

'Dolly' Staffed By Talented Crew, Backstage Help

With tryouts for "Hello Dolly," the musical adaptation of Thornton Wilder's "The Matchmaker," slated for June 12, 13 and 14 at the Community Light Opera and Theater Association (CLOTA) hangar, behind-the-scenes personnel are busy working at set construction.

The hangar, located at the corner of S. China Lake Blvd. and Upjohn Rd., Ridgecrest, is the headquarters for Elena Vitale, the production's technical director, who is master-minding work on "Dolly's" sets for Jack Lindsey, production director.

Miss Vitale is calling for "knowledgeable" volunteers to help with set construction, which will begin tomorrow at 11 a.m. at the hangar. "We will be finishing the painting of a huge drop, and work will proceed on the painting of flats to be used in the show," said CLOTA's first femme technical director.

"In addition, construction will begin on platforms and a staircase for the show," she added.

Lindsey has lined up a talented back-stage and production crew to assist with "Dolly." They are James Rosolanka, assistant director; Alan Kubik, vocal music director; Jane McKenzie, instrumental director and production pianist; John Pietras, set designer; Bruce Amos, lighting director; Nancy Miller, choreographer.

Once again, Vivian Childers will direct costuming. June Renfro has been enlisted to handle properties, and Florence Green, one of CLOTA's mainstays, will be the set dresser.

Larry Sawyer has been tapped as the liaison member for the CLOTA board of directors, and Sherry Hamre is handling publicity.

Production dates for "Hello Dolly" are Aug. 24, 25, 30, 31, and Sept. 1, in the Burroughs High School Lecture Center. Rehearsals will begin on July 2.

Inspection Of VX-5 Sea Cadets Slated Saturday

The Air Test and Evaluation Squadron Five-sponsored Sea Cadet Squadron will stand annual inspection tomorrow in Hangar 1 at the Naval Air Facility. Cdr. R. L. Wright, VX-5 Executive Officer, will be the inspecting officer.

On hand will be Cdr. George Burdick, USNR, Commanding Officer of the Sea Cadets, Lt. Dick Schultz, Executive Officer, Ltjg. Paul Douillard, Administrative Officer, Ens. Henry Serna, Training Officer, and Ens. Bob Taylor, Assistant Training and Supply Officer.

The Sea Cadet Squadron, which totals 23 cadets, was commissioned in January 1971. Membership in the Sea Cadets gives boys between the ages of 14 and 18 a look at military life and the opportunities available to them in the Armed Forces.

This summer, eight of the Cadets will take part in boot camp training in San Diego, and four others will travel to Canada to participate in a Canadian-U.S. Navy Exchange Sea Cadet program.



NATION'S WAR DEAD HONORED — A wreath-placing ceremony, led by a trio of local Gold Star Mothers, highlighted the Memorial Day observance this past Monday at Desert Memorial Park Cemetery in Ridgecrest. Guest speaker for the program, which was arranged by the East Kern County Veterans Coordinating Council, was LCDr. John Clinton, a project officer in the Weapons Development Department's A7 Project Office.

Wreath-Placing Ritual Highlights Observance of Memorial Day

Memorial Day was observed in what has come to be traditional fashion this past Monday at the Desert Memorial Park Cemetery in Ridgecrest.

Featured speaker for the program, arranged by the Veterans Coordinating Council of East Kern County, was LCDr. John C. Clinton, a project officer in the Weapons Development Department's A7 Project Office. He was introduced by B. E. (Dutch) Church, of VFW Post 4084, who served as a master of ceremonies.

The highlight of the program, a wreath-placing ceremony, was led by a trio of Gold Star Mothers — Mrs. Gertrude Pinney, Mrs. Birdie Webb and Mrs. Dorothy Wilson. In his Memorial Day address, LCDr. Clinton, focussed attention on what he believes to be the responsibility the citizens of this nation have to those who have paid the price of defending freedom with their lives.

"We feel a continuing sense of sorrow at the loss of these men and a sense of gratitude for the sacrifice they have made. But if we consider the situation a little further," the Memorial Day speaker said, "we see that we have a responsibility to these men."

"They died to preserve and defend freedom. It becomes our responsibility to develop and perfect the practice of freedom, to extend it, wherever possible, in today's world," LCDr. Clinton emphasized.

Noting that there is no magic formula to follow in developing and perfecting freedom, the speaker added: "Freedom is a principle which must be applied to the conduct of affairs of nations and

individuals, and the mechanisms of freedom must change to meet the requirement of the day."

"Overthrowing despotic kings and emperors is no longer as important as insuring that our elected officials remain faithful to the principles of individual freedom," he elaborated. "Granting freedom to slaves was important 100 years ago; today's task is to insure that all free men receive equal, fair treatment in education, employment and our social organizations," LCDr. Clinton continued.

After summarizing some of the kinds of problems that are inherent in a free country such as the U.S.A., the Memorial Day speaker urged that rather than be discouraged or scandalized by these problems that Americans, instead, recognize them as "signs of a healthy, free society making its way through an imperfect world."

"It is our responsibility," he continued, "to hang in there and work to find solutions to these problems, and, in so doing, advance the cause of freedom."

This involves both individual and collective action, LCDr. Clinton said. "As individuals, we must promote the moral and social values necessary to support a free society. As a community, we must ensure that no one's personal

rights are compromised in our efforts to achieve efficient government, and that the principles of freedom are fostered in our schools and organizations."

In conclusion, LCDr. Clinton advocated: "As a nation, we must continue to pursue the freedoms for our people which are spelled out in the Constitution, and we must promote and defend freedom throughout the world. Only in this way can we keep faith with those who have died in defense of our freedom. With God's help, our efforts can be successful."

The Memorial Day program was opened with the invocation by Lt. Fred R. Zobel, chaplain at the Naval Air Facility, and also included vocal music selections by The Impetuettes, a women's barbershop harmony quartet composed of Jan Arisman, Janet Hamilton, Eleanor Hartwig and Paula Seewoster.

Participation by representatives of local veterans' groups and fraternal organizations in the wreath-placing ceremony, a volley of gunfire by an honor guard, and the sounding of "Taps" by a bugler, Bruce Kasal, concluded the annual patriotic observance.

Swim Pool Closed

The Naval Weapons Center swimming pool at the gymnasium, will be closed today, tomorrow and Sunday for maintenance work.

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MOVIE RATINGS

The objective of the ratings is to inform parents about the suitability of movie content for viewing by their children.

(G) - ALL AGES ADMITTED
General Audiences

(PG) - ALL AGES ADMITTED
Parental Guidance Suggested

(R) - RESTRICTED
Under 17 requires accompaniment

Parent or Adult Guardian

CS - Cinemascope

STD - Standard Movie Screen

Regular starting time — 7:30 p.m.

Matinee — 1 p.m.

FRI. 1 JUNE

"THE GODSON" (105 Min.)

Alain Delon, Nathalie Delon
(Action Drama) "What kind of man are you?" the sultry bistro pianist (Cathy Rosier) asked the small-time hood (Alain Delon) whose life she holds in a delicate balance between the Syndicate and the Law. This is the story of a lone wolf killer who has to cope with police pursuit, the distrust of his gangland employers, and the false sympathy of a woman. (PG)

SAT. 2 JUNE

—MATINEE—

"VOYAGE TO THE BOTTOM OF THE SEA" (105 Min.)

Walter Pidgeon, Joan Fontaine (G)

—EVENING—

"POCKET MONEY" (100 Min.)

Paul Newman, Lee Marvin
(Comedy Western) Paul Newman, in the role of Jim Kane, is a simple guy trying to make an honest buck until his horse herd comes out of a quarantine. In desperation he undertakes to bring a herd of cattle across from Mexico for a fast talking pair of high binders (PG)

SUN & MON. 3-4 JUNE

"STEELYARD BLUES" (93 Min.)

Peter Boyle, Jane Fonda
(Comedy) Jailbird Donald Sutherland is a demolition derby driver and thief who's released after serving his third prison term. Yearning to be free from the system, Sutherland joins forces with other friends in fixing up an old bomber to fly to some distant place (PG)

TUES. & WED. 5-6 JUNE

"SHAMUS" (98 Min.)

Burt Reynolds, Dyan Cannon
(Action Drama) Burt Reynolds is Shamus McCoy, a tough private eye from Red Hook in Brooklyn. Shamus finds himself embroiled in a nasty little adventure involving diamond-heisting, double crossing, gun running, and more double crossing, with a touch of Mafia-flirting for good measure. (PG)

THURS. & FRI. 7-8 JUNE

"THE LIFE AND TIMES OF JUDGE ROY BEAN" (123 Min.)

Paul Newman, Anthony Perkins
(Western Drama) Roy Bean (Paul Newman) rode into the dusty outlaw town of Vinegaroon, Texas, in 1890 as a wanted man. Expecting refuge, he was turned on by a gang of outlaws who left him for dead. He avenges himself with the help of a revolver provided by Marie Elena, a young Mexican girl. Burying them with the aid of a wandering preacher (Anthony Perkins), Bean declared he was taking up residence as Judge Roy Bean. (PG)

Applicants Sought For Bartender Job

Applications are currently being accepted from persons interested in employment as bartender at the Commissioned Officers' Mess.

Interested persons are invited to submit applications to: "Manager, Commissioned Officers' Mess (Open), Code 8505, Naval Weapons Center, China Lake, Calif., 93555.

