

Speaker at DCC annual dinner is expert on humor

Dr. Joel Goodman, director of the Humor Project at the Sagamore Institute, Saratoga Springs, N.Y., will speak at the Desert Counseling Clinic's 32nd annual dinner meeting on Saturday, March 19, at the Ridgcrest Elks Lodge, 201 E. Church St., Ridgcrest.

The author of eight books on laughter, play, problem-solving, and magic, Dr. Goodman has worked with more than 30,000 people in workshops and seminars to improve their "laugh lives."

The topic of Dr. Goodman's talk will be "Laughing Matters — It Really Does!" In addition to entertainment, the speaker will offer practical ways to reduce stress by bringing more humor into people's lives.

The public is invited both to Dr. Goodman's talk and to the dinner preceding it. Other business of the evening will include introduction of the clinic's new corporate board members and a brief status report by Dr. Yale Hicks, DCC administrator.

A no-host social hour will begin at 6:30 p.m., with dinner served at 7 o'clock. The dinner will be a two-meat buffet, featuring an assortment of salads and side dishes. The price is \$12.50 per person, including gratuities. Fish may be substituted for the meat for those who indicate that preference when they make reservations.

For reservations, call Sophie Dodge at the Desert Counseling Clinic, 375-9781, by Tuesday, March 15.

Pediatrics clinic for children of military scheduled next week

A pediatrics clinic for dependents of military personnel will be held next Thursday and Friday, March 17 and 18, at the China Lake Branch Medical Clinic of the Navy Regional Medical Center (NRMC) in Long Beach.

Lt. Donna Moyer, a pediatrics specialist from NRMC, will be here to examine infants and children up to 14 years of age.

Parents can make appointments to have children examined by Lt. Moyer by calling the central appointment desk in the Branch Medical Clinic, phone 2911, ext. 223.

Dry cleaning service

Customers of the Navy Exchange can now enjoy the convenience of three-day dry cleaning service, and laundry service will be added in the near future. The customer service desk in the NEX can provide additional information.



MISS CALIFORNIA — Lisa Gail Davenport, Miss California for 1982, will be a special guest at the Search for Talent Show on Tuesday, starting at 7 p.m., at the Center Theater. This Ridgcrest Exchange Club-sponsored event is for young people 6 through 19 years of age. Miss Davenport will sing songs and award trophies to the winners in three age groups, who will be competing as singers, dancers, and instrumentalists, as well as in the art of mimicry and presenting dramatic readings. There is a general admission fee of \$1.



CONCENTRATION — Bill Werback, at left (as Quince) and Daryl Vaughn (in the role of Bottom) examine a scroll in a scene from Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream," which opens a four-performance run tonight at 7:30 at the Burroughs High School lecture center. This Community Light Opera and Theater Association production can also be seen at the same time tomorrow and next Friday and Saturday, March 18 and 19. General admission is \$3.50, with students, enlisted military and senior citizens being admitted for \$2.50.

Change in way of doing business to aid Commissary Store patrons

In just a few weeks, Navy Commissary Stores will change the way they do business and the change will benefit commissary shoppers.

As of March 29, 1983, the price on Commissary Store shelves will reflect only the cost price of the items. A surcharge of 5 percent will be added to the customer's total bill at the cash register.

These are two significant changes that will be taking place as the Navy modifies its commissary procedures to conform to Department of Defense direction that standardized surcharge procedures be implemented at all military commissary stores, effective April 1, 1983.

Prior to this change, Navy Commissary Stores utilized a retail pricing method in which the shelf price of an item included both the cost price and a surcharge so that the price on the shelf was what the patron paid at the checkout. The surcharge was not applied separately. The Navy surcharge, incorporated in the price, has been averaging slightly less than 6 percent in the China

Lake store.

The Navy Resale and Services Support Office has directed Navy Commissary Stores to implement the new procedures a few days earlier than required so that patrons may benefit from the lower shelf prices in conjunction with the military pay day.

The changeover to new procedures — reprogramming of cash registers and the establishment of new selling prices — will be accomplished on Sunday and Monday, March 27 and 28, when the Commissary Store is normally closed. The store will reopen on Tuesday, March 29.

The change is expected to further benefit Navy Commissary Store customers by enabling them to make easy and accurate comparisons of prices in Navy, Army, Air Force and Marine Corps Commissary Stores.

Navy Commissary Stores will continue to feature price reductions as they are received from suppliers, and these lower prices will be included in the new procedure.



Members and guests are invited to dine out and enjoy an evening of country western music this evening at the Chief Petty Officers' Club.

The menu will include a choice of prime rib of beef or Icelandic cod, that will be served from 6 until 9 p.m.

"Gilliam Family," a four piece Los Angeles band, will be providing musical entertainment starting at 9 o'clock.

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The Enlisted Mess has scheduled dancing and dining tonight for those wishing to attend. Hanlay Page, a rock music group, will be in the ballroom from 9 o'clock until closing time.

In the flight deck at 9 o'clock, Orlando Holman will be playing a collection of recorded disco music.

Prior to this evening's entertainment, surf n' turf will be the special in the dining room. Dinner will be served from 6 to 9 o'clock.

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Play goes still have tonight and tomorrow to enjoy the China Lake Players production of "Catch Me If You Can." The curtain goes up at 8:15 p.m. at The Playhouse (corner of Blandy Avenue and Lauritsen Road).

General admission is \$3.50, with a \$2.50 admission for senior citizens, enlisted military and students. Because of limited seating, advance reservations are required and may be made by telephoning 446-5026 or 446-6212.

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Tonight is the opening night of the Community Light Opera and Theater Association's production of Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream."

The romantic comedy can be seen at the Burroughs High School lecture center tonight and tomorrow, and next Friday and Saturday, with the curtain scheduled to go up at 7:30. General admission is \$3.50, with students, enlisted military and senior citizens admitted for \$2.50. Tickets may be purchased at the box office prior to the show.

MOVIES

Regular starting time 7:00 p.m.

FRI. SAT	MARCH 11, 12
"BEST LITTLE WHOREHOUSE IN TEXAS"	
Starring Burt Reynolds and Dolly Parton (Musical/Comedy, rated R, 114 min.)	
SUNDAY	MARCH 13
"MAN WITH THE GOLDEN GUN"	
Starring Roger Moore and Christopher Lee (Adv./Drama, rated PG, 125 min.)	
MONDAY	MARCH 14
"YOUNG DOCTORS IN LOVE"	
Starring Michael McKean and Sean Young (Comedy, rated R, 96 min.)	
WEDNESDAY	MARCH 16
"BLADE RUNNER"	
Starring Harrison Ford and Rutger Hauer (Drama, rated R, 117 min.)	
FRIDAY	MARCH 18
"WORLD ACCORDING TO GARP"	
Starring Robin Williams and Mary Hurt (Drama, rated R, 137 min.)	

