T. Downing, Carroll L. Evans, Jr., and Mrs. Susan Rafal to serve three year terms on the museum's board of directors.

### Bighorn Sheep Plaques Awarded

Singled out to receive the highly-prized desert bighorn sheep plaques that are the symbol of the museum were three men whose terms of office on the museum's board of trustees had expired. They are Carroll Evans, Jr., the past president who was re-elected to another term on the board of directors; Albert Christman, who has left the board but has taken on the responsibility of serving as chairman of the building committee, and H. L. "Bob" Neely.

Other recipients of the bighorn sheep plaques were Mrs. Lorrie Van Hagan, who is stepping down after two years as chairman of the Museum Docents (the volunteers who man the museum during the time it is open to visitors on weekends); Carol Panlaqui, who has retired as chairman of the Mojave-Sierra Archeological Society (MOSARC); and Mrs. Sue Byrd, who was honored for her key part in the Museum Monday luncheons.

Guest speaker of the evening was Dr. William (Pete) Lee, from the Los Angeles County Museum of Natural History, who presented a talk (accompanied by movies and film slides) about the history and people of northern Peru.

Dr. Ronald Henry, the new chairman of MOSARC, reported on the museum-sponsored archeological activities during 1975, mentioning the digging that has continued at the site of the Ray Caves. A report on this work, written by Mrs. Panlaqui, is among the publications that can now be purchased at the museum.

During this Bicentennial year, all money raised from Maturango Museum membership fees is earmarked for the museum's building fund. In view of this, Albert Gould,

## Annual banquet . . .

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Other guests of honor at the affair will be Rear Admiral R. G. Freeman III, NWC Commander, and Mrs. Freeman; Capt. R. D. Franke, Deputy Commander, and Mrs. Franke; Capt. C. B. Olson, Commanding Officer of NAF, and Mrs. Olson; Capt. R. N. Livingston, Commanding Officer of Air Test and Evaluation Squadron Five, and Mrs. Livingston; Capt. W. B. Haff, NWC's Technical Officer, and Mrs. Haff; and Dr. G. L. Hollingsworth, the Technical Director, and Mrs. Hollingsworth.

Approximately 22 members of the Palos Verdes Council of the Navy League will be visiting the Center on Saturday and will be lending their support to the Bluejacket dinner.

The award ceremony will open with brief remarks by Mike Molner, president of the IWV Council of the Navy League, and also by RAdm. Freeman, Capt. Olson and Capt. Livingston. Presentation of the Bluejackets of the Year awards to the winners and runners-up will be handled by RAdm. Freeman, assisted by Chaplain Harper.

Following the ceremony, music for dancing will be provided by a dance combo from the San Diego Navy band until 1:30 a.m.



**HONORED BY MUSEUM BOARD** — Three of the six recent recipients of bighorn sheep plaques for their outstanding contributions to the Maturango Museum are (l.-r.) Carroll Evans, Jr., past president who was just re-elected to another three year term on the board of directors; Mrs. Carol Panlaqui, who was retired as chairman of the Mojave-Sierra Archeological Society; and Mrs. Sue Byrd, who has been in charge of the Museum Monday luncheons. Others singled out to receive plaques, but who were unable to be present for the photo, are Albert B. Christman and H. L. "Bob" Neely, retiring board members, and Mrs. Lorrie Van Hagan, who was recognized for her two years as chairman of the Museum Docents.

Sr., treasurer, was pleased to be able to announce that eight new life members (who contributed \$100 each) were added to the museum's list of life members during January. Like others who do so this year, they will be designated "pioneer life members" of the museum.

The museum's annual membership fees are \$2 for students, \$5 for single persons, or \$10 for family membership. Such fees or donations to the building fund can be sent to the Maturango Museum, P. O. Box 5514, China Lake, Ca., 93555.

### New Members Sought

According to Pat Leopard, manager of the building fund campaign, all new members in 1976 will receive a membership certificate on which is printed a three-dimensional drawing of a building block signifying their support of the drive to raise

money needed for the construction of a permanent building for the museum.

As an incentive to boost membership in the Maturango Museum, special events having wide appeal to the public are being planned during 1976, with those who are museum members being admitted either free or at a reduced price.

The first such activity will be a western fete that is scheduled on Saturday, April 3, adjacent to the museum, where a replica of an old-time mining town will be set up. Special entertainment also is planned.

At this time, a sketch of the proposed new permanent museum building will be on display, and local residents will have the opportunity to vote for their choice of a site for the museum — either on regional park land in Ridgecrest or in the vicinity of the Cerro Coso Community College campus.



**MATURANGO MUSEUM OFFICERS** — Members of the board of directors of the Maturango Museum have elected Mrs. Lorraine McClung (at right), to serve as president for the coming year. Other officers are (l.-r.) Carroll L. Evans, Jr., treasurer; Albert S. Gould, Sr., secretary, and Bruce Wertenberger, vice-president. Mrs. McClung succeeds Evans as president of the museum's board of directors. —Photo by Ron Allen

## February designated Armed Forces Voter Registration Month

The Secretary of Defense has designated February 1976 as Armed Forces Voter Registration Month.

In support of the effort to get military personnel involved in the voting process during 1976, every Navy ship, station and squadron has been instructed to establish Voter Assistance Teams.

These "voting counselors" will provide information to individuals on voting procedures, including registration and absentee balloting.

Military personnel of the Naval Weapons Center and the activities attached to it are complying with the instruction.

The Voting Assistance Officer for the Naval Air Facility, Lt. Robert Jackson, is located in the NAF legal office. Plans call for two members of his assistance team, AC3 Kathy Neally and ADJAN Denise Mellott, to be joined by other volunteers. These "voting counselors" will conduct voter registration drives and personally contact every active duty service-member in the NAF command to explain home state registration procedures.

Lt. John Leslie, who is assigned to the VX-5 legal office, will head the team of volunteers from Air Test and Evaluation Squadron Five. He stresses that official "voting assistance" duties end when all personnel have been informed of the registration procedures for their home states.

During the year the voter assistance teams also will conduct non-partisan information "campaigns" to emphasize the importance of voting. Support materials for these efforts are being distributed by the Office of Information for the Armed Forces.

Be Sept. 15, all military personnel will have received a Federal post card application for absentee ballot (FPCA). Sept. 21, 1976, has been designated by the Secretary of Defense as Armed Forces Voters Day. On that date, six weeks before the Nov. 2 General Election, commands are urged to focus attention on the procedures required to obtain absentee ballots.

## Assessments due following deaths of 2 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 two former Naval Weapons Center employees.

Lamorn McDowell, 75, a retired employee of the NOTS Pasadena Annex, died on Jan. 18 at Altadena.

On Jan. 20, Max Dotson, a former Public Works Department employee, died in Long Beach.

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. 352 and 353.

Mason also urged that GEBA and CLMAS members check to make sure that up-to-date information regarding their beneficiaries is on file. He can be contacted after working hours by calling 446-4794.

## Registration for women's ballet classes continues

Registration is continuing for the special ballet classes offered for women by the Ballet Arts Theatre.

Morning, afternoon and evening classes to accommodate all interested persons will be conducted by Bette Jacks. The fee for this six-week session is \$20 and will be used to help finance the company's spring concert that is to be presented in June and will have a bicentennial theme.

All proceeds from the concert will again be donated to the IWV Association for the Retarded. Late registrations will be accepted on Thursday, Feb. 12, from 1 to 3 p.m. and from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. at 303 Blue Ridge Rd., China Lake.