

Famous Naturalist To Present Talk Feb. 9 at College

Residents of the Indian Wells Valley will get the opportunity to hear Euell Gibbons, famous naturalist, lecturer and author, speak on "Living Off Nature's Bounty," Sunday, Feb. 9, at the Cerro Coso Community College Lecture Hall.

Gibbons' lecture will begin at 8 p.m. Tickets are on sale at the Gift Mart in Ridgecrest, the NWC Station Pharmacy, and at the college. They are priced at \$2 for general admission and \$1.50 for college students with student body cards.

The naturalist will illustrate his talk with color slides taken over the many years he has been pursuing this subject. Gibbons is said to be neither a food faddist nor a herbalist, but is a "firm believer in professional medicine and a champion of cooperation with nature."

He has written three widely-read books: "Stalking the Heathful Herbs," "Stalking the Blue-Eyed Scallop," and "Stalking the Wild Asparagus." He serves as nature editor of the "Organic Gardening and Farming" publication.

Gibbons, as a lecturer, is said to be knowledgeable, humorous and nationally known as a gourmet of the wilderness.

Murray School After Hours Players Slate 'Pooh' Comedy Feb. 7

An opportunity to see all of the famous Winnie the Pooh characters, plus support a deserving character, will be presented on Feb. 7 and 8 when the After School Players of Murray School stage "House at Pooh Corner," a play written by A. A. Milne, creator of the Pooh series.

The show is scheduled for three performances. They will be at 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 7, and at 1:30 and 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 8. All shows will be in the Murray School Cafetorium.

Admission is \$1 for adults and 50 cents for students. All proceeds will go to the IWV Leukemia Fund.

Bob Schwarzbach, continuing the tradition of little theater in his family, is directing the play. He is aided by Gwen Campbell, a seventh and eighth grade teacher at Murray School.

Brian Dettling will be seen as Christopher Robin and Mary Ann Tauton is Winnie the Pooh. Denise Crips will portray Piglet, and Karen Smith has the role of Eeyor.

Others are Roxanne Alger as Kanga, Terri Petach in the part of Roo, Martine Baker, cast as Tigger, and Robin Bonner as Rabbit. Early Rabbit will be portrayed by Rhonda Lindemann, and Late Rabbit by Tom Browne. Owl will be enacted by Kasey Coleman.

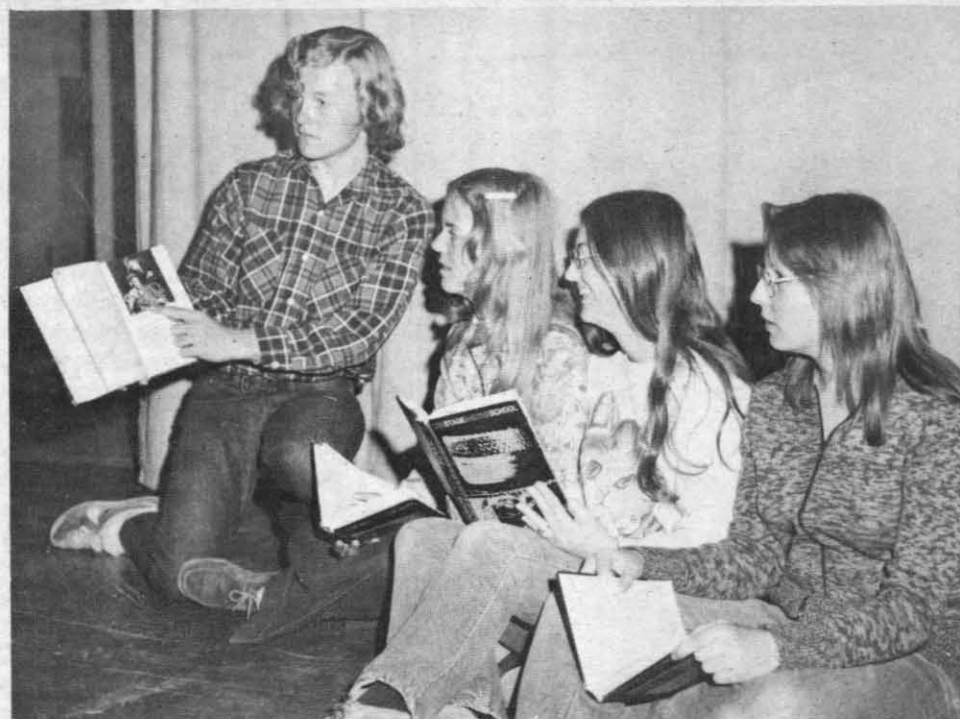
1975 Sustaining Membership Drive Set by Girl Scouts

The Joshua Tree Council, Girl Scouts of America, has selected Jerry Zaharias to head the 1975 sustaining membership enrollment drive, which will be held Feb. 3 through 17.

Zaharias, the father of four Girls Scouts, stated that the annual fund drive is directed toward families and friends of Girl Scouting in the community. The Council's goal for the campaign is \$28,000.

Assisting Zaharias will be John Wilson, owner of Hamel's Furniture Store in Ridgecrest, while Art Breslow, of China Lake; Bill Farris, of Ridgecrest, and George Hess, in Trona, will assist Wilson.

