

### 5 local musicians to be featured Sun. in Youth Concert

Beginning at 3:30 p.m. Sunday, the Desert Community Orchestra, directed by Gordon Trousdale, will present its annual Youth Concert at the Cerro Coso Community College lecture hall.

Five talented young people will appear as soloists in a varied program, selected by Trousdale to suit many musical tastes. The concert will begin with the overture to Leonard Bernstein's "Candide." Next on the program, the orchestra will play two dances from Piotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky's "Nutcracker Ballet." Flute soloist will be Jennifer Lyons.

"Deh vieni non tardar" from Mozart's "Marriage of Figaro" will be sung by Karin Randle, with accompaniment by the full orchestra. Next, using a matched pair of violins owned by Concertmaster Andrew Victor, Pam Easley and Carolyn Mellow will play the Bach Concerto for Two Violins in D Minor.

Concluding the concert will be Alec Rowley's "Miniature Concerto," with Mary Therese Wirtz as the featured piano soloist.

Tickets for the concert, available at the door before the performance begins, will be \$2 for adult admission and \$1 for students and Associated Student Body Card-holders. It is recommended that this concert, because it is short in length, might be a good introduction for children to an orchestra program.



**YOUTH SOLOISTS** — Appearing at 3:30 on Sunday afternoon with the Desert Community Orchestra at Cerro Coso College, five talented young people will perform solo parts in a varied musical program ranging from Bach to Bernstein. From left, the soloists are Mary Therese Wirtz, who will perform the piano solo in Alec Rowley's "Miniature Concerto"; Karin Randle, who will sing a spirited aria from Mozart's "The Marriage of Figaro"; Pam Easley and Carolyn Mellow, who will play the Bach Concerto for Two Violins in D Minor; and Jennifer Lyons, who will play the flute solo in two dances from Tchaikovsky's "Nutcracker Ballet."

### College drama group version of prize winning play slated

"J. B.," a Pulitzer Prize-winning play by Archibald MacLeish, will be presented by Cerro Coso College's Theater 27 tonight and tomorrow night and on April 9 and 10 at the college lecture hall.

Curtain time for all performances will be 8:15 p.m. Tickets, at a cost of \$1.25 for students and ASB cardholders and \$2.50 for the general public, are on sale at the Station Pharmacy at China Lake, the Gift Mart and the college business office.

This modern verse drama opens with two broken-down actors, played by Herb Childers and Ed Hammon, who are selling popcorn and balloons at a circus. There they stumble onto the set of a play about the man, Job, who lived in Biblical times. Although they decide to act out the play and take up the masks of Satan and God, they soon discover that the drama they are a part of is the real, living, suffering world of J. B., the Job of MacLeish's play.

Florence Green, an instructor at the college, will direct the play. She will be assisted by Ray Hocker.



**CURTAIN RISES TONIGHT** — Tickets are on sale now for "J. B.," a Pulitzer Prize-winning play by Archibald MacLeish that is to be presented by Cerro Coso College's Theater 27. The play opens tonight and additional performances are scheduled tomorrow night and on April 9 and 10 at the college lecture hall. Shown above during rehearsal are (l.-r.) Jude Gibault (playing J. B.'s wife), Ed Hammon and Herb Childers (who portray the parts of broken-down actors) and Mark Markel, who has the title role. —Photo by Raymond Hocker

### 'Meet Director Night' scheduled Tues. for PTA 'Fractured Follies'

An opportunity will be provided Tuesday night to meet the professional director from Jerome H. Cargill Productions of New York who will be in charge of this year's PTA charity show, "Fractured Follies."

"Meet-the-Director Night," which will begin at 7:30 p.m. at the Ridgecrest Elks' Lodge, 201 E. Church St., will give persons interested in working on "Fractured Follies" (both on-stage and behind the scenes), the chance to sign-up. The first auditions for talent will be held the following day, with times and places to be announced Tuesday evening.

"Even if you'd just like to chat for a few minutes with friends and neighbors and see a hilarious scene from last year's show, come to 'Meet-the-Director Night,'" urges Peggy Westfield, general chairman of the 1976 show. She added that the showing of a videotape from last year's show will give 1975 "Follies" participants the chance to see themselves as others saw them.

"Fractured Follies" will be produced at the Burroughs High School lecture center on April 22, 23, and 24. Patron tickets for the show, which provide additional financial

support and entitle the holders to reserved seat tickets and special recognition on the printed program, are still available and may be obtained by calling Virginia Cain at 375-2741.

"Fractured Follies," now in its sixth season, benefits the Campership Fund that provides summer camp experiences for needy youngsters, the Youth Council, and the IWV Leukemia Fund. Any persons interested in being in the show who are unable to attend Meet-the-Director Night are asked to contact Mrs. Westfield by calling 375-4591, or Lorna Moore, talent chairman for this year's "Follies," at 446-6441.

### Kern County Honor Orchestra to present concert here tonight

A concert by the Kern County Honor Orchestra, top instrumentalists from eight elementary school districts in Kern County, will be presented tonight at 7:30 at the Burroughs High School lecture center.

Guest conductor for this program, which is open to the public free of charge, will be Archie Radar, conductor of the Bakersfield High School orchestra.

Forty-six members of the 82-piece Kern County Honor Orchestra are students from local elementary schools.

Among the selections to be played this evening will be:

"Celebrated Gavotte" by Buchtel, featuring Vicki Battaglia on the string bass; the Don Schaeffer arrangement of Hayden's "A Little Dance" in which the woodwind trio will be Sara Hirschy, Alicia Anderson and Rhonda Lindemann.

Also on the program will be "Gavotte in D Major" by Bach, with Monika Holtermans as the solo violin player; "Pavanne" by Niso Ticciati, featuring Michele Ankeney on the cello, and three selections which showcase the talents of a clarinet trio, a saxophone quartet, and a brass sextet.

Jimmy Hall, Todd Walker and Lisa Stogsdill are the clarinetists who will be playing "Gavotte" by Marini; and Beethoven's "Variations on a Theme by Paisiello," as edited by Jay Arnold, will be performed by saxophonists Mike Crossley, Jimmy Hall, Scott Lutjens and Bill Cabe.

A brass sextet composed of Tom Shearer, Todd Laffoon, Kurt Rockwell, Bruce Rockwell, Charles Bechtel and Bob Gritton will play "Contrasts by Bach."

## 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. 2 APRIL

"RAFFERTY AND THE GOLD DUST TWINS"

(Crime Drama) When a former Marine offers a ride to two young women — a free-spirited country-western singer and a surly teenager — they kidnap him at gunpoint and order him to take them to New Orleans. (R)

SAT. 3 APRIL

"HIGH PLAINS DRIFTER" (105 Min.)

Clint Eastwood, Verna Bloom (Western) The small town of Lago is being terrorized by a band of unsavory characters, and the citizens — paralyzed by fear — offer no resistance. (R)

SUN. 4 APRIL

"MAHOGANY" (105 Min.)

Diana Ross, Billie Dee Williams (Drama) The film features Diana Ross as a Chicago secretary who becomes an internationally renowned fashion model and designer. "Mahogany" is basically a rags to riches story of the evils of success in which a woman sacrifices a faithful love for the sake of a glamorous career. (PG)

MON. 5 APRIL

"CONFESSIONS OF A WINDOW CLEANER"

(Comedy) Relates the amorous adventures of a young window cleaner and his female clients. (R)

TUE. 6 APRIL

"JOURNEY INTO FEAR" (99 Min.)

Zero Mostel, Sam Waterston (Drama) In the fall of 1973, Sam Waterston, research geologist, is preparing to return to the U.S. His partner has been killed in an automobile accident and his job of advising his company and the Turkish government on the development of newly discovered natural resources is top priority. On his last night in Istanbul, as he opens the door of his hotel room, three shots are fired at him and he steps into a strange world where only frontiers are violence and death. (PG)

WED. 7 APRIL

"THE ODESSA FILE" (128 Min.)

Jon Voight, Maximilian Schell (Suspense Drama) A reporter's accidental reading of the diary of a suicide (a Jewish survivor of Nazi prison camps) leads to his attempted infiltration of Odessa, a secret network of SS veterans who have maintained their cover in diverse positions in postwar commerce and government. (PG)

THURS. 8 APRIL

"CHILDREN OF RAGE" (107 Min.)

Helmut Griem, Olga-Georgies Picot (Drama) This film is set in Israel in 1968 against the background of growing Arab terrorism. The key figure is a young Arab, Richard Alfieri (Helmut Griem), whose brother, a member of a Palestinian guerilla movement, has been killed by Israeli soldiers. Partly to avenge his brother's death, and partly to protest Israeli treatment of Arab residents in Jerusalem, Alfieri joins the same terrorist outfit which has taken his brother's life. (PG)

FRI. 9 APRIL

"WAR GODDESS" (90 Min.)

