

Actors sought for non-speaking roles in CLOTA production

Director Fred Stahlman is still trying to fill roles for "Inherit the Wind," the first play of 1978 for the Community Light Opera and Theatre Association.

Needed are 10 men to take the part of the jurors (all non-speaking parts), and someone to take the role of an organ grinder. The catch in the casting of the latter role is that whoever gets to be the organ grinder also must furnish a live monkey to perform with the organ.

Individuals who are interested in any of these roles may contact Stahlman by calling him at 375-5214. They will only be needed during the last two weeks of rehearsals.



CONCERT SERIES MUSICIANS — Coming next Thursday, March 2, to the stage of the Center theater for the next program in the Indian Wells Valley Concert Association's 1977-78 season will be a young professional group called Quartette en Concert. They are (from left) John Heitmann, flutist; Gerald Walker, oboist; Sharon Gunderson, harpsichordist, and John Campbell, bassoonist.

Quartette en Concert to be featured in program on March 2 at theater

A program of music spanning the 18th to 20th centuries, featuring various combinations of flute, oboe, bassoon and harpsichord, will be presented as the next offering of the Indian Wells Valley Concert Association on Thursday evening, March 2, at the Center theater. Curtain time will be 7:30.

This young professional group, called Quartette en Concert, though dedicated to authentic baroque style and performance, is equally at home with composers of other eras.

During their appearance here, Sharon Gunderson, harpsichordist; John Heitmann, flutist; Gerald Walker, oboist, and John Campbell, bassoonist, will present a program that will include the more familiar baroque and rococo masterpieces of such composers as Antonio Vivaldi and Georg Telemann, as well as classical works by Franz Joseph Haydn and Johann C. F. Bach.

The group has made two European tours, both of which met with remarkable success. Ms. Gunderson is currently completing her doctoral studies at the University of Southern California where she studies harpsichord with Malcolm Hamilton. In addition to her appearances with Quartette en Concert, she is the harpsichordist with the Los Angeles Camerata.

Heitmann teaches flute at California State University in Northridge. He has performed with the Buffalo and Los Angeles Philharmonic Orchestras, and held the position of co-principal flutist with the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra.

Walker is a member of the Los Angeles Camerata, and was the principal oboist during the group's highly acclaimed tour of Europe during 1976.

Campbell, who is a native of Los Angeles, was for four years the principal bassoonist for the Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra in Alberta, Canada. Since returning to Los Angeles, he has performed as principal bassoonist with the Glendale Symphony and the Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra.

Tickets on Sale

Tickets to next Thursday night's concert, which is the fifth in the 1977-78 season of the Indian Wells Valley Concert Association, are priced at \$4 each for general admission or half price (\$2) for enlisted military personnel and those either under 21 years of age or more than 65 years old.

Tickets to the Quartette en Concert program are now on sale in Ridgcrest at The Gift Mart, The Grainery, The Music Man, Lilly's Dress Shop, the Medical Arts Pharmacy and at the Drummond Medical Group Center Pharmacy. They also can be purchased at the Inyokern Market, in Trona at the office of the Trona Argonaut newspaper, and in Johannesburg at the Rand District News and Miner office.

In addition, telephone orders for tickets can be placed at any time by calling the IWV Concert Association, 375-5600.

Tickets will also be available on the day of concert from 4:45 to 7:15 p.m. at the Center theater box office. Doors will be open to concert-goers at 6:45 p.m.

In order that all interested persons may be able to attend, special event passes for entry to the Naval Weapons Center will be available at the main gate and also at the south gate to NWC.

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

Regular starting time—7:30 p.m.

Program subject to change without notice.
For further information call NWC ext. 2259

FRIDAY 24 FEBRUARY

"THE ENFORCER" (96 Min.)
Clint Eastwood, Harry Guardino
(Action-Drama) This film is another in the "Dirty Harry" series. Eastwood is transferred from the homicide bureau and finds himself partnered with a female cop (Tyne Daly). He overcomes his male chauvinist attitude, however, when she proves to be an able partner and he mourns her death when she is killed when backing him up while freeing the kidnapped mayor of San Francisco. (R).

SATURDAY 25 FEBRUARY

"HAWMPS" (113 Min.)
Chris Connelly, James Hampton
1:30 p.m. Matinee
(Comedy) This film is a comedy about a pre-Civil War Army experiment to determine the feasibility of replacing the U.S. Cavalry horses with camels. Hampton is an Army lieutenant who is assigned to train the camels for use in a desert section of Texas. This movie is based on fact. (G)

"THE SLIPPER AND THE ROSE" (128 Min.)
Richard Chamberlain, Gemma Craven
7:30 p.m.

