

Cast for Next CLOTA Production, 'Ring Round Moon,' Chosen

Eduardo Romero, director of "Ring Round the Moon" for the Community Light Opera and Theater Association (CLOTA), has chosen John Clark to play Hugo and Frederick, twin brothers.

The show will be presented in the Burroughs High School Lecture Center on Dec. 6, 7, 13 and 14.

Clark, a newcomer to CLOTA, has appeared in several plays for the Theater 27 class at Cerro Coso College, and recently was seen as Bo in the China Lake Players production of "Bus Stop."

Diana, engaged to Frederick, but secretly in love with Hugo, will be portrayed by Cathy Carter, a fine young actress, who recently had the demanding role of Annie Sullivan in CLOTA's "The Miracle Worker." Robbie Robbins, who recently played Larry in "Company," will be seen as Messerschman, the gloomy millionaire, father of Diana.

Claudia Olson plays Isabella, the Cinderella of the ball. She was a recent hit as Amy in CLOTA's "Company," and has also had extensive experience at the Virginia Commonwealth University.

The role of Lady India will be portrayed by Camille Menz. Mrs. Menz has appeared in small roles in a number of CLOTA productions. A most important character in the comedy is that of Madame Desmortes, to be played by Mimi Merrill. The Madame oversees the ball with her witty chatter from the confines of a wheelchair.

Completing the cast is Joshua, the grumbling butler, played by Jack Lindsey, who is a veteran actor of the local stage in many CLOTA and college productions.

Cameo roles will be filled by Don Tilford, as Romainville; Marlene Crawford, who portrays Isabella's mother, and Sally Erickson, as Capulet.

CLOTA board liaison for the show is Marty Landau, who suggests that "Ring Round the Moon" be a part of theatergoers' holiday celebrations. Reservations for group seatings of ten or more persons can be made by calling 446-4324.

AFGE To Meet Monday

The next meeting of Local 1781 of the American Federation of Government Employees has been scheduled at 7 p.m. Monday in the Joshua Room of the Community Center.



PLANNING UNDER WAY FOR HOLIDAY BAZAAR — Leslie Plasterer, Ruth Nolan and Mary Ann Crow (l.-r.) are shown pricing items that will be among the many hundreds of articles for sale at the 1974 WACOM Holiday Bazaar. This annual event, which will be held Nov. 15 and 16 in the Community Center, features handcrafted Christmas gift items that will be offered for sale by various social, fraternal and charitable organizations in the Indian Wells Valley. Hours of the bazaar will be from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Nov. 15 and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Nov. 16. —Photo by PH2 Dan Yeatts

WACOM Holiday Bazaar Set For Nov. 15-16 at Community Center

The sixth annual WACOM Holiday Bazaar will be held Friday and Saturday, Nov. 15 and 16, in the Community Center.

On display for sale to the public will be handcrafted items and food stuffs made by members of more than 22 different social, fraternal and charitable organizations in the Indian Wells Valley.

Sponsored by the Women's Auxiliary of the Commissioned Officers' Mess, the bazaar began in 1969 as a luncheon program at the COM with nine different groups participating. This year's chairwoman is Sue Byrd, who has planned the best celebration ever.

Tea Room To Be Open

Volunteers will operate a tea room where homemade cake, pie and sandwiches will be for sale to hungry shoppers. Even Santa Claus will be there for both days of the event to listen to children's "wish" lists.

The range of items for sale is extremely broad. The Jewish Women's Club will feature imported items from Israel, and women from the Methodist Churches of Inyokern and Randsburg will offer quilts, comforters and ceramic tree ornaments.

Baked goods will be sold by the IWV Nurses Club and the Protestant Women of the Chapel. The Burroughs High School Home Economics Club plans to offer candied apples, popcorn balls and cookies, and the Murray School Band Boosters will be featuring homemade candy at their booth. Gifts with local history and appeal will highlight the Maturango Museum's booth, and the Desert Planters of Ridgecrest will sell seeds, drift wood, bulbs, dry flower arrangements, and herbs. The Navy Wives Club will offer Barbie doll clothing and other needlecraft items, and the Women of the St. Michael's Episcopal Church are planning to sell Indian crosses and dried flowers.

Christmas decorations, jewelry and candles will be featured at the Military Wives Club booth. The Burroughs Band Boosters have imported items from Mexico, including pottery, paper flowers, rocking chairs and puppets.

Carlton Characters Featured
Pooh Bear and Sesame Street characters will be offered for sale by the Women of the Ridgecrest Methodist Church. Beta Sigma Psi, Chi Alpha and Alpha Alpha Psi chapters have homemade aprons for children and adults who patronize their booth.

Other organizations that will be participating in the bazaar are the American Association of University Women, American Field Services, Oasis Garden Club, IWV Association for the Retarded, Road Runners Auxiliary of the Children's Home Society, and of course, WACOM.

Dinner Meeting Set By Chemical Society

Dr. William F. Holton, a visiting fellow in chemistry at Princeton University, will be the featured speaker at the next meeting of the Mojave Desert Section of the American Chemical Society.

The meeting, a dinner affair, will be held on Friday, Nov. 15, starting at 6:30 p.m. at The Hideaway in Ridgecrest.

Dr. Holton, who received his Ph.D. in organic chemistry from the University of Delaware in 1961, will be speaking on the subject: "Hallucinogens—History, Chemistry and Future Prospects."

Included in the speaker's remarks will be his views on mind-affecting drugs, such as tranquilizers and anti-depressants. Dr. Holton feels that such medications represent another approach to studies in the still-hazy area of chemical-mental interaction that may result in a better understanding of mental disturbances.

Reservations to attend next Friday night's ACS dinner meeting can be made calling Mabel Ellis or Jack Pakulak at NWC ext. 7225 or 7292, or Don Moore, at ext. 3207.

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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 accompanying Parent or Adult Guardian
CS - Cinemascope
STD - Standard Movie Screen
Regular starting time—7:30 p.m.
Matinee—1 p.m.

FRI. 8 NOV.

"THREE TOUGH GUYS" (93 Min.)
Lino Ventura, Fred Williamson
(Drama) Insurance investigator Mario Erlichini contacts Thurman Scott in hope of recovering the \$1 million robbed from a bank. Both Scott and Erlichini are murdered. The latter's widow enlists the aid of priest Lino Ventura. A tough former convict, Ventura is nearly killed during the course of his sleuthing. He is saved from death in a foundry furnace by ex-police Capt. Isaac Hays. (PG)

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"THE BANK SHOT" (90 Min.)
George C. Scott, Clifton James
(Crime-Comedy) Master planner George C. Scott is learning a "useful trade" at warden Clifton James' penal farm when Sorrell Booke visits him regarding a "bank shot". The humorous point is—crime does not pay. (PG)

TUES.-WED. 12-13 NOV.
"THE APPRENTICESHIP OF DUDDY KRAVITZ" (121 Min.)
Richard Dreyfuss, Micheline Lanctot
(Drama) In Montreal's Jewish ghetto of 1948, 18-year-old Richard Dreyfuss aggressively seeks success. Jack Warden, his cab driver father, worships "boy wonder" Henry Farmer, actually a gangster, while Dreyfuss' grandfather, Zeev Scooter, tells him that a man without land is nothing. Working as a waiter in the summer resort, Dreyfuss begins an affair with Micheline Lanctot, a French Canadian maid, and falls in love with a beautiful lake in the Laurentian Mountains. Dreyfuss finally owns full title to the lake, but loses the respect of his friends and of Scooter. (PG)

THURS.-FRI. 14-15 NOV.
"THE NEW CENTURIONS" (105 Min.)
George C. Scott, Stacy Keach
(Action Drama) The story of several police rookies on the streets of Los Angeles during their first patrols. George C. Scott is the old veteran who teaches them a few things about law enforcement—not all of them which are in the police manual. (R)

Issuing of Permits For Getting Firewood Canceled by BLM

No free firewood permits will be available for the remainder of this fall and winter, it was announced by the Bureau of Land Management's district office in Bakersfield.

Areas where the firewood previously has been available are depleted of fallen trees and dry wood, and new sites cannot be made available until an environmental analysis is made to assess the effects of wood cutting and vehicle access.