Alena Johnston, Sabine Sun (Action Drama) In violation of the unisex vows, the queen of the Amazons falls in love with the king of the Greeks. One of the society of women, suspecting the queen's feelings and treachery on the part of the Greeks, plans to murder the queen and seize power. (R)

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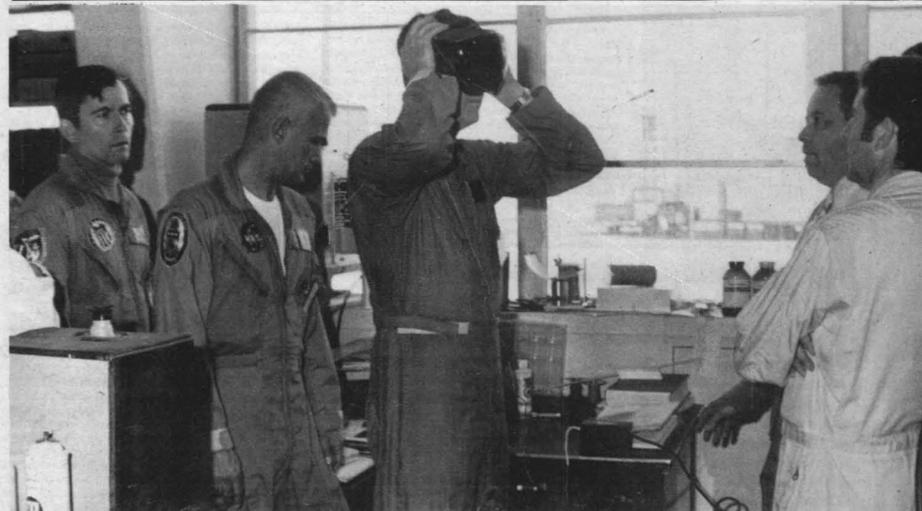
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**COMPLEX INSTRUMENT CHECKED** — While looking around the Chemistry Division of the NWC Research Department, four Navy officers who are a part of NASA's Astronauts' team learned about the operation of the holographic optical element (HOE) visor, which was developed cooperatively by Code 60 personnel and Dr. Donald McCauley, head of the Weapons Department's Applied Electro-Optics Branch. Cdr. Joseph Kerwin is looking

through the HOE visor, which is used in an advanced air-to-air weapons system and coordinated with the aircraft's weapons to direct their firing. The other Astronauts are (l.-r.) Capt. John Young, Cdr. Bruce McCandless and (at right with back to camera) Cdr. Richard H. Truly. They are listening to an explanation on the use of the HOE visor that was presented by Dr. Arnold Adicoff (next to Cdr. Truly). —Photos by Ron Allen

## Four Astronauts visit NWC for briefings

Four members of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's Astronauts' team visited the Naval Weapons Center early this week to receive briefings and updates about on-going Navy programs.

The Navy believes these briefings are essential in order for NASA personnel to keep their knowledge of current programs and projects up-to-date. This was the second trip to NWC for all four of the Astronauts.

The spacemen visiting here (all Navy officers) were Capt. John W. Young, Capt. Joseph P. Kerwin, Cdr. Bruce McCandless II, and Cdr. Richard H. Truly. They arrived at the Naval Air Facility Sunday afternoon and dined out later at the Indian Wells Lodge on Highway 14.

Their busy schedule on Monday began with a welcome by Rear Admiral R. G. Freeman III, NWC Commander, prior to leaving Conference Rm. B in Michelson Laboratory for a tour of the Research Department that was led by Dr. Arnold

Adicoff, associate head of the Chemistry Division.

The special visitors were given information about and shown the results of work on the development of a 2.75 in. chemiluminescent round that the Army is interested in because of its potential use for marking targets at night.

Next the Astronauts were briefed by J. M. Johnson, Jr., head of the Electronic Warfare Analysis Branch in Code 35, about electronic warfare tactics being developed for test and evaluation by VX-5. Also discussed was how U.S. electronic warfare equipment is intended to work against foreign threat systems.

Moving to the Anti-radiation Laboratory conference room, the Astronauts heard a presentation by Dixie Green, an electronic engineer in the Electronic Warfare Department's Advanced Technology Branch, about the ERASE (Electromagnetic Radiating Source Elimination) program.

Green's remarks were centered on air defense suppression techniques and the work being conducted in his branch that pertains to the development of broadband microwave antenna systems and advanced avionics system concepts.

In a similar fashion, Larry Tsubakihara, the Shrike program manager; George Mills, project engineer for the Shrike Mark 50, Mod 0 guidance section; and Kenneth Funk, development manager for the HARM (High Speed Anti-radiation) weapon system, explained the characteristics and (Continued on Page 3)



**HARLAN REEP**, drone controller for the NAF Target Department, outlined for the benefit of Capt. Young, acting chief of the Astronaut Office, the improved capabilities of target drones that are used in tests of air-to-air weapons. The two men are standing beside the nose cone of a QT-38A supersonic target aircraft.

## Air Installations Compatibility Use Zone Program to be discussed

Two meetings on the subject of the Navy's Air Installations Compatibility Use Zone (AICUZ) Program have been scheduled next Wednesday, April 7, at the Naval Weapons Center.

The first meeting will be held at 11 a.m. in the Management Center of Michelson Laboratory, and will be for the benefit of NWC officials and staff personnel involved in projects in which aircraft are used.

The second meeting at 3:30 p.m. will be held in the Community Center and will be open to planning and zoning agency representatives of the City of Ridgecrest, Kern and San Bernardino Counties, and the general public as well.

The Chief of Naval Operations' AICUZ Instruction, which was signed this past October, is a part of the overall Navy Environmental Protection Manual.

It is the Navy's policy to achieve compatibility between air installations and

neighboring civil communities. In keeping with this policy, the principal objectives of the AICUZ Program are:

(1) Protection of Navy investments in air installations and maintenance of full operational capabilities of these installations.

(2) Reduction of noise pollution caused by aircraft operations at and in the vicinity of air installations.

(3) Safeguarding the safety, health, and welfare of military personnel and the public from development which is not compatible with aircraft operations.

(4) Informing the general public about the Navy AICUZ Program and current Navy efforts to minimize noise pollution and aircraft accident potential in the vicinity of air installations.

Experts on the AICUZ Program who will (Continued on Page 3)



ABH1 Richard K. Fuller

## Bluejacket of Month honor goes to Fuller

Aviation Boatswain's Mate First Class Richard K. Fuller, supervisor of the Hot Line at the Naval Air Facility, has been named NWC Bluejacket of the Month for April.

A 19-year Navy veteran, ABH1 Fuller arrived at China Lake in April 1975 and became shop supervisor of the Flight Support Division before assuming his present position in August of that year. The Hot Line handles every operating NAF and transit jet aircraft, providing all services (except for heavy maintenance) to prepare them for launch and recovery.

His division officer, Lt. T. A. Harrell, says of him, "Pety Officer Fuller's performance is unsurpassed in this Command. His leadership of the (Hot) Line has brought numerous letters and comments of appreciation from visiting detachments and individual pilots. Although the (Hot) Line musters ten less men than six months ago, it has continued to perform its functions in an excellent manner. This is primarily the result of (his) energy and obsession with getting the job done."

### Admired Old Uniform

ABH1 Fuller recalls he joined the Navy for sartorial reasons: "My uncle was in the Navy and I always admired the uniform — the old one. When he came home on leave I remember seeing that dixie cup hat and the old blues he was wearing. I thought they were great."

Although the opportunity to "see the world" originally wasn't an inducement to enlist, the native of Omaha, Neb., early in his career, while with VR-24, a transport squadron supporting the Atlantic Fleet, visited most of Western Europe, Morocco, Brazil, England, Malta and the Azores. During later assignments, he added such countries as Viet Nam, the Philippines, Hong Kong and much of the rest of Southeast Asia.

Some of ABH1 Fuller's duty assignments read like a sourcebook of international (Continued on Page 2)

## Tenants' questions on housing welcome at meeting Monday

A meeting open to all China Lake residents who may wish to ask questions concerning housing on the Naval Weapons Center will be held on Monday evening, starting at 7:30, in the Joshua Rm. of the Community Center.

This meeting has been arranged by the China Lake Community Council's Housing Committee, headed by Dick Mahan.

Wilt Wyman, president of the local civic group's board of directors, will serve as moderator, and there will be a brief opening statement by Mahan explaining how the meeting is to be conducted.

Two weeks later, on April 19, another meeting will be held during which the effort will be made to provide answers to questions that directors of the China Lake Community Council are unable to answer this coming Monday night.



**BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION** — In observance of the Navy Resale System's 30th anniversary, the China Lake Navy Exchange and Commissary Store have scheduled special sales and other events during the first two weeks of April. The Navy Exchange's celebration will take place April 5 through 10. Savings of 15 to 35 per cent will be offered on selected items. Customers can enter a contest to guess the number of jellybeans in a jar. The winner will receive a slow-cooker (crock-pot). Doorprizes will be a man's leather jacket, a set of ironstone dinner ware and two sleeping bags. Winners need not be present to claim their prizes. Additionally, store employees will be holding an Easter theme costume contest on April 8 and 9, for which (l.-r.) Era Self, Nancy McDonald and Donna Hitt, pictured above, are preparing. As part of the celebration, the Plaza, NAF and bowling alley snack bars will offer a "76-cent special" April 5 through 10, consisting of a hamburger, French fries and soft drink. The Commissary Store will celebrate the event with a special sale of selected items from April 5 through 14. —Photo by Barbara DeWitt

**April Bluejacket of Month selected . . .**

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 He flew survivors out of and medical personnel into Agadir, Morocco, after an earthquake and tidal wave hit that port city in the late 1950s; he provided support to the Marines during the Lebanon Crisis of 1958; and he was on the USS Randolph, a wooden-deck carrier, which was an anti-submarine reconnaissance as part of American operations during the Cuban Missile Crisis of 1962.

