



Commissioned Officers' Mess
A country-western Membership Night is on the agenda tomorrow at the Commissioned Officers' Mess.

A chuckwagon buffet will be served from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., featuring barbecued chicken and chuckwagon ribs.

Starting at 8 o'clock, "The Sagewinds," a musical group from the Los Angeles area, will perform for the listening and dancing pleasure of COM members and guests until midnight.

A new price of \$5 for members and their spouses and \$6 for guests will be charged for this country-western barbecue and dance.

Chief Petty Officers' Club
Bob McCrosky will lead "The Sagebrush," a local country and western combo, in entertaining the members and guests of the Chief Petty Officers' Club this evening from 8:30 to 12:30 a.m.

Prior to the appearance by "The Sagebrush," dinner offering a choice of prime ribs of beef or Icelandic cod, will be served in the CPO Club dining room from 6 to 9 o'clock.

Enlisted Mess
Mr. and Mrs. Country Music, Joe Maphis (King of the Strings) and Rose Lee, a duo from the Los Angeles area, will provide musical entertainment at the Enlisted Mess this evening from 9 to 1:30 a.m.

A seafood plate, the featured item on the EM menu, will be served by the EM dining staff from 6 to 8:30 p.m.

Public invited to organ concert Tues. at All Faith Chapel

Bruce D. McClung will present an organ concert at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the All Faith Chapel. The public is invited and there is no admission charge.

A reception, hosted by the Fellowship Committee of the Protestant Congregation, will follow the concert and will be held at the Chapel's East Wing.

Young McClung is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Rod McClung, longtime local area residents. He is currently a sophomore at the New England Conservatory of Music in Boston, Mass., and is a pupil of Yuko Hayashi, chairman of the organ department there.

The program for Tuesday evening's concert will include works by Handel, Brahms, Dupre, Hermann Schroeder, as well as a composition by an English composer whose work McClung obtained while in England last summer.

Officers' Wives Club now offering \$500 scholarship

Applications are now being accepted for a \$500 scholarship being offered by the Officers' Wives Club (OWC) to dependent children of active duty or retired military personnel. Deadline for applying is Thursday, April 30.

The scholarship may be used to pursue either a college degree or a vocational education; graduating seniors from Burroughs and Mesquite High Schools and Cerro Coso College students planning to further their education at another school may apply.

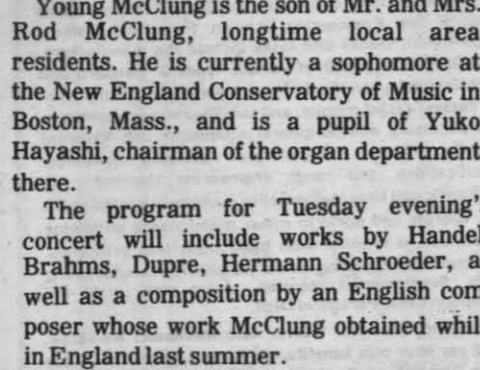
Anyone who has been appointed to a service academy of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard or Merchant Marine is not eligible.

The applications, which may be obtained from school counselors or from the All Faith Chapel office, must be turned in to Mrs. Richard Wright, 648 Sonja Court, Ridgecrest, Calif. 93555. The recipient will be selected by the OWC Scholarship Committee on the basis of merit.

Summer clerical job filing deadline April 17

The filing deadline for summer employment at the Naval Weapons Center is next Friday, April 17, for those interested in Group I (clerical) positions.

Application forms can be picked up at receptionist's desk in the Personnel Building. Additional information can be obtained by calling NWC ext. 2657.



Bruce D. McClung

Exhibits, demonstrations on tap at annual Health Fair Saturday

Demonstrations, exhibits and films, all aimed at increasing local residents' awareness of the importance of health and steps that can be taken to alleviate certain conditions before they become a serious problem, will be featured during the second annual Indian Wells Valley Health Fair.

The location for this event, which will be held tomorrow from 12 noon to 4 p.m., is the Senior Citizens' Building, 120 S. Warner St., Ridgecrest.

Blood pressure screening, demonstrations of cardiopulmonary resuscitation, and blood sugar tests (fasting for 2 hours prior to the test is mandatory) are just a few of the activities planned.