According to Louis Boll, BLM district manager, all persons who have applied for free wood permits will have to make other plans. "We are sorry we cannot accommodate this use of national resource land, but supplies are limited," Boll said.

New rules now require that free use can be allowed only where other resource values can be enhanced, and the material has been offered for sale for at least 30 days, it was added.

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MICHELSON LAB AWARDS PRESENTED—Rear Admiral R. G. Freeman III (at left), NWC Commander, and Dr. G. L. Hollingsworth (on right) Technical Director, collaborated in presenting the Center's Michelson Laboratories Awards to Gerald R. Schiefer (second from left) and Capt. W. H. Sturman, USN (Ret.). The presentation took place during a reception honoring members of the Center's Ad Hoc Advisory Group. Schiefer was singled out for his significant contribution to one of NWC's major technical programs, while Capt. Sturman was commended for his outstanding effort in the administrative and management field.

Final Decision Reached on Fees For Groups Using Swim Pool

A final decision on the fees to be charged non-profit organizations for use of the swimming pool at the NWC gym, and information on proposed improvements at the Burroughs High School tennis courts for the benefit of the entire community highlighted last week's meeting of the Joint Navy-Civilian Recreation Council.

Members of the council's fee study committee, who had been asked last month to study alternate methods of charging non-profit groups for use of the swimming pool, suggested two ways that this matter be handled in the future.

2-Part Proposal Adopted
It was proposed that each individual of a non-profit organization which is permitted exclusive use of the NWC indoor pool for practice and competition be authorized for membership and be required to have a valid membership in the pool as a condition for participation with the group that has been

Results Announced Of Election Held By Community Council

In the only contest for a seat on the China Lake Community Council's board of directors, Dick Mahan emerged as the voters' choice for the position of member-at-large.

Approximately 850 votes were cast in Tuesday's election, and Mahan received 449 to 369 for Pat Leopard, who also was in the running for the council's member-at-large position.

Members of the newly-elected board of directors of the local civic group will assume their duties during the regular meeting scheduled for the second Tuesday in January. Between now and then, the officers who will serve for the next two years will be chosen by the board.

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2 Michelson Lab Awards Presented During Visit Of NWC Ad Hoc Advisory Gp.

The presentation of Michelson Laboratories Awards to Gerald R. Schiefer and Capt. W. H. Sturman, USN (Ret.), highlighted a no-host reception held last night in honor of the Naval Weapons Center's Ad Hoc Advisory Group.

The awards, which consist of a certificate and an engraved key, were presented jointly by Rear Admiral R. G. Freeman III, NWC Commander, and Dr. G. L. Hollingsworth, Technical Director. This special honor is designed to recognize outstanding individual administrative and professional excellence, or technical excellence, based on singular effort in the performance of individual duties.

The Michelson Laboratories Awards are complementary to the Center's highest award—the L. T. E. Thompson Award.

Schiefer was singled out to receive this special honor in recognition of his exceptional professional excellence and personal leadership in development and management of the High Speed Anti-Radiation Missile (HARM) program.

This contribution has brought credit to the Naval Weapons Center, and has served to further the mission of the Center.

Heads HARM Program Office

In October 1970, Schiefer was appointed program manager of the then newly-established HARM program office, and still holds this position today. During the past four years, his outstanding leadership has made it possible for him to guide the program skillfully through many obstacles.

Those responsible for selecting the recipients of the Michelson Laboratories Awards feel that the personal example set by Schiefer has been an inspiration to his program office staff, as well as to the entire

HARM work force. A graduate of the University of Utah, where he received a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering in 1960, Schiefer came to work at China Lake as an electronics engineer under the Professional Development Program for Junior Scientists and Engineers.

Capt. Sturman was presented the Michelson Laboratories award for his personal leadership in revitalizing the Center's long-range planning and programming for new facilities and structures, as well as for his better utilization of resources.

In addition, Capt. Sturman was recognized for his efforts in conservation and environmental protection—all of which resulted in bringing recognition to the Center and helped to further the NWC mission.

Sec / Nav Award Won

Capt. Sturman's efforts resulted last Aug. 7 in the presentation to the Center of the Secretary of the Navy's 1974 Environmental Protection Award for the most significant environmental protection effort carried out by a research and development activity during the preceding year.

He also was cited for his work in re-establishing long-range planning, and for helping the Center to acquire vitally needed new or improved laboratory, living and recreation facilities. In addition, his leadership also resulted in an expanded "Self-Help" program, as well as new approaches to programmed maintenance.

After serving for three years as head of the Center's Public Works Department, Capt. Sturman, a veteran of 29 years of

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AD HOC ADVISORY GROUP VISITS NWC—Time out from the busy schedule of their two-day visit to China Lake was taken yesterday for a photo showing members of the Naval Weapons Center's Ad Hoc Advisory Group with Rear Admiral R. G. Freeman III, NWC Commander, and Dr. G. L. Hollingsworth, Technical Director. Executive sessions, briefings and special presentations were conducted to acquaint the visitors with the many and varied ways in which NWC contributes to the Navy's role in the nation's defense. Seated are (from left) Barry J. Shillito, president of Teledyne Ryan Aeronautical; Dr.

Hollingsworth, RAdm. Freeman, and Admiral J. D. Arnold, USN (Ret.). Standing (l.-r.) are: Dr. Cornelius J. Pings, Vice Provost and Dean of Graduate Studies at CalTech; Winfield E. Fromm, president of AIL, a division of Cutler-Hammer, Inc.; Dr. William H. Steier, chairman of Electrical Engineering at USC; Billy M. Horton, Technical Director of Harry Diamond Laboratories; Clarence L. Johnson, director and Senior Vice-President of the Lockheed Aircraft Corp., and Dudley C. Mecum, a partner in the firm of Peat, Marwick, Mitchell, Inc. The visitors were honored last night at a reception. —Photo by Bill Fettkether



LEUKEMIA FUND BENEFIT PLANNED—A Thanks for Giving Ball to benefit the Indian Wells Valley Leukemia Fund will be held on Saturday, Nov. 23, starting at 9 p.m. at Joshua Hall on the Desert Empire Fairgrounds. This event is being sponsored by Xi Lambda Chi sorority, one of whose members, Kathy Moe, is shown selling a pair of tickets to the dance to Bill Porter, acting head of the Surface Missiles Department. Porter and other employees of Code 31 are particularly sensitive to this problem, since Donnie Shearer, a 10-year-old son of one of their co-workers in this department, is afflicted with this awesome disease, and must undergo extremely costly medical treatment in an effort to save his life. Music for the Thanks for Giving Ball will be provided by members of the Good Times Band as their contribution to this worthy cause. —Photo by Ron Allen

Give 'till it Helps--the CFC Way

On Page 2 of Wednesday morning's Los Angeles Times newspaper can be found a photo that is heartbreaking to look at for those with any feelings at all for the unfortunate persons in many parts of this world who are facing death by starvation or disease.

How this ties in most directly with what is transpiring aboard the Naval Weapons Center is that the 1975 Combined Federal Campaign is under way, but, as of press time, the results (in most cases) have been unimpressive to say the least in terms of total participation.

However, the returns to date do indicate that those who have contributed so far have shown a greater generosity than in the past, despite the current inflation problem.

Through such International Service Agencies as CARE and the International Rescue Committee, help can be provided for people in less fortunate countries where famine is running rampant, or who have been uprooted because of wars or political upheavals.

In addition to providing funds to meet the needs of those who are in desperate straits in foreign lands, the CFC also helps to make it possible for 17 member agencies of the United Way of Indian Wells Valley and 10 National Health agencies to attempt to meet a multitude of other problems ranging from individual to group needs of the most serious kind.

Everything considered, the typical Naval Weapons Center employee, as well as military personnel assigned to duty here, has ample to meet personal needs and shouldn't begrudge sharing a minute portion of it with others who are less fortunate.

The amount that is given to the 1975 Combined Federal Campaign by an individual isn't as important as the fact that he or she has participated in the first place—and the payroll deduction plan makes this a cinch.

It's hard to believe that there are very many (if any) Centerites who would miss a deduction as small as \$1 a pay period from their paycheck, and yet if everyone would become just this involved in the 1975 Combined Federal Campaign, the goal of \$100,000 would be met with ease.