**Highlights of Career**  
 April's Bluejacket of the Month cites two incidents which brought him Navy-Marine Corps Medals for heroism as providing the most vivid memories of his career. As a member of the ship's company on the USS Coral Sea during the Viet Nam War, he saved a man from being completely sucked into the intake of an F8 Crusader aircraft. He received a gold star in lieu of a second award of this medal while with Patrol Squadron 48 at Moffett Field Naval Air Station in 1973 when he drove a burning tow tractor away from a fueling aircraft.

ABH1 Fuller and his wife, Judith, and children, Tammie, 5, and Jason, 2, live in the Seabee trailer park. Prior to reporting to the Naval Air Facility, he had spent 11

years on duty assignments in San Francisco Bay area, and he now finds China Lake a pleasant change of pace: "The people are friendlier here, the pace is slower, and there's less congestion," he says.

**Reward in Store**  
 As a result of his selection as Bluejacket of the Month, he and his wife will be the guests of the Greater Bakersfield Chamber of Commerce some weekend soon. While visiting that city, they will be hosted at the Bakersfield Inn, where they will receive their room and meals, and will also receive various gift certificates and discount coupons from Bakersfield merchants who participate in the monthly program.

For transportation to and from Bakersfield, ABH1 Fuller will have the loan of a new Ford automobile from Desert Motors in Ridgecrest.

In addition, he will receive a letter of congratulations at Quarters and his photograph will be posted on the NAF bulletin board.

**Wrist watch found**

A Timex wrist watch was found at the dispensary on March 26. Its owner may contact Mrs. Kathy Hayes by calling NWC ext. 2911 and identify it.

**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. 2067. 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 substantially 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.

**Sheetmetal Mechanic, WG-3804-10, JD No. 325, Code 55481** — This position is located in the Engineering Division, Engineering Department. Incumbent fabricates missiles, rocket motors, rocket sleds, electronic chassis, panels, cabinets, and parts requiring the application of the full knowledge of the sheetmetal trade. Work is done to close tolerances, requiring the forming of unusual shapes and forms. The work includes shaping, cutting and assembly. Job Relevant Criteria: Ability to do the work of the position without more than normal supervision, ability to perform layout and pattern development from blueprints, drawings and sketches, ability to follow instructions, specifications, etc. (includes blueprints), ability to operate stationary metalworking equipment and to use hand tools. Advancement Potential: Modelmaker, WG-4717-14.

**Electronics Technician, GS-854-9, PD No. 7355140-1, Code 5511** — This position is located in the Metrology Branch, Engineering Services Division, Engineering Department. The incumbent calibrates, repairs, and inspects electronic test and measuring instruments; calibrates, repairs and inspects microwave instruments; calibrates, repairs and inspects electronic instruments and standards which are used by the Standards and Calibration Laboratory to carry out the Navy Calibration Program at NWC. Job Relevant Criteria: Knowledge of electronic test and measurement equipment, ability to calibrate and repair electronic and microwave instruments, and the ability to get along with people from various backgrounds.

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

**Engineering Technician, GS-802-5, 6, 7, or 8, PD No. 7331707, Code 3712** — This position is located in the Test and Evaluation Department. Incumbent prepares test plans, coordinates and/or directs the build-up of standard and special ordnance and the installation of that ordnance on aircraft, monitors aircraft tests, and briefs air crews. Job Relevant Criteria: Knowledge of ordnance and weapons systems related to Naval aircraft and knowledge of safety procedures and test range facilities. Promotion Potential: GS-11.

**File applications for the above with Sue Prasolowicz, Bldg. 34, Rm. 208, Ph. 2977.**

**Laborer Leader, WL-3502-2, PD No. 7470011N, Code 70426** — Temporary promotion NTE 1 year. Position is that of leader in the General Structures and Walks Section. Responsibilities include passing instructions received from supervisors, working with other employees (setting the pace), demonstrating proper work methods, seeing that supplies and tools are available, checking work in progress, reporting on status of work, etc. Job Relevant Criteria: Ability to supervise, work practices, ability to interpret instructions, knowledge of tools and equipment, dexterity and safety.

**Pipefitter Helper, WG-4202-95, JD No. 337, Code 70434** — Assists the journeyman in performing the duties of a pipefitter and some of the duties of a plumber. Incumbent will be participating in a pre-journeyman development program. Job Relevant Criteria: Reliability and dependability, shop aptitude and interest, ability to follow directions in the shop, dexterity and safety, and the ability to work as a member of a team.

**File applications for the above with Terry Rowell, Bldg. 34, Rm. 212, Ph. 2032.**

**Budget Analyst, GS-540-7/9/11, PD No. 5508015-5, Code 083** — (3 vacancies). This position is organizationally located in the Programs and Budget Division. The incumbent is responsible for developing a comprehensive plan for the expenditures of all funds necessary to support the varied missions and programs of a major department

and for maintaining internal control to execute this plan. Job Relevant Criteria: A knowledge of financial management principles and analytical ability to provide financial management, background in budgetary and accounting procedures, and a complete understanding of fiscal reports and task assignment structure in the Department of the Navy and the Center.

**Budget Technician GS-501-6/7, PD No. 7409033, Code 083** — Incumbent will provide budgetary / fiscal and financial management services of a technical nature. Incumbent will assist in the preparation of technical budget estimates and programs, and in the preparation and presentation of the overhead budget. Incumbent will be responsible for the control of over-expenditures on projects and programs. Job Relevant Criteria: Ability to analyze and generalize from data available in support of budgetary staff requirements, to apply a knowledge of the financial/budgetary system at NWC, and to deal effectively with people.

**Voucher Examiner, GS-540-5, PD No. 817023, Code 0865** — Incumbent will examine, audit, determine eligibility for payment of expenses, and compute entitlements on travel claims, etc., presented for payment. Job Relevant Criteria: Ability to type efficiently and accurately, to get along with others, to work rapidly and accurately, and reliability and dependability.

**Supervisory Operating Accountant, GS-510-11/12, PD No. 7409033, Code 0862** — This position is head, Cost Accounting Branch, Office of Finance and Management. The incumbent manages (plans, organizes, controls, and directs) operations of the Cost Accounting Branch, is responsible for providing complete accounting services to all departments at NWC, insures that all transactions are legally and procedurally correct, and assists the head, Accounting Division, in developing major policies, plans and programs in the division. Job Relevant Criteria: Ability to supervise, to deal effectively with people and to direct the operational aspects of a total NIF accounting system.

**Accounting Technician, GS-525-06, PD No. 7509049, Code 0862** — The incumbent maintains cost accounting records and subsidiary ledgers for major contracts charged to NIF. Is responsible for keeping accounting records for major contracts procured by NRPD, and reviews all incoming contracts and amendments. Job Relevant Criteria: Knowledge of NWC Cost Accounting System and

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**Snack Bar hrs. changed**  
 As a result of the recently-announced closings of the Center Restaurant and the China Lake Propulsion Laboratories cafeteria, the Snack Bar in Bennington Plaza will change its hours of operation beginning tomorrow.

The snack bar will open for breakfast at 6 a.m. and close at 7 p.m. on weekdays, while its business hours will be 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays.

**DIVINE SERVICES**

PROTESTANT		1015
Sunday Worship Service		0900
Sunday School — All Ages		1130
Wednesday Noon Bible Study		
Sunday School Classes are held in Chapel Annexes 1, 2, 4 (Dorms 5, 6, 8) located opposite the Center Restaurant. Communion Service first Sunday of the Month.		
ROMAN CATHOLIC		MASS
Saturday	1700 fulfills Sunday obligation	
Sunday	0700 0830 1130	
BLESSSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL		MASS
Daily except Saturday		1135
CONFESSIONS		
Daily	1115 to 1130	
Saturday	1530 to 1645	
Sunday	0800 to 0825	
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES		
Sunday	Pre-school thru 6th grades	1015
Wednesday	First thru sixth seventh & eighth (Junior High)	1530 1900
Above classes are held in Chapel Annexes across from Center Restaurant. As announced "In Home" Discussion Groups Monthly Youth Rallies Contact Chaplain's Office for specifics.		
JEWISH SERVICES		
EAST WING — ALL FAITH CHAPEL		2000
Sabbath Services every Friday		
UNITARIANS		CHAPEL ANNEX 95
Sunday	Services — (Sept.-May)	1930

**PROFESSIONALISM RECOGNIZED** — Eddie Valerio (at right) recently received a letter of commendation from Capt. F. E. McDonald, NWC Director of Supply, after being named as the Supply Department's "Small Purchase Buyer of the Month." This program was established to promote awareness in procurement professionalism and to recognize the individual who has demonstrated the greatest growth and service during a one-month period. Valerio, who has been with Code 2522 since 1972, is affectionately known as "Jaws" to his fellow workers because of his ready smile and friendliness.