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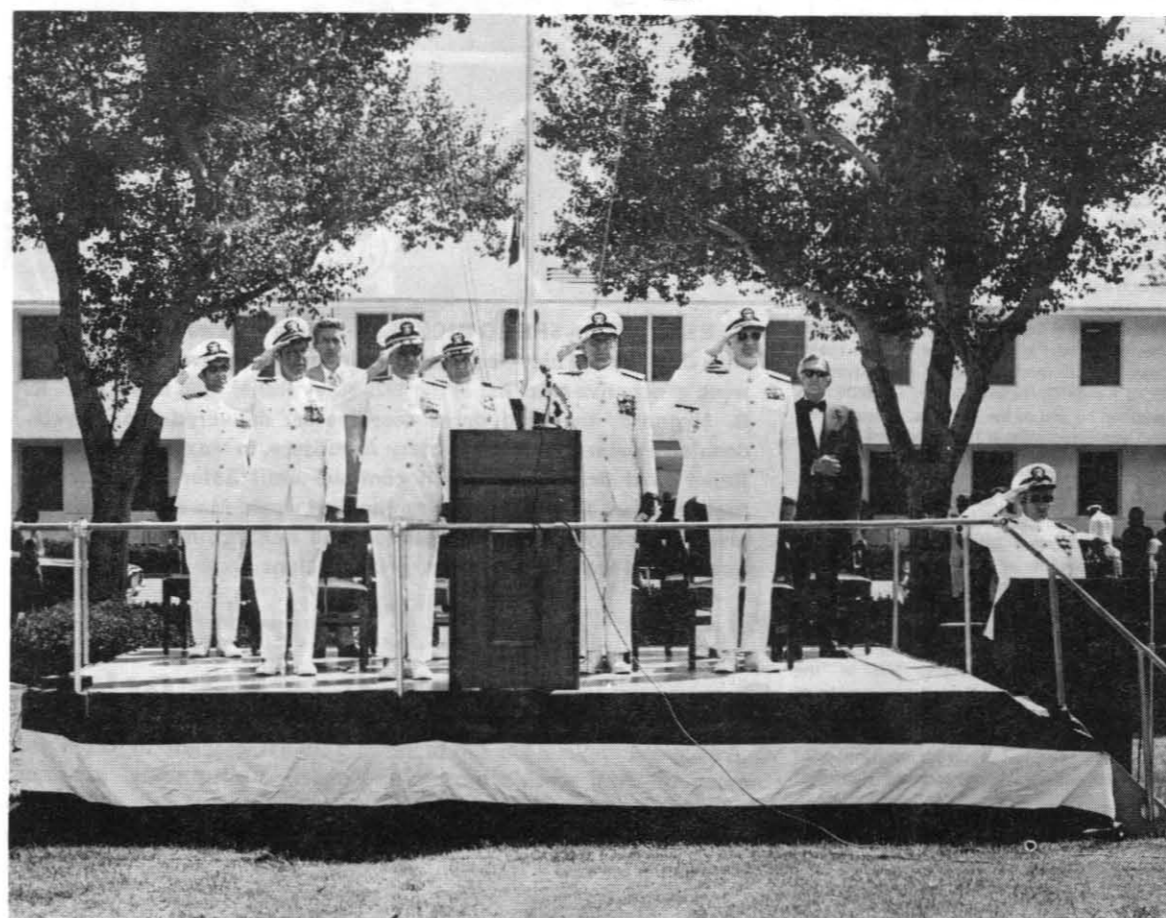
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RAdm. Paul Pugh Takes Over NWC Command



CEREMONY OPENS — A parade of colors and playing of the National Anthem led off Wednesday morning's change of command ceremony. Shown standing at attention and saluting on the reviewing stand are (front row, from left) RAdm. Paul E. Pugh, VAdm. William J. Moran, RAdm. Henry Suerstedt, Jr., and RAdm. Martin D. Carmody. Visible in the back row are (from left) Chaplain R. E. Osman, Dr. Walter B. LaBerge, Capt. D. W. Alderton and H. G. Wilson.

Four Admirals, Once Together as Naval Aviation Trainees, Meet Again at NWC

There was a time when Memorial Day was always observed on May 30, so it's altogether fitting that an event which revived memories of more than 32 years ago when four present-day Navy admirals were together as fledgling Naval aviation trainees should also have fallen on May 30.

Assembled on the reviewing stand this past Wednesday during the retirement ceremony for RAdm. Henry Suerstedt, Jr., as he stepped down as Commander of the Naval Weapons Center, were three other Naval officers of flag rank who, in common with RAdm. Suerstedt, also began their military life as seamen second class at the old Naval Reserve Base at Oakland, Calif.

Only an accurately-programmed computer could calculate the odds that out of a group of 20 such young men (none of whom were to have the advantage of Naval Academy training) would come four who ultimately would rise to flag rank—but it's safe to say the chances against this happening are astronomical.

128 Years of Service
Yet, there they were Wednesday morning, standing straight and tall with a military bearing that attested to their combined total of more than 128 years of illustrious service to their flag and country.

As he turned over the duties of Commander of the Naval Weapons Center at China Lake to Rear

Admiral Paul E. Pugh, RAdm. Suerstedt could glance around and also see the familiar faces of Vice Admiral William J. Moran and Rear Admiral Martin D. Carmody.

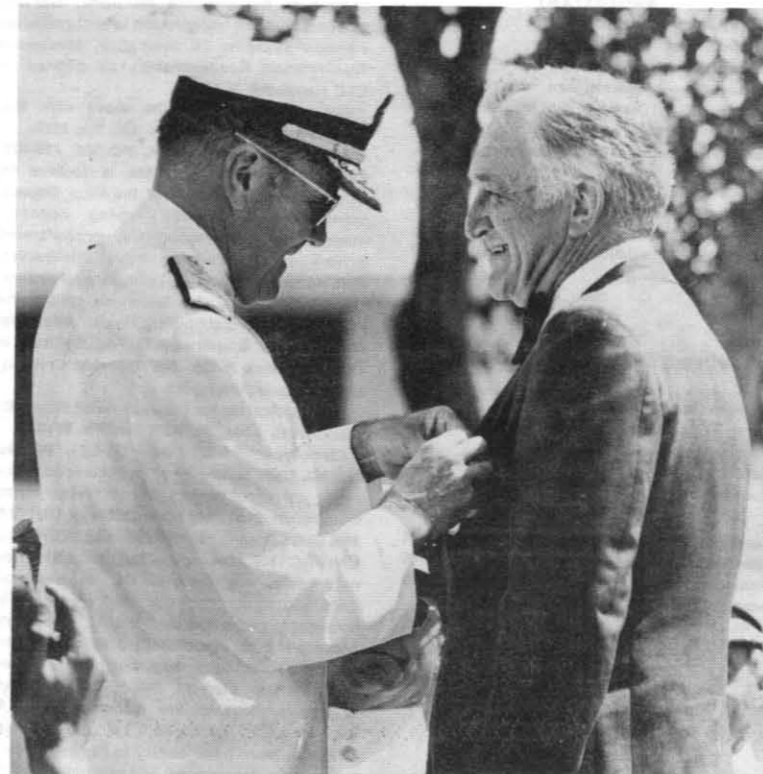
VAdm. Moran, now the Navy's Director of Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, had preceded RAdm. Suerstedt as Commander of the Naval Weapons Center, while RAdm. Carmody is Commander of the Navy's Operational Test and Evaluation Force. RAdm. Pugh was transferred to China Lake from a year-long assignment as Senior Navy Member in the Military Studies and Liaison Division, Weapons Systems Evaluation Group in the Office of the Secretary of Defense.

Joined V5 Program
All four were smitten by the urge to become Naval aviators and, while the pre-Pearl Harbor build-up of military strength was on, joined the V5 Naval Reserve Flight Training Program. That was in February and March of 1941.

RAdm. Pugh had been graduated a few months earlier from UC, Berkeley, and RAdm. Carmody had received a BA degree from San Jose State College. For both VAdm. Moran and RAdm. Suerstedt the decision to join the military service interrupted their college education at the University of Nevada and at San Francisco City College, respectively.

"We were a pretty unmilitary lot," RAdm. Suerstedt recalled during an earlier interview about those with whom he shared the rigors of a program that was designed to quickly eliminate anyone it was felt might not meet

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HIGHEST HONOR — VAdm. William J. Moran, a former commander of the Naval Weapons Center, had the privilege of representing the Secretary of the Navy as he presented the Navy Distinguished Civilian Service Award to H. G. Wilson during Wednesday morning's change of command and retirement ceremony.

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RAdm. Suerstedt Retires, Ends 32-Year Navy Career

Duties of Commander of the Naval Weapons Center were taken over on Wednesday by Rear Admiral Paul E. Pugh during a change of command ceremony that also was the occasion of the retirement from the Navy of Rear Admiral Henry Suerstedt, Jr., following more than 32 years of distinguished service.

RAdm. Suerstedt's certificate of retirement from the Navy was presented to him by Vice Admiral William J. Moran, a former NWC Commander who is now the Navy's Director of Research, Development, Test and Evaluation in Washington, D.C.

VAdm. Moran, the senior Naval officer present at the change of command and retirement ceremony, had some personal observations about the occasion itself as well as the principals involved—one of whom, RAdm. Pugh, became the 17th Commander of the Naval Weapons Center as the other, RAdm. Suerstedt, ended his lengthy career as a Naval officer.

