



**NEW PLAY AREA** — Members of the Chief Petty Officers' Association, personnel of the Housing Division, and volunteers from the Public Works Department recently constructed a play area for children behind the bleachers at Schoeffel Field. The equipment includes a bench, a swing set, and a slide, which is shown in the above photo. A merry-go-round is also scheduled to be installed in the new play area. The request for this equipment was made so that youngsters at the ballfield will have something to do while their parents are playing softball. Individuals involved in this program have volunteered off-duty time to the Housing Division's Self-Help projects, such as basic clean-up, installation of new equipment, and general improvement efforts.

## Rec. Services slates wide range of activities for young people

July is filled with activities being offered for young people by the Recreation Services Department.

A trip to Knott's Berry Farm is planned on Saturday, July 16, for boys and girls 12 to 17 years of age. Departure time is 6 a.m. from the Youth Center and return is scheduled at 9:30 p.m. at the same place. Fee for the trip is \$20, which covers admission and transportation to and from the park.

This trip is limited to 12 youths, and a parent permission slip is required for each young person who signs up for the trip.

Basketball clinics for children in grades 2 through 5 will take place the weeks of July 11-15 and 18-22. The clinics are designed for the boy or girl who wishes to further his or her basketball skill and knowledge.

Grades 2 and 3 will meet from 9 to 11 a.m. Monday through Friday (July 11 to 15) and 4th and 5th graders will meet at the same time the week of July 18 to 22. Cost of the clinics is \$10 per person.

Bowling instruction will begin July 15 and continue for four consecutive Fridays. A class for 8 to 10 year olds is scheduled from 8 to 9:30 a.m., and a session for youths 11 to 17 will follow at 9:30 and continue until 11 a.m.

Fee for the bowling classes, which will take place at Hall Memorial Lanes, is \$10. This charge covers instruction, lane fees, and shoe rental. Instruction will include the approach, delivery, spot bowling, score keeping, and bowling courtesy.

Craft classes for children 8 to 12 years old will begin July 11 and continue until July 20, meeting on Monday and Wednesday from 1 to 2:30 p.m. At each session there will be different projects for students to complete. The fee for these classes is \$10, and the location is the Youth Center.

A live band will be playing for a dance at the Youth Center on Saturday, July 16, from 7 to 10 p.m. Admission price to the dance, which is for youths 12 to 15 years of age, is \$2 per person.

**World of Discovery** — a program that explores a different place every meeting — will be held on Mondays from 9:45 to 11:15 a.m. for children 5 to 8 years of age. This program begins July 25 and will continue until Aug. 15. Another session, which meets on Tuesdays at the same time, will run from July 26 to Aug. 16. Fee for the class is \$8, and participants will meet at the Youth Center.

A story hour will be offered at the Center Library for children 6 and 7 years old on Monday (starting July 25) from 8:30 to 9:15 a.m. There will also be a story hour for children 4 and 5 years old on Wednesday (starting July 27) at the same time.

In addition to hearing stories read,

children will be treated to finger plays and flannel board activities. Fee for the story hour at the Center Library is \$5. For those 6 and 7 year olds wishing to sign up for both the story hour and the World of Discovery class, an instructor will walk the student to the Discovery class.

Youth tennis clinics will be taught by Michelle Archuleta, who will provide instruction on forehand, backhand, serve, footwork, and tennis rules at the King St. courts beginning July 12. Children between the ages of 8 and 10 will meet Tuesday and Friday for three weeks from 7:45 to 9:15 a.m.

The class for beginners, ages 11 to 17, will meet Monday and Thursday from 7:45 to 9:15 a.m., and there will be a class for intermediate tennis players, 11 through 17 years of age, which will meet immediately following from 9:15 to 10:45 a.m.

Golf lessons are scheduled at the Center's golf course, July 6-22. Participants will be divided into two classes — those 8 to 10 years of age from 1 to 2 p.m., and youths 11 to 17, from 2 to 3 p.m. Fee for the class, which is \$11.50, will cover the basic skills of the game of golf.

