

Final performances of 'Annie Get Your Gun' scheduled

"Annie Get Your Gun," Irving Berlin's smash musical hit will be presented again tonight and tomorrow night, by the Burroughs Drama Club in the BHS lecture center. Curtain time is 8:15 both evenings.

Last week's audiences were enthusiastic with their applause for the talented performances by the "Kubik Kids."

Lisa White has the leading role of Annie Oakley, who learns at the end of the show that she can't get her man with a gun, while Mitch Lyon is seen as Frank Butler, the man Annie is interested in getting.

In between opening and closing curtain are some of Berlin's famous musical hits including "Got the Sun in the Morning," "They Say That Falling in Love Is Wonderful," and the now traditional "There's No Business Like Show Business."

Other Members of Cast

Other members of the cast are Bob Gilmer, as Charlie Davenport; Kelly Smith, as Dolly Tate; Reno Venturi, as Mac; Chris Ayers, as Foster Wilson; Brian Donovan, as Little Jake; Stephanie Halen, as Nellie; Rhonda Baker, as Jessie; Karen Karner, as Minnie; Russ Stedman, as Buffalo Bill; Dennis Woolam as Pawnee Bill, and Bob Schwarzbach, as Chief Sitting Bull.

Alan Kubik is the production director, assisted by Martin Dorrell as student director. The choreographer is Chris Davis and Duane Green is the technical director-stage manager.

Tickets that are purchased in advance from members of the cast are priced at \$1.75 for adults, or \$1.50 for enlisted military personnel, students and children. At the box office prior to each of the remaining two performances, the admission price will be increased to \$2 and \$1.75, respectively.

IWV Youth Council Arts, Crafts Fair set May 22 at college

The second annual Indian Wells Valley Youth Council Arts and Crafts Fair will be held "on the green" at Cerro Coso College on Saturday, May 22, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The fair will feature continuous entertainment, including music by the Mojave Greens Bluegrass Band, dancing, poetry reading and a reader's theater based on Marlo Thomas' "Free To Be You and Me" that is to be presented by Florence Green, a drama instructor at the college.

In addition, there will be demonstrations of art welding, tie dye/batik and clay firing. Refreshments and child care facilities will be available for visitors.

Organizers say the purpose of the fair is to allow local artisans to display and sell their wares and give Indian Wells Valley residents a fine picnic opportunity. Most of the advance preparations are being made by local junior high and high school students, with the assistance of the college.

Amateur artisans who wish to display their works will be charged \$1 and professionals, \$5. In addition, amateurs must agree to assign 8 percent of their profits to the Youth Council while professionals will be charged 10 percent.

All profits made by the council will go into a bike path fund for Ridgecrest. The Ridgecrest City Council has agreed to match funds from the fair's earnings up to an amount of \$1,000.

Local artisans interested in setting up displays should contact one of the following persons: Gratia Boehme, phone 375-9561; Leo Girardot, 375-5001, or Dee Dee Hudleston, 375-2710. Early registrations are requested; display fees must be paid no later than next Friday morning, May 21.

CPO Club slates dance

Ron Thompson and the Big Mac, a contemporary music group from the local area, will perform at the CPO Club dance tonight from 9 until 1 a.m.

The dinner special for the evening will be prime rib, served from 6 until 9 o'clock.



TO PLAY HERE SUNDAY — The Orpheus Chamber Orchestra, recognized as one of America's foremost chamber ensembles, will present the concluding program of the 1975-76 concert season on Sunday afternoon at the Center theater. A portion of the 24-member group, which rehearses and performs without a director, is shown above.

IWV Concert Association's final program of season set Sunday

The final program of the Indian Wells Valley Concert Association's 1975-76 season will be presented on Sunday, starting at 4 p.m., in the Center theater.

Featured will be the Orpheus Chamber Orchestra, whose members have distinguished themselves as winners of national and international competitions, as members of major American orchestras, and as participants in many American and European festivals.

All of the instrumentalists have been picked for their extensive chamber music and solo experience, musical compatibility and flexible personalities. Some come from as far away as Japan, Hong Kong, and Puerto Rico, and several are from the West Coast.

Perform Without Director

Another distinctive feature about this group, which is recognized as one of America's foremost chamber ensembles, is that its 24 members rehearse and perform without a director.

During the concert here on Sunday afternoon, the Orpheus Chamber Orchestra will play three selections. They are:

"Overture for String in C Minor," written in 1811 by Franz Schubert, who was then 14 years of age; "Divertimento for Oboe, Two Horns and Strings, K. 251, composed by Wolfgang Mozart in July 1776; and "Serenade for Strings in E Major, Op. 22," a composition by Antonin Dvorak that was written during just 12 days in May 1875.

Single admission tickets for Sunday's concert program are priced at \$6 for everyone except youths under 21 years of age, senior citizens 65 years of age and over, and enlisted military personnel, who will be



WACOM DANCE SLATED — Connie Baker (at left) and Lorna Moore are shown hard at work making posters and getting out advertisements for the annual spring dinner-dance to be held by the Women's Auxiliary of the Commissioned Officers' Mess. The dance will take place tomorrow night in the Mojave Rm. of the COM. A social hour will begin at 6:30 p.m. and dinner will be held from 7:30 until 9. Dancing to the music of the Burroughs High School Stage Band will last until 2 a.m.

