

**'Sugar,' CLOTA's 1st musical of season, well into rehearsals**

Rehearsals are well under way in preparation for staging "Sugar," the Community Light Opera and Theatre Association's first musical of the 1976 season, which will open on Friday, March 19, at the Burroughs High School lecture center.

Subsequent performances are scheduled on March 20, 25, 26 and 27.

Heading the cast of this zany musical comedy will be Alex Bellen and Fred Stahlman, playing Joe and Jerry, two musicians who witness a gangland slaying in Chicago during the 1930s. To avoid detection, they dress up as girls and join in an all-girl band traveling to Florida.

The gangsters — led by Spats, Loren Dorrell — are Diderot Ausseresses, Ralph Vuono, Clyde Irvine and Don Tilford.

Joining the girls' band, however, causes some problem because of Sugar, a sexy specimen, who is a heart-throb for any "man," and especially Joe. Sandee Schwarzbach will be seen in the title role. All is not lost for Jerry, better known as Daphne, when he (or she) is wooed by a millionaire, Sir Osgood Fielding, played by Alan Kubik.

The responsibility of keeping all of this under control rests on the shoulders of Sweet Sue, the band's leader, and Blenstock, the band's manager. These roles are being played by Suzanne Koerschner and Leon Freis.

Rounding out the fun as girl band members are Nancy Miller Nowak, Marjorie Freis, Karen Buehler, Bonnie Irvine, Jan Austerman, Julie Pennington and Stephanie Hall. The men's chorus includes Greg O'Guin, Russ Stedman, Tom Lehman, Reno Venturi, Michael Burnmeister and Jeff Halen.

The play's director, Gail Falkenberg, has also picked a talented crew. Her assistant director is Terry Payne, while the musical director is Joan Renner, the technical director is Bob Wheeler, and the choreographer is Sally Erickson.

The set has been designed by June Deatherage, and the costumes by Vivian Childers. Elena Vitale is handling publicity with photos by John Dunker.

Liaison between the director and cast of "Sugar" and CLOTA's board of directors is being handled by Eleanor Lotee.



**THE JIG'S UP** — A 1930s gangster Don Tilford (left) catches up to two reluctant female impersonators, Alex Bellen (center) and Fred Stahlman, in "Sugar," now rehearsing for its March 19 opening at the Burroughs High School lecture center. The musical comedy is based on the movie "Some Like It Hot." Other performances are scheduled for March 20, 25, 26 and 27. —Photo by John Dunker

**Annual 'Whiskey Flat Days' fete now under way in Kernville area**

Each year at this time, the residents of Kernville, once known as Whiskey Flat, celebrate the lives and times when gold was discovered on the Kern River in 1860.

The 1976 observance of what is now called "Whiskey Flat Days" began yesterday and will continue through the Washington's birthday holiday on Monday.

Although the original town site of Whiskey Flat (Kernville) is now covered by the waters of manmade Lake Isabella, the Kernville Chamber of Commerce and other service and civic groups in the Kern River Valley each year celebrate the mining days' era when it was illegal for whiskey to be sold in Quartzburg, (site of the Big Blue Mine), where gold was first discovered in the area.

Nearly, however, the community of Whiskey Flat grew up and had as one of its main commercial enterprises the sale of firewater to the miners who flocked to the Kern River Valley hoping to strike it rich. The Whiskey Flat Days fete began on Tuesday

yesterday with a luncheon at Ewing's on the Kern, followed by a lamplight potluck dinner at the Oddfellows' Hall, which also was the setting for the presentation of an oldtime melodrama.

Highlight of the five-day celebration will be a parade that will begin at noon on Saturday. Awards to winners in various categories of the parade competition will be presented at 1:30 p.m. tomorrow at Circle Park, where a greased pig catchin' contest is slated at 2:30 p.m.

Throughout the afternoon on Saturday, a barbecued beef dinner will be served at the Oddfellows' Hall and the second round of a frog jumping contest is scheduled at the Kern Valley golf course, also starting at 2:30 p.m. tomorrow.

For those interested in the history of the Kern River Valley area, a conducted tour to Kernville will begin at 2:30 p.m., and there will be an old time fiddlers' contest at 7 p.m. in the Kernville Elementary School, as well as a square dance at 8 p.m. in the auditorium of the Woodrow Wallace School.

The schedule of events on Sunday includes a pancake breakfast at the Oddfellows' Hall starting at 7 a.m.; a Whiskey Flat trail ride that will get under way at 9 a.m.; a historical tour of Havilah (former Kern County seat) starting at 1 p.m., and a costume parade at Circle Park in Kernville, also at 1 p.m.

Semi-finals of the frog jumping contest are on tap Sunday afternoon, and the evening's program calls for presentation of the Whiskey Flat Follies at 7 o'clock, followed at 8 by announcement of the winner of the Whiskey Flat Days' honorary mayor contest.

A pet parade, swap meet and the finals of the frog jumping contest will conclude the annual celebration on Monday.

**The Pub to open formally on Feb. 19**

The Pub, an English-style delicatessen at the Commissioned Officers' Mess, will be officially opened next Thursday, Feb. 19, at 11:30 a.m. by Rear Admiral R. G. Freeman III, NWC Commander.

That day's special will be fish and chips for \$1, served during lunch (from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.) and after 4:30 p.m. Free draft beer will be served to visitors during these hours.

Members of the COM Advisory Board will attend the opening and all interested persons are invited to the event.

The Pub is open daily (except Sunday) for lunch and again from 4:30 p.m. until the COM closes. Although it is open to the public for lunch, it is reserved for members and guests only after 4:30 p.m.

**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. 13 FEB.

"ROBINSON CRUSOE AND THE TIGER" (110 Min.)  
Hugo Sflaetz, Ahul  
(Adventure) The classic tale of a shipwrecked sailor who undergoes various tribulations on a desert island. (G)

SAT. 14 FEB.

"EMPEROR OF THE NORTH POLE" (123 Min.)  
Lee Marvin, Ernest Borgnine  
(Action Drama) In the Midwest of the 1920s, the world's greatest hobo and the world's toughest train conductor wage an eternal battle to see who can master the other. (PG)

SUN. 15 FEB.

"ONE OF OUR DINOSAURS IS MISSING" (94 Min.)

Helen Hayes, Peter Ustinov  
(Comedy) Set in London, this movie centers around a piece of microfilm which a British spy has stashed somewhere in the bones of a dinosaur. The microfilm is sought by two competing forces, Peter and a brigade of nannies. (G)

MON. 16 FEB.

"HOUSE OF SEVEN CORPSES" (88 Min.)

John Ireland, Faith Domergue  
(Horror Drama) A film producer-director decides to make a horror movie in an old Victorian mansion where many violent deaths have taken place. When he asks his cast members to spend a night in the mansion, all but one of them die in a macabre series of slayings. (PG)

TUES. 17 FEB.

"THE APPLE DUMPLING GANG" (101 Min.)

Bill Bixby, Susan Clark  
(Comedy) The setting for this movie is a California mining town, where Bill Bixby is a smooth talking gambler. When three orphan kids discover gold in an abandoned mine shaft, there isn't a person in town who wouldn't want to adopt them. To save the children, Bixby and stagecoach driver Susan Clark get married solely to provide the kids a home. When two inept outlaws rob the bank where the kids have their gold, a madcap adventure and slapstick comedy follows. (G)

WED. 18 FEB.

"SCARECROW" (112 Min.)

Gene Hackman, Al Pacino  
(Drama) Two sometimes-charming wanderers look for the answers to their dreams and some women to share them with. (R)

THURS. 19 FEB.

"UNDERCOVER HERO" (89 Min.)

Peter Sellers, Curt Jurgens, Lila Kedrova  
(Comedy) This film has a WW II background and concerns the part played by Paris prostitutes to win the war. Madame Lila Kedrova and her girls lure Nazis into their place. But is it only for one visit; then they are slain. Sellers plays six roles (among them a British Guerrilla, French general and Adolf Hitler) hilariously, thus creating a madcap comedy. (R)

FRI. 20 FEB.

"THE GROOVE TUBE" (111 Min.)

Ken Shapiro, Richard Belzer  
(Satire) Television is lampooned in the manner of the sex film in a wild mixture of sketches being released under the title of "Groove Tube." A group of 2001-type apes discovers a TV set which presents some very outrageous shows. This movie might prove offensive to some people and is not recommended for any except mature dependents. (R)

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Aetna agent slates visit

Loni Kivett, the Aetna Insurance representative, will be at the Community Center next Wednesday, Feb. 18, from 10:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.

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Edward W. Price

**Ex-Centerite recipient of Goddard Award**

Edward W. Price, former head of the NWC Research Department's Aerothermochemistry Division, was the recent recipient of the coveted Goddard Award that is presented annually by the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA).

Price, who retired from China Lake after spending more than 30 years at China Lake, left here in December 1974 to become a professor at the Daniel Guggenheim School of Aerospace Engineering at the Georgia Institute of Technology (Georgia Tech).

