

Most NWC Facilities To Close on Xmas, New Year's Day Also

All facilities of the Employee Services Board will be closed on Christmas Day and on New Year's Day. The only exception to this will be Fazio's Market, which will be open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Jan. 1.

Special Services facilities and their hours of operation during the holidays are as follows:

Auto Hobby Shop — closed Dec. 24, 25 and 31, and Jan. 1; Hall Lanes — open on both Christmas and New Year's Day, however the bowling alley will close at 5 p.m. on Christmas Eve, Dec. 24; Camping Issue Room — closed both holidays; Ceramics Hobby Shop — closed both days.

Community Center — closed Dec. 25 and Jan. 1; Golf Course and Pro Shop — closed Christmas Day, open New Year's Day; Gym / Pool — closed both holidays, open from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, and New Year's Eve, Dec. 31.

Hobby Shop Complex — closed both Christmas Day and New Year's Day; Library — closed both days; Theater — closed on Dec. 25, open on Jan. 1; Youth Center — closed on Christmas Day, open on New Year's Day.

All Navy Exchange facilities will be closed on both Christmas and New Year's Days.



**SPECIAL CHRISTMAS GIFT** — A gingerbread house that was the work of Richmond School fifth graders taught by William Hammerberg, assisted by Cam Alden, a teacher's aid, was presented last Friday to other youngsters who are enrolled in the Special Education complex on the Richmond School campus. Shown in the photo are some of the children, who were the recipients of this special Christmas gift.

HAPPENINGS AROUND THE CENTER

"Bedknobs and Broomsticks," a Walt Disney production, has been scheduled for showing on Friday, Jan. 3, by the China Lake Youth Center. The film will be screened at the Center Theater at 1 p.m. on that day.

Starring Angela Lansbury, David Tomlinson, Roddy McDowell and Sam Jaffe, "Bedknobs" is one of the better full-length motion pictures produced by the studio in recent years.

Admission is 25 cents for members of the Youth Center. All others must pay 50 cents.

Final Saturday Matinee Set

The last of the Saturday afternoon family matinee movies will be shown on Dec. 28, at the Center Theater.

According to Ray Schultz, theater manager, there has been a lack of interest in the showing of matinees on Saturday, so the practice will be discontinued until further notice.

The film scheduled on Dec. 28 is "Elvis on Tour," starring Elvis Presley.

Commissary To Alter Hours

Beginning on Tuesday, Jan. 7, a change in the hours of operation at the Commissary Store on Tuesdays and Wednesdays will go into effect in an effort to better serve

patrons of this Navy-operated facility.

According to SHCM G. E. Jacobs, Commissary Store officer, the store's hours of operation will be: Monday, 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Tuesday, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Thursday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Friday, 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Dental Treatment Offered

Active duty and retired military personnel can still make arrangements for their dependents, 6 years of age and over, to receive an outstanding decay preventive treatment.

Appointments for administering the three-agent Stannous fluoride treatment will be taken until Monday, and can be made by calling the NWC Dental Department at ext. 3581.

The Stannous fluoride treatment will be administered during the period from Dec. 23 through Jan. 3.

COM To Close Next Week

The Commissioned Officers' Mess will be closed from Sunday until 4 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 27.

The reason for the shut down in operations is to give COM employees an opportunity to take leave during the holidays. The club will

reopen at 4 p.m. on Dec. 27 for dinner.

Persons who plan to attend the COM's gala New Year's Eve party must pick up their tickets no later than today.

Yellow Fever Shots Slated

A clinic for the purpose of administering yellow fever vaccine has been scheduled on Monday, Dec. 30, from 1 to 2 p.m. in the Industrial Medicine Section of the NWC Dispensary.

Immunization to protect against yellow fever is good for a 10-year period, and is necessary for persons planning to travel in Central and South America or in Africa.

The vaccine will be available for Center employees and their dependents, as well as active duty and retired military personnel and their dependents. Appointments for the yellow fever clinic can be made by calling NWC Ext. 2015.

Those attending the clinic are reminded to bring along their international certificate form in order that the date the yellow fever shot is administered can be recorded on it.

Veterinarian To Visit

A veterinarian from the Naval Air Station at Lemoore will pay a visit to the Naval Weapons Center on Wednesday, Jan. 15, to administer rabies and distemper shots to the pets of active duty military personnel.

The veterinarian will set up shop in the garage at the Center Dispensary from 9 to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 to 2 p.m. Fees to be charged will be \$4 for distemper shots and \$3 for anti-rabies inoculations.

USC Professors Due Here

Students and prospective students interested in the USC Graduate Program in engineering can make appointments now for counseling sessions with Professors Nasser Nahi and C. Roger Fredberg.

The two graduate program instructors will make their next visit to the Naval Weapons Center on Thursday, Jan. 9.

Appointments to see either of the two professors can be made no later than Wednesday, Jan. 8, by calling the NWC Education Office at Ext. 2641.

Square Dance Yule Party

The group's annual Christmas party will be held Saturday, from 8 to 11 p.m., at the Murray School by members of the Cactus Squares square dance club. Cost of the affair will be \$3 per couple.

The club will furnish ham and turkey for the buffet dinner that is planned, while those attending are asked to bring a salad (if their last name begins with the letters A to O), or a dessert (if their last name begins with the letters P to Z). Single persons are asked to bring relishes.

SHOWBOAT

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. 20 DEC.

"S+P+Y+S" (87 Min.)

Donald Sutherland, Elliott Gould

(Action Comedy) (PG)

SAT. 21 DEC.

—NO MATINEE TODAY—

—EVENING—

"KILL" (95 Min.)

Stephen Boyd, Jean Seberg

(Drama) (R)

SUN.-MON. 22-23 DEC.

"CHINATOWN" (131 Min.)

Jack Nicholson, Faye Dunaway

(Crime Drama) (R)

TUES. 24 DEC.

"MAME" (133 Min.)

Lucille Ball, Robert Preston

(Musical) (PG)

WED. 25 DEC.

MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM

THE SPECIAL SERVICES STAFF

(NO MOVIE TONIGHT)

THURS.-FRI. 26-27 DEC.

"MAN OF THE EAST" (116 Min.)

Terence Hill, Gregory Walcott

(Western Comedy) (PG)

SAT. 28 DEC.

FINAL NWC FAMILY MATINEE

"ELVIS ON TOUR" (93 Min.)

Elvis Presley, Kathy Westmoreland

(G)

—EVENING—

"BLACK EYE" (98 Min.)

Fred Williamson, Rosemary Forsyth

(Mystery)

SUN.-MON. 29-30 DEC.

"HARRY AND TONTO" (115 Min.)

Art Carney, Ellen Burstyn

(Comedy) (R)

TUES.-WED. 31 DEC.-1 JAN.

"THE EXORCIST" (122 Min.)

Max von Sydow, Ellen Burstyn

(Horror Drama) (R)

THURS.-FRI. 2-3 JAN.

"CHOSEN SURVIVORS" (99 Min.)

Jackie Cooper, Alex Cord

(Horror Drama) (PG)

SAT. 4 JAN.

"THE TERMINAL MAN" (105 Min.)

George Segal, Joan Hackett

(Suspense Drama) (PG)

SUN.-MON. 5-6 JAN.

"DEATH WISH" (94 Min.)

Charles Bronson, Hope Lange

(Action Drama) (R)

TUES.-WED. 7-8 JAN.

"THE GREAT GATSBY" (141 Min.)

Robert Redford, Mia Farrow

(Drama) (PG)

THURS.-FRI. 9-10 JAN.

"DAISY MILLER" (92 Min.)

Cybil Shepherd, Barry Brown

(Comedy-Drama) (G)

Free Cartoon for Kids

The feature-length cartoon, "Rudolph, the Red-Nosed Reindeer," will be shown free of charge at the Center Theater tomorrow.

The matinee will begin at 1 p.m. All Center residents and their children are invited to attend.

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**NURSERY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PARTY** — Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus were on hand to dispense candy and listen to the children's Christmas gift lists during the annual yule party sponsored by the China Lake Nursery School. The event, which took place at the Community Center on Dec. 11, attracted nearly 80 parents of children enrolled in the school. Christmas Pixies from the Catholic Congregations' religious education classes helped to see that all of the children were fed cookies and punch, and got to see Santa Claus. —Photo by Maurice Dias





### CATHOLIC CONGREGATION

#### Confession Schedule

Dec. 21 ..... 2:45 to 4:45 p.m., and 6 to 7 p.m.  
Dec. 22 ..... 8 to 8:25 a.m., and 12:30 to 2 p.m.