At a booth operated by the local chapter of the California Association of the Physically Handicapped, a talking calculator developed to assist visually impaired persons will be in operation, along with a braille labeler, a braille writer, and books written in braille.

In addition, the Kiwanis Club of Ridgecrest will demonstrate a telecaption device (borrowed from the Sierra Sands Unified School District) that is used to provide a printed caption of dialogue as it is being spoken during the running of a videotaped TV show. This is for the benefit of those who are hard of hearing or deaf.

Information about the Lions Club Eyemobile program will be featured at yet another booth. Tests for glaucoma and other eye problems are offered free during visits of the Eyemobile, which is scheduled to be in Ridgecrest on Saturday, April 18, in the parking lot adjacent to the Security-Pacific National Bank.

A model of Heritage Village, the plans for which include the construction of a convalescent hospital, also will be on display during the Health Fair.

Films—some presented by the Employee Assistance Program at NWC and others by the Arthritis Foundation and the Multiple Sclerosis Society—will be shown at intervals throughout the afternoon, in an effort to make the Health Fair a one-stop information center on a wide range of health care problems and services that are available to alleviate them.

Some 20 different agencies will be represented at the Health Fair, including:

Other local participants include the Ridgecrest Community Hospital and Tri-County Ambulance Service.

National Health Agencies, represented by units from the Bakersfield area that will have booths set up and informational material to distribute are the Arthritis Foundation, American Diabetes Association, American Heart Association, the Society for the Prevention of Blindness, United Cerebral Palsy, American Cancer Society, Mental Health Association, Easter Seals, and the National Association for Retarded Citizens.

Indian Wells Valley Health Fair is being coordinated by Dan Banks, an electronics mechanic in the NWC Fuze and Sensors Department's Design and Fabrication Branch.

CLOTA production of 'Bullshot Crummond' to open next Friday

"Bullshot Crummond," the audacious English farce selected by the Community Light Opera and Theater Association as its first 1981 production is cast and into rehearsal.

Production dates for the show, directed by Rus Stedman, are April 17, 18, 24, and 25 at the Burroughs High School lecture center. Prices are \$3 for general admission and \$2.50 for students, senior citizens, and enlisted military personnel. Curtain time is 8:15 p.m.

Heading the cast as the chauvinistic British hero, Capt. Hugh "Bullshot" Crummond, is Leroy L. Doig III.

Playing opposite Doig as the pretty but not very bright Rosemary Fenton, is Cheri Craddock. She played the lead role in "Night of January 16th" while attending Burroughs High School and is assisting Stedman with direction.

Arthur E. Owens II, remembered as Chief Bromden in "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest," is cast as Teutonic villain Otto Von Bruno. He will also double as technical director.

Denise Wehle, who starred in the CLOTA production of "Flowers for Algernon" is cast as Otto's companion in evil, Lenya Von Bruno.

Tom Lehmann, recipient of CLOTA's Best Actor award for 1980, will portray seven characters, including Carlton Waiter; Inspector Scabbard of Scotland Yard; a country policeman; Von Bruno's henchman, Wolfgang Schmidt; Algernon Longwort (a stereotypical twit); the very old and doddering Professor Rupert Fenton; and a cockeyed monster called Marovitch.

The crew for this production will include Ken Chapman as stage manager, Jim Matson on lights, Vivian Childers in charge of costumes, Terrie Daley handling properties, March Claunch as special effects artist, and Nancy Miller Nowak as the CLOTA board liaison.

Tickets for the show can be purchased from members of the cast or at the boxoffice on the night of each performance.

Newly-formed CPO Ass'n to hold meeting April 16

A newly-formed organization, the Chief Petty Officers' Association, will hold its next meeting on Thursday, April 16, starting at 5 p.m. at the CPO Club.

Membership in this group is open to all active and retired Navy chiefs with the rating of E-7 or above.

Those interested can obtain additional information by calling AZC William Chicky at NWC ext. 5314. Regular meetings of the CPO Association are held on the third Thursday of each month.

MOVIES

(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 p.m.