**Nat'l Library Week to be observed April 4-11 at NWC**

The Center Library will celebrate National Library Week from April 4 to 11 by kicking off its loan program of LP records, and hosting a storyhour for youngsters and an appearance by a noted author.

The theme of the National Library Week program this year is "Free People, Free Libraries." Beginning Sunday, the Center Library will make LP classical records available for 14-day loan. In the year to come, says branch librarian Don Cook, recordings of light classical, ethnic, folk, national and international music are expected to be added to the collection. He asks borrowers to return the records by bringing them inside the library rather than dropping them down the outside book slot.

Tomorrow, as well as on Tuesday and next Friday, April 9, the library will host storyhours from 3 to 3:30 p.m. This activity is sponsored by the Desert Area Nursery School Association in conjunction with the "Week of the Young Child" being observed locally from April 5 to 9. The storyhours are for youngsters from 3 to 6 years of age.

Evelyn Eaton, author of 16 novels and three volumes of poetry, will be at the library next Friday, April 9, from 1 to 3 p.m. to autograph copies of her latest book, "The Trees and Fields Went the Other Way."

A native of Switzerland, Miss Eaton attended schools in England and France and served as a correspondent in China during World War II. Her writings tend toward the mystical and occult.

**Public Schools Month programs to begin tonight at Burroughs**

A fine arts display at the Burroughs High School lecture center beginning at 7:30 tonight will kick off local activities planned as part of "Public Schools Observance Month."

The display, prepared in association with the Kern County elementary schools' Honor Orchestra Concert, will include paintings, drawings, ceramics work and some home arts. It will be held in the lecture center lobby.

In further observance of "Public Schools Month," classes at Pierce School will be open Wednesday, April 7, from 5 to 5:30 p.m., followed by an international potluck dinner. Parents will bring dishes from other countries to the dinner which is slated from 5:30 to 6:30 that evening in the school cafeteria.

In addition, Inyokern School and Murray Elementary School will be open for visits to classrooms on April 7 between 7 and 8 p.m., and Richmond School will conduct a similar open house on April 8 from 6:30 to 7:30.

"Public Schools Observance Month" was set locally when Rear Admiral R. G. Freeman III, NWC Commander; Ted Edwards, Mayor of Ridgecrest, and Lee Horgan, master of Indian Wells Valley Lodge No. 691, F&AM, signed a proclamation recently recognizing the essential role which the public schools have played in American progress.

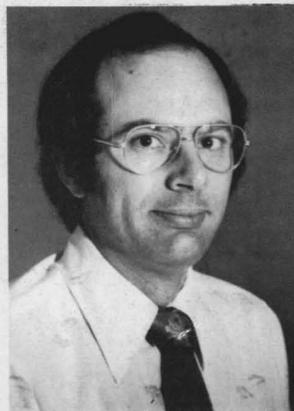
This is a program sponsored by individual Masonic Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of California and Hawaii.

**Dance set at CPO Club**

Dancing to the music of the Skylight, a five-man band from Newport Beach specializing in popular and rock music, is on tap tonight at the CPO Club from 9 until 1 a.m. Dinner special for the evening will be prime rib, served from 6 to 9 p.m.

Reservations are now being accepted for a special Easter buffet that will be served on Sunday, April 18, from 3 until 7 p.m. The buffet will consist of steamboat round, baked ham, roast turkey and assorted salads and vegetables. Reservations may be made by phoning NWC ext. 3633.

**Employee in the spotlight**



Don Green

Don Green is not the type of man to need any help figuring his income tax.

At the age of 29 he became head of the Office of Finance and Management's Accounting and Disbursing Division. Next year he will attend the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey to earn a M.S. degree in financial management under a NWC fellowship.

He decided to become a professional money manager while at Abilene Christian College in Abilene, Tex. There the native of Hotchkiss, Colo., earned a B.S. degree in accounting in 1966. Soon afterwards, he began work as a civilian auditor for the Naval Audit Service in San Diego.

Don got his first look at China Lake in 1970 when he came here as supervisor of an audit team which regularly visits NWC to examine operations here. The audit team turned up some areas in which it was necessary to make changes in previous ways of handling the Center's accounting system as it existed at that time.

Among the areas the audit examined was the way in which the funds for research and development here were managed. "This was primarily a learning experience for the auditors in a brand new field," says Don. "We just got our feet wet in it."

**Other Aspects of Job**

Not all of an auditor's job is making the books balance, however. Don was an active participant in various conferences and negotiations in which findings on sensitive subjects were discussed, and it was mainly as a result of his expertise in this "people-type" aspect of the job that he was offered, and accepted, the position of associate head of the Accounting and Disbursing Division in February 1971.

"It was also assumed when I was offered the job," Don confesses, "that I was expert in the Navy Industrial Fund Accounting System, which I was not. In fact, my audit here was my first exposure to that system, but it's similar to commercial accounting, and that is why I could understand it."

His new job was to run the day-to-day operations of the division, and to oversee the balancing of NWC's books. Upon the retirement in July 1974 of the division head, Fran Fletcher, Don took over the top spot there.

The 75 employees who work in the division process over 1.7 million "transactions" per year, such as recording costs, issuing paychecks (to both civilian and military personnel) paying travel claims and sending contractors' invoices to the Navy Regional Finance Center in San Diego for payment.

Running a division is not Don's only job, however. He also performs the functions of

this suggestion appear good," says Don.

In the same line, Don has proposed (via the chain of command) to the Office of the Secretary of Defense (Comptroller) that a depreciation schedule for NWC-managed equipment be established. The result would be to charge sponsors for deterioration of equipment used in their projects at NWC.

If implemented, this idea could mean up to \$2 million yearly for the Center to be used in addition to equipment funding already received. Even though Don estimates the chances for the plan's approval are not particularly good, "We're still fighting for this one," he added.

**Career Goals Noted**

Don says his immediate ambition is to be comptroller of a Navy field activity, while his long-range goal is to become a staff analyst for the Congressional Budget Office or the Office of Manpower and Budget, both in Washington, D.C.

At the moment, to prepare himself for his fellowship year at the Naval Postgraduate School, Don is taking math courses at Cerro Coso Community College, an economic analysis course at UC Berkeley, and other courses from the Monterey institution itself. Fulfilling these prerequisites takes up a good deal of his free time.

But when he does have a few spare minutes he likes to walk and play tennis. "I've got to get exercise, you know."

**Opportunities . . .**

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the ability to deal tactfully and effectively with people.

**Accounting Technician, GS-525-05, PD No. 7117033-4, Code 0862** — Incumbent is responsible for control and maintenance of cost accounting records covering orders to other government agencies, negotiated contracts, purchase orders, delivery orders, travel orders, travel advances, and transportation requests chargeable to NIF. Job Relevant Criteria: Knowledge of double entry accrual accounting principles and techniques and the ability to work independently.

**File applications for the above with Dora Childers, Bldg. 34, Rm. 206, Ph. 2676.**

**Available for Advice**  
 He encourages project managers "in trouble" to come to him for advice about how to obtain additional funding, which usually must come from the project's original sponsor in Washington, D.C. Typical sponsors of projects carried out here are Navy systems commands.

Another problem Don is called upon to solve is how to get work started on a project before the money is in hand with which to do it. The answer is in the NWC Fiscal Policies and Procedures Manual, of which he is the author.

Don doesn't just interpret the regulations he works with, though, he also questions them.

Recently, he wrote a letter to the Navy Comptroller for an exception to the DoD regulations which stipulate that local commands cannot purchase equipment costing more than \$1,000 per item. The item he had in mind was the Center's digital computer, the \$2.7 million UNIVAC 1110. If NWC could buy it rather than rent it, nearly \$2.4 million in fees could be saved over the expected eight-year life of the computer system. "The prospects for acceptance of

Assessment Center Evaluation will require that applicants be available for two consecutive work days between June 7 and 25, 1976. Assessment Center schedules will be established after completed information questionnaires are returned. Applicants will be granted excused time without charge to leave while they are participating in the assessment center evaluation. An orientation session will be scheduled for new applicants in which the rating plan and the assessment center evaluation process will be discussed.

The date of the orientation session will be specified in the information questionnaire mailed to all new applicants. Failure to return the completed questionnaire in the specified time period or failure to participate in the assessment center evaluation process will result in an applicant being dropped from consideration.

Applicants selected for Upward Mobility will normally be reassigned to the trainee position. Upon successful completion of the training program, employees will be either reassigned or promoted to the target position.

**UPWARD MOBILITY PROGRAM REGISTER:** May be utilized to fill administrative/technical/trades and craft positions which are established or become vacant in grades GS-2 through GS-9 and their trades/craft equivalent (WG-2 through WG-9) with the following exceptions: positions with promotion potential limited to GS-6 and below or WG-6 and below and professional positions requiring a positive educational requirement. Applicants will be accepted from current NWC employees who have competitive status (normally acquired by appointment through open competitive examination and completion of a probationary period). For the purposes of this register, employees who will have completed their probationary period by Aug. 1, 1976, will be considered eligible to apply. There are no minimum experience requirements.

**JOB RELEVANT CRITERIA:** Ability to express one-self orally, ability to express one-self in writing, ability to interpret and apply written instructions and procedures, initiative, mechanical ability, ability to analyze problems, ability to make decisions and judgments, ability to work with quantitative data, self-development efforts, ability to work with others, leadership ability, ability to use basic tools and measuring devices, ability to work independently.