How time flies . . .

This week's "Remember when ..." column personality is Ray A. Miller, head of the Propulsion Systems Division in the Ordnance Systems Department.

An employee at China Lake for more than 25 years, he has held his present division head post since July 1976. Two of the major projects of prime concern to him at this time are Skipper, a weapon developed for use in attacking ships at sea, and ASROC, a vertical-launched anti-submarine rocket.

Miller has headed the Propulsion Systems Division since October 1965, with the exception of a year (June 1975 to August 1976) that he served as the first Science Advisor to the Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Atlantic Fleet, in Norfolk, Va.

While Ray was involved in projects aimed at helping to solve Fleet problems in anti-submarine and other areas (benefiting from the opportunity to see the diversity of problems facing a Fleet commander), his wife and family members enjoyed the change of scenery and living in the Virginia Beach area.

When Miller, who has received various patent and performance awards, is not working, he enjoys doing needlework, and has several wall hangings he has made that are on display in his office.

Fishing in the Onion Valley area is another of his favorite pastimes, as in visiting such faraway places as England. Having made one trip to England on a guided tour, he and his wife are planning to return there this year, rent a car, and set their own pace as they make their way around the countryside.

The Millers have a married daughter, a son-in-law, and two grandchildren living in Ridgcrest, as well as another daughter, Pam, who attends school in Bakersfield and a son, Mike, who lives at home and attends Cerro Coso College.

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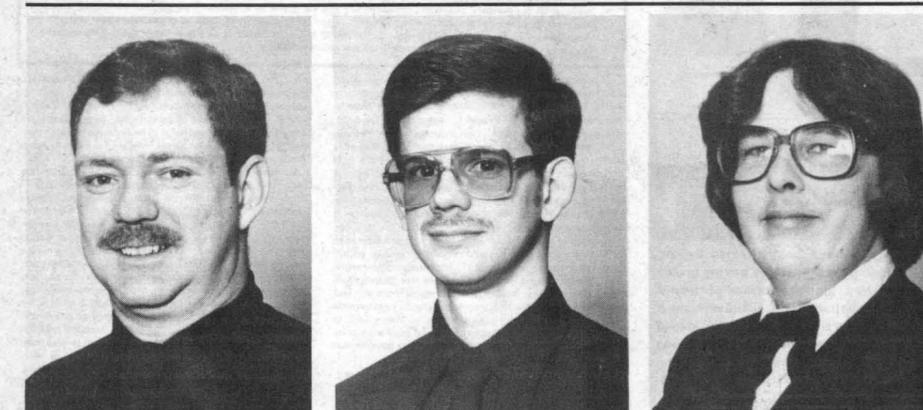
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Bluejacket of Year banquet set Saturday

The field has been narrowed down to six and the waiting is almost over before the announcements will be made disclosing the names of the outstanding Bluejackets of the Year from the Naval Weapons Center and Air Test and Evaluation Squadron Five (VX-5).

The dual announcements and the ceremony surrounding them will highlight the 14th annual Bluejacket of the Year banquet, which is to be held tomorrow night at the Enlisted Mess.

A social hour starting at 6:30 p.m. will precede a turkey and steamboat round beef buffet dinner that will be served at 7:30 prior to the evening's program that is scheduled to get underway at 9 o'clock.

LIST OF CANDIDATES

The candidates for this singular honor, which is arranged for annually by the Indian Wells Valley Council of the Navy League, are AC1 Charles D. Waugh, AC2 Theodore A. Reed, PR2 Patricia E. Carey, and AMS3 Susan E. Risley, from NWC; and AD1 Kent M. Harris, and MA1 Douglas A. Skon, from VX-5.

The list of nominees, all of whom were Sailors of the Quarter from their respective commands, originally included AMS1 Mark H. Higgins and AD2 Van A. Greenfield, who have since transferred from VX-5.

Each of the Bluejackets in attendance and either spouse or date will be the guests of individual sponsors, who are members of the Navy League.

EMCEE FOR EVENING

Richard Suprenant, a member of the Navy League's board of directors, will serve as master of ceremonies for the evening, and a welcome to the throng of some 250 persons in attendance will be extended by Vivian Boultinghouse, Navy League president.

Military officials present will include Capt. Lahr and his wife, Jan; Capt. Paul Hollandsworth, Commanding Officer of VX-5, and Mrs. Hollandsworth; Capt. Scotty Vaught, NWC Chief Staff Officer, and Mrs. Vaught; Col. John Tyler, head of the Marine Corps Liaison Office, and Mrs. Tyler; TMCJ J. W. McAllester, Chief Petty Officer of the Command, and Mrs. McAllester; and RMCJ (SS) R. A. Jacobsen, Command Master Chief of VX-5, and Mrs. Jacobsen.

Among the many civilian dignitaries present will be B. W. Hays, NWC Technical Director, and Jim Charlton, president of the Ridgcrest Chamber of Commerce.

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Bids sought on sale of land next to high school access road

The General Services Administration is now seeking sealed bids on the purchase of approximately 16.15 acres of unimproved land located along the east side of the Burroughs High School access road — between the road and the irregular boundaries of the old Wherry housing area.

Sealed bids will be accepted at the GSA Business Service Center in San Francisco until 11 a.m. on April 7.

The property that is up for sale extends along East French Street from China Lake Boulevard to the Burroughs High School property line.

Angle Rate Bombing System now in Fleet aircraft

During the first week of February, NWC A-4M/AV-8B Program Office (Code 3103) personnel installed the first production Angle Rate Bombing System (ARBS) in Fleet A-4M aircraft.

Marine Attack Squadron 311 of Marine Air Group 13 at the Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS), El Toro, Calif., was the first squadron to receive the ARBS.

The A-4M ARBS, developed at NWC in the early 1970s and produced for the Marines by Hughes Aircraft Co. and IBM, is the result of integrating new avionics hardware and software required to provide angle rate bombing capability with older equipment already existing in the A-4M aircraft.

The ARBS-equipped aircraft provides a close-air-support weapons delivery system utilizing the ARBS, head-up display and associated aircraft sensors, cockpit controls and displays.

Target acquisition is achieved either automatically or manually using the dual mode (laser spot or TV) tracker. After target acquisition, weapon delivery is accomplished automatically or manually by the pilot, who flies the steering cues on the head-up display.