FRIDAY, MONDAY APRIL 10, 13
"NINE TO FIVE"
 Starring
 Jane Fonda, Lily Tomlin and Dolly Parton
 (Comedy, rated PG, 110 min.)

SATURDAY APRIL 11
"BRUBAKER"
 Starring
 Robert Redford and Yaphet Kotto
 (Drama, rated R, 131 Min.)

SUNDAY APRIL 12
"HONEYSUCKLE ROSE"
 Starring
 Willie Nelson and Dyan Cannon
 (Drama with music, rated PG, 120 min.)

TUESDAY APRIL 14
 Matinee—2 p.m.
"MARY POPPINS"
 Starring
 Julie Andrews and Dick Van Dyke
 (Musical-fantasy, rated G, 139 min.)

WEDNESDAY APRIL 15
"FAME"
 Starring
 Eddie Barth and Irene Cara
 (Musical-drama, rated R, 134 min.)

FRIDAY, SATURDAY APRIL 17, 18
"THE BLUE LAGOON"
 Starring
 Brooke Shields and Christopher Atkin
 (Drama, rated R, 105 min.)

SUNDAY APRIL 19
"MORE AMERICAN GRAFITTI"
 Starring
 Ron Howard and Candy Clark
 (Comedy-drama, rated PG, 111 min.)

Festive fund-raiser for Crusade Against Cancer set April 26

A festive fund-raiser for the benefit of the Crusade Against Cancer has been planned on Sunday, April 26, in Ridgecrest.

The day's events will begin with a barbecued beef lunch at the Moose Lodge, 150 Reeves St., Ridgecrest, where there will also be country-western musical entertainment coordinated by Frankie Lemon. Donations are \$3 per person.

In the evening, starting at 6 o'clock inside the main exhibit building at the Desert Empire Fairgrounds, a dinner will be held catered by the Indian Wells Valley Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). Dinner music will be provided by Jere Lee Cross at the organ and Maury Johnson on the violin.

Following dinner, a stage show is planned featuring Rich Kline from the television show "Three's Company" and his wife, Kathy Doyle. Music, dancing, comedy and films all will be a part of this fun-filled evening.

Donations are \$10 per person or \$15 per couple. Tickets for the dinner and show can be purchased at the Ridgecrest Chamber of Commerce office, from members of the Moose Lodge or the NAACP, or ordered by calling Rose Varga, chairman of the Indian Wells Valley Branch of the Crusade Against Cancer, at 446-3939.

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All addresses, some st. names to be changed

As an offshoot of the proposed incorporation of the China Lake community into the City of Ridgecrest, a move that is now in its final stages, changes will be made in housing address numbers at China Lake and many street names will be changed as well, in order to eliminate use of the same name for different streets at China Lake and in Ridgecrest.

While this will be done at the time that the annexation process is winding down, it is being undertaken primarily to comply with requests from the U.S. Postal Service, since the existence of duplicate street names in an area that has the same Zip Code has caused mail delivery problems.

The changes that are in the offing will bring the house numbering system into conformity with the system presently in use throughout the Indian Wells Valley.

LETTERS TO BE MAILED

China Lake residents soon will be receiving copies of a letter informing them what the new address number will be on the housing unit they occupy.

Residential addresses will be changed during the month of June and become effective on July 1, 1981. The work will be done a section at a time in the various neighborhood housing areas on Center.

While the Ridgecrest Post Office will continue to deliver mail addressed to an individual's old address for a period of one year, all China Lake residents are asked (in a letter signed by Capt. William B. Haff, NWC Commander) to evaluate the need to notify those from whom they receive mail regarding their upcoming change of address.

The proposal to annex a 7½ sq. mile area of the Naval Weapon Center's housing work area to the City of Ridgecrest—a move that began in the spring of 1979—has been filed with the Kern County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) in Bakersfield, and is being reviewed by the LAFCO staff, Bill Eichenberg, Ridgecrest city administrator, reports.

It is anticipated, Eichenberg added, that a public hearing on the annexation request

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China Lake Fire Division wins national award

In March 1981 the U.S. Navy Fire Protection Association (NAVFFPA) held its annual meeting to present the awards for the "Outstanding Fire Department" and for "Crash Fire Rescue."