(Musical) A musical version of the renowned fairy tale, Cinderella. Chamberlain is the unhappy Prince who is being forced into a marriage by his parents. Craven is the lovely Cinderella confined to her stepmother's kitchen. She attends a palace ball with magical help and it is love at first sight when she meets the Prince. The clock chimes midnight and she runs off, leaving the Prince holding her lost glass slipper. The happy end comes soon as the Prince seeks and finds the owner of the slipper. (G).

SUNDAY 26 FEBRUARY

"MACKINTOSH AND T. J." (97 Min.)
Roy Rogers, Clay O'Brien
(Western Drama) Drifter and ex-ranch hand MacIntosh (Roy Rogers) gives a lift to 14-year-old vagrant T. J. (Clay O'Brien), whose dream is to see the Pacific Ocean. On the road they encounter a nosy ranch hand who mistakenly tells a woman's husband that his wife has been seeing Rogers. Rogers gets into a fight with the husband and a square dance, and later when the husband is killed, the ranch hands pursue Rogers, believing that he is the murderer. O'Brien rescues Rogers and they move on heading for the Pacific. (PG)

WEDNESDAY 1 MARCH

"THE CHICKEN CHRONICLES" (116 Min.)
Phill Silvers, Lisa Reeves
(Comedy) In May 1969 Beverly Hills high school student Steven Guttenberg looks forward with anxiety to graduation and making love with his girlfriend, Lisa Reeves. He works at Chick on the Run, a restaurant owned by Silvers. He is also in trouble with the school's vice-principal for foraging passes. Guttenberg's younger brother is hospitalized and the kind-hearted Silvers helps to get him released. Guttenberg is unable to seduce his girlfriend, but is caught substituting an old girlfriend instead. (PG)

THURSDAY 2 MARCH

IWV Concert Association presents
QUARTETTE EN CONCERT
7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY 3 MARCH

"SHADOW OF AN EMPTY ROOM" (99 Min.)
Tisa Farrow, Carole Laure
(Action-Drama) This film is set in Canada and centers around a police captain who is involved in solving the murder of his sister on a college campus. The film is fast moving with chase sequences in which Laure pursues a suspect through the streets of Montreal and finally catches him in the operating room of a hospital. (R)

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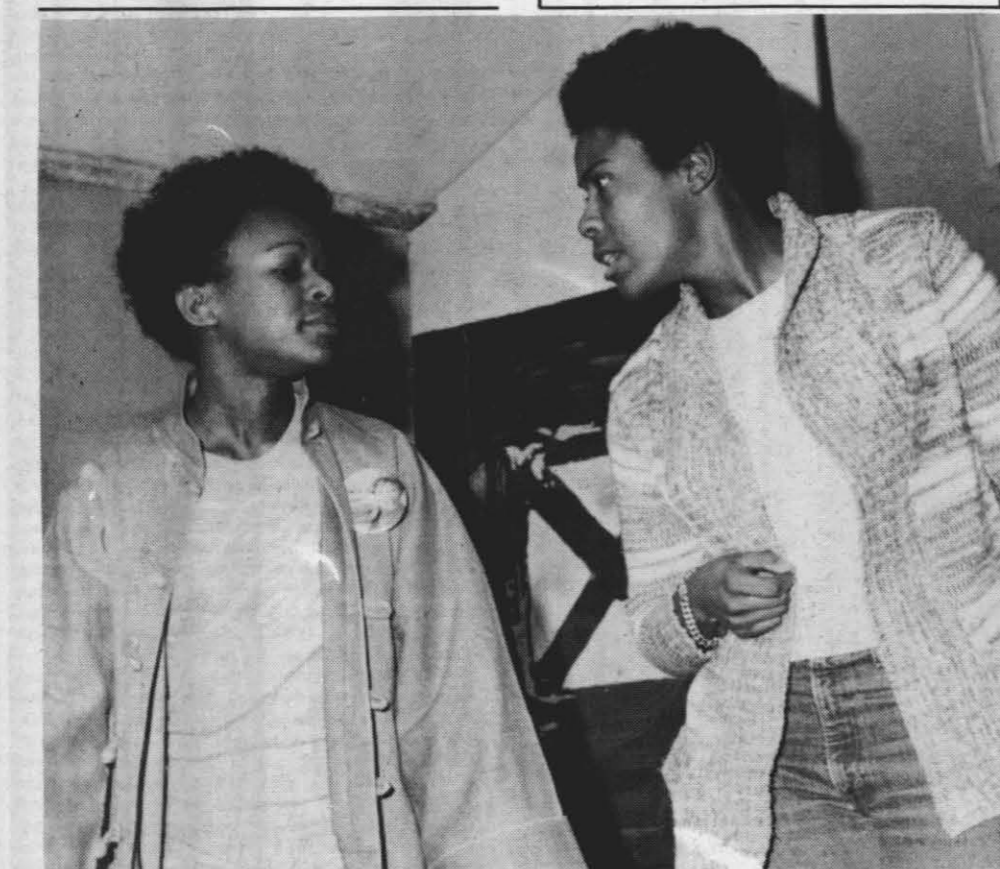
Kingston Trio to play for COM dinner show