An oil painting class for anyone 10 years of age and older will be taught at the Craft Center on Tuesday evenings from 5:45 to 7:45. It is scheduled July 12 to Aug. 2. There is a \$20 fee that covers all materials and instructions.

A karate class, taught by black belt instructor Charmaine Franck, will be offered to youths between the ages of 9 and 15 on Tuesday and Thursday at the gym annex from 11:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The class, which will cost \$15, will concentrate on the basic skills and discipline of karate.

Registration for all of these classes is being handled at the Community Center. For further information, telephone NWC ext. 2010.



An old-fashioned, small-town Fourth of July celebration kicks off with a parade at Independence just up the Owens Valley on Monday. Parade watchers should be all set when the leaders step off smartly at 10 a.m.

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In honor of the Fourth of July, a Bluegrass Festival is scheduled at the Millpond Recreation Area near Bishop tomorrow. A dueling banjo spectacular; a banjo, fiddle, and flat pick guitar contest; and lots of footstomping music are planned from 2 until 11 p.m. A western barbecue is also slated.

Tickets for general admission are \$5 per person, with both children and senior citizens getting a reduced rate of \$3.

## Old-fashioned Fourth of July celebration set at fairgrounds

A 45-minute fireworks show at 9 p.m. will climax this year's Fourth of July celebration at the Desert Empire Fairgrounds in Ridgecrest. All Indian Wells Valley residents and their guests are invited to attend.

The day will begin early with a 5 kilometer Fun Run (3.1 miles) at 7:30 a.m. Registration for the race, which begins and ends at the fairgrounds, will start at 7 o'clock.

The entry fee of \$3 per runner will be donated to Rene Barglowski and Patty McChesney to help defray the cost of their trip in August to New Zealand, where they will participate in two 10-kilometer races.

A swap meet is scheduled from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., when the NWC Sea Cadets will conduct a flag-raising ceremony. It will be followed by contests and games throughout the remainder of the day.

Outdoor activities will include a watermelon-eating contest, a dunk tank, a root-beer chug-a-lug, and a pie-eating contest.

Anyone wishing to escape the heat can play bingo in the cool, air-conditioned exhibit building.

Later in the afternoon, two challenging events are scheduled — a greased pole climbing contest and a tug-of-war.

Food and beverages will be sold by local clubs and organizations throughout the day.

Donations are still needed to help pay for the fireworks display and may be placed in any of the firecracker-shaped canisters that have been set up at various businesses around the community.

This year's Fourth of July celebration is sponsored by the IWV Council of Organizations with the help of the Ridgecrest Chamber of Commerce and the Desert Empire Fair board of directors. These officials remind everyone not to bring fireworks to the fairgrounds, because individual use of fireworks is not allowed.

## Tickets on sale for party slated July 15 for all Centerites

All Center employees, family members and friends are invited to take part in the second annual NWC Summer Challenge, which will be held at the Commissioned Officers' Mess on Friday, July 15, from 7 p.m. until midnight.

Junior professional employees and summer hires are especially invited to attend.

Evening activities include dancing, water polo and volleyball. Beer, soft drinks, and assorted munchies will be included for the ticket price of \$3 per person (if purchased in advance) and \$4 per person at the door on the evening of the party.

Tickets may be purchased in advance by contacting Jeri Lynn Horacek, NWC ext. 2086, and Glenn Craig, NWC ext. 2576, in Michelson Laboratory; Daryl Moore, NWC ext. 2951, Thompson Laboratory; Carl Kumano, NWC ext. 4336, SNORT; Steve Schlagen, NWC ext. 7368, CLPL (after July 4); Lois Takemoto, NWC ext. 5111, at Armitage Airfield; and Terry Dougherty, NWC ext. 3571, at Echo Range.

### MOVIES

(G) ALL AGES ADMITTED  
General Audiences  
(PG) ALL AGES ADMITTED  
Parental Guidance Suggested  
(R) RESTRICTED  
Under 17 requires accompanying  
Parent or Adult Guardian

Regular starting time 7:00 p.m.