NWC's Fire Division representative, Fire Chief Lee O'Laughlin, attended this meeting and walked away with a first place trophy in the Medium Crash Category. This makes the second year in a row that NWC has captured this award.

Out of 50 entries NWC won this award plus two framed certificates for entry into the Structural and Medium Crash categories and an honorable mention for the Structural entry.

Competition for these awards was open to all Naval and Marine Corps activity Fire Departments. Judging was based on training, education, public relations, civic actions, awards, recognition, and departmental operations. Additionally, judges take an overall look at how each fire department promotes itself. There were six categories available for entry, according to individual activity fire department sizes.

For purposes of judging each fire department is asked to submit a portfolio containing no more than 30 pages of lettersize Navy bond outlining each department's activities of the previous year within the various categories mentioned. These portfolios not only contain a written document but also a pictorial history.

Fire Chief O'Laughlin feels that the NWC Fire Division's increase in training over the past year is partly responsible for winning this year's trophy. Fire Command classes were given at the Training Center for firefighters plus there has been an increase in the number of emergency medical technicians (EMTs) made available for improving ambulance service. There has also been an increase in the overall knowledge of firefighters out at the airfield in both crash rescues and aircraft identification.

Public relations may have also been a "big plus" for the Fire Division through Fire Prevention Week.

—Photo by Sam Wyatt



SECOND YEAR IN A ROW — NWC Commander, Capt. W. B. Haff and NWC Fire Chief Lee O'Laughlin examine the trophy won by the NWC Fire Division in the "Medium Crash" category in the Navy Fire Protection Association's annual competition. This is the second consecutive year that the Fire Division has won this event.

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Navy's Distinguished Civilian Service Award given to DiPol at retirement fete



SINGULAR HONOR — Capping off a warm-hearted retirement party award presentation ceremony honoring John DiPol, Capt. William B. Haff, NWC Commander, presented the Navy Distinguished Civilian Service Award to the guest of honor.

—Photo by Don Cornelius

The Navy Distinguished Civilian Service Award was presented to DiPol by Capt. William B. Haff, NWC Commander, acting on behalf of the Secretary of the Navy.

This singular honor was bestowed on DiPol in recognition of his many accomplishments for over a period of more than 30 years at China Lake that began in October of 1950 when he was hired as a mechanical engineer in what was then the Range Design and Development Branch of the Naval Ordnance Test Station's Test Department.

NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED EXPERT

During the past three decades, DiPol has established himself as a nationally recognized expert in the management and operation of test and evaluation facilities used in the research, development, test and evaluation of complex weapons systems.

As head of the NWC Range Department, a post he held for more than three years, DiPol provided leadership in the planning and implementation of a major modernization program.

The cornerstone of this program is the recently completed Range Control Center that is now being equipped in preparation for its use to centralize test operations and control communication and data reduction

Watch for detour on Sandquist Rd. beginning Monday

Naval Weapons Center civilian employees and military personnel who customarily get to their place of work by heading north on Sandquist Road after entering the NWC main gate are advised to be on the lookout for a detour at Blandy Avenue beginning Monday morning.

Vehicles bound for Armitage Airfield and the north range areas via Sandquist Road will be routed east about 200 ft. along Blandy Avenue and then north to the SNORT Road, where they can turn left and get back on Sandquist Road once again.

Purpose of the detour is to permit workmen of the Asphalt Construction Co., from Little Rock, Calif., to handle what is expected to be a month-long job of rebuilding the Sandquist Rd. railroad crossing.

Three existing sets of railroad tracks will be removed and the road will be smoothed down over the remaining two sets of tracks.

The Sandquist Road detour will be well marked for those approaching the railroad tracks from either the south or the north.