Tickets are still available for the Kingston Trio dinner show, which is scheduled for the evening of Friday, March 3, at the Commissioned Officers' Mess.

A prime rib dinner will be served from 6 to 9 p.m., with music for dancing beginning at 8. The Kingston Trio will play two shows, one at 10 p.m. and the second at midnight.

Reservations at \$12.50 per person for both the dinner and the show can be made by calling the COM, ph. 446-2549.

For those who did purchase tickets for this Special Services Division-sponsored event, refunds can be obtained at the Community Center on weekdays between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.



IN REHEARSAL — Ava McClendon (l.), who plays the role of Beneatha in the China Lake Players production of "A Raisin in the Sun," and Lena Younger in the role of her mother, rehearse for the play which will be presented on the evenings of March 10, 11, 17, and 18 at 8:15 at the China Lake Players' Hut at 405 McIntire St. on the Center. Tickets are \$2.50 for general admission, with students under 21, children, enlisted military and senior citizens over the age of 65 being charged \$1.50. Because of the limited seating that is available, reservations must be made in advance by telephoning Rosalie Barber at 375-9470. —Photo by Bill Bennisson



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Naval Weapons Center
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New smoke weapon undergoing safety, environmental testing at China Lake

By Mickey Strang
Marines involved in amphibious landings or in airborne helicopter assaults who would be protected by a camouflaging smoke screen will be the primary beneficiaries of a new smoke weapon now undergoing safety

and environmental testing at the Naval Weapons Center.
The new weapon is being developed using both Army and Navy expertise though the project is under the technical direction of NWC personnel.

The weapon is expected to be developed in a short period of time (well under a year total development and testing), and with a minimal amount of money because of the cooperation and coordination of the various agencies involved, and because its development involved a combination of tested and proven hardware already in the inventory of the Navy. Hardware for the new weapon is the CBU-72 / B dispenser and canisters.

Cooperative Effort
Personnel from China Lake; the Edgewood Division of the Army's Aberdeen Proving Ground; the Naval Weapons Support Center (NWSC), Crane, Ind.; and the Naval Ammunition Depot, Hawthorne, Nev., are coordinating their efforts to develop the new weapon.

The weapon consists of a dispenser and three canisters which are loaded with the smoke agent. The dispenser can be deployed at high speed and low altitude from combat aircraft already in the Fleet. The weapon arms as it is released from the aircraft. When it is armed the rear dispenser plate is blown off which in turn pulls out the first canister from the dispenser; this then pulls out the second canister, and the second then pulls out the third. Each of the canisters dispense their materials in a line approximately 150 feet

