



HOLIDAY DECORATION IDEA — Members of the Officers' Wives Club have prepared holiday wreaths for sale today and tomorrow at the WACOM-sponsored Holiday Bazaar at the Community Center. Among those who worked on the wreaths are (l.-r.) Tess Jackson, Shirley Hollandsworth, Wilma Gartrell and Pat McCarthy.

Annual WACOM Holiday Bazaar underway at Community Center

Christmas shoppers and those who enjoy owning handmade or speciality items (or baked goodies and homemade candy) will flock to the 13th annual Holiday Bazaar sponsored by the Women's Auxiliary of the Commissioned Officers' Mess that is open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. today, and from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. tomorrow at the Community Center.

Nineteen local organizations have booths featuring gift items, homemade baked goods and candy, handcrafts, nuts, tree ornaments, wreaths, and Christmas wrappings and decorations.

Santa Claus will also be on hand all day both days so small fry can whisper their wishes into his ear, or get their pictures taken with Santa. (They can also get their pictures taken without Santa at the Cerro Coso WOWS photography booth.)

Hungry shoppers can stop at the tearoom sponsored by WACOM for sandwiches, pie, cake and beverages. The good cooks who are WACOM members will be contributing the food for the tearoom.

Organizations having booths at the Bazaar besides WACOM include the Desert Planters Garden Club, Military Officers' Wives, CPO Wives, Sweet Adelines, Order of Rebeccas, Federally Employed Women, Maturango Museum and Sunshine House.

Other booths will be manned by the Protestant Women of the Chapel, Altrusa Club, Randsburg Foursquare Church, Music Parents Club, Burroughs Band Booster, Cerro Coso WOWS, Burroughs Woodcrafters, High Desert Junior Women's Club, 4-H Club, and Future Homemakers of America.

Sue Byrd is again the general chairman of **Nov. 24 is final day to purchase tickets for Christmas ball**

The American Society for Military Comptrollers and the Office of Finance and Management are combining their holiday celebrations with a Christmas Ball that will be held on Friday, Dec. 3, at the Commissioned Officers' Mess.

The \$10 per person ticket for this semi-formal affair covers a prime rib dinner that will be served from 7:30 to 9 p.m. and dancing to the music of "Sunlight" from 9 o'clock until 1 a.m.

Adding to the holiday festivities will be prizes given to some of the lucky individuals who attend.

Tickets must be purchased by Wednesday, Nov. 24. They may be purchased from Joan Crista, NWC ext. 3537; Linda Collins, NWC ext. 2025; or Ginger Quezada at NWC ext. 2141.

Desert Counseling Clinic to display unusual gift items

Unusual gift items will be on display and offered for sale at the Desert Counseling Clinic on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 26 and 27, from 11 a.m. until 6 p.m.

Japanese dolls, hand-embroidered Christmas ornaments and custom embroidered clothing will be featured along with North American Indian beadwork and jewelry and Central and South American folk art, masks and textiles, ceramics, basketry and one-of-a-kind costumes.

Also on sale will be embroidered and appliqued items made by women of the Hmong tribe from Laos who are now living in San Diego and supplementing their income with their needlecraft.

Francilu Hansen paintings will be on sale, as will stained glass panels by Marc Moulton.

Other international items on sale locally will include Scandinavian tree skirts, Italian angels, Eskimo garments and miniature bedspreads. The items have all been brought together by the Mehtabel Company.

Crafts class set for youths interested in Christmas gift ideas

The Recreation Services Department is offering a Christmas crafts class for youngsters between the ages of 8 and 12 that will be held from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. on Dec. 7, 9, 14, and 16 at the Community Center. Cost of the class is \$10 per person, which includes all materials and instruction.

Students will work on such craft items as candles, decoupage, ornaments and liquid embroidery to make items suitable for gift giving.

Registration for the class is being handled at the Community Center, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Anyone seeking further information about the class should telephone NWC ext. 2010.

CLOTA slates open house, potluck at new building

An open house and potluck dinner will be held tomorrow evening, starting at 7 o'clock, by the Community Light Opera and Theater Association at the group's new building.

Purpose of tomorrow night's get-together is to give all interested persons a chance to see the building at 1425 S. Inyo St., Ridgecrest, which is used by CLOTA as a place to build sets for its productions, and also for storage.

MOVIES

Regular starting time 7:00 p.m.

FRIDAY	"DEADLY HARVEST" Starring Clint Walker and Gary Davies (Drama, rated R, 86 min.)	NOVEMBER 19
SATURDAY	"LADY CHATTERLY'S LOVER" Starring Sylvia Kristel and Nicolas Clay (Romantic/drama, rated R, 103 min.)	NOVEMBER 20
SUNDAY	"ARABIAN ADVENTURE" Starring Christopher Lee and Mil O'Shea (Fantasy/adventure, rated G, 99 min.)	NOVEMBER 21
MONDAY	"THE YETI, THE GIANT OF 20TH CENTURY" Starring Phoenix Grant and Jim Sullivan (Horror/drama, rated PG, 105 min.)	NOVEMBER 22
WEDNESDAY	"THE CHOSEN" Starring Kirk Douglas and Simon Ward (Drama, rated PG, 108 min.)	NOVEMBER 24
FRIDAY	"HOSTAGES" Starring Stuart Whitman and Marisa Mell (Action/drama, rated R, 94 min.)	NOVEMBER 26

Health benefit plan field representatives to be here Tuesday

The National Association of Government Employees (NAGE), one of 14 health benefit plans available to Naval Weapons Center employees, will have representatives at China Lake on Tuesday, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The NAGE representatives will be available at the Community Center to brief all interested employees on the health benefit coverage that is provided by their organization.

How time flies . . .

This week's "Remember When . . ." personality is Eleanor Johnsen, who, after two years as head of staff in the NWC Range Department, once again is back with the Office of Finance and Management — serving as a special assistant to Dr. Richard Kistler, head of Code 08.

The Johnsens (her husband, Dick, heads the Graphics Arts Division in the Technical Information Department) have been at China Lake for 21 years, and are the parents of a son, Jamie, who is a junior at Burroughs High School.

Eleanor's extensive experience as an employee in Central Staff and the Office of Finance and Management includes vital assistance for a number of years to the Advisory Board.

Visiting the beach in the summer, skiing in the winter, traveling and entertaining are all things that she enjoys doing in her spare time. She also is very fond of dancing — making it a point to keep up on the latest steps.

This interest goes back to the days when she was involved with groups whose members got together to enjoy themselves and entertain others by demonstrating Armenian and Greek folk dances.

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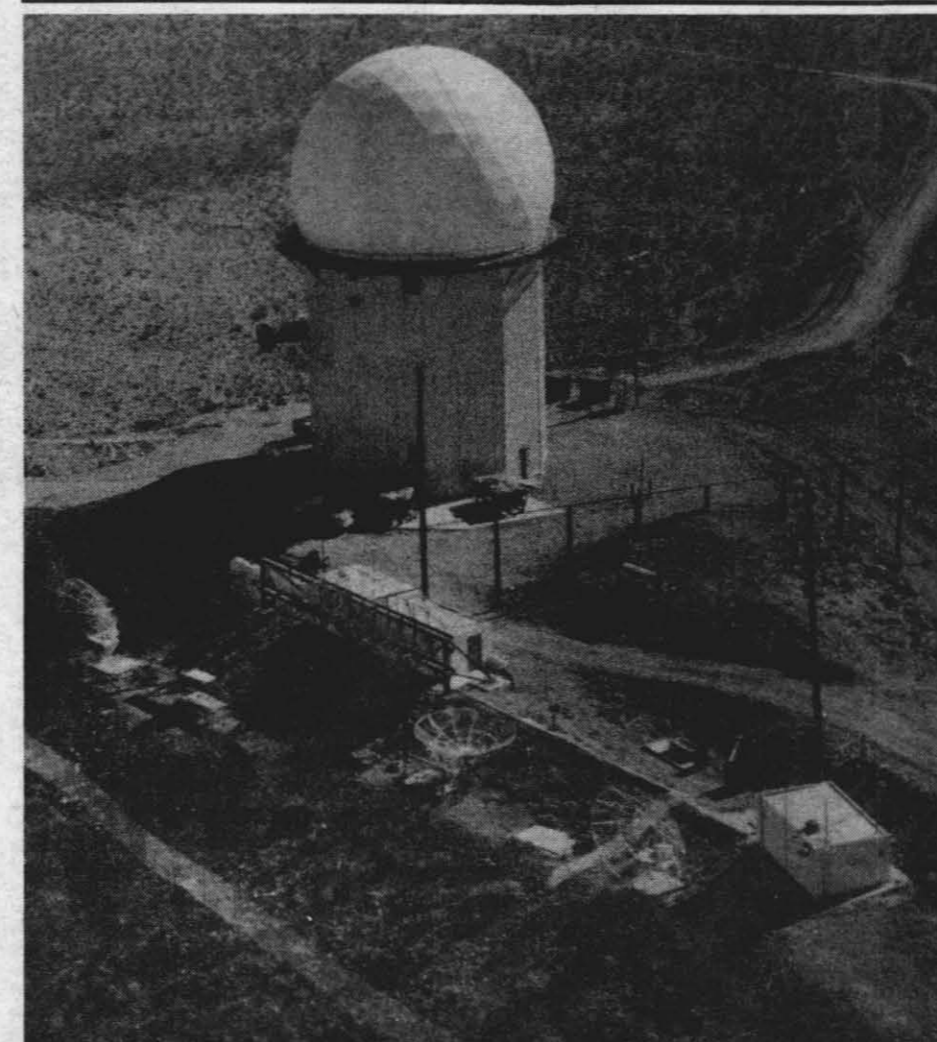
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ESSENTIAL PART OF NETWORK — NWC's radar at Laurel Mountain plays a vital role in monitoring of restricted airspace R-2508. It is one of 11 radars that eye the sky to help insure the safety of both military and civilian pilots and also can be used to assist with test work that takes place at China Lake.