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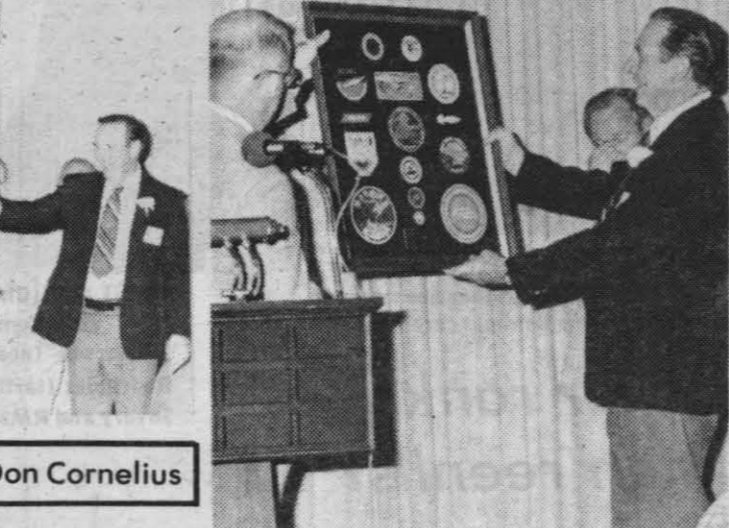
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Photos by Don Cornelius



FOND FAREWELL TO JOHN DIPOL — The sign over the stage (top left photo) expresses the sentiments of family, friends, co-workers and neighbors who attended the retirement party for John DiPol. At the conclusion of numerous presentations, DiPol spoke briefly about his feelings after three decades as an employee at China Lake. Bob Hillier, NWC Technical Director (top right), enjoyed describing the procedure to follow when employing a Mexican wild burro catcher that was one of the many mementos the DiPols received. Looking on a bit puzzled, if not skeptical, about Hillier's remarks is Bill Hatfabaugh, head of the Test and Evaluation Directorate, who served as master of ceremonies for the evening. In the center row of photos (l.-r.)



Burrell Hays presents Mrs. DiPol (Dee) with a bouquet of roses; Dick Johnsen, representing TID, hands a genuine "north range" horseshoe to DiPol; and Carl Schanlei, head of the Ordnance Systems Department, displays a montage of emblems representing many of the programs that DiPol was involved in over the years he was employed here. In the lower two photos Capt. William B. Huff, NWC Commander, congratulates DiPol after presenting him with the Navy Distinguished Civilian Service Award while Mrs. DiPol looks on. As a memento of DiPol's stewardship of the range area, he received a color photo of a prairie falcon from Capt. Jon Ives (lower right), head of the Public Works Department.

DiPol receives award at retirement . . .

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development of strategies designed to protect the Navy's largest RDT&E Center from unnecessary encroachment that could jeopardize the Navy's ability to accomplish current and future weapons testing.

A recent example of this is the key role DiPol played on a joint panel of Navy, NASA and Air Force representatives who testified at hearings held by the California Energy Commission to determine whether or not to allow the construction of a 1500-megawatt commercial coal-burning power plant in the Boron Area.

DiPol's testimony convinced the Commission of the uniqueness of the NWC mission and the adverse impact upon it that would be created if such a facility was permitted to be built.

Also cited as a basis for awarding the Navy Distinguished Civilian Service Award to DiPol was his valuable participation for 15 years on the Executive Committee of the Range Commanders Council, including two years as chairman of the committee. DiPol's views were actively sought by top level management personnel from each of the Armed Services represented on the Range Commanders Council.

His key role on a special task force

initiated by the Director of Navy Laboratories for the purpose of reshaping the definition and approach of the Shore Requirements, Standards, and Manpower Planning System (SHORSTAMPS) as it impacted on the operation of test and evaluation ranges was another of the areas considered when the decision was made to award the Navy Distinguished Civilian Service Award to DiPol.

A light-hearted vein prevailed throughout most of the award presentations to DiPol and his wife, Dee (Delores), but at those times when the speaker turned serious for a brief time, more than one mention was made of the lasting impact the honoree has made on improvements to the NWC ranges and their capabilities to handle ever-increasing requirements that have escalated with the testing of more advanced aircraft and weapons systems.

It was the consensus of his coworkers and friends that the Center would not have been what it is without 30 years of John DiPol, or someone equally capable and devoted to the task of performing the multitude of growing responsibilities that he assumed over the past three decades.

The presentation ceremony honoring the DiPols was concluded by brief remarks by

DiPol, who had enjoyed jousting verbally with the individuals representing departments and groups on the Center as each one came forward with his or her special award for the DiPols.

