

Lions Club 3-day summer fair begins today in Ridgecrest

A three-day summer fair, sponsored by the Lions Club of Indian Wells Valley, will get under way at 4 p.m. today at the Desert Empire Fairgrounds in Ridgecrest.

There will be no admission charge for this special event which will feature five thrill rides, including a sky diver (reportedly the largest portable wheel in the world), a ferris wheel and merry-go-round brought here and operated by the Christiansen Amusement Co. of San Bernardino.

For those whose hunger or thirst is whetted by the activity on the midway, the IWV chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People will be selling fried chicken, hamburgers will be available at a booth operated by members of the Knights of Columbus, and there also will be booths at which soft drinks and beer can be purchased.

The summer fair will be open today from 4 to 11 p.m. and on Saturday and Sunday from noon to 11 p.m.

Dura Pinkerton and Dr. Rex Shacklett are chairman and co-chairman, respectively, of the Lions Club's summer fair, and have been assisted in preparations for this event by Tony Knight, Sam Treat, Bill Bewley, Dr. Ron Ogren, Dr. Gene Brandt, Maurice Westfall and Basil Legg.

In addition to those already mentioned, the summer fair planning committee includes Rex Stassart, Phil Kelly, Bruce Sonnenberg and Emil Moorehead.

Their share of the proceeds from the summer fair will be used by the local Lions Club to support such youth programs and community service projects as the Ridgecrest and China Lake Little Leagues, the Pony/Colt Baseball League, Future Business Leaders of America, and regular visits of a mobile Eyemobile that provides free tests for glaucoma.

Country, western gp. to play for dance at COM

Captain Crunch and the Deep Cross Cowboys, a country and western group from Los Angeles, will perform for the listening and dancing pleasure of Commissioned Officers' Mess patrons tonight from 9 until 11 a.m.

Dinner specials for the evening will be shrimp curry or prime rib, served from 6 until 10 o'clock. Tomorrow night's special will be 14-oz. porterhouse steaks.



BICENTENNIAL DRAMATICS — Richard Paulsen and Janice Frageman portray the courier and Abigail Adams, respectively, in the Community Light Opera and Theater Association's production of "1776," whose final performances are set for 8:15 tonight and Saturday at the Burroughs High School lecture center. Tickets, which are priced at \$3 for adults and \$2 for students and senior citizens, are available at the Gift Mart, the Medical Arts Pharmacy and the Station Pharmacy, as well as from members of the cast. Remaining tickets will be placed on sale at the lecture center box office at the times of the performances. Choreographer for the award-winning musical story of this nation's birth is Georgia Knutsen, a dance teacher with the Indian Wells Valley Ballet Society. —Photos by Ray Hocker

Premium lists available for Desert Empire Fair, slated Sept. 29-Oct. 3

Local area residents who are interested in entering their art work, handicrafts or examples of their sewing and needlework skill can now obtain premium lists for the 1976 Desert Empire Fair. The annual celebration will be held from Sept. 29 through Oct. 3 in Ridgecrest.

Both premium lists and entry forms are available at the Community Center and library on board the Naval Weapons Center, or in Ridgecrest at the city hall, Chamber of Commerce office, Fabrique Shop, Buttons and Bows, Eve's Yarn Shop and at the DEF office on the fairgrounds.

In addition, the Country Feed Barn in Inyokern also has copies of the premium lists and entry forms.

There will be competition in several new divisions at this year's fair, including one for afghans and a classification for entries by those who do Hydro-cast painting. Also, the 4-H divisions and classes have been revised in an effort to provide competitive categories for as many 4-H youngsters as possible.

As an assist to those who plan to enter

their work in the competition at the fair, the committee in charge of this part of the local celebration has made plans to set up tables at which entry forms and fees will be accepted in the Ridgecrest Plaza area on Friday, Sept. 10, from 4 to 7 p.m., and during the same hours on Friday, Sept. 17, in Bennington Plaza on the Naval Weapons Center as well as at the Ridgecrest Plaza.

Additional information can be obtained by calling Mrs. Willie Johnson, chairman of the competition committee, at 377-4651, or writing to Route 2, Box 353K, Ridgecrest.

Cub Scout Day Camp set for July 19-23 at NAF swim pool

The annual Cub Scout Day Camp will be held at the Naval Air Facility pool July 19 through 23 from 12:30 to 5 p.m. daily.

The program will include instruction in basket, rope and candle making, leather craft, plaster casting, photography, first aid, and bicycle and fire safety. In addition, there will be an hour-long swim period and a cookie and punch break each day. As youngsters are registered they will be assigned to dens, with Boy Scouts serving as den chiefs. Adults are welcome to visit the afternoons' activities and to volunteer their services as needed.

Navy To Provide Transportation
The Navy will provide transportation for participants from the NWC main gate each day at 12:30 p.m. and return them there from the pool at 5 p.m.

The cost for the camp is \$5 per boy. Scouts may register by contacting their cubmaster or by phoning Norm Wiseman at 375-8792 or Bill Cooper at 446-5734. Boys 8 through 10 years of age who are not Scouts but who would like to participate in the camp may also register by calling the above numbers.

Plans are now in full swing for a Cub-Rec to be held July 23 through 25 at Camp Nick Williams in the Piute Mountains. Persons desiring to take part in this father-son campout may register by calling Herb Guest at 446-5678.

Soul music gp. to play at Enlisted Club dances

Carl Donaldson and the Fourth House, a soul music group from Covina, will perform at Enlisted Club dances tonight and tomorrow night from 9 until 2 a.m.

Tonight's dinner special will be a seafood plate, while tomorrow night's will be spaghetti served with a glass of wine. Both will be served from 6 until 8:30.

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. 9 JULY

"THE MACK" (109 Min.)
Max Julien, Don Gordon
(Action Drama) A petty crook just released from prison is determined to make good as a pimp in spite of competition and threats from his ex-boss and the police. (R)

SAT. 10 JULY

"PHANTOM OF THE PARADISE" (93 Min.)
Paul Williams, William Finlay
(Musical Horror) Spoof of the classic "Phantom of the Opera." This phantom is a rousing pop-horror comedy about a composer's revenge on the satanic record producer who steals his rock cantata of "Faust." (PG)

SUN. 11 JULY

"MR. QUILP" (118 Min.)
Anthony Newley, David Hemmings
(Musical) Daniel Quilp is a villain — one of the worst of cutthroats who swarmed through London's underworld of the 19th century and held a franchise on smuggling, extortion and crime. Based on Dickens' "Old Curiosity Shop." "Mr. Quilp" concerns the classic contest between good and evil that ensues when Quilp's victim, Little Nell, is pitifully exploited. (G)

MON. 12 JULY

"NIGHT BLOOD MONSTER" (98 Min.)
Christopher Lee, Maria Rohm
(Horror) A reign of terror, when King Henry V was faced with the Protestant forces of William of Orange and charges of heresy and witchcraft sent many hapless women to the burning stake. (PG)

TUE. 13 JULY

"HUSTLE" (120 Min.)
Burt Reynolds, Catherine Deneuve
(Action-Drama) This film is a drama of murder and official corruption. Burt Reynolds, a tough but honest Los Angeles detective, has a beautiful, high-priced call girl as his mistress (Catherine Deneuve) and does his job despite the conflict resulting from this relationship. (R)

WED. 14 JULY

"AVANTI!" (134 Min.)
Jack Lemmon, Julie Mills
(Comedy) Odd circumstances bring an American businessman and an English secretary together on a picturesque Italian island where initial hostility blossoms into love. (R)

THURS. 15 JULY

"LAS VEGAS LADY" (87 Min.)
Stuart Whitman, Stella Stevens
(Drama) Stella Stevens, a veteran play-girl in Las Vegas, heads a scheme to rob a casino during the height of a private gambling party. Stevens receives instructions from a mystery man (Stuart Whitman), who is security guard at the casino and at constant odds with the manager. Target of the heist is the money which the manager of the casino has received from his scheme to sell guns to a gunman. (PG)

FRI. 16 JULY

"RIVALS" (104 Min.)
Joan Hackett, Scott Jacoby
(Suspense Drama) A precocious 10-year-old objects to his mother's remarriage and plans a deathtrap for his stepfather. But his mother dies instead and the boy withdraws into his own world. (R)

CPO Club slates dance

The Chief Petty Officers' Club will hold a dance tonight from 9 until 1 a.m. featuring the Bobby Vegas Troupe, a contemporary music group from Las Vegas.