Money raised during the drive will benefit girls by providing funds for camping services, professional guidance and training for adult leaders, printed materials, special events and Joshua Tree Council activities.



HIGH SCHOOL PLAY TO OPEN — Tom Lehmann, who will portray Claude P. Jones, a high school instructor, in the production of "Your Were Born on a Rotten Day," which opens on Friday, Feb. 7, at the Burroughs High School Lecture Center, checks the high school drama manual with three of the show's female stars. They are (l.-r.) Crystal Hill, Lisa White and Ramona Bernard. Additional performance dates are Feb. 8, 14 and 15. Curtain time is 8:15 p.m. Tickets are on sale at the Gift Mart in Ridgecrest, the Station Pharmacy, and at the Lecture Center door on performance nights. They are priced at \$1 for general admission and 75 cents for students. —Photo by Ron Allen

Recreational Activities Abound in Valley As Dances, Plays, Exhibits Crowd Calendar

Tomorrow night at the Commissioned Officers' Mess, the Community Light Opera and Theater Association (CLOTA) will honor dramatists singled out for having given the best performances of the year from among the four productions staged in 1974 by the local amateur theater group.

In addition, an award will be given for best technical contribution during the season and for the best production.

Highlight of the evening will be the third presentation of the Jane Bugay Memorial Award—named to perpetuate the memory of Mrs. Bugay who lost her life in an automobile accident a few years ago. This award is given to acknowledge sustained and outstanding support of CLOTA. Previous winners are Vivian Childers and Eduardo Romero.

Following the dinner and awards presentation, those in attendance will be welcome to remain and dance until the wee hours of the morning.

Dance Set at Jolly Roger

The Golden State Music Co. has been booked to play for a dance tonight at the Jolly Roger (Enlisted Men's Club) from 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.

In addition to announcing the dance, Walt Schimke, who manages both the Jolly Roger and the Chaparral Club, pointed out that pizzas are now available each evening from the Chaparral Club.

Hours of service are from 5 to 6:30 p.m.

Stage Band Slates Dance

The Burroughs High School Stage Band, led by Michael Garrett, has been invited to participate in the annual International Jazz Festival, to be held in Reno, Nev. in March. In order to raise funds for the trip, the band is planning a Valentine's Day dance.

The highly-talented group will play from 8:30 p.m. to midnight on Friday, Feb. 14, at Joshua Hall, located on the Desert Empire Fairgrounds.

A donation of \$5 per couple, or \$2.50 for individuals, will be charged. Tickets can be obtained from Rotary Club of China Lake members, sponsors of the dance, or from members of the stage band.

Photo Fair Planned

Chairman have been appointed to plan the fifth annual Photo Fair, set for April 5 and 6 by the China Lake Photographic Society, sponsors of the event.

Betty Speckels will serve as general chairman. Those who will be assisting her, and their areas of responsibility are: M. L. Speckels, programs; Jim and Mary Dixon, slides; Dale and Reid Baker, prints; Ron

Allen, Lita Reid and Donna Baker, publicity; Joe Haberman, security; Betty Curtis and Lenore Palmer, hospitality.

Clare Grounds will be in charge of setting up and taking down the displays, while Russell Palmer will handle signs. Others selected for certain tasks are Art Spiegel, bulletins; Don Winter, door prizes; Maurice Curtis, equipment, and Linda Ohleyer, floral arrangements.

The Photo Fair is an annual event staged to allow local photographers an opportunity to display their work.

For further information, contact Mrs. Speckels by calling 375-4254 or Russell Palmer, at 446-4674.

'Caravan' Booked at COM

The Caravan will play for a dance tonight at the Commissioned Officers' Mess, beginning at 9 o'clock.

Veal Cordon Bleu is the specialty of the dining room tonight. Drake Dierkhising, club manager, invites all members and guests to come to the club for dinner and stay for the dance.

Dierkhising also reminded Center residents that a Happy Hour is being held at the golf clubhouse on Fridays, from 4:30 to 7 p.m. The grill also will remain open until that time on Fridays.

Cast Chosen for Comedy

Fred Stahlman and Natalie Stone will portray Harry and Edith Lambert, a couple married 25 years who find they are expecting a child, in "Never Too Late," the next show to be produced by the China Lake Players.

Marijean Ackers, who will direct the play, announced that others to be seen in the production are Lori Gunther, as Kate, the couple's 23-year-old daughter, and Al Ward, as Kate's husband.

Pat Schwarzbach has been cast as Grace Kimbrough, and Ralph Vuono will play Dr. Kimbrough. Rudyard Stone will be seen as Mayor Crane, and Don Tilford will portray the role of Foley. Phil Quinton has been cast as the policeman.

This hilarious comedy will go on stage at the China Lake Players' Hut on Feb. 28, and March 1, 7, 8, 14 and 15.

Stage Show Cancelled

Two showings of the dramatic presentation, "Lady on the Rocks," that had been scheduled for presentation this past Wednesday, have been postponed indefinitely.

It is hoped that the play, which portrays the effects alcoholism can have in a family situation, in business and other external relationships, can be rescheduled within the next two months.