It seemed a bit unreal to him, DiPol said, to be bringing 30 years of age work to a close. He alluded to the often-voiced view that China Lake is different by offering what it has meant to him — "a mysterious blend of work, play, friends, a place, and a style. NWC always has and always will be a fast track," he added.

DiPol closed by thanking those who turned out for the reception and dinner, stating: "You have honored us here tonight infinitely beyond our merit. This has been a memorable occasion."

Government employees' union to meet Monday

The American Federation of Government Employees, Local 1781, will hold its next monthly meeting on Monday at 65-B Halsey Ave. at 7 p.m.

Local 1781 is the exclusive representative of a unit composed of those non-supervisory civilian employees of the Police Division, Safety and Security Department who are located at China Lake.

Course in Thermal Environmental Design to begin on April 20

A course in Thermal Environmental Design is being offered at the Training Center beginning on Monday, April 20, and continuing through Friday, April 24, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

This course, which is being taught by Dr. Richard Ulrich of Brigham Young University, is a working level course.

Background in heat transfer enabling those who attend to acquire an understanding of the basic problems associated with outdoor storage will be examined. Other subjects included will be conduction, convection, radiation, thermal properties of matter, aerodynamic heating and cooling, solar radiation, wind effects, reflection and absorption of painted surfaces, long versus short wavelength radiation, time constant, size effect, temperature measurement using thermocouples, significance of errors, and much more.

This course also will cover information on where to go for environmental criteria sources and field measurement sources and gives some simple methods of turning these criteria into thermal environmental design. "Thermal Environmental Design Guidebook" will be the text for this course.

Enrollment is open until next Friday, April 17. Anyone interested in taking this course should submit a training request to the Training Center via proper departmental channels.

Hebrew Congregation to observe Passover celebration April 18

Members of the NWC Hebrew Congregation at the All Faith Chapel are looking forward to the observance of Passover which, this year, coincides with the celebration of Easter by other religious groups.

Passover, which is a time to recall God's deliverance of the nation Israel after years of bondage in Egypt, will be observed during a service led by Student Rabbi Gary Tishkoff that will be held on Saturday, April 18, beginning at 6 p.m. in the East Wing of the All Faith Chapel.

The service will be followed by a Passover feast that will be prepared by Inna Manyak and Tricia Siegel. The menu of gefilte fish, chicken soup, matzah balls, roast chicken, potatoes, coffee, tea, and sponge cake is in keeping with the traditions associated with this religious observance.

There is a charge of \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children under 13 years of age who attend the Passover feast. Reservations, which are due no later than Sunday, can be made by calling Peggy Busch at 375-7712, or mailing a check to either Tricia Siegel, 824 Kinnet St., Ridgecrest, or to Inna Manyak, 1217 Las Posas St., Ridgecrest.

Orientation for Career Discovery workshop slated

Orientation for a Career Discovery Workshop will take place at the Training Center on Monday, May 4, from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. The workshop itself is scheduled for May 13 through 15 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The workshop will stress discovery of key life/career values, sources of satisfaction, and directions for personal and career growth; identification of goals and planning action steps; as well as applying self-discovery, goal setting, and action planning by going into the real world and taking action.

NWC employees Lynn Lacey, Ph.D., and Terry Mitchell, will teach the course, which consists of prework reading and self-assessment, group simulations and exercises, and participant action steps.

To enroll in this class, employees must submit a training request and authorization form via department channels in time for it to reach Code 094 by Monday.

Work completed, clear sailing now on Gold Canyon Dr.

Paving of Gold Canyon Drive, from East Ridgecrest Boulevard through the China Lake Investments housing area (formerly Wherry housing) to Pierce Elementary School will be completed in mid-April, it was announced last week by Jack Knighton, a spokesman for the firm that purchased and is remodeling the Desert Park housing area.

Excavation and construction activity on the northern extension of Gold Canyon Drive has inconvenienced an estimated 650 persons.

Those who will benefit the most when the roadwork has been completed and the street once again is ready for normal use are the staff and clients of Sunshine House, an activity center for the handicapped; the more than 420 students and teachers at Pierce Elementary School; and some 250 occupants of 128 units in the China Lake Investments' Cimarron Gardens rental project.