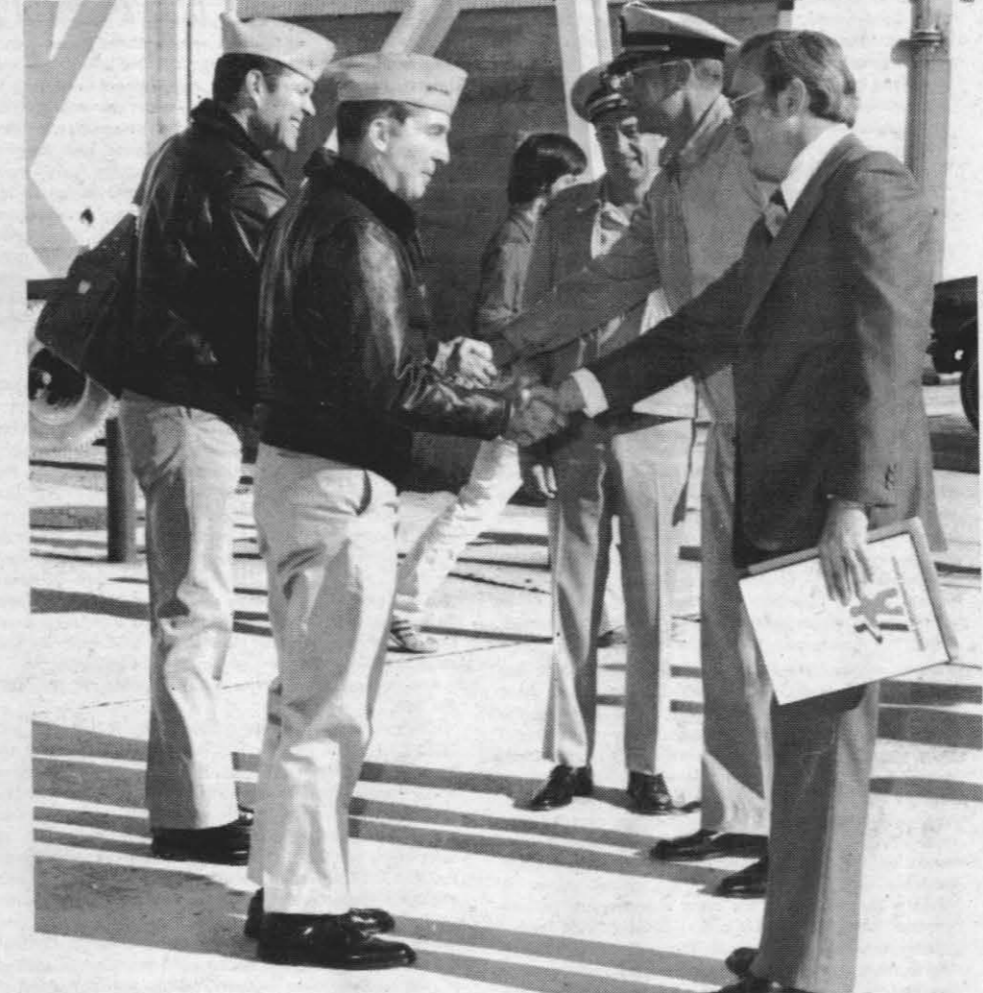
apart.
Each of the canisters releases a smoke agent which produces enough smoke to cover a circle 400 ft. in diameter. The white smoke rises from the level of the water or ground to a height of 700 to 1,000 feet and is dense enough to provide adequate screening for Marine assault forces.

Tests have established that the smoke has minimal effects on either the troops or their weapons.

Prime Factor
Obviously, a prime factor in the successful smoke weapon is the choice of the smoke producing agent. Candidate agents for the tests were selected after consultation with Dr. Pierre St.-Amand, head of the Earth and Planetary Sciences Division in the NWC Research Department; Army personnel from the Edgewood Division of the Aberdeen Proving Ground, and Navy personnel from NWSC, Crane, Ind.

Factors that needed to be considered were: life cycle safety compatibility, obscuration provided by the smoke, high persistency of the smoke obscuration (a relatively long life for smoke produced), effectiveness of the smoke in wind, cost of the smoke agent, and chemical compatibility to the ignition and dispersion train of the CBU-72 / B hardware.

Fourteen smoke agents were finally selected for testing. Tests were planned for over-water operations since the primary usage planned for the final weapon would be for Marine amphibious assaults; areas in which such tests could be feasibly carried (Continued on Page 3)



WELCOME ABOARD — Admiral Robert L. J. Long, Vice Chief of Naval Operations, was greeted by Rear Admiral William L. Harris, NWC Commander, as he stepped (top photo) from the aircraft that brought him here Tuesday from Washington, D.C., for a short, but intensive, briefing on projects and capabilities of the Naval Weapons Center. Others on hand to welcome the distinguished visitor (in addition to RADM Harris) were (lower photo) Capt. F. H. M. Kinley, Vice Commander, and Robert M. Hillyer, Technical Director, who is shaking hands with Admiral Long. The Vice Chief of Naval Operations was accompanied by a group that included his aide, Capt. James E. Service (at left) during his one day visit for the purpose of observing the manner in which the Center contributes to the Navy's role in the nation's defense. See other photos on Page 3.

Navy helicopter called to aid in transporting injured 'cycle rider

A helping hand in time of need was provided early Sunday evening by a Navy search and rescue helicopter from the Naval Weapons Center airfield.
Navy assistance was requested when it turned out that rugged terrain in the vicinity of a canyon in the Spangler Hills (located a short distance south of China Lake) made it impossible for an ambulance to reach the victim of a motorcycle accident.