Test results to date have been "better than any other known system of its kind in the free world."

Carl Burkey, project engineer, and Bill Long, systems engineer, of NWC Code 3103 have been involved in a highly intensive effort over the past year to ensure a successful Fleet introduction of the Angle Rate Bombing System.

Following checkout of the first production

system on an NWC flight test aircraft last December, Burkey and Long joined Naval Air Rework Facility (NARF), Pensacola, Fla., personnel at MCAS, El Toro, to conduct integration checkouts of the system in squadron aircraft. Problems discovered during the MCAS checkout were rapidly resolved to assure proper ARBS installations.

In February these same NWC personnel,

joined by Major Jon Gallinetti, Air Weapons System Officer in the NWC Marine Corps Liaison Office, traveled to El Toro to install the first production ARBS systems.

This team provided training to squadron pilots and operational and maintenance personnel, and assisted the squadron in resolving other aircraft avionics problems that had been keeping their aircraft in a

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INTO THE SYSTEM — Carl Burkey, ARBS project engineer, checks a part of the system installed in an A-4M aircraft at Armitage Airfield. ARBS is now operational in the Fleet, with Marine Attack Squadron 311 at the Marine Corps Air Station, El Toro.



HELPING HAND OFFERED — Center employees who have been affected by the Reduction in Force (RIF) are invited to seek help in finding another job by paying a visit to Virginia Smith in Room 210 of the Training Center...

Hispanic Employment Committee has need for additional members

Although the Center's Hispanic Employment Committee is currently small and the position of Hispanic Employment Program Manager has not yet been filled, the committee is still active. It will assist Los Amigos Hispanos in putting on a special tamale luncheon on March 31 to enable Centerites to enjoy the culinary aspects of Hispanic culture...

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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...

Announcement No. 3698, Quality Assurance Specialist, DS-1910-3, PAC No. 8334578, Code 3482 — This position is that a Quality Assurance Specialist within the Quality Assurance Branch, Product Assurance Division, Engineering Department...

Announcement No. 3968, Computer Specialist, DS-344-2, PAC No. 8255910, Code 3924 — This position is located in the department staff and is the Data Base Administrator for the Weapons Department Management Information System...

Announcement No. C-42-07, Computer Specialist, DS-344-2, PAC No. 8255910, Code 43202 — This position is located in the Frequency Management Office, Range Instrumentation Support Division, Range Department...

Announcement No. 31-092, Interdisciplinary, General Engineer, Electronics Engineer, Computer Scientist, Mechanical Engineer, 801/855/1559/1310/1126/429/429/3, PAC 8331532E47, Code 3158 — This position is that of Targeting Laboratory System Manager, DP-3, located in the Target Recognition Systems Branch...

Announcement No. 09-003, Clerk (Typing), GS-303-3/4, PD No. 7465027N, Code 091 — This position is located in the Employment Management Relations Division of the Personnel Department...

Announcement No. 32-063, Industrial Equipment Mechanic Foreman, WS-3352-9, JD 453-34E, Code 2533 — This position is located in the Process Support Branch, Process Systems Division, Ordnance Systems Department...

Table with 2 columns: Service Name and Time. Includes Protestant, Roman Catholic, Jewish, and Unitarian services.

Despite losing match, Buggy Bath keglers remain in 1st place

The Buggy Bath keglers, upended 16 points to 4 in their match against the National Car Rental bowlers, had a crimp put in their lead, but are still in first place in the Premier (scratch) League following Monday night's action at Hall Memorial Lanes.

Also this week, the Killeen & Hutchison CPA squad moved into second place by the scant margin of a single point over the ERI Hustlers...

High team game for the night was the 1045 posted by the Elks Lodge, while high team series honors went to National Car Rental for its 3-game total of 2872.

Current standings in the Premier League are: Buggy Bath, 281; Killeen & Hutchison CPA, 272.5; ERI Hustlers, 271.5; National Car Rental, 269; Hideaway, 254; Elks Lodge, 249; Raytheon Sidewinders, 237; Sports of All Sorts, 233.5; Turner's Real Estate, 231.5; The Place, 195.

Table with 3 columns: Team Name, Won, Lost. Lists various bowling teams and their records.

BHS baseball

A force out at third base ended the inning, and the game's only other run was tallied by the Ridgecrest team in the last half of the fifth inning.

Lewis led off with a single to right field, stole second, and was advanced to third base on a bunt by Embree. Kaupp then singled through the second base slot to drive in Lewis.

The Drillers got a runner as far as second on a hit and a sacrifice bunt in the sixth, but he was stranded there when a strikeout ended the inning.

In their final turn at bat, the Drillers also were blanked after getting two runners on base with one out. A force out at second base wiped out one base runner, and Vie struck out Todd Littlejohn of Bakersfield to end the game.

The Burros scored 2 runs on 5 hits, left 7 runners on base and committed 1 error. For the Drillers, it was 2 hits and no runs, with 4 base runners stranded, and 1 error.

Vie, the winning pitcher for Burroughs, struck out 8 opposing batters.



OFF AND RUNNING — Four of the Naval Weapons Center's four-strippers set aside a time recently to participate in the physical fitness testing program.

Navy physical fitness testing program underway

Naval Weapons Center military personnel are in the midst of an extended period of physical fitness testing that began in early January and is expected to be completed by March 30.

Groups of Navy officers and enlisted men and women are being tested at Schoeffel Field during sessions that are held at 10 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday.

According to Lt. Dave Feldman, the NWC physical fitness testing program officer, the program has been expanded from three age groups (as it was last year) to five this year. These range from under 30 to 50 years of age and over.

Different standards are set for men and women in each age group (under 30, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, and 50 and older) for the various exercises that are included in the test.

While there are five events, in order to pass everyone must meet the minimum standards set for three. They are 1 1/2 mile run, sit-ups, and a sit-reach exercise that



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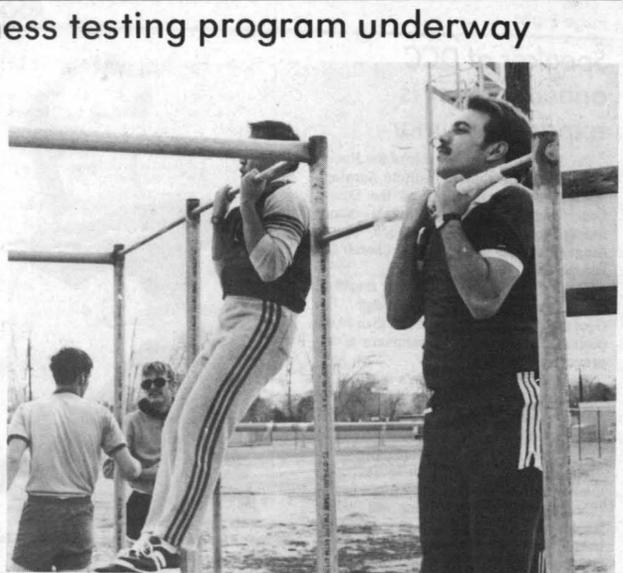
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Registration ends for youth soccer spring season today

Approximately 300 young people have already registered, and signups at the Community Center will continue until 4 p.m. today for the Youth Soccer League's 1983 spring season of play.