#### Mass Schedule

Dec. 21 ..... 5 p.m.  
Dec. 22 ..... 7, 8:30 and 11:30 a.m.  
Dec. 24 ..... Midnight Mass  
Christmas Day ..... 8:30 and 11:30 a.m.  
Dec. 28 ..... 5 p.m.  
Dec. 29 ..... 7, 8:30 and 11:30 a.m.  
Dec. 31 ..... 4:35 p.m. (fulfills Holy Day obligation)  
Jan. 1 ..... 8:30 and 11:30 a.m.  
Christmas Carols will be sung for 30 min. preceding Midnight Mass

### PROTESTANT CONGREGATION

Dec. 22 ..... 10:15 a.m.  
Dec. 24 ..... Candlelight Service, 7 p.m.  
Dec. 25 ..... No service will be held on Christmas Day  
Dec. 29 ..... 10:15 a.m.

## Protestants Plan Annual Christmas Eve Service

The annual Christmas Eve Candlelight-Carol Service will be held by the Protestant Congregation of the All Faith Chapel on Tuesday evening at 7. The service is centered around the birth of Christ in word and song.

Special music will be sung by both the junior and senior choirs of the Chapel. The junior choir will sing an "Indian Folk Song." The seniors will present "O Holy Night," "Sing for Joy," and "Christmas Candle." Sandra Raines will perform a solo, "There's

a Song in the Air," by Oley Speaks.

In place of a sermon, Chaplain R. E. Osman will ask the children to come to the front of the chapel for a special Christmas story. This will be followed by the traditional lighting of candles by all those attending the service.

A special offering will be taken this year to provide "Food for Body and Soul." The Chapel Council has selected three special missions to which this money will be sent. They are:

World Vision will be given a portion to provide food in an area where so many are starving. Ludhiana Medical Mission, located in India, trains nurses and doctors as well as missionaries. The third project is the Far East Broadcasting Co. that reaches China, Korea, Russia, Japan, the Philippines, and many other countries of the world with the Gospel.

It is hoped that several thousands of dollars will be collected for use to support these three programs.

## PROMOTIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

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.

Secretary (Stenography), GS-318-5, PD No. 7455183, Code 553 — This position is secretary to the head, Product Design Division in the Engineering Department. Incumbent maintains supervisor's calendar and schedules appointments. Types technical correspondence and reports and prepares reports after gathering and summarizing the necessary information. Screens visitors and determines the appropriate person to see the individual. Receives, reviews and routes incoming correspondence, and takes action on those items that seem appropriate. Job Relevant Criteria: Ability to operate magnetic and memory typewriters. Proficient in taking shorthand. Familiarity with Navy correspondence format, security regulations, and document control procedures. Previous applicant need not apply again.

File applications for the above with Carol Downard, Bldg. 34, Rm. 204, Ph. 2925.  
Supply Technician, GS-2005-4, PD No. 7318002, Code 18402 — This position is located in the tool crib, Maintenance Department of the Naval Air Facility. Incumbent is responsible for receipt, issue and inventory of all NAF (Code 18) plant account material; responsible for the individual Material Readiness List (IMRL) for the Aircraft Maintenance Department and requests IMRL changes from NAVAIRSYSCOM.REPAC as aircraft inventory changes dictate; included is the requisition, receipt, issue, and inventory of IMRL material; incumbent also manages tool crib by ordering, stocking, issuing, inventorying tools and tool weather gear and coversalls. Job Relevant Criteria: Knowledge of Navy Supply Systems, working knowledge of Aviation Supply Documents, ability to work independently, ability to communicate effectively both

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**ABOUT OUR COVER** — Tanisha (l.), the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Dennis, and Kristina, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Kneppshield, exchange Christmas presents, each hoping the other likes what is in the boxes. The photograph was taken by Ronald Allen, photographer for The ROCKETEER, and represents his idea of one meaning of Christmas.

## Be Safe Is Theme Of Safety Dept. Christmas Message

May we take the time to wish you

Every joy this happy season.

Roads clear, no accidents no repairs and no reason to

Rush around if you are driving—and take it easy with that

conviving.

You to us are indispensable. We want to make that com-

prehensible.

Cautious, however, makes us start thinking

Holiday time—some have been drinking.

Regrettably, the rains may pelt, Ice may form or snow be felt.

So check your car, the tires, the brakes, take extra care—make no mistakes

To avoid all hazards is our intention, and we hope its yours, with that wheeled invention.

Make sure you have a good chance for survival

Allow enough time for a safe arrival.

So you'll return with vigor and cheer, and we'll have a Happy All Next Year.

—From the NWC Safety Dept.

## Christmas Greetings From the Staff

Nearly 2,000 years ago, a son was born to Joseph, of Nazareth, and his wife, Mary. The birth of that child in a simple manger gave the world more than a new religion. It gave it hope.

Not only the hope of salvation—a life after this one—but hope of peace and contentment among the peoples of the world.

Such has not been the case in the years since the birth of Jesus, the Son of God. The globe's history has been rife with unrest, discontent, wars, famines, plagues, and death by fire, flood, and other natural disasters.

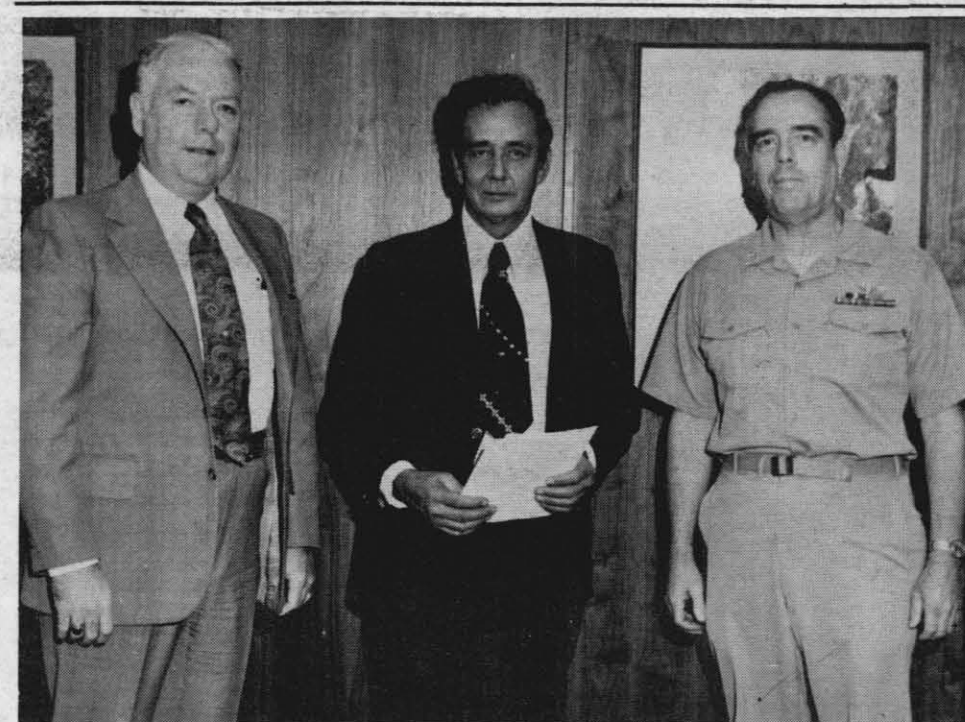
However, the hope continues, as man continues to strive toward the glory that is God. Today, when morale in the United States is at low ebb, people should be reminded that the world has seen worse days, and in each case, it has recovered.

Peace and prosperity are natural goals. Perhaps they are never to be fully attained, but the promise of them is enough to urge mankind forward. That is our wish.

Go forward in your own goals. And during the holidays, take time out to renew your faith in God and in the world.

Merry Christmas and Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men.

—By Jack Lindsey from The Rocketeer staff



**DETECTIVE CITED** — James Sumrall, a detective in the China Lake Police Division of the NWC Security Department (c.), holds a Certificate of Appreciation that was presented him by the Naval Investigative Service Office recently. Thomas J. Nolan (l.), supervising agent from the NIS' San Diego office, made the presentation, with the concurrence of RAdm. R. G. Freeman III, NWC Commander (r.). Sumrall was cited for his years of services rendered to NIS in investigative matters carried out locally. The presentation was made during a visit of personnel from the San Diego office of NIS. A meeting was held later between RAdm. Freeman and Nolan to discuss mutual areas of interest.

## Programs Initiated To Alleviate Navy's Medical Care Problems

(Editor's note: This is the third in a series of articles prepared for publication in The ROCKETEER regarding the Navy's shortage of general medical officers, and the steps that have been planned and will be taken to alleviate this problem. Because of the importance of this information, it is suggested that readers affected by the cutbacks in medical aid clip and save this and following articles.)

The Bureau of Medicine has instituted several programs to alleviate the Navy's medical care problem.