For months, these people have had to wind through a labyrinth of dirt roads and partially paved streets in order to reach their destination.

The work of repaving the northern extension of Gold Canyon Drive for a distance of 3,710 ft. will cost \$405,906, including the installation of curbs, gutters, and sidewalks, Knighton stated. Once this job is completed and accepted, the 60 ft. right-of-way street, with its underground power lines, telephone lines and television cables, will be given to the City of Ridgecrest to maintain.

The China Lake Investments' development of the former Wherry housing area includes Cimarron Garden rental units and remodeled homes offered for sale in the Willows tract.

Further reduction in use of gasoline mandated in FY 81

In conjunction with energy goals established by the Department of Defense, the Navy has been tasked to consume 6 percent less motor gasoline in FY 81 than during the baseline period of April 1, 1978, through March 31, 1979.

Centerwide implementation of a Fuel Conservation Program has decreased the Naval Weapons Center's year-to-date consumption through February by well over 43,000 gallons, or 19 percent.

The following codes have contributed to the NWC effort by surpassing the 6 percent mark:

Code	Percent of Decrease
03	44.7
08	85.3
22	54.1
25	29.5
262	45.0
31	77.6
32	19.1
34	38.2
35	14
37	10.7
38	26.4
39	49.6
61	27.9
62	14.6
64	16.5
64	43.6
64	75.9
95	66.2
96	68

Workshop slated on 'Applying for Wage Grade Positions'

"Applying for Wage Grade Positions" is the title of a workshop, sponsored by the Federal Women's Program Committee, that will be held on Tuesday, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the NWC Training Center.

The workshop includes a presentation on completing supplemental qualification statements and a discussion on evaluating "relevant" experience. The workshop will meet in Room 212 and will be given by Yvonne Williams and Jerry Stein of the Personnel Department.

He began the steps that led to his com-



HE'S IN THE ARMY NOW — George M. Keller shows his pleasure as his wife, Deborah, joins Army Lt. Col. Douglas Terrell in pinning Army first lieutenant's bars on his jacket. Lt. Col. Terrell administered the Army officers' oath to 1st Lt. Keller, a former Navy legalman first class. —Photo by Sam Wyatt

Commission as 1st. Lt. in Army received by Navy petty officer

From a first class petty officer in the Navy to a first lieutenant in the Army — that's the transition that was made by LNI George M. Keller during a ceremony held last Friday in the office of the Naval Weapons Center Commander.

Keller's enlistment in the Navy expired on April 2, and he became an Army officer the following day.

Lt. Col. Douglas Terrell, Commanding Officer of the U.S. Army Recruiting District in Los Angeles, was here to administer the Army officers' oath to Keller, who has been serving at China Lake since November 1978 as legal assistant in the NWC Military Administration Department's Discipline Office.

Army 1st Lt. Keller, who is assigned to the Adjutant General Corps, will be attending school at Fort Benjamin Harrison in Indianapolis, Ind., for five weeks, before reporting to his first permanent duty station as an Army officer at Fort Devens, Massachusetts.

Lt. Keller's military career began with a three-year hitch as an enlisted man in the Army from 1968 to '71. During this period of time he was an E-5 and served as a legal clerk at Fort Lewis in Washington, in Vietnam with the 199th Light Infantry Brigade, and at Fort Devens near Boston, Mass.

missioning as an Army first lieutenant by sending the necessary paper work to the Army Reserve Personnel Center in St. Louis, Mo.

A few months later, he was interviewed by a preliminary selection board at Fort Ord (near Monterey) in California, and the information subsequently was sent to a final selection board in Washington, D.C. It was around mid-February of this year that he received word that he had succeeded in his bid to become an Army officer.

Lt. Keller's family includes his wife, Deborah, and two sons, Kevin and Michael, who are 7 and 2 years old, respectively. The Kellers also are expecting another addition to their family.

Lack of personnel forces PSD to cut back some services

Until further notice, the Personnel Support Detachment Military Pay Division will handle only emergencies, transfers, reenlistments, discharges, and receipts during the hours of 7:30 to 11:30 a.m. daily.

Service for normal pay transactions, which may be accomplished during full-service hours from 12:30 to 4 p.m. will be denied during the morning hours.