Think seriously about this, and do your share by returning that pledge card to your department or division CFC representative. Don't delay—do it now!

—D. Y.

National Children's Book Week To Be Observed Nov. 11-17 at Center Library

The Center Library has planned some special events to celebrate National Children's Book Week which begins Monday and ends on Sunday, Nov. 17.

The authors of a children's book—"The Adventures of Mrs. Pussycat"—will be on hand for an autograph party on Thursday and Friday, Nov. 14 and 15, and a drawing and guessing contest will cap the week's celebration on Sunday.

The drawing contest is for children in grades one through six. Entries are limited to one per child.

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The guessing competition will be to see which child comes closest to the number of books on stock in the library. Don Cook, Center Librarian, has given the following hint: "Somewhere between 25,000 and 35,000 volumes. 'Help from parents is a no-no,'" Cook stated.

Copies of the book to be autographed can be obtained at local bookstores and brought to the library for the authors to sign.

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Unless otherwise specified in the ad, applications for positions listed in this column will be accepted from current NWC employees and should be filed with the person named in the ad. All others desiring employment with the Naval Weapons Center may contact the Employment-Wage and Classification Division, Code 652, Ext. 2049. Ads will run for one week and will close at 4:30 p.m. on the Friday following their appearance in this column, unless a later date is specified in the ad. Employees whose work history has not been brought up to date within the last six months are encouraged to file a Form 171 or 172 in their personnel jacket. Information concerning the Merit Promotion Program and the evaluation methods used in these promotional opportunities may be obtained from your Personnel Management Advisor (Code 654 or 657). Advertising positions in the Promotional Opportunities column does not preclude the use of alternate recruiting sources in filling these positions. As part of the rating process, a supervisory appraisal will be sent to the current supervisor and the most recent previous supervisor of those applicants rated as basically qualified. The Naval Weapons Center is an equal opportunity employer and selection shall be made without discrimination for any nonmerit reason. The minimum qualification requirements for all GS positions are defined in CSC Handbook X-118, while those for all WG, WL and WS positions are defined in CSC Handbook X-118C.

Quality Assurance Specialist, GS-1910-12, PD No. 7455179, Code 5582 — This position is organizationally located in the Quality Assurance Branch with a duty station in Washington, D.C. Duties include performance of QA/QC and reliability through application of proper MIL requirements, interpretation of MIL-Q-9858A for inclusion into RFQ's and contracts, negotiation of quality requirements with the contractor, vendor review, qualification of parts, failure reporting systems, quality reliability interface and ASFR Quality requirements. Reviews QA, QC and inspection systems in contractor plants. Job Relevant Criteria: Experience in the area of manufacturing processes and techniques. Specific experience in QA, QC and reliability techniques. Experience as project/program team member dealing with contractors. Knowledge of electronics and electromechanical systems and processes.

File applications for the above with Carol Downard, Bldg. 34, Rm. 204, Ph. 2925. — This position is not limited to Center employees.

Administrative Assistant, GS-341-5, 7, 9, PD No. 7440210, Code 4003 — This position is that of administrative assistant in the CVX Program Office. Incumbent will participate in the development and compilation of budget plans and reviews all procurement requisitions. As the internal advisor on personnel matters, initiates and follows-up on personnel actions. Job Relevant Criteria: Knowledge of management principles and methods. Ability to communicate effectively orally and in writing. Knowledge of budget and procurement methods.

File applications for the above with Charlette Sieckowski, Bldg. 34, Rm. 204, Ph. 3118.

Supply Clerk (Typing), GS-2005-3, PD No. 7425033, Code 2594 — This position is located in the Shipping Section of the Traffic Branch in the Supply Department. The incumbent is responsible for the performance of clerical functions: personal interviews, inspection of outgoing and incoming shipments of personal property and maintenance of files relating to personal property. Job Relevant Criteria: Ability to meet and deal with the public; ability to express self verbally and in writing; ability to work rapidly and accurately. Advancement Potential: To GS-4.

File applications for the above with Claire Lewis, Bldg. 34, Rm. 212, Ph. 3271.
Clerk-Typist, GS-322-4, PD No. 7351105, Code 5141 — Incumbent types official letters, maintains files, receives visitors, answers telephones and performs various other clerical duties for branch personnel. Job Relevant Criteria: Ability to get along with others in a work group; ability to type efficiently and accurately; reliability and dependability; familiar with the proper format for all types of Navy correspondence.
File applications for the above with Pat Gaunt, Bldg. 34, Rm. 212, Ph. 2514.

JOB OPPORTUNITY
Recreation Aid, PS-189-03, (\$2.39 ph). This position—not a Civil Service job—is that of lifeguard at the Center Gym swimming pool. It is part-time, 1100 to 1300, Monday through Friday. Qualification Requirements: Must have Senior Lifesaving Certificate.
File applications for the above with Elizabeth Sodergren, Bldg. 34, Rm. 206, Ph. 2676.

First in Series Of Travel Film Lectures Set by Cerro Coso

The first of five exciting travel/adventure film lectures will be presented at the Cerro Coso Community College Lecture Hall on Sunday evening, beginning at 8 o'clock.

Hugh Pope, sportsman, adventurer and widely-travelled lecturer, will show rare films of the little-known country of Ecuador and Darwin's Galapagos Islands.

Four other film lectures are planned in the series. These are a trip to "Hunza," known as the Himalayan Shangri-la, narrated by Renee Taylor on Nov. 17; "Mongolia," by Edward Laskowski, on Nov. 24; a look at Central America, narrated by Gene Wiancko, on Dec. 1; and John Goddard's "Kayaks Down the Nile," on Dec. 8.

Pope's lecture and films will try to throw some light on Ecuador, its scenery, culture and varied attractions which make it rewarding to view. The film about the famed Galapagos Islands, a haven for near-extinct birds and reptiles, catches much of the romance, strange creatures and lovely scenery of this exciting world.

Tickets for the lecture are priced at \$1 for general admission and 50 cents for Cerro Coso students who possess a student body card. The tickets are available at the NWC Station Pharmacy, the Gift Mart in Ridgecrest, or at the door of the lecture hall on Sunday night.

Catholics Schedule Dinner-Dance on Nov. 22

Preparations are well under way for the 12th annual Catholic champagne dinner-dance that will take place on Friday, Nov. 22, at the Community Center.

"Frolic With Frosty" is the theme of this year's event, which will begin with a social hour at 7 p.m. A prime rib dinner with champagne, catered by the CPO Club, is on tap beginning at 8, and there will be dancing to music of the Good Times Band from 9 p.m. until 2 a.m.

A limited number of tickets, priced at \$9 each, are still available and can be obtained

in the east wing of the All Faith Chapel after the 5 p.m. Mass on Saturday, or after all Masses on Sunday.

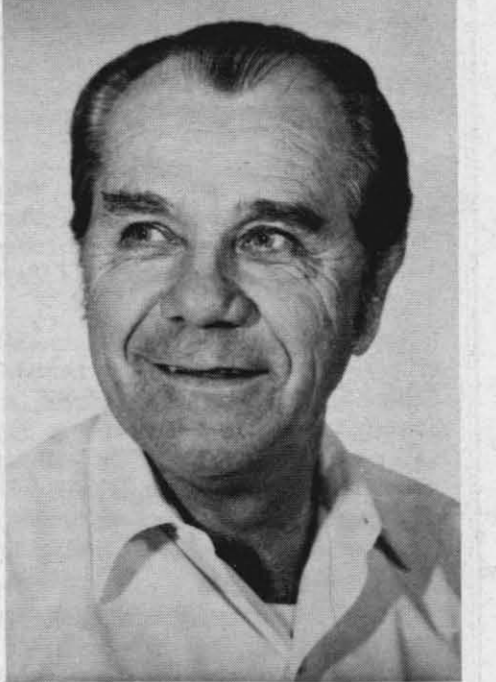
Mary Jane Jaeger is general chairwoman for this event, while Dave and Virginia Wirtz are in charge of decorations. There will be special lighting at the dinner tables—something that is being worked out by Anne Pogge, who also will be responsible for the macramé snowflake decorations.