FRIDAY	"KISS ME GOODBYE"	JULY 1
Starring Sally Fields and James Caan (Comedy, rated PG, 111 min.)		
SATURDAY, SUNDAY	"STING II"	JULY 2, 3
Starring Jackie Gleason and Mac Davis (Comedy, rated PG, 99 min.)		
TUESDAY	Matinee, 2 p.m. "BAMBI"	JULY 5
(Animated Fantasy, rated G, 99 min.)		
WEDNESDAY	"ENDANGERED SPECIES"	JULY 6
Starring Robert Ulrich and Jo Beth Williams (Suspense, rated R, 97 min.)		
THURSDAY	Matinee, 2 p.m. "BATTLE BEYOND THE STARS"	JULY 7
FRIDAY	"JIMMY THE KID"	JULY 8
Starring Gary Coleman and Paul LeMat (Comedy/Drama, rated PG, 89 min.)		

## Extra care needed to prevent fires in dry brush, grass

No fireworks of any sort will be permitted on public lands south of Barstow because of extreme fire hazards, according to personnel of the Bureau of Land Management.

The heavy winter rains encouraged growth of grass that has now dried and needs only a slight spark to flame.

In addition, drivers of off-road and recreational vehicles who have modified their vehicles in such a way that spark arresters are no longer functional are also reminded that they can unwittingly cause fires by driving across areas covered with dry grass or brush.



**GOOD WORK RECOGNIZED** — Jo Burdick (Mrs. David L. Burdick), who lives at 903 Withington Rd., receives the award for the yard of the month for the Capehart B area, from William Hatfield, head of the Housing Division. Other winners for the month of July were AE2 Tony L. Rogers, of 1914 Halsey Ave., for the "hill" area, and Jan C. Schulz, of 702 Entwistle St., for the Old Duplex area.

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## Personnel from China Lake study damage caused by recent Coalinga earthquake

Within 48 hours of the M6.5 earthquake at Coalinga on May 2, four Naval Weapons Center personnel were on their way to that stricken community to observe the damage to various types of structures and to help identify earthquake fault displacement.

Each of the four — Dr. Glenn Roquemore, a geologist, and Ken Pringle, a physicist, in the Engineering Sciences Division of the Research Department; Hal Lenderman, an engineer in the Civil/Structural Branch of the Engineering Division in the Public Works Department; and Gene Edwards, a photographer in the Range Department — added some specialized expertise to the group.

While the fault displacement has not yet been ascertained, they brought back a great deal of information about the effect of the quake on structures even though they only studied external damages.

### PERTINENT TO LOCAL AREA

Observations of earthquake effects at Coalinga are especially pertinent to the China Lake/Ridgecrest area because the two share many characteristics: both are located in an alluvium-filled basin, both show a full array of building construction practices, and the epicenter of the Coalinga quake was about six miles from town, about the same distance from a populated area that the Indian Wells Valley's current seismicity has been located.

The Coalinga quake was listed as having a magnitude of 6.3 to 6.5; the U. S. Geological Survey wrote a "letter of unusual circumstances" last Oct. 14 stating that a greater likelihood of a quake of magnitude 6.0 exists in the IWV now than it did two years ago.

In the event of an M6 quake, Lenderman

thinks the structural integrity of most wood frame houses should fare well, because the structure of wood frame houses at Coalinga showed relatively little damage unless they slipped from their foundations.

Many of the older homes in Coalinga had been moved to town from the oilfields and been placed on inadequately braced foundations. Others were not adequately joined to their concrete foundations. Center housing does not appear to have that problem.

### ROOT OF PROBLEM

Much of the damage that occurred to homes in Coalinga resulted from poor adherence to building construction practices and pre-modern building code construction. Many were owner-built structures where the owners were following building codes that have since been updated reflecting new seismic design criteria. Codes are designed to prevent drastic failure and serious personal injury, although even in a code-built structure, damage and injury can occur in an M6 quake.