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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. 14 MAY**
"THE FAMILY" (96 Min.)
Charles Bronson, Telly Savalas
(Action Drama) Charles Bronson is a professional killer. His victims had always been impersonal targets, but on his last assignment he had looked directly into the eyes of his victim before pulling the trigger. (R)
- SAT. 15 MAY**
"AT LONG LAST LOVE" (105 Min.)
Burt Reynolds, Cybill Shepherd
(Comedy-Musical) 1930s style musical spoof with 16 Cole Porter songs. The story centers about four characters on a mad-cap romantic spree, interspersed with songs and dances of the '30s. (PG)
- SUN. 16 MAY**
IWV Concert Association presents
ORPHEUS CHAMBER ORCHESTRA
- MON. 17 MAY**
"FROM THE MIXED UP FILES OF MRS. BASILE FRANKWEILER" (106 Min.)
Ingrid Bergman, Sally Prager
(Comedy) Ingrid Bergman plays a mysterious recluse who once owned a statue in the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York with which two youngsters have fallen in love. The kids are runaways from home who set up housekeeping in the museum for a week. (G)
- TUE. 18 MAY**
"THE RETURN OF THE PINK PANTHER" (113 Min.)
Peter Sellers, Christopher Plummer
(Comedy) In this sequel to earlier "Panther" films, Inspector Clouseau again pursues a thief known as "The Phantom," who is suspected of stealing the fabulous pink diamond. (G)
- WED. 19 MAY**
"BRANNING" (11 Min.)
John Wayne, Judy Geeson
(Suspense Action) A Chicago police lieutenant is sent to London to recapture a grand jury-indicted mobster who managed to leave the country while out on bail. (PG)
- THURS. 20 MAY**
"SLAUGHTER" (92 Min.)
Jim Brown, Stella Stevens
(Action Drama) After a bomb kills his parents, an ex-Green Beret captain learns it was the work of the "Syndicate" and joins with the U. S. Treasury in breaking up the organization. (R)
- FRI. 21 MAY**
"BIG BAD MAMA" (37 Min.)
Angie Dickinson, Tom Skerritt
(Crime Melodrama) Angie Dickinson's Uncle Barney was killed by federal agents. She and her two daughters try to carry on his bootlegging trade and pull off other capers, including the robbery of an oilfield payroll. In the final bloody shootout, Mama is killed. (R)

Armed Forces Week program set at COM

The Commissioned Officers' Mess will present an Armed Forces Week program tonight featuring a barbecue beef dinner for \$3.25.

Carl Clark and the Country Sessions, a country and western group from Chowchilla, will perform for the listening and dancing pleasure of patrons, while as a special attraction, Bobby Monahan, a well-known comic from Los Angeles, will provide the floorshow entertainment.

Dinner will be served from 6 to 10, the band will come on at 9, and Monahan will make his appearance at 10.

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Test shows fiber optic components function well in operational aircraft environment

Visitors from industry, Armed Forces witness demonstration at NWC

A successful bombing and rocket firing demonstration, which was the culmination of an extensive effort to prove that fiber optics will function in an operational aircraft environment was carried out May 6 at the Naval Weapons Center before an audience of distinguished visitors from industry and the Armed Forces.

The fiber optic bundles replace wires as a means of transmitting signals between various components of the aircraft's navigation and weapons delivery system. The Airborne Light Optical Fiber Technology (ALOFT) Program was assigned to the Naval Electronics Laboratory Center (NELC) in San Diego, and has been supported since August 1974 by the A7 Program Office of the NWC Systems Development Department.

Everything worked beautifully, in what was called by Robert Freedman, head of Code 4048, a "proof of the pudding" type of demonstration, as an A7 Corsair piloted by Lt. Duane Duncan dropped bombs and fired 2.75 in. rockets. Woodie Chartier, the A7 Flight Test Engineer, described the aircraft performance capabilities and the ALOFT flight test operation for the benefit of visitors assembled for the demonstration.

Those invited to witness the test were welcomed by Capt. W. B. Haff, NWC Technical Officer, and by Freedman.

Other participants in the presentations that preceded the demonstration were F. J. Lueking, the Naval Air Systems Command's ALOFT Program Manager; R. D. Harder, the ALOFT Project Manager from NELC, who provided an update on the status of the program; and R. R. Bruck-



ALOFT DEMONSTRATION DRAWS CROWD — A group of distinguished visitors from industry and the Armed Forces was on hand May 6 to witness a successful bombing and rocket firing demonstration by an A7 Corsair. Modifications had been made to the aircraft's on-board computer—converting from wires to fiber optics inside the computer—in an effort to prove that fiber optics will function in an operational aircraft.

Employees of NWC's A7 Program Office at NWC were technical advisors to NELC on the modifications to the airborne computer and the aircraft installation design. Also, NWC configured the test aircraft with the fiber optic bundles that were substituted for aircraft wiring. A flight test, designed to exercise all of the navigation and weapons modes of the A7 attack aircraft, is presently in progress.

The A7 Integration Lab, which includes a mockup of the aircraft that can simulate

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FOCUS OF ATTENTION — This A7 Corsair, piloted by Lt. Duane Duncan, was the focus of attention during a successful ALOFT Program demonstration.