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

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BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION BEGINS — Presentation of the colors and raising of the American flag marked the start of the local Bicentennial fete at the Desert Empire Fairgrounds in Ridgecrest. The Naval Air Facility Drill Team, led by AMEC Karl Vanhoutan, is shown above as its members prepared to raise "Old Glory." Other participants in this portion of the program were a color guard from the High Desert Detachment of the Marine Corps Reserve. —Photos by Ron Allen

NWC Employee commended Improved means for fastening Condor missile pod doors devised

A special commendation was presented recently to Dan Branson, a mechanical engineering technician in the Weapons Department's Weapons Development Division, for his ingenuity in devising an improved means for securing Condor missile pod doors. The presentation was made by W. B. Porter, head of Code 39.

During flight testing at the Naval Weapons Center, it was determined that the previous method for fastening the Condor pod doors was unacceptable — either for test purposes or for subsequent Fleet operations.

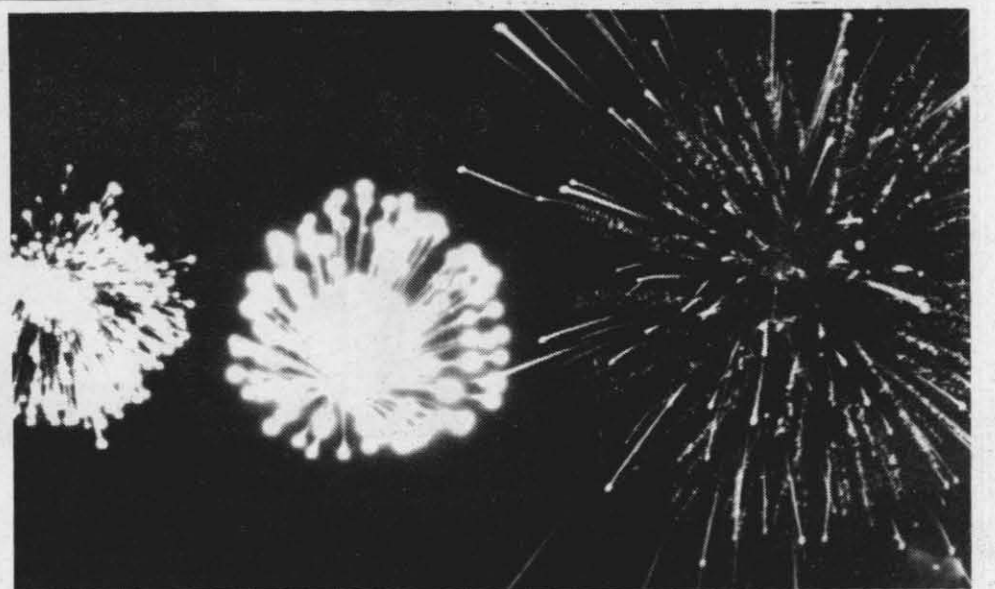
While the inadequacy of the earlier design had been known for a period of years,

Added parking areas for 'cycles approved

Motorcycles and bicycles will be permitted to park legally in most triangle spaces at the ends of parking rows on the Naval Weapons Center.

They must be placed entirely within the lines of the triangle. The triangles where parking cannot be permitted will be appropriately marked.

According to a spokesman from the Safety and Security Department, this was discussed and approved by the NWC Traffic Safety Council at its last meeting.



SALUTE TO NATION'S 200th BIRTHDAY — A display of fireworks over Mirror Lake was among the highlights of the local Fourth of July celebration. Personnel of Explosives Ordnance Detachment 67 handled the task of igniting the pyrotechnic displays that lit up the night sky.

Bicentennial year July 4th celebration attracts large crowd to local fairgrounds

An estimated 1,000 persons attended the local community's gala Bicentennial year Independence Day celebration at the Desert Empire Fairgrounds Sunday evening — an event as traditionally American as its barbecue, music, speeches, pageantry, ball and fireworks.

The Big Bang Barbecue was a whopping success as 560 persons enjoyed the delicious fare served up by Burroughs High School students Lance Hunter, Chris Melton, Linda Cheshire and Erica Daley. The students are members of Mrs. Edith Novascone's two summer school classes in gourmet cooking, which prepared all the food for the event. Proceeds will go to the Maturango Museum building fund.

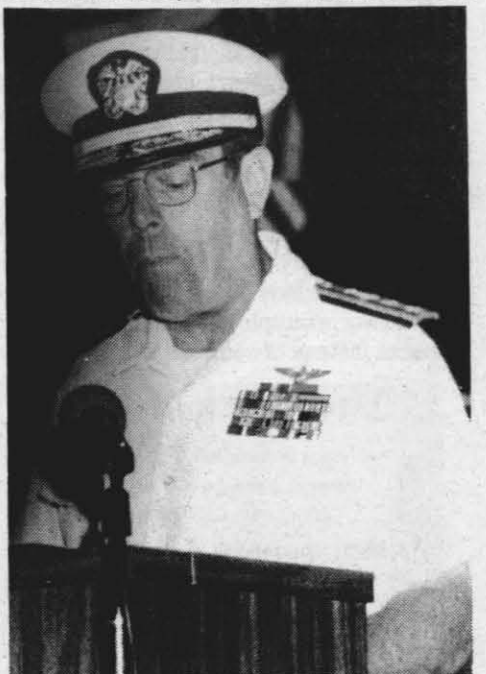
The evening's program began with stirring renditions of the "George Washington Bicentennial March" and "America" by the Sierra Sands Unified School District Band, which was directed by Alberta Kline.

Welcoming Remarks
After patriotic welcoming remarks by Ridgecrest City Councilwoman Florence Green, in which she described the Declaration of Independence as "one of the greatest documents of all times and places," the presentation of colors was performed by the High Desert Detachment of the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve and the Naval Air Facility Drill Team.

In his address upon this festive occasion, Ted Edwards, Mayor of Ridgecrest, praised the Community Light Opera and Theater Association's current production of "1776" and all organizations which helped to organize the evening's events. He closed by saying, "God bless America for the next 200 years."

Historical Theme Followed
The address given by Rear Admiral R. G. Freeman III, NWC Commander, had a historical theme which centered on the events surrounding the creation of the Declaration of Independence.

"And what that document produced," said RAdm. Freeman, "is a nation which represents the largest body of free people remaining on the face of the earth. Today, only 19 per cent of the people inhabiting this earth live in what we call 'freedom.'"



RAdm. R. G. Freeman III
Bicentennial speaker

"our past is glorious in spite of those whose cynicism and insecurity lead them to denigrate the acts and motivations of those who have led and served this country so well over the last 200 years."

RAdm. Freeman advised, "We can only overcome those who wish we would not be successful, those who externally threaten



ICE CREAM SOCIAL COMING UP — The shaded lawn area at the NWC All Faith Chapel will be the setting for the Protestant Women of the Chapel's annual ice cream social. This popular, summertime event will take place on Tuesday, July 20, from 4 to 8:30 p.m. Doing their bit to call attention to the upcoming affair are Andy Corzine and Andrea Atkins. Donations of 75 cents for adults and 35 cents for children will entitle those attending the ice cream social to a single serving of ice cream with either cake or pie and coffee or punch. Tickets can be purchased on weekdays at the All Faith Chapel office, or on Sundays following Protestant Congregation services. All proceeds will be used to help support the congregation's mission projects. —Photo by Ron Allen



BIG BOOST FOR MUSEUM — With the group's latest donation, the total amount contributed to the Maturango Museum by the Museum's Luncheon Group has risen to \$11,850. Carroll Evans, the museum's treasurer, is shown above as he accepted a check for \$1,500 from Mrs. Sue Byrd, who supervised the luncheon's group's gourmet cooking efforts. Looking on at left is Mrs. Lorraine McClung, president of the museum's board of directors. While the bulk of the nearly \$12,000 that was raised was brought in during the period that the Museum's Monday Luncheons were being held, this latest contribution represents the proceeds from two family picnics and ice cream socials that were held on the lawn in front of the Naval Weapons Center Administration Building. For these latter two events, museum members contributed home-baked pies and cakes that were served with ice cream during the celebration of the Navy's 200th anniversary last October and in mid-May of this year as a part of the local observance of Armed Forces Week.

NWC is well along on road to change over to metric system

The Naval Weapons Center is now about halfway through its first year on the long road toward conversion to the metric system.

Since Jan. 1, it has been a Department of Defense requirement that all technical reports contain metric units in addition to or instead of U.S. customary units. The metric system specified is the International System of Units, commonly called SI, as described in a metric guide known as ASTM E 380-74.

The two departments most concerned, the Technical Information Department and the Engineering Department, have made progress in implementing the DoD decision. Both have been studying the subject since the requirement was made known in the latter part of 1975.