On call when the request for help was received was LCDr. Dale Haan, a helicopter pilot who is assigned to NWC as a military research assistant in the Physical Optics Laboratory of the Research Department.

Joined by AD1 Bill Hornbaker and PR3 R. E. Alexander as crew members of the UH1N "Huey" helicopter, LCDr. Haan took off from NWC airfield at around 6:45 p.m., landed briefly near the Wagon Wheel (located on the Trona-Red Mountain Rd.) to pick up Sandy Poulin, an ambulance attendant for the Tri-County Ambulance

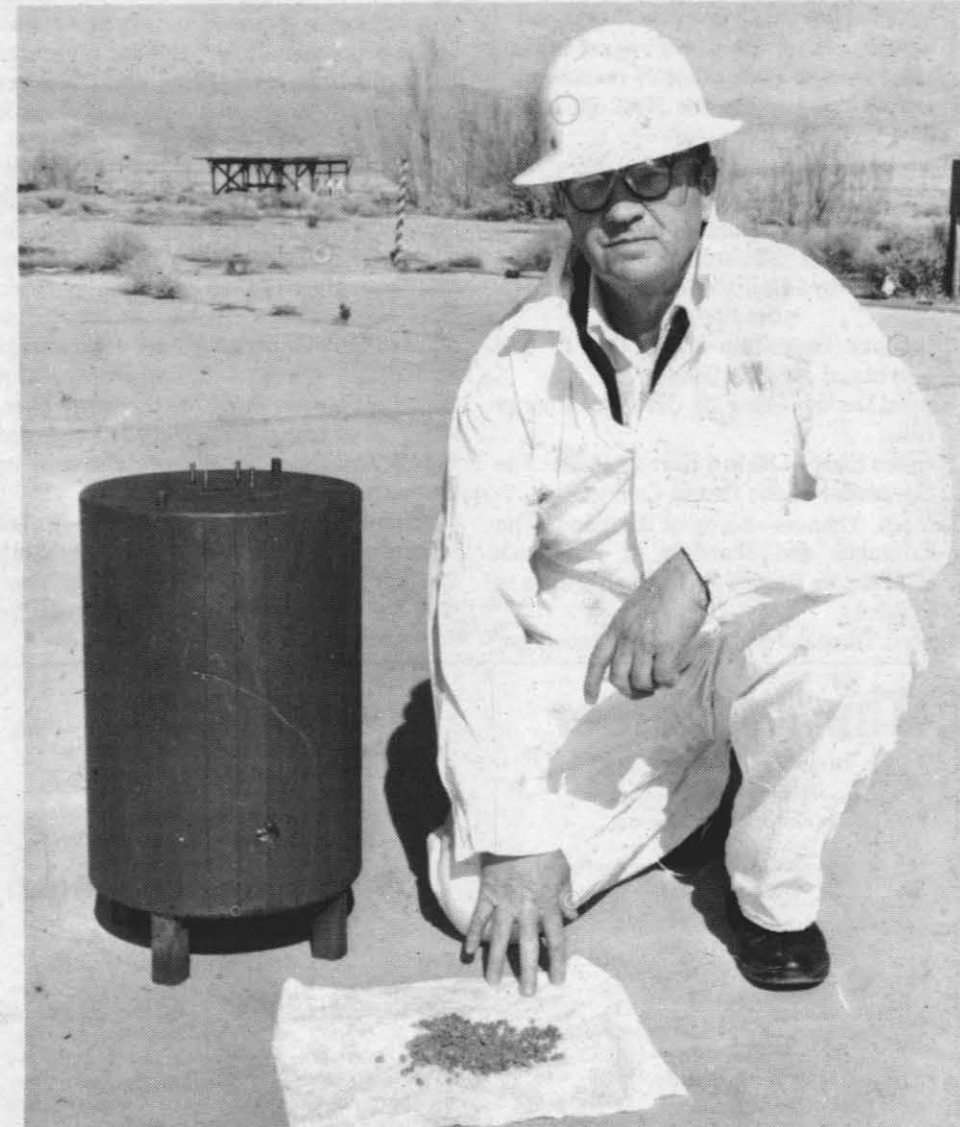
Service, and additional first aid supplies, and then headed for the accident site — following Poulin's directions.

The landing there was a routine one, as LCDr. Haan was guided in by a fire set by others at the scene and by the helicopter's landing lights.