First is the pay bonus bill. This bill, now signed into law, offers doctors salaries that are competitive with, and in some cases, exceed those salaries offered in the civilian community. Next is the establishment of a medical school to train physicians for military medical careers.

### First Graduates Years Away

Although the first graduates are years away, this university will provide the Navy with a steady input of doctors. Present operations have been studied and evaluated in order to make the best possible use of the physicians the Navy now has.

In an effort to help ease the critical shortage of military doctors, the Department of Defense has received approval from the Civil Service Commission to waive provisions of the dual compensation act to hire regular retired military doctors. The dual compensation act provides that retired regular officers who work for the Federal government must forfeit one-half of their retired pay in excess of \$3,250.41 a year.

The waiver will allow regular retired military doctors hired by DOD to draw their full military retired pay, as well as Civil Service salaries.

### Special Training for Nurses

The Navy is currently training specially qualified nurses, called nurse practitioners, who aid doctors in medical facilities as pediatric nurse practitioners, OB/Gyn nurse practitioners and family nurse practitioners. These nurses work under the supervision of a physician, who in turn is freed to concentrate on those medical problems that demand his or her special training and skills. There are currently 34 nurse practitioners on active duty, with more in training.

The Navy's first 30 physician's assistants (PA's) recently graduated from an extensive two-phase training program and were appointed to the rank of warrant officer. Formerly hospital corpsmen, these individuals were thoroughly trained to take over certain tasks, such as obtaining

medical histories, performing physical exams, ordering, interpreting and recording diagnostic studies and prescribing limited therapy, that were carried out in the past by physicians.

These physician's assistants will be used in ambulatory and primary care, emergency rooms and walk-in outpatient clinics at medical facilities throughout the country. There are 36 PAs scheduled for appointment to warrant officer in Fiscal Year 76, and an additional 102 should join their ranks in FY 77.

### Help To Free Doctors

Medical Service Corps officers are also helping to free Navy doctors for direct patient care by assuming administrative positions formerly held by medical officers.

A modernization and replacement of facilities construction program has been authorized, and funds have been appropriated by Congress for this fiscal year. Nineteen construction projects throughout the United States are currently under way in an effort to modernize facilities, allowing technological advancements to alleviate some of the problems caused by the acute shortage of medical personnel.

Even with the new building program, the new medical school and medical aides, the pay bonus bill and the rehiring of regular retired military doctors, the doctor shortage is still critical in many areas. Fortunately, the Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services (CHAMPUS) is available in most areas.

### CHAMPUS Services

CHAMPUS provides extensive outpatient and inpatient care in civilian facilities to dependents of active duty members, and, for the first time, to retired members, their dependents and survivors. Care under CHAMPUS is on a cost-share basis with both CHAMPUS and the patient paying part of the bill.

The Social Security MEDICARE program is available for persons over the age of 65. Coupled with a civilian health insurance plan, the two provide adequate coverage in case of illness. BUMED intends to make full use of its medical facilities and to use its aeromedical capability to transport patients to neighboring facilities for treatment. There is no charge to the patient for aeromedical evacuation transportation.

The Navy is doing everything possible to sustain the high level of medical care it has provided in the past. It may take a little longer to receive that care, but now that the facts are known, everyone can work together to try and alleviate the situation.

(To be continued)

## Employee In The Spotlight



Nadim P. Totah

One of the final acts of Dr. Walter B. LaBerge as Technical Director of NWC was to award Nadim P. Totah, Condor program manager, the TD Award for the successful completion of the Condor missile simplification program.

Nadim's recognition came in late August 1973 following a major achievement in the Condor program office wherein the cost was reduced and the reliability of the air-to-surface missile was improved.

The Condor passed DSARC II last year and Nadim is planning on completing DSARC III in early 1975. "We are presently undergoing operational test and evaluation efforts and we're scheduled for production in Fiscal Year 1976," Nadim beamed.

### Veteran of Condor Program

Nadim has been with the Condor missile program since 1965 and took over as program manager in 1970 from Jack Crawford. Prior to that, he worked on the design of the 2in. Gimlet rocket, and studied designs for Marlin and Diamondback, two programs which were never put into operation.

Working with rockets, missiles and their components is a change of pace from that of the small Palestinian village of Ramallah where Nadim was born and grew up. Not only is Palestine (now called Israel) physically a long way from China Lake, but the two communities are miles apart in philosophy and way of life.

Nadim completed his high school education in Ramallah and then left his home to study at the University of Houston, in Texas. He was graduated in 1962 with a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering.

"I came straight to China Lake and went to work for Frank Fulton in the old Rockets and Explosives Department (now the Weapons Development Department). His first assignment was the Gimlet rocket and he stayed with that program until 1968 when he went to work for Sidwinder 1-C. "I designed airframe structures, rocket motors, propulsion systems and control systems with Sidwinder," Nadim recalled. He worked at that time for Dr. Frank Cartwright and Charles Smith.

Nadim left China Lake in 1963 to join the

## Opportunities . . .

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orally and in writing; experience involving receipt, issue and inventory of equipment; ability to deal effectively with people.

File applications for the above with Mary Morrison, Bldg. 34, Rm. 210, Ph. 2393.  
Packing Specialist, GS-2032-7, PD No. 225905 Aml, Code 25941 — Applications solicited from others as well as NWC employees. This position is head, Packing and Crating Section, Material Division, Supply Department. Incumbent is responsible for the design and construction of suitable containers for the shipment of missiles, component parts, instrumentation and test equipment to locations in and outside the United States. Consults with project engineers, uses blueprints and material specifications, and mode of transportation and space limitation considerations in devising packing methods. Supervises employees engaged in crating, packing, blocking and storing of standard and non-standard material and equipment for off-center shipment. Job Relevant Criteria: Knowledge of packing design and construction methods. Must be familiar with regulations, carrier rules and practices and transportation methods and facilities. Must be familiar with all types of material used in packing. Resourcefulness and ingenuity in devising new methods and procedures for accomplishing assignments. Ability to supervise.

File applications for the above with Claire Lewis, Bldg. 34, Rm. 212, Ph. 2271.

Detective, GS-083-7, PD No. 7184014, Code 8430 — This position is located within the Police Division, Security Department. The duties/responsibilities are to conduct follow-up investigations initially conducted by patrol officers; initiate investigations requiring the applications of specialized investigative techniques; and conduct crime scene investigations. Job Relevant Criteria: Knowledge of or ability to apply investigative techniques to various crimes and incidents. Ability to work independently and exercise responsible judgment. Ability to interpret and analyze information and situations. Ability to write complete, accurate reports.

File applications for the above with Charlotte Sieckowski, Bldg. 34, Rm. 205, Ph. 2316.  
Property Utilization Specialist, GS-1104-09, 11 (2 vacancies) — Duty Station for 1 position at Defense Property Disposal Office-San Diego, National City, Calif.; 1 position at Defense Property Disposal Office-Alameda, Alameda, Calif. Applications must be received no later than COB 1-6-75.

For filing instructions or additional information call Betty Geiser, Ph. 2457 or 2649.

United Technology Center in Sunnyvale, Calif., where he worked on the propulsion system for the Titan missile. After about 18 months, he returned to China Lake and joined the Condor program crew.

In 1972, Nadim was the recipient of the Michelson Award for his achievements in connection with the Condor program.

### Visited Homeland Once

He has returned to Palestine only once. That was in 1954 when he visited his former home for 10 weeks. During that time he met his wife, Leila, and the two were married.

The couple has three children. They are Ned, 17, a senior at Burroughs High School; Renda, 15, who is a sophomore at BHS; and Shadia, 12, a seventh grader at James Monroe School.

The Totahs enjoy traveling. Leila, according to her husband, especially loves Las Vegas and is an ardent showgoer when in that city. She also likes to cook and make her own clothes.

Nadim said he doesn't have too much time for things outside of his job, but spends as much time as he can working in his yard. The Totahs bought a home in Ridgecrest and find that the chores never seem to get caught up.

## Efforts Increased To Get Drunk Drivers Off Streets, Hwys.

This year during the holiday season, most city police departments and California Highway Patrol offices have increased their efforts to remove operators driving while intoxicated from the streets and highways.

According to COMELEVINST 1610.9B, Commanders in the 11th Naval District are requested to take steps to reduce the misuse of intoxicants to an absolute minimum.

Notice should be taken of this regulation, which states that a vehicle operator's driving privileges will be revoked for one year for:

(1) Driving or being in actual physical control of a motor vehicle while under the influence of intoxicating liquor.

(2) Driving a motor vehicle while under the influence of any narcotic, or while under the influence of any drug to a degree rendering him incapable of safe operation.

Refusal to submit to a chemical test requires a mandatory revocation of driving privileges for a period of six months.