A change of command ceremony, VAdm. Moran noted, "provides an opportunity to say something about the responsibility of command, the integrity of the people who are assigned that re-

sponsibility, and the fact that it is they, and those who work for them, who really are the strength of the Navy."

The speaker also observed that the Naval Weapons Center can enjoy the accolades and rewards of a long record of success. "As an organization, it does a tremendous job of staying young at heart, bringing forth new ideas, and showing a willingness to seek out and accept challenge and change."

This is well, VAdm. Moran said, as he went on to point out that "we are now coming into a period of very real and very rapid change where new technology is about to overrun us from all directions. It serves no purpose at this time to list the changes," he continued, "but it is worth saying that places

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Wilson Gets Distinguished Civilian Service Award

The Navy Distinguished Civilian Service Award, the highest honorary award which the Secretary of the Navy may confer on an employee of the Navy, was presented Wednesday morning to H. G. Wilson, who retired on April 27 as Technical Director of the Naval Weapons Center.

The presentation of this award, which is granted on a highly selective basis to civilian em-

ployees of the Navy who have distinguished themselves by extraordinary service or contributions of major significance to the Navy, was made by Vice Admiral W. J. Moran on behalf of Secretary of the Navy John Warner.

Announcement of the award was made by VAdm. Moran, the Navy's Director of Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, during the change of command ceremony in which RAdm. Henry Suerstedt, Jr., was relieved as Commander of the Naval Weapons Center by RAdm. Paul E. Pugh.

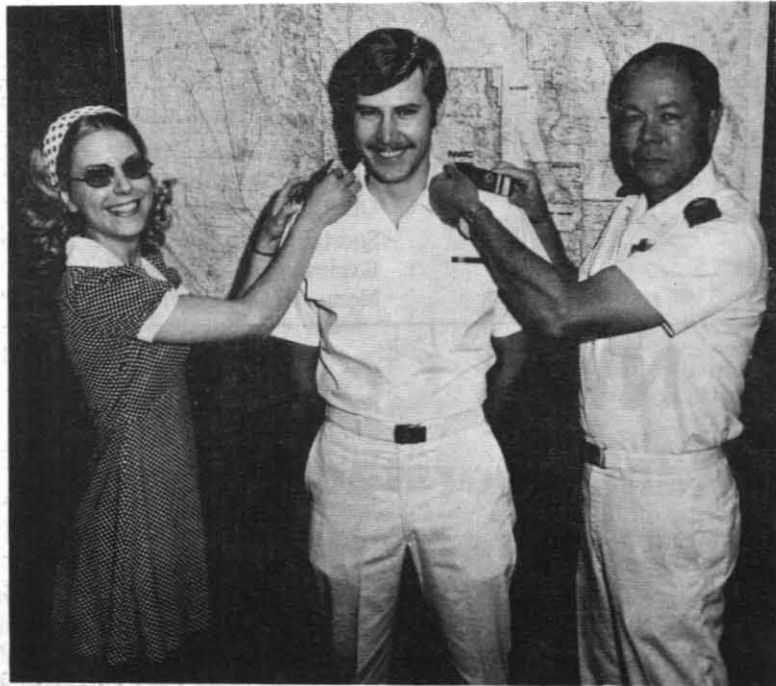
The citation which accompanied the Navy Distinguished Civilian Service Award read, in part, as follows:

"For outstanding service and contributions to the Department of the Navy as Technical Director of the Naval Weapons Center, and in previous positions of responsibility, Mr. Wilson has demonstrated exceptional managerial, technical and administrative expertise, and has made significant contributions to the research, development, test and evaluation programs at the Center.

"Under his outstanding leadership, the Center has achieved an impressive record of success in areas of free fall ordnance, missiles, and missile and aircraft weapon systems."

The Navy Distinguished Civilian Service Award consists of a medal, rosette, lapel bar, and a certificate containing a citation signed by the

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ENSIGN PROMOTED—New shoulder boards denoting his rank of lieutenant junior grade were pinned on Donald Gene Morris, CEC, USNR, by his wife, Carol, and Capt. William H. Sturman, Officer-in-Charge of Construction, during a recent ceremony held in Capt. Sturman's office. Ltjg. Morris, who is now the Assistant Resident OICC, was assigned to duty at the Naval Weapons Center in December 1971. To his primary duty as transportation officer also was added the responsibility for the Self-Help Program at China Lake which involved him with members of Naval Mobile Construction Battalion Five's Detail Falcon during the construction of a mobile home park for military personnel at China Lake. Since this past January, Ltjg. Morris has been the Assistant Resident OICC under the command of the Naval Facilities Engineering Command in San Bruno. This office administers contracts which exceed \$4 million annually.

—Photo by PH2D. W. Yeatts

Pilot's Vertigo To Be Discussed At Navy Flying Club Meeting

Pilot's vertigo, the false sensations of climbing, turning, or diving, when in fact, the aircraft is in straight and level flight, will be explained and demonstrated at the next meeting of the China Lake Navy Flying Club on Tuesday, June 5, at the Community Center.

The meeting, which will begin at 7:30 p.m., is the fourth in a series of aviation safety lectures sponsored jointly by the club and the Federal Aviation Agency.

Bob Wiles, accident prevention

specialist from the Van Nuys Flight Standards District office, will be the guest speaker. He will bring to China Lake his famous "vertigo chair," and will give demonstrations to pilots in attendance.

The average time a non-instrument rated pilot can maintain orientation under instrument conditions is less than 30 seconds. Those who have never encountered vertigo should try out the "chair," and see what it is all about, Wilkes says.

PROMOTIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Applications for positions listed in this column will be accepted from current NWC employees and should be filed with the persons named in the ad. All others desiring employment with the Naval Weapons Center may contact the Employment Division, Code 652, Extension 2649. Current applications (SF-171) or Standard Form 1972 should be submitted bringing your work history up to date if one has not been submitted within the last 6 months. The fact that positions are advertised in this column does not preclude the use of other means to fill these positions. Part of the ranking process of those rated as basically qualified will be a supervisory appraisal form that will be sent to the employees present and most recent previous supervisor. Selection shall be made without discrimination for any nonmerit reason.

Computer Specialist or Computer Systems Analyst, GS-334-9 or 11, PD No. 6930119, Code 3554—This position is in the Data Systems Branch, Code 3554, Countermeasures Division, Electronic Systems Department. The operations of the branch are conducted at Echo Range in the Randsburg Wash test area. The incumbent is responsible for the maintenance and modification of the Advanced Echo Range Operating System (AEROS). In addition he will do the analysis, development, and implementation of new programs such as the development of software to integrate a real-time display system with the present computer facility. Minimum Qualification Requirements: As defined in CSC Handbook X-118. Job Relevant Criteria: The incumbent must be capable of machine and assembly language programming on Univac and DEC equipment, such as the 1230 and PDP computers. He must have specialized understanding of computer capabilities, operating system concepts, and of the requirements for real-time programming of interactive displays. The incumbent must also have experience in machine/assembly language computer programming and program analyses. Advancement Potential: GS-12.

Employee Relations Assistant, GS-203-4 or 7, PD No. 7065014, Code 651—Assists in the development of programs for the Center in the areas assigned, which include the following: incentive awards, health and life insurance, retirement, compensation for on-the-job injury, unemployment compensation, and fund drives and campaigns. Job Relevant Criteria: Good knowledge of the problems, policies, and regulations in the subject areas described. Familiarity with concepts from the behavioral sciences as they relate to the solution of these problems and to the implementation of policies. Be able to deal courteously and effectively with a wide variety of individuals at various organizational levels. Experience in the planning and/or administration of the subject program areas is desirable. Minimum Qualification Requirements: As defined in CSC Handbook X-118. Advancement Potential: GS-9.

Physicist or Electronics Engineer, GS-11 or 12, PD No. 7335052, Code 3524—This position is located in the Missile Guidance Branch of the RF Development Division of the Electronic Systems Department. The incumbent's duties will include (1) the design of equipment to support anechoic chamber and flight testing of radiation missile systems and (2) the definition and coordination of anechoic chamber and flight testing of anti-radiation missile seekers. Job Relevant Criteria: This position requires a sound background in the design of instrumentation systems. It also requires familiarity with ground and flight test techniques for airborne electronic warfare systems. A work background in anti-radiation weapon systems is desirable. Minimum Qualification Requirements: As defined in CSC Handbook X-118. File applications for the above with Sue Prasolowicz, Bldg. 34, Rm. 206, Ph. 2577.

Clerk-Typist, GS-322-3/4, PD No. 7290027, Code 5842—This position is located in Development Division II of the Fuze Department. Duties include typing reports, manuscripts, correspondence, procurement actions, etc.; arranging travel itineraries, making reservations and typing travel orders, receiving visitors and telephone calls; and receiving and distributing mail. Minimum Qualification Requirements: As defined in CSC Handbook X-118. Job Relevant Criteria: Must be qualified typist. File application for the above with Charlotte Sieckowski, Bldg. 34, Rm. 204, Ph. 3118.

Clerk-Typist GS-322-3/4 (WAE), PD No. 7230053, Code 3037—Incumbent composes and types correspondence, reports, and forms from rough draft; maintains a file of UNIVAC 1108 users, types, reproduces, and distributes UNIVAC 1108 Information Bulletins; files new documents, maintains a list of available documents, reproduces and distributes documents requested by UNIVAC 1108 users, and maintains a document distribution file; answers telephones, key punches, and performs other clerical duties as required. Minimum Qualification Requirements: As defined in CSC Handbook X-118. Job Relevant Criteria: Must have ability to review reports for spelling, punctuation and grammar and be able to make corrections. Must be able to interface well with UNIVAC 1108 users. File applications for above with Dora Childers, Code 657, Rm. 210, Ph. 2032.