Applicants will be rated on all of the above job relevant criteria. Selecting officials will select criteria relevant to their particular vacancy and lists of eligibles will be established based on ratings received in those selected criteria.

Employees may apply by calling NWC ext. 2069 not later than April 16, 1976.



**DISTINGUISHED VISITOR** — Lt. Gen. Thomas H. Miller (at right), Marine Corps Deputy Chief of Staff for Aviation, was welcomed aboard by Lt. Col. E. C. Paige, Jr., Marine Corps Liaison Officer at NWC, during the General's recent visit here. Lt. Gen. Miller addressed the Technical Planning Board and received briefings on current and projected Marine Corps projects by members of the Marine Corps Liaison Office staff and VX-5 personnel. He also congratulated Lt. Col. Paige on his recent selection to the rank of colonel. The first military officer to fly the AV-8A Harrier aircraft, Lt. Gen. Miller has also held the 500 kilometer closed course world speed record (1,216.78 mph) for flying an F4B Phantom. —Photo by Ron Allen

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### Kyra Specht places first in gymnastics meet at Redlands

Continuing to hold her own as top Class II gymnast in Zone 5 of the Southern California Women's Gymnastics Association, Kyra Specht brought home the trophy last Saturday as first-place all-around gymnast from the zone meet in Redlands.

"This means Kyra has placed first all-around in three of the four zone competitions this year. With this meet score qualifying her for competition in the state meet in May, she should have an excellent chance of becoming one of California's top Class II gymnasts this year," said Kitty Lockwood, Class II coach for the High Desert Gymnastics Team.

One of two young gymnasts competing in Redlands from the High Desert Team, 13-year-old Miss Specht achieved a total score of 64.50, only tenths of a point away from her nearest competitor in this very closely matched meet. Patty Parks, Ridgecrest's other representative at the meet, scored 60.5 all-around.

"When you compare the closeness of Kyra's and Patty's all-around scores and realize that there was a difference of 11 places in their final standings, you get some idea of how tight a meet it was," Mrs. Lockwood noted.

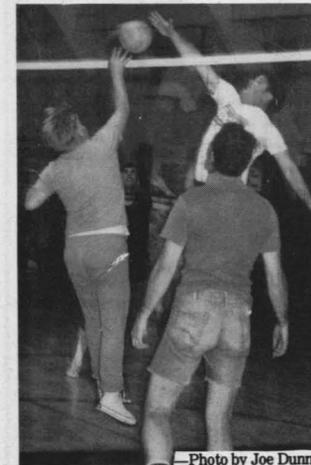
In addition to her all-around trophy, Miss Specht added three medals and a ribbon to her collection of gymnastics memorabilia, with a first place in floor exercise, a second in vaulting, a third on the balance beam, and a fourth on the uneven parallel bars.

Although Miss Parks did not gain a spot at the state meet, she did, in Mrs. Lockwood's words "prove she has it in her to be a good all-around gymnast." Her specialty has been a spectacular routine on the uneven parallel bars. This time however, she had an "off day" on that apparatus, but did gain a fourth place in floor exercise.

### Youth Center softball, baseball signups open

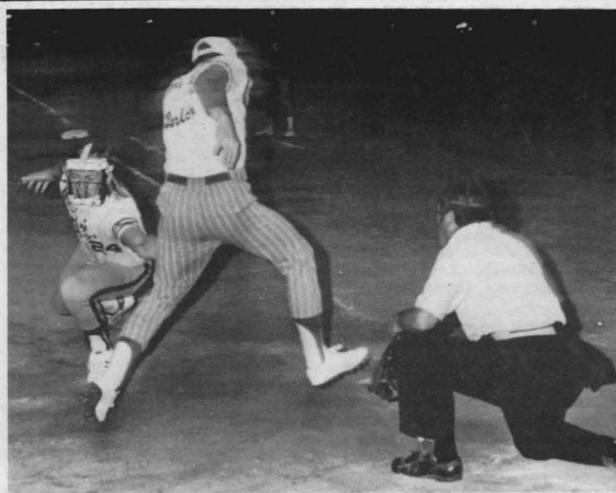
Registration will close for girls' softball and Pee Wee Baseball on Saturday, April 10, at 5 p.m. Applications for youth softball will remain open through Tuesday, April 22 at 9 p.m.

Detailed information about these Youth Center-sponsored leagues, their fees and eligibility requirements may be obtained by calling Carol Hape at NWC ext. 2909, Tuesday through Friday from 12 to 5 p.m. or from 6 to 9 p.m., and on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.



—Photo by Joe Dunn

**ADMIRAL'S CUP COMPETITION** — Volleyball teams representing the Naval Air Facility, Air Test and Evaluation Squadron Five (VX-5) and the Naval Weapons Center played one another this week in the current round of Admiral's Cup athletic competition. Shown above is Tuesday's competition between NAF (rear) and VX-5, which the former won, three games to none.



**CLOSE PLAY** — Doug Fisher of the Graham Associates all-star nine was tagged out trying to score in the first game of a double-header played last Saturday at Reardon Field against the Hub Furniture team from Bakersfield. The locals lost the game, 10-2, and also the nightcap, 5-3. —Photo by Ron Allen

### All-star nine drops double-header to visiting team in league opener

Playing at Reardon Field last Saturday afternoon and evening, the Graham Associates all-star nine got off to an inauspicious start in Northern California Congress Softball League competition.

Although the local team had previously extended the Hub Furniture team into an extra inning of play before losing a pre-season tournament game at Bakersfield, 1-0, this time the Graham Associates squad couldn't handle the visitors — particularly in the first game of the double-header which the Hub Furniture team won, 10-2.

Jim Duncan started on the mound for Graham Associates, but after being tagged for three home runs in the second inning was relieved by Mike Denton, who finished the game.

The visitors broke loose in the second inning with back-to-back home runs, then got another man on base before the next batter also knocked one over the fence.

The score was 4-0 when Denton took over as pitcher for the local team, but he also had difficulty shutting off the Hub Furniture team's powerful hitting. At the same time, his own teammates were committing a number of fielding errors and picked up just three hits in the 7-inning tilt.

In the second half of the double-header, the Graham Associates club called on Jimmy Knott to handle the pitching duties. Things looked good for the local team, which led, 3-1, going into the top half of the seventh inning.

At that point, however, the Hub Furniture nine scored two runs to tie the score, 3-3, and send the game into an extra inning of play.

In their half of the seventh frame, the visitors got runners on first and third and scored a run on a base hit which cut the home team's lead to 3-2. The next batter up drew a walk and once again there were runners on first and third base.

The tying run scored while the Graham Associates team was picking off the runner who was trapped between first and second base.

### Little League Minor Div. teams set final tryouts

Youngsters 10 to 12 years of age who are interested in playing baseball this season on a China Lake Little League Minor Division team will have their final opportunity to show their ability tomorrow morning from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

This last tryout session will be held at Little League diamond No. 3, which is located across the street from the Murray Junior High School campus.

Minor Division team rosters will be made up shortly following this final tryout, and practice by teams will begin next week.

The local all-star nine was unable to get anything going in the bottom of the seventh, but Steve Agerton, first baseman for Hub Furniture, led off the top of the eighth with a home run. The visitors also scored again on two base hits and a pass ball to make the score 5-3 in favor of Hub.

In the last half of the eighth inning, the locals once again were held scoreless and had to settle for a 5-3 loss.

The Graham Associates softball team will be on the road Saturday for two more league contests — this time against the AMPCO team in Bakersfield. Starting times for the double-header are 7 and 9 p.m.

### 5-mile race scheduled April 10 at fairgrounds

The Over-the-Hill Track Club will sponsor a 5-mile race on Saturday, April 10, which will start at the Desert Empire Fairgrounds at 10 a.m.

Beginning and ending at the fairgrounds' entrance, the course will follow a figure 8 configuration over both flat paved road and desert track. There will be various age classifications for both men and women, plus a special joggers' class. Ribbons will be presented to all finishers.

Donations of 50 cents for members and \$1 for non-members will be accepted. Further information may be obtained by contacting Richard Hughes at 375-4194.

### Intramural League Volleyball standings

For each game a team wins, a single point is added to its total for the season.

Team	Open Division	Total Points
Doggie Daddies	15	15
Snorts	12	12
Animal Crackers	10	10
UCLA Desert	8	8
Silverstar	5	5
Duncan	4	4
Deep Diggers	2	2
NWC-A	1	1
<b>Co-ed (Open) Division</b>		
The Ones	10	10
Net Wits	8	8
Jackson	5	5
Bumpers & Thumpers	5	5
Free Spirits	2	2
<b>Women's Division</b>		
Court Clowns	15	15
Floorplay	4	4
Court Blanche	2	2
<b>Recreation Division</b>		
Shooters	8	8
T&E Rangers	8	8
NAF	6	6
NWC-B	5	5
Code 703	3	3
VX-5	3	3
<b>Co-ed (Recreation) Div.</b>		
Flying Garbanzos	8	8
Carrots	7	7
Prickly Pairs	3	3
Vampires	3	3



### Wilt's Corner

#### Volleyball team leader thanked

A "Jerry Kissick Appreciation" night was held last Saturday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bevan.