While all brick and masonry structures showed cracks, usually at edges of doors or windows, the ones that failed were those that were not adequately grouted and reinforced. Older business structures — stores and markets — built of brick mostly collapsed.

Brick veneers, brick walls and chimneys (new and old) also suffered a great deal of damage; the degree in which they were affected depended somewhat on whether they were parallel or perpendicular to the quake motion. Porches and carports nearly universally collapsed.

All of the mobile homes in one park were damaged because they fell off their foundations. Dropping or sliding a whole building two or more feet can also cause severe interior damage and potential injury to inhabitants. Apparently no mobile home owners in Coalinga had the new earthquake resistant foundations for mobile homes, possibly because they cost about \$2,500 for a

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**HAPPY OCCASION** — Capt. K. A. Dickerson, NWC Commander, congratulates B. W. Hays, Technical Director, after presenting him with the Navy Meritorious Civilian Service Award on behalf of Capt. J. J. Lahr, the former Commander.

## Technical Director honored Navy Meritorious Civilian Service Award given to Hays

The outstanding contributions that Burrell W. Hays, NWC Technical Director, has made to the Center, the Navy, and the defense of the United States earned him the Navy Meritorious Civilian Service Award.

This award is the highest honorary award in the Navy Civilian Service that may be granted by heads of activities, and the third highest Navy honorary award. It consists of a certificate, medal, and lapel bar.

The award was signed by Capt. J. J. Lahr on the day before his retirement last week, and was presented to Hays on June 22 by Capt. K. A. Dickerson, NWC's new Commander, during a special Commander's meeting held in the Management Center.

The letter from Capt. Lahr accompanying the award read, in part, "I present this

Tech Director Award presented

## Chemist cited for research work on explosives

The NWC Technical Director's Award, based on contributions made by Dr. Rodney L. Willer in the field of energetic materials synthesis and characterization, was presented recently by B. W. Hays during a Commander's meeting held in the Management Center of Michelson Laboratory.

Dr. Willer, who is a research chemist in the Energetic Materials Branch of Research Department's Chemistry Division, received an engraved paperweight, a letter of commendation, and a stipend that accompanies this special form of a Superior Achievement Award.

He was commended for the success he has achieved in the synthesis of new nitramine explosive and propellant materials.

According to Dr. E. B. Royce, who nominated Dr. Willer for the Technical Director's Award, Dr. Willer has become (in the three years that he has been employed by NWC) one of the Navy's leading researchers in the field of energetic materials synthesis.

The Technical Director Award winner has concentrated his efforts in the area of new nitramine explosive and propellant ingredients. It is these ingredients that currently provide the explosive wall for many of the solid propellants now in use, as well as in the warhead of the Sidewinder air-

to-air missile.