The accident victim, Fred Miller, of Burbank, who suffered possible back, neck and shoulder injuries, was flown quickly to the Ridgcrest Community Hospital heliport and taken from there to the emergency room of the local medical facility for treatment.

At the time the motorcycle accident occurred, Miller and two companions were enjoying a bit of off-road 'cycling when Miller took a spill. One man, John Sheldon, rode to the Wagon Wheel to seek help, while the other, Jim Brock, remained with the accident victim.

A radio call to a member of the Radio Emergency Assistance Citizen Team (REACT) in Ridgcrest started the Tri- (Continued on Page 3)



SAFE TO HANDLE — Lloyd Holt, program manager for the smoke weapon, displays pellets of the red phosphorous smoke agent to demonstrate that they will not ignite spontaneously when exposed to air. Testing has been accomplished using canisters such as the one shown in photo. The smoke produced by the actual smoke weapon is adequate for providing a screening camouflage for Marine amphibious assault troops or for helicopter assaults. —Photo by Ron Allen



Recreation Round-up

Practice swimming meet scheduled at gym pool Saturday

The indoor swimming pool at the Naval Weapons Center gym will be the setting for a practice meet tomorrow between the Indian Wells Valley and High Desert swim teams.

An hour-long warmup starting at 7:30 a.m. will precede the first race of the day, and competition will continue until 1 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

Some 200 youngsters in all will be involved in this swim meet, and there will be ribbons awarded to those who place first through sixth in various age brackets of the competition.

There will be events for boys and girls 8 years of age and under on up through those 18 years of age.

Coaches of the two teams are Diane Brown, for the Indian Wells Valley swimmers, and Bruce Auld, who is in charge of the High Desert aquatic squad.

Golf Clinics Planned

Clinics for the purpose of offering instruction in the basics of playing golf to enlisted men up through the rating of senior chief petty officer will be scheduled at the China Lake golf course by Paul Someson, local golf pro.

Plans call for limiting such clinics to a group of seven to ten novice golfers per session. Times will be arranged that are convenient for the participants.

Those wishing to take part in such clinics are urged to make their interest known by calling Someson at NWC ext. 2990.

Intramural Volleyball

Another organizational meeting for the purpose of making plans for the coming season of intramural league volleyball will be held at 5 p.m. Monday at the Community Center. Groups interested in forming teams to compete in league play are urged to send a representative to this meeting.

Military Volleyball Tourney

An 11th Naval District Northern Area elimination tournament for military men's volleyball teams has been scheduled March 20 to 24 at the Long Beach Naval Station. Military men at the Naval Weapons Center who would like to compete in such an event are asked to contact Doug Nelson, NWC athletic director, by calling ext. 2334.



READY FOR MDISL COMPETITION — Members of the Naval Weapons Center basketball team, who will be participating today through Sunday in the Mojave Desert Inter-service League tournament at Norton Air Force Base in San Bernardino, are shown above. Kneeling in front are a trio of guards (l.-r.) Kelvin McSwain, Andy Price and Gregg Robbins. Standing are (from left) Charlie Barrows, a forward; John Spells, center; Bob Bailey and Tim Cornelius, both forwards. Four other members of the team — Tony Boulden, Jim Carr, Tony McCray and Tom Neidigh, were unable to be present for the photo. In their first MDISL game, the China Lakers will tangle with the team from the Marine Corps Base at 29 Palms at 3 p.m. today.

—Photo by Ron Allen

Ralph Stumbaugh now in charge of maintenance, upkeep at golf course

Maintenance and upkeep of the 18-hole China Lake golf course is now under the supervision of Ralph Stumbaugh, who arrived here in mid-December and is currently in charge of a crew of six fulltime and six part-time employees.

Asked about the condition of the local golf course, Stumbaugh noted that the weather has caused some early germination of trees and foliage. Otherwise, everything looks good and is recovering from winter weather and recent heavy rains, he added.

Stumbaugh's experience in this line of work includes management of a public golf course on Okinawa for seven years (1963 to '70). In addition, at various times during his 24½ years of active duty in the Army, he has served on golf course boards of governors, as chairman of greens committees, and was in charge of planning and developing a golf course in Baumholder, Germany.

China Lake's golf course superintendent was a sergeant major serving with an Army Engineer Group on Okinawa at the time of his retirement from military service in 1965, and remained there for another five years—continuing the job he had started two years

earlier as golf course manager.

Prior to coming to work here, the ex-Army sergeant major had been the manager of the Devils Lake State Park for the State of Oregon's Parks and Recreation Department.