Safety Engineer, GS-803-9 or 11, PD No.

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PRESENTED 10-SPEED BICYCLE—Jerry Maxwell (left), stands with the 10-speed bicycle presented him as the top award on the first week's incentive prize list of the 1973 Navy Relief fund drive. Cdr. R. B. Nygaard, the fund drive coordinator, delivered the bicycle, donated by Jim Wheeler's Western Auto Store, to Maxwell. The Navy Relief fund drive, which will continue until Saturday, June 16, realized more than \$6,000 during the first week. More prizes will be given to contributors this weekend and next, culminating in the awarding of the grand incentive prizes on June 16.

Navy Relief Contributor Presented 10-Speed Bike

A 10-speed bicycle, the top prize among the first week's incentive awards in the annual Navy Relief Society fund drive, was presented last Friday to Jerry Maxwell, an employee in the NWC Personnel Department's Personnel Development Division.

The bicycle, a contribution from Jim Wheeler's Western Auto Store in Ridgecrest, was given to Maxwell by Cdr. R. B. Nygaard, NWC's Deputy Director of Supply, who is the coordinator of this year's drive.

The recipients of other prizes awarded at the end of the first week of the Navy Relief Fund Drive were:

Charles Cordell, an employee of the Research Department's Earth and Planetary Sciences Division, garnered two \$100 U.S. Savings Bonds, contributed to the fund drive by the Naval Weapons Center's Federal Credit Union and Mercury Moving & Storage Co. A third \$100 savings bond went to ATR2 Dennis B. Kopulos, of the Naval Air Facility.

A \$30 gift certificate from Ace TV was presented to Robert Holly, who is employed in the Supply Department's Material Division, and a steak and champagne dinner for two, from The Hideaway Restaurant, went to H. T. Lotze, head of the Engineering Department's Fleet Engineering Division.

Life on Other Planets Subject Of Prof's Talk

Dr. Jesse Greenstein, professor of astrophysics at CalTech, Pasadena, will discuss whether or not intelligent life exists on other planets at the next meeting of the China Lake Astronomical Society. The meeting will take place at 7:30 p.m. Monday at the society's clubhouse, 401-A McIntire St., China Lake. Other scientific speculations will take place during a 56-min. video-taped lecture entitled "About the Universe." The public is invited to attend.

Employee In The Spotlight

"The days seem to go by so fast at China Lake. Maybe that's because there's so much to do." Chief Warrant Officer Three P. "Mike" Moore, presently serving his second tour of duty at the Naval Weapons Center, wears quite a few hats.

He is the head of the Supply Department's Aviation Supply Division, and also heads up the Food Service Division. And, according to the season, he wears a baseball cap, a basketball hat, an umpire's black hat of authority, and a Cubmaster's chapeau.

Small wonder the days are fleeting. Mike never seems to run down. A career Navy man, Mike first enlisted in 1950 following his graduation from Colton High School, Colton, N.Y.



CWO3 P. "Mike" Moore

After basic training at Bainbridge, Md., Mike was shipped aboard the USS Norris, a destroyer escort home-ported in Newport, R.I., and while stationed aboard her he was rated a Storekeeper Third Class.

Then, in 1962, Mike was sent to London to work on the supply staff of the Commander in Chief, North Eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean. That's where he met the queen, only her name is Jeanette. Mike's wife was working in a shop in London, and not long after their meeting, the couple was married. After spending three years in London, Mike was shipped aboard the USS Yazoo, a net-tender out of Charleston, S. Car.

He was promoted to Second Class while aboard the Yazoo. In 1957, he was assigned to the Commissary Store, Argentina, Newfoundland, and spent 2-1/2 years in the country. He made his First Class stripe during that time.

In 1959, Mike was an instructor at the Naval Correspondence Course Center, Scotia, N.Y., where he wrote and reviewed supply correspondence courses. "I finally got stationed close to home," he commented.

After two years, he was assigned to the pre-commissioning detail of the USS Hunley, a Polaris submarine tender, homeported in Norfolk, Va., and made his Chief's rating.

The assignment to the Hunley was beneficial to the Moore family, because the Hunley moved to Holy Lochs, Scotland, in 1962, and Jeanette finally got stationed close to home.

"Things had really changed, though," Mike pointed out. "If we wanted to drive down to London to see Jeanette's folks, they would have to park two cars on the street ahead of time to reserve us a parking place. Then, when I would roll into town, they'd move out the cars and I'd put my station wagon in the space. That's where it would sit the whole time we were there," he added.

The Moores spent four years in Scotland. During that time, Mike was promoted to Warrant Officer One. He then spent six months in the Supply Corps School, Athens, Ga., and shipped aboard the USS Enterprise, as the aviation supply officer. Two years later, in 1969, he came to China Lake for the first time.

In 1971, he was assigned to

Vietnam as the Material Control Officer for Helicopter Attack Squadron 3, operating in the Mekong Delta area. Then it was back to China Lake, arriving here in early 1972.

Mike has won the Navy Achievement Medal twice. The first time while aboard the Enterprise, and the second for his work in Vietnam. In addition, the helo squadron was awarded the Presidential Unit Citation.

Wearing two completely different hats for the U.S. Navy is not an easy task, especially when both require full-time supervision.

"Mike is the type of individual who seems to thrive on responsibility," said Capt. T. R. Henderson, NWC's Director of Supply. "Because of officer shortages, we have had to make him head of two of our most important divisions. He, and his crew, are keeping Navy personnel 'flying and fed' and doing an outstanding job of both."

"Because of his many outside activities, Mike is well known to many people in the valley. I think they would agree with me that no one better typifies the rapport that exists between the military and civilians in our community," the department head concluded.

Mike enjoys living at China Lake. "I don't know if I'd want to retire here," he said. "I'd like to live where I could look forward to the days one at a time. Here, everything happens so rapidly that I find myself looking forward to the end of the week, or the beginning, depending upon my point of view. I seem to lose the middle, somehow," he explained.

Mike enjoys the outdoor life. He is an avid motorcyclist, camper, hunter and nmrod. He also likes hiking. "I once made it halfway up Mt. Whitney," he grinned.

Jeanette's principal hobbies are trying to keep Mike from riding motorcycles and raising a large family. The Moores have five children—Jimmy, 19, who is attending Bakersfield College; Leslie, 17, a junior at Burroughs High School; Laurie, 13, an eighth grader at Murray School; Mike, 12, who is in the sixth grade at Vieweg School; and Dale, 10, a fifth grader at Vieweg.

Mike is a former Cubmaster of Pack 3, and during his two tours at China Lake he has been active as a Little League coach, Youth Center basketball coach, umpire for Little League, and a willing worker for the local baseball programs.



OH WHAT ONLY 2 OZ. CAN DO

—Lt. H. D. Smith, of the Naval School on Explosive Ordnance Disposal, Indian Head, Md., explains to a class on Explosive Safety (above) what 2 oz. of TNT can do. The can (on the ground, in front of Lt. Smith) was buried beneath 1 1/2 in. of plywood and 25 sand bags, yet a 2 oz. explosive charge (being primed in the photo at left) blew the 20mm can clear out of its protective covering. Helping Lt. Smith at left are (from left) MGySgt. Skip Shetter, from Indian Head, CPO H. L. Hamrick and Lt. John Sedlak, of the NWC EOD team. The class was over-subscribed, as 45 students took part in each of six separate sessions held during a five-day period. The course was intended for personnel who work with and around explosives.



PROMOTIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

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7222002, Code 22—The incumbent of this position will report to the Head, Safety Department; will use engineering training to make recommendations to eliminate or control physical conditions, operating practices and other factors which may result in injury to personnel or damage to property. Such work requires the application of knowledge of the principles, methods, and techniques of engineering; pertinent aspects of psychological and other technological factors affecting safety; and the principles, standards and techniques of safety. Job Relevant Criteria: Mechanical, chemical or electronic engineering degree; statistical background; ability to deal with people on all levels; ability to analyze data and give workable solutions to safety problems. Ability to speak informally and formally to large groups; must be able to communicate both orally and in writing. Minimum Qualification Requirements: As defined in CSC Handbook X-118. Promotional Potential: To the GS-13 level.

File applications for above with Linda Grossman, Bldg. 34, Rm. 204, Ph. 2925.

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File applications for above with Mary Morrison Code 657, Rm. 210, Ph. 2392.

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book X-118C.

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File above applications with Carol Downard, (Code 657), Bldg. 34, Rm. 212, Ph. 2371.

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For additional information, contact Betty Geiser, ext. 2657 or 2649.

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By Jack Lindsey

A situation exists in the IWV Pony / Colt League and the Ridgecrest Little League that sorely taxes my patience. I'm speaking of the lack of confidence and respect shown by some managers and most of the fans toward the young officials.

In these leagues, members of the Burroughs High School varsity baseball team are acting as umpires. These are the same boys who have come up through Little League, junior varsity and most probably, sandlot baseball programs to emerge as qualified, knowledgeable young men of the sport.

So why are the aforementioned people giving them a hard time? These are the same boys who most of these managers have worked with to teach them the game.