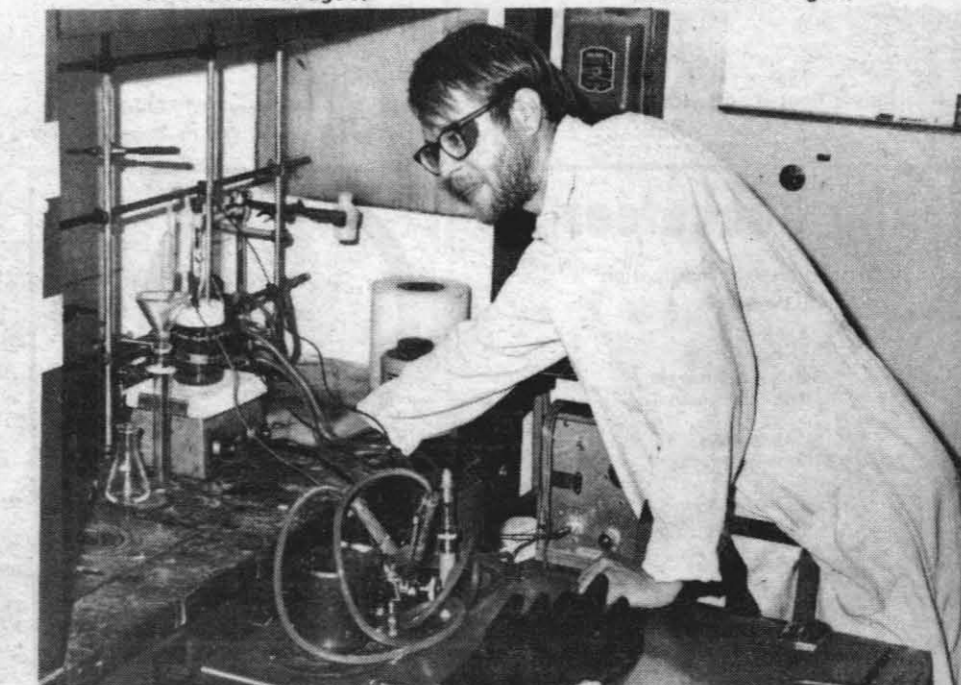
"This area of research is recognized by the explosive and propellant community as the focal point in our efforts to improve the performance of current weapons systems, and to provide the new explosive and propellant materials that will be required in the future," Dr. Royce wrote regarding the aim of Dr. Willer's work, which is to develop compounds that are more powerful than those, such as RDX and HMX, that are currently in use in high explosives and warheads.

Dr. Willer's synthesis efforts reportedly have led to the preparation of many new nitramine explosives, including one that is a promising candidate for minimum smoke propellant applications, and another that (it has been calculated) will exceed the explosive properties of HMX, which is acknowledged to be the most potent explosive of its type in military use.

"The family of new explosive and propellant ingredients developed by Dr. Willer have led to new insights into the structure and reactivity relationships governing these materials, and are providing valuable leadership in the pursuit of more energetic and safe explosive and propellant materials," Dr. Royce also wrote in recommending Dr. Willer for the Technical Director's Award.

In addition, it was noted that Dr. Willer has achieved, while at NWC, a fine record of publications including open literature

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**LAB EXPERIMENT CHECKED** — Dr. Rodney L. Willer, a recent recipient of the NWC Technical Director's Award, makes a spot check of work on the small-scale synthesis of an energetic material. He was commended for the success of his efforts on the synthesis of new nitramine explosive and propellant materials. — Photo by PHI Benita Tetreault







**ON THEIR TOES** — Three employees in the Public Works Department Carpenter Shop received Individual Safety Awards of \$50 each. They are (kneeling, l.-r.) Jim Gannon, Ron Ryan and Phillip Reese. Standing are (l.-r.) Jerry Austin, Marvin Hunter, Rick Mayfield and Warren Ellingson, who received similar recognition for their work as employees of Code 26's Michelson Laboratory Service Shop.

**1st quarter of '83 Individual Safety Awards presented**

Individual Safety Awards for the first quarter of 1983 were presented recently to employees in the Public Works Department, the Engineering Department and the Ordnance Systems Department.

The program, which was initiated by the NWC Safety and Security Department, is aimed at increasing the safety awareness of employees in various shops and work centers at China Lake. In the relatively short time it has been in existence, it has had a positive impact on the Center's safety record.

Because of this, the program has been reviewed and accepted by the Chief of Naval Material Command for adoption at other CNM activities.

Each shop or work center can earn a maximum of 50 points per day. A point is deducted for each individual who is off on sick or annual leave. In the event of a work-related accident, all points that otherwise would have been earned for the day are lost.

Individual employees earn points by being on the job and not having a work-related accident. A record is kept of the individual points that are accumulated and, based on this total, checks totalling \$50 per employee are presented to the workmen from each shop with the most points for each three-month period.

The shops from the Public Works Department that took part in the Individual Safety Awards Recognition Program during the first quarter of 1983 were the Carpenter Shop, the Range Maintenance Shop, the Michelson Laboratory Service Shop, and the Steam Distribution Shop.