The recent loss of two pay clerks without replacement has placed a heavy workload on the remaining clerks.

Until replacements arrive, it is necessary to change the hours of customer service functions (allotments, walk-in questions, etc.) in order to provide quality customer service and at the same time maintain the pay records, conduct audits of accounts, and meet payroll requirements for military payday.

Tackett to discuss abolition of county planning commission

Gene Tackett, Kern County Supervisor, is scheduled to speak at the American Society for Public Administration's (ASPA) luncheon on Friday, April 24, at the Commissioned Officer's Mess starting at 11:30 a.m.

His subject will be "The Abolition of the Kern County Planning Commission and Its Implications." Lunch for this affair will cost \$3.50 and will be either chef salad or baked ham with all the trimmings.

Tickets must be purchased in advance with next Friday, April 17, as the deadline. This luncheon is open to anyone who wishes to attend.

All those who are interested may contact either Joan Crista (NWC ext. 3537 during the day, or 375-4056 in the evenings after 6:30) or Bill Eichenberg (375-1321).

Police reports . . .

Five reports, all false, that bombs had been left in Hangars 2 and 3 at Armitage Airfield last week disrupted work at these locations while a search was conducted for the explosive devices.

China Lake police and personnel of Explosives Ordnance Group One responded and were aided in searching the hangars by employees familiar with the work areas.

All of the false reports came in by telephone to the Officer-of-the-Day in the Administration Building, who promptly relayed the information to the affected areas, to the police, and to EOD personnel.

Calls about a bomb in Hangar 2 were received at 6:40 and again at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, April 2.

On Friday, April 3, the calls were resumed with reports of a bomb in Hangar 2 at 6:26 a.m., in Hangar 3 at 12:05 p.m., and at 1:13 p.m. in Hangar 2.

In each instance, the hangars were cleared of personnel and efforts made to determine the validity of the bomb reports.

LOX CONVERTER MISSING

A liquid oxygen converter, valued at \$713, has been reported missing from Armitage Airfield. The LOX converter is believed to have been turned in at one of the warehouses in exchange for a replacement, but could not be located in the warehouse area.

AUTOMOBILE BURGLARY

A vehicle left in the Community Center parking lot on Thursday night of last week was burglarized by someone who broke into the locked car and took \$105 in cash from a woman's purse.

THEFTS AT CENTER GYM

Two swimmers who went for a dip last Saturday afternoon at the Center's indoor swimming pool lost \$100 in cash and a tape cassette player that had been left with their personal possessions stored in boxes on a shelf in the dressing room at the gym. The cash was removed from the wallet of one of the theft victims.

EXPENSIVE BIKE STOLEN

Saturday night, a bicycle valued at \$350 was stolen from the residence of a tenant in the Capehart B housing area. The bike, left unlocked by a fence, disappeared sometime between 8 and 10 p.m.

CASH BOX RIFLED

Burglary from a building in the Public Works compound was reported last Friday morning to China Lake police. Taken sometime during the preceding two days was approximately \$25 from a cash box that had been stored in a locked desk drawer.

ALARM MECHANISM BROKEN

The alarm mechanism on a lock to the weight room door at the Center gym was broken over the past weekend, it was discovered Monday afternoon by the gymnasium maintenance man. Damage due to this act of vandalism was estimated at \$125.

VANDALISM REPORTED

In two separate acts of vandalism, both of which took place in the Capehart B housing area, a window was broken at one residence and another window was damaged by a pellet from a BB gun. Cost to repair the damage was set at \$50 and \$30, respectively.

Bank of America to be closed early on April 17

Both the Ridgecrest branch and the China Lake facility of the Bank of America will be closed early on April 17 in recognition of Good Friday.

The China Lake facility will be open from 10:30 a.m. to noon next Friday, while the Ridgecrest branch will conduct business from 10 a.m. to noon.

In Ridgecrest, however, the bank's drive-up window will be open from 9 a.m. to noon, while the walk-up window will be open from 9 to 10 a.m.

Regular hours of operation on Fridays at the B of A's China Lake facility (10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.) and in Ridgecrest (10 a.m. to 6 p.m.) will be resumed on April 24.