Effort to enhance safety in restricted airspace R-2508 is nearly complete

An enhancement program for restricted airspace R-2508 that has been underway for five years and is now nearly complete ensures that both military and civilian pilots flying through its 20,000-square-mile area are safer.

Smooth coordination between the military services in the Department of Defense and the Department of Transportation's Federal Aviation Administration ensured that the enhancement program will be completed in the five years allotted to it and also that it will cost nearly \$13 million less than the \$55 million that had been budgeted. (Much of the cost saving is due to using off-the-shelf hardware wherever possible.)

The 16,000 square miles of airspace R-2508 and the adjoining 4,000-square-mile air-traffic-controlled assigned airspace area are an irreplaceable national asset for essential military missions. The area covered extends roughly from Rosamond north to Bishop, and from the far side of Death Valley to the western edge of Kern Canyon in the Sierra. Throughout this airspace, the altitudes from 20,000 feet to 60,000 feet are restricted to military operations.

Within the larger R-2508 area are five special purpose airspaces restricted for military operations from ground level to infinity. These are R-2505 over China Lake; R-2502 over Fort Irwin; R-2515 over Edwards Air Force Base; and R-2509 over the Superior Valley range used by George Air Force Base.

In addition, the Navy also has R-2506, which goes from ground level to 6,000 feet and serves as a low-level approach for Charles and Baker ranges.

The Naval Weapons Center had become increasingly aware of potential problems in R-2508, so in 1973 the Naval Electronics Systems Command in San Diego was asked to do a study of R-2508 to determine what needed to be done to eliminate possible problems. All the military services involved in using R-2508 gathered at Edwards Air Force Base in 1974 to put together an enhancement program for better airspace management and operation.

An executive committee comprising representatives of the Army, Navy, Air Force and FAA supervised five working groups in developing the enhancement program. In April 1976, Rear Admiral R. G. Freeman, NWC Commander, presented this program to the Joint Logistics Commanders (Chief of Naval Material, Commander of the Air Force Systems Command, Commander of the Air Force Logistics Command, and Commander of the Army Materiel Command).

The Joint Logistics Commanders obtained approval for the enhancement and recommended that the commanders of the installations within R-2508 form a Joint Policy and Planning Board. The Air Force was appointed responsible executive agent for the Department of Defense, with the Air Force Electronics Systems Division at

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Award of contract to Pan Am being reviewed in Washington

Awarding of a contract to Pan American World Services, Inc., is pending Navy Secretarial review and completion of the official notification process ongoing in Washington now.

When the contract is awarded, it will trigger a number of personnel actions at the Naval Weapons Center because approximately 200 jobs will be affected immediately in family housing maintenance, supply operations and warehousing, and vehicle operations and maintenance. Additional jobs will be affected also because many of the employees in jobs that will be contracted by Pan American have "retreat" rights and can bump into other positions.

Shortly after contract award, Reduction in Force (RIF) notices, an individual information sheet on the "Right of First Refusal" program, and a RIF information booklet will be given to employees whose jobs are affected.

Severance pay and eligibility for severance pay will be discussed in the RIF booklet and each individual will be informed about eligibility for severance pay. (Further questions about this should be addressed to the Personnel Management Advisors for the appropriate departments).

Individual counseling sessions for each affected employee will begin during the week that RIF notices are given out. During the following week, counseling and registration will be open for priority placement programs and also for NWC reemployment priority lists.

Since the Commercial Activities (CA) contract contains a "Right of First Refusal" clause, those who are displaced by conversion to contract have the right of first refusal for employment openings on the contract for which they are qualified.

A displaced person is anyone who is to be separated, changed to a lower grade, or is reassigned as a result of a RIF due to awarding of a CA contract. He or she does not need to be working in the functions being contracted to be affected.

The Right of First Refusal means that Pan American will give displaced employees who are interested in working for the contractor in positions for which that employee qualifies the first opportunity for employment openings on the contract. While Pan American does not guarantee that each person displaced will be offered a job, the company has stated that it intends to hire the majority of its work force from

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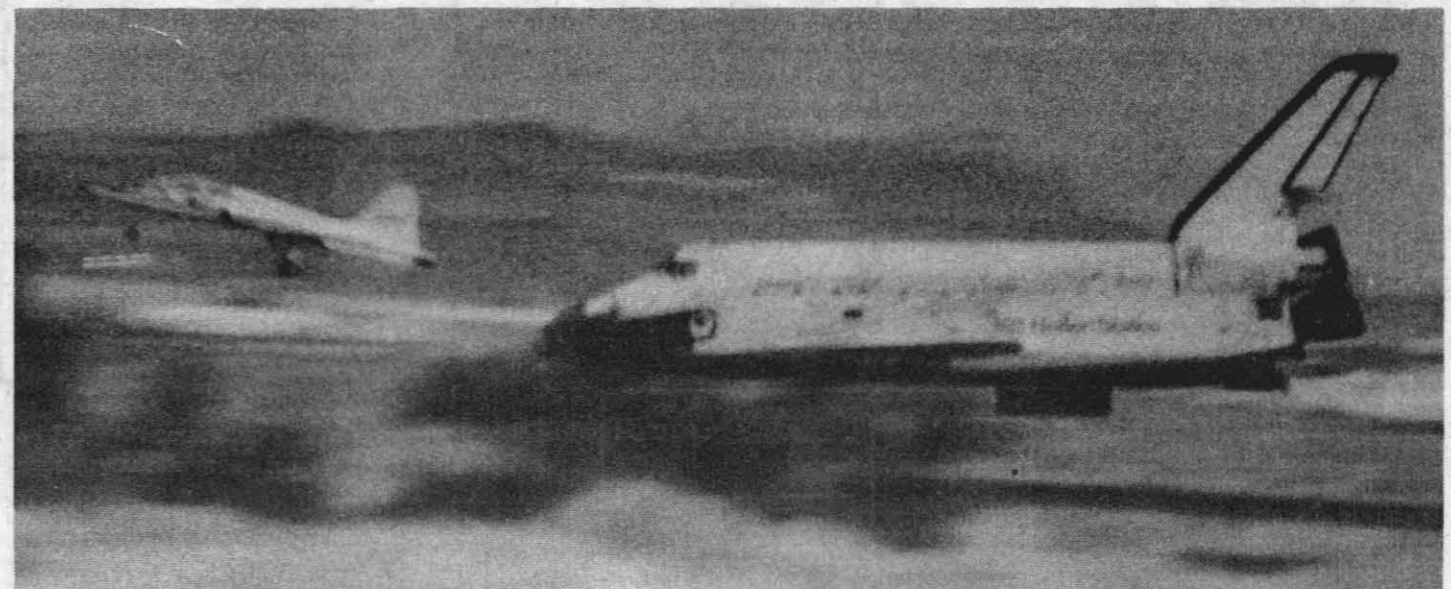
CFC support soars to \$167,124

After a slow start, donations to the Combined Federal Campaign soared during the last week of the extended drive. As of Tuesday, a total of \$167,124.46 has been turned in and a few codes still have some paperwork and checks outstanding.

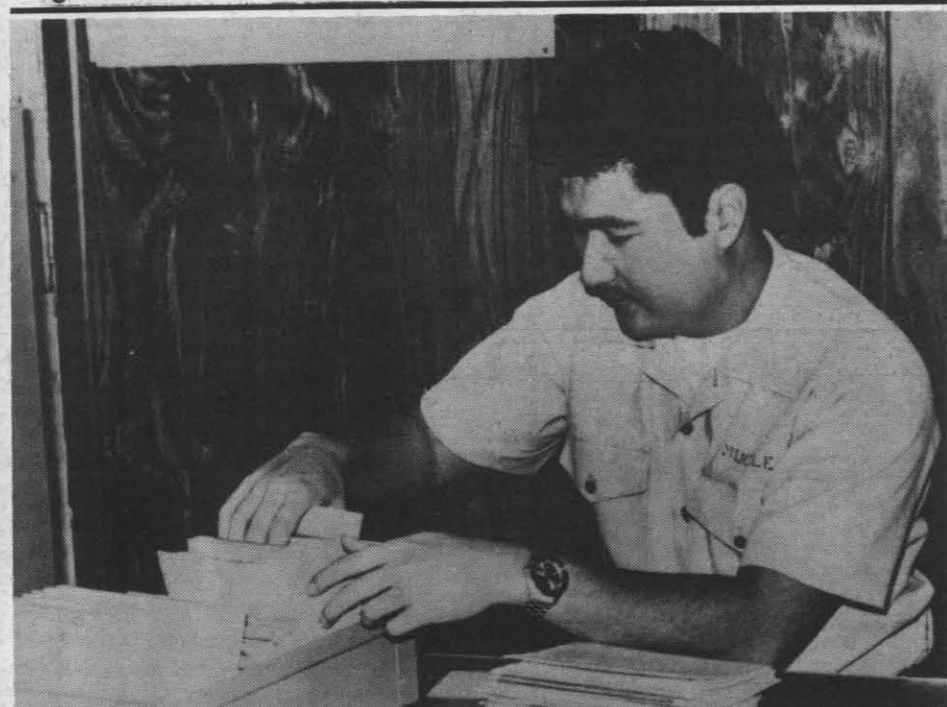
When he made the announcement of the new campaign total at the Commander's meeting Monday morning, Capt. Lahr noted that "It is indicative of NWC employees that they would respond so generously during these times when it's a bit more difficult to make our dollars stretch."