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. 31 JAN.

"INTERVAL" (93 Min.)

Merle Oberon, Robert Wolders
(Drama) Middle-aged woman shares secret of her past marriage with a young artist. Their age difference causes a falling out, and finally her suicide. (PG)

SAT. 1 FEB.

"SHANKS" (93 Min.)

Marcel Marceau, Tisila Chellon
(Horror-Comedy Drama) Malcolm Shanks, a puppeteer, is forced to work for Old Walker, a Scientist who has discovered a means of controlling dead animals and making them move almost as if they were alive. On finding Old Walker dead, Shanks uses the method on a dead man. (PG)

SUN. 2 FEB.

"THE TAKING OF PELHAM ONE TWO THREE" (105 Min.)

Walter Matthau, Martin Balsam
(Suspense Drama) Four men hijack the 1:23 train from Pelham Bay in the Bronx. They demand a \$1 million ransom for passengers. Transit Authority Insp. Walter Matthau tries to meet the demands. Just before the money is delivered, Shaw kills Holland. Later, Matthau tracks down the killer. (R)

MON. 3 FEB.

"THE OPTIMISTS" (111 Min.)

Peter Sellers, Donna Mullane
(Comedy Drama) A former music-hall headliner earns a meager existence as a sidewalk entertainer in London, his only companion a small dog. Two lonely children are drawn to the man, who teaches them something about life and respect for others. (PG)

TUES. 4 FEB.

"OUR TIME" (91 Min.)

Pamela Sue Martin, Betsy Slade
(Drama) The Penfield Academy, a girls' school in Springfield, Mass., begins its fall 1955 semester. Regulations are strict, but Pamela manages to break the rules without much trouble. When friend Betsy discovers she's pregnant, Pamela arranges for an abortion. Betsy dies and Pamela graduates, mourning her friend, but determined to keep her individuality. (PG)

WED. 5 FEB.

"CLOCKWORK ORANGE" (137 Min.)

Malcolm McDowell, Patricia Magee
(Comedy-Fantasy) In an intensive futuristic society, the head of a gang of toughs is conditioned to be physically ill at sex and violence during prison sentence. Upon his release, he is brutally beaten by all his old adversaries. (R)

THURS. 6 FEB.

"PHASE IV" (84 Min.)

Nigel Davenport, Michael Murphy
(Science Fiction) In the black void of space there is a strange blue flaring; a solitary ant emerges from its hole on earth, contemplating the stars. Biologist Nigel Davenport, aware of changes in the ant world, and mathematician Michael Murphy come to a valley in Arizona to study insect activity. (PG)

FRI. 7 FEB.

"DON'T LOOK NOW" (110 Min.)

Donald Sutherland, Julie Christie
(Supernatural) Distraught by the accidental drowning of his young daughter, an architect and his wife travel to Venice to restore a cathedral. There he refuses to believe a psychic who warns that he is in grave danger, even though he has had warning visions from his daughter. (R)

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WEATHER OF THE KIND that Palm Springs promoters like to brag about when enticing wintertime visitors made the Inyokern airport an ideal spot for last Saturday's fourth annual air show, sponsored by the High Desert Detachment of the Marine Corps League. The southern end of the Sierra Mountains and the clear blue sky provided an ideal backdrop for the intricate maneuvers that were performed by some of the nation's topnotch aerobatic experts. —Photo by Ron Allen



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Door-to-Door Collections Net \$41,000 For TV Booster Drive; Total Is Now \$66,742

The TV Booster Fund Drive topped \$66,000 this week as collectors picked up \$41,000 last Sunday during the door-to-door campaign, and garnered another \$1,600 from homeowners who were not home on Sunday.

Residents of the Inyokern area who were expected to be called on last Sunday will get an opportunity this weekend to donate to the fund drive. The neighborhood chairmen there who were supposed to make the rounds during the door-to-door campaign were down sick with the flu bug and much of the county area was missed.

The TV Booster Fund Drive total was \$65,100 last Monday and has been rising ever since. At least \$100,000 is needed to make possible the complete changeover from TV booster and translating equipment atop Laurel and "B" Mountain that does not meet current Federal Communications Commission standards to equipment that does.

Can Now Install Five Channels

"We now have enough money to install five legal channels, plus an FM station or two," said Pat Leopard, coordinator of the fund drive for the China Lake Community Council's Booster Committee. "However, the entire amount is needed if we are going to replace all of the existing channels, plus add three new channels and a new FM station," she reminded local residents.

On Feb. 22, the Ridgecrest Elks Lodge will sponsor a benefit dance and donate all of the proceeds to the fund drive. Wayne Paisano's group will provide the music. The dance will

be held at the Elks' Club, 201 E. Church St., Ridgecrest, beginning at 9 p.m.

In addition, Mike Ayres, of Sage Park, and the Sandblasters Motorcycle Club, will stage an all-day Motocross race on March 2, with all proceeds and concessions money to be donated to the fund drive. Mrs. Leopard pointed out that the balance of the \$100,000 will probably have to be raised in such ways. "We are still counting on every resident of the valley to donate \$20, but we are going to encourage all clubs and organizations who might come up with a money-raising scheme such as the two mentioned above," she noted.