Presentation of the Goddard Award to Price took place at the AIAA's honors night banquet on Jan. 29 at the Sheraton-Park Hotel in Washington, D.C. The banquet was one of the highlights of the Institute's 12th annual meeting and technical display, which was held in conjunction with the Aerospace Sciences Meeting.

The Goddard Award consists of a \$10,000 honorarium donated by United Technologies, Inc.; a medal donated by Mrs. Robert H. Goddard, plus a certificate of appreciation. It is presented to a person "who has made a brilliant discovery or series of outstanding contributions over a period of time in the engineering science of propulsion or energy conversion."

Professor Price's research into the dynamics of solid rocket motors developed (Continued on Page 5)

**Cafeteria service in Michelson Lab to be discontinued**

The Michelson Laboratory cafeteria will discontinue regular service after today, and be converted to a snack bar lunch service over the next few months, a spokesman for the Employee Services Board (ESB) announced.

In the interim, limited lunch service will be available from the food cart in the cafeteria and from the catering truck outside the laboratory.

The ESB has been examining its food service operation at Michelson Lab to determine how it can best meet employee needs in an economical manner. Full service dining was considered but was rejected as too costly and unneeded in light of other nearby dining facilities. A snack bar lunch service is the most sensible alternative, the board decided.

To minimize inconvenience to patrons during the changeover period, sandwiches, doughnuts, beverages, etc., will be served from the cart in the cafeteria from 11 a.m. to 12 noon daily. Cafeteria space can be used until rehab activities prevent it. The cart will continue to make its morning and afternoon rounds.

A catering truck will be available at the Michelson Laboratory main entrance from 11:35 to 11:50 a.m. and at the north entrance from 11:55 a.m. to 12:10 p.m.

The new snack bar will have a smaller but more attractive dining area. Separate (Continued on Page 5)



**nwc rocketeer**

Naval Weapons Center  
China Lake  
California

**DP3 Darryl B. Maresch singled out as NWC's 'Bluejacket of Year' for 1975**

One of the best-kept secrets on the Naval Weapons Center was made public last Saturday night when Data Processing Technician Third Class Darryl B. Maresch of Air Test and Evaluation Squadron Five was declared 1975's Bluejacket of the Year.

The 187 guests at the COM who attended the event, sponsored by the Indian Wells Valley Council Navy League of the United States, loudly applauded DP3 Maresch's selection as the outstanding Navy enlisted man assigned today at China Lake.

A selection committee, led by LCdr. Rhodes Harper, NAF Chaplain, had previously met and selected the winner from among the year's Bluejackets of the Month.

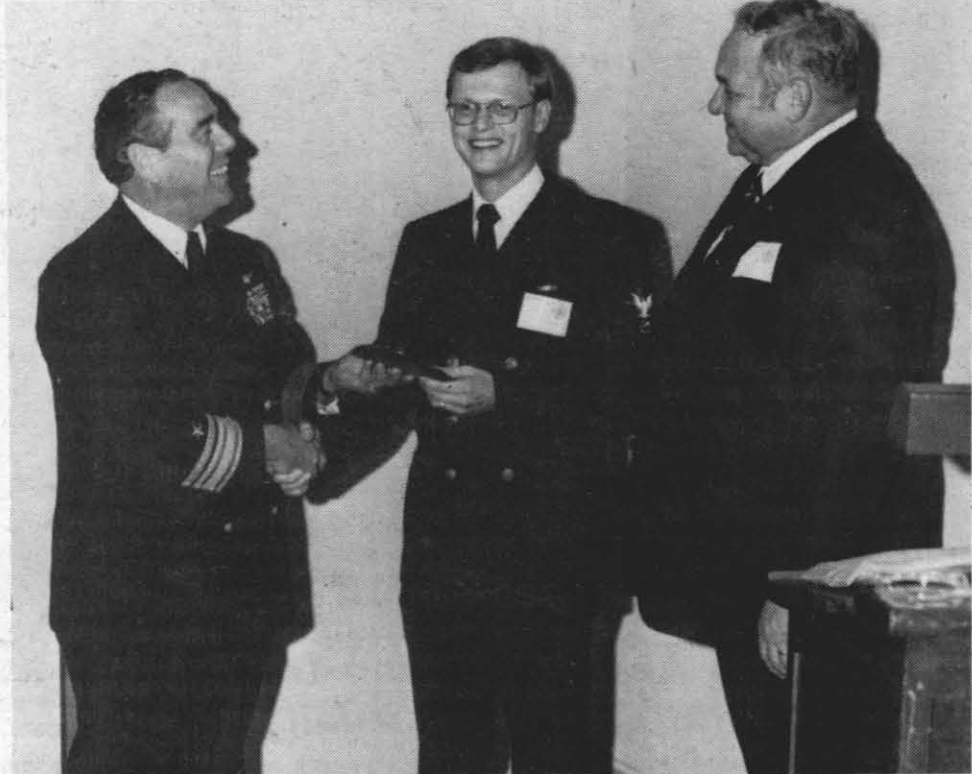
As winner of the Bluejacket of the Year title, DP3 Maresch received a \$500 check from the Navy League and a \$15 gift certificate from the Butler Home Center. All other monthly winners, both those still stationed at NWC and those transferred to other duty stations, were awarded checks for \$75.

**Others in Contention**

The runners-up (in alphabetical order) were LN1 Ronnie Brown, PR2 George E. Burwick, AMS2 Jerry E. Carr, MS1 John J. Fitzpatrick, PN1 Richard C. "Rocky" Manzano and HMI Gregory R. Prater. HMI Prater, who was very recently transferred from NWC, and AMS2 Carr, were not in attendance.

Other monthly winners, who had been transferred to other duty stations and thus were ineligible for the award, were YN3 Martha Zielke, MS1 Melito Guanga, AO1 William Windle III and ADJ1 David Fairbanks.

In his presentation on this occasion, Rear Admiral R. G. Freeman III, NWC Commander, explained why the awards dinner had special meaning for him: "By taking the time to single out those who have served so well, we reaffirm in a direct and visible way our respect and admiration for dedicated service, loyalty and individual leadership."



**PROUD MOMENT** — Rear Admiral R. G. Freeman III, NWC Commander, (left) presents an NWC plaque to DP3 Darryl B. Maresch upon his selection last Saturday night as the 1975 Bluejacket of the Year. Looking on is Michael S. Molner, president of the Indian Wells Valley Council Navy League of the United States, local group which sponsored the event.

The Admiral continued, "The fundamental strength of the United States Navy — like our nation itself — is its people."

"In honoring a Bluejacket of the Year, the Navy League causes public notice to be taken of that strength. In supporting this program, all of you here this evening strengthen the sense of pride and dedication, not only of the Bluejackets, but of all those they so ably represent — the men and women of the Navy."

"These Bluejackets are representative of the Navy's resources and this great country's future and I believe that thought is most encouraging for both the Navy and the nation," said the Skipper. Cdr. William C. Smith, Executive Officer

of VX-5, who stood in for the squadron's Commanding Officer, Capt. R. N. Livingston, who was snowbound at the Mammoth Lakes, praised the sailors honored during the evening by saying, "... I get a warm glow to think that these men represent the future of the Navy."

Capt. C. B. Olson, Commanding Officer of NAF, remarked prior to the awards ceremony, "Whoever wins tonight will represent indeed the entire group of Bluejackets at the Weapons Center... and he will be representing all of us, for we have the same goals."

Officials Present

Seated at the head table that evening were RAdm. and Mrs. Freeman; Capt. and Mrs. Olson; Dr. G. L. Hollingsworth, the NWC Technical Director, and Mrs. Hollingsworth; Cdr. and Mrs. Smith; and Michael S. Molner, president of the IWW Council of the Navy League (who delivered brief opening remarks) and Mrs. Molner.

Other distinguished guests included Capt. R. D. Franke, Deputy Commander, and Mrs. Franke; Leroy Jackson, Supervisor of Kern County's 1st District; and Bob Smith,

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**Welcome rainfall ends dry spell in Indian Wells Valley**

Seasonal rainfall that was unusually late arriving this year in the Indian Wells Valley finally ended a long dry spell with showers that began last Friday and continued through Tuesday morning.

According to information obtained from the Weather Service Office at the Naval Air Facility, the welcome precipitation began with .10 in. of rain on Feb. 6.

Rain gauges also registered .96 in. on Feb. 7, .63 in. on Feb. 8, .66 in. on Feb. 9, and .13 in. on Feb. 10 for a total of 2.48 in. during the five days of stormy weather.