Included in the total is a donation of \$2,410 received from the proceeds of the Thrift Shop, operated by the Women's Auxiliary of the Commissioned Officers' Mess. (Thrift Shop tall profits are divided evenly between the Navy Relief Society and the Combined Federal Campaign.)

LCdr. Terry Callaghan and Loretta King, coordinators of this year's CFC, ask that any campaign pledges still outstanding be turned in today at Mrs. King's office, Rm. 2027 in the Administration Building, so that the campaign books can be closed and a final total announced.



TOUCHDOWN — The Space Shuttle Columbia landed smoothly and right on time on the runway at Edwards Air Force Base Tuesday at 6:34 a.m. as 55,000 chilly but excited spectators watched. This flight inaugurated the commercial flights of the shuttle as it successfully placed two communications satellites into earth orbit. The only disappointment for astronauts Vance D. Brand, Robert F. Overmyer, Joseph P. Allen and William B. Lenoir is that the planned space walk did not occur. — Photo by Don Cornelius



BLUEJACKET OF QUARTER — AKAN Siegfried Mueller, who was chosen as the Center's Bluejacket of the Month for July, has been selected as NWC Bluejacket of the Quarter for the third quarter of 1982. Airmann Mueller, who was also the Supply Department's Sailor-of-the-Quarter for the second quarter of this year, has been on board since September 1982. He was a third year student at the Far Eastern Aeronautical Institute in the Philippines before coming to the United States with his parents two years ago. For being chosen as Bluejacket of the Quarter, he becomes eligible for the Bluejacket of the Year competition sponsored by the IWV Council of the Navy League, has the use of a Hertz car for a weekend plus getting a \$25 check from the Ridgecrest Chamber of Commerce for gasoline, has dinner for two at a local restaurant, and receives a \$25 gift certificate from a local merchant who is a Chamber of Commerce member.

Ecumenical service to be held on Thanksgiving eve at chapel

An ecumenical Thanksgiving eve service open to the community will be held next Wednesday, Nov. 24, starting at 7 p.m. at the All Faith Chapel.

Messages appropriate for the occasion will be presented by Cdr. Richard P. Beck, Catholic chaplain, and by LCdr. Douglas Heitschmidt, Protestant chaplain, and there will be readings from the Bible by representatives of the Catholic and Protestant congregations.

Capt. Lahr and Tina Kneumeyer, of the Catholic congregation, will read selections from the Old Testament, while portions of the New Testament will be read by Dianne Shepherd and Bill Dunne, of the Protestant Congregation.

Vocal selections by the Protestant choir, directed by Dovie Leonard, will include **Rocketeer** headline set Monday due to Thanksgiving holiday

Because of the Thanksgiving Day holiday next Thursday, Nov. 25, the deadline for next Friday's issue of the **Rocketeer** is being moved up a day.

Those with news items they wish published in the Nov. 26 **Rocketeer** must turn them in no later than 4:30 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 22.

Anything that is available earlier and can be brought in or phoned to the newspaper office prior to the deadline will assist the staff in getting next week's paper out on time in spite of the abbreviated work schedule.

"Now Thank We All Our God" from the Robert Shaw Chorale series, and there will be hymns that the congregation will join the choir in singing. Organ accompaniment will be provided by Shirley Helmick.

Special music will include the first performance of the junior handbell choir, directed by Sandra Raines, whose members will play "For the Beauty of the Earth."

Employees urged to turn off fluorescent lights to save energy

Modern technology has caught up with fluorescent lights — turning these lights off even for a few minutes when a room is going to be empty proves to save both energy and money.

When fluorescent lights first became popular in the 1940s, they required such a surge of power to relight that it was not economical to turn them off for short periods of time. This surge also caused them to burn out more rapidly than they would otherwise have burned out.

Today's lights, however, need such a small power surge that turning the lights off for even one second will save the amount of power needed to relight them.

The Naval Civil Engineering Laboratory points out that even though switching the lights on and off does slightly reduce lamp life, it also reduces the operating time, and thereby increases the time between lamp replacements.

Promotional opportunities

Applications (Standard Form 171) should be put in the drop box at the Reception Desk of the Personnel Dept., 505 Blandy. Unless otherwise specified in an ad, applications for positions listed in this column will be accepted from current permanent NWC employees only. All others desiring employment at NWC may contact the Employment-Wage & Classification Division, Code 092, 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. Advertising positions in the Promotional Opportunities column does not preclude the use of alternative recruiting sources in filling these positions. The filling of these positions through Merit Promotion is subject to the requirements of the DoD Program for the Stability of Civilian Employment. The minimum qualification requirements for all GS positions and positions subject to the Demonstration Project are those defined in OPM Handbook X-118; those for all wage system positions are those defined in OPM Handbook X-118C. Applicants will be evaluated on the basis of experience, training, education, and awards as indicated in a written record consisting of a SF-171, at least one supervisory appraisal if it can be obtained, and any tests, medical examinations, interviews, and supplemental qualifications requirements that may be necessary. For managerial/supervisory positions, consideration will be given to applicant's support of the Equal Employment Opportunity programs and objectives. Applicants must meet time in grade and qualifications requirements by the closing date of the ad. The Naval Weapons Center is an Equal Opportunity Employer; selections are made without discrimination for any nonmerit reason.

Announcement No. 26-357, Biologist, DP-401-1, PAC No. 8226712, Code 2632 — Promotion potential to DP-3. This position is located in the Environmental Branch, Engineering Division of the Public Works Department. The incumbent assists in the coordination of natural resources management programs; this involves planning and directing the extensive field investigations of existing resources, writing reports, and preparing environmental assessments and impact statements. The incumbent maintains current working knowledge of conditions on the ranges affecting natural resources through first hand observations, surveys and inventories. Job Relevant Criteria: Ability to communicate orally and in writing; ability to conduct field investigations or surveys; knowledge of data gathering and evaluation techniques; knowledge of environmental regulations.

Announcement No. 00-016, Interdisciplinary, Mechanical, General, Electronic, Aerospace Engineer, Computer Scientist, or Physicist, DP-3/A, PAC 8228355, Code 01A4C — This position is head of the Communications Systems Program Office reporting to the Director of Computer Applications. As program manager, the incumbent oversees the development of the detailed functional requirements of the various modular elements of the Center-wide communications network, the establishment of priorities and the development of the specifications, and the procurement and installation of the high priority components. Job Relevant Criteria: Knowledge of communications concepts and technology for voice, video and data. Knowledge of system definitions, design requirements and specification development processes. Ability to deal effectively with others. Ability to communicate effectively in oral and written form. Ability to establish liaison with all levels of commands and offices. If position is filled at the DP-3, promotion potential is to DP-4 but not guaranteed.

Announcement No. 00-015, Interdisciplinary, Mechanical, General, Electronic, Aerospace Engineer, Mathematician, Computer Scientist, or Physicist, DP-3/A, PAC 8228356, Code 01A6A — This position is head of the ATIPS Program Office reporting to the Director of Computer Applications. As program manager, the incumbent oversees the design, development and implementation of a Center-wide system for providing automated capabilities for managerial, administrative, professional and secretarial personnel. The office will develop functional requirements that recognize and consider the full spectrum of user needs and will identify and prioritize the office automation functions that must be supported. Job Relevant Criteria: Knowledge of system definition, design requirements analysis and specification development processes. Knowledge of office automation concepts and technology. Ability to deal effectively with others. Ability to communicate effectively in oral and written form; ability to establish liaison with all levels of commands in offices. If position is filled at the DP-3, promotion potential is to DP-4 but not guaranteed.

Announcement No. 39038, Interdisciplinary (Aerospace/Electronic/General/Mechanical/Engineer/Mathematician/Physicist), DP-4, PAC No. 8039674E51, Code 391 — This is a re-advertisement of last week's ad. This position is that of head, Weapons Synthesis Division, Weapons Department. The incumbent is responsible for management of all the technical and administrative efforts of the division, which specializes in weapons and system analysis and synthesis, simulation, modeling, requirements specification, design trade-off studies and concept formulation in the areas of anti-air, anti-ship, and air-to-surface weapon systems. Job Relevant Criteria: Knowledge of the technology base and latest technological advancements affecting the development of air and surface launched missile/weapon systems; knowledge of simulation, guidance and control and the ability to conduct analyses and formulate weapons systems concepts; must have demonstrated the ability to deal effectively with NWC management, systems com-

Reassignment Opportunities

This column is used to fill positions through reassignment only. For this reason, the Reassignment Opportunity Announcements are separate from the Promotion Opportunities columns in the **Rocketeer**. Applications will be accepted until the date stated in the announcement. Employees whose work history has not been brought up to date are encouraged to file an SF-171 or 172. All applicants must meet minimum qualification requirements established by the Office of Personnel Management. Information concerning the recruitment and placement program and the evaluation methods used in these reassignment opportunities may be obtained from Personnel Management Advisors (Code 996 or 997). Applications should be filed with the person whose name is listed in the announcement. The Naval Weapons Center is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Announcement No. 26-356, Mechanical Engineer, UP-262, PAC No. 8024521E47, Code 2634 — This position is located in the Mechanical Branch, Engineering Division of the Public Works Department. The incumbent is responsible for various phases of the design process, from inception through completion of facilities and installation construction. Duties include analyzing and outlining of entire projects, performing mechanical design engineering work and coordinating the total design effort for new or modified facilities. As a lead technical representative, the incumbent will review and coordinate the work of lower level associates, as well as monitoring contracts and the work performed by contractors. Must have knowledge of mechanical systems and equipment for large industrial and office buildings; must be familiar with related fields such as electrical and structural engineering. For additional information or consideration for this position, contact George Clark, phone 3411, ext. 338.