Donations by Mail Welcome

Homeowners and others who have not yet contributed to the fund drive may do so by making out a check or money order payable to the China Lake Community Council and sending it to P.O. Box 5443, China Lake, CA 93555.

Organizers of the door-to-door campaign were extremely pleased with the reception given collectors on Sunday. "Of the more

Deadline Nears For 1975 Renewals Of Vehicle Registration

Local motorists who haven't yet done so have just one more week to obtain their 1975 State of California vehicle registration tags before being stuck for a penalty fee on top of the regular amount that is now due.

As an aid to those who find it difficult to get to the Ridgecrest office of the Department of Motor Vehicles during weekday hours (from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.), the local DMV office at 111 E. California Blvd., Ridgecrest, will be open tomorrow only from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

According to Ed Valencia, manager of the DMV office in Ridgecrest, a 10 per cent penalty fee will be tacked onto the vehicle registration and license fee for the first 30 days after the Feb. 7 deadline.

On and after March 8, the penalty for late payment is 100 per cent.

Action-Packed, Varied Program Highlights '75 Inyokern Air Intercept

The 1975 Inyokern Intercept air show lived up to its fullest expectations last Saturday as an action-packed, widely varied program for aviation enthusiasts of the Indian Wells Valley.

Held on a sunny, windless day that was perfect for such an event, the air show drew a crowd of more than 2,000 persons, whose donations at the gate, as well as the proceeds from operation of a refreshment booth, will enable the High Desert Detachment of the Marine Corps League to make a generous contribution to Guide Dogs for the Blind.

For the fourth year in a row, Marine Corps Leaguers here have made arrangements for some of the nation's topflight aerobatic performers to donate their talent and special aircraft for the Inyokern Air Intercept.

The air show, which began at mid-day, was opened formally by playing of the

national anthem by a portion of the Murray Junior High School band, under the direction of Mrs. Alberta Kline.

The initial glimpse of what was in store as the afternoon progressed was provided by Marty Berry and Stan McCann, two representatives of Kraft Systems, Inc., manufacturers of radios for radio-controlled, gas-powered model aircraft, who fired up model planes that were built strictly for aerobatics.

Model Aircraft Damaged

Berry put his single engine craft through a wide range of tricky maneuvers before bringing it in for a perfect landing, but McCann, a former national scale model champion, was less fortunate as his dual-engine Aero Commander was damaged in a crackup (attributed to a radio failure) part way through its demonstration.

Thereafter (with one exception) the program continued smoothly with performances by the various aerobatic aces, as well as jumps by a trio of parachutists. The second mishap to occur involved Andy Andrews, of Van Nuys, who was holding the crowd in awe as he demonstrated the amazing maneuverability of his French-built Rallye 220.

Unexpectedly, however, a momentary fuel system failure caused the aircraft to make an abrupt pancake landing as it dropped to the ground from a height of 40-50 ft. off the runway. Although the plane was damaged, Andrews was unhurt.

Spectacular Performance

Before this unfortunate incident occurred, Andrews had thrilled onlookers by showing the unusual capabilities of the Rallye 220, which has the power to clear the ground by taking off in a distance of just 50 ft.; can turn in less than 100 ft.; cruises at 160 mph, or can slow down to 45 mph and still remain airborne.

Air show attendees soon become familiar with hearing the announcers describe the many difficult and precisely-timed maneuvers the well-known pilots who took part in the program performed. With many of the aircraft trailing smoke as they twisted and turned in low level upright and inverted flight over the Inyokern airport runways, the clear, blue skies of the upper desert made it easy for the audience to see plainly the 4, 8 and 16-point rolls, double snap rolls, hammerhead turns at the top of steep climbs, figure 8 loops, and knife-edged fly-bys in which the aircraft was held aloft by its engine power alone.

The roster of highly skilled pilots to be added.

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NEW CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OFFICERS INSTALLED — John Wilson, Bernice Lyons, George Grisham and Ken Bird were installed as treasurer, secretary, vice-president and president, respectively, of the Ridgecrest Chamber of Commerce at a dinner meeting on Jan. 24, held in Joshua Hall at the Desert Empire Fairgrounds. Rear Admiral R. G. Freeman III, NWC Commander (at left), was the principal speaker. He spoke to the gathering on "The Economy of the Indian Wells Valley," noting that 1974 was a "very good year." In forecasting what lies ahead, the NWC Commander told the audience that the economy of the valley was healthy, despite the economical problems being suffered in most of the nation. Shown at the table in foreground are (l.-r.) Gordon Chantler, outgoing CoC president; Dr. Rex Shacklett, mayor of Ridgecrest who served as master of ceremonies, and his wife, Margaret. —Photo by Ron Allen



CHANCE OF A LIFETIME — Mrs. Joan Fowler, organist at NWC's All Faith Chapel, is looking forward to a trip to Sweden, during which she will be the piano accompanist for Juliet King, well-known dramatic lyric soprano. Mrs. King will make a recording of Negro spirituals and sacred music by American composers, and she and Mrs. Fowler will then travel throughout Sweden on a 26-concert tour to publicize the recording.