**CONGRATULATIONS** — AOC Ken Reichart (at left), the 1974 Bluejacket of the Year, congratulates the 1975 winner, DP3 Darryl Maresch, as Mrs. Maresch looks on. —Photos by Ron Allen



**NEW MISS RIDGECREST-CHINA LAKE** — Mary Paine, 16-year-old daughter of Charles and Stella Paine of Ridgcrest, was crowned by Renegs Fabris Potts, winner of the 1975 Miss Ridgcrest-China Lake Pageant, during a coronation supper held this past Saturday night. Originally selected as the first runner-up for the 1976 title, Miss Paine has replaced Julie Beck, who resigned recently for "personal reasons." A senior at Burroughs High School, where she is an honors student, Miss Paine will represent the local area in the Miss California Pageant that is scheduled June 20 to 26. Her first official appearance as Miss Ridgcrest-China Lake will be the Miss Tulare Pageant on Feb. 21. —Photo by Lita Reid



**GIRL SCOUT BOOSTER** — Mrs. Dottie Freeman, wife of Rear Admiral R. G. Freeman, NWC Commander, was a recent contributor to the Joshua Tree Council's 1976 Girl Scout Sustaining Membership Enrollment Drive. Shown accepting the donation from Mrs. Freeman are Sharon Stratton, of Brownie Troop 380, and John Anderson, who is in charge of the Twin Valley District's part of the campaign. Looking on are Simone Peterson, of Junior Girl Scout Troop 64, and Jerry Zaharias, who is serving as chairman of the Joshua Tree Council's Sustaining Membership Enrollment Drive. Goal of the Twin Valley District, which includes China Lake, Ridgecrest and Trona, is to raise \$3,500. The money that is collected will be used to help cover the costs of bringing professional Girl Scouters here to assist in the training of local leaders, to enhance the general quality of Girl Scout programs, and for improvement of camp sites. —Photo by Ron Allen

### 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. 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-116, while those for all WG, WL and WS positions are defined in CSC Handbook X-118C.

**Supervisory Electronic Engineer, GS-855-13, PD No. 745009, Code 5325** — The position is that of Head, Systems Design Branch, RF Development Division, Electronic Warfare Department. The incumbent is responsible for design, engineering development and introduction into limited production of passive radio frequency systems, in particular new and expanded capability Shrike systems. Major duties include branch management, technical direction, contract coordination and consultant duties in the area of passive radio frequency related programs. Job Relevant Criteria: Must be knowledgeable in the areas of frequency design, transistor circuit design, and anechoic chamber test techniques; must be well versed in the areas of passive radio frequency detection, direction finding identification and attendant radio processing techniques. General knowledge of documentation, reliability and qualification program procedures is necessary.

**Helper Equipment Mechanic, WG-5352-5, JD No. 484 Code 5352** — Incumbent assists in the adjustment, repair, modification and preventive maintenance of photographic process machines, assists in the development of safe and efficient methods of handling and repair of photographic processing equipment, and provides assistance in installing new equipment such as process machines and printing machines. Job Relevant Criteria: Reliability, dependability, shop aptitude and interest, ability to follow directions, dexterity, safety, and the ability to work as a member of a team. This position is part of a Prejourneyman Development Training Program with potential to Equipment Mechanic, WG-5352-10.

**Supervisory Engineer, Physicist, Mathematician, GS-800-1310-1520-12/13, PD No. 7440021, Code 4084** — This position is located in Systems Development Department, Survivability/Lethality Division, Survivability/Lethality Branch. The incumbent coordinates and directs the scheduling of test personnel and facility support, provides technical assistance to program managers, reviews and approves changes to test plans to evaluate aircraft survivability parameters, and is responsible for review of the technical validity of the tests, data analysis and test results. Incumbent is also responsible for documentation of test programs and facility modifications. Job Relevant Criteria: Ability to coordinate work and supervise people, knowledge of aircraft survivability design, fabrication and testing, ability to maintain current and accurate technical and financial documentation and to analyze and make recommendations for program survivability.

**Clerk-Typist, GS-301-4, PD No. 7540078N, Code 4021** — This position is located in the Chemical Systems Branch of the Systems Development Department. The incumbent will provide clerical assistance to the branch and division office. Duties will include typing of both technical and non-technical correspondence, reports, memo, travel orders and other duties as assigned. Job Relevant Criteria: Ability to type accurately and efficiently, to communicate effectively with people in person and on the telephone, and to get along with others in a work group.

**Accounting Technician, GS-535-45, PD No. 717023-4, Code 0842** — Incumbent is an accounting technician in the Office of Finance and Management, Cost Accounting Branch. Incumbent controls and maintains cost accounting records and subsidiary ledgers for all travel and related costs chargeable to the Naval Industrial Fund (NIF), maintains subsidiary ledgers for all travel accounts, and follows up on all unliquidated travel advances. Job Relevant Criteria: Knowledge of NIF and NWC cost accounting system, and ability to deal tactfully and effectively with people. Promotion Potential: GS-6.

**File applications for the above with Dora Chard, Bldg. 34, Rm. 204, Ph. 2925.**

**Secretary, GS-318-4, PD No. 7540000N, Code 841** — Incumbent serves as secretary to the head, Security Operations Division. Incumbent schedules appointments for division head, screens calls and visitors, handles calls not requiring supervisor's attention and is responsible for timecards, maintaining office supplies, establishing files and logs. The incumbent also types memoranda and correspondence and maintains security infractions and violation charts and graphs. Incumbent is responsible for preparation of miscellaneous forms. Job Relevant Criteria: Ability to type accurately and efficiently, to learn chemical, engineering, and processing terms, and to work independently.

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

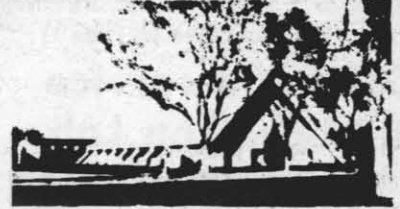
**Clerk, GS-301-4, PD No. 7450007, Code 4545** — This position is located in the Explosives and Propellants Processing Branch, Advanced Technology Division, Propulsion Development Department. The incumbent receives, prepares, distributes and monitors requests from customer codes for various processing operations concerning explosives, propellants and pyrotechnics. The incumbent also maintains and controls raw material inventory, maintains current safety files and provides miscellaneous administrative support to the branch. Promotion Potential: GS-5. Job Relevant Criteria: Ability to type accurately and efficiently, to learn chemical, engineering, and processing terms, and to work independently.

**File applications for the above with Mary Morrison, Bldg. 34, Rm. 210, Ph. 2393.**

**Clerk (DMT), GS-301-4, PD No. 7555016, Code 5202** — This position may be filled either on an intermittent (WAE) or a fulltime permanent basis. Position is located in the Sideliner Program Office, Electromechanical Division, Engineering Department. The incumbent's duties include receiving, sorting and distributing incoming correspondence, composing correspondence, preparing recurring reports from statistical and informational material, performing basic editorial duties, and maintaining office files, etc. Job Relevant Criteria: Ability to operate MAG Card II typewriter, knowledge of NWC, Navy, and DoD correspondence, filing, and editorial procedures, ability to operate dictating machine and to work with minimum supervision.

**Electronics Engineer, GS-855-11/12, PD No. 7455019E, Code 5544** — The position is located in the integrated Logistics Support Branch, Fleet Engineering Division, Engineering Department. Incumbent prepares and reviews data used in the acquisition of ground support equipment and serves as a member of the Logistics Management Team that monitors participating field activities and contractors producing ground support equipment. Job Relevant Criteria: Experience in avionics or air-launched weapons systems, in ground support equipment design or hardware testing, and in circuit design, analysis and testing. Promotion Potential: GS-13.

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



### DIVINE SERVICES

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

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

**BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL MASS**  
Daily except Saturday 1135

**CONFESSIONS**  
Daily 1115 to 1130  
Saturday 1615 to 1645  
Sunday 0600 to 0825  
Wednesday 1830 to 1930

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

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

**JEWISH SERVICES EAST WING — ALL FAITH CHAPEL**  
Sabbath Services every Friday 2000

**UNITARIANS CHAPEL ANNEX 95**  
Services — (Sept.-May) 1930

### Museum scholarship winners to present program at college

Two winners of the Maturango Museum's "Kenneth H. Robinson Scholarships" will present oral and color film slide reports of their studies next Wednesday night, Feb. 18, at the Cerro Coso Community College lecture hall.

The public is invited to attend the presentations, which will begin at 7 p.m. The scholarship recipients, Lucille Ralles of China Lake and Patti Baratti of Independence, are students at the college. Last summer, with financial assistance from the scholarship fund, they attended a six-week course conducted by the University of Nevada in the Valley of Fire, where they studied an Indian archeological site.

A possible third speaker will be Sue Anderson, a University of Alaska student, who is a former local resident and graduate of Burroughs High School. Her report and color slides will cover two archeological digs in Alaska during the summer of 1975.

### Rock music group to play at Chaparral Club

The funk and rock music group "Spic 'N Span" will play for the listening and dancing pleasure of Chaparral Club patrons tonight and Saturday from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. both nights.

In addition, according to Walt Schimke, club manager, there will be a special steak night tonight, and again on Thursday and Friday of next week, from 6 to 9:30 p.m.