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Soccer results . . .

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loose ball and once assisted by Brad Bays — and the Aztecs' other two goals were scored by Kristin McCrary and Paul Ashton.

Mike Bowen's 3 goals and 1 each by Ted Mechtenberg and Shawn Hamilton powered the Earthquakes to a 5-0 win over the Atoms.

Another string of goose eggs was all that teams who came out on the short end of the score had to show last Saturday for their efforts in games played between teams competing in the 1st-2nd grade division of the Youth Soccer League.

The results were: Fury and Owls winners over the Cobras and Rowdies, respectively, by scores of 1-0; Apollos 2, Chiefs 0; and Eagles 4, Express 0.

The Fury turned back the Cobras 1-0 on a goal scored by Chris Pfau, while a last-second tally by Mike Matson provided the Owls with their 1-goal margin of victory over the Rowdies. Good play on defense by Darrell Eddins of the Owls help to thwart several scoring threats by the Rowdies.

Aggressive play on offense by the Apollos was instrumental in their 2-0 win over the Chiefs. Jonathan Green scored the first goal of the game, assisted by Tommy Mather, who tallied the second goal.

A 4-goal performance by Jarold Gonzales boosted the Eagles to a 4-0 win over the Express.

During games played last Saturday by Junior High Soccer League teams, the Monroe Bengals shut out the Murray Mustangs 2-0, while the Monroe Tigers and Murray Pegasus squads battled to a 1-1 tie.

2 bowling teams tied for lead in Premier League

Two teams of bowlers, the Buggy Bath and National Car Rental, are tied for first place in the Premier (scratch) League following Monday night's action at Hall Memorial Lanes.

This was position round night in Premier League play, meaning that the first and second place teams competed against one another, as did the No. 3 and 4 teams, and so on down through the list of 10 teams that make up the league.

The Buggy Bath keglers outpointed the National Car Rental Squad 11-9 to move into a tie for first place, while the ERI Hustlers slipped into third place by virtue of their 12-8 win over Turner's Real Estate.

High team series for the night was the 2,910 rolled by the Buggy Bath bowlers. High team game was the 1,048 posted by National Car Rental.

Ray Freascher was the top individual bowler with a 3-game series of 656. This score was just 3 pins over the triple 200 series of 653 recorded by George Bowles. The latter had single game scores of 238, 212, and 203.

Other Premier League bowlers who topped the 600 series mark were Ed Donohue (608), Jack Brown (603), Ernie Lanterman (602), and Steve Zissos (601).

In addition to Bowles, those with single game totals of more than 220 were Gary Chancey (257), Freascher (256 and 236), Larry Jeffris (254), Glen Collins and Lanterman (236), Earle Roby (235), and John Salyers and Jeff Mattick (224).

Registration will begin soon for coming season of Youth Basketball League play

Registration will begin soon at the Community Center for the coming season of Youth Basketball League play.

Boys and girls 7 through 12 years of age are eligible to take part in this program if they already have, or are prepared to purchase, an athletic registration card that costs \$7 per year.

The athletic registration card is good for year-round participation in various sports that are a part of the youth program. There also are separate fees for each sport.

In the case of youth basketball, the sports registration fee is as follows: military



GOALIE MAKES SAVE — Watched carefully by two of his teammates, Kevin Sizemore and Phillip Serpanos (at right), Wade Boyack, goalie for the Sting, prepares to stop a shot at the goal by Troy Ferrara (back to camera, at left) of the Roughnecks. With just one more game to play before the season ends, the Roughnecks are undefeated but have two ties that have marred an otherwise perfect record. — Photo by Art Farrell

Div. titles won by 2 IWV teams entered in Youth Football League

Two Indian Wells Valley entries in the Tri-Valley Youth Football League last Saturday won the championships in their divisions of the league by defeating their counterparts from Tehachapi in games played on a neutral field at Boron.

The IWV Giants of the Senior Division polished off their Tehachapi rivals by a final score of 28-6, while IWV Dolphins edged Tehachapi 8-6.

In the Senior Division tilt, a 20-yd. run by Ray Auger with an intercepted pass moved the ball to the Tehachapi 2, and Kerry Ashley plunged over from there for the Giants' first touchdown. The PAT also was added on a run by Ashley.

The Senior Division team from Tehachapi bounced back with a 45-yd. scoring drive that cut the Giant's lead to 8-6, but the IWV team tallied two more touchdowns in the second quarter, and another in the third and final period of play to salt away a 28-6 win.

A pass from Robbie Show to Ray Auger that gained 35 yds. set up the Giants' second TD, which was tallied by Joe Skipworth on a dive into the end zone from the 3-yd. line.

The Giants also took advantage of a pass interception by Kerry Ashley and a holding penalty against Tehachapi to tally again on the final play of the first half.

Resorting to a bit of trickery, Show, the Giants' quarterback, flipped the ball to Skipworth, who then passed to Auger; the latter caught it while being tackled in the Tehachapi end zone.

The third quarter was a defensive struggle during which neither team was able to score, but the Giants padded their 20-6 lead with a touchdown pass from Show to David Pearson on a fourth quarter play that covered 60 yds. Skipworth added the final 2 points on a run to wind up the scoring.

The Giants were led on defense by Auger, who had three pass interceptions. Other defensive standouts for the IWV Senior Division champs were Robbie Kruse, Troy McCullough, Dwayne Vanskike, Joey Skipworth, Rob Show, Kerry Ashley, John

Harms, Dennis Adams, David Pearson, Frank Harris, Jim Hill, Donny McJunkin, Ken Kenworthy and Todd Oney.

Two quick touchdowns (one by each team) in the first period of play was all of the scoring in what turned out to be a defensive struggle for the championship of the Tri-Valley Youth Football League's Sophomore Division.

The Indian Wells Valley Dolphins scored first on a pass from Mather to Sonnenburg that gained 36 yds. Another pass from Mather to Halemman was good for 2 points following the touchdown that gave the Dolphins a short-lived 8-0 lead.

Still in the first period of play, a Tehachapi defender picked off a pass thrown by Mather and returned it 18 yards for a score. The try for the PAT that would have tied the score failed, and the game settled down into a defensive struggle until the final gun.

The Dolphins' defense was put to the test, and on two occasions succeeded in stopping the Tehachapi team within the Dolphin 10 yd. line.

In other Tri-Valley Youth Football League action at Boron, a game between the IWV Bears of the Junior Division and Kern Valley resulted in a 30-0 win for the Kern Valley squad, winners of the Junior Division title.

Two long touchdown runs by Kern Valley highlighted this game. One scoring jaunt covered 53 yds. and another 76 yds.

Gridders win . . .

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The third quarter ended with Burroughs holding an 18-7 lead, but that changed on the first play of the fourth period when Bradshaw broke loose after taking a pitchout and raced down the left sideline 47 yds. to paydirt. Gibson added the PAT and the Burros' lead had been whittled down to 18-14.

A clipping penalty by a BHS player on the ensuing kickoff runback forced the Burros to start from their own 6. Passes completed by Means to Randy Agnon and Dillinger produced successive first downs to get the Ridgecrest team out of a hole, and run time off the clock as well, before Means punted from the BHS 35 on fourth down and the Saugus safety man let the ball bounce and roll to the Centurions' 15.

Getting their offense in gear, the Centurions came up with a long gainer by Bradshaw and a pass from Hoagland to Whitestone that got them close to midfield, where a 15-yd. penalty against the Burros moved the ball to the BHS 34 yd. line. Line pressure by the Burros on Hoagland forced a hurried third down pass that was intercepted for BHS by Hud Minshew on the Ridgecrest team's 30 and the Burros had staved off the game's final scoring threat.

During the game's final 2 min. of play, the Burros got off three running plays and punted on fourth down to the Saugus 33. The Centurions tried to move the ball via the aerial route, only to have a Hoagland pass picked off by Eastmon and it was all over for Saugus.

The Burros held onto the ball as the final second ticked off the clock and left the field a happy group as they savored their second league win of the season.

The half statistic, which favored Burroughs by a wide margin, had evened out by the time the game ended. Leading ground gainers for Burroughs were Ray Eastmon, who carried the ball 11 times and picked up 55 yds., and Randy Agnon, who gained 40 yards in 12 tries, while Means completed 10 of 22 passes for 134 yards.

When Bradshaw did get rolling, he picked up 104 yds. on 11 carries for Saugus to go along with 47 yds. in 10 carries by Gary Grayson, and 8 of 14 pass completions by Hoagland for 102 yds.

NWC cagers . . .

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came off the bench and chipped in 11 points for the Navy team.

Jenkins picked up the cadence on his scoring efforts with a 22-point total, and 6 rebounds, during Sunday's game. Others who contributed notably to the NWC varsity win were Bell, with 14; Daniels, who tallied 7 points and had 7 rebounds; and Walters, who chipped in 9 points and grabbed 10 rebounds.



MODELS — Karen Rudeen and Steve Zabel wear garments donated to the Thrift Shop during the annual "Thrift Shop fashion show" at the November meeting of the Women's Auxiliary of the Commissioned Officers' Mess. WACOM's Thrift Shop is a major source of revenue for the Navy Relief Society and other local charitable causes.