In January TID issued a set of guidelines for including metric units in technical reports, and in March the Engineering Department drafted a Center instruction, now in review, on metric policy for NWC. Both departments are continuing to study the problems, answer questions, make plans, and issue guidelines as they are developed.

According to TID, the inclusion of metric units in technical reports has turned out to be a fairly easy task. Most of the problems that have arisen are merely conflicts in style. For example, SI requires the use of spaces instead of commas in long numbers

(1 000 000 instead of 1,000,000).

The major problem occurs with reports that have many U.S. units in them, especially in tabular matter; the inclusion of metric units in such reports can be costly because of the time needed to convert the units. For most reports, however, the time needed to include metric units is minimal.

Currently undergoing review is a publication called "Instructions for the Use of Metric (SI) Units in NWC Technical Reports" (NWC IDP 3457). When review is completed, this publication will be issued to all technical departments, divisions, and branches. Also planned are small editorial seminars for editors, illustrators, and other interested personnel.

The goal of these efforts is to have the growing pains pretty much over with by the end of the year.

AFGE Local 1781's next meeting scheduled Mon.

The American Federation of Government Employees (AFGE), Local 1781, will hold its regular monthly meeting on Monday, beginning at 7 p.m., at 65-B Halsey Ave., China Lake.

Local 1781 is the representative of a unit composed of those non-supervisory civilian employees of the Safety and Security Department's Police Division at China Lake.

Promotional opportunities

Unless otherwise specified in the ad, applications for positions listed in this column will be accepted from current NWC employees and should be filed with the person named in the ad. All others desiring employment with the Naval Weapons Center may contact the Employment-Wage and Classification Division, Code 452, Ext. 2069. Ads will run for one week and will close at 4:30 p.m. on the Friday following their appearance in this column, unless a later date is specified in the ad. Employees whose work history has not been brought up to date within the last six months are encouraged to file a Form 171 or 172 in their personnel jacket. Information concerning the Merit Promotion Program and the evaluation methods used in these promotional opportunities may be obtained from your Personnel Management Advisor. (Code 455 or 457). Advertising positions in the Promotional Opportunities column does not preclude the use of alternate recruiting sources in filling these positions. As part of the rating process, a supervisory appraisal will be sent to the current supervisor and the most recent previous supervisor of those applicants rated as basically qualified. The Naval Weapons Center is an equal opportunity employer and selection shall be made without discrimination for any nonmerit reason. The minimum qualification requirements for all GS positions are defined in CSC Handbook X-118, while those for all WG, WL and WS positions are defined in CSC Handbook X-118C.

Electronics Engineer, GS-853-9/11/12, PD No. 7639056 / 7639057, Code 3944 — (2 vacancies) This position is located in the Electronics Branch, Electro-Optical Division, Weapons Department. The mission of this branch is the design, analysis and testing of electro-optical guidance and control sub-systems and systems. The incumbent is responsible for the design, fabrication and evaluation of systems and sub-systems relating to the area of digital and analog guidance and control for launcher and missile systems, target acquisition and detection systems and communication systems. Job Relevant Criteria: Current technical knowledge and background that can be applied to infrared guidance systems, analog and digital signal processing systems, IR seeker field test evaluation techniques, design, fabrication and testing of high speed digital or analog guidance, and control and video processing systems.

File applications for the above with Marge Stanton, Bldg. 34, Rm. 206, Ph. 2723.

Mathematician, Physicist or Computer Specialist, GS-1206, 1310, 334-11/12, PD No. 7648956, Code 4023 — The incumbent conducts the computer-related education program offered by the Computer Sciences Branch to users of the UNIVAC 1110 ADP facility. Job Relevant Criteria: Knowledge of large-scale digital computers (e.g. UNIVAC, IBM 360/50 and above, CDC 6000 series, etc.) and related programming languages (FORTRAN, COBOL, EXEC-8, etc.); ability to instruct others in the use of these languages; and an ability to implement and maintain systems software.

Clerk-Typist, GS-322-3/4, PD No. 7195901, Code 012 — This position is located in the Office of Patent Counsel. Duties include typing material of a legal and technical nature, processing invention disclosures and reviewing for proper signatures and completeness of related attachments. Incumbent maintains patent case files and administrative files and serves as timekeeper for code. Job Relevant Criteria: Must be accurate typist, neat in appearance, have ability to effectively deal with office visitors, and demonstrate telephone reception skills.

File applications for the above with Charlotte Sieckowski, Bldg. 34, Rm. 206, Ph. 3118.

Supervisory Firefighter, GS-081-4, PD No. 764009, Code 842 — This position is located in the Fire Division of the Safety and Security Department. Incumbent is crew chief of the major piece of motorized fire fighting apparatus and its crew. Duties include answering fire alarms, instructing crew in operation of fire equipment and all phases of fire fighting and directing fighting of fires in absence of higher authority. Job Relevant Criteria: Knowledge of fire prevention practices and ability to supervise, conduct inspections and identify fire hazards; ability to communicate with others effectively both orally and in writing in working out solutions to problems or questions relating to the work; potential to motivate, train and work effectively with subordinates who have a variety of backgrounds and training; ability to plan own work and carry out assignments effectively; demonstrated potential ability to plan initial attack including rescue and the efficient control and extinguishments of fires; and knowledge of locations (streets, water distribution, alarm/detection systems, building contents/layouts, etc.), knowledge of all fire fighting apparatus and collateral equipment; knowledge of operation and mechanical functions of structural pumps and aircraft firefighting apparatus. This announcement will be used to establish the promotion register for Supervisory Firefighter, GS-081-4 which will remain in effect until February 1977.

General Engineer, GS-801-11/12, or Engineering Technician, GS-802-11/12, PD No. 7537062, Code 37101 — This position is the Range Scheduling Officer in the

Project Engineering Division. This office provides the range and frequency scheduling services within the Test and Evaluation Department. These services involve, but are not limited to, coordination of the use of personnel, equipment, facilities, aircraft, ordnance hardware, air space, ground space, radio frequency usage and safety consideration. Job Relevant Criteria: Knowledge of NWC ranges, air spaces and frequencies and thorough knowledge of test procedures including range safety. Must be eager, alert and adaptable to a quick-changing daily work environment.

File applications for the above with Marge Stanton, Bldg. 34, Rm. 206, Ph. 2723.

Clerk-Typist, GS-322-3/4, or Employee Development Clerk, GS-203-4, PD No. 7645915, Code 454 — This position provides clerical support to an EDS in the Personnel and Organizational Development Division. A wide variety of duties include typing correspondence and forms, answering questions in person or over the phone, filling, enrolling people in courses and assembling course material, etc. Job Relevant Criteria: Ability to work independently; demonstrated ability to work under pressure and meet deadlines; ability to deal effectively with people; must be a qualified typist. Advancement Potential: GS-5.

Firefighter, GS-081-5, PD No. 7284014, Code 842 — This position is located in the Fire Division of the Safety and Security Department. Major duties include driving and operating structural pumps and any type crash fire trucks, responding on ambulance calls as either driver or attendant, inspection of Center's building and property, and conducting training classes for trainee firefighters. Job Relevant Criteria: Knowledge of locations (streets, water distribution, alarm/detection systems, buildings, contents/ layout, etc.); ability to operate firefighting apparatus and equipment (trucks, pumping systems, nozzles, rescue equipment); driving ability (proper use of gears, clutch and brakes; demonstrated safe, smooth and effective operation of vehicles); knowledge of fire prevention practices with regard to building inspections and ability to identify fire hazards, and knowledge of reference sources; firefighting knowledge (knowledge of fire, origin and techniques of extinguishing fires); ability to accept responsibility and carry out assignments with minimal supervision. This announcement will be used to establish the promotion register for Firefighter GS-081-5B which will remain in effect until January 1977.

File applications for the above with Carol Downard, Bldg. 34, Rm. 206, Ph. 2577.

Heavy Mobile Equipment Mechanic, Foreman, WS-5803-11, Code 70742 — Position is located in the Heavy Duty Field Section, Public Works Department. Incumbent is head of the Heavy Duty Field Section, Heavy Duty Repair Branch, Transportation Division and supervises the maintenance of transportation equipment consisting of aircraft ground support equipment, construction, automotive generators, standby pumps, materials handling and facilities type equipment. Applicants must possess enough knowledge and abilities in the following elements to perform the duties of the position in the trades supervised: Ability to supervise, technical practices, ability to interpret instructions, knowledge of materials and of pertinent tools and equipment. File SF-172 and supplemental wage grade supervisor information sheet with Code 452 to be received or postmarked not later than

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C.L. Little League all-stars practice for upcoming tourney

A 14-player China Lake Little League all-star team has been selected and practice sessions are being held in preparation for the Area I tournament that will be held here on July 22, 23 and 24.

