



WHAT'S THE SIZE? — Two of the approximately 125 people who attended last Saturday's ski swap meet seem to be trying to decide whether the boots offered for sale will fit. Of the 117 items for sale, 63 were sold for a total of \$1,180. Four members of the China Lake Ski Club assisted at the sale, which was held in the Community Center, by helping new skiers make selections based on proper fit of boots, poles, and skis. The next Ski Swap Meet is planned by Recreational Services Department personnel on Oct. 16. — Photo by Elaine Mikkelsen

Hospital patients helped by Red Cross volunteer knitting group

A multitude of hospital patients this past year have benefited from the flying needles of the Production Group of the local branch of the American Red Cross.

A total of 261 knitted and crocheted articles were sent to the Naval Regional Medical Center, Long Beach; the Drummond Medical Group, Ridgecrest; Ridgecrest Community Hospital; Home Health Agency, Ridgecrest; the Bakersfield Chapter of the Red Cross for nursing homes and orthopedic doctors in that area; and to five individuals.

The finished products included nine pairs of underarm crutch pads, 22 pairs of grip pads for crutches, 54 toe cast-covers, 18 lap robes, 46 pairs of bed socks, 87 pairs of slippers (for both adults and children), and 24 stoma bibs.

The group of ladies whose needles have proven so productive meet at each other's homes every other Thursday afternoon for a couple of hours to socialize while they work, but then continue knitting or crocheting at their own homes. Several persons who contribute their work regularly are employed or for other reasons are unable to make the meetings, so they do all their work on their own time.

During the June 1, 1980, through May 31, 1981, time frame, a total of 2,328 1/2 hours

Orientation course offered tomorrow by Civil Air Patrol

China Lake Detachment I of the Civil Air Patrol will host a senior member orientation course tomorrow morning that is also open to all prospective members of the group.

The session, which begins at 9:30 a.m., will be held at St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 200 Drummond Drive, Ridgecrest. A registration fee of \$1 will be charged.

Since Burger King restaurant will provide free lunches for all those who attend, it is necessary to pre-register by telephoning Maj. R. Lee Peters at NWC ext. 2902 today or at his home, 446-7261, this evening.

Product show slated at Community Center Thurs.

A product show, featuring the latest in digital, analog, graphic, and communications systems, will be presented in the Cactus Hall of the Community Center on Thursday, March 4, by Tektronix, Inc., a firm headquartered in Irvine, Calif.

Hours of the show, which is open to all interested persons, will be from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on March 4.

Teenage sexuality subject of seminar to be held Saturday

Teen-age boys and girls, young adults, parents, and other interested adults are invited to attend an educational seminar entitled "Sexuality and Choices" tomorrow from 10 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. at the Desert Counseling Clinic Community Room, 814 N. Norma St., Ridgecrest.

The seminar is sponsored by two Ridgecrest groups, Problem Pregnancy Assistance and the local chapter of the American Association of University Women.

Last year more than one million teenagers in the United States became pregnant without that being their intention. The two groups sponsoring the seminar believe that education and frank discussion about choices as they relate to dating habits, individual life goals, birth control, and taking responsibility may help reduce the huge number of unplanned pregnancies.

Films, workshops, discussion, and professional resource persons will be available tomorrow to help in developing awareness of the problems and possible solutions.

Participants may bring their own sack lunches or a sack lunch may be reserved by telephoning Marj Boehme at 375-9561. Punch and coffee will be provided.

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 7:00 p.m.

FRIDAY "WOLFEN" FEB. 26
Starring
Albert Finney and Diane Venora
(Horror-drama, rated R, 115 min.)

SATURDAY "PATERNITY" FEB. 27
Starring
Burt Reynolds and Beverly DiAngelo
(Comedy, rated R, 94 min.)

SUNDAY "THE GREAT MUPPET CAPER" FEB. 28
Starring
Charles Grodin and Diana Rigg
(Adventure, rated G, 98 min.)

MONDAY "CARBON COPY" MARCH 1
Starring
George Segal and Susan St. James
(Comedy, rated PG 91 min.)