NWC basketball team splits pair of games at Ft. Irwin

NWC's varsity basketball team came up with a win and a loss in two games played last weekend against Army hoopsters representing the National Training Center at Fort Irwin.

These same two teams will be mixing it up in the season's first home games for the China Lakers tomorrow and Sunday at the Center gym. Tip-off times will be 3 p.m. Saturday and 1 p.m. Sunday for the rematch between the NWC and Fort Irwin basketball squads. Both games are open to the public free of charge.

Last Saturday night at Fort Irwin, the Army cagers came out running a fast-break offense that carried them to a 58-30 halftime lead. The China Lakers did better in the second half of the 40-minute contest, but still lost by a final tally of 97-79.

"Magic" Dixon, point guard for the Army team, was the game's top scorer with 38. The speedy Dixon shared scoring honors on Saturday night with Backman, a 6 ft., 6 in., forward for the Fort Irwin cagers, who tallied 20.

The Army hoopsters capitalized on their height advantage as they also had players 6 ft., 7 in., and 6 ft., 8 in. tall who helped control the ball on rebounds and then fed it to the fast-moving Dixon, who took care of the scoring.

Millard Bell pumped in 28 points from his center position to lead the China Lakers on Saturday night. Other Navy players who made it into the double-figure scoring column in this game were Jeffrey Jenkins, a guard, and Isaac Walters, a forward, both with 14; and Skip McIntosh, point guard for the NWC varsity, who scored 12.

In Sunday afternoon's game, the NWC cagers were able to put the brakes on the Army team's fast-break offense as they hung in there and left the floor at halftime with a 38-36 lead.

It was still a nip-and-tuck contest in the second half, but the China Lakers emerged on top at the final buzzer by a score of 91-86.

Once again "Magic" Dixon did his thing for the Fort Irwin hoopsters and emerged as the game's high point man with 36, while a teammate, Backman, tallied 18.

The NWC varsity was led by McIntosh, who scored 24 points and had 8 assists. When McIntosh fouled out with 10 min. still left to play in the game, Stanley Patterson

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Turkey trot slated Thanksgiving day by Over-Hill Track Club

The annual turkey trot, a 3-mile run sponsored by the Over-the-Hill Track Club, will be held next Thursday, Nov. 25 (Thanksgiving Day).

Local residents who wish to work up an appetite for their traditional Thanksgiving Day feed are invited to register for the race beginning at 9 a.m. at the Cerro Coso Community College parking lot. The race is scheduled to get underway at 10 o'clock. There is a \$1 entry fee.

At the conclusion of the race, each runner will draw a handicap time that will be subtracted from his or her actual time to determine the winners of turkeys and merchandise awards that are to be presented.

There also will be fast time awards for men and women who lead the way around the 3-mile course.

Additional information can be obtained by calling Mike Mumford after working hours at 375-5876.

Burros surprise Saugus in grid season finale

Burroughs High School's varsity football team finished the 1982 season on an upbeat last Friday night at the College of the Canyons stadium where they hung a surprising 18-14 defeat on the Saugus Centurions.

Playing on a soggy field that had been torn up the night before by another high school gridiron contest, the Burros put together their best performance of the season as they scored first and then went on to roll up an 18-0 halftime lead over the Saugus squad.

The loss was bitter pill for the Centurions to swallow since it knocked them out of the post-season CIF play-off competition.

Refusing to be awed by the fact that they were playing a team that earlier in the season had knocked off the defending CIF champion Antelope Valley squad, the Burros showed a balanced attack as they put together a drive for a touchdown midway in the first period of play.

Running by Randy Agnon and Ray Eastman, fullback and tailback, respectively, and passing by quarterback Daniel Means moved the ball well. With the Saugus pass defenders concentrating on Joe Byrd, Means switched to Steve Dillinger as his target and connected for a 25-yd. pass and run play for 6 points. The try for the PAT on a kick by Means was blocked.

Even with the help of a long runback of the ensuing kickoff (all the way to the BHS 38), the Centurions couldn't move the ball and turned it over to the Burros on their own 30 after a series of plays that were stifled by the BHS defense.

Back in the driver's seat on offense once again, the Burros stuttered momentarily when a 15-yd. penalty that was tacked on after a gain moved the ball back to the 26, but then took off to score again in the closing seconds of the first quarter.

A screen pass from Means to Chuck Freeland gained 38 yds. before Freeland was hauled down on the Saugus 36. With momentum on their side, the Burros pounded away at the line for short gains by Randy Agnon and Dillinger, and a pass from Means to Dillinger was good for a first down

at the Saugus 25. Two plays later Randy Agnon burst through the middle of the line for 20 yds. and a touchdown that increased the Burros' lead to 12-0. Once again the try for the PAT on a kick by Means was no good.

The kickoff by Burroughs to Saugus was the final play of the first quarter and, on it, the ball was fumbled by Danny Jones of the Centurions and recovered by Burroughs at the Saugus 15 yd. line.

BURROS SCORE AGAIN

Taking to the air, after getting a yard or two on a smash into the line by Randy Agnon on first down, Means hit Dillinger in the end zone on a fourth down pass that gave the Burros an 18-0 lead with the second period of play barely underway.

Neither team developed any kind of a scoring threat for the remainder of the first half. A fumble by Robert Bradshaw, ace running back for Saugus, was recovered by the Burros at the Centurions' 31, but a pass by Means was intercepted on the next play to return possession of the ball to Saugus.

A hard-nosed defense that was coupled with blitzing by secondary defenders when Saugus was in a likely passing situation paid off by keeping the Centurions bottled up in their own end of the field throughout the second quarter.

The first offensive threat of the second half saw the Burros move the ball from their own 48 to down around the Saugus 25 before a delay-of-game penalty and an incomplete pass on fourth down brought this drive to a halt.

CENTURIONS DRIVE FOR TD

Taking over on their own 31, the Centurions launched their initial touchdown drive of the contest with a pass from Hoagland to Brett Whitestone that gained 25 yds. and a first down at the BHS 44. Despite the momentary setback of a 15-yd. penalty for holding, the Saugus team broke Bradshaw loose for a romp down to the Burros' 25 and another first down.

Two plays later, after picking up a first down at the 15, Gary Grayson sprinted 11 yds. on a double reverse to the BHS 4. A good defensive surge by the BHS line stopped Bradshaw at the 1, but a fake handoff to Bradshaw and pass from Hoagland to John Zoagloff was good for a touchdown for the Centurions, who also added the PAT on a kick by Mike Gibson.

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DEFENDERS CONTROL BALL — Kirk Roberts (at right) and Paul Farrell, a pair of deep defenders for the Roughnecks, control the ball and relieve the anxiety on the part of their goalie (John Duncan, in background) during this bit of action in the Youth Soccer League game played between the Roughnecks and the Sting. The Roughnecks tallied 3 goals in the final quarter to win by a score of 5-1.

— Photo by Art Farrell

Tough, defensive soccer game won 2-1 by Surf

Winding down to the next-to-last week of play in the Youth Soccer League, sponsored by the NWC Recreation Services Department, the Surf posted a 2-1 win over the Hurricanes in what was a hard-fought defensive game that highlighted last Saturday's action in the 5th-6th grade division.

A goal by Ken Ratcliff in the closing minutes of the second half enabled the Surf to break a 1-1 deadlock and earn a narrow victory. Ivan Chirinos was credited with an assist on the game-winning goal by Ratcliff, and also on a goal tallied earlier in the game for the Surf by Armondo Valdivia.

Matt Webster scored the lone goal for the Hurricanes with the help of an assist by Travis Webster.

Scores of other games played by teams competing in the 5th-6th grade division were: Kicks 4, Diplomats 2; Sounders 3, Whitecaps 0; Roughnecks 5, Sting 1; and Rogues 9, Tornados 2.

Two goals each by Marc Frisbee and Matt Mechtenberg put the Kicks over the top in their 4-2 win over the Diplomats. Superior team passing paid off for the Kicks, including assists on scoring plays by Frisbee and Todd Henderson. A free kick by Matt Ziegler resulted in one goal for the Diplomats, and Will Freeman tallied the other on an assist from David Shumway.

Good play on both offense and defense enabled the Sounders to shut out the Whitecaps 3-0. Ralph Jorgensen and Richard Flores handled the goal-scoring for the Sounders, whose opponents showed the effects of the fast action and tired out in the

second half of the contest.

A 3-goal scoring effort in the final quarter of play led to a 5-1 win by the Roughnecks over the Sting. Don Duniphin spearheaded the Roughnecks on offense with 3-goals and was credited with an assist on another goal. Others who got in on the scoring for the Roughnecks were John Duncan and Kirk Roberts, with 1 goal each. The lone tally for the Sting was a ricochet into his own goal on a play initiated by one of the players for the Roughnecks.

The bottom fell out in the second half for the Tornados, who were trailing the Rogues by a score of 2-1 at the mid-game intermission, but ended up losing this game by a final tally of 9-2. The Rogues' scoring parade was led by Curtis Brune, who had 4

Awards program planned for youth soccer players

Awards programs for young people and adults who have been involved in the Youth Soccer League, sponsored by the NWC Recreation Services Department, will be held on Tuesday evening at the Center theater.

More than 380 youngsters who formed 28 teams have been a part of the fall season of youth soccer competition.

The awards program will be divided into two sessions — one starting at 6 o'clock for those in grades one through four, and the second one beginning at 7:45 p.m. for fifth and sixth graders.