All of the members of the NWC varsity volleyball team and their wives, as well as some other close friends of the honoree, were there to express their gratitude to Kissick for his efforts as player-coach of the team.

Among the highlights of the evening, which came as a surprise to Kissick, was the presentation to him of a portable AM-FM radio for his unselfish efforts toward the betterment of the NWC volleyball program.

**Adult Softball Program**  
All Women's League coaches and players are invited to attend the first organizational meeting of the NWC Special Services adult softball program on Monday, April 19, at 5 p.m. in the Sidewinder Rm. of the Community Center.

Topics to be discussed at the meeting will include the length of the season, number of games, awards, and cost of officials and scorers. The dates of similar meetings which will be held at the same hour and location, and for the same purpose, are: Tuesday, April 20, Fast Pitch League; Wednesday, April 21, Slow Pitch League, and Thursday, April 22, Recreation League.

Adult softball teams may now reserve softball fields for evening use. Reservation slips may be picked up at the gymnasium issue room between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., Mondays through Fridays.

#### Youth Basketball Volunteers

I would like to extend a "well done" to all those individuals who donated their time to teaching, coaching and perfecting our Youth Basketball teams, and to those who kept time and scores for the league games.

The coaches and assistant coaches for the various leagues were:

Intermediate League (6 teams, 60 boys) — Al Mason, Jack Chandler, Richard Johnson, Gary Rainwater, Jim Means, Robert Baldacci, Stan Embree, Jim Embree, Steven Vie and David Hawkins.

Junior League (4 teams, 40 boys) — Ralph Corbin, Larry Kuster, Gary Fry, Harlan Hershey, Dave Bates, Dick Drake, John Cleveland and Richard Dominguez.

Senior League (4 teams, 32 boys) — Dave Bates, George Linsteadt, Fred Covill, John Blackwood, Vince Villa, Bob Gritton and Robert Andre.

High School League (4 teams, 36 boys) — Cash Cowles, Daryl Moline, Richard Craney, Al Sorensen, Jim Erdman and Jim Raby.

#### Aquatic Competition

The 11th Naval District's 1976 Armed Forces Invitational Swimming and Diving Championships will be hosted April 15-16 by the San Diego Naval St.

No team championship will be involved in the meet, which will be held at the 50-meter pool located behind the station's theater. The 11th ND Swimming and Diving competition will be held at the Naval station's outdoor pool, located at 5th and Harbor Drive, in mid-June. This will be followed by the Navy West Coast Championship in Seattle, Wash., June 21-25.

Each individual will be limited to three events per day plus the relays in the April 15-16 event. Seniors' comp. is open to personnel 30 years of age or older. Further information about this event, which has an April 9 entry deadline, may be obtained by calling me at NWC ext. 3791.

### AICUZ Program to be discussed . . .

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be here on April 7 are Cdr. Brian O'Connell, from the Naval Facilities Engineering Command in Washington, D.C., and Carol Slade, from NAVFAC's Western Division Office in San Bruno, Calif. They will be joined by a representative of the contracting firm of R. Dixon Speas, who will be preparing an AICUZ Program study plan for the Naval Weapons Center.

Air space use by military aircraft operating at anything under 1,000 ft. in elevation will be the prime subject of this study. Locally the three areas of most concern are B and C ranges and the Naval Air Facility's take-off corridor.

Every effort is to be extended to insure that Navy interests are considered in planning by zoning boards, planning commissions and similar bodies, and in the same fashion, local interests must be taken into account by the Navy in its planning for the future.

### Visit by blood bank's mobile unit delayed

The next visit to Ridgecrest by the Houchin Community Blood Bank's mobile unit from Bakersfield has been postponed for one week.

According to Kay Thomas, chairman of the Indian Wells Valley Blood Bank's Advance Fund, the mobile unit will be here on Tuesday, April 13, from 2 to 6 p.m. at the Ridgecrest Elk's Club, 200 E. Church St.

All Department of Defense installations where airports are located are required to get involved in this program. In the case of the Naval Air Facility at China Lake, Cdr. John Faron has been appointed the AICUZ Program Officer.

### Contributions to TV/FM maintenance fund total \$2,291

An additional \$795 has been contributed to the fund drive that is currently under way to raise money needed for the continued maintenance and operation of the community TV/FM booster system.

The latest total (reported Wednesday morning) was \$2,291, according to Chief Robert Kaufmann, treasurer of the China Lake Community Council, local civic group that owns and operates the system.

When this campaign began on March 5, its announced goal was \$20,000 (an estimated \$5 per household) in order to provide sufficient funds to maintain the TV/FM system for a period of four or five years.

At the present time, however, collections total a little more than half the amount (\$4,000) needed to operate for one year.

Local area residents are invited and encouraged to support the TV/FM booster system and can do so by sending checks or money orders to the TV Booster, P. O. Box 1795, Ridgecrest, CA 93555. Checks or money orders should be made payable to "TV Booster."



**LOOKING OVER** special equipment that has been installed in the QT-38A supersonic target aircraft are two of the Astronauts who visited NWC. John Owens (at left) a project engineer from the Remotely Piloted Vehicle Project Office, is discussing the superior capabilities of this pilotless aircraft with Cdr. McCandless. At right, Hal Schmeer, shop supervisor from the RPV Project Office, and Capt. Kerwin are examining the drone panels in the safety pilot's cockpit.

### Four Astronauts here for briefings . . .

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operational features of these three weapons or their components; showed the Astronauts some of the special hardware that has been developed, and discussed how all three systems (ERASE, HARM and Shrike) are being used.

After lunch at the Commissioned Officers' Mess, the visitors left from the Naval Air Facility for a tour by helicopter of the NWC ranges and the Randsburg Wash area. They were accompanied by F. M. Ashbrook, head of the Electronic Warfare Department's Countermeasures Division, and Lt. Col. D. E. P. Miller, from the Marine Corps Liaison Office.

#### Ranges Meet Varied Needs

The variety of uses for each of the test ranges was explained and, during approximately an hour spent at Randsburg Wash, the Astronauts were brought up to date on current test operations of interest to the Navy that are being conducted in that area.

Capt. Young is acting chief of the Astronaut Office; Capt. Kerwin is the chief of Physicians — Astronauts; Cdr. McCandless is the Astronauts' maneuvering unit experiment investigator; and Cdr. Truly is a member of the Astronaut support crew and capsule communicator for manned Skylab missions.

Capt. Young is the most senior member of

the NASA personnel who visited NWC this week since his experience as an Astronaut dates back to September 1962. He served as pilot with command pilot Gus Grissom on the first manned Gemini flight on March 23, 1965 — a 3-orbit mission during which the crew accomplished the first manned spacecraft orbital trajectory modifications and lifting re-entry.

During his fourth and most recent space flight in April 1972, Capt. Young was the spacecraft commander of Apollo 16 — the only manned lunar mission to inspect, survey, and sample materials and surface features in the rugged lunar highlands. He also was the command pilot on the Gemini 10 mission during July 1966, and was the command module pilot for Apollo 10, the comprehensive lunar-orbital qualification test of the Apollo lunar module in May 1969.

Established World Record  
Capt. Kerwin, who is a Navy Medical Corps officer, was selected to join the NASA team in June 1965. As a science-pilot for the 28-day flight qualification operations of the Skylab 2 orbital workshop, he logged 672 hr., 49 min. aboard the craft — establishing a new world record for a single mission in space.

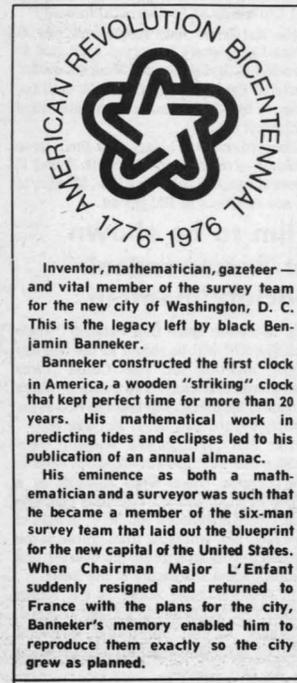
Cdr. McCandless is one of the 19 Astronauts selected by NASA in April 1966. He was a member of the Astronaut support crew for the Apollo 14 mission and was backup pilot for the first manned Skylab mission. He is a co-investigator on the M-509 Astronaut maneuvering unit experiment, which was flown in the Skylab program.

Cdr. Truly has been a NASA Astronaut since September 1969. He was a member of the Astronaut support crew and a capsule communicator for all three of the manned Skylab missions.

### Next meeting of Community Council scheduled Tuesday

Because of spring vacation during the week of April 12 through 16, the next regular meeting of the board of directors of the China Lake Community Council has been moved up to next Tuesday, starting at 7:30 p.m., at the Community Center.

Among business to be taken up at the April 6 meeting will be an election to fill two vacancies on the board. The applicants are: Woodrow Chartier, an electronics technician in the Systems Development Department's A7 Program Office; Richard Drake, an electronic engineering technician in the Test and Evaluation Department's Airborne Telemetry Branch; Marv Goodman, a personnel management advisor in the Personnel Department's Personnel Services Division No. 2; Mike Ripley, a mechanical engineer in the Propulsion Development Department's Systems Technology Branch, and Tom Hoff, a contract specialist in the Purchasing Branch of the Supply Department.