—Photo by Maurice Dias

Pianist Invited To Accompany Famous Singer

"I still don't believe it will happen!"

That's the reaction of Mrs. Joan Fowler, organist at the Naval Weapons Center's All Faith Chapel, to the invitation which she has accepted to accompany Juliet King, noted dramatic lyric soprano, on a trip to Sweden. At the time Mrs. King was here last September for a vocal music concert at the All Faith Chapel, she was so impressed with Mrs. Fowler's ability as a piano accompanist that she discussed the possibility of the long-time China Lake resident joining her on her travels.

A short time before her appearance here four months ago, Mrs. King had returned from a six-week tour of Europe during which she appeared at Westminster Abbey and was the featured soloist at the World Council of Churches' convention in Geneva, Switzerland.

The first stop in Sweden for the famous singer will be at Stockholm, where Mrs. Fowler will accompany her on the piano while a recording of Negro spirituals and sacred music by American composers is being made.

After cutting the record, a 26-concert tour to promote the record will follow that will take Mrs. King and Mrs. Fowler to all parts of Sweden. The concert tour is scheduled to begin about Feb. 22 and conclude on April 2.

Prior to heading for Sweden, Mrs. Fowler will join Mrs. King in Joliet, Ill., on Feb. 10 for a week of practice before leaving Chicago for Stockholm on Feb. 18.

As a pianist, Mrs. Fowler began accompanying choirs, instrumentalists and vocal and instrumental soloists while still attending high school. She later studied at the American Conservatory of Music in

Chicago and took both piano and organ at the University of Colorado.

In addition to playing piano and organ at the NWC All Faith Chapel, Mrs. Fowler (a local resident for the past 12 years), has accompanied choirs organized by the Desert Campus of Bakersfield College and the Cerro Coso Community College.

Robert L. Fowler, her husband, is a physicist in the Systems Development Department. The couple has three daughters—Kris, 17; June, 13, and Karen, 11. In addition to music, the family is all wrapped up in the training of guide dogs for the blind.

Mrs. Fowler, who is a China Lake 4-H Club community leader, noted that between her three daughters, eight potential guide dogs have been raised and received their preliminary obedience training, and dog No. 9 is now being trained.

A 4-month-old golden retriever being trained by June Fowler won first place in the junior division of the obedience trials that were held as a part of the fourth annual Inyokern Air Intercept program on Jan. 25.

Seabees From Port Hueneme Help Out At NWC Trailer Park

Three Seabees from Mobile Construction Battalion Four, headquartered at Port Hueneme, recently completed a six-week tour of duty here for the purpose of lending a hand with work on an addition to the NWC's mobile home park for military personnel.

Equipment Operators Steve Valentine, Bob Derella and Woody Barrett — using graders, rollers and various other types of heavy equipment — completed most of the work in preparation for blacktopping a new road in the trailer park area.

The three Seabees, along with other members of their unit, departed recently for Guam.

According to Chief William T. Cava, NWC's Self-Help Project Officer, the addition to the trailer park will allow another 11 mobile homes to be moved in.

A contractor, who will be laying asphalt for the trailer park roadway, will begin work soon on a number of other projects around the Center. In recent weeks, Seabee Reservists—members of Reserve Mobile Construction Battalion 17's Detachment 0217—have been doing additional work on utility lines needed for the mobile home hookups.

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 452, Ext. 204, for an application form. The deadline for applications will be 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 456 or 457). 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 or 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 WO, WL and WS positions are defined in CSC Handbook X-118C.

Technical Manuals Editor, GS-1083-9/11/12, PD No. 735158-1, Code 5555 — This position is located in the In-Service Support Documentation Branch, Engineering Department. Main duty is the establishment of publication requirements based on an analysis of a weapons system, selection of format based on equipment, skill of user and location of user. Additional duties are monitoring of contracted manuals work for costs data, manpower requirements, work flow plans. Incumbent researches technical requirements, reports drawings, reports and specifications of system. Job Relevant Criteria: Experience in technical writing. Experience in the direction of publication preparations. Familiarity with technical manual systems of Navy and Air Force.

Engineering Technician, GS-802-11, PD No. 7555010, Code 3566 — This position is located in the Weapons Container

Branch. Duties of incumbent include design, production engineering, test and evaluation and preparation of the design disclosure package. Also performs liaison with technical and manufacturing contractors to discuss and advise on matters relating to materials, manufacturing process and inspection procedures. Job Relevant Criteria: Background knowledge of documentation requirements for producing new designs. Experience in drafting. Familiarity with packaging, container specifications, and testing specifications.

Supervisory General Electronics Engineer, GS-801/855-13, PD No. 7355001, Code 5523 — Position is that of head, Guidance Evaluation Branch. Work ranges from preliminary analysis in which predictions of transfer functions are made, through computer simulation studies, testing, data reduction, and comprehensive analysis. Duties of the position include supervisory responsibilities of management and administration, specialized work in electronic circuits relating to infrared seeking missiles and to the producibility of systems, evaluation of technical proposals. Job Relevant Criteria: Experience in electronic design and project management. Experience in the production and testing aspects of terminal homing guidance systems. Experience in coordinating efforts of large magnitude between DOD and industry. Management or supervisory experience or education desirable. Previous applicants need not reapply.