In between the early and late sessions of the awards program, a 15-min. instructional film on soccer will be shown.

goals, and Gregg Garcia with 2. In addition 1 goal each were tallied by Tom Caves, Joe Lloyd and Richard Lietke. Tornado goals were scored by Troy Erickson and David Mann.

Five victories — all shutouts — were recorded by teams competing Saturday in the 3rd-4th grade division of the Youth Soccer League.

The Blizzards and Cosmos edged the Timbers and Drillers, respectively by the identical score of 1-0; the Strikers defeated the Sockers 2-0; the Aztecs clubbed the Lancers 4-0; and the Earthquakes shook the Atoms 5-0.

A penalty kick by Steve Mills that was good for a goal accounted for the only score in the Blizzards' 1-0 win over the Timbers. After an evenly-played first half, the Blizzards dominated play for the remainder of the game.

In another game between two evenly-matched teams, the Cosmos slipped past the Drillers on a goal scored by Danny Moldenhauer, assisted by Chris Marshall. Outstanding players on defense for the Drillers were Charles Eberhart and Lamon Dawson.

Derek Lindsey scored both goals for the Strikers in their 2-0 win over the Sockers. On his first goal, Lindsey was on the receiving end of a pass from Steve Lundwall, and tallied the second unassisted. A good job of playing goalie for the Strikers was turned in by Jay Frederick and Lindsey.

Good passing and ball handling paved the way for the Aztecs' 4-0 win over the Lancers. Mike Maloney tallied twice — once on a

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The Skipper sez



All China Lakers, including military personnel, civilian employees, and their dependents are invited to submit questions to this column. Such queries must be in good taste and pertain to matters of interest to a large segment of the China Lake community. Answers to these questions are directly from Capt. Lahr. Please call NWC ext. 2727 with your question and state whether you are a military member, civilian employee or dependent. No other identification is necessary. Since only three or four questions can be answered in the Rocketeer each week, anyone who would like to ensure getting an answer to a question may leave name and address for a direct contact, but this is not required otherwise. There is no intent that this column be used to subvert normal, established chain-of-command channels.

QUESTION

Civilian employee — With no disrespect meant, the recent security awareness presentation only served to convince me more than ever that we only pay lip service to security, and that real security at NWC is a farce. If NWC is serious about security, the following steps should be taken:

(1) Close the gates to the base once again. (2) Replace the present security rental agency with Marines. (3) Have your Public Works personnel do the janitorial work on base like they used to.

I can already anticipate at least part of the reply to these suggestions: the security guards (supposedly) have to go through investigative clearance procedures, as do the janitorial crews, and the gates are open to permit the free interaction of the Ridgecrest and China Lake communities and promote good relations, etcetera, etcetera. But facts speak louder than excuses, and since the abolition of the "old way" of doing business, security violations and crime (and poor janitorial service) have increased.

These three suggestions, only as a starting point, are specific things that could be done to improve security and reduce crime at China Lake. Thank you.

ANSWER

A thought-provoking call, but I don't think you are being entirely realistic. Using your logic one could say, if the U.S. is serious about defense they would have 20 battle groups, vice 5 Marine Divisions vice 3, etc., etc. In this day and age of reduced operating funds we have to do the best we can with what is reasonably available.

Your suggestions with the exception of the first one are all out of the question. I wish we had the latitude to do those things, but we don't.

QUESTION

Civilian employee — I just want to make a comment about the Rocketeer. I think those people do an outstanding job. I've submitted several articles, some of them just in an outline form. They've taken the time to fill in the blanks so that it actually sounds like they had covered the event in person. They have always been prompt in printing articles.

Every night I read the other local newspapers and I think those folks could take lessons from the Rocketeer. I see that the Daily Independent seems to get awards every year so I would like to know if the Rocketeer has ever or could put in for an award? To the staff of the Rocketeer, you're doing a great job. Also the Skipper Sez Column is a great idea. Keep it going. Thank you.

ANSWER

Thank you for your kind words. I totally agree that the Rocketeer staff is doing a great job, with very few facilities, I might add. I also agree that despite our small staff and modest facilities the Rocketeer compares very favorably with the other local papers.

QUESTION

The shrubbery around the traffic circle on Inyokern Road is quite attractive. However, on the northeast corner of the circle the bushes are so close to the roadway that they hide waiting cars from drivers approaching from the east.

What do you think about the priorities that allow this hazard to remain?

ANSWER

For about four years a couple of Center employees have agitated for removal of the bushes around Switzer Circle. Our traffic engineers have studied the situation on a continuing basis and have to date found no rationale to support removal of the foliage. Traffic incidents do not suggest removal either, so I don't consider it a hazard.

You have pointed out they are attractive, so they stay!

MA1 Skon selected as VX-5 Sailor of Month

Master at Arms 1st Class Douglas G. Skon has been singled out for recognition as Sailor of the Month for October by Air Test and Evaluation Squadron Five (VX-5).

MA1 Skon, who is the Command investigator for VX-5, was commended for his knowledge and expertise in the master-at-arms rating "which has enhanced the image of military law enforcement aboard the Naval Weapons Center."

VX-5's Sailor of the Month was recommended for this award by his division officer and selected from a group of the most outstanding candidates from every division in the squadron.

MA1 Skon, who was assigned to duty with VX-5 in January 1981, joined the Navy at his present rating in September 1980 while living and working in Anchorage, Alaska.

For some seven years prior to that time, he had been a state trooper and narcotics agent for the State of Alaska. His background also includes eight years in law enforcement work in the State of Minnesota following a three-year hitch in the Marine Corps from 1963 to 1966.

During his prior military service in the Marine Corps, VX-5's Sailor of the Month

served with the 1st Marine Division at Camp Pendleton and on Okinawa, and with the 3rd Marine Division on Okinawa and in Vietnam.

While serving for a year with the 3rd Marine Division in Vietnam, he was the doorgunner on a Huey helicopter, and



MA1 Douglas G. Skon

returned to the U.S. to finish out his tour of duty as a Marine at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego.

Following his discharge from the Marine Corps, MA1 Skon got into the law enforcement field in Minnesota, where he worked his way up to the position of captain in the Sheriff's Department in Todd County (southern part of the state), and later served as chief of police in the city of Bertha, Minn.

At the time he left Minnesota to head for Alaska, he was an undercover narcotics agent for the State of Minnesota.

MA1 Skon, who enjoys woodworking as a hobby, was accompanied to China Lake by his wife, Colette; a son, Christopher, who is 4 years old; and two daughters. The girls are Ursula, age 2, and Natasha, who is 7 months old.

For being chosen as VX-5's Sailor of the Month, MA1 Skon received a letter of commendation, a VX-5 plaque with his name inscribed on it, a 72-hour weekend pass and one month free of duty, a reserved parking space at Hangar 1 for a month, and the loan of a car from Desert Motors in Ridgecrest to put into that parking space.



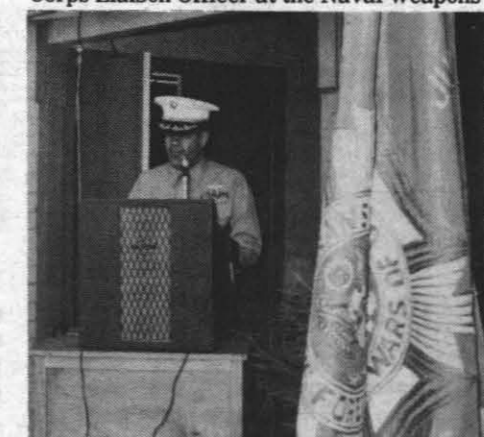
RIFLE VOLLEY FIRED — In a final salute to this nation's war dead, the Veterans Day ceremony was closed by volley of rifle fire. The all-veteran firing squad was directed by Tom Flynn (at left).

— Photo by PH3 Shelly Gambardello

Heroic past serves as example today, Vets Day speaker says

A talk focussing attention on the examples set by veterans who have served this nation in years past, and how their efforts have set the pace and serve as guidelines for men and women in the military service today was presented at the Veterans Day program held Nov. 11 outside the VFW Hall in Ridgecrest.

The guest speaker for this patriotic program was Col. John T. Tyler, Marine Corps Liaison Officer at the Naval Weapons



Col. John T. Tyler, USMC Vets' Day Speaker

Center, who is a veteran of 27 years of military service.

Col. Tyler was introduced by Harold Platzek, captain of VFW Ship 4084, who served as master of ceremonies. The guest speaker began his talk with an expression of appreciation for all those who have answered the call to bear arms in defense of this nation's freedom.

"Today is a day aside to honor those men and women of this truly great country of ours who have given of themselves, some with their lives, to protect and guard our

way of life. It is a time to reflect and a time to think — not only of those who have gone before, but of those who are serving now," Col. Tyler said.

The speaker then digressed a bit to make the point that this nation is blessed by a singular type of freedom that makes it possible for travelers to move from coast to coast without having to stop to have their identification checked, to show a passport, or for questioning of any kind.

FREEDOMS REVIEWED

The freedoms that make up that portion of the U.S. Constitution known as the Bill of Rights were then reviewed by Col. Tyler, who commented: "How blessed we are to live in this land of beauty and plenty, and to enjoy the freedoms that really and truly only Americans possess.

"These are freedoms that we must protect," the Veterans Day speaker emphasized, noting that "today we honor those who have protected this land and those freedoms." Numerically, this is a large segment of the American people throughout the more than 200 years since independence was won in 1776, Col. Tyler said as he listed this nation's wars and their cost in terms of lives lost and injuries suffered.