Inventor, mathematician, gazeteer — and vital member of the survey team for the new city of Washington, D. C. This is the legacy left by black Benjamin Banneker.

Banneker constructed the first clock in America, a wooden "striking" clock that kept perfect time for more than 20 years. His mathematical work in predicting tides and eclipses led to his publication of an annual almanac.

His eminence as both a mathematician and a surveyor was such that he became a member of the six-man survey team that laid out the blueprint for the new capital of the United States.

When Chairman Major L'Enfant suddenly resigned and returned to France with the plans for the city, Banneker's memory enabled him to reproduce them exactly so the city grew as planned.



**ATTENDS FBI NATIONAL ACADEMY** — Steve Kaupp (at right) police chief at China Lake, received a diploma and congratulatory handshake from FBI Director Clarence M. Kelley upon completion of a 3-month training program conducted at the FBI Academy in Quantico, Va. Police Chief Kaupp, one of 250 law enforcement officials from the U. S. and foreign countries who participated in this program, was graduated during ceremonies held on March 18. Looking on in the background is Dr. William M. Mooney, an assistant director of the FBI who is in charge of all training.

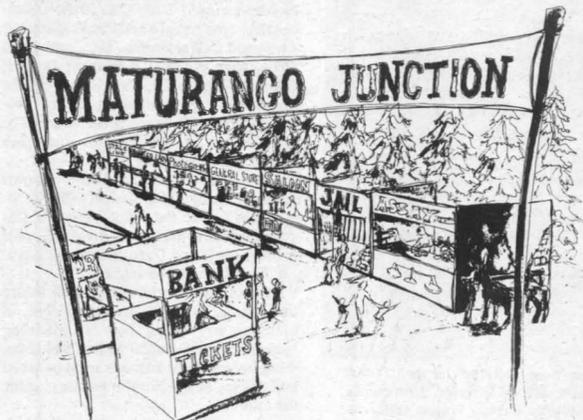
# Old-time western celebration set April 3

An old-time western celebration, the Maturango Museum's first major fund raising event of the Bicentennial year, will be held on Saturday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on the grounds adjacent to the museum.

The make-believe western town of "Maturango Junction" will be the setting for this fun-filled event, the proceeds from which are earmarked for use to construct a permanent museum building.

The Indian Wells Valley Bicentennial Committee has adopted the Maturango Museum as its project for the year, but in order to get a good start on carefully made plans to construct a new museum, a building committee headed by Albert B. Christman has set a goal of raising \$76,000 in 1976.

The carnival-like appearance and atmosphere of "Maturango Junction" is calculated to appeal to young and old alike — thereby raising communitywide interest in the museum's building project. The main street of this wild west town will be com-



### Entertainment on Stage

- 11 a.m. — Murray School Band
- 11:30 a.m. — China Lake Ballet Society
- Noon — The High Desert Drifters
- 12:30 p.m. — The Mojave Greens Grass Band
- 1 p.m. — Skits from 1976 "Fractured Follies"
- 1:30 p.m. — Sweet Adelines
- 2 p.m. — Jim Dandies Square Dancers
- 2:30 p.m. — Scenes from CLOTA's "Sugar"
- 3 p.m. — Dixieland Jazz Band
- 3:30 p.m. — Jim McLane, pianist
- 4 p.m. — Burroughs High School dance group "Fame"
- 4:30 p.m. — Round Dancers
- 5 p.m. — Burroughs Stage Band

plete with a bank (where tickets for the various attractions will be sold at 25 cents each), a jail, saloon, general store and boarding house.

Everyone who attends this special event is encouraged to wear western attire, and the novel setting will be enlivened at intervals by a bank robbery, the capturing and jailing of the villains, a "shotgun" wedding and similar antics such as the incarceration of prominent citizens for a variety of seemingly insignificant charges before they are allowed to plead their case before a certain "hanging" judge, who expressed the wish to remain anonymous.

Tickets sold at the bank will be good for use at a variety of game booths, handcraft shops and at a refreshment stand, the "Good Night Saloon," operated by Fire Chief Bill Knight and his wife, Marta.

At Bert's Boarding House, the proprietor (Roberta Payne) and her helpers will serve a barbecued beef dinner, tortillas and

beans, while at Suzie's Sundae Shoppe (operated by Suzie and Bob Rafal), mouth-watering ice cream sundaes, cold drinks and popcorn will be on sale.

Game booths, put together by Jay Bornfleth, chief construction engineer, and a building crew headed by John Leopard, will be staffed by members of the All Faith Chapel's Junior High Fellowship during the festive affair.

Indians, cowboys, miners and other costumed characters out of the old west will be roaming around Maturango Junction, and another touch of realism at this make-believe western town will be provided by Al "Maturango Pete" Christman, who, after months spent prospecting out on the desert, will be back to "civilization" to load up his burros with supplies before resuming his lonely search for that big "pay-off" he knows is waitin' somewhere just beyond the next ridge.

### Pony Rides for Kids

Ponies from Cornelius' Pony Farm in Ridgecrest will be brought to Maturango Junction for children to ride, and Robert Cornelius' miniature stagecoach, an old beer wagon and a sleigh will be included in the special displays.

For those who wish to record their participation in this event for posterity, a photo shop will be set up, complete with an appropriate western scene as a backdrop. Youngsters will be able to be painted with simulated Indian tattoos or be made up to look like fancy ladies of the wild west era before they have their pictures taken.

A line has been drawn on this matter of realism, however, since the lawmen and their adversaries in this make-believe western town will be armed only with cap pistols, and no real firearms will be allowed

on the grounds, it was emphasized by Pat Leopard, who has spearheaded the plans for this novel celebration.

Among special guests at "Maturango Junction" will be nine girls who are candidates for the title of queen of the Desert Empire Fair Rodeo, which is coming up May 15-16 at the fairgrounds' arena in Ridgecrest, as well as the current Mr. and Miss Johnny Horizon, Miss Ridgecrest-China Lake (Mary Payne), Miss Inyokern (Sue Padoch) and Miss Trona (Dena Boring).

Visitors will be able to browse around among exhibits that will include hand-crafted Indian jewelry brought here by Chief Silver Cloud (a resident of California City who is a grandson of Chief Red Cloud of the Ogala Sioux), and see a demonstration Indian bead work by Chief Silver Cloud's wife, Madeline.

Also scheduled are demonstrations of wood carving by Dr. William McEwan and copper jewelry making by William Ward. In addition, Jo Downing will show her skill at weaving on an old fashioned loom; arrowheads chipped from obsidian will be sold by John Evans, and those interested in replicas of Indian petroglyphs like those found within the Big and Little Petroglyph National Historical Landmark area in the NWC range area will be able to purchase them from Jim Bennison.

### Authors To Attend

Authors of books about the history of the local desert area — Roberta Starry, Sylvia Winslow, Ken Pringle and Jim Baird — will be present at Maturango Junction to sell autographed copies of their publications, and there will be booklets on wildflowers available for purchase at the museum, which will be open to show better than words can describe why a much larger, modern building is needed to house the collection of exhibits and ancient artifacts that are a unique record of the history of the Indian Wells Valley and its environs.

The opportunity also will be provided for local residents to purchase memberships in the Maturango Museum, and all membership fees collected this year will go into the museum's building fund. These annual fees are \$2 for students, \$5 for single persons and \$10 for a family membership. An all-out effort also is being made to interest a wide cross-section of the community in museum life memberships at \$100 each.

### Part of Lauritsen Rd. to be closed temporarily

That section of No. Lauritsen Rd., between Blandy and Nimitz, will be closed to all except emergency vehicles from Monday through Thursday of next week (April 5-8).

Excluding normal traffic from this block-long section of Lauritsen Rd. is necessary while trenches that will be used to carry underground electrical power lines to the new dispensary that is being built nearby are being dug across the street.

## Ex-Navy officer selected to fill Kern County post

R. A. Shepard, former Commanding Officer of Enlisted Personnel at NWC and Administrative Officer at the Naval Air Facility, last week was chosen to handle the duties of Veterans' Service Officer for Kern County.

Shepard, who retired from the Navy last June 30 upon completion of 20 years of active duty, will assume his new duties on Thursday, April 8.

The former Navy officer was appointed by the Kern County Board of Supervisors to replace Eston Reynolds, who retired in January as the county's Veterans' Service Officer.

Shepard was selected from more than 100 applicants, and the final screening and



R. A. Shepard

selection was handled by LeRoy Jackson, chairman of the Board of Supervisors; John Mitchell, another county supervisor; Todd Madigan, chairman of the county's Veterans' Coordinating Council, and Norman McNamee, County Administrative Officer. The position pays about \$15,600 annually.

The new county Veterans' Service Officer is a 1955 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy and attended several other schools during his naval career, including George Washington University in Washington, D.C., where he took courses in personnel management.

In 1975, he completed work for a master's degree in Public Administration offered by the University of Southern California.

His last active duty assignment was at China Lake, where he served from 1950 to mid-1975 — first as Commanding Officer for Enlisted Personnel and from 1972 until the time of his retirement as Administrative Officer at NAF.