The youth soccer program is open to boys and girls in the first through ninth grades, and there is a once-per-year registration fee that is a prerequisite for taking part in this or any other youth sports program sponsored by the Recreation Services Department.

Those who paid this fee in order to play youth soccer last fall, or in order to take part in any other youth sports program conducted by Code 22, are covered for a 12-month period.

The amount of this charge varies, as follows: for military dependents — \$6 for 1 child, \$9 for 2, or \$12 for 3 or more children from the same family; DoD dependents, \$10 for 1 child, \$15 for 2, or \$20 for 3 or more members from the same family; all others — \$12 for 1 child, \$18 for 2, and \$22 for 3 or more members of the same family.

In addition to the above, there also is a \$10 fee per player to cover the cost of soccer equipment and uniforms. Those who took part in the fall season of the Youth Soccer League will not be required to pay the uniform fee again, but will be assessed an equipment fee of \$2 each.

In preparation for the start of the spring season of Youth Soccer league competition, there will be a final tryout session tomorrow morning at Davidove Field. The reporting times for various age groups are: 1st and 2nd graders, 9 a.m.; 3rd and 4th graders, 10 a.m.; and 5th through 9th graders, 11 a.m.

At a coaches meeting that has been scheduled on Saturday, March 19, players will be assigned to various Youth Soccer League teams, and a week of team practice sessions will precede the start of league play on Saturday, March 26.

March Madness 3-mile run results announced

On what turned out to be an ideal day for such an event, the Over-the-Hill Track Club's (OTHC) March Madness 3-mile run was staged last Saturday at the East Kern Regional Park in Ridgecrest.

Clear skies that followed several days of heavy rain made for perfect conditions for this race, which attracted a number of Junior Olympic runners out for a hard practice run, in addition to OTHC members and other distance runners.

Three runners, all of them competing in different age groups, covered the distance in less than 17 min. They were Bill McNabb, winner in the 20 to 29-year-old age group, 16 min., 21 sec.; Jan Barglowski, tops in the 15 through 19-year-old group, 16:26; and Bob McDiarmid, who placed first in the 30 to 39-year-old age group, 16:50.

Best marks for women runners were those posted by Mary Kilpatrick (19:20) in the 30 through 39-year-old age group; and Bridget Freyne (19:50) in the 14-years-of-age and under category.

Other top contenders in the various age groups for the race, and their times, were:

Men's Division
14 yrs. of age and under — Jeff Swinford (18:47), Chris Maraz (22:13), and Eric Martin (22:34).

15 through 19 yrs. of age — Keith Dinger (19:11).

20 through 29 yrs. of age — Steve Schaniel (18:10), Bill Hammer (18:29), and Scott Roberts (20:09).

30 through 39 yrs. of age — Larry Meyer

Burros varsity nine splits twin bill with Drillers

Burroughs High School's varsity baseball team, preparing for the start of the 1983 Golden League season this afternoon at Palmdale, split a double header here last Saturday with the Drillers from Bakersfield High.

The Bakersfield team stemmed a seventh inning rally by the Burros to win the first game 7-6, but Steve Vie, ace pitcher for Burroughs, limited the Drillers to just two hits in the second contest, which the Burros won 2-0.

Garrett Randolph started on the mound for the Drillers and pitched the first five innings for the Bakersfield team before being relieved in last half of the fifth inning.

The visitors from Bakersfield were getting solid hits off David Vigneault, who went the seven-inning distance as the pitcher for Burroughs.

Mike Stewart, lead off man for the Drillers, doubled to right field to open the game and then stole third base, but a great leaping catch by Kevin Blecha, third baseman, prevented Stewart from scoring after the second man at bat had popped up.

Ron Thorton, batting in the cleanup spot for the Drillers, doubled to right field, enabling Stewart to tally the game's first run.

A home run by Todd Littlejohn highlighted the top half of the second inning for the Bakersfield team. It was followed by a double off the bat of Carlos Pena, second baseman for the visitors, and a single by Stewart.

A miscue in the form of a wild throw to third base, during an attempt to get Pena, allowed the Driller second sacker to score, and the Bakersfield team led 3-0 after two innings of play.

The Burros, who were unable to bunch their hits sufficiently during the early going in this game to get any runs, gave up a fourth tally to the Drillers in the top of the fourth inning. Diaz was safe on an infield hit that was caught in centerfield, and then scored on ground ball hit to second base by Brian Cox, who was thrown out at first.

Tom McKay, a hard-throwing left-hander, came in to pitch for Bakersfield in the bottom of the sixth, and the Burros jumped on him for 2 runs on 2 hits that cut the Drillers' lead to 4-2.

Kaupp started things off with a single to right field, but was thrown out at second on



CLOSE PLAY — Rick Bird (No. 4), left fielder for the Burros' varsity nine, nearly beat out an infield hit during the Burroughs vs. Bakersfield High varsity baseball game. The Drillers won the first game, 7-6, but lost the second half of the double-header 2-0. Ron Thornton is the first sacker for the Drillers.

a fielder's choice play that left Curtis Cooper safe at first. Blecha came within inches of putting the ball over the fence in left field, but Priest managed to hang onto the ball despite banging into the fence.

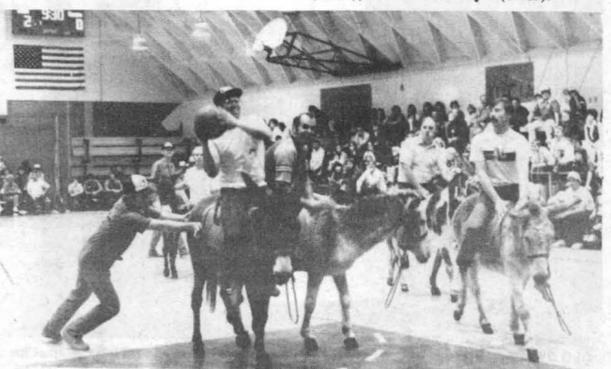
With two outs and Cooper on base, Troy Rowland found a pitch to his liking and succeeded in clearing the fence with it for a home run.