Stumbaugh's military service began during World War II, when he served with the 2nd Ranger Battalion and was in on the D-Day invasion of France. He remained in the Army until the end of World War II. He then had a 19-month break in service until he re-enlisted in 1947 and served continuously until 1965.

Stumbaugh was accompanied to the Naval Weapons Center by his wife, Ruth. They are the parents of a daughter, Patricia, who lives in Coos Bay, Ore., and two sons—Michael, a resident of Fort Worth, Tex., and Sgt. 1st Class Richard Stumbaugh, who followed in his father's footsteps by joining the Army and is currently stationed in Germany.

China Lake Tennis Club membership drive under way

The annual membership drive of the China Lake Tennis Club is now in progress, with membership for the year costing \$5 per person and \$1 for all full time students.

The club sponsors tennis matches of three sorts: fun tournaments, which are limited to club members; competitive tournaments; and team matches with other clubs, both at China Lake and elsewhere. Players of all skill levels can compete in the matches.

Other club activities have included construction of a shelter to provide shade at the China Lake courts, purchase of a court sweep to keep the courts clean, and purchase of a ball machine for use of club members.

The China Lake Club also sponsors the annual Gary Haugen Memorial tournament, which is a fund-raising event to provide a scholarship for a Burroughs High School student. Last year, the club contributed \$500 to this fund.

Anyone interested in joining or in obtaining further information about the China Lake Tennis Club is invited to telephone Ken Grant at 375-9634.

—Photo by Ron Allen

Sign-ups for Youth Ctr. soccer program to begin March 1

Registration of young people 8 through 18 years of age who are interested in taking part in the Youth Center soccer program scheduled this spring will begin next Wednesday and continue through March 18 at the Youth Center.

Sign-ups will be handled during the Youth Center's regular hours of operation: Tuesday through Friday from 2 to 5 and 6 to 9 p.m., and on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Adults who are interested in assisting in the soccer program also are asked to drop by the Youth Center and register.

In preparation for the start of league games that will begin on April 1, there will be a parents' meeting at 6 p.m. on Thursday, March 9, at the Youth Center, followed on March 11 and 18 by player skill evaluation sessions at Davidove Field.

All prospective Youth Center Soccer League players will be required to attend a skill evaluation session in order to be placed on a team. Assignment of players to teams is scheduled on March 25, followed by practice in preparation for the start of league play.

Also as a prelude to the start of the Youth Center soccer season on April 1, there will be a clinic for coaches and referees on Monday, March 13, from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at Davidove Field.

The Youth Center Soccer League will be divided into divisions for teams made up of players from the second through fourth grades, fifth and sixth graders, and junior high and high school students.

VX-5 enlisted man to join wrestlers at 11th ND training camp

Another upward step in his activity as a Navy wrestler had been taken by AOOA Morris Schultz, of Air Test and Evaluation Squadron Five (VX-5), who has been selected to participate in the 11th Naval District training camp for grapplers which will be held from March 1 through 20 at the Naval Station in San Diego.

AOOA Schultz, who is assigned to duty with the 1st Lieutenant's Division at VX-5, recently won the 114½ lb. weight class during an 11th ND freestyle wrestling tourney.

He returned to San Diego last Saturday to compete in the 11th ND wrestling championships and, even though no other contenders were there in his weight division, he had so impressed LCDr. Gary Sauer, the 11th ND wrestling coach, during his earlier appearance that he was among those chosen for the training camp that will be held to prepare for interservice wrestling competition March 27-31 at Quantico, Va.

AOOA Schultz expects to have to work hard in order to be chosen for the matches in Quantico, since the training camp is a further part of the elimination process. Rugged workouts plus wrestling twice a day are on the schedule from March 1 to 20.

AOOA Schultz carries with him the best wishes of members of his Command and all other China Lakers as well.

Pony-Colt League baseball sign-ups end tomorrow

Tomorrow is the last day for registration of prospective Senior League / Pony-Colt League baseball players. This covers youths 13 through 18 years of age.

Those interested should bring proof of age in the form of a birth certificate to the Ridgecrest Little League's Kerr-McGee Field between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 in the afternoon.

Late-comers may register at the time of the March tryouts.

Anyone seeking further information may telephone Pony League player agent Dan VanderWerf at NWC ext. 3445.