Other Individual Safety Awards were presented to employees of the Engineering Department's Computer-Aided Manufacturing Branch, and to employees in the Electric Shop of the Ordnance Systems Department's Process Systems Division.

Chuck Wilhite, assistant safety program officer in the Safety and Security Department, says that the reduction in job-related injuries, and consequently the reduction in compensation costs, means a substantial savings to NWC that has yet to be fully realized.



**SAFETY AWARD WINNERS** — Glenn Johnson (at left), head of the Process Support Branch in the Ordnance Systems Department's Process Systems Division, presents Individual Safety Awards to two employees of the Code 3253 Electric Shop. The recipients are Pat McMurphy (in center), and Larry Martin.—Photo by PHAN Rebecca Gill

**Red Cross volunteers provide hours of community service**

Although they are not very visible, a large number of local American Red Cross volunteers spend untold hours each year serving others.

Dr. Carl Heller, chairman of the First Aid Committee, and his group of about 20 currently-qualified first aid instructors, have been teaching an average of 800 students per year.

These classes are offered at Cerro Coso Community College, in other schools, and to the search and rescue groups as well as to other organizations that request training.

The First Aid Committee's goal for 1984 is to expand the number of classes to at least 70, and to train at least 1,000 individuals in multimedia, standard, and advanced first aid.

During this past year the local Red Cross production workers have contributed more than 2,167 hours of volunteer time in making

health and comfort items for veterans' hospitals and other groups.

They made 21 lap robes, 94 toe cast covers, 80 bed cloth and slipper sets, six pairs of underarm crutch pads, 15 pairs of grip pads, 13 stoma bibs and one shawl.

Eleanor French, chairman of the Production Committee, reports that her group meets regularly on the first and third Thursdays of each month. Many of the production workers knit and crochet the items needed at other times as well. She notes that more volunteers are urgently needed.

An average of 10 active, documented, cases each month are handled by the case work volunteers. In addition, there are many other cases involving inquiry assistance and other areas not requiring documentation which are handled by the volunteer workers.

In addition, local Red Cross volunteers were involved in assisting in disaster operations at Cantil, in flooded areas of Kern County earlier this year, and at Coalinga, which was badly damaged by an earthquake.

Anyone who wishes to serve as a Red Cross volunteer is invited to contact the local office by calling NWC ext. 3208 Mondays, Wednesdays or Fridays between the hours of noon and 4 p.m.

**Suggestion offered for keeping alert in holiday traffic**

Everyone gets tired, but when drivers get tired, it saps their energy, tires their eyes, and slows their reaction time, making them vulnerable to misjudgment and accidents.

Crashes involving drivers who fall asleep are usually severe since most times no braking or evasive action is taken.

NWC's Safety and Security Department advises that you take action if you are beginning to get drowsy while driving. Stop and get a cup of coffee, walk around to get your blood circulating and yourself alert.

If you have a passenger who is a competent, licensed driver, let that person drive. Passengers should also talk to the driver to keep that person alert.

Do plan your trip to allow for sufficient time for rest stops on this Fourth of July weekend.

**Training Center may add Computer Engineering option**

The Personnel and Organization Development Division (Code 094) is considering the addition of a Computer Engineering Option to the Center's bachelor's program in computer science.

A person successfully completing this option would have the background required to work in either the hardware or software design of digital systems.

The curriculum for this option would include courses in the following areas: mathematics, physical science, electrical engineering and computer science.

Code 094 is conducting an interest survey. Those who would like to participate can obtain a questionnaire by calling Kit Driscoll, at NWC ext. 2648 or Steve Lee, at ext. 2468.

**NRS donations welcome**

Anyone who still may be holding contributions for this year's Navy Relief Society fund drive is asked to get them to Ltjg. Kris Gorman, at the Military Administration Department at the corner of Blandy Avenue and Hussey Road.

The local drive officially ended yesterday.

**Police reports . . .**

During the early evening hours of June 23, unknown persons entered the garage at 618 Ellis St. and removed tools and automobile parts valued at \$550.