### 3 teams dominate youth basketball

Three teams are continuing to dominate the competition in their divisions of the Youth Basketball League. The teams, all undefeated at the time the standings listed below were compiled, are the Bruins, 6-0, in the Intermediate Division; the Bucks and the 76ers, who are atop the Senior and High School Divisions, respectively, with 4-0 records:

Team	Won	Lost
<b>Instructional Division</b>		
Terriers	3.5	2.5
Bulldogs	2.5	3.5
<b>Intermediate Division</b>		
Bruins	8	0
Cougars	7	1
Lakers	4	4
Trojans	3	5
Spartans	1	7
Warriors	1	7
<b>Junior Division</b>		
Rockets	6	2
Hawks	5	3
Stars	5	3
Huskies	0	8
<b>Senior Division</b>		
Bucks	6	0
Knicks	3	3
Sonics	2	4
Blazers	5	1
<b>High School Division</b>		
76ers	5	0
Pistons	4	1
Suns	1	4
Conquistadors	0	5

### Burros win 2...

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The Burros will finish their 1976 Golden League basketball slate against two league foes they have previously beaten — Apple Valley on Tuesday, Feb. 17, at Apple Valley, and at home against Barstow next Friday, Feb. 20.

Then, if they can repeat their earlier performances against these two teams, there is a possibility the Burros will be invited to compete in the CIF playoffs that will start on Tuesday, Feb. 24.

### Wilt's Corner...

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classes which will begin on Feb. 24. Both offer 12 sessions for \$10 per student. One is from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. and the other runs from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. In addition, a 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday class, beginning Feb. 25, is offered at a cost of \$5 for six lessons.  
Sign-ups will be taken by the gymnasium secretary Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

### Employee in the spotlight

"So this is what it's like on the other side of the table."  
Dorothea Naumu's job as clerk typist-interviewer usually has her asking the questions. To be on the receiving end is a different experience for her.

Dorothea actually does two jobs: as a clerk-typist she maintains the internal security files for the Security Operations Division, and she acts as the principle interviewer, meeting with all new employees as they come on board the Center.

According to Bill Davis, head of the Security Department, "she's a valuable employee. Everyone continually remarks that she has a pleasant personality and is a willing worker."



**Dorothea Naumu**  
does have a few moments, however, she enjoys sewing. With the family she particularly likes being outdoors. The Naumuses like outdoor activities such as hiking and camping. Dorothea finds the mountains an ideal place to unwind — "you can just go there and... do what you want to do."

As much as the Naumuses like the mountains, they like the beach more. "Of course, back home we have warm water — not like California — and always a warm sun. Hawaii will always be home to me."

Hawaii may be home to Dorothea, but China Lake is home to her youngsters. (Troy is asthmatic — he needs the desert.) Besides, China Lake "reminds me of home. I come from a small town in Hawaii," she added.

After she was graduated from high school, Dorothea left the islands and moved to San Francisco. After some time there she and her high school sweetheart, who was on leave between Georgia and the U.S. Ticonderoga, were married. She's never regretted that step.

Hughes retired from the Navy in 1972, and has been working for the Kerr McGee Corp. in Trona. He expects to join the China Lake police force soon. Dorothea's attitude? "I will miss the traveling part of being a Navy family, but I'm glad to be where I am."

The descriptive phrase applied to Dorothea by one of the persons she interviewed recently fits her very well: "Efficient, capable and very pretty."

### TO JOIN FLEET SOON

The first two Los Angeles-class fast attack nuclear powered submarines, Los Angeles (SSN-688) and Philadelphia (SSN-690), are scheduled to join the Fleet in 1976. The new submarines are 360 ft. long, displace about 6,900 tons and are armed with anti-submarine rockets and MK-48 torpedoes.



**STAGE BAND RATED "SUPERIOR"** — The Burroughs High School Stage Band, directed by Michael Garrett, presented a concert on the evening of Feb. 5 for the purpose of raising funds needed to enable them to travel to Flagstaff the following day to compete in the Northern Arizona University Jazz Festival. Some 400 local residents attended the musical program at the Burroughs lecture center, thus raising nearly \$900 for the trip. Thirteen bands from high schools in various parts of California, Nevada and Arizona took part in the jazz festival. Of this number, four bands (including the local one) received superior ratings.

### Workshop held at college for EEO Committee members

Every once in a while, testing of strengths and weaknesses leads to rejuvenation.

This belief, as true for groups as for individuals, was the motivation behind a recent day-and-a-half workshop conducted for members of the NWC Equal Employment Opportunity Committee by Allen Hard, a member of the Personnel Department's Personnel Assessment and Organization Development Division, and Dr. George Lehner, a consultant well-known at the Center for his Basic Interpersonal Skills Labs offered periodically to China Lake employees.

### Workshop Held at College

The workshop, held at Cerro Coso Community College, provided committee members and EEO Coordinators an opportunity to reassess the role of the committee, its options, and its potential. Members present at the workshop spent the first morning listening to presentations by Bob Briley, former Deputy EEO Officer and EEO Coordinator; Alice Pastorius, Federal Women's Program Coordinator; and Joe Lopez, Spanish-Speaking Program Coordinator.

After this clarification from the coordinators of their own roles and their perceptions of the role the EEO Committee should play, the members present began to examine what they as individuals and as a committee might do to further the Center's EEO and Affirmative Action programs.

At the suggestion of Hard and Lehner, those present broke into small groups and spent some time engaged in productive brainstorming. From these small-group sessions came several new ideas for committee action, including the establishment of an annual calendar for EEO functions; the formation of several workable sub-groups to accomplish tasks in the areas of publicity, training, and coordination with departmental Affirmative Action Plans; and individual commitments in a variety of EEO areas.

### Ideas Always Welcome

"We want NWC employees to know that all members of the EEO Committee are happy to talk with anyone who has ideas on ways in which the committee might further equal employment opportunity at NWC," said William B. Porter, chairman of the EEO Committee.

In addition to Porter, Briley, Miss Pastorius, and Lopez, the following members of the EEO Committee participated in the workshop: Terry Vollmerhausen, Mort Kuratori, Elizabeth Babcock, Max Donald, Jesse Bureford, Fred Davis, Audrey Bailey, Sharon Ballenger, Horace Stanton, R. H. Booth, Floyd Castillo and Eric Kajiwara.

### Ban placed on parking near construction work

Temporary "no parking" signs have been posted along the north curb of the driving area directly behind the Personnel and Housing Office buildings. China Lake police officers have been asked to patrol and write tickets for those who ignore the "no parking" signs while work in connection with the Bachelor Enlisted Quarters is continuing.

Heavy equipment must be moved through the area, and a fire lane must be kept clear.

Four parking spaces for housing inspectors will be the exception. These vehicles will be allowed to park in this area and will be identified as housing inspector vehicles.  
It is expected that the temporary "no parking" signs will be up for approximately three weeks.  
When this temporary parking restriction is lifted, permanent traffic control signs will be installed and parking areas laid out once again.

### Affirmative Action Planning Task Force takes look at equal opportunity in Navy

Admiral James L. Holloway III, Chief of Naval Operations, has formally established a Navy Affirmative Action Planning Task Force "to conduct an in-depth review of the present status of equal opportunity in the Navy and to determine those changes necessary to achieve full equal opportunity for all personnel."

In a charter signed recently, Adm. Holloway directed the task group to: "Review equal opportunity statistics and data to ascertain the major areas where improvement is needed."

"Review current equal opportunity policies and directives to ascertain if they adequately cover optimum solutions to existing problems, and if compliance is active and consistent."

"Develop a Navy affirmative action program which establishes the goals and outlines the actions required to enhance the effectiveness of equal opportunity programs Navy-wide."

In establishing the task force, Adm. Holloway stressed that he wants to get the Navy as an institution involved in equal opportunity to the point where it will become self-sustaining within the chain of command. "To make this work," he said, "each individual in the chain of command is accountable for insuring that the Navy progresses toward the goal of equal opportunity. Success depends upon vigorous support at all levels of command and by each person in the Navy."

Rear Admiral Paul C. Gibbons, Jr., Commander, Training Force Atlantic, is serving as director of the task force.

Clubs and organizations that have been granted the use of buildings on the Naval Weapons Center for their meeting places are asked to remind members not to park any closer than 15 ft. from any such structures.

This request comes from the NWC Fire Division, since it is necessary that a fire lane remain open in the vicinity of these buildings at all times.

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### Soccer Club extends invitation to join in practice sessions

Local residents interested in learning to play soccer are invited to attend the workouts of the China Lake Soccer Club, Wilt Wyman, NWC athletic director, announced.

Practice sessions are held on Saturdays at Davidove Field, beginning at 9 a.m. for high school age players, joined by some adults. This workout is followed at 10:30 a.m. by practice and instruction for 9 to 13-year-olds. Adults also practice on Tuesdays and Fridays at 5 p.m.