Bill introduced to amend rules on housing sale

(Editor's note: The following news release was received from the office of Congressman William M. Ketchum.)

WASHINGTON, D.C. . . . Congressman Bill Ketchum has introduced legislation to permit individuals now occupying government housing units which are declared surplus to have first purchase option of their rental units. Ketchum's bill amends the Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949.

"Current procedures do not permit sale of property valued at over \$1,000 to private parties," Ketchum stated. He added that this "unfair kink in the regulations" was brought to his attention by China Lake Naval Weapons Center.

"The China Lake Community Council came up with what I thought to be an extremely equitable manner for disposing of excess housing units at the Weapons Center," he said. "Allowing present tenants of the housing units to have priority on the sale of their own residences makes perfect sense, and I recommend this procedure to Government Services Administration (GSA)."

"Unfortunately, GSA is not able to comply; current procedures demand that surplus housing be disposed of by negotiated sale to a public body. If there is no public body interest, the property may be

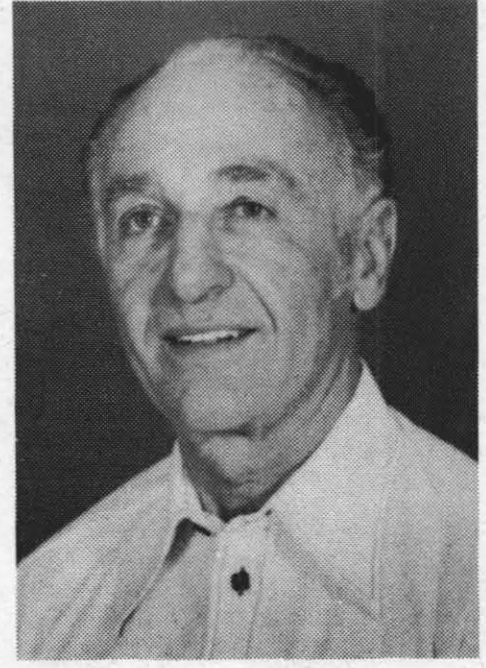
Medal of Honor winner visits Center

A man who has received his nation's highest award for defending its freedom visited the Naval Weapons Center Tuesday with a new mission: to preserve America's heritage.

Retired Marine Col. Mitchell Paige, president of the Northern California chapter of the First Marine Division Association and a recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor for heroic action on the Island of Guadalcanal in 1942, led a delegation of association members on a visit to China Lake to make arrangements for the transfer of a B-29 Superfortress to their military museum in Arroyo Grande, located on the coast about 15 miles south of San Luis Obispo.

located on his 6,000 acre ranch. Loomis and Rowland served with Col. Paige during World War II.

While at NWC, the four men attended a luncheon with Gen. Lewis W. Walt, USMC (Ret.), who was here to receive briefings as a consultant for the U.S. Army Material Systems Analysis Activity, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md.



Col. Mitchell Paige, USMC (Ret.)

The purpose of the 6,000 member First Marine Division Association, according to Col. Paige, is "to maintain the comradeship that we established in what we say is America's most famous and decorated fighting division." The purpose of his visit to NWC was to "preserve our American heritage. So much of it is fading away, being ignored or discarded."

Record Well Known

The 1st Division, famous for its operations on Guadalcanal in the Solomon Islands, New Britain, Peleliu, Okinawa, Korea and Vietnam, is composed of veterans of the division from World War II days to the present time. The colonel, who devotes most of his time now to the association's affairs, has been master of ceremonies for its annual reunion for the last nine years.

Col. Paige enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1936 and performed guard duty at Cavite in the Philippines and in Peking, China, and underwent training in the Caribbean area before the war broke out. He saw his first action at Guadalcanal, one of the bloodiest battles of the Pacific Theater, and it was here that he so distinguished himself.

According to the citation which accompanied the Medal of Honor and was signed by then President Franklin D. Roosevelt, ". . . When the enemy broke

Watch for detour in vicinity of construction site

A detour will be set up Monday, between the hours of 6:30 a.m. and 7 p.m., on Blandly Ave., just east of Lauritsen Rd.

During this time, traffic along this section of Blandly Ave. will be routed through the Schoeffel Field parking lot. Motorists are asked to be on the lookout for the detour signs and barricades.

This change in the regular traffic pattern is necessary in order to permit the installation of underground steam lines that will run from the new dispensary which is now under construction to steam manholes located opposite the construction site.

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ALMOST READY — A B-29 Superfortress bomber, which has rested in the desert area of the Naval Weapons Center for 20 years, is scheduled to be flown tomorrow from the Naval Air Facility to the museum of Yesterday's Air Force in Barstow.

Schedule set for registering pupils in kindergarten classes

The schedule for registration of youngsters who will be entering kindergarten classes next September was announced this week by the Sierra Sands Unified School District.

Registration of kindergartners who live on the Naval Weapons Center, including Desert Park and the Sandalwood homes tract, will be held at Murray School on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 18 and 19, between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Sign-ups for other kindergartners will be held as follows:

Ridgecrest children will be enrolled at Las Flores School on Tuesday through Friday, May 11-14, between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Children living in the Inyokern area are scheduled to register in Rm. 101 at the Inyokern School on Thursday, May 20, between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Kindergarten registration for youngsters living in the Rand area will be held at the Rand School office on Friday, May 21, between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Choice of Registration Sites Parents who live in either the Rand district or in the Inyokern area, but work in the China Lake-Ridgecrest area, may register their children at the location most convenient to them.