Manager and coach of the China Lake all stars are Dan Branson and Harlan Hershey, whose teams (the Red Sox and the Giants) placed first and second in the Major Division of the China Lake Little League this past season.

Youngsters chosen for the all-star nine are infielders Tim Bowlin, 1st base; John Lloyd, 2nd base; David Hatz, 3rd base; and Jimmy Jackson, shortstop.

In addition, there are three catchers — Mike Turner, Todd Kaufman and Paul Vander Werf — on the all-star roster, and the team's two pitchers are Scott Hershey and David Wooten, who also are tabbed for possible play in the outfield or at shortstop, respectively.

Those chosen to play the outfield positions are Ron Valdez and David Pipkin, while the remaining two players (Steve Fry and Dale Killilea) have been selected to play either at first base or in the outfield (in the case of Fry) or at third base or in the outfield (in the case of Killilea).

Daily practice sessions are being held by the all-star team, which will host its counterparts from Bishop in the Area 1 tournament opener on July 22. On July 23 it will be the Ridgecrest Little League all-stars vs. Owens Valley, and the winner of these two games will then tangle on July 24 for the Area 1 championship. Starting time for all Little League tournament tilts will be 8 p.m.

Final standings in Intramural Golf League announced

The Stiff Shafts, captained by Keith Becker, captured the Intramural Golf League crown in action that ended last week.

Garnering a total of 29½ points, the Shafts edged out the Fuze Department and the Streakers, which were tied for second place with 28½ points apiece.

Besides Becker, the winning team was composed of Chris Peterson, Bob Zimmer, Bob Borgos, Elmer Smith and Merrill Lloyd.

The league's other teams, and their finishing point totals, are: Short Knockers and Condors, tied with 26 points; Ballwhangers, 24½; Panama Cannells, 23½; Vampires, 23; Fore Players, 18; NAF, 14; Seniors, 11½; and Symposium, 10.

Wilt's Corner . . .

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California hunting license for the first time. Signups are being taken at the Youth Center weekdays from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. and 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. on Saturdays from 1 to 9 p.m. Persons over 18 years of age may register by calling NWC ext. 2809.

Indoor Pool To Close

The gymnasium's indoor pool will be closed next Wednesday from 3 to 4:30 p.m. while a survival swim test conducted by Air Test and Evaluation Squadron Five is being held there.

Golf clinic . . .

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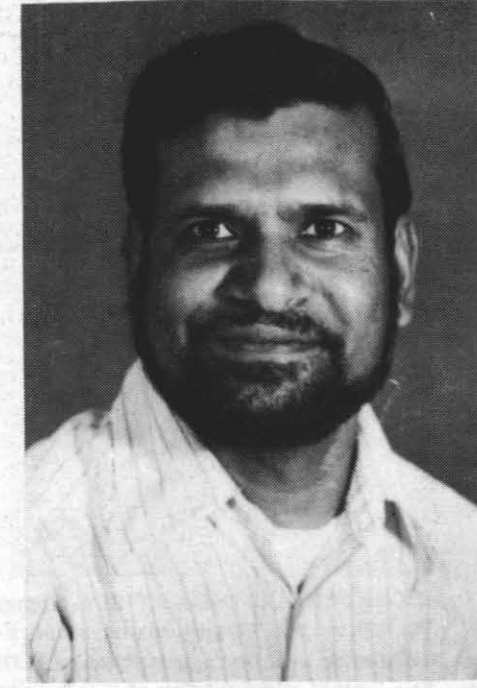
since 1956, said, "We do this in order to create interest in the game, and eventually add to our membership roster." The clubs are supplied by the course, but there is a charge for use of the golf balls that are used during the clinic.

Olympic hopeful . . .

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a pistol. Just recently, he also has taken up horseback riding in preparation for his training for the pentathlon — an event which has its origin in the five things that a military courier of olden days was expected to be able to perform with proficiency.

Employee in the spotlight



Ravindra Jain

"I had a secure government job in India but I gave it up for the promise of a brighter future."

Thus Ravindra Jain, an employee of the Integrated Logistics Support Branch of the Engineering Department's Fleet Engineering Division, explains how he came to leave his job as a high school teacher in the Northern Indian state of Punjab in 1961 and pay a year's salary for a 25-day passage (via ship, train and ferry) to California.

Jain (pronounced "Jan"), who was born in a small Punjab town called Rupar, received his B.A. and bachelor of teaching degrees from Punjab University in the mid-1950s, and settled down to teach math at a high school in a nearby city. "But there wasn't much future in it," recalls Jain, "because school teachers are well educated in India but poorly paid."

Arriving here on a student visa, Jain enrolled as a mechanical engineering student at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. It became apparent to him, however, that he would receive greater benefit from his education if he were to quit school temporarily and go to work full-time in order to earn enough money to support his studies properly.

Worked at Yosemite

To this end, he began working for a concessionaire at Yosemite National Park in 1964 as its chief night auditor, and later moved to the position of assistant chief clerk at the Yosemite Lodge. While there, he met his future wife, Karin, a native of Stuttgart, Germany, who was vacationing in this country at that time.

Jain and Karin were married in 1967, and it was then that he returned to college — this time at California State University at Sacramento. In 1970 he received both his B.S. degree in mechanical engineering and his U.S. citizenship.

Jain's employment at China Lake began in 1971 when he began working for Code 5553 as a mechanical engineer, in general doing documentation for the Sidewinder AIM-9L, until late 1973, when he received an NWC fellowship to study at the University of Utah in Salt Lake City.

After he received his master of

portunity for meeting their training needs. "Mainly," says Jain, "this entails informing our people about their training opportunities. It's important to keep oneself up-to-date with ever-changing technology."

Jain, whose ambition is "to be in the management area here at NWC," did not find the road to success an easy one in his adopted country. Soon after he arrived in the United States, finding adjustment difficult — what with the dearth of American friends and the prospect of finding immediate employment in only menial jobs — he and a group of fellow countrymen with whom he had made the trip from India decided to pull up their tender roots here and try to make a go of it in Great Britain.

From the San Luis Obispo area he drove as far as Arizona, but his car broke down there and he was forced to return to California. One of Jain's college instructors, however, had heard of his student's abortive flight and counseled him not to give up nor expect success to come at one's first attempt. Soon afterwards, other people stepped forward to help him find a decent job.

Life Philosophy

"So, whatever I start, I finish now," says Jain, who adds, "I don't believe people who say they couldn't go to college, for instance, because they didn't have the money. I had handicaps, too."

"One has to work hard," Jain muses. "Non-Americans think the United States is such a rich country that a person can live well here without working hard, but this just isn't so. They think the dollars are hanging on trees. But I know, the fruits come only with hard work."

In 1971, with the object of improving his communications skills and "meeting different people," Jain joined the local Toastmaster's Club. Now educational vice-president of the group, he will soon begin a term as its president. He describes most of his speaking topics as "serious—concerning human relations, management and international affairs."

Jain and Karin (who is a vocal music teacher) enjoy the good life in their Ridgecrest Heights home with their sons, Arun, 9, Christopher, 7, and Bernard, 4. They like the China Lake area because "there's no smog and we can see the stars at night. Moreover, the distance from home to work is only a few minutes' drive and this is a small town with friendly people."

Jain also functions as the branch's training coordinator, in which capacity he assists his supervisor in making sure that all employees are given an equal op-

portunity for meeting their training needs.

Service Station: M-F, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Sun., closed.

Hall Memorial Lanes Snack Bar: M-F, 9 a.m. to 11 p.m.; Sat. and Sun., 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Naval Air Facility Snack Bar: M-F, 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.; closed weekends.

Laundromat: Mon.-Sat., 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Sun., closed.

The phone number for vending machine trouble calls is 446-4090.

Beginning Monday, new hours of operation will be in effect at the Bennington Plaza Snack Bar, Navy Exchange officials have announced.

The facility will operate between 6 a.m. and 8 p.m. on Mondays through Fridays and 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. on Saturdays. It will be closed on Sundays.

New payday hours recently went into effect at four NEX facilities. On those days, the Main Store, Men's Store and Annex operate from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and the cashier's cage is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Normal hours for the Main Store, Men's Store and Annex are 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, while the cashier's cage is open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on weekdays. These facilities are closed on Sundays.