WEDNESDAY "STRIPES" MARCH 3
Starring
Bill Murray and Harold Ramis
(Comedy, rated R, 106 min.)

FRIDAY "STAR WARS" MARCH 5
Starring
Mark Hamill and Harrison Ford
(Science fiction, rated PG, 121 min.)

SATURDAY "CLASH OF THE TITANS" MARCH 6
Starring
Harry Hamlin and Judy Bowker
(Action-adv., rated PG, 118 min.)

Happenings around NWC

The next regular meeting of the China Lake Astronomical Society will be held on Monday, starting at 7:30 p.m., at the Ridgecrest Branch of the Kern County Library, 131 East Las Flores Ave.

Featured during the meeting, which is open to all interested persons, will be a National Aeronautics and Space Administration film entitled "Planet Mars." The film, produced in 1979, depicts the intriguing details of the exploration of the earth's celestial neighbor.

Monday night's program is the second in the Astronomical Society's series on man's exploration of the universe.

GET MOVIE TICKETS EARLY
To avoid having to stand in line outside the box office on movie nights, tickets good for admission to the Center theater can now be purchased in advance at the Community Center.

Price of the movie tickets is \$1.35 for adults and 50 cents for children between 6 and 11 years of age. Youngsters 5 years of age and under are admitted free of charge. Movie tickets can be purchased at the Community Center on week days between the hours of 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. and from 2 to 4 p.m.

COMPUTER DEMONSTRATION SET
A non-commercial demonstration of some of the various uses of the Apple Computer will be given tomorrow by the local Apple Computer Users Group. The demonstration will be given in the Ridgecrest Library meeting room, 131 E. Las Flores Ave., between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Financial management, graphics, music and educational programs are just a few of the topics that will be presented. Members of the Users Group will be on hand to discuss particular applications, problems encountered, and to help develop ideas for the

creative users.
Further information may be obtained by telephoning either Gene Thomas, 377-4525, or Leroy Stayton, 375-9195.

GEBA ASSESSMENT DUE
Assessments are now due from members of the Government Employees Benefit Association and the China Lake Mutual Aid Society following the recent death of Henry Lackey. This is assessment No. 581.

The deceased, a former employee in the NWC Public Works Department, was retired and living in Oklahoma at the time of his death.

The collection of assessments is being handled by Larry Mason, GEBA and CLMAS treasurer. The amount (\$1.80) can be mailed to Mason at P.O. Box 1559, Ridgecrest, CA 93555.

NWC employees interested in joining can obtain information on GEBA and CLMAS membership by calling Mason after working hours at 446-4794.

GARDENING SUPPLIES HERE
Residents of Center housing who feel inspired by the spring weather to perk up their places will be happy to hear fertilizer, shrubs, bushes, and trees (small ones, that is) have arrived and will be available at the self help shed on Saturday, March 6, from 10 to 12 a.m.

The self help shed for these garden supplies is the steam house located just off Blandy Avenue behind and to the east of the PSD office in the old dorm area.

METAL TRADES COUNCIL
The Indian Wells Valley Metal Trades Council will hold its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, March 4, at 4:30 p.m. at 520 E. Inyokern Road.

The Council is the representative of a unit composed of nonsupervisory, ungraded civilian employees of the Naval Weapons Center who are located at China Lake, Calif.

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Long selected Bluejacket of Month by NWC

Aviation Storekeeper Second Class Earl R. Long has been selected as the Naval Weapons Center Bluejacket of the Month for January.

The letter of nomination written by his supervisor, AKCM James R. Beeson (and endorsed by Capt. G. L. Lee, Director of Supply), says that Petty Officer Long immediately earned the respect and admiration of his co-workers, supervisors, and customers by presenting himself as an above-average performer with keen



AK2 Earl R. Long

military bearing, and that he has not only achieved but has exceeded the goals established for his areas of responsibility — both in the Supply Response Section and as supervisor of the Supply Screening Unit.