Gwen and Earle Roby are in charge of tickets.



AT WORK ON DECORATIONS — In keeping with the "Frolic With Frosty" theme of the Catholic champagne dinner-dance, large, snowflake-like decorations are being made by (from left) Marlene Hoover, Gay Hall and Marilyn Koelsch. This annual event will be held on the evening of Friday, Nov. 22, at the Community Center. —Photo by Maurice Dias

Employee In The Spotlight



Alexander J. Kowalsky

Alexander J. Kowalsky is living proof that Herbert Spencer, famous 19th Century writer and philosopher, was correct when he said "Education has for its object the formation of character."

Al, an engineering technician with the Engineering Department's Shrike Production Office, started his adult life as a gate-maker in the steel mills in Monessen, Pa., his birthplace.

He found himself rudely discharged from high school prior to graduation for fighting and general trouble-making, and took the job with the Pittsburgh Steel Co. until November 1942, when he joined the Army.

He got his fill of fighting in the South Pacific where he served with the 4th Amphibious Engineering Brigade on New Guinea. At the war's conclusion, Al was among the occupational forces sent to Japan.

Following his discharge he returned to Monessen and the steel mill, but a few months later transferred to Fontana, Calif., where he went to work for Kaiser Steel Co. as a crane operator.

Worked Here First as Guard
In February 1948, Al came to China Lake. He began as a guard in Michelson Laboratory, which was still under construction, and after 18 months, became a Security policeman. During this time, Al, who had mended his ways, returned to high school and was graduated from Burroughs High in June 1949.

In December 1950, tired of not getting anywhere and with his high school diploma under his belt, Al entered the NOTS Apprenticeship Program to begin training as a machinist. He was graduated in November 1954.

Remained With Code 55
His work history from that time on is tied up continuously with the Engineering Department. He was employed as an experimental machinist for awhile, and also as a model maker. In January 1960, he became a shop instructor in machinist trade theory and taught other machinists for the next three years. In 1963, he became an engineering technician and moved into the Engineering Evaluation Branch. He was transferred into the Shrike program in August 1966 and has been there ever since.

Since 1954, after his graduation from the Apprenticeship Program, Al discovered a new joy—education. He even left the Center for an 18 month period and attended Cal Poly at

San Luis Obispo, where he studied mostly engineering courses. He has taken scores of on-Center courses, with the UCLA Extension, UCSB Extension, National Defense Institute, Bakersfield College and Cerro Coso Community College.

A number of Quality Step Increases and Outstanding Ratings have been presented to Al for his work performance, and he's been recognized through group achievements and singled out in letters of commendation many times in the past 20 years.

Al is presently chairman of the NWC Federal Credit Union's Credit Committee. In the past he's officiated at football and baseball games at both high school and college level, and he's worked locally with the Little League and the Pony/Colt League as manager, coach and umpire.

He and his wife, Ella Maria, whom he met in Monessen, are quiet people. They like to read, take walks, go camping. Al enjoys fishing and working on his own automobiles. He studies new and interesting things whenever he can.

If only the high school administrators in Monessen, Pa., who thought he was "too rough" to graduate could see him now.

Liz Knemeyer Just Fraction Away From Win in Gym Meet

Liz Knemeyer, who competes in the 15-18-year-old age category on the High Desert Gymnastics Team, came within .005 of a point of winning the Zone Qualifying Meet for the Southern District Championship, held this past weekend at Cal Poly in Pomona. Eight teams (135 girls) were entered in the meet.

Miss Knemeyer finished first in floor exercises with a score of 8.5, second on the beam, tallying 7.2, notched 7.35 on the bars for second place in that event, and ended up in fourth place in the vault with a 6.9 total, giving her an all-around score of 29.95, and second place.

Out of the five members of the local team who competed in the meet, only one other girl, Tracy Lindsey, who competes in the 10-11-year-old group, qualified. Miss Lindsey finished in fifth place on the uneven parallel bars with a score of 6.9.

Others who went to Pomona, in addition to the two winners, were Mary Knemeyer, Kathleen Lamb and Rhonda Bergh.

During a local meet held recently between Victorville Gymnastics and the High Desert squad, Mary Knemeyer was the top scorer of all Class 3 (ages 10-12) competitors. She garnered a total score of 32.80, tallying 8.20 on the beam, 8.05 in vaulting, 8.50 on the bars, and 8.05 in the floor exercise.

The local team is currently practicing for a gymnastics spectacular, which has been scheduled Nov. 20, 21 and 22 at the Burroughs High School Lecture Center.



A FIRST — Gerald R. Hewett, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald L. Hewett, of 34-B Sykes Circle, was the center of interest on Oct. 31, when he became the first young man from this area to be inducted into the U.S. Navy by a full-time Navy recruiter assigned to the Indian Wells Valley. To mark the occasion, he was sworn into the service by Rear Admiral R. G. Freeman III, NWC Commander (r.), while Rear Admiral James H. Foxgrover, the Assistant Commander, NAVAIRSYSOM, for Material Acquisition (NAVAIR-05), looked on. Young Hewett enlisted under the Navy's "Cache" program and will not report until next May. Following his boot training he has been guaranteed training in Class "A" Data Processing school. The senior Hewett is an electronic technician in Code 5535. The local youth was recruited for the Navy by NCC R. A. "Dick" Belcher, whose recruiting office is located temporarily at the Community Center. Chief Belcher has been assigned to the IWV and will be in this area for the next three years. Previously, enlistments in the Navy were handled by a recruiter who traveled here from Lancaster.

Local Action Group To Combat Alcoholism

A Community Action Group called the "Committee on Responsible Drinking" (CORD) has been organized by a group of concerned citizens of Indian Wells Valley. Purpose of the group is to develop a program to combat alcoholism and abusive drinking in the local area.

Scope of the program is expected to include an intensive campaign to provide information to all segments of the community on the nature and extent of the alcoholism program. In addition, plans call for making maximum use of available resources by means of a sharing of information by all those who are now providing some kind of service in the area, and to work with the Kern County Alcoholism Advisory Board and the Board of Supervisors on the development of a comprehensive program to meet the future needs of the Valley.

Committee Coordinator

Gene St.-Amand, of the Desert Counseling Center, is currently coordinating the committee's efforts. He has invited representatives from a wide range of organizations and interests to participate in this community effort. Among those who have agreed to participate are:

Florence Green, a member of the Ridgecrest City Council; Chuck Porter, from the Kern County District Attorney's office; Dr. Norman Shapiro, a member of the Desert Counseling Center staff, and Janet Funk, a DCC board member; Eva Bien and Fred Nathan, from the NWC Personnel Department, and Central Staff, respectively; and Dr. Wayland Bennett, head of the NWC Medical Department.

Others are George Steinhauer, of the Kern County Alcohol Advisory Board; the Rev. John Forney, minister of the United Methodist Church of Inyokern and Rangesburg; Fr. Bruce Spencer, rector of St. Michael's Episcopal Church; Audrey Erickson, a representative of Help Line, and Thom Boggs, of the Salvation Army.

Dance Slated at COM

The Good Time Music Band has been booked for a dance tonight at the Commissioned Officers' Mess, beginning at 9 o'clock.

Prior to the dance, Drake Dierkhising, club manager, suggests that members partake of the Friday night special (broiled spencer steak) in the Sierra dining room.

All members and their bona fide guests are invited to attend.

Phil Penningroth, of the Office of the Kern County Alcoholism Program Coordinator, will be working closely with the committee and, since invitations to join the group have been extended, its membership is expected to grow in the weeks and months ahead.

Immediate Plans
Some immediate plans agreed to at a recent meeting of CORD were to develop a series of informative newspaper articles, to prepare and submit proposals for consideration by the Kern County Alcoholism Advisory Board so that (hopefully) the local group can receive assistance from county funds that are available for this purpose, and to prepare a campaign designating the month of December as "Safe Drinking and Driving" month.

All persons interested in the work of CORD are invited to attend the group's next meeting on Friday, Nov. 22, at a location to be announced, or contact St.-Amand at the Desert Counseling Center by calling 446-5586.