We've all played baseball and I can't recall a time when I didn't disagree with an umpire or two, but to use age as a reason to put these young men down is a travesty. Tom Fortney and Lowell Radcliff, two highly experienced local umpires, are not 100 per cent right in their calls, and they would be the first persons to admit it; but they are the ump's, and they do control the ball game.

There aren't enough umpires to go around. The number of varied baseball and softball programs going on this summer in the valley is enormous. Therefore, in order to have officials, the Mojave Desert Officials Association has pressed these young men into service, and are darn glad to have them.

In order to build a foundation for the future, and to insure that baseball games do not deteriorate to name-calling, argumentative exhibitions, I strongly recommend that managers, coaches, players and fans cooperate with the young officials in a spirit of respect and understanding, which can only be good for the game.

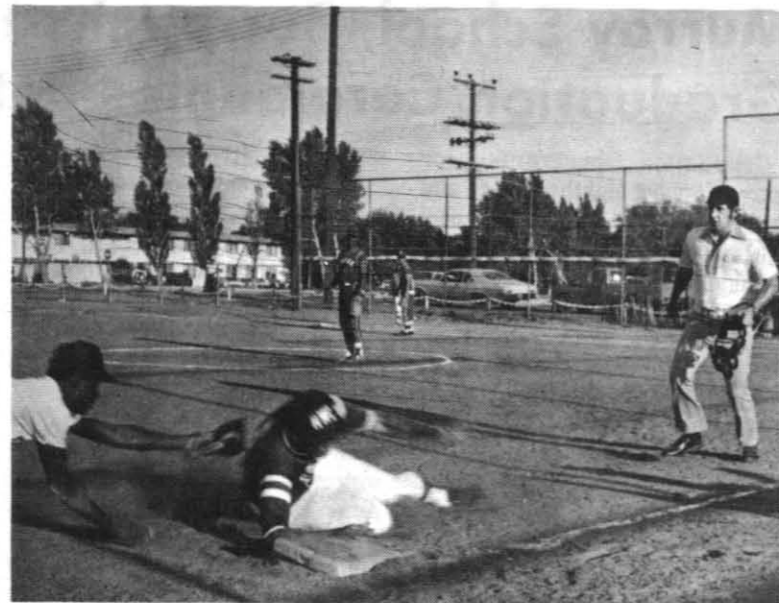
McDonald's Hot

Pat McDonald is blistering the fairways! The young China Lake golf professional, currently competing on the Western Tournament Golf Association tour, has had a great couple of weeks.

Two weeks ago he qualified for the U.S. Open playoffs in California by shooting 71-73 in the Southern qualifying tourney. Then, last week, he won \$3,000 in the WTGA tour by finishing second at Irvine Coast Country Club.

On Tuesday, Pat fired an opening round 67, 5-under-par, at Quail Lake Country Club, to share the lead in the 21st stop on the WTGA tour.

On Wednesday, Pat shot an even-par 72 and finished in second place, one stroke away from victory. His position earned him another \$3,000.



MISSED HIM? — Doc Jones, of the NWC Varsity softball team, appears to be sliding past the tag of Bill Kines, third baseman for the George Air Force Base varsity squad, during action in the first half of a twin bill played by the two teams last Saturday at Reardon Field. Lowell Radcliff, umpire, called Jones out on the play, when he overslid the bag. The local nine won the game, 2-0, behind the four-hit pitching of Burt Andreassen.

Varsity Softballers Take Twin Bill From George AFB

The NWC Varsity softball team swept both ends of a double-header against the team from George Air Force Base last Saturday, 2-0, and 16-4.

In the opening game, Burt Andreassen went the distance, allowing only three hits as he shut out the visitors from George AFB. Aided by two timely runs and outstanding plays in some crucial spots, Andreassen was never pressed.

NAF Team Moves Into Lead in Slo-Pitch League

The NAF team moved into sole possession of first place in the Slo Pitch Softball League on May 24 with a 24-10 victory over Oly's Rollers.

Bob Moody (4-for-4) and Chip Heavican (2-for-3), paced the NAF attack. Orlando Mendoza collected 3 hits in 4 at-bats for the losers. Earlier that same evening, the Supply softballers downed the previously unbeaten Mayflower Movers team 12-8, to enable NAF to gain the league lead.

The outcome of the game was decided in the first stanza as Supply collected 10 runs on as many hits.

Scoring Binge Reported In Women's League

By scoring 70 runs in their past two games, JD's Wranglers, in the Women's Softball League, have moved into third place.

On Friday, May 25, the Wranglers downed the Road Runners, 35-1, after clobbering the Madre's, 35-10, the previous Wednesday.

Terri Payne, an outstanding hitter, went 4-for-6 against the Madre's, and 5-for-6 against the Road Runners. Included in her hits were one double, one triple, and a home run.

Other action in the league saw the first place Dust Devils out-hit the Senn's Sneakers team to win, 15-10. The Zingbats buried the TJ Frisbee nine, 26-1.

The Dust Devils are now 6-0, with the Zingbats, Senn's Sneakers and JD's tied for second place with three victories each.

NWC Sports Notes

Four young Navymen, stationed at China Lake, packed up their bowling balls and journeyed to Imperial Beach to participate in the Naval Air Station Imperial Beach Invitational Tournament, held at La Mesa Bowl, May 19-20.

Keith Morgan, Jim Brown, John Wilhorn and Jim Bowen had high expectations, and not in vain. Bowen and Brown took second place in the doubles event with a scratch score of 1264, and Bowen wrapped up the first place trophy in the singles category with a big 690 scratch series.

Indians Win, 17-3

The Indians slammed the Braves, 17-3, in the opening game on May 22 in the Minor Division of the China Lake Little League. Gary Moreno pitched a three-hitter to record the win.

In the nightcap, Gary Smith, Ed Lesniak and Gary Redman each tripled for the White Sox to aid in a 14-6 victory over the Eagles.

On May 24, Corry Judkins baffled the Athletics by allowing them only two hits as the Cardinals romped to a 15-3 win. Jerry Senn hit a home run for the Athletics in a losing cause.

Galloway Hot

Bert Galloway continued his fine pitching efforts by following up his no-hit performance of last week with a one-hit gem against Desert Motors in the fast pitch league. Bert's team, Sierra View Motors, whipped the Ford bunch, 12-0.

The second game played that evening (May 23) saw NAF soundly spank Texas Instruments, 12-5.

On May 24, Bud Eyre Chevrolet's team garnered its first win — edging JD's, 5-4. In the nightcap, the Hideaway nine dropped the VX-5 contingent, 9-5.

Sierra View Motors leads the fast pitch league with 4 wins and 0 losses.

Tennis Tourney

The annual Spring Tennis Tournament, sponsored jointly by the China Lake Tennis Club and the Command Administration Department's Special Services Division, will be held Saturday and

Sunday at the NWC tennis courts.

All play will begin at 8 a.m. Although registrations are closed, spectators will be welcome.

Rally Set Saturday

Car rally aficionados are reminded that tomorrow is the date for the Monte Carlo-type road rally planned by the High Sierra Chapter of the Four Cylinder Club of America.

Persons interested in competing are asked to show up at the Ridgecrest Plaza Shopping Center no later than 8 a.m. to register their car and receive driver's instructions.

An entry fee of \$4 per car will be charged.

Swim Class Slated

The Command Administration Department's Special Services Division will offer a nine-week adult swim class for women (beginners), starting on Monday.

The classes will be held from 6-7 p.m. on successive Mondays until July 30. Cost of the course is \$8, which must be paid in advance.

Registration will continue at the Center gymnasium until Monday evening. Those who cannot sign-up this weekend may do so at the first class.

Adrienne Swinford will be the instructor.

CPO Golf Begins

Fifty teams of golfers will tee-off tomorrow in the first round of the annual two-day CPO Golden Anchor golf tournament, to be held at the China Lake Golf Course.

The two-man teams will play 36 holes of golf (18 per day), partner's best ball both days. Winners will receive prizes in the form of gift certificates at the local pro shop.

The Chiefs' Club, sponsors of the tournament, will be the setting for a huge party for the golfers and their friends tomorrow night, following the end of the first day's festivities.

George Barnard, manager of the CPO Club, has put together some surprise events and leaders after the end of 18 holes will receive some minor prizes. This is the third annual Golden Anchor tournament and is considered by the golfers to be one of the best "fun events" of the year.

Dodgers Wrap Up Major Division First Half Title

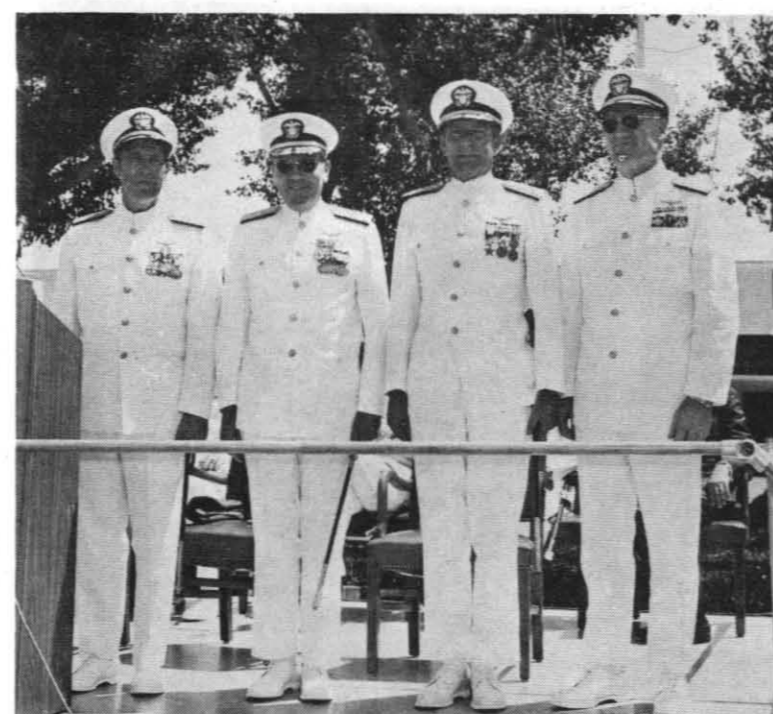
The Dodgers wrapped up the title for the first half of the season in the Major Division of the China Lake Little League.