When state authority suspends or revokes an individual's driver's license, his or her driving privileges on the Naval Weapons Center are automatically terminated, and the NWC Commander may also suspend or revoke the individual's U.S. Government motor vehicle operator's identification card.

### Metal Trades Council

### To Meet Again Jan. 9

The next regular monthly meeting of the IYW Metal Trades Council will be held on Thursday, Jan. 9, at 65-B Halsey Ave., beginning at 7:30 p.m.

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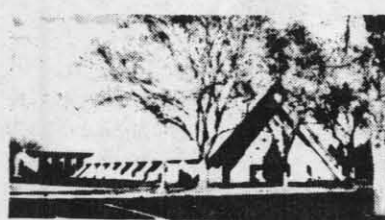
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## DIVINE SERVICES

PROTESTANT		
Sunday Worship Service		1015
Sunday School — All Ages		0900
Wednesday Noon Bible Study		1130
Sunday School Classes are held in Chapel Annexes 1, 2, 4 (Dorms 5, 6, 8) located opposite the Center Restaurant. Communion Service first Sunday of the month.		
ROMAN CATHOLIC MASS		
Saturday	1700 fulfills Sunday obligation	
Sunday	0700, 0830, 1130	
BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL MASS		
Daily except Saturday		1135
CONFESSIONS		
Saturday	1545 to 1645	
Sunday	0800 to 0825	
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES		
Sunday	Kindergarten thru 6th grades	1015
	Pre-school	1130
Wednesday	First thru sixth	1530
	seventh & eighth (Junior High)	1900

Above classes are held in Chapel Annexes across from Center Restaurant. As announced

Ninth thru 12th grades

"In Home" Discussion Groups

Monthly Youth Rallies

Contact Chaplain's Office for specifics.

JEWEL SERVICES

EAST WING — ALL FAITH CHAPEL

Friday 1st and 3rd ONLY — (Sept.-May)

Sabbath Services

Sabbath School

UNITARIANS

CHAPEL ANNEX 95

Services — (Sept.-May)

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Sunday

Services — (Sept.-May)

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By Jack Lindsey

Christmastime is for giving . . . for feeling closer to people and God. But for most of us, Christmas is also a time for remembering.

I remember a high hill, covered with a mantle of snow, and how we children would push and shove one another for the first crack at the slope on home-made sleds. . . and the envy we felt for the "rich" kid on the block who had an American Flyer.

I remember the long walk through the snow to Aunt Aggie's house for Christmas dinner . . . the smell of turkey throughout the house, and homemade pumpkin pie.

All my uncles and aunts would be there, and my cousins, showing off the Christmas presents they had received. I can still see the look of delight and pleasure on my mother's face when I got the one big present I wanted — a home chemistry set. Who said Christmas is for kids?

I can still feel the bitter cold at the pond on Christmas Eve night when a group of us went ice skating, and poor little Tom Lensnick, who fell through thin ice and was nearly drowned. His worst torture came later when we tried to warm him up and held him too close to the big bonfire. He nearly burned to death.

There were 20 of us children, and the adults made a big show of rushing us off to bed early on Christmas Eve, knowing full well none of us would go to sleep. The aunts and uncles took turns "looking in" on us, and each, in turn, was asked to tell us a Christmas story.

Mostly, I remember the togetherness of our large family . . . how we sat around the parlor and sang Christmas carols after the dinner had been eaten. And grandma beaming with pride at her "kids."

Today, when we've all scattered to the ends of the earth, it's nice to sit and recall the days that were.

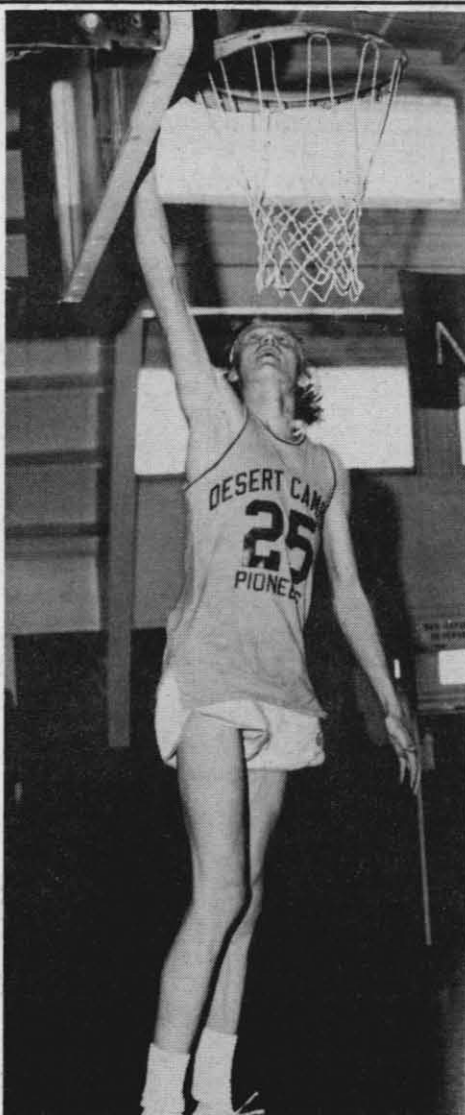
## Local BVL Division Winning Bowlers To Advance to Finals

The local eliminations of the annual California Bowlers' Victory League (BVL) tournament was held Sunday at Hall Memorial Lanes. Winners of the various divisions will journey to San Diego next April to compete in the State BVL finals.

The BVL tourney is a once-per-year fund drive to help support veterans' hospitals in the state.

Distaff winners, and the division they competed in, are: Pat Muddux, Division A; Sue Lewis, "B"; Lee Fox, "C"; Beverly Greblowski, "D"; and Fran Rugg, "E."

Classic Division winner among the men was Thad Brightwell. Other male division winners are Sam Canale, Division A; Frank Jackman, "B"; Joe Lyons, "C," and Lee Sutton, "D."



**STAR SCORER** — Ricky Richison, center for the Cerro Coso Coyotes cage team, displays the form that has aided him in establishing a 32 point-per-game average during competition thus far this season. Richison recently set a single game scoring record in the Mt. San Jacinto College Christmas Tournament when he pumped in 38 points during a game against Victor Valley Community College. He also established a two-game scoring high of 70 points in the tourney with another 32 tallies against the host team.

## Richison Continues High Scoring In College Hoop Play

Ricky Richison, star center for the Cerro Coso College Coyotes, continued his high scoring efforts in the recently concluded "Christmas Tournament," held at Mt. San Jacinto College last week.

He racked up 32 points in a losing effort against the host team, and then tallied 38 points while his team was being smashed by Victor Valley College.

The former Burroughs High School basketball whiz is now averaging better than 32 points per game in community college play. His team, however, hasn't won a game all season.

"We're being hurt by defense and the lack of rebounding," said Morris Scharff, coach of the Coyotes. "In our 104-64 loss to Mt. San Jacinto College, we were out-rebounded, 65-19, and Victor Valley snapped up 59 rebounds to our 26 while beating us 107-73," he added.

Scharff said the team is scoring enough points to win, but the defense is giving up far too many baskets. Now that Scott deGeus, a 6 ft., 8 in., tennis player, has been added to the team, Scharff hopes the squad's rebounding totals will increase. "He's new to the game and has a lot to learn, but he's working very hard and we're looking forward to better days ahead," Scharff commented.

## Swim Pool Use Drops

Use of the Center Gymnasium swimming pool has dropped so sharply in recent weeks that Wilt Wyman, director of athletics and youth activities, is thinking of closing the facility for the winter.

"If attendance doesn't pick up, we might have to shut down or curtail the hours of operation," he said.

## Burros Varsity Gains Finals In CIF 2-A Division Grid Playoffs

The Burroughs High School varsity football team, smelling its first CIF class 2-A title in the history of the school, defeated the Royal Oak Romans, 48-41, in the semifinal game of the CIF Southern Section, 2-A Division playoffs last Friday night.

The Burros will meet the Neff High School Trojans, of La Mirada, champions of the Suburban League, tonight at 8 o'clock in the final game. The grid contest will be played at Victor Valley High School, Victorville.

Neff defeated Antelope Valley, 37-0, in its semifinal matchup last Friday night to earn a berth in the championship tilt.

For Bruce Bernhardt, head coach of the Burros, and his keyed-up chargers, the game boiled down to the final agonizing minute. Bernhardt watched a commanding

Tickets for the Neff-Burroughs game will be sold at the gate at Victor Valley High School's athletic field, beginning this evening at 6:30.

The price of admission is \$2.50 for adults, \$2 for students, and \$1 for children 12 years and under.

41-21 lead evaporate in the final quarter of play as Jim Garcia, Roman quarterback, put on an aerial display that resulted in three quick touchdowns to tie the score, 41-41.