The following are the operating hours for the other NEX facilities:

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Regular season play ends for 2 divisions of C.L. Little League

Games played during the week of June 28 to July 2 brought a virtual end to the 1976 regular season schedule of the China Lake Little League, with just a few games remaining in the Farm and T-ball Divisions.

Competition has ended in both the Major and Minor Divisions, and there were just two games remaining to be played this week in the second half of the schedule by each of the teams in the Farm Division.

In the T-ball Division, the Terriers have already clinched the championship, although there was still one game left to be played by each of the T-ball teams this week.

The standings prior to last Tuesday were as follows:

Team	Won	Lost
Farm Division		
Cubs	3	1
Reds	3	1
Padres	0	4
T-Ball Division		
Terriers	5	0
Lions	3	2
Astros	2	3
Royals	0	5

Fourth annual China Lake-IWW softball tourney set July 16-18

Preparations are in their final stage for the fourth annual China Lake-Indian Wells Valley invitational softball tournament that will be held at the Naval Weapons Center on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, July 16 through 18.

Local softball fans will have the opportunity to get their fill of watching this action-packed sporting event, since 46 games will be played between 7:30 p.m.

15 NWC all-stars picked for 11th ND slow pitch tourney

A 15-man NWC all-star team has been selected to participate in the 11th Naval District's Northern Area slow pitch softball eliminations to be held for five consecutive days beginning Monday at the Naval Support Activity, Long Beach.

The team members, as announced by Lt. Ron Hill, coach, are as follows: Rick Booth, rf; Greg Pecheos, right cf; Tim Cooksey, 3b; Gerald Hart, p; Kelvin McSwain, utility inf.; Dennis Murphy, 2b; Mike Fitzgerald, lf; John Stubblefield, c; Jim Erdman, right cf; Steve Jones, left cf; Ken Rogers, 1b; Craig Hiller, ss and field captain; Dave Crandall, p; Rich Schlehuber, 2b; and Louis Paul, c.

The all-stars' first game will be played Monday evening at 6:30 at the support activity's main athletic area against the Seal Beach team. The locals' subsequent schedule in this 16-team double elimination tournament will be determined by the outcome of their first contest.

According to Lt. Hill, "I think we stand a good chance of going all the way in this tournament because of our good hitting and morale. If we can make it through the first two days, our chances look especially good."

The top two teams which emerge from the Long Beach competition will participate in the Pacific Coast slow pitch softball championships to be held Aug. 2 to 6 at the Naval Station San Diego. These events are restricted to active duty military personnel.

Golf clinic in full swing

Forty-two youngsters, 9 to 16 years of age, have signed up for the China Lake Golf Course's free summer golf clinic, which began yesterday.

The four-to-six week course, which is instructed by Paul Someson, local golf pro, concentrates on the fundamentals of golf—such as the swing and stance—and good sportsmanship.

Someson, who has instructed such clinics

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ADMIRAL'S CUP PRESENTED—On behalf of the Naval Air Facility, Capt. C. B. Olson, the NAF Commanding Officer, accepted the Admiral's Cup athletic trophy from Rear Admiral R. G. Freeman III, NWC Commander, during morning quarters held last Friday at NAF. In the first year of competition for the Admiral's Cup, NAF won it with a total of 41 points, while NWC placed second with 37 points and VX-5 trailed with 23 points. Athletes representing the three commands at China Lake vied in such sports as football, basketball, water polo, softball, track and tennis.

—Photos by Sam Wyatt



TOP ATHLETE—Lt. Ian Refo, of the Naval Air Facility, was the top individual scorer in the Admiral's Cup competition, and received a trophy in recognition of his efforts. The presentation was made by RAdm. Freeman. Lt. Refo compiled 35 points. Second and third place runners-up for this trophy were Lt. Bob Jackson, also of NAF, with 29, and Lt. Phil Fossum, of NWC, with 26.



Wilt's Corner

Signups for youth football scheduled at two locations

Registrations for the Indian Wells Valley Youth Football League, co-sponsored by the Naval Weapons Center Special Services, will be conducted this evening at the Youth Center and the Ridgecrest Bowl between 6 and 8 o'clock and tomorrow at the Youth Gym and the Ridgecrest Bowl between 10 a.m. and noon.

Those who sign up must be no less than 8 years and no more than 14 years, 9 mos. of age as of Sept. 1. Furthermore, participants must weigh between 50 and 175 lb. and must not be entering a higher grade than the eighth in the fall.

A fee of \$20 must be paid at the time of uniform issue.

Youth Bowling Clinic

The Youth Center will sponsor a free bowling clinic for its members July 16 to Aug. 20 from 9 to 11 a.m. at Hall Memorial Lanes.

Registrations—which are limited to 50 persons—may be made at the Youth Center weekdays from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. and 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. and on Saturdays from 1 to 9 p.m. Youth Center memberships are also available during these hours.

Hunter Safety Courses Offered

A change has been announced in the dates of one of the hunter safety courses to be offered this year by instructors from the Sierra Desert Gun Club.

The earlier course, originally set for tomorrow and Saturday, has been rescheduled for July 24-25 at the club's facility on Sportsman's Lane. The later course will be offered as planned on Aug. 28-29.

An approved hunter safety course is mandatory for everyone applying for a

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Local youth attending Army clinic for potential Olympic competitors

A potential Olympic competitor in the pentathlon event will be entering Burroughs High School as a freshman class student in the fall.

He is Mark Pohl, 14-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Pohl of Ridgecrest, who is currently attending a development clinic at the U.S. Army's year-round pentathlon training center at Fort Sam Houston, near San Antonio, Tex.

Young Pohl, whose father works as a patent advisor in the NWC Patent Counsel Office, is a member of the Maturango Milers, the Indian Wells Valley Swim Team and the Sierra Desert Gun Club.

He is one of approximately 30 youths between 14 and 20 years of age who were chosen to attend this summer's development clinic. Initially, the Army is only interested in the applicants' running and swimming ability.

To be considered for this special training, those who applied had to provide proof of being able to run two miles on a flat track in less than 12 min., and swim a distance of 300 meters in less than 5 min.

The local youth's best time for the 2-mile run, which he set approximately a month ago while competing for the Maturango Milers, is 10 min., 58 sec. Two months ago he was clocked at 4 min., 5.9 sec. while swimming 325 yds.

When young Pohl submitted this information, together with a list of other



Mark Pohl

SN Mildred Zidlicky honored as NAF Sailor of Month for July

Seaman Mildred Zidlicky, a meat wrapper at the Commissary Store, has been selected as the Naval Air Facility's Sailor of the Month for July.

Attached to the Commissary Store ever since she was first assigned to NAF in December 1974, she also works in the store as a sales audit clerk, cash collection agent, cash register operator and sales floor stocker.

"The work is really fun," says SN Zidlicky, who adds, "I learn a whole lot on the job. It's a good trade to learn and I plan to reenlist."

According to Chief Ship's Serviceman R. A. Mejia, Commissary Store officer, "Her performance was been consistently outstanding despite the increase of workloads. She has demonstrated an outstanding knowledge and understanding of the operational function of the Commissary Store."

"Displaying exceptional skill, and a responsive and enlightened attitude," continued SHC Mejia, "SN Zidlicky demonstrated her expertise and professionalism, resulting in the marked

Problem solved . . .

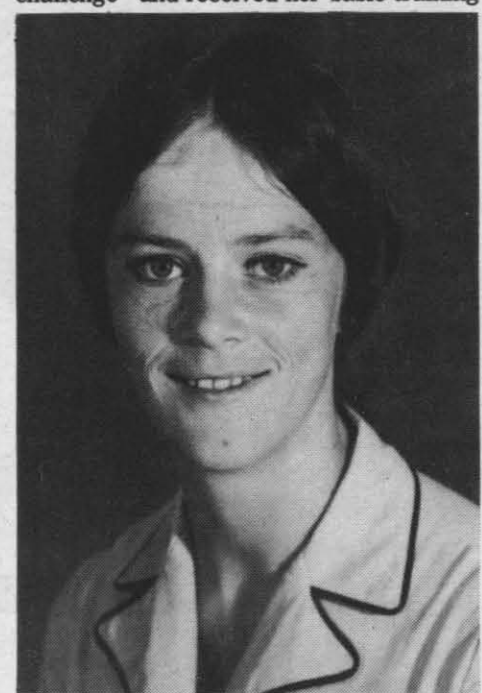
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the equipment access side of the missile pod and eight fasteners for the large single door on the wire tunnel side. This has the advantages of strengthening the pod door fasteners, provides quick access to the interior of the pods, is well within the space limitations, is simple to operate and requires non-critical alignment tolerances.