Vigneault started off the seventh inning by issuing a walk to Cooper, but then struck out the next two Bakersfield batters. Before the dust had cleared in the top of the seventh, however, McKay singled to drive in Priest, and Greg Simonini, the Drillers' shortstop, slammed a home run that scored McKay ahead of him. Vigneault struck out the last batter to face him, but Bakersfield was sitting on a comfortable lead of 7-2 as the Burros came to bat for the last time.

Now it was the Burros turn to show their potential at bat, and they proceeded to knock McKay out of the box with singles by Dan Allan and Vigneault, who led off the inning, and a home run by Tim Lewis.

Tom Kellenberger, the Drillers' third pitcher in the game, got the first batter he faced on a pop out to the infield, but Kaupp, who had a perfect day at the plate with four singles, bashed a high hopper over second base.

Women's Division
14 yrs. of age and under — Renee Barglowski (21:47), Catrice Hood (22 min.), Regina Szczypiorski (23:03), Janet Kyser (23:34), Terry Hunt (28:51), and Karen Bornfleth (29:38).
30 through 39 yrs. of age — Mary Martin (22:05), and Sumalee Meyer (27:15).



A LITTLE FRIENDLY PERSUASION — Success in donkey basketball often calls for pushing and tugging on the stubborn beasts, as the slow motion action in the above photo indicates. Three 20-min. games of donkey basketball were played last Saturday night at the Burroughs High School gym. The Key Club, youth group sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Ridgecrest, defeated its sponsoring organization 24-20, but was outscored 14-10 by the BHS faculty team. In game No. 3, the China Lake Fire Division defeated a team composed of Kern County firefighters and volunteer firemen from Ridgecrest by a score of 14-10. — Photo by Mickey Strang

Final signups for Ridgecrest Little League set Saturday

Late registration for the Ridgecrest Little League baseball program has been scheduled tomorrow from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Kerr-McGee field on South Downs Street in Ridgecrest.

Boys and girls 8 to 12 years of age as of July 31, 1983, and who live in Ridgecrest south of Drummond Drive and Ridgecrest Boulevard, and west of China Lake Boulevard are eligible for the Ridgecrest Little League.

All players must attend tryouts, and there are openings on Major and Minor Division, as well as Farm Division, teams.

Registration also will be handled at the tryouts tomorrow. There is a registration fee of \$25 per player, or \$35 for two or more children from the same family. A birth certificate is requested as proof of age.

Additional information can be obtained by calling Bill Maddux, at 375-2756; Ray McCue, at 375-2182; or Mary Hamilton, at 375-9357.

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 — I went to the theater on a recent weekend and noticed the playing of the national anthem at the beginning of the show. There is no flag in the auditorium. The flag was only shown at the beginning and end of the film during the national anthem.

I was wondering if this film is proper for the national anthem, since the flag is on screen for just a short while. Shouldn't it be visible through the whole national anthem?

ANSWER

There is no requirement to portray the flag during the playing of the national anthem. Anyone who is in uniform and covered (has a hat on) should face the music or the flag, if it is not displayed, in the same area as the music is coming from and salute. All others simply stand at attention, so as to render respect and honor. Of course, males not in uniform should remove their head gear, whenever the national anthem is played.

By the way, I think the film we show during the playing of the anthem is extraordinarily effective and moving.

QUESTION

Civilian Contractor — I was wondering if you would consider replacing the public address system that plays the national anthem. A distorted gangle that I hear every morning kind of puts me off.

With the technical expertise and equipment here, there just doesn't seem to be any excuse to allow such poor quality to continue to mangle such a solemn and precious piece of music. I like the national anthem to raise my hackles like it should, but with the gargles that we hear, it just isn't the same. Thank you.

ANSWER

You are correct and I thank you for bringing it to my attention. From where I sit, it sounds fine, so I was not aware. We are working on a new sound system. If it doesn't improve by mid-March, how about giving me a call either on the Skipper Sez line or direct. Thanks.

QUESTION

Civilian employee — I would like to talk about the energy bills that I saw in the Feb. 18 Rocketeer, in which it talked about less energy being consumed and higher cost. My question is, does this mean we are going to have to sacrifice even more just to help the utility companies?

ANSWER

I'll let you draw your own conclusions about our relationship to the utility companies, but I can tell you that today the Naval Weapons Center is using only 76 percent of the energy that we did in 1975. It is costing us 2.4 times as much as it did then.

QUESTION

Civilian employee — I want to know what the base policy is on using "B" mountain for mountain climbing practice. I know a couple of years ago we went up there. We used to be able to go up there for mountain climbing classes.

I want to know if it is still legal to go up there, or who we have to go through? We used to be able to just go up there.

ANSWER

When the command went to a modified open gate program in December 1980, the security of restricted areas on Center was increased proportionately. "B" mountain is considered a restricted area and is located behind the inner range barrier fence. Therefore, normal recreational use of "B" mountain is no longer allowed; however, certain exceptions for authorized groups, such as the Search and Rescue and Mountain Rescue Teams are made occasionally for "B" mountain.

I'm sorry that we have had to restrict usage, but it is one of the prices we must pay for the convenience and cost savings of a modified open gate policy.

ARBS goes to Fleet aircraft . . .

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"down" status. Subsequent VMA-311 flight tests with ARBS were extremely successful. The squadron pilots were unanimous in their assessment of the ARBS: "This system is awesome."

A recent letter of appreciation from the squadron highlighted the outstanding contribution of the NWC employees during

this Fleet introduction effort.

As the Weapons System Support Activity (WSSA), NWC is tasked with supporting the A-4M/ARBS throughout the system's life cycle. WSSA personnel will provide technical support during the remaining ARBS Fleet installations, and will continue in the system/software support role throughout the remaining A-4M/ARBS life cycle.



NEWLY EQUIPPED — Marine Corps A-4 aircraft are now being equipped with the Angle Rate Bombing Systems (ARBS) to provide a close-air-support weapons delivery system. Marine Attack Squadron 311 of Marine Air Group 13 at the Marine Corps Air Station, El Toro, is the first group to be equipped with ARBS.



WINS NATIONAL HONOR — Dennis Rowell, president of Chapter 28 of the Federal Managers' Association at China Lake, displays the plaque that he received for being selected the outstanding FMA chapter president in the nation. The award was presented during the FMA's 45th annual convention in Washington, D.C.