The letter continues that "he displays good judgment, common sense, pride and maturity — the qualities most desired of a

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IWV rates as one of four 'high hazard' volcanic areas in state

Local residents were startled to see from television coverage of a recent Volcanic Hazards Workshop that they live next to the one of four volcanic "high hazard" areas in California that has the most potential of imminent eruption. (Imminent, in geological terms, can mean anything from next week to several decades.)

The high hazard is posed, appropriately, by Volcano Peak, located just north and slightly east of Little Lake. There's little danger of its natural firepower creating a Mount St. Helens-type disaster, however, according to the findings of the recently held Volcanic Hazards Workshop, says Dr. Glen Roquemore, an NWC geologist working for the Detonations Physics Division in the Research Department.

The most likely kind of an eruption would be basaltic (typical Hawaii eruption) rather than rhyolitic (typical Cascades or Mono-

Navy helicopter flies woman to Lone Pine hospital

Cecile Trindle, the mother of ADAN Christopher Trindle, who is stationed at NWC, got a ride in the Center's Search and Rescue helicopter last Friday afternoon, but not one that she had planned.

Mrs. Trindle was transported by the SAR helo from her home in Hunter Canyon in the Saline Valley to the Southern Inyo Hospital at Lone Pine, suffering from a suspected heart attack.

The SAR helicopter was sent in response to a request from the Inyo County Sheriff's office, and reached Mrs. Trindle's home at about 1 p.m. Friday.

LCdr. B. L. Dieckman piloted the helicopter. Other crew members were Ltjg. Brent Norman, co-pilot, and AD1 Skip Colson, AOAN Timothy Hill, and HA Mark Harrington.



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Rare skill, expertise needed to design, fabricate powerful radar transmitters

The design and fabrication of high-power microwave (radar) transmitters and their associated components is a highly specialized electronic engineering discipline. For the past 15 years, personnel of the Radar Development Branch of the Electronic Warfare Department have exercised such technical skills and have designed radar systems and components for the Navy, the Air Force, and the Army.

These skills and expertise are rare. Both other government laboratories and industry call on personnel in Code 3541 for consultation and help with high-voltage systems in the 17,000 to 20,000 volt range.

Design of radar systems requires rigid application of electronic circuit theory and calculations based upon physical principles. Fabrication and packaging require the application of experience and technique to avoid high-voltage arcing, electromagnetic interference, and catastrophic component damage.

The Radar Development Branch, which is headed by Gerald Auger, has developed and applied this technology in a variety of projects. The branch has designed and built several exploratory development radar seekers for use in missiles and surface-based surveillance and fire control radars

for use at Echo Range. The group has also developed radar decoys for use in anti-radiation missile countermeasures, and specialized radar fuzes for Navy missiles.

In addition to total systems, the branch also designs and builds one-of-a-kind high-voltage components, microwave tube modulators, and other special components needed by all three military services.

Ed Nyswander is the lead transmitter designer in the branch. He is nationally known in the field of high-voltage magnetics for use in microwave systems, and is often sought for consultation by individuals in the microwave industry.

Nyswander, who holds a number of patents, has been working in the field — and making significant contributions to it — since World War II when radar evolved to become an important military tool for surveillance, targeting, and fire control.

Nyswander is primarily supported in the group by Paul Stewart, Wynn Estes, Frank Greenland, Audie Ball, Del Cox, Mike Colon, and Paul Hilliard.