Photos by Ron Allen

FIRSTHAND LOOK AT CENTER PROJECTS — During the visit of Admiral Robert L. J. Long, USN, Vice Chief of Naval Operations, he was briefed on various Center projects in addition to being taken on a helicopter tour of the Randsburg Wash area for an overview of the test and evaluation capabilities found there. Shown in the upper left photo, Werner G. Hueber, head of the Laser / Infrared Systems Division of the Systems Development Department, describes the unique capabilities of the laser guided bomb to Admiral Long while F. H. Knemeyer, head of the Weapons Planning Group (acting), looks on. In the center photograph (top row), Ralph E. Bernard of the Systems Applications Office in the Ordnance Systems Department discusses the successful recent completion of the demonstration program of SMARTROC, a surfaced launched laser guided bomb, with Admiral Long and Robert M. Hillyer, NWC Technical

Director. In the photo at upper right, David N. Livingston, associate head of the Weapons Department, refers to the Walleye weapon which is shown while describing the development capabilities of the Center. Listening in the background is Rear Admiral William L. Harris, NWC Commander. In the lower left photo Capt. James E. Service (partly hidden), aide to Admiral Long, looks at one of the Sidewinder family of weapons which had been placed on the Carco table while RADM. Harris, Admiral Long, and Hillyer watch. In the center picture (lower row), Mark F. Stenger, AIM-9L Product Improvement Program Technical Manager, shows Admiral Long changes being made in the AIM-9L. Hillyer and Admiral Long (lower right photo) examine the guidance and control section of the AIM-7F Sparrow with Loyd C. Moore (back to camera), head of the Sparrow Program Office in the Weapons Department.

New smoke weapon undergoing tests at NWC...

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one with considerably longer persistency because the particles, by burning longer, supply more smoke to the original cloud. The safety of the new weapon is improved also by providing inert gas (argon) in the canisters and nitrogen in the dispenser that houses the three canisters, so that if the dispenser is damaged, ignition cannot occur. This produces a double safety factor of having an agent that does not ignite spontaneously on contact with air and having a protective layer of gas in and

surrounding the canisters. As a result, this consideration is expected to make the weapon totally safe for shipboard handling and storage.

Program manager Lloyd Holt, an engineering technician in the Aircraft Armament Integration Branch of the Systems Development Department, states that the weapon is currently undergoing safety and environmental tests by the Environmental Engineering and Inspection Branch of the Range Department.

Two men singled out as Sailors of Month by NWC

Two enlisted men assigned to duty at the Naval Weapons Center were singled out for special recognition as Sailors of the Month for January.

When all of the nominations were in, the selection committee was unable to choose between the two top candidates and decided to do the unusual — designate two individuals for this honor. They are Aviation Machinist's Mate Airman James Patrick Mortenson and Aviation Maintenance Administration Airman Steven A. Nixon.



ADAN J. P. Mortenson

ADAN Mortenson, a plane captain on the Cold Line in the Line Division, is qualified on the U-3A, U-9D, and the OV-10 aircraft. His exemplary conscientiousness, initiative, devotion to duty, and professional performance are all highly praised by his supervisor, ATC John F. Bozony.

ADAN Mortenson is a native of San Gabriel, Ca., where he was graduated from San Gabriel High School before entering the Navy 19 months ago. He has participated in the NWC intramural sports competition, and contributed to the part played by the Line Division in winning the Admiral's Cup for NWC North.

His current sports interests are racketball and hunting, especially with a shotgun. He also is a member of the NWC Sidewinder Drill Team.

Both ADAN Mortenson and his wife, Brenda, who also is a native of San Gabriel, are attending classes at Cerro Coso Community College.

Duty assignment for AZAN Nixon is the Aircraft Intermediate Maintenance Department Production Control. Lt. L. D. Gorans, his supervisor, notes that "he is a highly motivated and selective type of individual who is respected by his superiors and subordinates alike."

AZAN Nixon, who was born in Chester, Pa., lists Indianapolis Ind., as his home town. He was graduated from Shorridge High School in that city, and attended a

summer session at the University of Indiana before entering the Navy.

His prime hobby is music, says AZAN Nixon. He plays in a band, and also has played for a number of parties around the local area. Much of his spare time, however, has been spent in attending classes at Cerro Coso Community College.

For being selected as Co-Sailors of the Month, both Airman Mortenson and Airman Nixon will receive 96-hour liberty passes and free dinners for two at The Shuttle.



AZAN Steven A. Nixon



NEW SUP'T AT GOLF COURSE — Ralph Stumbaugh (at left), new superintendent at the China Lake golf course, observes as Marc Hirschy, assistant superintendent, uses a pole-like device that is available for whipping the frost off putting greens before early-morning golfers are allowed out on the course at this time of the year.

—Photo by Ron Allen