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HOMECOMING QUEEN AND COURT — Looking slightly disheveled from the rainfall, Kathy Burkhalter (wearing long robe), who was crowned 1974 Homecoming Queen, posed happily for this photograph prior to the football game last Friday night between Burroughs and Kennedy High Schools. The queen's court are princesses Jan Jeanjaquet (l.) and Davia Skoog (r.). Miss Jeanjaquet, a cheerleader at Burroughs, was escorted by Mark Pelley (far left), while Miss Skoog, who is an active member of Pep Club, was escorted by Michael Graham (on her right). The queen's escort is Mike Harrison. —Photo by Ron Allen

Wilt's Corner

The China Lake adult basketball schedule will begin on Monday at 6 p.m. with the women's program. The men start play on the following night, when the first game is scheduled at 5:15. All games will be played in the Center gymnasium.

The men and women in Division A will play a triple round robin; Divisions B and C in the men's league will compete in a double round-robin within two separate categories, and a single round-robin within the division. The top four finishers in each league will wind up with a double-elimination tournament at the end of league play.

Wilt Wyman, director of athletics and youth programs, extended a vote of thanks to Cdr. C. D. Brown, head of Command Administration, and John Shoaf, the director of Special Services, for making the leagues possible through a grant of money from Special Services.

Actual cost of officials, timers and scorekeepers range from \$105 to \$150 per team, depending upon the league, but the two men felt these costs were definitely out of reach for some teams, so all costs above \$100 per team will be picked up by Special Services.

Wyman also noted that league schedules are now ready and can be picked up at the gymnasium office.

Banquet of Champions

The annual Banquet of Champions is scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 18, at the CPO Club. During the evening, Athletes of the Month for 1974 will be honored and a male and female Athlete of the Year will be announced. In addition, new inductees into the Hall of Fame will be disclosed, so Wyman says this should be a memorable occasion for all those interested in sports on the Naval Weapons Center.

Contact him at NWC ext. 2334 for further information about tickets.

NWC Volleyballers Take 2nd Place In Tournament at L.A.

The NWC traveling volleyball team placed second in its division last Saturday at a U.S. Volleyball Association sponsored tournament, held at Los Angeles Valley College.

Team members, led by Jerry Kissick, captain, who competed in the tournament were Bob Berry, Bob Smith, Ed Mikami, Tim Higgins, Jim Bevins and Ted Bailey.

The local squad won five games while losing three. Results of the matches are as follows:

The NWC entry defeated the Manhattan Beach Volleyball Club, 11-8, in its first game, but then lost to the beach city team, 8-11, in a second encounter. The locals came out on top over the LDS All Stars, 11-3, and 11-9, but then had to settle for a win and a loss against their final two opponents.

The Centerites lost 7-11 in their first game with the Irvine Volleyball Club, but bounced back to outscore Irvine, 11-9, in the second game. Against Pacific Coast College, winner of this division in the tourney, the NWC volleyballers were defeated 11-9, but then posted a 11-3 win.

Brown Smashes Pins For Big 722 Series

Jack Brown bombed the 1-3 pocket last Monday night in the Premier League as he bowled his way to the high individual series of the year—a sparkling 722 effort.

Brown came up with games of 220, 257 and 245 for the big three-game set, eclipsing Thad Brightwell's previous high mark of 703 for the season.

Benny Whiteside found the range while bowling in the same league and tallied a 632 series on games of 232 and 219. John Revels matched the 257 high game of Brown and wound up with a 614 set — the same figure that Earle Roby notched on games of 232 and 200.

Brightwell scored a 610 set with games of 211 and 208, and Bobby Kochman posted a 604 series that included a 219 high game.



OFF AND RUNNING — Two Kennedy High School Spartans (white jerseys) are closing in rapidly on Mark McDowell, who switched from fullback to slotback last Friday night. Unfortunately, for them, the Spartans didn't do too well in shutting off the rushing game of McDowell, who gained 162 yds. in 34 carries during the game which was won by Burroughs, 24-14. McDowell, who filled in at slotback position for the injured Steve Blanche, scored twice, kicked one PAT and added a 35-yd. field goal in the final quarter.

—Photo by Ron Allen

Burros Down Spartans, 24-14; Vie For Title Tonight at Lancaster

Undaunted by a steady downpour during the entire first half, the Burroughs High School varsity football team rolled back from a 6-0 deficit last Friday night to stun the Kennedy Spartans, 24-14.

The victory kept the Burros in a tie for second place in the Golden League with Quartz Hill. Both teams have identical 4-1 records while Antelope Valley HS is on top with a perfect 5-0 slate.

League Title at Stake

The local squad will get its crack at the title tonight at Lancaster when it meets AV in a game that begins at 8 o'clock.

Leading rusher for Burroughs in the game with Kennedy High was Mark McDowell, who filled in at the slotback position for Steve Blanche, who is injured. McDowell normally runs out of the fullback position. The junior back gained 162 yds. on 34 carries, scored twice, added one PAT and kicked a 35 yd. field goal to aid in his team's victory.

Kevin Smith, BHS quarterback, rushed for 33 yds. in 10 tries and passed the ball for another 46 yds. as he added to the Burros' total gain of 254 yds. during the contest.

The Spartans, who lead the league in total yds. gained, were held to 240 yds. by the quick Burro defense.

The Kennedy gridgers struck first in the game, scoring on their first possession of the

1st AAU-Sponsored Distance Run in IWW Attracts Entrants From Southland Areas

A field of 50 runners and nine race walkers competed in the first Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) race ever held in the Indian Wells Valley last Saturday, nearly half of them from the Southern California area.

The meet, sponsored jointly by the Over-the-Hill Track Club, Maturango Milers and NWC's Special Services, was run over a 10-kilometer course on the Naval Weapons Center.

Fastest time was posted by Marvin Rowley of Los Angeles. He negotiated the course in 32 min., 16 sec., finishing just ahead of Skip Shaffer, also from the L.A. area, who posted a time of 32:50. Dick Hughes, the "Cinderella" of local track, was fourth with a time of 34:13, just 19 sec. behind Paul Tjagas, the third place finisher.

Bryon Richardson, a local runner, won the 16-29 age division with a time of 38:34, and John Anderson, also a local resident, finished first in the 40-49 age bracket. His time was 38:19. Eleven-year-old Valerie Shantler of Ridgecrest was the runner-up in the women's division, completing the run only 1 min., 18 sec. behind the winner, Joyce Rowley of Los Angeles.

Norman Rodewald came here from Camarillo to take first place in the 30-39 age

ball. The Burros came back toward the latter part of the first quarter following a fumble recovery on the Spartans' 18 yd. line. McDowell tallied on a 8-yd. run and then booted the PAT to put the local squad ahead, 7-6.

Burroughs scored again early in the second quarter on a 5-yd. run by McDowell, who missed the PAT (the first time in 1974). The final four minutes of the half was filled with excitement. Both teams scored, the Spartans on a 49 yd. pass from Hector Alonzo, Kennedy quarterback, to Norris Jones, and the Burros on a quarterback keeper by Smith that came from the 1-yd. line. A 19-yd. pass play added two points after the TD.

Burros Lead at Halftime

The visitors added two points following their touchdown with a pass from Alonzo to George Peterson. The Burros carried a 21-14 lead into the locker room at half-time.

The second half was a defensive gem. Neither team scored another touchdown. However, McDowell made up for his missed PAT by booting a 35-yd. field goal in the final stanza.

Prior to the game Kathy Burkhalter, a songleader at Burros, was crowned as Homecoming Queen. Jan Jeanjacquet and Davia Skoog rounded out the Homecoming court.



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By Jack Lindsey

For the first time in my life as a sports writer I seriously disagree with the premier sports scribe of all time (at least, in my era)—Jim Murray.

In his article published on Wednesday, Murray describes Muhammad Ali as a "cheesecake champion," and states that Ali hasn't ever really fought anyone, other than Joe Frazier.

I take exception to Murray's choice of words. Certainly Ali has fought everyone he could, both as champion and contender, and has taken on all comers. He has even deliberately sought fights everyone thought he would lose, such as the most recent one with former champion George Foreman. I'm sure that at no time did Ali feel he would lose. He never does.

In his book, "Cosell," Howard Cosell describes Ali in sympathetic fashion. Being close friends for many years, contrary to their public image as enemies, Cosell has gained a lot of insight into the man who built a fortune from fast legs, quick hands and a rapid tongue.