According to Wyman, the China Lake Soccer Club consisted of a small number of adults just a few years ago, and, though still informal in nature, has expanded to the point where a local team played three games against outside clubs last year. There are now 40 to 50 regular members of the China Lake Soccer Club.

Games with outside teams are being planned for players in all age groups. The local 10-12-year-old group had a match scheduled last Saturday with a Granada Hills team, but the condition of the rain-soaked fields caused its postponement.

Persons interested in obtaining more information about playing soccer should contact Kark Kauffman by calling NWC ext. 7571.

Beginners need not have played before.

### 2 local runners win their divisions of mini-marathon race

Dick Hughes and Norm Nieberlein, two members of the Over-the-Hill Track Club, placed first in their age groups (30 to 39 yrs. and 40 to 49 yrs., respectively) during the second annual AAU mini-marathon held last Saturday at West High School in Bakersfield.

Their times for this 13.1-mile-long event were: Hughes, 1 hr., 16 min., 5 sec., which garnered him eighth place overall, and Nieberlein, 1:23.34. The latter crossed the finish line in 21st place.

In addition, Frank Freyne, an NWC employee who represented the Culver City Athletic Club in the mini-marathon at Bakersfield, finished second behind Hughes in the 30 to 39-year-old age group in the time of 1:21.06. This was good enough for 17th place overall.

Other members of the Over-the-Hill Track Club, "Scotty" Broyles and Joe Kovar, were third and fourth, respectively, in the 40 to 49-year-old age group, while Gerald Ansell placed 11th in the field of 30 to 39-year-old distance runners.

Their times were: Broyles, 1:31.41; Kovar, 1:35.30, and Ansell, 1:39.26.

Steve Boyce of the Over-the-Hill Track Club was entered in the marathon (two turns around the 13.1-mile course). In this, his first marathon race, Boyce placed in 35th position with a time of 3 hr., 44 min.

Weather conditions during the race were cool with moderate winds that followed a heavy rain last Friday night in Bakersfield.

### Intramural League basketball standings

China Lake Intramural Basketball league standings as of Tuesday, Feb. 10.

Team	Open League	Won	Lost
Desert Motors	.....	7	1
Loewen's No. 1	.....	6	2
Texas Instruments	.....	6	3
Homestead	.....	3	5
Bloodstone	.....	2	7
Deliinquents	.....	1	7
Div. A - Recreation League			
Shooters	.....	7	1
Huff 'n' Puff	.....	6	2
Gas Bags	.....	6	3
Hackers	.....	3	5
Crusaders	.....	3	4
Lobos	.....	3	4
Div. B - Recreation League			
Bird Olds	.....	8	2
Loewen's No. 2	.....	6	3
Dispensary	.....	5	5
Lizards	.....	4	5
Perdjos	.....	1	9



**ADMIRAL'S CUP COMPETITION** — The VX-5 cagers outscored their counterparts from NAF, 35-29, Tuesday night in the opening game of Admiral's Cup basketball competition at the Center gym. Jim Barnes, of the NAF team, was high point man for the night with 11, while Craig Bishop, another NAF player, and Mel Branch, of VX-5, accounted for 8 points each. In the above photo, Bishop is shown outreaching Ken Pyle of VX-5 as he grabbed a rebound under the basket. Other players are Barnes (at left) and (l.-r.) Richard Larson (NAF), Craig Hiller (VX-5) and Larry Greer (NAF). Other games between NAF and NWC and between VX-5 and NWC were played on Wednesday and Thursday nights. The second round of Admiral's Cup basketball competition will get under way at 4:45 p.m. next Tuesday, followed by games starting at the same time on Wednesday and Thursday, Feb. 18 and 19. —Photo by Ron Allen

### Burroughs varsity cagers post 2 wins, cling to CIF playoff hopes

Heading into the homestretch of 1976 Golden League basketball competition, the Burroughs High School varsity cagers are continuing to hang in there for a spot in the CIF playoffs.

Two more wins this past week, over Kennedy High School at home last Friday by a score of 81-71 and an upset, 73-59, victory over Antelope Valley on Tuesday night in Lancaster, kept the Burros' hopes for a chance at post season action alive, since the word is out that three Golden League teams will be eligible for the CIF playoffs.

The Antelopes, who have virtually clinched the league's runner-up spot behind Victor Valley, couldn't fathom the Burros' defense or match the locals' scoring punch in the second half of Tuesday night's game.

As a result, the Burroughs varsity hoopsters broke open a close game in which they had led by a single point (33-31) at the halftime intermission and were able to draw away steadily and win by a final margin of 14.

#### Wallace Leading Scorer

D. J. Wallace, top all-around athlete for the Antelopes, was the game's leading scorer with 23, but Bill Blankenship was the only other AV player to make it into the double-figure scoring column as he connected for 13.

In contrast, the Burros, paced by an 18-point scoring effort by Tommy Flournoy, had a much more balanced offense. In the forefront of the locals' attack with Flournoy were Daryl Moline (16), Bill Doremus (13), Martin Forrester (10), and Drew Martin (8).

Wallace got the Antelopes off and running in the first period by scoring 12 of his team's 14 points as AV moved out in front, 14-10, at the end of the first 8 min. of playing time. The tide began to turn for the locals in the second period when field goals within the last minute of play by Martin and Doremus enabled the Burros to leave the floor at halftime with a 1-point lead.

The outcome of the game was still a toss-up throughout the third quarter, even though the Burros built up a 6-point lead of 53-47. In the final period, however, the locals left no doubt about their ability to handle

their opponents as they surged to a 13-point lead (69-56) and then coasted to a 73-59 win to gain sweet revenge for an earlier 73-58 loss to the Antelopes.

Playing the Kennedy High Spartans in the Burroughs High gym last Friday, the local varsity quintet made up for a previous loss to Kennedy by outscoring the visitors, 81-71.

#### Contest Tied at Half

Burros basketball fans got their fill of excitement in this contest, which saw the score tied, 36-36, at the half, and the issue was still somewhat in doubt as the fourth quarter began with the home team in the lead by just six points, 58-52.

The Burros continued to find the range in the final 8 min. of playing time — outscoring Kennedy 23-19 — to post a well-deserved 81-71 victory.

Flournoy, with 21 points for Burroughs, was the game's top scorer against Kennedy, and the locals had three other players in the double-figure scoring column. They were Campbell, 19; Doremus, 15, and Forrester, with 10.

On the Kennedy side of the scorebook, Jim Hayes was tops with 19, followed by Charles Jarvis, Randy Yarber and Dave Carpenter, who tallied 17, 13 and 12 points, respectively.

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### Washington's Birthday 8-mile run scheduled

A George Washington's Birthday 8-mile run, sponsored by the Over-the-Hill Track Club, will be held at the Desert Empire Fairgrounds in Ridgecrest on Saturday, Feb. 21, starting at 9:30 a.m.

A Portsmouth start system will be used so that joggers and slower runners will have a head start on the stronger runners in the field. Engraved medals will be presented to the first 10 handicap finishers and to the five runners turning in the fastest times on the flat, paved road course.

Entry fee for the event is \$1.50, but no more than \$3 will be charged per family. All distance runners in the Indian Wells Valley are encouraged to participate.

Additional information can be obtained by calling Frank Freyne at 446-3643.



#### Wilt's Corner

### Adult Volleyball League meeting to be held Feb. 23

An organizational meeting of the Adult Volleyball League will be held at 5 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 23, in the Community Center's Panamint Rm.

All players and coaches are encouraged to attend the meeting. Items to be discussed include the types of leagues, number of games to be played, length of the season, cost of officials, kinds of awards and playing regulations.

#### Handball Tournament

A "singles only" handball tournament will begin at 5 p.m. on Tuesday.

Players entered in the competition include Rick Roberts, Dave Burdick, Don French, John Saitz, Claude Brown and Wayne Stowe. The gym's main bulletin board should be checked for playing times.

#### Admiral's Cup

The second round of play in the Admiral's Cup basketball competition between NAF, VX-5 and NWC is scheduled on Tuesday, starting at 4:45 p.m.

The first round was completed this week at the gymnasium. NAF and NWC are tied for first place with 20 points each in the overall Admiral's Cup standings for the year. The remaining sports are volleyball, track and softball. Individual and overall winners will be announced after the softball competition has been concluded.

#### Tennis Classes Set

New spring tennis classes for intermediate and advanced beginners will begin on Tuesday, Feb. 24.

The classes, to be taught by Fred Hagist, will be limited to 10 students, thus providing a greater degree of individual instruction than is possible with larger groups.

There are two Tuesday and Thursday (Continued on Page 7)

### Mother's Buggies maintain lead in Premier League

Bowlers for the Mother's Buggies team in the Premier League maintained a 7-game lead over the second place Loewen's keggers this past Monday night by posting a clean sweep over the Credit Union squad.