The Burros, however, were not to be denied. Kevin Smith, local signal caller, marched the green-and-white-clad warriors 52 yds. in the final moments, capped by his own 19-yd. run for the tally. Mark Mc-

Dowell, Burros' junior tailback, added the PAT and the locals were home free.

The scoring began when Smith plunged over from the 1-yd. line early in the first quarter. McDowell's kick put Burroughs ahead, 7-0, which was eclipsed later in the stanza by the Romans, who pulled even on a TD by Rich Hall and a PAT by Bob Saunders.

Smith, the Burros' quarterback who tallied four times in the game, scored twice on 1-yd. bursts to put a little distance between the two teams in the second period. The local QB then hit Steve Blanche with a 19-yd. aerial for the third Burro touchdown in the quarter. Royal Oak scored once to trail, 27-13, at the half.

The Burros scored once in the third quarter on a 38-yd. pass play that went from Smith to Blanche. Royal Oak countered with a TD of its own and the Burros led, 34-21, as the horn sounded to end the third period.

Royal Oak posted 20 points in the final stanza, but the Burros added 14 tallies of their own to win the game. In addition to Smith's final TD, the local QB found Blanche all alone and rifled a pass to the junior slotback, who hauled it in and scampered 13 yds. for the touchdown—his third scoring effort of the evening.

All together, the Burros gained 239 yds. rushing and another 87 yds. through the airways. Royal Oak managed 190 yds. on the ground, but picked up 231 yds. via the aerial route. McDowell gained 113 yds. in 31 carries to lead the Burros' ground attack.

## Wilt's Corner -- A New Year's Resolution

Information about the 1975 Mojave Desert Inter-Services League and 11th Naval District tournaments is now posted on the gymnasium's bulletin board. All those interested in competing during the year ahead should familiarize themselves with the schedule.

Wilt Wyman, director of athletics and youth activities at NWC, stated that the varsity basketball team will practice through the holiday season in preparation for the upcoming MDISL tournament in January.

Wyman has suggested a New Year's resolution: "Take an active role in at least one of the many recreation opportunities offered by Special Services during 1975." In particular, he refers to the "other" sports, such as racquetball, badminton, handball, etc.

"We never have any problem filling rosters for the major sports, like basketball, softball and volleyball. What I would like to see is more participation in the not-so-popular sports. Not only are they fun, but

they are healthy, athletic endeavors," Wyman stated.

Some of the activities planned for early 1975 include a racquetball tournament to be held Jan. 14 through 16, a men's and women's basketball tournament, and a badminton tourney.

Volleyball will begin with a pre-season competition in March, and league play will continue until May.

## China Lake Skeet, Trap Club To Discuss Fees

The price to be charged for members of the China Lake Trap and Skeet Club for use of the skeet and trap range will be the subject at the group's next meeting, planned for Jan. 7 at 6:30 p.m. in the Panamint Rm. of the Community Center.

Other subjects on the agenda will be rates for non-members and the club's membership drive.

## Athlete of Month Selected For Prowess in Volleyball, Basketball

Tim R. Higgins, an electronics engineer at Texas Instruments, Inc., Ridgecrest, has been selected as Athlete of the Month for November.

Higgins, who excels at both basketball and

volleyball, has lived in the Indian Wells Valley since 1967 and has competed in the China Lake intramural sports program since that time.

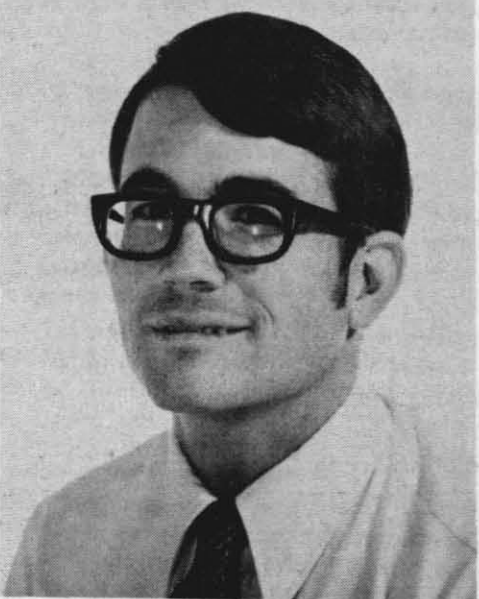
In addition to competing on the varsity traveling team in basketball and volleyball, and participating in the Mojave Desert Inter-Services League tournament for the past three years, Higgins also plays on TI's team in Division A of the China Lake Intramural Basketball League.

A native of Bremerton, Wash., Higgins was graduated from Tennyson High School, in Hayward, Calif., and attended Cal Poly at San Luis Obispo, where he earned a bachelor's degree in electronics.

He is presently the coach of the Odds 'n Ends, a basketball team that competes in the Women's Division of the league, and helps to coach the Burroughs High School junior varsity and varsity volleyball teams.

During volleyball season, he is an umpire and referee for the volleyball league at China Lake.

Higgins also is a member of the China Lake Ski Club and skis as often as he can.



Tim R. Higgins

## Christmas Spirit Exemplified

## Centerites Exceed \$100,000 Combined Fed'l Campaign Goal

Caring by sharing in the true spirit of the Christmas season, civilian employees and military personnel of the Naval Weapons Center contributed the largest amount ever raised locally for support of the Combined Federal Campaign.

In this time of inflation, when everyone is aware of the steadily decreasing amount of goods or services that each dollar will buy, Centerites came through generously with outright cash gifts and payroll deduction plan pledges totalling \$100,257.28.

This topped the \$100,000 goal set at the outset of the CFC for the support of 17 member agencies of the United Way of Indian Wells Valley, the 10 National Health and 4 International Service Agencies that are a part of the 1975 Combined Federal Campaign.

The CFC goal was exceeded for the first time in several years through the combined help of not only NWC civilian and military personnel, but also as a result of the assistance of the Naval Air Facility, an Air Force Loran D Unit assigned to China Lake, the Department of Defense Property Disposal Office, the Patent Office and employees of the U.S. Post Office who worked both at China Lake and in Ridgecrest.

In addition, Air Test and Evaluation Squadron Five, because it is a separate Fleet squadron, requested and received permission to carry out its on separate CFC drive under the chairmanship of Lt. Dave Carter. VX-5 officers and men responded by raising more than \$2,100.

With all returns now in, Harry Parode, the campaign chairman, reports that (compared to last year) there was only a 4 per cent increase in the number of persons contributing to the 1975 CFC. However, those who did help out, did so more generously by raising 22 per cent more than the amount brought in a year ago.

Groups whose employees contributed 100 per cent to the Combined Federal Campaign were the Safety Department, the Patent Office and the Air Force Loran D Detachment.

Also singled out for special mention were the Weapons Planning Group, the Safety, Electronic Systems, Systems Development, Research and Personnel Departments for achieving employee percentage participation in excess of 55 per cent. All told, 47.8 per cent of those eligible to do so contributed to the 1975 CFC.

Individual campaign representatives whose hard work led to the success of the 1975 campaign were: John Emery, Code 10; Ken Miller, Code 17; Mrs. Joan Chartier, Code 33; Lee Elder, Code 35; Glen Hollar, Code 37; Jean Rollingson, Code 40; Larry Manning, Code 51; Mrs. Ruth Elder and Ralph Schwarzbach, Code 55; the many volunteers of Code 60; George Steinhauer, Code 65; Gene Walker, Code 70; and C. B. Knox and Bill Shanahan, Code 85.

## Revised Fee Structure for Using Community Center Recommended

Members of the Joint Navy-Civilian Recreation Council, during this past Tuesday morning's meeting, voted to recommend to the NWC Command a revised fee structure for rental of the Community Center, as well as the setting of new fees for the rental of camping and recreation equipment.

In addition, as the result of a presentation by Dr. Dave Burdick, a Research Department employee, who attended the meeting as a spokesman for handball and racquet ball aficionados, Recreation Council members voted to postpone previously-approved action of charging a \$1 per hour fee for the use of the handball court by non-military personnel of the Center.

The temporary suspension of the hourly fee for use of the handball court was approved pending further consideration of charges for all other facilities that are included within the Center's gymnasium complex.

Henceforth, the fees to be charged for use

## Progress Shown In Effort To Reduce Energy Usage Rate

The effort to reduce the Naval Weapons Center's overall energy consumption rate is continuing to show progress, it was reported this week by Richard Malone, head of the Electrical Branch in the Public Works Department's Engineering Division, who is the Center's acting energy conservation officer.

Compared with the same period two years ago, reductions during November in various types of energy usage and fuel supplies were:

Electrical power usage—down 21.5 per cent; propane gas consumption—down 22 per cent; natural gas use in the housing area—down 19.6 per cent; natural gas use for industrial purposes—down 10.7 per cent, and fuel oil consumption—down 18.6 per cent.