File applications for the above with Carol Downard, Bldg. 34, Rm. 204, Ph. 2723.

Engineering Technician, GS-802-7, PD No. 7545014, Code 4533 — Incumbent will be involved with the testing, evaluation and mechanical properties determination of ordnance items, components and systems. Will determine quality level and conformity of product ordnance produced on and off Center, utilizing appropriate non-destructive test methods. Job Relevant Criteria: Working knowledge of math and physics. Familiarity with ordnance standards, ordnance specs, ordnance classification of defects and safety regulations as they pertain to ordnance. Experience in working with explosives and propellants.

File applications for the above with Mary Morrison, Bldg. 34, Rm. 210, Ph. 2732.

Contract Specialist, GS-1102-5/7, PD No. 7125012, Code 2521 — This position is located in the Procurement Management Branch, Procurement Division, of the Supply Department. The incumbent will be trained in analyzing proposed contractual actions for major weapons systems and research programs. Provides pre-contractual and post-contractual liaison between NWC and appropriate contracting offices, and handles advance procurement plans. Job Relevant Criteria: Knowledge of government procurement and contractual practices. Ability to deal with Center management and technical personnel. Evidence of self-development activities. Advancement Potential — GS-12.

File applications for the above with Claire Lewis, Bldg. 34, Rm. 212, Ph. 2731.

Secretary (Stenographer), GS-318-5, 6 or 7, PD No. 7400012, Code 04 — This is a part time position with a

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Concert of Sacred Music Set Sunday At All Faith Chapel

Jim Bell, featured soloist for the syndicated television program, "Meeting Time at Calvary," and his wife, Marilyn, an accomplished pianist, will present a concert of sacred music on Sunday at the All Faith Chapel, beginning at 7 p.m.

Bell, who also is a recording artist, began his vocal training in high school. While in the Armed Forces, he was involved with the Honolulu Youth for Christ, and also studied



Jim and Marilyn Bell under the direction of Joseph Barclay, from the "Old Time Revival Hour."

Mrs. Bell, who studied with Mae Gilbert Reese for the concert stage, has toured the southwestern United States with the Biola Chorale as an accompanist and featured soloist.

The Bells have appeared on television and played many concerts together. They utilize their talents by communicating their basic philosophy of life through the idiom of music.

Admission to the concert is free. Everyone is invited to attend.

Employee In The Spotlight

A craftsman is only as good as his finished product. In the field of printing, even in a quality print shop such as the one run by the Technical Information Department, it would be easy to turn out average work, which would be good enough for most people.

But not for John Y. Ito, photolithographer for TID's shop. John is a perfectionist. John's background as a photographer has been of immeasurable help in his quest for quality.

"John is the best of photographers. He invariably takes average work and turns it into a thing of beauty," said Dale R. Freeman, who is head of the Printing and Reproduction Branch. "He is one of the most dependable and professional people I have and can always be counted on to give that little bit extra with a minimum of complications," Freeman added.

Started With Photo Kit

John says he started fooling around with cameras when he sent off for a Dick Tracy photo kit at the age of eight. Before he was 12 years old he was making his own motion pictures.

Although he was born in Warner Grove, Calif., John's family moved to Granada, Colo., where John was graduated from Amache High School. He was involved with cameras during his teenage years, but never officially became a photographer until he joined the U.S. Army in 1946.

Prior to his enlistment, John attended the University of Kansas in Kansas City, Mo., and Friends University in Wichita, Kans. After his honorable discharge, John entered the City College of San Francisco, then studied photography at the Art Center in Los Angeles for two years.

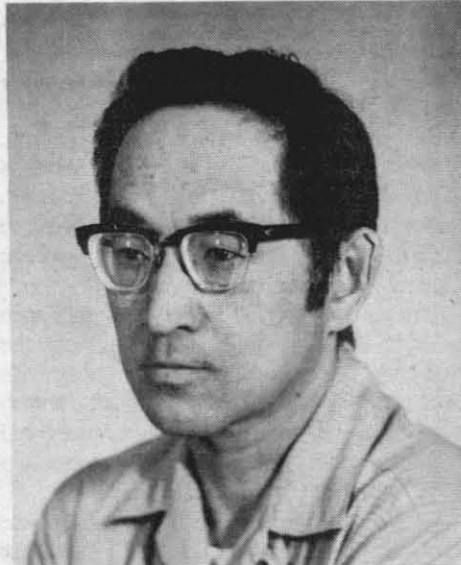
While attending school, John held a variety of odd jobs, but opted for Civil Service in 1951 when he became a photolithographer at Edwards Air Force Base. For nearly nine years he worked at printing research and development publications. In 1960, he came to China Lake and joined TID.

"Quality Is Slipping"

"I enjoy getting quality photographs to work with, and I do get a great many. However, I've noticed that quality has been slipping the last 10 years," John remarked. While he was at Edwards AFB, John taught photography and he's disturbed over the attitude of new photographers today.

"Most of them don't realize what happens when they make 8x10s in the darkrooms. They could get better prints if they just tried in most cases," he said.

"I guess being a perfectionist is my hang-



John Y. Ito

up," he grinned.