China Laker honored as top FMA chapter pres. in nation

Dennis Rowell, president of Chapter 28 of the Federal Managers' Association (FMA) at China Lake, recently received the prestigious Gil Gundry Award for being the outstanding FMA chapter president at that organization's 45th annual convention in Washington, D.C.

An accountant, he is currently business manager for the Phoenix Missile Fuze System at NWC. Rowell has been a Center employee since 1970, and grew up in the local area.

The local chapter of FMA nominated Rowell for the honor at the Zone 10 level (the zone encompassing China Lake); in winning the award as outstanding Zone 10 president, he became Zone 10 nominee for the national honor.

The letter of nomination from Chapter 28, written by Les Saxton for the members, noted that Rowell has been president of Chapter 28 since 1978, during which time membership has grown from 50 to 124 members.

The current membership also represents

a broader spectrum of managers at NWC than formerly, since not only two department heads and managers at various levels from the financial and technical community belong, but also managers from the support departments.

Rowell has been active in FMA affairs, attending numerous conferences of that group as well as providing outstanding speakers for local chapter meetings. In addition, he has been a leader in Chapter 28's efforts to obtain a reconsideration of the equity of contracting out procedures by Washington officials.

Other members of Chapter 28 who attended the national convention were Les Saxton, Beth Janish, Donna Gonder, and Brandi Williams.

The FMA represents more than 16,000 federal managers at all levels. While approximately 200 to 300 delegates attended the convention, Congressmen, Congressional aides, and ranking military and civilian officials raised attendance at most sessions to over 500 persons.

Phone nos. to call for service by contractor personnel listed

It is anticipated that Pan American World Services, Inc., will assume operation of housing maintenance, transportation operation and maintenance, and supply operations on Sunday, March 13.

In view of this, the following information is provided on what phone numbers to call in order to obtain service in those areas affected by the changeover to contractor instead of in-house operations:

Housing maintenance trouble calls will continue to be handled by the Housing Division trouble desk, phone NWC ext. 2380, and will be relayed to the contractor.

For those in need of transportation operation and maintenance service, the number to call (until further notice) is 3411, ext. 306.

Supply operations are expected to continue as before, with some changes in the contractor's organizational code numbers. Most telephone numbers will remain the same.

The key functions, codes and telephone numbers for supply operations that will be handled by contractor personnel are as follows:

Customer service — Code C25511, NWC ext. 2398.

Telemart — Code C25511, NWC ext. 2227 or 2228.

Technical — Code C25511, NWC ext. 2178.

Stock Control — Code C25512, NWC ext.

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Receipt Control — Code C25513, NWC ext. 2272 or 2728.

Direct Supply Support — Code C25521, NWC ext. 2396.

PW Bills of Material — Code C25522, NWC ext. 2598.

Vehicle Support (Whse 83) — Code C25523, NWC ext. 2013.

Storage — Code C25531, NWC ext. 2241.

MTIS/Office Repair — Code C25531, NWC ext. 2764 or 2500.

Receiving/Delivery — Code C25532, NWC ext. 2185.

Inspection/Cash Fund — Code C25532, NWC ext. 2540.

Shipping — Code C25533, NWC ext. 3376, 3377 or 3378.

If there are any problems with the above-listed supply services, contact the Quality Assurance Division, Code 253, by calling NWC ext. 2997 or 3486.

AFGE meeting slated Mon.

Local 1781 of the American Federation of Government Employees will hold its next monthly meeting on Monday, starting at 7 p.m., at 520 East Inyokern Rd., China Lake.

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

YN2 Miller honored as Seabee of Year at annual ball

Nearly 120 Civil Engineer Corps (CEC) officers, Seabee Reservists and guests attended the anniversary ball held last Saturday at the Commissioned Officers' Mess to commemorate the 116th and 41st birthdays of the CEC and Seabees, respectively.

Among highlights of the evening was the presentation of the "Seabee of the Year" award for 1982 to Yeoman 2nd Class Sam J. Miller by EOC Cy Ebersberger, USNR-R, officer-in-charge of Reserve Mobile Construction Battalion 17's Detachment 0217 at China Lake.

The Seabee of the Year Award is given at this time each year to a member of the local Seabee Reserve Detachment who demonstrates a superior quality of professional competence, as well as continuing and enthusiastic support of the Naval Reserve Program.

YN2 Miller received a plaque and a letter of commendation signed by EOC Ebersberger for being selected as the Seabee of the Year.

A Seabee Reservist for the past 2½ years, YN2 Miller works as a specifications writer for HARM in the Technical Data Division (Code 3656) of the NWC Engineering Department.

Miller joined the workforce at NWC in 1965 — starting out as a document repro technician in the Weapons Development

Department (old Code 40), and has held his present job in Code 3656 for the past six years.

The Seabee of the Year feels that the work of the reserves is "important and critical." He divides his monthly drill time between here and RNMCB 17's permanent duty site at Port Hueneme. In keeping with the Navy's emphasis on physical fitness, he swims at least a mile every day at the indoor pool on Center.

"The can-do spirit of the Seabees is something that I've taken to heart," YN2 Miller added. The modern yeoman, he explained, is almost a documentation specialist, since his varied duties involve not only personnel jackets, but he or she works with payroll, handles arrangements for travel and training, and keeps tabs, as well, on field operations.

"It's important that yeoman be versatile," stressed YN2 Miller, who is the first individual in a support rate higher than one of the construction trades to receive the Seabee of the Year award here.

In the letter of commendation that accompanied the award to YN2 Miller, he was congratulated for taking it upon himself to index and recompose new battalion instructions for RNMCB 17 — a task that was labeled "a monumental feat in itself."

It also was noted that YN2 Miller was the recipient of a letter of commendation for



ALL SMILES — EOC Cy Ebersberger, USNR-R, Officer-in-Charge of Reserve Mobile Construction Battalion 17's Detachment 0217 at China Lake, congratulates Yeoman 2nd Class Sam J. Miller, USNR-R, as he announces Miller's selection as Seabee of the Year. Equally pleased at the choice of YN2 Miller for this honor is Capt. J.L. Horacek, who officiated as "King Bee" at the anniversary ball of the Navy Civil Engineer Corps and the Seabees. — Photo by PHI Benita Tetreault

volunteering for 17 days of active duty for training at Camp Pendleton in order to assist with the checking in of personnel assigned there for ACDUTRA.

Last year he also took annual leave from his civilian job to volunteer for 10 additional days of ACDUTRA to assist both China Lake Detachment 0217 and RNMCB 17.