Estimated cost comparisons reveal that there will be a savings of \$17,120 per Condor missile pod by utilizing the improved design developed by Branson.

accuracy of all meat prices, delicatessen items, and errorless handling of cash as exemplified in several separate inventory and cash reports."

A native of Garland, Ala., ("population 34 so don't knock it"), NAF's Sailor of the Month for July enlisted in September 1974 "for something new and different, a challenge" and received her basic training



SN Mildred Zidlicky

at the Naval Training Center, Orlando, Fla. When she reported to China Lake, her first duty station, she began working in the Commissary Store's office as a clerk.

She is married to Aviation Fire Control Technician Airman Michael Zidlicky, who works as a lifeguard at the NAF swimming pool. They live in Navy housing with their daughter, Dawn, 10 mos.

SN Zidlicky, who eventually wants to go to college and study to become a physical education teacher, enjoys watching baseball games in her spare time, although caring for her daughter and studying for advancement exams consume most of her non-working hours. She says she likes the China Lake area "because it's centrally located for traveling to Los Angeles, Las Vegas and other places."

For her selection as NAF Sailor of the Month, SN Zidlicky will receive a letter of congratulations; two photographs of herself, one of which will be posted near the NAF administration office; a 96-hour liberty pass; and dinner for two at the Indian Wells Lodge.

Community Council board of directors to meet Tues. night

A report on plans for expanding the operation of the glass recycling center, and a vote on matters pertaining to the proposed incorporation of the TV/FM system, will highlight the next meeting of the China Lake Community Council's board of directors.

The meeting, which is open to all interested persons, will be held on Tuesday evening, starting at 7:30, in the Joshua Rm. of the Community Center.

According to Bob McCarten, chairman of the Hi-Desert Recycling Center and secretary of the Community Council, he will present information on the steps that have been taken to obtain approval for installing chain link fence enclosures to be used for collection of tin cans and aluminum at the recycling center located just east of the intersection of S. Richmond Rd. and Santee St. on the Naval Weapons Center.

Attorney Ruth Cooper and Bob Fletcher, a member of the Community Council's TV/FM Committee, will report upon the results of investigations they have made regarding incorporation of the TV/FM system as a non-profit community corporation, and seek board approval for proceeding with plans they will outline to members of the local civic group at Tuesday night's meeting.



NEW ARRIVAL RECEIVES MEDAL—First Lt. Raymond E. Everett, USAF, was the recent recipient of an Air Force Commendation Medal which he had earned while stationed at Eglin AFB near Fort Walton Beach, Fla. The presentation on behalf of the Air Force was made by Rear Admiral R. G. Freeman III, NWC Commander.

—Photo by Ron Allen

USAF Commendation Medal presented to Lt. Raymond Everett, new arrival

An Air Force Commendation Medal was presented on Tuesday to 1st Lt. Raymond E. Everett, USAF, who reported for duty recently at the Naval Weapons Center and is serving as the Air Force liaison officer in the HARM Program Office.

In the citation that accompanied the medal, which was presented on behalf of the Air Force by Rear Admiral R. G. Freeman III, NWC Commander, Lt. Everett was commended for his meritorious service as a munitions test engineer with the Munition Test Division of the 3246th Test Wing at the Air Force Systems Command's Armament Development and Test Center, Eglin AFB, Fla.

The citation read, in part: Lt. Everett's outstanding engineering skill, technical competence, and absolutely superior managerial ability have aided immeasurably in the successful and timely completion of many high priority munitions tests, enhancing the defense posture of the United States."

The medal winner joined the Air Force as an enlisted man in 1962 in Cleveland, Ohio, serving as a ground radio communications technician.

In 1970, he was accepted for the Airmans' Education Commissioning Program and attended the University of Wyoming, where he received a degree in electrical



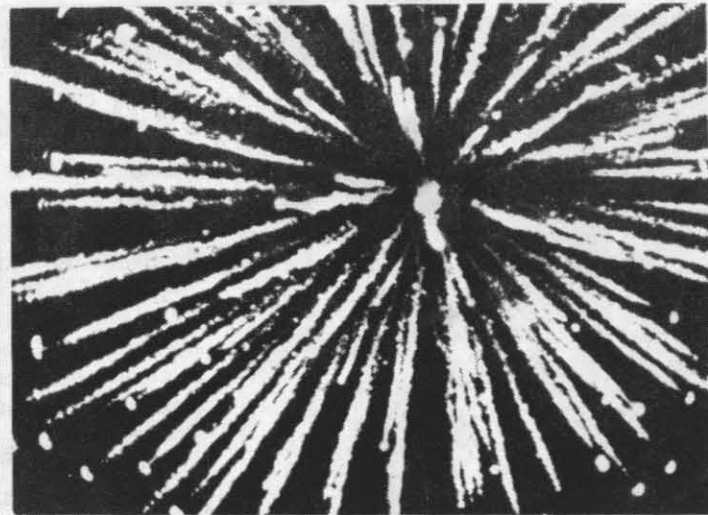
KNOTTY PROBLEM SOLVED—Until Dan Branson, a mechanical engineering technician in the Weapons Department at NWC, was given the assignment of correcting it, there had been a long-standing problem of how to secure the Condor missile pod doors. Branson (shown above) not only found a much better, but also less expensive, means of correcting this situation.

AMERICAN REVOLUTION BICENTENNIAL
1776-1976

What do a smoke inhalator and an automatic spotlight have in common?
Only that they were both invented by black Garret A. Morgan, who won major safety awards for the invention of his smoke inhalators. In 1916 he and his brother, using his inhalators, demonstrated their effectiveness when they saved more than 20 men trapped in a tunnel disaster under Lake Erie.

During World War I, Morgan's inhalator was transformed into a gas mask to protect soldiers.

He invented the automatic spotlight in 1923, and sold it to the General Electric Company for further development.



BICENTENNIAL SPIRIT — Indian Wells Valley residents celebrated the Fourth of July in ways which showed as much variety as do the American people themselves. In the top photos, visitors to the Desert Empire Fairgrounds' Joshua Hall viewed displays and merchandise booths set up at an arts and crafts fair sponsored by the IWV Bicentennial Committee, and later that evening, a fireworks display set off the Naval Weapons Center's Mirror Lake was enjoyed by young and old alike. In the center-left photo, active duty military personnel and their guests at the main galley enjoyed a special dinner which was topped off by a large birthday cake baked and decorated by MS3 Fred G. Wayne. First

to receive a slice of the cake, which is shown being cut by MS3 Frank Lindsay, was Cdr. J. H. Baker (at left), NWC's Deputy Director of Supply. Observing in background is MS1 Roberto G. Tayag, the galley captain. To its right, an appropriately-costumed Mrs. Helen Martin looks on, and, at lower right, a couple in colonial era garb could have danced all night at the Bicentennial Birthday Ball, also held in Joshua Hall. In photo at lower left, a long line of hungry celebrants forms for the delicious barbecue beef dinner that was served at the fairgrounds by Burroughs High School students, under the direction of Mrs. Edith Novascone. —Photos by Ron Allen

Vacation mishaps aren't just a matter of bad luck

When you ask some people about their vacation, you get an unhappy answer. It started out okay, but their luck was bad.

He didn't see the car in the dip ahead as he attempted to pass another car. They had a vehicle accident.

Or it started out great except one of the kids got burned when he was using gasoline to start a campfire. They can't figure out why they have had such bad luck.

Or take the couple who decided to stay home. While the husband was out golfing, the wife decided to mow the lawn. Her husband had removed the guard on the rotary mower and when she attempted to remove a branch caught in the mower without turning it off, her hand was cut by the rotating blades.

It would have been all right except they had bad luck.

Was it bad luck or not checking for possible hazards first? Was it not planning for safety and fun? Was it not recognizing a potential hazard and doing something to prevent the accident? Is your family informed as to why and how accidents can and do happen? Do they know to minimize

Stargazers to meet Mon.

A color film describing the effect of solar radiation upon the earth will be shown at the next meeting of the China Lake Astronomical Society on Monday evening at 401-A McIntire St.

The meeting, which is open to all interested persons, will start at 7:30 p.m. The 27-minute film is entitled "Eclipse of the Quiet Sun."

the hazards in most situations?

Here are some vacation accidents which have occurred to others. What would you have done to prevent them?

Accidents in Water

Five children and one adult were in a small rowboat. They had no life jackets. The children crowded to one side of boat and it overturned. Only the adult could swim.

A swimmer dived off a raft into the Kern river and struck his head on a submerged rock.

A non-swimmer floating on an inner tube in a river slipped off the tube when jostled by another.

Camping Mishaps

Sparks from a campfire built close to the front of a nylon tent ignited the tent. One sleeping child was burned.