In summary, he continued, "Therefore, we are here today to honor 38 million American veterans — those who have gone on; those who gave the ultimate, totally of themselves; those we honor as heroes, those without names, and those with distinguished names; those who walk with us today, and those who do not.

"We will try forever to follow those who have blazed the trail for us, those who have truly made this country great, and those who have shed their blood for us. These are the brave men and women we are honoring today — our nation's veterans."

LEADERSHIP IN GOOD HANDS

Today the torch of military leadership is in good hands at all levels and in all branches of the military service, the Veterans Day speaker stressed. The same holds true of the young people who are serving their country today, Col. Tyler commented.

In closing, the Marine Corps officer shared his view that America is a great nation because her people have believed it worthwhile to serve, to fight and to give their lives for their nation. "They have not served for a cause that is lost, but rather for an ideal that only in America is an actuality.

"It has been the guidance and example of our nation's veterans that has led the way to the present strong, dedicated and capable military group that now serves this nation, your nation today. We pay homage and give thanks, therefore, to American veterans today," Col. Tyler concluded.

The Naval Weapons Center also was represented at the Veterans Day program by LCDr. Douglas Heitschmidt, Protestant chaplain, who delivered the opening invocation and closing benediction, and by buglers, Lt. Dave Feldman and ADAN Steve Young, who played "Taps" at the conclusion of the ceremony.

Open season for health benefit programs slated Nov. 22-Dec. 10

Open season for the Federal Employees' Health Benefits Program has been scheduled from Nov. 22 through Dec. 10. Employees who do not want to make any change to their enrollment need take no action during this time. However, any eligible employee who is not currently registered may enroll and enrolled employees may change from one plan or option to another, or from self-only to self and family, or a combination of both.

This year, each employee on Center will receive 1983 Enrollment Information and Plan Benefit Summaries along with 1982 rate sheets. Brochures for the individual plans will be available, when received, for viewing in Room 212 of the Personnel Building. Those interested in doing so should

contact Eileen Baird by calling NWC ext. 2592 or 2018.

Employees who want to enroll or make some other permissible change in coverage should go to Room 100 in the Personnel Building. New enrollments and changes in current enrollments made during the open season will become effective on Jan 9, 1983.

Employees are urged to make any desired change in the Federal Employees' Health Benefits Program as soon as they have the information literature they need. Information materials will be distributed to every eligible Center employee as soon as they are received.

A list of the plans that Naval Weapons Center employees are eligible to join, and the rates per pay period for 1983, follows:

PLAN	OPTION			
	High Self	High Family	Low Self	Low Family
Blue Cross/Blue Shield	\$25.36	\$54.50	\$5.55	\$14.04
Aetna	18.78	26.88	6.05	14.63
American Federation of Gov't Employees	14.60	29.58		
Alliance Health Benefit Plan	15.47	43.05		
American Postal Workers Union	16.17	41.56		
Gov't Employees Hospital Ass'n	6.48	13.65		
Mail Handlers Benefit Plan	6.42	18.85	5.81	12.53
Nat'l Ass'n of Gov't Employees	22.37	48.66		
Nat'l Ass'n of Letter Carriers	21.87	40.50		
Nat'l Federation of Fed'l Employees	18.25	43.31		
Nat'l Treasury Employees Union	19.86	44.98		
Postmasters Benefit Plan	29.46	62.01	3.12	7.56
Kaiser, Southern California*	10.52	33.08		
Postal Supervisors Health Benefit Plan	16.55	24.07		
Nat'l Hospital Ass'n Foundation for Medical Care	23.24	56.20		

*This information is furnished for those NWC employees currently enrolled in the Kaiser plan.

Contract decision pending . . .

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displaced government employees.

Displaced employees are presumed to be qualified for contractor positions which are essentially the same as their current Civil Service positions, but may also qualify for other jobs on the basis of their past work experience.

If an employee is not interested in participating in the "Right of First Refusal" program, that employee may still approach Pan American for employment and may be recruited by the company.

Acceptance of an offer of employment with Pan American does not affect an individual's offer as a result of the RIF at NWC until the date that that individual resigns from NWC.

Each affected employee will receive a Contractor Employment Questionnaire. Those who are interested in participating in the "Right of First Refusal" program must return the completed questionnaire by the time indicated in the questionnaire.

Pan American will then begin contacting employees who indicated on their Contractor Employment Questionnaire that they are interested in working for the company. Employment offers by Pan American must be accepted or declined within 14 days of the offer.

Anyone who wishes more information about the "Right of First Refusal" program should contact the Personnel Management Advisor for the affected departments by calling NWC ext. 2676 or 2371.

At Emergency Services Council meeting

Information given on kinds of help provided by Salvation Army

"What you in this community are doing to combine your resource capabilities to handle disaster is vital. We'd sure like to see that expand to other communities," Ray Jackson, Emergency Services Coordinator in Kern County's General Services Department, told members of the Indian Wells Valley Emergency Services Volunteer Council recently.

While he said that his office would do its best to get aid to the IWV as soon as possible in case of a major disaster, he agreed with Joe Posillico, head of the Salvation Army's Emergency Services for Northern California and Nevada, that no outside help would be likely for 48 to 72 hours, and even then would depend on how widespread through the region the disaster might be and what condition roads were in.

By describing the various types of aid furnished by Salvation Army during the floods in the San Francisco Bay Area last January, Posillico indicated the range and flexibility of services that are available.

He noted that the volunteer agencies — Salvation Army and the American Red Cross — were able to step in immediately to provide whatever type of help was needed,

whereas government assistance took from a couple of weeks to several months to become available, and was restricted by regulations to meeting only specific needs.

"We are also able to take care of the people who fall between the cracks," said Posillico. "We were able to do everything from replacing septic tanks to funding 'Mole Teams' that dug mud out from under people's homes."

SERVICES OF SALVATION ARMY

Salvation Army services included providing mobile soup kitchens for mass feeding to issuing portable heaters to individuals to buying generators for Red Cross shelters and for local hospitals in that area.

While providing such a range of services was enormously expensive, Posillico agreed with Tom Boggs, head of the local Salvation Army Committee, that "We take care of the needs first and worry about the money required afterwards."

Posillico announced that a regional seminar of National Organizations Active in Disaster (NOVAD) will be held from May 10 through 12, 1983, in the Santa Cruz Mountains. NOVAD members work



NOTABLE SAFETY ACHIEVEMENT — A moment was set aside during the recent Commander's meeting of department heads and other senior officials at NWC to present a safety award to the Personnel Department. The award, in recognition of one million man-hours worked without a lost-time accident, was presented by Capt. Lahr to Eva Bien, head of Code 09. Standing by at left is B. W. Hays, NWC Technical Director. The safety certificate won by the Personnel Department covers the period from May 1976 to August 1982. — Photo by PHAN Rebecca Carpenter

Community liaison ass't moves desk to lobby of Michelson Lab

Natalie Harrison, community liaison assistant assigned to the Public Affairs Office, has moved to the office of the Program Coordinator in Rm. 1000-A off the lobby of Michelson Laboratory.

Ms. Harrison's telephone number has also changed; she can now be reached on NWC ext. 3180, but her Code, 0032, remains the same.

As community liaison assistant, Ms. Harrison handles requests for recreation range tours to Little Petroglyph Canyon, Coso Hot Springs and Coso Village (near Darwin); and can be contacted by groups that wish an event they are sponsoring to be publicized on the traffic circle bulletin board.

Police reports . . .

Burglars who entered a Bard Street residence between Nov. 3 and 13 made off with various items that ranged from a television set to rugs, money, a sewing machine, and a coin collection. Value of the stolen items is \$1,654.

YOUNG SUSPECTS CAUGHT

Two juveniles were caught in the Navy Exchange on Saturday and charged with stealing assorted toys and damaging merchandise with rocks and scissors. The total loss was estimated at \$15.

China Lake tenants with animal control problems can also call Ms. Harrison. She is responsible as well for collecting information for a community events' calendar that is published monthly and distributed as part of the NWC Announcement Bulletin.

Tuition assistance offered for off-duty educational courses

Tuition assistance is available for Navy personnel enrolled in approved off-duty education and training courses.

Tuition aid, a Navy Campus Program, pays tuition costs and related fees for Navy personnel enrolled in accredited colleges, universities, trade, technical and public schools.

Personnel enrolled in high school completion courses receive 100 percent tuition aid. Enlisted personnel E-5 or above, with less than 14 years service, receive 90 percent of tuition costs. Officers and other enlisted taking post-secondary courses receive 75 percent.

Officers incur a two-year obligation following the completion of the training.

together closely to meet human needs, he noted, and have a set of mutual aid agreements with each other to ensure that some services won't be duplicated while others equally vital are overlooked.

Floyd Farrant of the Ridgecrest Community Hospital then discussed the hospital's plans for a disaster, adding that many of the activities were entirely contingent on the magnitude of a disaster and whether outside help would be able to come in.

The level of care available would depend entirely on how many people are hurt, he said, because of the limited number of medical personnel in the IWV.

Chuck Orr from the Emergency Medical Services group in the Kern County Health Department said that his office was always reachable by radio and would try to get outside help on its way as soon as possible, but that if a disaster was regional, such aid might be limited.

He has a resource file that he is trying to keep updated showing what persons have medical or Emergency Medical Technician training and said that possibly the Eastern Sierra Health Council might be able to develop such a file for this region.

Roy Easley of Pacific Gas and Electric Co. said that his company has a disaster plan and also tries to keep its personnel updated on techniques for dealing with natural gas and propane leaks.

Easley showed the multimedia presentation on gas leaks and dealing with natural gas problems that is given to emergency personnel.