Shepard, his wife, Mary, and their three children — sons Randy and Scott, 16 and 10 years of age, and their daughter, Marian, 14 — are residents of Ridgecrest.

## Film to be shown at Astronomical Society meeting

A 28-minute color film entitled "Who's Out There?" will be shown at the Monday night meeting of the China Lake Astronomical Society. The meeting, which is open to the public, will begin at 7:30 at the society's clubhouse, 401-A McIntire St.

The film portrays the scientific conclusion that intelligent civilizations exist in the universe. Orson Wells narrates as a group of distinguished scientists conclude that "there is someone out there" in light of new facts now emerging from probes to the planets, recent interstellar discoveries, and findings about the nature of life itself.

In addition, color slides of the recent Comet West will be shown and Pat Leopard, manager of the Maturango Museum building fund campaign, will discuss plans for the new museum.

# Happenings around NWC

A representative of the Social Security office in Lancaster will pay another of her regular monthly visits to China Lake next Wednesday, April 7.

Persons wishing to apply for a Social Security number or obtain information about Social Security benefits and Supplemental Security Income claims can do so at the Community Center between 9 and 11:30 a.m.

### Band To Play at COM

The Wildflowers, a new five-man band from Los Angeles, will perform for the listening and dancing pleasure of Commissioned Officers' Mess patrons tonight and tomorrow night from 9 until 1 a.m.

Friday night's dinner special will be surf and turf, served from 6 to 10 p.m. Rib eye steak will be offered as a "two for one" dinner on Saturday evening during the same hours.

### Hatha Yoga Course Planned

A six-week course in hatha yoga will begin at the Community Center on Monday, April 5, at 1:30 p.m.

The course, open to all interested persons, will be taught by Joan Leipnik. It is designed to aid students in slimming and

## Cerro Coso College offers variety of Saturday courses

Enrollment is now being taken for a variety of short-term courses that will be offered by Cerro Coso Community College on Saturdays from April 24 through May 22.

Purpose of the Saturday program is to enable students — some from surrounding communities who are unable to attend regular, full-length semester day or evening classes — to enroll in college-level courses.

Those interested in participating in the spring semester of the Saturday college program are encouraged to register immediately, since it's expected that many of the courses will be filled up during the first few days of registration.

Enrollment is being handled Monday through Thursday, from 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., and on Fridays, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at the college's records and admission office.

According to Dr. Donald Rosenberg, acting dean of instruction at Cerro Coso College, there has been active interest and enthusiasm in the Saturday college program. All students who complete courses in this program earn regular college credit that is applicable towards either an associate in art or science degree.

### Courses To Be Offered

The following 1-unit courses will be offered during Cerro Coso College's forthcoming Saturday college sessions:

Basic Horseshoeing, Agriculture 69, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m., April 24-May 22 (meeting at the roping arena, Trona); Ghost Town Photography, Art 49, 3-6 p.m., April 24-May 15 (field trips to Randsburg, Johannesburg, Death Valley); Principles of Ecology, Biology 49, 8:30 a.m.-noon, April 24-May 22.

Introduction to Marketing and Selling, Business 69, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m., April 24-May 22; Introduction to the Metric System, Engineering 49, 2-5:30 p.m., April 24-May 22; Geology of the Eastern Sierras, Geology 49, April 24-May 22 (field trips scheduled); Wildlife Cookery, Home Economics 69, 10 a.m.-1:50 p.m., April 24-May 22 (field trips scheduled).

Learning to Read Music, Music 81, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m., April 24-May 22; Assertion Training, Psychology 49, April 30 through May 8 on Fridays, 7-10 p.m., and Saturdays, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; Female Sexuality, Psychology 40, 9 a.m.-2:50 p.m., April 24-May 15.

Additional short-term courses being offered by the college during the week will be "Techniques of Yoga and Meditation," Physical Education 100 (no credit), Fridays, 7-9 p.m., April 23-May 21; and "Working With the Exceptional Individual," Psychology 49, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 3:40-5:10 p.m., April 20-May 27.

conditioning, renewing their energy, stimulating circulation and increasing concentration and meditation.

Registration for the course is now being accepted at the Community Center on weekdays between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. The cost is \$10 per student.

### GEBA Assessment Due

Assessments are now due from members of the Government Employees Benefit Association and the China Lake Mutual Aid Society following the death this past week of John Bane.

The deceased, a former Code 70451 employee, was 70 years old at the time of his death on March 24 in Torpin Springs, Fla.

GEBA and CLMAS members are asked by Larry Mason, secretary, to contact the collectors in their work area to pay this latest assessment, which is No. 358.

### Flower Show To Be Held

The Desert Empire Flower Show, sponsored by the Desert Empire District of the California Garden Club, will be held at the student center of Cerro Coso College on Saturday, April 10, from 1 to 5 p.m.

The show will be free and open to the public. As part of its "Mystic Mojave" theme will be displays of live and cut flowers, shrubs, terrariums and floral arrangements.

### Dance Set at Chaparral

The Torque, a band from Los Angeles specializing in rock and "easy listening" music, will play at a Chaparral Club dance tonight and tomorrow night from 9 till 1:30 a.m.

Tonight's dinner special will be steak, served from 6 to 9:30 p.m.

## VX-5 Sailors of Month for February, March announced

Airman Apprentice Beverly Sinise and Aviation Ordnanceman Third Class Fred Plott were selected, late last week, as Air Test and Evaluation Squadron Five's Sailors of the Month for February and March, respectively.

AA Sinise is an apprentice aviation storekeeper striker who works in the Material Branch ordering parts for the squadron's aircraft. A native of Blue Island, Ill., she enlisted in the Navy in March of last



AA Beverly Sinise

year, and, after completing boot camp, arrived at China Lake in June.

She says she's happy with her job because it's giving her the experience she was seeking when she enlisted. Her ambition is to become a transportation manager for an import company, and the aviation storekeeper's (AK) rate includes transportation management as one of its aspects.

Capt. R. N. Livingston, Commanding Officer of VX-5, has praised her "rapid grasp of the basic fundamentals" of her desired rating, which has "markedly improved material services provided to this command." He continued, "In considering that you have had no prior AK experience or attended AK service school, your display of true professionalism is commendable."



NAVY RECRUITER TRANSFERRED — As a memento of his 18-month assignment here as a Navy recruiter, Navy Counselor Chief R. A. "Dick" Belcher was presented an NWC plaque by Capt. R. D. Franke (at left), Deputy Commander. Chief Belcher, who was the first Navy recruiter to be stationed here permanently, has received orders transferring him to the Navy Recruiting Office in Santa Maria, Calif. He has been replaced here by YNI Ed Moss as Navy Recruiter. —Photo by Ron Allen

## Upward Mobility Program re-opened

With the Merit Promotion Announcement appearing in the Promotional Opportunities Section of this and next week's ROCKETEER, the register that will be utilized to fill Upward Mobility positions for the next 12 months will re-open to interested candidates eligible to participate in the Naval Weapons Center's Upward Mobility Program.

Selections for Upward Mobility positions will be made under the Navy's Merit Promotion Program from those applicants who are currently in positions rated GS-2 through GS-9 and their trades/craft and labor equivalents (WG-2 through WG-9); who have competitive Civil Service status, and who can reasonably be expected to perform the duties of the target position within two years.

Candidates selected for development must demonstrate they possess the potential ability to perform successfully in the target positions.

Applicants will be evaluated on each of the job relevant criteria. Ratings will be based on supervisory appraisal, completed information questionnaire, assessment center interview and exercises, and job element crediting plans.

Candidates already on the Upward Mobility register must re-apply. In the vast majority of cases, they need not be re-evaluated. Those desiring a re-assessment will have to fill out a questionnaire, however, and the information obtained from this questionnaire will be utilized by the Upward Mobility Rating Committee to determine the need for re-assessment.

Re-assessment will occur only in those instances where something of noteworthy significance has occurred since the applicant was last assessed for an Upward Mobility position.

Under the new promotion register, applicants need not select between administrative or technical jobs. All applicants will be rated and considered for positions based on their rating received on the job elements considered essential to the position to be filled. Interested persons should refer to the Upward Mobility announcement in the Promotional Opportunities Section for procedures on how to apply.

Twenty billets have been allocated for use in the Upward Mobility Program. These positions have now been filled. The new register will be utilized to re-fill these 20 billets as they become vacant. It may also be used to fill other regular departmental billets should a department elect to fill a position through Upward Mobility.

Of the 20 positions currently filled through Upward Mobility, thirteen have been filled at the GS-5 level, three at the GS-4 level, two at the GS-6 level, one at the GS-7 level, and one at the WG-5 level. Thirteen are of a technical nature, six are administrative, and one is in the trades/crafts area.

NWC employees are encouraged to contact their department Personnel Management Advisor if they have any questions regarding this program, or for career counseling and planning in general.



A03 Fred Plott



READY FOR THE BIG DOIN'S — Fire Chief Bill Knight, in the driver's seat of this 1912 Lincoln, and his wife, Marta, will be operators of the "Good Night Saloon" during tomorrow's Maturango Junction fete that is scheduled as a fund-raiser for the museum's building fund. —Photo by Ron Allen