Children must be five years of age or before Dec. 2, 1976, to be eligible for attendance in kindergarten for the 1976-77 school year. Proof of age must be presented at the time of registration.

California State laws require that evidence of polio, measles (rubeola), and

DPT (diphtheria, whooping cough, and tetanus) immunizations, or a written statement by parent or guardian requesting exemption for reasons of personal belief or medical necessity, be presented at the time of registration.

Parents are also asked to bring information regarding the child's other immunizations, childhood illnesses, and injuries.

Radio repeater at Laurel Mt. assists amateur operators

As an assist to ham radio operators in the Indian Wells Valley, a two-meter amateur radio repeater (WR6AMZ) is now in service at Laurel Mt.

The repeater, with an effective radiated power of approximately 50 watts, covers the Indian Wells, Searles and Antelope Valleys when used with one-watt portable units and "rabbit ears," according to Ed Tipler (WA6KYZ), the unit's owner and control operator.

Prior to going on the air, the amateur radio repeater was licensed by the Federal Communications Commission, granted frequency authorization by the Naval Weapons Center and a space allocation at Laurel Mt. by the Naval Facilities Engineering Command.

The unit is a carrier-access machine with input on 146.04 MHz and output on 146.64 MHz. It is open to use by all licensed amateur radio operators of the technician class or above.

Interested persons can obtain additional information by phoning either Tipler at 375-2753 or Jim Rieger at 375-5690.

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Promotional opportunities

Unless otherwise specified in the ad, applications for positions listed in this column will be accepted from current NWC employees and should be filed with the person named in the ad.

Electronics Engineer, GS-855-9/11, PD No. 7639027E, Code 3923 — This position is located in the Mechanical Systems Branch of the Surface Systems Division, Weapons Department.

Accounts Maintenance Clerk, GS-520-04/05, PD No. 7407017, Code 7052 — Incumbent works in the Accounting and Records Section, maintains all records for quarters occupied by military personnel.

Engineering Equipment Operator, WG-5714-10, JD No. 324, Code 70416 — Incumbent is required to operate all types of dirt moving construction equipment which includes bulldozers, road graders, road rollers, ditch digging equipment, skidloaders, tractors and other similar equipment.

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

Accounts Maintenance Clerk, GS-520-3/4, PD No. 7608003-3, Code 0862 — (part-time) incumbent receives and processes purchase documents and validates outstanding vouchers.

Plant Account Supervisor, GS-501-08, PD No. 7608050, Code 0863 — This position is located in the Plant Property Accounting Branch of the Office of Finance and Management.



35 YEARS CHALKED UP — Floyd L. Maxwell, general foreman of the metal working shops in the Public Works Department, was the recent recipient of a 35-year Federal service pin that was presented to him by Capt. W. F. Daniel, his department head.

Relevant Criteria: Must have experience in equipment and personnel management, be familiar with principles of accounting, and be able to develop new techniques and procedures.

Recreation Aid, PS-189-3, PD No. 7655104, Code 0891 — This position is located in the Recreation Services Branch. The incumbent is assistant hobby complex manager.

Supv. Recreation Specialist, UA-188-5/7/9, PD No. 7655105, Code 0891 — This position is located in the Recreation Services Branch.

File applications for the above with Dora Childers, Bldg. 34, Rm. 204, Ph. 2723.

Clerk-Typist, GS-322-3/4, PD No. 7646049M, Code 4074 — This position is located in the Advanced Concepts Evaluation Branch of the Systems Development Department.

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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.

ROMAN CATHOLIC MASS Saturday 1700 fulfill Sunday obligation 0700 0830 1130 Sunday BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL MASS Daily except Saturday 1135 CONFESSIONS Daily 1115 to 1140 Saturday 1530 to 1630 Sunday 0800 to 0825 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES Sunday Pre-school thru 6th grades 1015 Wednesday First thru sixth seventh & eighth (Junior High) 1530 1900

Junior High girls to try for nat'l 24-hr. relay mark

A group of 10 girls, unofficially representing Murray School and co-sponsored by the NWC Special Services Division, will participate in a 24-hour relay race in an attempt to break the national record of 170 miles and 30 yards for youngsters in this age group.

This event will begin at 4:30 p.m. today at the Kelly Field track adjacent to Murray School. Each of the girls will run a mile and then pass the baton to the next runner.

The runners, in the order that they will be carrying the baton, are Joy Ballard, Jenny Slates, Sandi Faron, Mona Arredondo, Laura Dobbins, Teresa Brown, Leslie Bullock, Rhonda Mathews, Laurie Corlett and Keil Hiitt.

Local area residents are invited to witness the start of the relay race and return as often as they like to cheer the girls on in their record-setting attempt.

Golfers schedule partners' best ball tournament May 22

A partner's best ball tournament, sponsored by the China Lake Golf Club, will be held on Saturday, May 22, at the local golf course.

This competition will serve as a final warm-up for the CPO Golden Anchor Tourney that is scheduled on June 5 and 6, and the same rules that will govern this latter event also will apply on May 22.