The team pasted the Red Sox, 13-8, on May 21, which assured them of a tie and then put the ribbon on the crown by downing the Tigers, 16-8, on May 23.

In other action, the Yankees finished one full game back of the Dodgers by sinking the Pirates, 19-11, and then toppling the Giants, 10-8, in two games played last week. The Red Sox won 18-5 over the Tigers, and the Giants eeked out a 9-8 victory against the Pirates.

The second half of play got under way last Tuesday with a new name in the top spot.

Evidently still dazed by their first half victory, the Dodgers were brought back to earth from Cloud 9 by the Giants, who shelled them, 11-8. Sharing the lead so far in the second half of the season are the Yankees, who skinned the hapless Tigers, 17-6, on the same evening.



ONE FOR THE BOOKS — This week's change of command and retirement ceremony brought together four admirals who began their Navy careers at the same time and place—the old Naval Reserve Base at Oakland, Calif. They are (from left) RAdm. Paul E. Pugh, VAdm. William J. Moran, RAdm. Henry Suerstedt, Jr., and RAdm. Martin D. Carmody.

Classmates Meet Again...

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the high standards of performance and ability demanded of a Naval aviator.

At the same time, living conditions left something to be desired. "We lived in a small museum building that had been converted into a barracks, and took our meals at a greasy spoon restaurant near the airport," RAdm. Suerstedt recalled.

Flew Yellow Perils

"We flew N-3Ns, better known as Yellow Perils, at Oakland," RAdm. Suerstedt said about the 10 hours of initial flight training he and the others received along with ground school during their two months' stay at Oakland.

After three months as seamen 2nd class, during which the attrition rate was high due to accidents and countless other ways of being washed out of the program, those remaining attained the status of aviation cadets.

Remembering just how hard he and the others who made it had to work just to stay in the military service, RAdm. Suerstedt couldn't refrain from commenting that in this day and time there are some who seem bent on exerting every effort to avoid such service.

Graduation Photos Found

His copy of a yearbook-like publication (the Corpus Christi "Slipstream," circa 1941) was then produced by RAdm. Suerstedt. In it he pointed out not only his own photo, but also pictures taken of both RAdm. Carmody and RAdm. Pugh at the time of their graduation from flight training. Although VAdm. Moran missed having his photo taken, he was listed in an appendix at the rear of the book which carried the names of those who had earned their "wings of gold," but whose pictures were not included.

Their graduation from Corpus Christi set the stage for extensive aircraft carrier and combat experience during World War II for RAdm. Suerstedt and his fellow admirals. VAdm. Moran was a fighter pilot operating off the USS Hornet when it was sunk at the battle of Santa Cruz in October 1942; RAdm. Carmody went into dive bombers; RAdm. Pugh served first as a squadron gunnery officer and later received special night attack combat training, while RAdm. Suerstedt was both a

torpedo plane pilot and instructor.

All were members of the elite group of "tailhookers" who met the demanding and hazardous wartime challenge of aircraft carrier operations, referred to by RAdm. Suerstedt as the "most exacting job in aviation."

It also was something that sort of got into a person's blood, RAdm. Suerstedt indicated as he recalled that he was only minutes away from turning in his discharge papers following World War II when he caught sight of a flight of carrier aircraft peeling off for a landing and at that moment decided against leaving the Navy.

Hard To Believe

"It doesn't seem like 32 years until I look back into the book," RAdm. Suerstedt replied in answer to a question on that point, adding that his career in the Navy has been an "extremely interesting and rewarding one."

While the paths followed by each of the admirals who shared the reviewing stand with RAdm. Suerstedt during his retirement ceremony differed to some extent, there was interwoven in each over the years the common thread of increasingly responsible assignments in research and development work.

Emphasis Varied

His own career, RAdm. Suerstedt said, centered upon management of aircraft design and weapons systems, plus carrier flying duty, while the emphasis in RAdm. Pugh's extensive service in the Navy has been in fire control and testing.

Three tours of duty at the Naval Weapons Center, China Lake, have enabled VAdm. Moran to focus his attention on a wide range of research and development programs, and RAdm. Carmody has been heavily involved in electronic warfare and operational test and evaluation efforts.

For the four admirals, being together this past Memorial Day week on the occasion of RAdm. Suerstedt's retirement opened the floodgate of memories about those days and deeds in the distant past when, as young men, they went forth to prove how well they, too, could carry out the fine traditions of Naval aviation. Just how well they succeeded is self-evident today.

RAdm. Suerstedt Ends Naval Career...

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like China Lake have two primary tasks.

"One is to grasp and push these new technologies as rapidly and as sensibly as possible, and I believe you are now doing that, and the second is to keep the rest of the Navy moving, looking ahead and progressing in the best sense of the word."

VAdm. Moran commended NWC and units, like VX-5, that are based here for recent work in support of combat operations. "It is an excellent illustration of how this laboratory has always understood the fact that the Fleet is a combat unit and the Navy works at sea," VAdm. Moran, who has served three tours of duty here, said.

"Many of you know I have a strong affection for this place, and I must say I'm delighted to see RAdm. Pugh taking this Command," VAdm. Moran continued after commenting also on RAdm. Pugh's experience gained in senior commands during combat operations, as well as about his reputation as a highly capable Navy officer.

Understands D. C. Scene

"He understands the Washington scene, is admired, respected, energetic and thorough," VAdm. Moran said in reference to the new Commander of the Naval Weapons Center. "I am sure he will provide the leadership for the future that will continue the good work of this station," VAdm. Moran added.

Before turning the microphone over to RAdm. Suerstedt, VAdm. Moran commented briefly about the outgoing Commander of the Naval Weapons Center. "He has consistently left a record of superior performance easily recognized by all with whom he has worked."

"He is an innovator, a leader, a man with experience in strike warfare and amphibious warfare, and is also one of the very few who can look back upon a career that included the development of a major weapon system as very nearly a single-handed achievement."

compliment directly attributable to his skills and ability," VAdm. Moran said in regard to the man who succeeded him as Commander of NWC, and who this week retired from the Navy.

Personal Comments Offered

Before reading his orders, RAdm. Suerstedt offered some personal comments during which he mentioned with gratitude his wife and her valuable support throughout his lengthy Naval career, as well as how pleased he was that three officers with whom he had been associated at the start of his service in the Navy could be with him on the occasion of his retirement. He had reference to VAdm. Moran, RAdm. Pugh and RAdm. Martin D. Carmody, Commander of the Navy's Operational Test and Evaluation Force, all of whom were on the reviewing stand this past Wednesday.

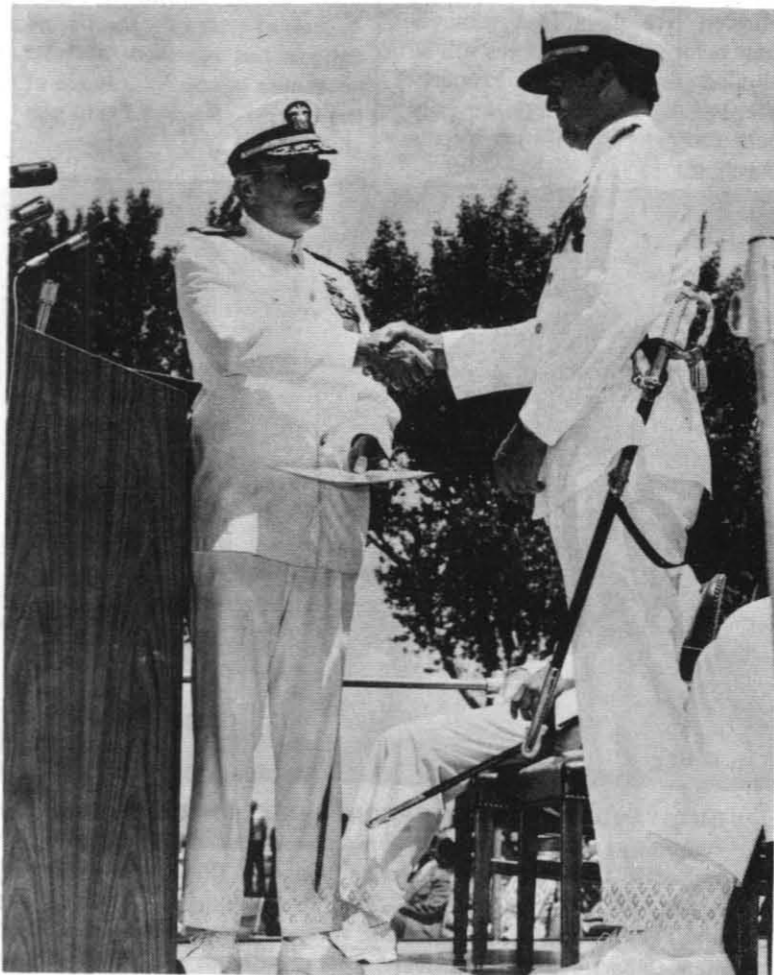
In touching in his comments upon the efforts of a great many people at China Lake, RAdm. Suerstedt observed that the real strength of the Naval Weapons Center lies in the quality of its personnel. He appreciated, the Center's retiring Commander said, the firm, direct, personal support of his efforts and the guidance he had received from those with whom he was associated during his tenure as NWC Commander.