Capt. J. L. Horacek, NWC Public Works Officer, presided over the festivities as "King Bee," and the master of ceremonies was Harry Parode, USN (Ret.), a former Public Information Officer and active duty Navy officer at NWC.

A large birthday cake baked especially for the occasion by MS1 Paul Anies, of NWC's Enlisted Dining Facility, was cut by Capt. Horacek, who was joined by EOC Ebersberger. First to be served a slice of the cake were the oldest and youngest Seabees in attendance at the anniversary

affair. They were BU2 Harold Schneider and CM3 Brian Sweeney, respectively.

Following a wine rib dinner and the anniversary celebration program, the evening was rounded out by listening and dancing to the music of Sagebrush, a local instrumental group.

Honored guests at the Seabee Ball were Capt. and Mrs. Horacek; Col. John Tyler, USMC Liaison Officer at NWC, and Mrs. Tyler; SWCS Ronald A. Goodwin, USNR-R, and SWCS Archie R. Mann, USNR-R, who are the Officer-in-Charge and Assistant O-in-C, respectively, of RMCB 17's Detachment 0117 of San Diego — a unit that has been at China Lake for two weeks of active duty for training.

Another special guest at the Seabee Ball was Vivian Boultinghouse, president of the Indian Wells Valley Council of the Navy League.

Nominations sought for Secretary, Clerk of Year to be feted at luncheon April 27

"Secretaries and Other Wonderful People Who Provide Clerical Assistance Appreciation Week" (April 25-30) will salute those models of office efficiency who keep the essential paperwork at the Naval Weapons Center flowing smoothly and who keep the offices functioning.

This year, four categories of awards will be presented during the annual Secretaries' Day luncheon to be held on Wednesday, April 27. Those to be honored are Department Secretary of the Year (for department level secretaries and above — a new category — most of whose members were polled to ensure that the majority would be willing to accept such recognition), Secretary of the Year (below department level), Clerk of the Year (payroll, personnel, disbursing, etc.), and W.A.E. of the

Year (clerical only).

Nominees may be either military or civilian, but must be current employees of NWC or its tenant activities, and must have been employed for a year by April 6, 1983.

Selection will be made on the basis of attitude and initiative, organization and quality of work, loyalty and discretion, dependability and responsibility, and public relations, appearance and demeanor.

Any military man or woman or civilian employee may make a nomination. Forms to be used for this purpose may be obtained from Belle Hervey, Federal Women's Program manager, who can be contacted by calling NWC ext. 2348 or 2738.

These forms must be returned to Ms. Hervey, Code 0908, Rm. 207 of the Personnel Building, by the close of business on April 6.

The winners will be announced at the Secretaries' Day luncheon during which Karen Altieri, the Center's Professional Recruitment Coordinator, will speak. Other activities scheduled that week include a workshop to be conducted by LaNelle Thompson, a former secretary on the Center.

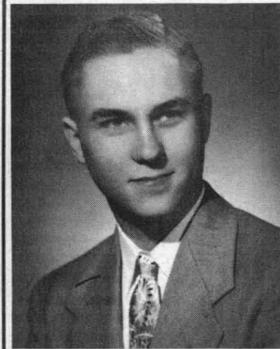
Pan Am reps to speak at tenants' meeting Monday

Jim Cummings of Pan American World Services Inc. will be the guest speaker at the tenants' Community Council meeting Monday at 7 p.m. in the East Wing of the All Faith Chapel.

He and other Pan American representatives will talk about their taking over of housing maintenance and will answer questions that tenants might have about it.

Since Pan American already has the contract for pest control, refuse pickup, care of common grounds, and other services, they will answer any questions that tenants might have in this area of concern as well.

Remember when...



It was high school graduation time in 1953 in Somerset, Ind., when the above photo was taken of this week's "Remember when ..." personality of the week.

The Hoosier state remained his stomping ground throughout his college years at Purdue University in Lafayette, but promptly after receiving a bachelor of science degree in chemical engineering in 1957, he gave up the green fields of the midwest for the stark environment of Indian Wells Valley and has remained here ever since.

His chemical engineering background suited him for technical work in the area of propellant formulation, and he also became involved in the design of composite propellant processing facilities, supervising their installation, and checking them out prior to their operation.

In addition he contributed to the design of the propellant grain, nozzle and igniter of the Sidewinder 1-C rocket motor, and, after nearly five years his recognized leadership abilities earned him a promotion to a branch head position.

In the latter capacity, he directed the activities of some 40 employees whose primary responsibilities were formulation, tailoring and characterization of propellants, followed by their scale-up to production size equipment.

His next step up the ladder came in October 1965, when he became a division head in charge of approximately 80 employees involved in research and development work on all solid propulsion systems at NWC.

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

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

Volunteer gp. studies earthquake preparedness

School preparedness for earthquakes, a report on an international earthquake conference held in Los Angeles, and announcement of preparations for a major search and rescue exercise to be held in Death Valley this weekend highlighted last Saturday's meeting of the Indian Wells Valley Emergency Services Volunteer Council.

Jewell St. George, president of the Sierra Sands Councils of PTAs, said that the goal of the council is to have a disaster box filled with needed supplies in every classroom in elementary and junior high schools in the IWV, and boxes located at strategic places at both high schools.

The children have been asked to bring in supplies for the boxes (the boxes themselves being furnished free of charge by Mayflower, Dunn's and Allied movers locally). The PTAs are joining in a massive yard sale tomorrow at Las Flores School

from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. to raise money for purchasing the additional supplies needed, such as candles, matches, lime, and blankets.

In addition, said Mrs. St. George, the PTA hopes to set up a series of three-hour disaster training workshops conducted by the American Red Cross to enable families to be prepared for emergencies.

The schools themselves will be sending a pamphlet home with each child to let parents know essential disaster information about how and when they should plan to pick up their child in case of an emergency during school hours.

Glenn Roquemore and John Zellmer, local geologists who attended the international conference on earthquakes held recently in Los Angeles, said that the United States is far behind Japan in preparing for quakes.

There's good reason for this gap, Roquemore noted, because about 10 percent

of all the earthquakes in the world during any one year happen in Japan. That country also experiences a quake of magnitude 8 on the average of every ten years, and a quake of magnitude 7 each year.

The geologists at the conference are convinced that there is between a 92 and 98 percent probability that a quake of about magnitude 8 will occur on the southern end of the San Andreas fault within the next 30 years, Roquemore reported.

"You don't have a disaster unless you're not prepared," he said, before listing the earthquake countermeasures identified at the conference as essential.