This means, in regard to a golfer's handicap, that no handicap which is two strokes higher than the one on record for an individual this past Jan. 1 will be permitted.

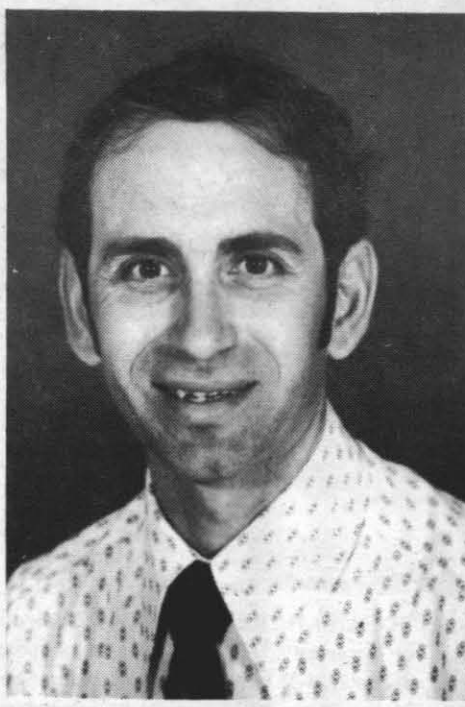
Wilt's Corner . . .

The class, which will be held in the gymnasium's weight training room from 6 to 7 p.m., will be taught by Dr. Bob Kubin and Chief Bill Cava. Class size will be limited to 12 students, all of whom must be members of the Youth Center in order to participate.

Boat Club meeting slated

Plans were announced this week for a meeting of the China Lake Boat Club that will be held on Wednesday, May 26, starting at 7 p.m. at the club's hut, 355-A McIntire St.

Employee in the spotlight



Mayer Freedman

How can a journalism graduate become an engineer? Ask Mayer Freedman, head of the Radar Systems Branch of the Electronic Warfare Department's Microwave Development Division, who received his B.A. degree in journalism from the University of Nevada at Reno in 1961.

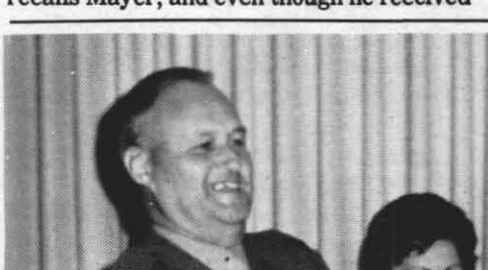
That newspaper liked the story, and the next day it appeared on the front page of the "Nevada State Journal" in Reno with Mayer's by-line. The only trouble was, the story amounted to a "scoop" of the university's own public information office, which had not intended that word of the reactor should leak out so soon.

Boys'hood Interests Surface

As a boy, however, Mayer had been interested in cars and model airplanes and considered himself "mechanically oriented."

While at Dallas, Mayer worked as a design and project engineer on terrain-following radar programs and an inclement weather landing system radar for the Lockheed 1011 Tristar aircraft.

Shortly after receiving an M.S. degree in electrical engineering from Southern Methodist University in 1971, Mayer returned here to work for the firm's Ridgecrest office once again, this time as a project engineer for studies of advanced seekers for anti-radiation missiles.



With better career opportunities in mind, Mayer, who has bought and sold four houses since he first came to Ridgecrest, decided to work for the Naval Weapons Center and joined Code 3522 as a design engineer in 1972.

recognition study for anti-radiation missiles for about six months before becoming the project engineer for the Triple S program with Code 3543.

Mayer has been head of the Radar Systems Branch for a year, now, during which time its major projects have been the Triple S, an anti-ship cruise missile simulator, and Harpoon, an anti-ship cruise missile.

He says he enjoys his position as a branch head "because it's a people-oriented job. I'm very happy I've always worked for a bunch of technically-competent individuals ever since I've been at China Lake.

Family Activities

Off the job, Mayer works with his oldest son, Kevin, 14, on radio controlled model airplanes, and plans to begin running to keep up with Thomas, 7, a member of the Maturango Milers, who runs the mile in 7 min., 40 sec.

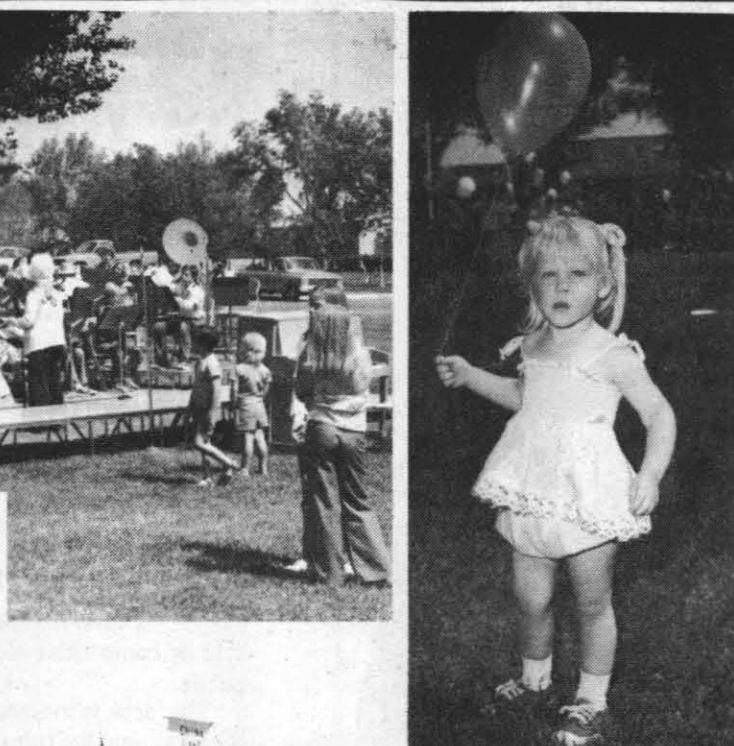
Mayer, additionally, is now taking a correspondence course in yacht design, and has drawn up plans for 15 sailing or power boats. He's even interested in working part time as a naval architect when he finishes the course.