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**A PROUD MOMENT** — With his wife looking on, Leroy Riggs (at right), head of the Center's Resources and Technology Office, accepted the congratulations of Rear Admiral R. G. Freeman III, NWC Commander, upon being presented the Secretary of the Navy's Distinguished Civilian Service Award. The presentation took place Monday morning during the NWC Commander's meeting.

## Distinguished Civilian Service Award Presented to Leroy Riggs

Presentation of the Secretary of the Navy's Distinguished Civilian Service Award (the highest award the SecNav can confer on any civilian) to Leroy Riggs highlighted the NWC Commander's meeting held Monday morning at the Management Center in Michelson Laboratory.

Rear Admiral R. G. Freeman III, NWC Commander, represented SecNav J. William Middendorf II in presenting this outstanding award, which recognized the exceptional service on the part of Riggs from November 1972 through June 1974. A surprise guest at the meeting was Mrs. Ditty Riggs, who was escorted in by Capt. R. D. Franke, the Deputy Commander.

During this period of a little more than 2½ years, Riggs, who is presently head of the Center's Resources and Technology Office, was cited by the Secretary of the Navy for his outstanding efforts while serving first as head of the Electronic Systems Department and Deputy Technical Director for Electronic Systems, and later as NWC's Acting Technical Director.

### Contents of Citation

The SecNav citation read: "Mr. Riggs' outstanding technical and managerial leadership, his dynamic approach to solving problems, and unusual ability to accomplish all tasks during a critical period of reorganization, were highly instrumental in maintaining the Naval Weapons Center's prime role in the Navy Research and Development community."

"By sustaining with positive action the planned transition and restructuring of the Center, by keeping key programs on course in the face of severe challenges, and by personal example to others in dealings with the environmental change, he (Riggs) succeeded in advancing the posture of the Naval Weapons Center as a foremost technological resource for the Fleet."

Riggs began his career at the U.S. Naval Ordnance Test Station (forerunner to the Naval Weapons Center) in 1949, following his graduation from the University of Texas, where he majored in physics and mathematics. During his early years at China Lake, Riggs continued his formal education by taking graduate courses offered by the University of California at Berkeley.

### Promotions Came Rapidly

Upon completion of his initial one year training program, he was assigned as an analyst in exterior ballistics. Application of his outstanding technical ability resulted in his rapid promotion to a GS-13 physicist position, and, in 1956, Riggs was selected as the aeroballistics program director for a nuclear weapons system.

His next step up was to become head of the

Weapons Development Department's Aero Research Branch. During 1957 and '58, Riggs was selected to serve as technical assistant for Engineering and Astronautics at the Bureau of Ordnance in Washington, D.C.

Upon his return to China Lake in 1958, the recipient of the SecNav's Distinguished Civilian Service Award was promoted to the position of associate head of the Aeromechanics Division and became the first program manager for the Shrike missile program.

### Promoted to Division Head

In 1961, Riggs was selected to head the Weapons Development Department's Aeromechanics Division, and held that position until 1968 when he moved to the NWC Corona Annex (formerly Corona Laboratories) to head the Missile Systems Department, Code 42.

The move of the Corona Lab personnel to China Lake brought Riggs back to the high desert and resulted in his assignment to the post of head of NWC's Electronic Systems

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## 2 Seriously Injured During Altercation Monday at CPO Club

George (Barney) Barnard, manager of the Chief Petty Officers' Club, and a CPO Club patron, Lee Hamrick, a chief electrician's mate assigned to the NWC Explosive Ordnance Disposal Unit, were seriously injured Monday night during an altercation at the CPO Club.

Barnard, who suffered a stab wound in the abdomen, was cut when he reportedly attempted to break up a fight between Hamrick and Richard Flynn, 42, a civilian employee of Kay Associates of Chicago, Ill., a firm that is handling work under a contract at the Naval Air Facility.

Flynn, arrested at the scene by China Lake Police Officers Robert L. White and Derrel Beebe, subsequently was charged with two counts of assault with a deadly weapon and lodged overnight in the Ridgecrest jail before being taken to the Kern County jail in Bakersfield.

The two injured men (Hamrick was stabbed in the chest) were transported by a China Lake Fire Division ambulance first to the NWC Dispensary and then to the Ridgecrest Community Hospital for emergency treatment. As of press time, both were patients in the hospital's intensive care unit and their condition was reported to be stable following surgery.

Investigation of the circumstances that led to the altercation is being continued by China Lake Police Division personnel.



## TV Booster Bash Raises \$9,000 To Signal Start of Fund Drive

To date, more than \$9,000 has been collected in the communitywide TV Booster Fund Drive, including \$6,389.92 that was paid at the door of the TV Booster Bash, held Saturday afternoon at Joshua Hall on the Desert Empire Fairgrounds, and another \$239.48 that was earned by the sale of sandwiches and soft drinks at the gala affair.

The balance of the total thus far has been received by the China Lake Community Council from persons who mailed in their contribution.

"This is a far cry from the \$100,000 that is needed, but it's an excellent beginning," said Pat Leopard, fund drive coordinator.



RENGIS FABRIS, the current Miss Ridgecrest China Lake, was on hand to entertain the throng.

"The Bash signalled the start of our fund drive, and future plans call for a door-to-door solicitation sometime after the first of the year, and other fund-raising schemes, still to be worked out," she added.

Jack Lindsey, who lined up nearly 12 consecutive hours of entertainment from among local talent and a young folksinger from the Los Angeles area, stated his part of the task was easy.

### Talent Is Plentiful

"There is a tremendous wellspring of talented people in this valley," he told listeners over Radio Stations KLOA and KZIQ, which carried the TV Booster Bash live over the airways. "And, fortunately for me, they are willing and able to step forward and contribute their special skills whenever it is needed," he added.

Headlined by Sean Dean, a musician who has appeared at the Troubadour Club, mecca for folksingers in the L.A. area, the list of entertainers included Rengis Fabris, the current Miss Ridgecrest/China Lake; Susan Rungo, a former holder of that title, the IWW Barbershop chorus, Sweet Adelines, the All Faith Chapel Choir, chorus and quartets from the Immanuel Baptist Church, Bea Moore's Valley Troubadours, the Burroughs High School Madrigal Singers, the Jim Dandies Square Dancers, and others.

The program began at noon with the arrival of Santa Claus. Armed with a bag full of candy canes, Santa was ferried from the North Pole by a Naval Air Facility helicopter, piloted by Lt. Ian Refo.

Prior to the bash, volunteer workmen, including Tony Martin of the Desert Empire Fair committee, members of the China Lake Community Council, and others, set up the hall in anticipation of a large crowd. They were not disappointed. In all, more than 300 families (a total of 1,500 persons attended the bash) paid the \$20 per household donation required to raise the \$100,000 goal set by the TV Booster Fund

Drive coordinators.

In addition to paying a visit to Santa, children who attended were entertained by a continuous showing of Walt Disney Studio films. Sue Byrd, who organized the feed, was amazed at the hunger of the crowd. "They kept coming back for seconds," she commented, noting that most of the sandwiches prepared by local women's organizations, were sold.

The groups who helped feed the crowd were the Women's Auxiliary of the Commissioned Officers' Mess (WACOM), Maturango Museum Monday Volunteers, Navy Wives Club, Burros Band Boosters, United Methodist Women, American Association of University Women, the Roadrunners' Auxiliary of the Children's Home Society, the Maturango Museum Docents, and local chapters from Beta Sigma Phi Sorority.

### \$100,000 Is Needed

The \$100,000 figure established by the operators of the TV Boosters on Laurel and "B" Mts. is needed to keep free television in the valley. Recently, the Community Council's TV Booster Committee, chaired by Don Stanton, was notified by the Federal Communications Commission that the equipment now in use does not meet current FCC regulations and must be replaced. "Otherwise, you must go off the air," the



COMING HERE FROM Los Angeles to appear twice on the program was Sean Dean, fast rising young folksinger.

FCC warned.

Jim Rieger, a member of the committee and one of the engineers who keeps the booster stations operating, stated that the seven channels now coming into the valley will be replaced, plus two additional UHF channels — one each from Riverside and Bakersfield — and FM Radio Station KLOS, from Los Angeles, will be added, providing the full amount is raised.

Residents of the Indian Wells Valley who would like to contribute by mail should send a check or money order to the China Lake Community Council, P.O. Box 5443, China Lake, CA 93555.

## CPO Club Slates Party For Children Tomorrow

"Wally, the Clown" will entertain at a Christmas party for children of chief petty officers at the CPO Club tomorrow. All CPOs who have children aged 3 to 12 years are urged by Dick Davis, assistant club manager, to bring their dependents down to the club. Tickets are priced at \$4 per child. Plenty of ice cream, cake and refreshments will be served.