These include enforcing building codes to ensure earthquake and fire resistant buildings; securing systematic evacuation places and routes; hardening fundamental facilities for transportation, communication, water, and other utilities against disasters; hardening work spaces; staging regular full mobilization disaster exercises; enhancing awareness and spreading knowledge about disasters; and promoting earthquake prediction research.

Currently the faults in the Indian Wells Valley are being mapped and the ground studied to try to determine potential for earthquakes. The earthquake swarms that began 22 months ago are continuing, recurring about every third week, and the "notice" of earthquake potential issued by the U.S. Geological Survey has been renewed twice.

Rolly McNeill, who chaired the meeting, discussed the major interagency search and rescue exercise scheduled for Death Valley this weekend. The incident command system will be used in this exercise — this is a method for running any type of disaster developed by fire departments in response to major fire emergencies.

Air and ground units from the local area, from Inyo County, and from various Nevada communities will join in the training exercise, which will be centered at Furnace Creek in Death Valley.

Bluejacket fete...

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Capt. Lahr and Capt. Hollandsworth will announce the winners and runners-up for the Bluejacket of the Year honor from their commands, and the monetary awards and other gifts that each winner will receive will be presented by Mrs. Boultinghouse on behalf of the IWV Council of the Navy League.

The program will be opened by the pledge allegiance to the flag, led by Ralph Vuono, and Cdr. R. P. Beck, the All Faith Chapel's Catholic chaplain, will deliver the invocation and benediction.

Sea Cadets of the NWC Division, a unit sponsored by the local Navy League, will parade and retire the colors.

The awards for the Bluejacket of the Year program are made possible by donations received from Navy League members and other interested persons, including businessmen in the local area and contractors and corporations that do business with the Naval Weapons Center.

Police reports...

Tenants at 411 Hayward Circle called China Lake police on Wednesday of last week to report a burglary at their Capehart B housing area residence.

Police could find no signs of forced entry, but the victims had lost a calculator, an electric drill and food having a total estimated value of \$107.

FIVE DUI ARRESTS MADE
During the month of February, China Lake police made five arrests of motorists who were charged with driving under the influence (DUI) on the Naval Weapons Center.

Energy conservation tip

Use kitchen, bath, and other ventilating fans sparingly. In just one hour these fans can blow away a houseful of warmed or cooled air. Turn them off just as soon as they have done their job.



BIRTHDAY CAKE CUT — Capt. Horacek (at right), "King Bee" at the Seabee Ball, was joined by three others during the cake cutting ceremony at this event held to celebrate the 116th anniversary of the Navy Civil Engineer Corps and the 41st birthday of the Seabees. The other participants in this part of the program were (l.-r.) CM3 Brian Sweeney, EOC Cy Ebersberger, and BU2 Harold Schneider. CM3 Sweeney and BU2 Schneider were the youngest and oldest Seabee Reservists in attendance. EOC Ebersberger is the Officer-in-Charge of the local Seabee Reserve Detachment.

AQ2 Lemons picked as Sailor of Month by VX-5

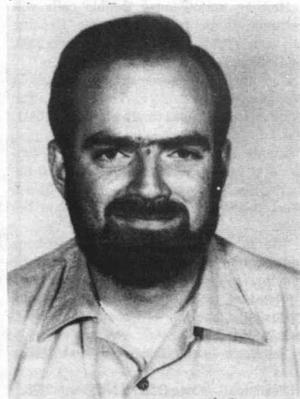
Aviation Fire Control Technician Second Class Henry D. Lemons was selected by Air Test and Evaluation Squadron Five as Sailor of the Month for January.

Petty Officer Lemons, who has been TDY for much of this past month, has been in the Navy for about three years, of which he has spent two stationed at China Lake. He came to VX-5 directly from "A" school — not where he had intended to come since he had volunteered for sea duty because one of the reasons that he joined the Navy from his native Arkadelphia, Ark., was to travel.

He is currently the night check supervisor for the integrated weapons team (IWT), a group that maintains the computers, radar, weapons delivery subsystems, and the navigation system of a wide range of aircraft that belong to his home squadron.

The commendation that he received, signed by Capt. P. F. Hollandsworth, Commanding Officer of VX-5, notes that Petty Officer Lemons received his recognition based on his continued outstanding military bearing, personal ap-

pearance, dedication to duty and professionalism while assigned to VX-5.



AQ2 Henry D. Lemons

His outstanding performance is indicated by his attaining the rank of Aviation Fire Control Technician Second Class within two years of his enlistment.

That enlistment took place, says Petty Officer Lemons, because he felt that the Navy would provide him with the finest opportunity for both training and travel.

Because of the long night-time hours that he is working, he notes that there's a lot of time currently for his favorite off-duty occupations of both water and snow skiing. He had done some of both before coming to China Lake, but feels that one of the best things that can be said for the local area is that it's relatively close to Mammoth Mountain. ("There's something terribly thrilling about falling face first down the side of a mountain," he jokingly notes.)

For having been selected as VX-5 Sailor of the Month, AQ2 Lemons received a letter of commendation, a VX-5 plaque with his name inscribed, a 72-hour weekend pass and one month free of duty, and a reserved parking space at Hangar 1 for a month.

Talk about future of Social Security set at ASPA meeting

"What Is the Future of Social Security?" will be discussed at an open meeting of the East Kern Chapter of the American Society for Public Administration (ASPA) on Friday, March 25, at 11:30 a.m. in the Mojave Room of the Commissioned Officers' Mess.

Ann Fanning, manager of the Ridgecrest Office of the Social Security Administration, will also talk about how federal Civil Service employees will be affected by changes in Social Security, and will answer questions following her talk.

All interested persons are invited to attend. To ensure adequate seating, anyone planning to attend is asked to telephone either George Linstead at NWC ext. 2305 or Bill Arnold at NWC ext. 2604 by the close of business on March 24.



OLD DUPLEX UNITS IMPROVED — Capt. Lahr joins Bill Hatfield (at left), head of the Housing Division in the Public Works Department, during an inspection of improvements that have been made at a three-bedroom old duplex on Nimitz Ave. New kitchen stoves and refrigerators have been installed, and the kitchens have been further improved by providing new counters and new counter tops, new sinks and a garbage disposal unit. Wooden frame windows that moved up and down (when not stuck fast by paint or accumulations of sand and grit), have been replaced by aluminum sliding windows, and there is a new vinyl floor covering instead of tile. A total of 81 old duplex housing units are being renovated in this fashion. — Photo by PHI Benita Tetreault