"While there are bound to be variations in the country and in the Navy, I don't see a future in which there will not be a strong Navy and a strong country," RAdm. Suerstedt concluded.

Familiar With Local Area

During his remarks upon assuming command of NWC, RAdm. Pugh explained that he was fairly familiar with the local area and had tramped across some parts of the valley before the Center was established.

Since the end of World War II RAdm. Pugh disclosed, he had been trying to get a job here, but until now the timing hadn't been right.



32-YEAR CAREER ENDS — His personal congratulations for a fine record of service were extended to RAdm. Henry Suerstedt, Jr., by VAdm. William J. Moran (at left), as the latter also presented a retirement certificate to the outgoing Commander of the Naval Weapons Center.

"I'm truly delighted to be here. I do understand the function, mission and role of this organization. I hope we'll all pull together," the new Commander of the Naval Weapons Center said as he expressed both his pleasure and that of Mrs. Pugh at being assigned to China Lake.

Accompanying the retirement certificate that was presented to RAdm. Suerstedt was a letter from the Secretary of the Navy that was read by VAdm. Moran. In it, SecNav John Warner conveyed the sincere appreciation of the Navy and the nation to RAdm. Suerstedt at the conclusion of a distinguished Navy career.

"You have demonstrated most ably your ability to perform duties demanding great professional competence, superior judgement, and strong leadership," the SecNav letter stated. "You have met the demands, complexities and challenges of each assignment ranging from combat aviation duties in two wars to your present assignment as Commander of the Naval Weapons Center with determination, resourcefulness and ingenuity."

Example for Others

After noting also the many combat decorations and honors received by RAdm. Suerstedt during his lengthy Navy career, the SecNav letter concluded: "I am certain that your brilliant Naval record will long serve as an example to those who follow in your footsteps. Please accept my personal best wishes and the gratitude of the entire Navy. Well done!"

The benediction by Chaplain R. E. Osman, the ritual of setting up a formation of eight side boys as RAdm. Suerstedt was "piped over the side" for the last time in his long Naval career, and musical selections by the Third Marine Air Wing Band from El Toro concluded the change of command and retirement ceremony.

Meetings Set On Off Road Vehicle Use

The city council chamber in Ridgecrest will be the setting for one in a group of four concurrent meetings that will be held today and tomorrow for the purpose of obtaining comments and recommendations from all sides regarding the development of an off-road vehicle management plan covering federally-owned land in the California desert.

The California director of the Bureau of Land Management has instructed the desert planning staff to coordinate efforts of the BLM's Riverside and Bakersfield District offices in developing such a plan.

The meetings on this subject in Ridgecrest will be held at city hall this afternoon, from 1 to 8 p.m., and on Saturday, June 2, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Similar sessions will be held at the same time in Bakersfield, Bishop and Lancaster, and other meetings also have been scheduled during the first two weeks in June at desert area cities ranging from Needles to Riverside.

Following these meetings, another series of get-togethers will be held in the fall for the purpose of reviewing proposals before the off-road vehicle management plan is finalized.



WORK OF ART — Walter Koerschner, who works in the Technical Reports Branch, of the Weapons Development Department's Technical Services Division, poses with a painting of Rear Admiral Henry Suerstedt, Jr., NWC Commander from October 1972 to May 30, 1973. Koerschner created the oil painting at the request of Frank Knemeyer, head of the Weapons Development Department. The artistic rendition of the NWC Commander was presented to him as a gift from Code 40 at a dinner party held Tuesday evening at the Commissioned Officers' Mess.

Burroughs Sets 7-week Summer School Session

A seven-week summer school program, consisting of 17 different classes, has been scheduled at Burroughs High School, beginning on June 11.

The summer program will end on Friday, July 27, with July 4 as the only holiday during the session.

Four-hour classes are scheduled from 8 a.m. to 12 noon, yielding 10 semester periods, or 1 unit of credit. Two-hour classes will be conducted from 8 to 10 a.m., or from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, with five semester periods, or ½ unit, of credit.

Among the classes to be offered are Algebra 9B, Summer Theatre Workshop, English Review, English Composition, Stage Band and Physical Fitness.

Mini-courses in physical education also will be offered. These include beginning basketball, advanced basketball and gymnastics.

Student absence will not be permitted, but a maximum of three days will be allowed for excused illness. It is advised that students whose families are planning a trip or vacation during the time that summer school is in session not enroll.

Any class may be repeated by a student seeking grade improvement, however, additional credit is not given for any such repeat effort. During the summer, students will be limited to four hours of class work per day, including mini-courses.

Sales Limited At Navy Gas Station

Admiral E. R. Zumwalt, Jr., Chief of Naval Operations, has ordered that Navy Exchange service stations restrict gasoline sales to 12 gallons per customer in order to conserve gasoline, effective immediately.

Lt. E. N. Smith, Resident Assistant Navy Exchange Officer, has reported that this procedure is now in practice at the local Navy Exchange station.



OUTSTANDING SAFETY RECORDS RECOGNIZED — Presentation of awards in recognition of a cumulative total of eight million man-hours worked without a lost-time accident were presented by Dr. Walter B. LaBerge (at left), acting Technical Director of the Naval Weapons Center, during Tuesday morning's department head meeting. The recipients were (from left) Frank Knemeyer, Leroy Riggs and Fred Chenault, who head the Weapons Development, Electronic Systems and Systems Development Departments, respectively. Knemeyer holds a certificate in recognition of five million man-hours worked by the personnel in his department without a lost-time accident from May 1967 through March 1973. Riggs and Chenault hold similar awards denoting that their departments have chalked up one million and two-million man-hours of accident-free operation, respectively. The Code 35 award is for the period from December 1971 to March 1973, while the Code 30 award covers the period from November 1970 to March 1973.



GIFT FROM WACOM — Mary Jo Suerstedt, wife of Rear Adm. Henry Suerstedt, Jr., who stepped down as NWC Commander on Wednesday, received this sculptured metal roadrunner at the Military Wives luncheon held May 22 at the Commissioned Officers' Mess. The gift was presented by Pat LaBerge, wife of NWC Acting Technical Director Dr. Walter B. LaBerge, who represented the WACOM membership. In addition, Mrs. Suerstedt received two polished geodes as mementos of her stay at China Lake from Betty Sturman, past president of WACOM, who performed the polishing work on the stones. The roadrunner came from Albuquerque, N. Mex., a former duty station of the Suerstedts.

SecNav Honors Wilson...

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Secretary of the Navy. Past Navy awards to Wilson include the Navy Superior Civilian Award, the Robert Dexter Conrad Award, the Meritorious Civilian Service Award, and the Center's L. T. E. Thompson Award.

During a period of 18 years, both as Deputy Technical Director and Technical Director of the Naval Weapons Center, Wilson established several significant guidelines for the Center which, in combination, comprise its operating philosophy. He has provided continuous support for the concept and operation of the Technical Officer and his staff at China Lake to assure that the Center is constantly aware of Fleet needs.

Wilson's awareness of the broad

context of Navy needs has facilitated the Center's providing over 75 per cent of the airborne weapons in use in the free world today. A climate of innovative creativity has been the keystone of his endeavors at the Naval Weapons Center.

In addition, Wilson's contributions have significantly influenced the Navy's ability to respond to changing defense needs, and his personal reputation and leadership have provided the Navy with additional resources to manage weapons development programs.

Wilson's outstanding management accomplishments in his role of directing one of the foremost laboratories involved in the defense of this nation stand out as exceptional.

Applications For EEO Seminar Now Being Taken

Applications are now being accepted for enrollment in an Equal Employment Opportunity/Affirmative Action Plan seminar that is to be held from June 20 to 22 at the Training Center.

This three-day program will be presented by William Guthrie and Jack Reith of Guthrie Associates in Tustin, Calif.

Among subjects to be covered will be an examination of economic, social and political pressures for change; cultural heritage and its influence on prejudice, and cultural history of both the black community and Chicanos.

Persons interested in participating in this seminar should submit a completed copy of NWC Enrollment Form 12410/28 via department channels in order to reach Code 654 no later than next Friday, June 8.

Murray School, Burroughs High, College Graduation Ceremonies Set Next Week

Graduation programs for Murray School eighth graders and seniors at Burroughs High School are scheduled next Thursday evening, June 7.

Coming up on the evening of Friday, June 8, is a ceremony for the 49 members of the 1973 graduating class at the Desert Campus of Bakersfield, who will receive their AA degrees.

This will be the final Commencement exercise for the Desert Campus of Bakersfield College, since the Desert Campus will officially become Cerro Coso Community College when summer school gets under way on June 18.

A group of 241 Murray School eighth graders, their parents, family members and friends, will assemble at the Center theater on June 7 for a graduation program that will get under way at 5:30 p.m.