John's work for TID has been recognized in the past with outstanding ratings and achievement awards. Recently, he attended the Eastman Kodak School, Rochester, N.Y., where he took advanced photography classes. "Even I can improve," he said.

He and his wife, Mary, whom he met in Los Angeles while he was attending photo school, have two children — both adopted. They are Jim, 15, a freshman at Burroughs High School, and Julie, 13, an eighth grader at Murray School.

John is a Civil War buff and enjoys reading books about that great confrontation. He also collects coins. Mary loves to cook and the Ito's say they are homebodies.

"I like a quiet life," John says. He does get out of the house occasionally to bowl and is presently carrying a 168 average in league play. "It used to be a lot better, but then, so did a lot of other things," John pointed out.

HOUSING ASSIGNMENTS

Houses assigned during the month of December 1974.

Two Bedroom Old Duplex

Guthrie, GS5; Rose, ES; Puckett, WG8; Barton, Eq.3; White, GS4; Olivero, E4; Burns, WG10; Bolinger, ES; Black, WG10; Richardson, GS5; George, WG5; Ahr, WG8; Petarovich, E4; Wheeler, ES; Yu, GS4; Thibault, E4; Whitman, WG5; Metzler, ES.

Two Bedroom Normac / Letourneau

Driver, WG5; Hickie, GS7; Morgan, GS9; Taylor, WG2; Bates, GS11; O'Malley, WG3; Rodieck, GS7; Adams, WG3; Rhodes, GS7.

Two Bedroom Apartment

Calandra, E2; Molloy, E1; Carter, E2.

Two Bedroom JQO

Dixon, GS12.

Two Bedroom Wherry

Warner, WG2; Price, E4.

Three Bedroom Old Duplex

Halligan, GS12.

Three Bedroom Hill Duplex

Adams, GS12.

Three Bedroom Panamint

Pate, L.Cdr.; Shutt, L.Cdr.; Cowell, Cdr.; Metz, GS14; Hart, Maj.

Three Bedroom Wherry

Martin, ES; Haywood, WG3; Teate, Eq. 4; Simmons, E4.

Three Bedroom Normac-Duplex

Hunter, E4; Stensaas, GS4; Lingard, E5; Fowler, E6; Johnson, E5; Steed, WG5.

Three Bedroom Juniper

Bue, GS11; Wadell, E7; Lane, E7; Basart, WG10; Thompson, GS5; Maxwell, GS11; Biscailuz, WG3; Schmidt, E7; Villaneuva, E8.

Three Bedroom Yuca

Coveri, GS12.

Four Bedroom Panamint

Huckins, GS12; Knight, GS11.

Four Bedroom Wherry

Stevenson, E6; Romero, GS7.

Four Bedroom Normac

Laws, E6; Knight, E6; Adams, E6; Langevin, E6.

Folk Dance Group To Teach Beginners

A series of classes in international folk dances for beginners is being offered by the Desert Dancers Folk Dance Club.

The instruction will begin on Thursday, Feb. 6, at 7 p.m. at the Community Center, and continue on each Thursday thereafter for 10 weeks.

Bob Brown will be the instructor. All ages are welcome and partners are not required.

There will be a fee of \$5 for the series. For more information, call Ruth Dietrich at 446-6283.

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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	1900
	(Junior High)	
Above classes are held in Chapel Annexes across from Center Restaurant.		
As announced		
Ninth thru 12th grades		
"In Home" Discussion Groups		
Monthly Youth Rafters		
JEWISH SERVICES		
Contact Chaplain's Office for specifics.		
EAST WING — ALL FAITH CHAPEL		
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Saturday	Sabbath School	0900
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A new dimension is being added to sports programs at the Naval Weapons Center.

Beginning way back with the old Rockets baseball team, competition at the Center has been for blood. It got so highly competitive at one time that semi-professional and professional pitchers were paid good money to compete on Center teams.

The general trend has been lately to get away from that type of skilled athletics and back to the concept of recreation. This bloodless revolution is being engineered by Wilt Wyman, director of sports and youth programs around here. Uncle Willy feels that recreation should be for the individual's well-being, and for the sake of his health.