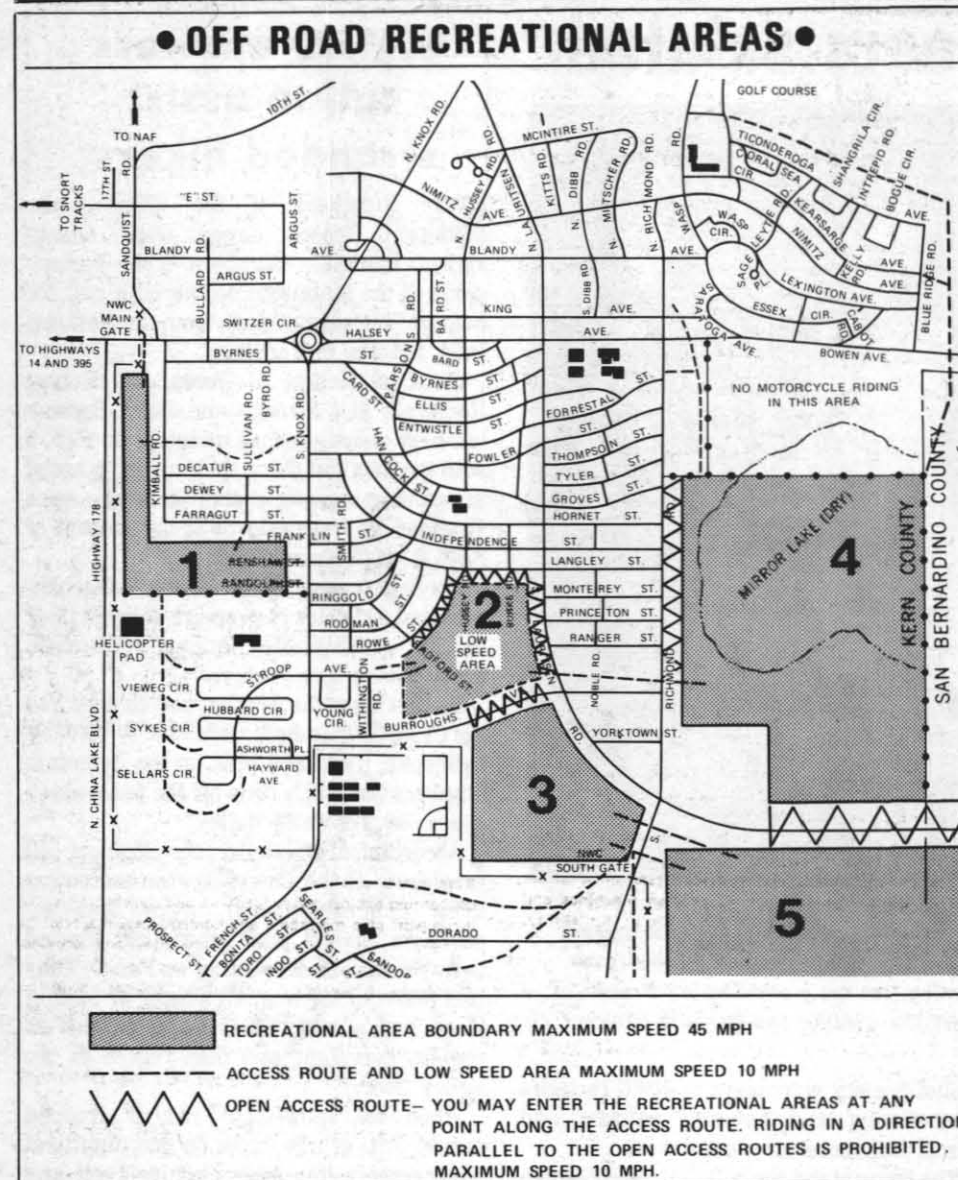
Jim Bowen's 616 series, which included the evening's high individual game score of 237, enabled the league leaders to continue their winning ways.

The Loewen's team strengthened its hold on second place in the Premier League by winning three games from Team No. 1. Jim Wright and LeRoy Canfield were the top shooters for Loewen's with high series scores of 630 and 602, respectively.

Highest individual series for the night was chalked up by Sam Canale of Team No. 1, who rolled a 633.

In other Premier League action, Western Columbia, led by Allen Smith's 599 series, won two games from The Hideaway keggers, and the Elks moved out of the league cellar as they outscored the NAF bowlers, two games to one.

Team	Won	Lost
Mother's Buggies	48	15
Loewen's	41	22
Western Columbia	35	28
Hideaway	32	31
Credit Union	29.5	33.5
NAF	28	35
Number One	27	34
High Desert	26.5	36.5
Elk's	25	28
King Max	24	29



### Complaints about noise result in changes in off-road vehicle use

Because of complaints of noisy motorcycles being ridden too close to Vieweg Elementary School and to housing in the Caphart B area, the southern part of Off-Road recreational area No. 1 (near China Lake Blvd.) will be closed to off-road vehicles and no further motorcycle riding there will be allowed except on the designated access routes to reach this recreational use area.

The southern boundary of this riding area will be set approximately 300 ft. north of the emergency helicopter landing pad, and run east to a point midway between Randolph and Ringgold Sts. Appropriate signs will be placed to designate the new boundary line. Speed on access routes to this area is not to exceed 10 mph.

Since noise is a problem, efforts should be made to keep the machines as quiet as possible while close to housing or the school.

A map of all the off-road recreational areas on the Center may be obtained at the NWC main gate so that the location of the recreation areas may be checked. Recreation area No. 2 is a low speed area where motorcycles may be ridden at a speed no more than 10 mph., while recreation areas 1, 3, 4 and 5 are designated as areas in which motorcycles may be ridden at speeds up to 45 mph.

At China Lake, no vehicle shall be operated off-street within 100 yds. of any home, center street or road except within a designated access route. The access routes are to be used only for transit and shall not be used as operating areas.

Care and cooperation is necessary on the part of all persons riding motorcycles or motorbikes on access routes and in the recreational areas to insure the safety of all other persons in such areas.

### Lack of rain forces cancellation of WACOM's Wildflower Festival

Another fall and winter season during which there has been too little rainfall prompted the announcement that, regrettably, it will be necessary to cancel the 1976 WACOM Wildflower Festival which traditionally is held on the last weekend in April.

Members of WACOM's Wildflower Festival Committee have been watching the desert sky anxiously since last November for any sign of rain. None came, however, and, according to records maintained by the Meteorology Section of the Naval Weapons Center's Test and Evaluation Department, calendar year 1975 ended with a total of just 1.19 in. of precipitation.

Even in this desert region, where less than 3 in. of rainfall is normal, 1975 was a very dry year.

In spite of the fact that nearly 2 1/2 in. of rain fell from Friday through Tuesday, Feb. 6-10, this was too late to be of any great benefit to local plants and flowers that require rain during November and December if they are to develop in any profusion. Otherwise, the desiccating effects of desert wind and sun will inhibit the germination and flowering of plants and flowers in the spring.

### 'Bluejacket of Year' chosen . . .

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founder and first president of the IWV Council of the Navy League, and Mrs. Smith.

The tension began to build as the question of the evening — who would win the Bluejacket of the year title — approached resolution when Chaplain Harper handed an envelope containing the winner's name to RAdm. Freeman. One by one, the NWC Commander read the names of the runners-up until it was apparent that only one sailor was left unnamed: DP3 Maresch.

When his selection was announced, DP3 Maresch told the guests, "I am very proud to receive this award and would like to thank the Navy League for its support."

Later, in an interview, he had still not recovered from the emotion-filled climax to the evening, saying, "I still don't believe that all this has happened. I kept expecting to be named a runner-up. One thing that will make me almost as happy will be if I am selected to participate in NESEP (Navy Enlisted Scientific Education Program)."

#### Plans Career in Navy

October's Bluejacket of the Month says he plans to make the Navy a career, and, if selected for the highly competitive NESEP schooling, plans to attend the University of Missouri at Columbia, majoring in computer science.

A Janesville, Wis. native, DP3 Maresch enlisted in January 1973 and reported to China Lake in September of that year. He and his wife, Rebecca, have a one-year-old daughter, Sarah.

A beaming Mrs. Maresch told THE ROCKETEER, "This award represents a lot of hard work on Darryl's part, and a lot of thinking about it by me. I just knew he was the best man." The happy couple plans to put the \$500 check into savings.

Each Bluejacket of the Month was sponsored by a Navy League member who introduced him and picked up the tab for him and his date. These sponsors were: Mr. and Mrs. Jack Strayer, Dr. Eugene Brandt, Mil Carlson, Mr. and Mrs. David Johnson and Larry Graham. (Actually, Graham had to be out of town that evening and Robert McKnight introduced his Bluejacket, LNI Ronnie Brown).