Opportunities . . .

File applications for the above with Charlotte Sieckowski, Bldg. 34, Rm. 204, Ph. 3118. Supervisory Technical Publications Writer/Editor (Physical Science and Engineering), GS-1083-11, PD No. 7653037, Code 5342 — Located in Flight Services Branch No. 2 of the Technical Information Department.



FAMILY FUN — Approximately 1,500 visitors turned out to participate in the community-wide picnic and ice cream social which was held last Sunday afternoon on the lawn in front of the Naval Weapons Center Administration Building as the highlight to the local observance of Armed Forces Week (May 8-15). In the top row of photos, the Murray School Band, directed by Alberta Kline, was one of four school bands that provided musical entertainment throughout the event; and a young celebrant (at right) clutches one of the many balloons that added a colorful note to the day's festivities. In the center photos, hungry visitors



patronize a table covered with homemade pies and cakes that were sold by members of the Maturango Museum Luncheon Group, under the direction of Mrs. Sue Byrd; at right, the brightly-painted Naval Air Facility Bicentennial aircraft, a T-38 Freedom Fighter chase plane specially prepared by the NAF Targets Department, made its public debut. The photo at lower left shows the beautiful tree and flag-lined approaches to the huge lawn on which the picnic was held. To its right, visitors are pictured examining one of the many entries in the popular car show, which was held on the Administration Building parking lot.

Scout-o-Rama set Saturday at Schoeffel Field

Tickets are still on sale for the annual Scout-o-Rama that is to be held tomorrow at Schoeffel Field. A ticket, priced at \$1 for non-scout affiliated persons, will admit one adult plus any children in his or her family under the age of 16. Tickets are being sold by Cub and Boy Scouts door-to-door and in various shopping areas. They also will be available at the gate on Saturday. Between 25 and 30 Boy Scout, Girl Scout, Cub Scout and Camp Fire Girl units from Ridgecrest, China Lake, Trona, Randsburg and California City are expected to participate in this event. It will feature puppet

shows and demonstrations of scouting skills, handicrafts, pioneering and cooking. In addition, Cub Scout Pack 341, sponsored by the NWC All Faith Chapel, will set up an obstacle course which visitors and scouts may attempt to run through, and Boy Scout Troop 35, sponsored by the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers Local 442, will operate a miniature golf course. Explorer Post 800, sponsored by the United Methodist Church of Ridgecrest, plans to set up a rope climb; Boy Scout Troop 68, sponsored by the Ridgecrest LDS Church, 1st Ward, will demonstrate rap-

PELLING techniques from 30-ft. high painting scaffolds; and Boy Scout Troop 848, sponsored by the Grace Lutheran Church in Ridgecrest, will put on a pillow fight which visitors may join in. The Scout-o-Rama will begin at 1 p.m. and the Cub Scout Pinewood Derby runoffs for gravity-powered racers will be held at 3 p.m. The Order of the Arrow, a society of honor campers, will begin a program at 7:30 p.m. designed to show the public typical activities that occur around a campfire during a camp out.

Service of electron microscopy lab available

The Research Department is now making available Centerwide the use of its transmission electron microscopy laboratory. According to John Dancy, electronic microscopist in the Physics Division of Code 60, this laboratory has the unique capability of assisting scientists or engineers by providing microstructure analysis techniques designed to meet their particular needs, such as in the area of thin film research, for example. Consulting service is provided to insure optimum and efficient interface between a

specific project and transmission electron microscopy, Dancy added. "Whether yours is a current need, or you are planning a new project, see how this laboratory can work along with you on a short- or long-term basis in planning and developing a project that will extract maximum data from tests and experiments designed to efficiently and economically realize your objective," Dancy urged. Additional information can be obtained by calling Dancy at NWC ext. 2771.

Artists' work on display now at Community Center

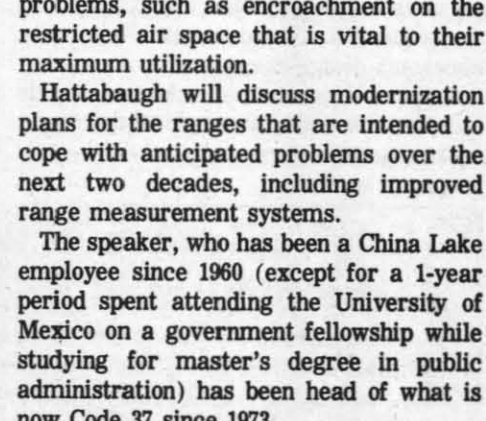
The works of Desert Art League members Clifford Johnson and Ruth Powers are on display at the Community Center between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on weekdays and will remain through Monday, May 31. Johnson's paintings of Western Americana hang on the wall of Cactus Hall and in the Joshua and Yucca Rms. The artist is an employee of Code 4561. The paintings by Mrs. Powers, who is a long-time local resident, depict landscapes of the Kern River Valley and the local area. They are hung in the Sidewinder Rm.