An update on the potential for volcanic eruption was given by Dr. Glenn Roquemore who recently attended a conference at Mammoth Lakes. According to Dr. Roquemore, Inyo and Mono Counties are in far more imminent danger of a major earthquake than of a volcanic eruption, although the attendees at the volcanic hazards conference agreed that an eruption was likely within the lifetime of those present.

The next meeting of the IWV Emergency Services Volunteer Council will take place tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock at St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 200 Drummond Drive, Ridgecrest.

The rewriting of the City of Ridgecrest's disaster plan will be discussed and a status report given on a disaster exercise planned for early next year.

Enrollment now open for class in skills of editing, rewriting

Enrollment is open in a two-day class in editing and rewriting skills that will be held from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Dec. 14 and 15 at the Training Center.

Casey Reynolds, of Management Skills Associates, will teach this course, the purpose of which is to provide information and give practice in the skills of critiquing, revising and clarifying written communications.

Subject matter to be covered will include paragraphing, layout and overall organization using standard editing symbols; and content editing by offering guidelines for use in evaluating thought development and expressing ideas.

Employees interested in attending this class must submit a training request and authorization form via department channels in time for it to reach Code 094 by Dec. 14.



MARINES CELEBRATE 207TH ANNIVERSARY — With what has come to be the typical zeal and flourish associated with all things undertaken by the U.S. Marine Corps, the 207th anniversary of the "sailors of the sea" was celebrated on the evening of Nov. 10 at the Enlisted Mess. Among the celebrants at this event, which drew a packed house of some 260 persons, were (at left) Capt. and Mrs. R.A. Carnot and (behind them) Master Sgt. George Beatty, USMC (Ret.). Capt. Carnot is the Marine Aviation Ordnance Officer at NWC. At right are the host and hostess for the occasion, Col. and Mrs. John Tyler, USMC. He heads the Marine Corps Liaison Office

on Center. Music for the ceremony which took place during the cutting of a large birthday cake baked especially for this occasion was provided by members of the Port and Starboard band from Naval Station in San Diego. First slices of the cake were served to the oldest and youngest Marines in attendance. They were Col. Burke West, USMC (Ret.), and Cpl. Donald King, a member of the color guard from the Marine Air-Ground Combat Center at Twentynine Palms. Following a delicious prime rib of beef dinner, the evening was rounded out by listening and dancing to the music of the Port and Starboard band. —Daily Independent photo by Tim Tyson

Effort made to enhance safety in R-2508 . . .

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Hanscom Field, Mass., representing the military in the DoD-DoT interface.

Implementing the enhancement program involved integration of 11 radars and their associated communication and data links into a surveillance network. These included three long range radars at Paso Robles, Boron and Laurel Mountain, and two approach control radars at Edwards and George Air Force Bases.

Since the terrain in R-2508 includes mountains, canyons and valleys and radar operates on a line-of-sight basis, six "gap-filler" radars are also needed. These are located in the Searles Valley, Panamint Valley, Owens Valley, Indian Wells Valley, and at Velvet Peak (near Victorville).

The Department of Defense funded 84 percent of the program; the Department of Transportation, 16 percent. The cost, through Fiscal Year 1982 was \$41.6 million. All that is needed to complete the program is the stringent verification and validation of the radars, which will be complete by March 1983.

A National Memorandum of Understanding between DoD and DoT covers the operation of the R-2508 complex. The FAA operates and maintains all gap-filler radars, and the radars at Paso Robles and Boron. It also operates the Air Traffic Control Facility at Edwards Air Force Base.

China Lake operates and maintains its airspace surveillance center and the Laurel Mountain radar. Edwards and George Air Force Bases operate and maintain their approach control radars.

Operational funding is still on the 84 percent DoD to 16 percent DoT basis, with Edwards Air Force Base serving as control point for disbursement. The Navy and Air Force each contribute about \$1.5 million a year; the Army so far has given moral support but has not supplied supporting resources. As the operations of the National Training Center at Fort Irwin become better defined, the Army may become more involved in R-2508.

The complex has three main control centers: the Air Traffic Control Facility at Edwards Air Force Base; Mission Control Center at the Air Force Flight Test Center, Edwards Air Force Base; and the NWC Air Surveillance Center. A Central Coordinating Facility (CCF) at Edwards Air Force Base maintains military flight schedules and coordinates airspace use with the Air Traffic Control Facility.

The Air Traffic Control Facility at Edwards operates 16 hours a day seven days a week. It is operated by the FAA. The CCF is operated by the military under the guidance of the Complex Control Board,

comprised of representatives from each of the military installations who coordinate daily use of R-2508.

The Mission Control Center and the Air Surveillance Center generally operate eight hours a day, five days a week, unless tests are scheduled at other times. They primarily monitor the airspace for their respective organizations and help test conductors maintain airspace safety.

If an intruder (most frequently a small private aircraft) wanders into the airspace during military operations, surveillance center personnel notify the test conductor

that there is an intruder so that the test pilot can be told of the hazard. The intruder may also find that he is flying with a military aircraft that is engaged in taking down identifying information so that a violation can be filed against the interloper.

Because of the improved surveillance of the airspace, chances of midair collisions between civilian and military aircraft have been dramatically reduced. Joint military civilian use of the airspace in complete safety will be possible without adversely affecting the military mission of the R-2508 complex.

Course offering information on Navy Relief to begin on Nov. 29

A class covering the basic policies and principles of the Navy Relief Society and how they are applied to volunteer work will be offered from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. during the week of Monday, Nov. 29, through Friday, Dec. 3.

Everyone is invited to attend the class, including dependents of military personnel, active duty and retired military, and

Relief Society Headquarters. Miss Diver came to Navy Relief from a student personnel job at Marian College in Indianapolis, Ind. Her experience at the college as an administrator and counselor, plus earlier teaching and secretarial positions, all have been useful to her as a Navy Relief field representative.

She has a nine months-per-year teaching and traveling job that takes her throughout the United States, in addition to occasional trips to Hawaii, Europe and Newfoundland.

During the week-long class here, information will be provided about the Navy and Marine Corps, and the benefits provided to active duty and retired military personnel and their families.

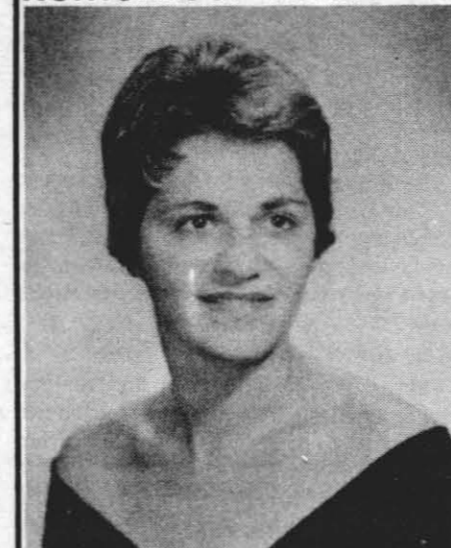
Both nationally and here at NWC, the primary purpose of the Navy Relief Society is to help military personnel and their families manage their personal finances and to provide interest-free loans, and sometimes grants, to help meet needs in an emergency situation.

Although the local NRS office can recommend and get quick action on "out of policy" problems when circumstances warrant, the great majority of requests it receives concern such things as basic living expenses, the patient's share of medical care, funeral expenses, emergency transportation, essential car repairs, disaster relief and aid to dependents of deceased military personnel.

The work of the Navy Relief Society is performed mainly by volunteers through whose efforts the NRS tries to live up to the motto that "The Navy takes care of its own."

The course is open to those who do not plan to become NRS volunteers, but merely wish to gain knowledge about the Navy that is presented. It is hoped, however, that all who attend will volunteer a few hours each week to assist in this worthwhile activity.

Remember when . . .



When the above photo was taken (approximately 25 years ago), this "Remember When..." column personality already had made a good start on an administrative secretarial career that later blossomed into positions of steadily-increasing responsibility at the Naval Weapons Center.

When she began working, it was in Civil Service as a secretary to the Supply Officer at the Naval Training Center in Great Lakes, Ill. Subsequently, however, there were moves every year or two as her husband pursued his education in the field of advertising and design and she held a succession of jobs as a secretary for company executives in Rapid City, S.D., Chicago, Ill., and in Los Angeles.

The firms she worked for ranged from a lumber company with vast timber holdings to the sales and marketing division of the Hearst newspaper chain — first in Chicago and later in Los Angeles.

She left the Hearst empire to join the Los Angeles Times-Mirror Co. in 1959 and shared in work that led to development of the present Calendar and Home Sections of the L.A. Times.

Her husband's work brought the family to China Lake in 1961, and this week's "Remember When..." column personality was employed for six months in the Supply Department before transferring to Central Staff — forerunner of today's Office of Finance and Management.

Some of her former bosses, the names of whom will be familiar to early timers at China Lake, were Ken Heyhoe and Mel Sorge.

If you haven't recognized this week's "Remember When..." column personality, turn to Page 8.

Editor's note: Readers' contributions of old photos for the "Remember When..." column can be made by delivering them to the Public Affairs Office, Code 003, attention Beth Holtermans, phone NWC ext. 3511. Please include a telephone number at work so that information to accompany the photo can be obtained.



Louise Diver

civilians. Free child care for pre-schoolers will be offered those attending the class.

Those interested in attending the course can make arrangements to do so by calling 446-4746 or 446-6402, no later than next Friday, Nov. 26.

The course will be conducted by Louise Diver, a field representative from Navy