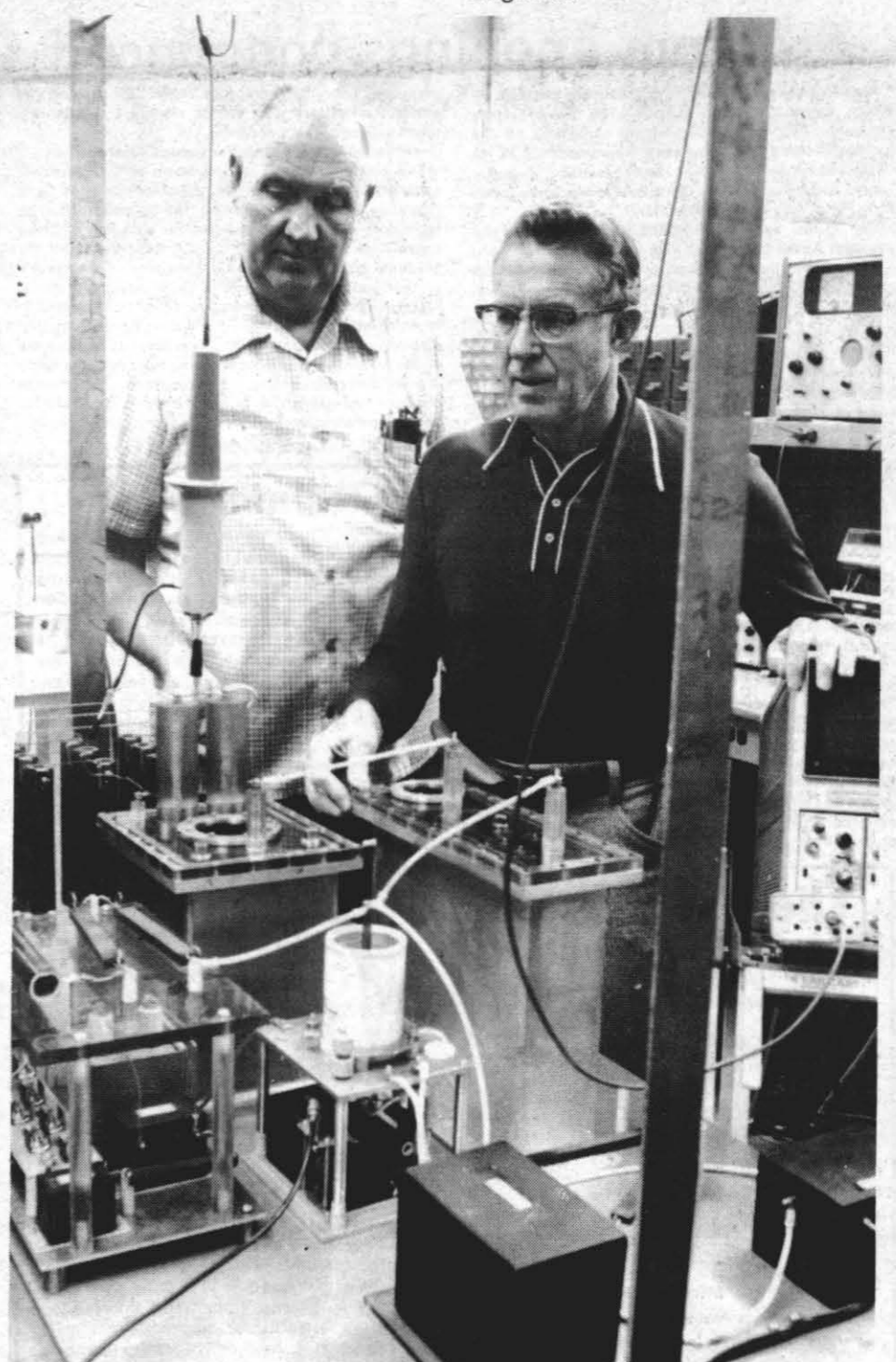
Much of the expertise has had to be developed in-house. The way that the

branch has grown to its present size is that craftsmen who are interested in learning and using a rare skill (and who like to exercise creativity) have joined the branch and learned from those already in the group.

"Computers and microprocessors have been the glamor applications in the field of electronics for the past 10 to 15 years," says Auger, "but young blood is needed to pick the brains of those now working with high-power technology so that they can grow with this exciting field."

He notes that every ship in the Navy has lots of transmitters. Information from the space craft Voyager, for instance, came back from the planets because of the quality of its transmitters.

The military services and industry have a continuing need for skills that the Radar Development Branch has, but the shortage of these skills is increasing, despite government scholarships for graduate engineers that would enable them to take advanced degrees and training to learn microwave tube design and high-voltage magnetics.



LATEST DEVELOPMENT — Paul Stewart (l.) and Ed Nyswander look at the breadboard model of a new high-power transmitter being designed by the Radar Development Branch. — Photo by Don Cornelius

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