War hero...

(Continued from Page 1) through the line directly in front of his position, Platoon Sergeant Paige, commanding a machine gun section with fearless determination, continued to direct the fire of his gunners until all his men were either killed or wounded. "Alone, against the deadly hail of Japanese shells, he manned his gun, and when it was destroyed, took over another, moving from gun to gun, never ceasing his withering fire against the advancing hordes until reinforcements finally arrived. Then, forming a new line, he dauntlessly and aggressively led a bayonet charge, driving the enemy back and preventing a breakthrough in our lines..." Col. Paige was commissioned in the field at Guadalcanal, and, before retiring from the service in 1964, served at one time as commanding officer of the 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines, First Marine Division. After his retirement he worked for a time for MB Associates, Inc., of San Ramon, Calif., helping in the research and development of miniature rockets, penetration aids and hypervelocity acceleration. Last year, Col. Paige published his autobiography entitled "A Marine Named Mitch," which contains the essence of his picture and note-taking which began 40 years ago. "As a platoon sergeant I knew my men as well as anybody ever knew them — every detail of their lives. When we got into combat this knowledge paid off, although I never realized how it might when I first began taking notes," recalled the colonel. He and his wife, Jan, make their home in Redwood City. They have two married children, Mitch and Janis.

Talk about Center's range complex set at next IEEE meeting

A talk about the future of the Naval Weapons Center's range complex will be presented at the next luncheon meeting of the China Lake Section of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers. The speaker will be William R. Hattabaugh, head of the Test and Evaluation Department, and the meeting will be held on Tuesday, starting at 11:30 a.m., in the Chart Rm. of the Commissioned Officers' Mess. Because the ranges represent a significant resource in the Center's total research development, test and evaluation capability, it is essential that they be utilized and developed in such a manner to support both present and future Navy test and evaluation needs. Currently, the ranges face a variety of problems, such as encroachment on the restricted air space that is vital to their maximum utilization. Hattabaugh will discuss modernization plans for the ranges that are intended to cope with anticipated problems over the next two decades, including improved range measurement systems. The speaker, who has been a China Lake employee since 1960 (except for a 1-year period spent attending the University of Mexico on a government fellowship while studying for master's degree in public administration) has been head of what is now Code 37 since 1973.



William R. Hattabaugh

Happenings around NWC



PREPARED FOR DANCE FESTIVAL — These members of the Desert Dancers, local folk dance group, are looking forward with anticipation to the spring folk dance festival that will be held tomorrow afternoon and evening at the Community Center. They are (l.-r.) Nan Hulse, Carl Heller, Cindy and Bob Brown, Carolyn Ogilvie and Dwight Fine. This event, which is being held in conjunction with the International Festival Committee's food bazaar, is open to all interested persons and a good turnout of dancers and spectators is hoped for. —Photo by Ron Allen

Folk dance fete, food bazaar set Saturday

People who enjoy the unusual in music, the exotic in food, and the memorable in dance are invited to attend Lech Lamidbar — the Desert Dancers' spring folk dance festival that is to be held jointly with the International Festival Committee's (IFC) food bazaar — tomorrow in the Community Center. Special event passes, for which the password is "festival," will be issued on Saturday at the NWC main gate from noon until midnight. The dance festival has been planned in two parts. From 2 to 5 p.m., dancing will be to recorded music, but during the evening (from 8 to midnight) there will be dancing to the music of the Pecurka International Folk Band. Dance Exhibitions Slated During each session, there will be exhibitions by special dance groups. The afternoon program will feature IFC dancers, starting at around 2:30 p.m., when nine Tanko Bushi dancers will demonstrate the skills taught to them by Mrs. Aiko White. This group will be followed immediately by six Afro-American dancers in a demonstration that has been choreographed by Mrs. Phyllis Henderson Barnes. Later, shortly after 3:30 p.m., Line Scanlon, a professional Polynesian dancer, will perform her native Samoan dances. The evening program, for which there will be an admission charge of \$2 per person, will include a demonstration by the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society of Los Angeles at about 8:30 p.m. The society was formed in Scotland in 1923 for the purpose of resurrecting, restoring, and preserving the dances and dance music of old Scotland, and today Scottish country dancing is enjoyed by thousands of people throughout the world. Members of the demonstration team of the Los Angeles branch are selected by the team director, Margaret Morrison — a native of Scotland who now resides in North Hollywood. Polish Dancers To Perform The second exhibition of the evening will be by Polski Iskry. This group specializes in the dances of Poland, and performs at folk dance festivals throughout California. Polski Iskry is directed by Eugene Ciejeka of Garden Grove, Calif. Ciejeka, who is of Polish descent, has indulged his lifelong interest in Polish culture by traveling extensively in Poland to research dances and costumes. The Pecurka International Folk Band is a six-piece musical group that provides lively, entertaining, and danceable music for Southern California folk dancers. Singing in 10 languages and playing a variety of ethnic and conventional instruments, the six members of the band