A cotton tent impregnated with paraffin to make it waterproof was ignited by a candle used inside the tent for light. These old tents are highly flammable.

A 2-year-old child wandered away while parents were setting up camp. A search and rescue group found this one too late.

Out Hiking

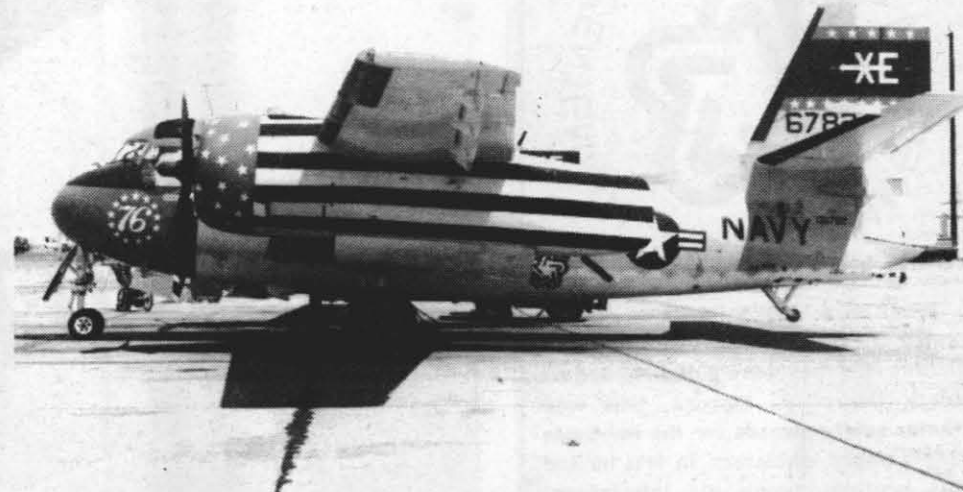
A hiker in a high mountain area did not carry enough warm clothing or extra food. He was out alone and had not told anyone where he was going. He was accidentally found by a hiking group.

A driver left a disabled car and attempted to walk out of a desert area in summer heat without water. Heat stroke occurred and the person was ill for some time.

Most persons practice "do-it-yourself"

efforts in many areas and take pride in their ability and achievements. Safety, too, is a "do-it-yourself" effort many times whether on the job, at home and on vacation.

Think safety and plan. Do it yourself. No exceptions please! Have a good time on your vacation.



VX-5's BICENTENNIAL AIRCRAFT — A C-1 aircraft, recently acquired by Air Test and Evaluation Squadron Five (VX-5) from the aircraft carrier USS Enterprise, has been designated the squadron's Bicentennial aircraft. VX-5 personnel were invited to enter a contest to decorate the aircraft, which bears identification number 76, and the final results are shown above. All of the winning designs on the nose, engine nacelle and tail of the aircraft incorporate various usage of the American flag's red and white stripes, together with stars on a blue background. The art work submitted by AMH3 Richard Simpson, DMSA James B. Artz, Jr., and AZ3 Robert E. Bannister were selected by judges as the tops among the 23 designs that were entered in the contest. —Photo by PH2 Terry A. Miles

Bicentennial fete . . .

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our way of life and those whose way of life is to ridicule and try to tear down the sensitive fabric of our country's greatness, by a self renewal, a certain recognition that we must solve many problems in this complex society, but that we have the greatest resource in the world to do this, the American people."

In conclusion, the Admiral warned that amidst our enjoyment of the American way of life, "... let us always be mindful that we must be eternally vigilant, for we have much to lose — our freedom."

Patrons, Donors Recognized

The program continued as recognition was given to patrons and donors who helped to make the evening's festivities possible, to leaders from surrounding communities and organizations that have held various Bicentennial observances, and to local descendants of those who fought in America's Revolutionary War.

One of the highlights of the celebration occurred when Chris Leitheiser previewed some of the items destined to be contained in the 100-year time capsule which he helped to prepare. He said that the most interesting item which Americans present at the local Tricentennial observance would see would be the scroll signed by those persons attending Sunday night's festivities.

National Space Week to be observed by dinner here July 20

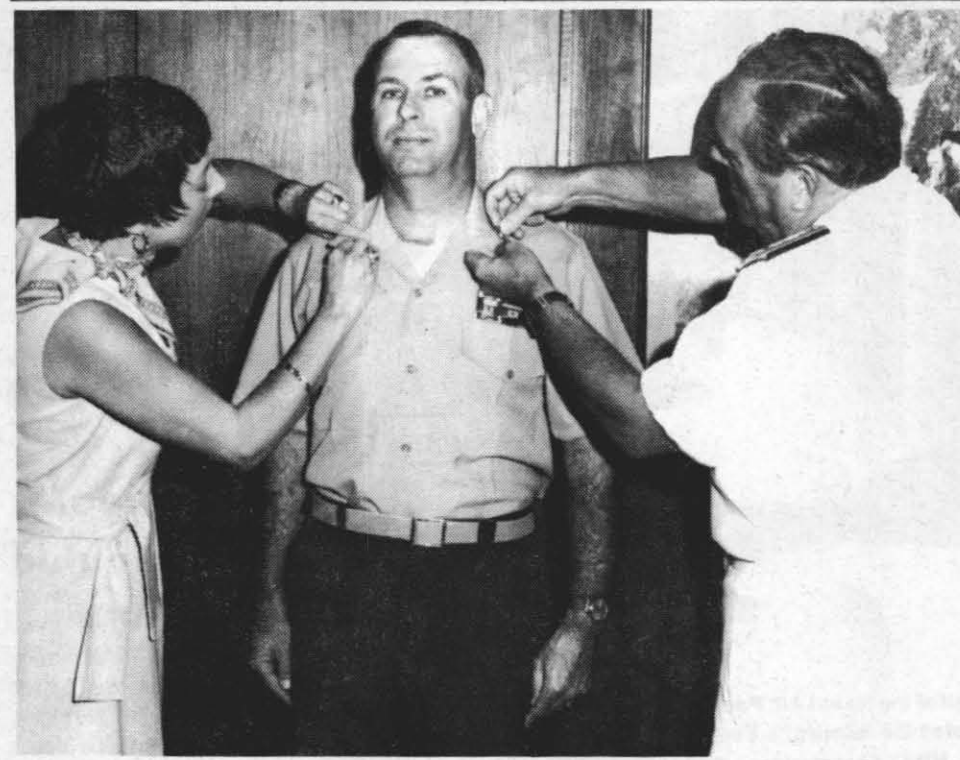
U.S. National Space Week, which is observed annually to commemorate the first manned lunar landing, is scheduled this year from July 18 through 24.

Highlight of the local observance will be a dinner and program at The Hideaway in Ridgecrest on the evening of Tuesday, July 20, that is being arranged by local chapters of engineering societies working together as the High Desert Engineering Association (HDEA).

Featured speaker following the 7 p.m. dinner will be George Cambetes, who will discuss the space shuttle program work being carried out by Rockwell International.

Tickets for the dinner can be obtained from the following representatives of groups which compose HDEA:

Jim Serpanos, American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics; Don Ruff and Bruce Bartels, California Society of Professional Engineers; John Cox, American Society of Civil Engineers; Jim McGuire, Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers; Bob McCarten, American Institute of Chemical Engineers; Tony Miller, American Society for Quality Control, or Bill Marsh, Society of Manufacturing Engineers.



MARINE CORPS OFFICER PROMOTED — A promotion to the rank of colonel in the Marine Corps was received last Friday by Edwin C. Paige, Jr., USMC Liaison Officer at the Naval Weapons Center. During the ceremony, which took place in the office of Rear Admiral R. G. Freeman III, NWC Commander, Mrs. Paige (Marlene) and the Skipper are shown pinning on the silver eagle insignia. Col. Paige is now entitled to wear. A veteran of more than 21 years of active duty in the Marine Corps, Col. Paige was assigned to his present duty at China Lake in September 1974. He reported here from the Marine Corps' Office of Deputy Chief of Staff for Aviation Headquarters, where he was head of the Research Development and Studies Section of the Air Weapons Branch. —Photo by Ron Allen

Military dependents' physical exams slated

Physical exams for students new to the local area, and those who will be candidates for school athletic teams, will be given next Thursday and Friday, July 15 and 16, for those who are the dependents of active duty or retired military personnel.

The exams will be given at the local Branch Clinic of the Navy's Regional Medical Center headquartered in Long Beach.

Students whose last names begin with the letters A through J will be seen on Thursday, while those whose last names begin with the letters K through Z will be given their physical exams on Friday, July 16.