#### Many Organizations Helped Out

Numerous organizations contributed toward the cash awards that were made to the Bluejacket of the Year and the runners-up. They were: the NWC Federal Credit Union, Computer Sciences Corp., Comarco Engineering Division, Comarco Graphics Division, Systems Consultants Inc. Raytheon, Texas Instruments Inc., Fazio's, Continental Telephone, Farnsworth Cannon Inc., Hughes Aircraft, Rotary Club of China Lake, Ridgecrest Kiwanis Club, John Armitage American Legion Post No. 684, Safeway Stores, Inc.,

For employees retiring after Feb. 29, 1976, their earned annuity as of the effective date of their retirement will be compared with the annuity based on their service and average high-three pay that existed on the day before the last COL increase became effective (Feb. 29, 1976), plus the 5.4 per cent COL increase on March 1.

Employees wishing further information about retirement should contact the personnel management advisor for their department to arrange for retirement counseling.



**SPECIAL PRESENTATION** — NWC's top sailor in 1974, AOC Ken Reichart (left), presents Mrs. Maresch with the head table's centerpiece. It was contributed by The Flower Shop.

K&R Market, Deeter Improvement Inc., Bud Eyre Chevrolet, Grumman Aircraft Co., First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Ridgecrest, Bank of America (Ridgecrest), Camilla's Beauty Shop and Honeywell Inc.

The centerpiece for the head table was donated by The Flower Shop, and was presented to Mrs. Maresch by AOC Ken Reichart, last year's top sailor.

Additionally, there were private contributors who helped to make the awards possible. They were Mr. and Mrs. Robert McKnight, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Kline, Ralph Todd and Cdr. and Mrs. Loren Kinne.

Music for dancing was provided by a dance combo from the San Diego Navy band, flown here especially for the occasion. NWC Public Information Officer Harry Parode, the evening's master of ceremonies, praised the "superlative effort by a lot of people" which resulted in the band's appearance here.

Active duty military officers were piped aboard as they entered the COM by eight members of the VX-5 Sea Cadet Squadron acting as side boys. Lt. Tony Klissus was in charge of the Sea Cadets.

### Cost-of-living annuity increase effective March 1

The Civil Service Commission has announced that a cost-of-living (COL) annuity increase of 5.4 per cent will become effective on March 1, 1976.

For employees who retire no later than Feb. 29, the following comparisons will be made between:

- (1) The amount of your earned annuity through the date of your retirement plus the 5.4 per cent increase effective March 1; or
- (2) The annuity based on your service and high-three average pay through July 31, 1975, plus both the 5.1 per cent COL increase of Aug. 1, 1975, and the 5.4 per cent COL increase which will become effective on March 1, 1976.

The annuity will automatically become the higher of the above two comparisons. For the purpose of the above comparison, employees will be assumed to have met the age and service requirements for retirement on July 31, 1975, even if they were not actually eligible to retire at that time.

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

Some concern has been expressed by residents over the placing of "No Throughfare" signs in residential areas of the Center.

It is not the intent to in any way restrict the travel of residents and their guests in these areas, but rather to discourage the flow of non-residential "through" traffic which in turn reduces the safety hazard and noise nuisance in the housing areas.

Such signs are in common usage at most Naval installation housing areas and are placed there for the benefit of the residents.

## Navy Relief course grads, volunteers saluted

"The Navy takes care of its own," a well-known phrase, received further confirmation recently when another class of Centerites was graduated from a Navy Relief Course entitled "Everything You Always Wanted to Know About the Military, but Were Afraid to Ask."

A luncheon was held Feb. 4, marking the conclusion of the course that was conducted by Vernice Putnam, executive director of the Long Beach Navy Relief Office, and her assistant, senior caseworker Carmelita Rodd. Pins recognizing hours of service contributed here by Navy Relief Society volunteers were presented at this time, in addition to certificates that went to those who completed the course conducted by Mrs. Putnam.

### Volunteers Commended

Rear Admiral R. G. Freeman III, NWC Commander, speaking at the luncheon said "there is something very special" about people who volunteer for a demanding role which offers virtually no tangible reward but rather personal satisfaction in knowing "that their efforts have helped to make a tragedy less overwhelming, or brought some relief to the anxiety and worry of a person or a family that sees itself literally at the end of the string."

"Working with the Navy Relief is not work," the Skipper continued, "it is service. In many ways, the same demands are placed on the Navy Reliever that those of us in uniform recognize as our way of life. This very training is a good example. It certainly can't be the pay that motivates all of you to give your time and complete this course."

Speaking of the sacrifices that volunteers can be called upon to make, RAdm. Freeman said, "Serving with the Navy Relief Society can be tough at times, and



1000-HOUR PIN AWARDED — Shirley Franke, head of the Navy Relief Society office here, received a pin recognizing her 1,000 hours of volunteer service from RAdm. Freeman.

## Special Presidents' birthday sale on at Navy Exchange

A special sale to commemorate the birthdays of Presidents Lincoln and Washington began yesterday at the Navy Exchange retail store and will continue today and tomorrow.

According to Lt. E. N. Smith, SC, the sale will feature reduced prices on a wide variety of regularly-stocked items, as well as on merchandise purchased especially for the sale. This is the first of a series of "Bicentennial" sales planned for 1976.

The Navy Exchange retail store will remain open until 7 o'clock tonight, and will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday.

Also during the Presidents' Sale, there will be a 25-cent reduction in the price of delicatessen sandwiches (ham, pastrami and french dip) at the Navy Exchange snack bar in Bennington Plaza.

The newly-remodeled snack bar will be open from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. today and tomorrow.



VOLUNTEERS HONORED — Navy Relief Society members were recently presented with pins recognizing their hours of volunteer service by Rear Admiral R. G. Freeman III, NWC Commander. They are (from left) Regina Norrick, 100 hrs.; Eileen Spellman, 300 hrs.; Loretta Fleming, 600 hrs.; and Shirley Franke, 1,000 hrs. Unable to be present for the photo were Dixie Miller and Barbara Hinkle, who also received 100-hr. pins.

can have its disappointments — but I know of no other organization or group that can compare with it in terms of universal respect and admiration."

Shirley Franke, who heads the local Navy Relief Society, was presented a 1,000 hour pin by RAdm. Freeman. She began her association with the Society eight years ago at Port Hueneme, and continued her service at NAS Miramar before coming to NWC. She is the wife of the Center's Deputy Commander.

### Principal Function

Mrs. Franke describes the main work of the Navy Relief Society as providing financial aid to service members. A family may need help with bills, for instance, or travel arrangements and financial assistance might have to be provided for a man whose father has died.

Most often, says Mrs. Franke, such help is made by loan, but in cases of sufficient need this help can take the form of a gratuity. Usually an interview is required.

She stressed that help to widows — the reason Navy Relief was begun — is still an important service which the Society offers, but one which too few women seem to be aware of. Navy Relief can assist the widow with funeral arrangements and show her how to get help with her husband's pay and benefits.

The work of the approximately 24 Navy



APPRECIATION EXPRESSED — RAdm. Freeman (right), expressed his appreciation at a Feb. 4 luncheon to graduates of the Navy Relief course entitled, "Everything You Always Wanted to Know About the Military, But Were Afraid to Ask." The course was conducted by Vernice Putnam, from the Long Beach Navy Relief Office. Shown with RAdm. Freeman are (l.-r.) Martha Conner, Nancy Branch, June Herrmann, Connie Reed, Shirley Franke, Janet Smith, Regina Norrick, Mrs. Putnam, Jackie McDonald and C. J. Cowell. —Photos by Ron Allen

## CLMRG answers call to assist stranded hikers

Five members of the China Lake Mountain Rescue Group were among skilled mountain climbers from various parts of the state who answered a call for help on Thursday, Feb. 5, from the National Park Service in Yosemite.

Dr. Carl Heller, Al Green, Dr. Robert Rockwell, Bill Stronge and Dave Browne left here shortly before midnight on Feb. 5 with the intent of doing their share to assist in rescuing a group of six hikers who were stranded by a snowstorm at the summit of 8,800 ft. Half Dome Peak.

Driving through rain in the Tehachapi Mts. and a stop for car repairs delayed their arrival at Yosemite National Park until around noon last Friday.

By that time, the weather had cleared and the CLMRG members were able to watch a helicopter fly in and pick up the mountain climbers three at a time off the peak which overlooks Yosemite Valley.

According to Dr. Heller, the climbers (all employees of the Curry Co., the recreation area concessionaire) were wearing sneakers as foot gear when they started their climb in clear weather on Feb. 3. They had taken along a small supply of food, a stove and a tent. Their intention was to remain overnight and then return to the valley floor.

When the snowstorm (which dropped almost 3 ft. of new snow on one night) hit unexpectedly, the hikers couldn't get any traction on the steep, slippery surface in order to reach the trail they had used to reach the peak in fair weather. Although forced to remain in their tent where (thanks to the stove) they kept warm enough, they ran out of food and had to resort to drinking melted snow, Dr. Heller said.