I'm not sure if Ali would have whipped some of the great champions of all time, such as Joe Louis, Jack Dempsey, Gene Tunney, etc., but I do know that he would have gladly stepped into the ring with any one of them and made a good try. In addition to the speed that was his when he was younger, Ali, aided by his clever trainers and handlers, fights a "smart" fight. That's how he whipped Foreman.

I suppose most of the world would have been more pleased if he had stepped into the ring with Foreman and attempted to slug it out with the younger, heavier, stronger opponent. All would have been knocked silly and the world's blood lust might have been satiated.

I am solidly in Ali's corner when it comes to his game—fighting. I don't pay money to see a boxing match based upon the fighter's personality, political leanings or religious beliefs. Ali gives me what I want. He's right—he's the greatest!

'Rent' a Xmas Tree To Help Golf Course

Jimmy Lee, China Lake Golf Course superintendent, through Special Services, is offering golfers and other interested people an opportunity to donate trees to beautify the course and celebrate Christmas a little cheaper this year.

Lee is selling Aleppo pine trees for Christmas, potted and alive, which will then be donated back to the golf course for planting. There are three prices available—\$20, for a 6-to-7-ft. tree; \$26, which purchases a 7-to-8½-ft. Christmas tree, and \$50, the price for a tree that ranges from 8½-to 12-ft. in height.

When the trees are re-planted on the golf course, a plaque bearing the names of the purchasers, will be installed permanently next to the pine.

All those who wish to order a tree for Christmas should contact Lee by calling NWC ext. 2779.

Swim Pool Fees Adopted . . .

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required to pay all direct expenses of the swimming pool's operation, such as for lifeguards and cleaning the pool.

The facility use fee, it was added, will be collected from both governmental and private party users.

After a brief discussion on the fee study committee's proposal regarding exclusive use of the indoor swimming pool by non-profit organizations, the proposal was adopted by the Recreation Council.

The matter of improvements and additions to the Burroughs High School tennis courts was brought to the council's attention by Roy Miller, a member of the China Lake Tennis Club.

Seabee Reserves Will Help

According to Miller, local Seabee Reservists have agreed to undertake the task of tearing out the present high school tennis courts which, because of their poor condition and the fact that they are oriented in an east-west direction, make them unusable for inter-school tennis matches.

As a result of this, the Burros netters have been playing on the NWC tennis courts, while others who might wish to use the local courts have found this limits the time this recreation facility is available to them.

Miller informed the Recreation Council that after student labor has been used to remove the fence around the high school tennis courts, the Seabee Reservists will use their heavy equipment to remove the old surface (which is cracked and slopes off in one direction), and layout eight new tennis courts that will face north-south instead of east-west.

School To Provide Materials

The Sierra Sands Unified School District will pay for the materials needed to surface the new tennis courts, with the end result being an increase in the number of courts available for tennis buffs.

Various matters were brought to the attention of the Recreation Council by Chief J. S. King, chairman of the Naval Air Facility Recreation Committee, who inquired about the limited amount of time that the gymnasium and its facilities are available for "free play" by enlisted personnel who may wish to drop in for a workout, but are not members of some organized group or team.

Chief King also noted that at the bowling alley, because of the many leagues that have been formed, there is very little time for "open bowling."

"We're socked in right now," John Shoaf,

head of the Special Services Division, admitted regarding the tight schedule on use of the bowling alley, while Cdr. C. D. Brown, chairman of the Recreation Council, noted that the proposed construction of an addition to Hall Memorial Lanes is still some time away.

When the additional bowling lanes are constructed, the intent of the expansion program is to enable four lanes to be kept available for "open bowling," Cdr. Brown stated.

Lt. Dave Carter, who represents Air Test and Evaluation Squadron Five on The Recreation Council, asked about the availability of money from Recreation Council funds for a Christmas party for military personnel. He was informed that while there is no money in the Rec Council's budget for this purpose, both the NAF and VX-5 Commands should submit a request on this matter that can be considered at the next Recreation Council meeting.

Youth Gym Near Completion

Hope was expressed by Lt. R. G. Engelhardt, NAF's representative on the Recreation Council, that the work remaining to be done on completion of a youth gym can be expedited in order that both adult and youth basketball programs won't have to be squeezed into the Center gym. Most of the work has been finished, it was announced, but there has been a delay in getting tile for the floor of the youth gym—formerly the Shopping Bag Market annex.

This was Cdr. Brown's last meeting as chairman of the Joint Navy-Civilian Recreation Council, and he will be succeeded next month by Cdr. R. B. Nygaard. Also going off the board is J. F. Crossley, an employee in the Systems Development Department's AIM-9L Program Office.

Veterans' Day To Be Observed During Program on Sunday

Veterans groups from throughout the Indian Wells Valley have invited all local residents to join them on Sunday at the VFW Hall in Ridgecrest for a program in observance of Veterans' Day 1974.

Since Veterans Day (formerly Armistice Day, Nov. 11) falls on Monday, the Veterans Coordinating Council of Indian Wells Valley has arranged this patriotic program, which will get under way at 1:30 p.m. Sunday.

B. E. "Dutch" Church, a former 10th District commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and a past captain of VFW Ship 4084 in Ridgecrest, will be the master of ceremonies for this occasion.

Harry Parode, Capt. USN (Ret.), who is the Naval Weapons Center's Public Information Officer, will be the guest speaker, and LCDR. R. W. Harper, the Naval Air Facility chaplain, will deliver the invocation and benediction.

The City of Ridgecrest will be represented by Dennis Wilson, the vice mayor.

A potluck dinner, prepared by the women's auxiliaries of local veterans' groups, will be served following the patriotic program.



FLAG OFFICER VISITS NWC — Rear Admiral James H. Foxgrover, Assistant Commander for Material Acquisition, NAVAIRSYSCOM, was greeted by Rear Admiral R. G. Freeman III, NWC Commander (I.), at NAF last week after the visiting Flag Officer landed his TA-4 Skyhawk, which he flew here from Miramar NAS, San Diego. RAdm. Foxgrover was given an orientation on the Improved Weapon Delivery System (IWDS) by Dr. Bill Smith and piloted the A-4 in which the system is installed. Also while here he was taken on a helicopter tour of G1 and Echo Ranges, briefed on the QF-86 drone, visited the drone facilities and Michelson Laboratory, received other briefings on various NWC programs, and assisted RAdm. Freeman in inducting a local teenager into the U.S. Navy.

Nov. 15-30 Is Open Season On Fed'l Health Benefits Program

During the period of Nov. 15 to 30, an open season will be held under the Federal Employee's Health Benefits Program. Employees who do not wish to make any change in their current enrollment need take no action during this time.

During this two-week period, however, any eligible employee who is not currently registered may enroll, and an enrolled employee may change from one plan or option to another, or from self only to self and family, or a combination of both.

This year, because of the paper shortage, the Civil Service Commission has made certain changes in the procedures for the distribution of the revised health benefits brochures. No one will automatically receive a 1975 health benefits brochure. However, each employee will receive an Open Season Instructions and Information pamphlet about plan changes effective Jan. 1, 1975.

Up-to-Date Information

This pamphlet, plus the 1974 brochure which current employees have, will give each employee an up-to-date statement of his plan's benefits. Of course, if an employee is considering changing plans, he may request and will be given a 1975 brochure for each plan in which he is interested.

Also, each employee will receive a Federal Employees' Bi-Weekly Benefit Rates sheet.

NWC employees are eligible to join the following plans: Indemnity Benefit Plan (Aetna), Service Benefit Plan (Blue

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service in the Navy, retired last August. A highlight of his retirement ceremony was the presentation of a Meritorious Service Medal that was given to him by Rear Admiral R. G. Freeman III, NWC Commander, on behalf of the Chief of Naval Operations.

Restrictions Placed On Outdoor Xmas Lighting

Residents of the Naval Weapons Center are cautioned to not purchase outdoor lighting for decoration during the coming Christmas season.

All exterior holiday season decorative lighting in housing areas will be restricted to conform with steps that are continually being taken at NWC to reduce electric power usage.