**Mary Kilpatrick assumes duties of FWP manager**

Duties of the Federal Women's Program Manager will be handled for the next four to six months by Mary Kilpatrick. This will be a collateral duty assignment for Ms. Kilpatrick, who is a management analyst in the Management Analysis Branch, Code 0824, of the Management Division in the Office of Finance and Management.

Ms. Kilpatrick has served on the Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Committee for more than a year and has a strong interest in EEO because she believes that "we're wasting a lot of human resources," and that the quality of life can be improved through utilization of all human resources. While acting as FWP manager, she will continue to serve as advisor to the EEO Committee.

Specific assignments that Ms. Kilpatrick has for the next few months include completing and publishing results of a workforce profile for which Lee Ann Riddoch, a member of the FWP Committee, has been gathering data. This profile will show where all the women on board are employed, what their occupational specialty is, and what their grade level is.

She is also to plan the direction of the FWP to be of maximum assistance for both women on board and for the Center as a whole. To achieve this goal, she will survey a number of women and managers for their ideas on what the goals of the program should be, and their suggestions for achieving these goals. The letter is now being prepared and will be distributed shortly.

On the basis of the workforce profile and responses to the letters, Ms. Kilpatrick and the Deputy EEO Officer, with support from the FWP Committee, will determine how the program should be focused and will be able to develop long-range goals, and strategies for achieving them.

One of Ms. Kilpatrick's aims is to expand FWP beyond the Center's boundaries into the community. She is planning to contact women business and professional leaders in Ridgecrest to see how they and the FWP can be of help to each other and to women in

general.

She'd also like to get some networking started, both on Center and in town. The primary aim of networking will be to establish lines of communication. These networking efforts will be initially directed at women in supervisory positions.

"I also see this position as a resource," Ms. Kilpatrick says. Her aim is to get in-



Mary Kilpatrick

formation about career counseling resources, about updating career skills, about resume writing and about employment opportunities assembled in a manual so that the information will be available to those who need it, such as servicewomen who are entering the civilian workforce for the first time and women who are trying to get back into the workforce.

Since Ms. Kilpatrick will also be functioning as a management analyst, anyone who would like to get in touch with her on FWP business can reach her in Rm. 206 of the Personnel Building in the afternoon, or by calling NWC ext. 3129. If she is not in the office, Tina Rockdale, who will be assisting her, will take messages for her.

**For best results, ADP resources must be tied together**

The complex automatic data processing resources on Center, such as the Central Computing Facility, ATIPS and the Corporate Data Base must be tied together to function at their maximum capability. The task of planning and coordinating how this is to be accomplished confronts Dale Batchelder, head of the Communication Systems Program Office (Code 01A6C).

Added to the task of providing a complete data communications system is the replacement of an antiquated telephone system that was originally installed in 1943.

The guidelines for the total data communication system were developed by an in-house Task Team chartered to define an efficient, economical, and reliable communication system to serve Center needs for the next decade.

"It is now my job to define that system in greater detail, to complete the basic design features, and then implement that design into an operating system," says Batchelder.

The current effort is to develop the performance specifications for the entire data communication system to assure that the system satisfies the requirements of ATIPS and the Corporate Data Base, and that all the various elements fit logically together. The plan is that significant portions of the system will be installed and maintained by a competitively selected contractor and the performance specification shall form the basis for a request for quote (RFQ) to be issued late this year.

The system that Batchelder envisions integrates voice, data, and video capability into a single transmission capability. The voice and data transmission will be digital rather than analog such as the current telephone system; video transmission to those areas where required will continue to be analog.

The basic communications system consists of two major elements. The first is installation of a distributed, third generation

digital switch (CABX). This will not only provide complete modern voice service, but will also provide 56,000 bits per second data service terminal-to-computer connection throughout the Center. This system will use the existing trunking and building wiring, but will simplify portability of terminal equipment.