Diplomas are to be presented to the graduates by Richard Rusciocelli, president of the China Lake Elementary School District board of trustees, assisted by Mrs. Betty Jane Tiffany, principal of Murray School.

The program will include the invocation and benediction by Chaplain Aquinas Smith, a profile of the Class of '73 by Grant Pinney, assistant superintendent, and a farewell address to be delivered by Dr. Sol Spears, district superintendent.

The Murray School concert band, under the direction of Mrs. Alberta Kline, will play for both the processional and recessional as the graduates enter and leave the theater, and also entertain with an additional musical number entitled "You've Got a Friend."

A reception at the Murray School cafeteria will follow the graduation ceremony.

The Burroughs High School athletic field will be the setting for the graduation of 349 seniors from the local high school, beginning at 8

p.m. on June 7.

The presentations by three student speakers will highlight the Burroughs High graduation, which will open with the flag salute, led by Diane Atencio, a senior class officer, and the invocation by Msgr. Dino Riccomini, of St. Ann's Catholic Church in Ridgecrest.

Student speakers will be Barbara Harrigal, who will deliver a welcome from the Class of 1973; Anne Cuykendall, whose subject will be reflections on her days as a high school student, and Kathy Robertson, who will deliver the farewell address.

Members of the Class of '73 will be presented by John M. Cissne, principal at Burroughs High School, and will receive their diplomas from William E. Davis, local member of the Kern High School District board of trustees.

Musical selections during the program will include "The Long and Winding Road," sung by the Burroughs concert choir under the direction of Alan Kubik, and the alma mater played by the Burroughs band, directed by Russell Parker.

On the following evening (Friday, June 8) starting at 8 o'clock, a ceremony during which 49 students from the Desert Campus of Bakersfield College will receive Associate in Arts degrees will be held at the Burroughs High Lecture Center.

The AA degrees will be presented by Albert S. Gould, retiring member of the Kern Community College District board of trustees, following introduction of each of the graduates by Dr. Richard A. Jones, dean of the Desert Campus and president-designate of Cerro Coso College.

The Commencement address will be delivered by John Collins, president of Bakersfield College. Student speakers on the program will be Terri Jacks and Darrel

Henry, both of whom are graduating with honors.

In addition, 19 high school graduates will receive their diplomas at this same time. They will be introduced by Raymond J. Marsh, assistant dean of the Desert Campus, and receive their diplomas from Beverly Aherin, dean of counseling services at Burroughs High.

Rounding out the program, Edward Simonsen, superintendent of the Kern Community College District, will extend greetings to all of the graduates.

Musical entertainment for the evening will be provided by a sextet from the Desert Campus choir, directed by Ray Blume, and also by the brass section of the Desert Community Orchestra, led by Russell Parker.

Graduates and their guests are invited to attend a reception that will be held in the Burroughs High School library following the graduation ceremony.

Seniors Invited To Baccalaureate Service Sunday

Graduating seniors at Burroughs High School will take part in the traditional Baccalaureate ceremony Sunday at 7:30 p.m. at the local high school's Lecture Center.

The ceremony, sponsored by the Indian Wells Valley Ministerial Association, will feature a theme of "Past, Present and the Future." Rev. Bill Charlton, pastor of the Covenant United Presbyterian church, is the coordinator of the Baccalaureate.

Six student speakers and five ministers will participate in the program, along with Dr. Walter B. LaBerge, NWC's Acting Technical Director, who will lead the congregation in a Litany recitation.

Val Kuletz, a member of the Class of '73, will speak on the "Celebration of Reflection" (past), while the Rev. Robert Johnson, pastor of the Grace Lutheran Church, will talk to the class on the "Celebration of Present Gifts."

The future will be highlighted in a speech by Rev. Murray Boyd, pastor of the Immanuel Baptist Church, entitled "Celebration of Challenge."

Music by the Madrigal Singers, who will be accompanied by Phyllis Boyd at the piano, is included on the program.

Dr. Rogers To Give Graduation Address

Dr. Marguerite Rogers, head of the Weapons Systems Analysis Division in the NWC Weapons Development Department, has been invited to give the Commencement address on the occasion of her daughter Alison's graduation from Orme School, near Mayer, Ariz., on Saturday.

A college preparatory school, the Orme School is located on a 40,000 acre ranch of the same name, and has a student body of less than 200. The ranch is situated approximately 60 miles north of Phoenix.

"Yesterday, today and tomorrow" will be the theme of Dr. Rogers' address to the 20-member graduating class.



PEGGY AND FRIEND — Peggy Hensley, an employee of the Engineering Department's Document Quality Branch, helps her robot friend advertise the fact that UNIVAC 1108 is back in business in the Systems Analysis and Computer Lab. The robot was created by Maxine Booty, a mathematician in Code 3037, for the retirement party of Helen Morrin held last January. Mrs. Booty brought Robot out and placed him in the lobby of Michelson Laboratory to let customers know of the availability of the UNIVAC 1108. She made him out of IBM card boxes and Christmas lights. His heart is made of a solid-state transistor and all the lights work.

Austin Attends Meeting On State's Fuel Energy Crisis

A hard look at the energy crisis in California and what might be done to alleviate its effects over a short, medium and long-range time span was discussed recently by a group of experts summoned to a meeting in Sacramento by Lt. Gov. Ed Reinecke.

Dr. Carl Austin, head of the Petrodynamics Branch in the NWC Research Department's Detonation Physics Division, was invited to participate in the meeting at the state capital because of his expertise in the field of geothermal activity.

It was his feeling that the group, some 30 strong, took a real hard look at all aspects of the statewide energy crisis, Dr. Austin said.

Considerable discussion was devoted to the subject of just how soon people will begin to realize that this is a real problem—and not a put-up crisis by special interest groups.

"These problems are very real and very serious," Dr. Austin emphasized.

While this was a one-shot meeting, it did accomplish the purpose for which it was called, namely to develop a series of recommendations for use by the governor of California and his staff in arriving at future policy decisions and long range plans aimed at alleviating the energy problem.

Subjects covered during the meeting in Sacramento included the need for research and development programs related to both the supply and sources of energy; the need for continued offshore oil production; and the immediate need for deep water port facilities capable of handling giant-size oil tankers.

Also given serious consideration, Dr. Austin said, was the problem of secondary and tertiary oil recovery from proven oil fields. It was estimated that roughly 10 billion barrels of oil could be recovered provided that there was the incentive for oil companies to do so.

Turning attention to the increased demand for oil, gas and

other sources of energy, it was determined that 36 per cent of the state's total energy consumption at the present time goes for transportation.

Suggestions in the area of policy implementation were made with short, mid-term and long range goals in mind in an effort to draw up a plan that will enable state officials to do something useful about getting through the fairly serious shortages that are expected to develop over the next few years.

This is due, Dr. Austin noted, because of the long lead time that is required to construct facilities, new refineries, and power plants, and/or change ways of doing business.

Areas of policy that were emphasized to encourage the rapid increase of geothermal energy production in California included easing of the mechanism for obtaining permits, and the opening of the federal public domain to geothermal development.

Pay Scale Of Non-Supervisory Workers Revised

As a result of Public Law 92-392 becoming effective, most NWC non-supervisory ungraded employees will be paid on the basis of a five step wage scale.

The "set-aside" ratings (WPs and WXs) are not affected by this change.

The conversion to the new scale was effective on May 13 and should be reflected in June 15 pay checks. In general, those employees who have been in the third step of their rate for two or more years will be advanced to the fourth step and will begin a new waiting period.

No employee will be advanced to step five as a result of converting to the new system.

Employees who have questions regarding the new system should contact their appropriate Personnel Department representative.



TOP OFFICIAL INTERVIEWED — Dr. Joel S. Lawson, Jr., (at left) responded recently to a request for a videotaped interview during which he answered questions that had been solicited by a telephone survey of various departments and projects offices on the Naval Weapons Center. Dr. Lawson, who is the Director of Navy Laboratories, is shown being interviewed by Bill Blanc, an audio-visual producer in the Technical Information Department's Presentations Division. In his answers to questions, Dr. Lawson discussed the role of laboratories in today's Navy and, more specifically, how NWC is doing in fulfilling that role. Also brought out were answers to such specific concerns as the possibility of future personnel cutbacks, replacement of obsolete facilities, and the prospects for improved ways of securing funds. The interview with Dr. Lawson is being shown to test audiences to determine its interest for more general circulation.

Surplus Gov't Property To Be Auctioned June 12

An auction sale of surplus government property will be held at the Naval Weapons Center on Tuesday, June 12.

The property to be sold is located at the Defense Property Disposal Office Scrap and Salvage Yard, and in the Defense Property Disposal Office Warehouse. It may be inspected between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m., on work days, beginning on Monday.

Directions to either site will be available at the Security Pass Desk, located at the front gate of NWC.

Persons who wish to participate in the auction must register by presenting identification. They will be given a bidder's paddle before they will be allowed to bid on property offered for sale. Registration will begin at 8 a.m. on the day of the sale, which starts promptly at 9 a.m. Both the registration period and auction will be conducted at the Community Center.

This type of sale is designed to give individuals and small buyers

EEO POSTER — In an effort to keep the equal employment opportunity (EEO) message before Naval Weapons Center employees, a series of posters has been designed for distribution and display throughout the Center. Each of the posters is intended for use for a two-month period. The current EEO poster, shown above, is to be replaced in July.