DISTINGUISHED VISITOR — Capt. R. D. Franke (I.), Deputy Commander of NWC, bids farewell to Rear Admiral Paul Kaufmann, Assistant for Planning and Logistics, Bureau of Medicine, Washington, D.C., following the Flag officer's brief visit to the Center last Monday. While here, the distinguished visitor paid a courtesy call on Rear Admiral R. G. Freeman III, NWC Commander, and Capt. R. S. Moore, Commanding Officer of NAF, and also toured the Ridgecrest Community Hospital and the NWC Dispensary. In addition, he looked in on the NAF sick bay prior to boarding his aircraft.

—Photo by Ron Allen

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A LITTLE OF THIS AND A LITTLE OF THAT — Karen Karner (l.), a member of the Pebble Pups, was only one of the many who volunteered their time to operate booths and concessions during the annual IWV Gem and Mineral Show that was held this past weekend. More than 1,500 persons visited the show during its two-day run at the Community Center and another 80 persons took up the society's offer to take part in field trips to a couple of nearby gemstone areas. During the show, 250 geodes were sold to visitors, as well as a number of other items, like the rock "bugs" Miss Karner is putting together above. During the two days, eight door-prizes were awarded, including necklaces, a belt buckle, pen set, mineral specimens and rings. —Photo by Maurice Dias

HAPPENINGS AROUND NWC

The fifth annual Christmas Parade, sponsored by the Ridgecrest Chamber of Commerce, will be held on Saturday, Dec. 7, beginning at 10 a.m.

The parade will form at the corner of Drummond Dr. and China Lake Blvd. and proceed down China Lake Blvd. to California St., where it will disband.

Winner of the theme contest for his entry, "Christmas in Every Land," is Luis Rivera, 9-year-old son of Bettye Rivera, local school teacher. Young Rivera was presented a \$25 U.S. Savings Bond at a CofC luncheon meeting earlier this week.

Entries in the parade are still being accepted at the CofC office, 301 S. China Lake Blvd., stated Mike Molner, a past president of the Ridgecrest businessmen's group, who is chairman of this year's parade.

Clear Writing Course Offered

Nominations are now being taken for enrollment in a course in clear writing that is to be held from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Nov. 22 at the Training Center.

The class, to be taught by Robert Gunning, is designed to develop, motivate and

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Like any good investment, sick leave pays off at current market value. Leave earned at entrance will appreciate in value the longer it is retained because of salary and grade raises.

Current federal law permits accumulated sick leave to be added to retirement annuities on a month-to-month basis. An employee retiring after 30 calendar years of service with an accumulation of one year's sick leave is paid a retirement annuity for approximately 31 years of service.

strengthen the skills of employees who write.

Subjects to be covered will include how to measure reading difficulty, 10 ways to improve individual writing style, and how to organize informational material.

NWC enrollment forms, which must be submitted via proper department channels, must reach Code 654 no later than next Wednesday, Nov. 13.

Dance Set at Chaparral

Walt Schimke, manager of the Chaparral and Jolly Roger Clubs, has a busy weekend planned. Tonight at the Chaparral, Maxie Montoya and his New Band will provide music for a dance following a special dinner in the dining room.

The Jolly Roger will be the scene of a record hop tomorrow night, with Thomas Pepper providing the discs. All members and guests are invited. The music begins at 9.



THIS IS A GOOD ONE — Bjourn Shull (l.), chairman for the 1974 WACOM fashion show, looks over a jacket and coat from the Town and Country Men's Store in Ridgecrest that will be worn in the show by John Broyles, one of the models. The fashion show is scheduled Tuesday at the Commissioned Officers' Mess, beginning at 1 p.m. Prior to the show, members of WACOM will gather for a social hour at 11 o'clock and sit down to a gourmet lunch at noon. During the afternoon, more than 20 models will show casual wear, new looks, glamorous evening wear and some of the new holiday line of clothing. The Dan Lydon band will provide background music and Gerry Baker, of the China Lake Players, will handle special lighting for the show. There also will be a couple of special dance numbers that will be performed for entertainment during the fashion show. Commentator during the fashion show will be Leah Little. All interested persons are invited to attend.

Industrial Medical Officers' Wife Is Gen-u-Wine Kentucky Colonel

Lynn Bowles, the wife of Dr. Glen Bowles, NWC's Industrial Medical Officer, is a genuine, certified "Kentucky Colonel."

The honorary title was bestowed upon her by Louis B. Nunn, Governor of Kentucky, for work she had done in the areas of criminal research and probation study.

Mrs. Bowles, who originally hails from Grant City, Ill., also received awards from Mayor Burke, of Louisville, Ky., and the Crime Commission of Jefferson City, Ky., for her work as a probation officer.

A graduate of Venice High School, Venice, Ill., Mrs. Bowles originally intended to become a nurse, and was graduated from St. Elizabeth's School of Nursing in Grant City. She joined the psychiatric staff of Central State Hospital at Anchorage, Ky., and studied in her spare time at the Southern Baptist Seminary in Louisville to become a medical missionary.

"I wanted to work in Africa with Dr. Albert Schweitzer," she explained. But then she met Dr. Bowles, and put her personal plans aside for a while.

About four years ago, due to a deep-seated compassion for humanity, Mrs. Bowles began working in the probation field. "I don't like to see people in trouble, I like to keep them out of it, if I can," she said.

When Mrs. Bowles was seven years old,

her parents were slain during a robbery. "Since that time, I have always concerned myself with crime — on the preventive side," she noted.

Locally, Mrs. Bowles has joined the American Red Cross as a volunteer



Lynn Bowles

caseworker, and she plans to work closely with the Desert Counseling Center as a speaker in her areas of speciality.

In addition, she will sit on the Cerro Coso Community College's Vocational Nurses training course committee staff. "We will recruit new students, stump for scholarships, and encourage women to study in this field. Also, the committee will attempt to find jobs for the graduates in this area to keep them here," she explained.

Mrs. Bowles is excited about her new community. "I just love it here. This area has great potential, and the people are so warm. I'm sure my husband and I will grow in this area," she said.

Patrons at Fazio's Reminded To Return Usable Grocery Bags

A reminder to patrons of Fazio's Market in Bennington Plaza that they can help do their part to raise funds for park improvements at China Lake by saving their grocery bags for re-use at the market was issued this week by Rudy Shepard, chairman of the Community Council's Community Improvement Committee.

With the cost of paper products on the increase, it makes sense for individuals to "re-cycle" their own usable shopping bags, Shepard emphasized.

This is especially so since the management of Fazio's Market has agreed to donate to the Community Council a portion of the money that is saved from the market's monthly tab of \$2,500 for grocery bags as a result of patrons' cooperation in the program to re-use their own grocery sacks.

The local civic group, in turn, has earmarked such funds for improvements to parks and play areas on the Center.

Health laws are very strict on this matter, and do not permit the market to re-use the bag returned by one person for another patron's groceries.

Nevertheless, the same grocery sack can be used a second or third time, or for as long as it holds up, by the original recipient as a container for his own grocery items only.

"Each time you head back to Fazio's for groceries, remember to take along undamaged grocery bags that have been refolded along the original creases and ask the clerk to use them again for sacking your groceries at the checkout stand," Shepard suggests.

First Weekend Of Hunting on Center Rated 'Fair to Good'

Hunter success was reported to be fair to good last Saturday and Sunday—the first of three special weekends of public hunting for chukar and rabbits on a portion of the Naval Weapons Center's northern range area.

According to Tillie Barling, head of the Natural Resources Management Office in the NWC Public Works Department, 612 chukars were bagged.

Inclement weather (there was rain and snow Friday night and Saturday in the hunting area) limited participation to 238 vehicles (a maximum of 500 was permitted) and 687 hunters.

The out-of-town hunters, who were logged in at the Darwin gate check station on the northern perimeter of the Naval Weapons Center, were more successful in their efforts at bagging the elusive chukar, since they brought in double the number of birds compared to Centerites, who had access to the hunting area via the Mountain Springs Canyon gate.

The reason for this, Mrs. Barling explained, was that most of the chukar were concentrated in one area and the hunters efforts to find them kept the birds moving.