The second part of the system consists of a wide bandwidth data trunk that connects the major geographical areas so that computer-to-computer data exchange, including file transfer, can take place in addition to all voice and video requirements. This trunk will consist of a multi-fiber, fiber optic cable to replace existing copper cable and

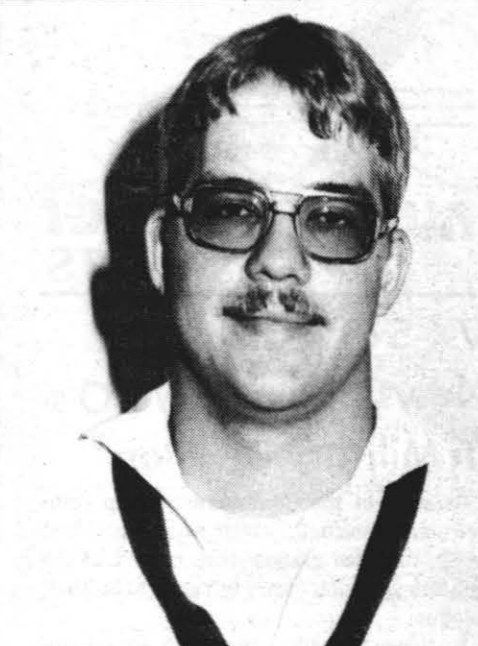
microwave systems.

Fiber optic provides wide bandwidth data transmission, is immune to electronic interference, is difficult to tap, and is light in weight. The geographic centers of the base that will be tied together by this system include Armitage Airfield, the Range Control Center, the central site area, Propulsion Plant, Salt Wells, and Randsburg Wash (EWTES).

The explosion of digital technology that has taken place in the last few years is forcing this communications up-grade. Rather than trying to tailor or patch the existing system to satisfy the new requirements, it will be less expensive in the



**QUITE A DIFFERENCE** — Dale Batchelder compares the telephone cable currently used with fiber optic cable that is being considered for future communication use on board the Naval Weapons Center. — Photo by PHAN Rebecca Gill



**RECOGNITION EARNED** — Sailor of the Month for the Naval Oceanography Command Detachment is Aerographer's Mate Third Class Nathan Hannah, who was chosen for his outstanding quality control work and his leadership abilities. Petty Officer Hannah, who hails from Butte Mont., enlisted in the Navy in October 1980 and has been at China Lake since March 30, 1981, following completion of "A" school.

**Drug, Alcohol Safety facilitator training available to military**

Navy Drug and Alcohol Safety Action Program facilitator training is now available to interested military personnel.

This two week course, which is accredited by the University of Arizona, is taught at the Naval Station, San Diego. It will be offered again in late July or early August.

Those attending must pay their own expenses for travel and quarters.

Military personnel interested in part-time work in this field at the Naval Weapons Center can obtain more information by calling John Williamson (Code 2104A), phone NWC ext. 2165 or 2167.

long run to install a modern system that the Center will be able to use for at least a decade — and the cost can be amortized over that period of time.

Also, significant cost savings can be realized by deleting the need to rewire offices and buildings each time an organization or group moves from one location to another on the Center. With the envisioned state-of-the-art system, each person would merely unplug his or her own terminal/phone, plug it back in at the new location, and make one phone call to get on record that the particular telephone (and its date transmission capabilities and requirements) was now in a new location.

The video signals will be patched to the required location with the Range Control Center becoming the switching point to buffer transmissions between the range and the main site.

Once the system is installed, users will be trained so that each one will be able to get maximum benefits from the new system to meet his or her own specific needs. These training efforts will be handled in a variety of ways.

Batchelder, who has been working for the Navy since he received his bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from the University of Nebraska in February 1958, feels that his background has prepared him well for his role in heading the Communications Systems Program Office. His experience in program management of various technical acquisition programs and familiarity with contracting procedures will be aided by the technical expertise of supporting engineers.

"The next three to five years of getting a prime contractor on line, installing the system and completing the operational evaluation of the system will be one of the most challenging tasks I've faced," Batchelder says. "I'm looking forward to the challenge."