In addition, each child in attendance will receive a Christmas present.



**FATHER JACK GETS NEW VESTMENT** — Father Aquinas "Jack" Smith, NWC's Catholic Chaplain, was presented a new vestment, made by first graders in the Congregations' religious education classes, during the Children's Christmas Mass, celebrated last Sunday at 11:30 a.m. Helping Father Jack accept the gift is Rear Admiral R. G. Freeman III, NWC Commander, who acted as lector during the Mass. The lector introduces the readers and hymns during the service. RAdm. Freeman's wife, Dottie, sang a hymn, "Sweet Little Jesus Boy," during the Communion portion of the Mass. —Photo by Ron Allen

## HAIL AND FAREWELL

For the month of December 1974

**NEW ARRIVALS-CIVILIAN**  
Code 171—Mertie M. Smith; Code 6521—Marsha A. Cook; Code 1742—Jodi A. Mendenhall; Code 25921—Michael G. Brooker; Code 25942—Michelle E. Bailey; Code 4521—Mary A. Spowart; Code 4547—Raymond M. Price; Code 6521—Joan L. Bayne; Code 655—Donald W. Sharnas; Code 70426—Danny Shields; Code 4533—Joseph Lelis; Code 5561—John W. Robertson; Code 6521—Kitty G. Weisbrich; Code 70426—Steven M. Anderson; Code 70431—George K. Schulz.

**DEPARTURES-CIVILIAN**  
Code 3115—Joe Reese; Code 331—Stanley Blank; Code 51025—Lauretta S. Hucak; Code 5154—James G. Bardwell; Code 55451—Clarence W. Jeffries; Code 5551—Raymond J. Savage; Code 6081—Charles H. Hire; Code 2571—Archie E. Plante; Code 53322—David E. Baker; Code 705—Charles C. Temple IV; Code 6025—Joan Taylor; Code 40103—Juanita W. Beresford; Code 4547—Frank G. Crescento; Code 5313—Leland W. Henderson; Code 843—John W. Cathey; Code 3525—Carroll P. Havener; Code 3551—Asa C. Harlvigsen; Code 3556—John A. Downs; Code 5102—Christine P. Covert; Code 5551—Glenn R. Barrett; Code 5554—James R. SHH; Code 6521—Susan L. Gilliland; Code 704—Anita L. Laford; Code 843—Jack D. Kash; Code 85441—Eva P. Halton.

## Housing Assignments

Houses assigned during November 1974.

"O" Bedroom Motel

Tuey, GS11.

**2 Bedroom Old Duplex**  
Murphy, E4; Fry, WG5; Lemon, GS9; Stenaas, GS5; Farmer, WG10; Boves, GS10; McCaughan, WG10; Meeks, WP8; Ruzek, E4; Lellis, GS8; Compton, WG10; McFetridge, LT10; Shire, GS5; Bebee, GS5; Burgett, E6; Latham, GS5; Barton, Eq3.

**2 Bedroom Normac / Letourneau**  
Allen, WG10; Sheffer, WG9; Chanier, WG7; Schulz, WG10; Curtis, WG11; Gehl, E6; Clar, GS11; Taylor, E7; Kubik, Eq8; Matheson, GS4; Schuler, GS9.

**2 Bedroom Card Apt.**

Barker, E2; Potts, E2.

**Two Bedroom Hill Duplex**

Gomez, GS12; Bates, GS7.

**Two Bedroom JOQ**

Sharnas, GS12.

**Two Bedroom Wherry**

Washington, E2; O'Neal, E4; Miles, E5; Semore, GS4; Ancero, E4; Cielo, EQ2.

**Two Bedroom Normac-Duplex**

Whiting, GS5; Shue, GS5; Carson, WG10; Hamil, WG9.

**Three Bedroom Panamint**

Wong, Lcdr; Hart, Maj.

**Two Bedroom Wherry**

Javar, E5; Kinkennon, WG4; Hook, GS3; Davis, E2; Quinn, E5; Romero, E5.

**Three Bedroom Normac-Duplex**

Peters, E5; Boudah, E5; Kitchen, E4; Grabowski, E5; Kennison, E4.

**Three Bedroom Juniper**

Villanueva, E5; Marcus, GS12; Joyce, GS12; Hindman, GS12; Smith, E7.

**Three Bedroom Yucca**

Austermann, GS11.

**Four Bedroom Panamint**

Crosskno, Lcdr.

**Four Bedroom Wherry**

McCarthy, WG10; Golden, WG6; Brown, WG6; Romero, GS7.

**Four Bedroom Normac**

Townsend, E5; Adams, E6.

**NWC OFFICERS**

Arrivals: Capt. William F. Daniel, Lcdr. Harold L. Crosskno.

Departures: Ltjg. Leonard S. Murphy.

**NAF OFFICERS**

Arrivals: Lcdr. Henry K. Wong.

**NAF ENLISTED PERSONNEL**

Arrivals: RMAA A. M. Barker, AK1 R. F. Gehl, HA M. G. Gallardo, AA P. A. Hardwick, AR G. R. Holmes, AA Q. E. Jenkins, AR E. A. Farrar, HA P. A. Cramer, ABHe D. E. Kenison, AZAA P. M. Stewart, AA D. C. Pippin, AR S. M. Velemirovich, ABH 3 E. C. Owens, AR S. L. Mayer, HM3 R. L. Ruzek, HM3, S. E. Thompson, HM3 B. J. Mach, HA. I. J. Nolen, ETN3 D. M. Murphy, PNCS C. C. Villanueva, SMC H. H. Taylor.

Departures: BTJ J. E. Jarvi, AMS1 L. C. Frederick, QACS W. L. Johnson, ET1 B. M. Herring, DM3 J. C. Bishop, ETR3 C. B. Blemmer, AZ2 J. B. Lingbaan, HN B. L. Williams, AQ1 D. W. Morgan, RM1 K. T. Winter, EM2 D. L. Rowley, ATCS Lee P. McKay, AME1 Dennis C. Watson, AN Richard J. Garcia, AMH3 GREGORY P. Corcoran, AMH2 George S. Ash, HM3 Michael J. Lechner, ABH3 Rollin W. Hood, AMH3 Stephen B. Fox.

**VX-5 OFFICERS**

Departures: Lcdr. Larry Chrans, Lcdr. Bill Monk.

**VX-5 ENLISTED PERSONNEL**

Arrivals: AEA Dale W. Traver, PH2 Richard C. Grant, AEA Richard J. Bergin, AEA George M. Furtado, AZ1 Larry L. Laduke, AQC William H. Johnson, ADJ2 Anthony J. Ramirez, PNSN Wendy A. Cosby, AQ2 Jerry A. Olivera, PNSA Gregory B. Pinson, AMH2 Leonard L. Grabowski, AA Terrance J. Kotogon.

Departures: AMS3 Richard W. Parker, AMH2 Albert J. Woutersm, AOC Earl E. Carver.

**Effective Jan. 1, 1975, bicycle reflector requirements in California will be upgraded by a new law.**

After that date any bicycle ridden on the street must at all times be equipped with the following:

A white reflector on the front. A white or yellow reflector on each side, forward of the center of the bicycle (usually a two-way reflector anchored in the spokes). A white or red reflector on each side, to the rear of the center. And, a red reflector to the rear of the bicycle.

If the bicycle is ridden at night, it also must be equipped with a white light on the front that is visible for at least 300 feet.

Lt. L. R. Kahl, Commander of the California Highway Patrol's Mojave area, said that the side reflectors may be omitted if the bicycle is equipped with reflectorized tires, front and rear. The law specifies that all reflectors and reflectorized tires must be visible from 500 ft. and must be of a type approved by the Highway Patrol.

## Effective Jan. 1, More Reflectors Required on Bikes

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A white reflector on the front. A white or yellow reflector on each side, forward of the center of the bicycle (usually a two-way reflector anchored in the spokes). A white or red reflector on each side, to the rear of the center. And, a red reflector to the rear of the bicycle.

If the bicycle is ridden at night, it also must be equipped with a white light on the front that is visible for at least 300 feet.

Lt. L. R. Kahl, Commander of the California Highway Patrol's Mojave area, said that the side reflectors may be omitted if the bicycle is equipped with reflectorized tires, front and rear. The law specifies that all reflectors and reflectorized tires must be visible from 500 ft. and must be of a type approved by the Highway Patrol.

## Community Ctr. Fees Discussed...

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Community Center is available free of charge for activities sponsored or co-sponsored by the Special Services Division.