perform folk music of Yugoslavia, Bulgaria, Israel, Greece, and many other lands. Bob Atwood, the group's director, is the lead accordionist; his wife Barbara is the group's clarinetist. Laura Carder plays (and Hugh Neely understudies) violin and viola. Carol Driggers makes beautiful music on the Persian santur, an instrument very similar to the American hammer dulcimer. Karen Magnussen is the group's flute and recorder player; and John Trojan plays the accordion and tupan (large Macedonian folk drum). The food bazaar will be open from noon until 10 p.m. Members of the International Relations Club at Burroughs High School will be selling pastries, breads, and cakes in the Panamint Rm. at the Community Center, and hot and cold beverages at the snack bar area from noon until 10 p.m. An international supper also will be available in the snack bar area. The supper will include beer meat balls, teriyaki chicken wings, fried rice, and a dessert. Volunteers are still needed to help with the selling. Those willing to do so are asked to contact Mrs. Susanne Fountain, by calling 446-4408, to arrange to help at the bazaar. Funds raised by IFC from the food sales and from patron ticket sales held earlier in

Dancing to the country and western music of the Country Squires will take place at the Chaparral Club tomorrow night from 9 until 2 a.m. Preparations are under way for the grand opening of the new Enlisted Men's Club later this month, according to club manager Walt Schimke. Details of the opening ceremony will be announced soon in The ROCKETEER. GEBA Assessments Due Assessments are now due from members of the Government Employees Benefit Association and the China Lake Mutual Aid Society following the deaths of Roy G. Kruger, Thomas G. Standard and Peter Dietrichson. Kruger, a former Code 5882 employee, was 59 years old at the time of his death on April 14 in Los Angeles. Standard, 63, a Public Works Department employee who had retired, died April 20 in Ridgecrest. Dietrichson was assistant division head of the Technical Information Department Graphic Arts Division until his death in Onyx on April 24 at the age of 59. GEBA and CLMAS members are asked

by Larry Mason, secretary, to contact the collectors in their work area to pay these latest assessments, which are Nos. 361, 362 and 363. Mason stated that a new membership drive is now on and also urged present GEBA and CLMAS members to check to make sure that up-to-date information regarding their beneficiaries is on file. He can be contacted after working hours by calling 446-4794. Square Dance Scheduled Members of the Cactus Squares will hold their bi-monthly square dance tomorrow night, starting at 7:30, at the Murray Junior High School auditorium. George and Jeanne Thornburg will be calling the tips and cueing the rounds. From 7:30 to 8 p.m. there will be round dancing, followed by square dancing until 11. At the conclusion of the evening, gaily decorated boxes of after-dance snacks and sweets will be auctioned off by refreshment chairmen Bell and Lou Sidney. All square dancers are invited to join in the fun. Insurance Agent Due Loni Kivett, the Aetna Insurance representative, will be at the Community Center next Wednesday, May 19, from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Youths invited to apply for Army summer program Applications, which can be obtained locally, are now being accepted for the U.S. Army Reserve's Summer Career Interest Program '76. The objective of this program, which is sponsored by Army Reserve in conjunction with the Reserve Officers Association, is to teach technical skills to teenagers while providing training subjects for Army Reserve instructors. The summer program is two weeks in duration and is open to anyone 15 years of age and over. While it is sponsored by the Army, there is no commitment involved by those who participate. In addition, the students are not required to stand formations, wear uniforms or meet haircut regulations. For a \$55 fee, students receive intensive course and field work in their chosen study area. The fee covers housing, meals, educational materials and health and accident insurance. This summer program is being offered at eight locations around the country, but the nearest one is at the Sacramento Army Depot from June 20 through July 2, and from July 4 to 16. The variety of subjects to be offered there includes aviation ground school, law enforcement, automotive maintenance, medical lab technology and amateur radio. Only one course may be selected for the two-week training period. Pamphlets which contain an application form for the Army Reserve's Summer Career Interest Program can be obtained at the Community Center and Youth Center at NWC, at the Burroughs High School counseling center, at the Mesquite High School office, and at the Cerro Coso Community College career counseling center. At the present time, the 6303rd USAR Study Group (RTU) is exploring the possibility of having transportation provided to and from the two camp sessions in Sacramento, and also is seeking support from local service clubs and similar groups for payment of the \$55 fee in cases of those who are interested in attending, but are unable to afford it. The latter are asked to fill out the application and then send it to Capt. Michael Hartney, USAR, at NWC Code 081. If additional information (other than that included in the application pamphlets) becomes available, it can be obtained by calling Capt. Hartney at NWC ext. 3288 or 446-4945.



FESTIVAL TICKETS PRESENTED — Mrs. Dottie Freeman, wife of the NWC Commander, earlier this week received tickets for the evening program of the combined folk dance festival and International Festival Committee's food bazaar that will be held at the Community Center. The youngsters who presented tickets to Mrs. Freeman are Paul Rabago, who is wearing a Guamanian costume, and Christine Shadd, dressed in a Japanese costume. They are third and fourth grade students, respectively, from Vieweg Elementary School. —Photo by Ron Allen