It's important to note, however, that before reporting to the Branch Clinic, it is necessary to obtain the necessary physical exam forms from school officials, and also make sure that any laboratory work which is required is done at the clinic on either Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday of next week.

Anyone who is eligible for these physical exams but fails to have this matter taken care of on either July 14 or 15 will have to make his or her own arrangements for fulfilling this requirement by some other means, since the Branch Clinic will not conduct such exams at a later date.

Promotional opportunities...

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July 26, 1976. Forms may be obtained in the Personnel Bldg., Rm. 100.

Supervisory Planner and Estimator (General), WN-4701-7, Code 7081 — Position is located in the Construction Support Branch, Public Works Department. Incumbent is head of the Construction Support Branch, Maintenance Control Division. Duties include the screening, processing, evaluating and assignment of construction alteration work requests and job orders for the development of manpower and material estimates, administration and supervision of the branch. Applicants must possess enough knowledge and abilities in the following elements to perform the duties of the position in the trades supervised: Ability to supervise and to provide production/support services; knowledge of equipment, assembly, installation and repair; technical practices and use of measuring instruments; ability to interpret instructions and to use and maintain tools and equipment; knowledge of materials. File SF-172 and supplemental wage grade supervisory information sheet with Code 452 to be received or postmarked not later than July 26, 1976. Forms may be obtained in the Personnel Bldg., Rm. 100.

For additional information contact Sue Prasolowicz, Bldg. 34, Rm. 103, Ph. 2657.

Technical Manuals Editor, GS-1083-7, PD No. 7655106, Code 555 — Position is located in the Logistics Documentation Branch, Technical Data Division, Engineering Department. Incumbent is responsible for publication copy/technical editing, quality assurance, copy production, verification and printing of all types of Navy and Air Force technical publications. Job Relevant Criteria: Knowledge of one or more of the technical disciplines (preferably electronics) or aircraft/misile maintenance; and ability to effectively coordinate with publication management personnel, design/engineering groups, contractors, and Fleet users. Promotion Potential: GS-12.

Clerk-Typist, GS-322-3/4, PD No. 7655107, Code 55 — Position is located in the Engineering Department office. Incumbent assists in screening phone calls and visitors to the department office; does typing and filing; provides clerical support for the associate department head and the head of staff; maintains the department travel orders file. Job Relevant Criteria: Knowledge of filing systems and format for Naval correspondence, ability to meet deadlines under pressure, reliability and dependability, and the ability to deal with people courteously and diplomatically.

File applications for the above with Janet Thomas, Bldg. 34, Rm. 204, Ph. 2725.

Editorial Clerk or Assistant, GS-1087-4/5, PD No. 7553086, Code 5342 — Position is located in the Technical Information Department, Composition Branch. Incumbent performs a variety of functions involved in the production of repro-ready material for publications of the Center; records on magnetic tape content of rough manuscripts; proofreads typist copy against manuscript for spelling, accuracy, consistency and grammatical errors; runs off final galleys on IBM Magnetic Tape; Selectric Composer; and designs entire book giving

graphic continuity. Job Relevant Criteria: Understanding of magnetic tape equipment (both input and output machines); knowledge of proofreading techniques, basic grammar, spelling and correct abbreviations, and the ability to work accurately under pressure of tight deadlines. Promotion Potential: Visual Information Assistant, GS-1067-7. File applications for the above with Pat Gaunt, Bldg. 34, Rm. 212, Ph. 2514.



GOODBYE TO BROWN SHOES — Brown shoes, which have been one of the items of wearing apparel that distinguished Naval aviators from other Naval officers since the first "aeroplane" came ashore at the Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Fla., before World War I, are no longer permitted. A recent change in Naval uniform regulations that went into effect on July 1, 1976, directed all Naval officers to wear black dress shoes with their khaki uniforms. Capt. Conrad Olson, Commanding Officer of the Naval Air Facility, discards a pair of brown shoes, while a group of fellow naval aviators look on sadly. They are (l.-r.) Lt. Cdr. Jim Blakeney, Lt. Bill Wilson, Cdr. Jim Ehl, Cdr. Sig Stocking, and (at right) Capt. Bob Conklin, outgoing Executive Officer at NAF. The only happy man in the group is Lt. David Herrington (second from right), who has been a regular wearer of the now mandatory black shoes. —Photo by Sam Wyatt

Grievance procedures available to all Civil Service employees outlined

All Civil Service employees have the right to seek rectification of any matter of personal concern or dissatisfaction that is subject to the control of the NWC Commander.

Grievances concerning a continuing practice or condition may be presented at any time. A grievance concerning a particular act or occurrence must be presented within 15 calendar days of the date of the act or occurrence, or within 15 calendar days of the date the employee became aware of that act or occurrence.

This is also the procedure through which an employee may grieve a Letter of Reprimand or suspension of 30 days or less. NWC management recognizes conditions will arise in any organization which may lead to employee dissatisfaction. It is the Center's desire that these dissatisfactions should be raised and discussed at the lowest possible level of management and that every effort should be made to resolve the employee's grievance informally.

Steps To Be Followed

When informal resolution is not possible, the formal grievance procedures become applicable. The grievance procedure steps are, briefly, as follows:

Step 1. Employee presents grievance to immediate supervisor or appropriate Center official, who investigates grievance and informs employee of the findings.

Step 2. Employee presents the grievance to the appropriate department head or, if reporting directly to a department head or equivalent, to the Deputy Commander or Technical Director, as appropriate, who investigates and informs the employee, in writing, of the findings.

Step 3. Employee files grievance in writing with the NWC Commander. A Navy grievance examiner is designated, conducts an inquiry, and issues a report and recommendations to the NWC Commander, who in turn issues a final decision on the matter.

Procedures Differ in Some Cases

The procedures for grievances involving merit promotion policies and procedures differ in that at step 1 the grievance is presented to the Personnel Management Advisor servicing the department with the subject vacancy, and at step 2 the grievance is presented to the Head, Employment-Wage and Classification Division (Code 652). Presentation at step 3 is the same as for other grievances filed under the ad-

ministrative grievance procedure.

The process does not restrict an employee, at any step in the proceedings, from communicating with and seeking advice from his union representative, an Equal Employment Opportunity counselor or officer, or any supervisory or management official. Throughout the grievance steps, the Personnel Management Advisor (PMA) or head, Employee Management Relations Division (Code 651), and other appropriate officials are available for advice and help in reaching a solution.

There are matters that are excluded from the administrative grievance procedures, such as reduction-in-force actions, performance rating appeals, position classification decisions, and grievances that have been processed under a grievance procedure in an agreement negotiated in conformance with Section 13(a) of Executive Order 11491, as amended. A list of all exclusions can be obtained from the department's PMA or Code 651.

New Social Security office now open in City of Ridgecrest

A new Social Security office is now open in Ridgecrest at 337 W. Ridgecrest Blvd., it was announced recently by Congressman Bill Ketchum (R.), 18th District Representative.

The new office, which is manned by Mrs. Ann Renfro, resident representative of the Social Security Administration, is open on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays (except holidays) from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

In addition, Mrs. Renfro will be available at the China Lake Community Center on the fourth Thursday of each month from 9 to 11:30 a.m.

Mrs. Renfro can provide information and appropriate application forms to local area residents on all matters concerning the Social Security law.

"I am especially pleased by this new facility, and feel that it shows recognition of Ridgecrest's population growth, as well as that in adjacent areas," Congressman Ketchum stated.

Those desiring information on Social Security matters can visit Mrs. Renfro during her office hours or contact her by calling 375-7447.

College counselors can be seen by appointment

Two counselors will be available at Cerro Coso Community College at various times between now and July 22 to discuss specific educational objectives with all potential full-time students and others planning to enroll at the local college in the fall.

In order to avoid the fall semester registration rush, anyone interested in attending Cerro Coso College in the fall is encouraged to make an appointment with a counselor now.

Leo Girardot will be accepting appointments on July 14 and 21, while Dorothy Peet Schutte will be available for counseling on July 12, 15, 19 and 22. The counselors' office hours will be 11:30 to 6 p.m. on the above-mentioned dates.

To schedule an appointment, call the college counseling center at 375-5001, ext. 34.

Blue Cross agent due

Jean Sainsbury, a Blue Cross insurance representative, will be at the Community Center on Thursday, July 22, starting at 10 a.m. Enrollees in this health insurance plan who wish to talk to her will be seen on an appointment-only basis.

Beginning Monday, a sign-up sheet will be at the front desk of the Community Center. Those interested in seeing Miss Sainsbury must visit the Community Center to sign up, since no appointments will be taken over the telephone.