Department of Fish and Game personnel on hand to insure that hunting regulations were observed were Carl McCammon and Bob Reser, who reside in the Ridgecrest area, and Ray Buss, who came here from Bakersfield to lead a hand.

The same area will be open to public hunting tomorrow and Sunday, as well as on Nov. 16 and 17. Gate access times at Darwin and at Mountain Springs Canyon will be 5 p.m. to midnight on Fridays and Saturdays, and from 5 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sundays during the remaining two weekends of the special hunts.

Course Beneficial To Military Wives Planned Nov. 13-26

"Everything You Always Wanted to Know About the Military, but Were Afraid to Ask" is not the title of a new book on the market. It is the title of a course for military wives and other interested persons that deals with the subjects of military pay and allowances, health and survivor benefits, and other matters regarding aid to military personnel. Sponsored by the Navy Relief Society, the course will be held from Nov. 13 through 26 in the Community Center on week days from 8:30 a.m. to noon, with the exception of Nov. 15, when no class is scheduled.

Francis Stonesifer, director of field representatives and volunteer training for the society, will conduct the course.

Persons taking the class need not be volunteer Navy Relief workers. The information offered, however, is very important. According to Mrs. Stonesifer, a more thorough understanding of the benefits and privileges offered by the military services will make wives and daughters better members of the military community.

Persons interested in attending this course should contact the Navy Relief office by calling 446-4746, or the NWC Chaplain's office at NWC ext. 3506.

Problems of Adopted Children To Be Aired

Members of the Roadrunners Auxiliary to the Children's Home Society have extended an invitation for all interested persons to attend their next general meeting, which will be held at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Panamint Room of the Community Center.

Guest speaker at this time will be Nancy Jacobs, a licensed clinical social worker, whose subject will be "Common Fantasies and Problems of Adopted Children."

Miss Jacobs is the coordinator of children's services for the Desert Counseling Center.

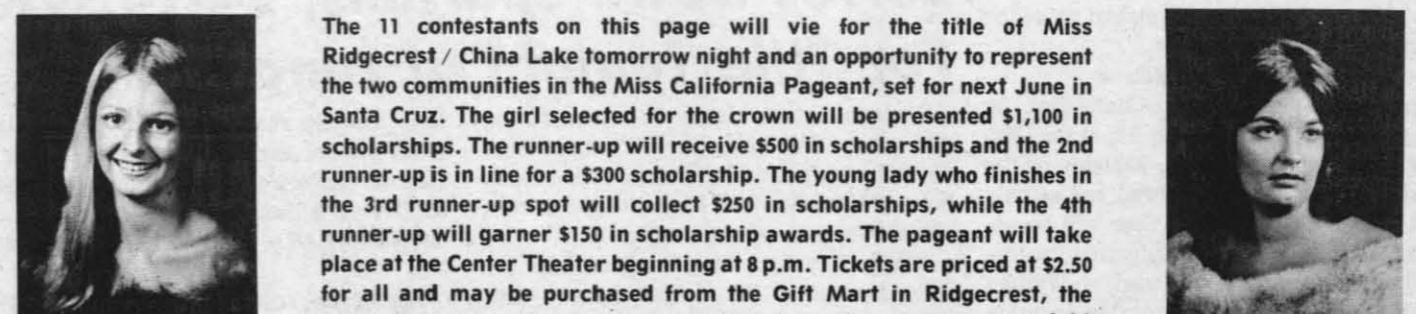
Who Will Represent IWV in State Pageant?



Sara Brooks Barbara Van Buskirk Andrea Daly Renges Fabris Roberta Gould



Karen Hulin Debbie McAlpin The Winner Pamela O'Guin Julie Paiement



Pamela Renner Sharon Tomaras

The 11 contestants on this page will vie for the title of Miss Ridgecrest / China Lake tomorrow night and an opportunity to represent the two communities in the Miss California Pageant, set for next June in Santa Cruz. The girl selected for the crown will be presented \$1,100 in scholarships. The runner-up will receive \$500 in scholarships and the 2nd runner-up is in line for a \$300 scholarship. The young lady who finishes in the 3rd runner-up spot will collect \$250 in scholarships, while the 4th runner-up will garner \$150 in scholarship awards. The pageant will take place at the Center Theater beginning at 8 p.m. Tickets are priced at \$2.50 for all and may be purchased from the Giff Mart in Ridgecrest, the Station Pharmacy, from any pageant board member, or tomorrow night at the door of the theater. —Photos by Wagenhals

Motorcycle Safety Matter of Concern at NWC

By Billie Hise
Motorcycle safety is a matter of continuing concern at the Naval Weapons Center. One of the problems is visibility.

According to OPNAVINST 11200.5B, "motorcycles are to be operated with headlights on at all times." This helps the rider be seen.

In addition, the Safety Department Issue Room stocks Day-glo vests, some of which have reflective tape on them to provide an additional "seeing" aid for the motorist. These vests must be purchased. The Traffic Safety Division has a limited amount of reflective tape for those who would like to place some on helmet and cycle to help the motorist see them at night.

Motorcyclists find some of the hazards in this area are sand and gravel on roads, in turns or at stop signs, however anywhere a rider needs to slow, he may have a problem if there is sand and gravel on the road. Nothing takes the place of looking ahead for hazards.

Some motorcycle riders have found rocks, grooves in the road, extra tar or sealer

during road work, an unexpected chuckhole and one even found a bag of cement that had fallen extra to keep a circle of clear space around them to maneuver in, and also to be particularly careful at intersections, or where there are parked cars.

Off road riders on the Naval Weapon Center are given the privilege of using riding areas and access lanes in some area to get to the riding areas. Please don't abuse the privilege. Ride off road only in the riding areas. Ten miles per hour is the speed limit in the access lanes, to get to these areas.

Access lanes and riding areas may only be used between 8 a.m. and sunset. Maps of the access lanes and riding areas can be obtained at the Vehicle Control Office located at the main gate Visitors' Center.

Noise from motorcycles is irritating to some people at any time. For this reason, 'cyclists should try to keep their machines as quiet as possible to reduce irritation to a minimum. If mufflers have been adjusted, a silencer can be used until the riding area is reached. However, riders should be aware

that a loud machine can be harmful to their hearing and can cause a hearing loss as the rider grows older.

Do try to ride with a friend in case a mishap occurs and it's necessary to seek help. Do check the area to see if anyone is hiking or there are bicycle riders or children playing and stay out of their way. Take care not to outride your ability.

All motorcycle riders must wear an approved helmet and eye protection, such as faceshield, bubble, goggles, safety glasses or use an approved windshield. Remember also to fasten that strap on the helmet. One research paper shows that a helmet worn with the strap unfastened only gives about 10 per cent more protection than wearing no helmet at all.

Classes on motorcycle safety are given by an employee of the Safety Department on Saturdays from time to time for any local residents who are interested in attending. Additional information can be obtained by calling NWC ext. 2637.

Be concerned about motorcycle safety!

Deadline Nears For Academy Hopefuls To Take College Exams

Young men between the ages of 16 and 21 who are interested in applying to the U.S. Naval Academy for the class entering in July 1975 are running out of time to take their College Entrance Examination Board (CEEB) or American College Testing Program (ACT) tests.

The last CEEB test date the Naval Academy will accept is Feb. 1, 1975, and in the case of the ACT the deadline is Feb. 22, 1975.

Any young man in his senior year of high school who is interested in an appointment to the Naval Academy should write to his Congressman as soon as possible to request a nomination to Annapolis.

For immediate information on the types of nominations available, or for answers to questions about admission to the Naval Academy, the local Blue and Gold representative is Cdr. Richard D. Malone, USNR, who can be contacted by calling NWC ext. 3741 or after working hours at 375-9485.



HEADED FOR DEATH VALLEY — More than 70 horsemen left Sunday morning from the Desert Empire Fairgrounds in Ridgecrest for a six-day trail ride that will end at the Furnace Creek Ranch in Death Valley—one of the focal points of activities scheduled in connection with the 25th annual Death Valley Encampment (Nov. 7-10). Again this year, Dell Schmitz (at left) of Ridgecrest, was trail boss for the 125-mile trek. Riding next to him is his wife, Garnet, a secretary in the Naval Weapons Center's Central Staff. —Photo by Ron Allen