In the case of military and affiliated activities (Group III), there is to be no charge for use of the Community Center unless there is an admission fee for the particular event. Included under Group III activities are military balls, Navy Wives Club, squadron and unit parties (including those of reserve components of the Armed Forces), and Center department activities. Where there is an admission fee charged, the sponsors will be expected to pay for the services of the attendants on duty at the Community Center.

### Same Conditions Apply

The foregoing also applies to semi-official and management-related activities such as those involving Command and department recreation committees, the Community Council, the Employee Services Board and other employee groups and unions, who are listed in Group IV.

Group V of the proposed Community Center fee structure policy covers non-profit welfare and youth organizations, as well as professional societies. Such groups will be permitted free use of the Community Center from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., when a paid attendant is required to be on duty. After 5 p.m. or on weekends, there will be a nominal hourly charge.

## Christmas Dinner At Main Galley Open to Centerites

Tickets for the annual Christmas holiday dinner at the Main Enlisted Dining Hall will continue to be sold until 3:30 p.m. on Monday at the Food Service Office.

All NWC military and civilian personnel, and their dependents, are eligible to partake of the Christmas meal that will be served by the Food Service Division from 2 to 5 p.m. on that day.

Tickets are priced at \$1.50 for enlisted personnel, \$2.40 for officers and civilians, and \$1.25 for dependents under the age of 12.

Roast tom turkey and char-broiled steaks will lead the list of entrees. Shrimp cocktail, tomato vegetable soup, seafood cocktail sauce and crisp saltines are listed as appetizers on the menu.

Salads to be served are mixed fruit, tossed green, golden glow and chilled cranberry sauce. A choice of salad dressings will be available.

Adding to the pleasure of the diners will be glibet gravy, snowflake potatoes, corn bread dressing, buttered green beans, sauteed mushrooms, glazed sweet potatoes, buttered whole grain corn, and sauteed onions.

Hot rolls will be served and the line-up of desserts are enough to make anyone's mouth water.

Pumpkin pie, served with whipped cream, fruit cake, mixed nuts, pecan pie, ice cream, hard candy and fresh fruit will cap the holiday fare.

Liquid refreshments available will be fresh egg nog, fruit punch, coffee, tea and milk.

## Christmas Message From SecNav

*During the holiday season we as Americans properly pause to acknowledge and give thanks for the good fortune bestowed upon each of us and our nation. The strength of family unity, the sustaining bonds of friendship, and the joy of peace in ourselves and the world reflect the true feelings of this season.*

*During this holiday season, there will be some men and women of the Navy and Marine Corps who will be unable to join their families and friends. While your participation may be diminished, we are grateful for your dedication and your vigilance.*

*To each member of the Navy and Marine Corps and your families, I extend my very best wishes for a happy holiday season.*

J. William Middendorf II  
Secretary of the Navy

The charges that are spelled out in the proposal adopted by the Rec. Council call for community recreation related and special interest groups (such as AAUW, square dancers, the Civic Concert Association, and Bridge, Rug and Ski Clubs, for example) to pay a daily rental fee of \$10 for Cactus Hall, \$9 for Panamint Hall or the Sidewinder Room, \$7 for Joshua Room, and \$4 for Yucca Room. In addition, such groups also will be required to pay for the services of attendants if their affairs take place after 5 p.m., or on weekends.

In the case of private groups or individuals who wish to use the Community Center for activities not open to the general public, the proposed fee schedule is \$30 for Cactus Hall, \$20 for Panamint Hall and the Sidewinder Room, \$10 for Joshua Room, and \$5 for Yucca Room.

These same rates also will apply for the various rooms at the Community Center for club exhibits and shows that are scheduled for three days or less.

### Charges for Attendant

In addition, the cost of attendant services (where applicable) was set at \$2.50 per hour for weekday events held between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., \$2.75 per hour from 5 to 9 p.m., and \$4 per hour after 9 p.m.

The Recreation Council vote on the proposed Community Center fee structure was passed by a margin of 6-2. Lt. E. N. Smith, one of those who was opposed to this action because it eliminated the charging of fees for parties when staged by military units and Center departments, asked that the minority opinion be passed along to the Command for consideration before final approval is given on this matter.

### Chairman Opposed

Cdr. Nygaard also noted that it would be his recommendation that the Command not approve this particular aspect of the Community Center fee structure, due to the fact that a considerable amount of the revenue brought in each year is raised by charging a rental fee for department parties, and this source of funds is eliminated in the revised fee schedule voted upon by the Recreation Council.

It did not appear appropriate to Cdr. Nygaard for the recreation fund to subsidize parties when there are other more important requirements for these funds at NWC.

## '75 Auto License Plate Sticker To Go on Right Side

Motorists renewing their vehicle registrations for 1975 are urged to follow the instructions to place the new license plate sticker in the "top right well" of the rear license plate.

"Follow the instructions, even though this results in covering the 1974 sticker," Robert Cozens, director of the Department of Motor Vehicles, stated.

"We realize that this is a departure from the traditional switching from one side of the license plate to the other," he added.

From now on, the right hand well of the license plate will always show the year. The left hand well is reserved for a sticker which will show the renewal month when year-round registration begins.



**A BOX OF LOVE** — G-1 Sgt. Tom Brown (l.) and S-1 Sgt. Duane Buday were kept busy most of Tuesday packing the more than 500 toys donated to the "Toys for Tots" drive that concluded on Sunday. Because of the generosity of persons who attended the benefit show on Sunday and others who donated gifts at collection spots throughout the Indian Wells Valley, approximately 325 needy children who live in the valley and surrounding communities will receive a toy for Christmas. In addition to the presents, \$200 was collected which will be spent to purchase other toys. More than 600 persons attended a benefit western music program that was co-sponsored by the Marine Corps Liaison Office at NWC and the High Desert Detachment of the Marine Corps League. Johnnie King, who put the show together, was successful in lining up the many country and western music stars who came to Joshua Hall on the Desert Empire Fairgrounds to perform for this annual charity backed by the U.S. Marine Corps. —Photo by Maurice Dias

## Riggs Receives Top Honor . . .

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Department (Code 35) in 1970 and, in mid-1973 (as the result of organizational changes) he was chosen to serve as the Center's Deputy Technical Director for Electronic Systems. When Dr. W. B. LaBerge left NWC in September 1973, Riggs became the acting Technical Director for the Center.

Two months ago, in a step that was the forerunner to the present organizational realignment, Riggs became the Deputy Technical Director (Code 01A) and, as announced last week, he is now head of the Center's Resources and Technology Office.

### Other Honors Received

During the course of his nearly 26 year affiliation with the Naval Weapons Center and the U.S. Naval Ordnance Test Station, Riggs has been the recipient of such other top honors as the Navy Meritorious Civilian Service Award and the L. T. E. Thompson Award (the Center's highest recognition for outstanding individual achievement).

The Navy Meritorious Civilian Service Award garnered by Riggs was the result of his efforts in the early part of 1972 to quickly and efficiently mobilize a large segment of the Electronic Systems Department,

### GEBA Assessment Due

### Following Recent Death

Assessments are now due from members of the Government Employees Benefit Association and the China Lake Mutual Aid Society following the death on Dec. 7 of Thomas Underwood, age 74.

Underwood, a former employee of the Public Works Department's Paint Shop who had retired, was residing in Colton at the time of his death.

GEBA and CLMAS members are asked by Larry Mason, secretary, to contact the collectors in their work area to pay this latest assessment, which is No. 320.

together with other Center resources, into cohesive specialist teams charged with the responsibility of providing quick-reaction response to a series of critical operational problems in Southeast Asia.

### Thompson Award Recipient

Riggs' selection to receive the Thompson Award recognized his invaluable contributions over a period of 23 years to the Center's efforts including, but not limited to, such programs as the 2.75 in. rocket, RAM, BOAR, Snakeye, Rockeye II, Sidewinder IC, Sarah, TOA and MICRAD. In addition, it was noted that he was program manger of the Shrike weapon system during its feasibility and design phases.

In addition, the recommendation that Riggs receive the Thompson award was based on his exceptional performance in developing a "cohesive, capable, forward-looking department from pieces given him at the time of the Corona consolidation. He and his department have become the principal R&D resource within the Armed Services for application of present anti-radiation missile (ARM) and design requirements for future ARM weapons."

Earlier in his Civil Service career, Riggs was personally commended by the Chief of the Bureau of Ordnance for his work in establishing the Astronautics Office of BuOrd, and in 1963 he received a Superior Achievement Award for his work in preparing for the visit to China Lake of President John Kennedy.

### Casual Visitors' Pass

### Desk Closed on Dec. 25

The Casual Visitors' Pass Desk will be closed on Christmas Day from 7 to 10 a.m., and from 5 to 10 p.m. Visitors may pick up the "special events visitor cards" at the desk between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. only.

During the hours that the desk is closed, visitors can obtain passes from the Police Division office.