The hikers, who were all in good condition at the time of their rescue, were severely reprimanded for their foolhardy actions. They were stranded for three nights on the snowy peak when initial attempts by U.S. Forest Rangers and a helicopter from the Lemoore Naval Air Station to get them off the peak were unsuccessful because of weather conditions.

In addition to members of the China Lake Mountain Rescue Group who were called to lend a hand, others turned out from the Bay Area Mountain Rescue Unit in Palo Alto, the Sierra Madre Search and Rescue Team, and the Riverside Mountain Rescue Unit to assist the Forest Rangers stationed at Yosemite.

## Director of NASA's Ames Research Ctr. to speak Feb. 27

Dr. Hans Mark, director of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's Ames Research Center, will be the speaker at the National Engineers Week program on Friday, Feb. 27, which is to be held at the Ridgecrest Elks Lodge, 201 E. Church St.

A physicist and nuclear engineer, Dr. Mark will discuss "The History of Research Institutions." He will also provide a slide presentation related to this year's National Engineers Week (Feb. 22-28) theme: "American Ingenuity — 200 Years of Engineering."

The evening's social hour will begin at 6 and a prime rib dinner will be served at 7. Dr. Mark's program will follow at 8 o'clock. All interested persons are invited to attend.

Tickets for the dinner, sponsored by the High Desert Engineering Association, are \$8 in advance or \$7 at the door that evening. Persons interested in attending should make reservations with a representative of one of the following member societies by Feb. 27:

AIAA — Jim Serpanos, NWC ext. 3340; ASCE — John Cox, ext. 3538; CSPE — Don Ruff, ext. 3283 or Bruce Bartels, ext. 3493; IEEE — Jim McGuire, ext. 3681; AICHE — Bob McCarten, ext. 7243; ASQC — Tony Miller, 446-3501; SOLE — Gene Scheer, ext. 3445.

## Ex-Centerite wins award . . .

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the gas flow theory basic to solid rocket combustor design, and the corresponding computational schemes for prediction and optimization of rocket motor performance.

The citation received by Prof. Price reads: "For his original contributions and leadership in the development of solid rocket propulsion with emphasis on combustion technology."

Prior to his departure from the Naval Weapons Center approximately 15 months ago, Price was the recipient (during a retirement party held in his honor) of the Navy Superior Civilian Service Award. This, the Navy's second highest honorary award, topped an extensive list of notable achievements by Price.

The honoree first came to China Lake as a Navy enlisted man (aviation ordnanceman 3rd class) in August 1944 for duty as an ordnance engineer on rocket development programs then being carried out by CalTech.

When he was discharged from the Navy in January 1946, Price was hired immediately as a physicist in the old NOTS Rocket Department and assigned to carry out work on the design and test of propellant charges, igniters and internal ballistics.

### Other Awards Won

In addition to being a recipient of the Navy Superior Civilian Service Award at his retirement party, Price also was singled out in 1960 to receive the L.T.E. Thompson Award (the Center's highest recognition for outstanding individual achievement), the AIAA Research Award in 1967, and the AIAA's G. Edward Pendray Award in 1971.

The Thompson award was presented to Price for "his outstanding research in internal ballistics, for his contributions to the understanding of the fundamental design parameters of rocket motors, and for his timely research in combustion stability."

## Cafeteria service . . .

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space will be available for "brown baggers" and working meetings. In all, less kitchen and dining space will make for more efficient clean-up, lower utility costs, a smaller staff and make it possible for unused space in the laboratory to be used for other purposes.

NWC management has also been studying the overall food service operation on the Center. The goal is to better balance the number of outlets, hours of service and cost of operations so that a more systematized service can be provided to Center patrons.



GRAND OPENING — Rear Admiral R. G. Freeman III, NWC Commander (at left), cut the ribbon to celebrate the reopening of the remodeled Snack Bar at Bennington Plaza during a ceremony on Feb. 5. Looking on are Robert Verinsky (at right), Food Service Manager, and Lt. Ed Smith, Navy Exchange Officer. The snack bar, open to everyone, specializes in quick foods. Its regular hours of operation are from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Saturday, and from noon to 6 p.m. on Sunday. —Photo by Ron Allen

## United Way of IWV chooses officers to direct '76 activities

New officers who will direct the activities of the United Way of Indian Wells Valley throughout 1976 were elected Tuesday during a luncheon meeting of the board of directors of the local welfare and charity organization.

John Forney was chosen to succeed Dr. Jim Stanford as president for the coming

## China Lake Naval Flying Club seeks additional members

An invitation to "come fly with us" has been extended by the China Lake Naval Flying Club to all interested Naval Weapons Center military and civilian personnel and their dependents.

The club, which is headed by Lt. Col. D. E. P. Miller, USMC, has six aircraft available for the use of the more than 80 members on its roster. There also are four fully qualified instructors with whom arrangements can be made by a person who has never flown before to go through every step of training in order to qualify for a student pilot, private pilot and (if desired) a commercial pilot's license.

The flight instructors are Dr. Robert Berry, Wes Hobbs, Lt. Stuart Bell, USN, and Gy/Sgt. Shelton Simonovich, USMC. This is an excellent time of the year for flying, Lt. Col. Miller noted and, for those qualified, the club's aircraft are available for use on cross country flights to Las Vegas, Death Valley, the Los Angeles area and other points of interest.

The China Lake Naval Flying Club has two Cessna 150 trainers, two Cessna 177s (Cardinals), a T-34 Navy trainer and a six-place turbo 210 that can be rented by its members. In addition to pleasure trips, the flying club's aircraft are authorized for use on official NWC travel with reimbursement being handled by the Center's Disbursing Office, the club president stated.

Maintenance of the club's aircraft is the responsibility of a full-time mechanic. Other members of the board of directors of the China Lake Naval Flying Club, in addition to the president, are an aircraft maintenance officer, an operations/safety officer, and a secretary-treasurer.

Additional information can be obtained by calling the flying club office, 446-4334, or stopping by the office, which is located southeast of Hangar 3 adjacent to the parking lot at the Naval Air Facility. The guard mail address is: Flying Club, Building 20197.

year. Other new officers are Jackie Reed, first vice-president; Terry Vollmerhausen, second vice-president; Corena Terral, secretary, and Doris Burnett, treasurer.

A group of committee chairman, appointed by Forney, also was approved at the board meeting. The chairmen, and the areas of their responsibility, are: Don Baer, budget; Barbara Manning, human services; Marj Boehme, public relations and publicity; Peggy Mootie, finances, and Dr. Stanford, who heads the nominating committee.

### Awards Presented

The election of new officers followed last week's annual meeting of the United Way of IWV during which awards were presented to representatives of four of the organizations whose efforts had a significant impact on the success of the 1976 United Way fund campaign.

The honorees, and the groups or businesses they represented, were Debbie Cattern, president of the Women's Auxiliary of the Commissioned Officers' Mess; Tim Higgins, of Texas Instruments, Inc.; Linda Workman, of Systems Consultants, Inc., and Tom Chadwell, from the Col. Sanders Kentucky fried chicken outlet in Ridgecrest.

Other recipients of special awards were Ralph Schwarzbach, chairman of the Combined Federal Campaign on the Naval Weapons Center (which contributes a major portion of its funds to the United Way); and Corena Terral, who has played a vital role for the past few years in the 100 per cent participation achieved by Texas Instruments' employees in the United Way's annual fund campaign.

### Outgoing President Thanked

Also, in recognition of the leadership which resulted in United Way's most successful fund drive to date, a pair of handsome bookends was presented to Dr. Stanford, the board's outgoing president.

During the annual meeting, those elected to serve three-year terms on the United Way's board of directors were Corena Terral, Marie Rehn, Bonnie Andes, Joe Corbett, Marian Oestreich, Susie Rafal, Lewis Stevens, Peggy Mootie and Ken Vineyard.

Chosen to serve on the board for terms of two years each were Barbara Manning, Gene Henderson, Marj Boehme and Bev Haubrock, while Jackie Reed, Richard Paulsen, Mickey McDowell and Dr. Jack Eisel will be board members throughout the coming year.



"AMERICANA" PROGRAM PRESENTED — This past Tuesday's luncheon meeting of the Women's Auxiliary of the Commissioned Officers' Mess featured a program of music, poetry and prose readings entitled "America." Even the decorations (with a red, white and blue theme) and the menu (Yankee pot roast and hot apple pie) were especially American. Shown discussing their presentations for this program, which was arranged by Pat Schwarzbach, are (l.-r.) Allan Ward, who read from Walt Whitman and the Lewis and Clark diaries; Mrs. Schwarzbach, who read Robert Frost's "The Land Is Ours" and John Muir's description of California's Central Valley; soloist Marsha Burgner, who sang several selections including "This Land Is Our Land"; Susan Purcell, who accompanied Mrs. Burgner on the piano; Sandra Schwarzbach, who read Emily Dickinson's "To Make a Prairie"; and Ralph Schwarzbach, who read comments by two American Indians, Chief Techumseh and Chief Joseph.