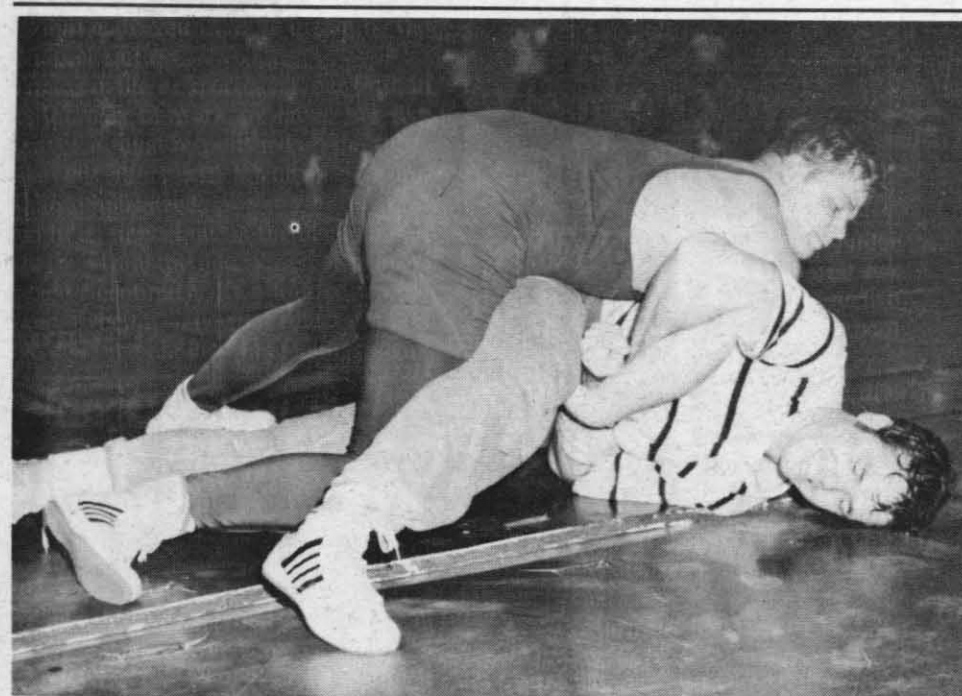
The way Wilt sees it, persons of lesser skill have shied away from organized sports programs in the past because they felt they could not (a) make a team, or (b) would be embarrassed by their average, or less than average, skill.

Everyone Should Participate

A great believer in the President's Council on Physical Fitness and its goals, Wilt wants to establish "recreation" leagues in each major sport area on the Center, thereby allowing everyone to participate with no great emphasis being placed on winning.

I think it's a great idea. At first, I fought it, but I'm now convinced it is the way to go, and at a lesser cost. The highly skilled people will still be able to compete, but there will now be room for those who just want to participate.

Let's see—sign me up for volleyball, tennis, badminton, softball, and racketball. Oh yes, also book me into a room at Ridgcrest Community Hospital. I'll need one after all that activity.



OOOF! — Lt. Terry Allen (on bottom), captain of the NWC wrestling team, is packing a lot of weight these days — most of it in the form of Barry Olson — as the two men practice for the upcoming 11th Naval District wrestling tournament, which is to be held Feb. 12 and 13 at San Diego. The tournament will be for freestyle wrestlers, like those seen in Olympic competition. Allen wrestles in the 198 lb. class, as does another team member, John Stubblefield. Olson competes in the 220 lb. class. Anyone interested in working out with the team is asked to call Lt. Allen, at NWC ext. 5322, or Wilt Wyman, ext. 2334.



THEY WENT THAT A-WAY — Members of the Over-the-Hill Track Club join together every day at lunch time for a casual jaunt to the NWC stables, via shank's mare. These five runners are currently in training for the upcoming annual Cross-Country Championships, set for Saturday, Feb. 8. They are Dick Hughes, Gerry Ansell, Frank Buffum, Earl Towson and Steve Bovee (l.-r.). Sometimes called the "B" Mountain for lunch bunch, this group of ambitious runners is just a small portion of the 35 club members. Anyone high school age and above is eligible to join. For more information, call Dick Hughes at NWC ext. 3026 or 375-4194.

Annual Cross Country Race Slated Feb. 8 by Over-the-Hill Track Club

The Over-the-Hill Track Club will stage its annual Cross-Country Championships on a hilly course two miles south of the BB's Cycle Shop on S. Downs Rd., on Saturday, Feb. 8.

Persons who wish to sign up for the races are asked to call Dick Hughes at 375-4194 or Wade Swinford at 375-5260. A donation of \$1 will be asked from members of the club. All others must pay \$1.50.

Three races will be run. One mile for children under 11 years of age, one mile for women, and two miles for men and boys over the age of 11.

This year's events are expected to attract all the local joggers, road and track runners. The first contest will begin at 10 a.m., with late registration to be taken starting at 9 o'clock.

All finishers will be awarded ribbons with medals going to the winners. Two medals will be awarded the boys under 11, and five medals are to be presented girls and women. The men and boys running the two mile event will receive medals for the first three places in the 12-to-15 year-old

category, five medals will go to those 16-to-29 years of age, and eight medals are up for grabs by runners who are 30-to-39-years-old.

An additional eight medals will be awarded contestants in the 40- to 49-year category and there will be two medals for winners in the 50 years of age and over group.

Swim Classes For Local Youngsters To Begin Feb. 11

Swim classes for tiny tots and five year olds will start on Feb. 11 at the Center pool and continue for eight consecutive weeks.

Sponsored by the Special Services Division, the classes are divided into the following age groups:

6 to 18 mo., 9 to 9:30 a.m., registration fee, \$6; 18 mo. to 2½ yrs., 9:30 to 10 a.m., \$6; 2½ through 4 yrs., 10 to 10:30 a.m., \$6; 5-year-olds, 10:30 to 11 a.m., \$8.

A separate class for five year olds only will be held from 1 to 2 p.m., consisting of eight consecutive lessons. The cost is \$8.

Wilt Wyman, director of athletics and youth programs, stated that minimum enrollment for each age group is six persons.

For further information, call Wyman at NWC ext. 2334.

656 Series Bowled By Chuck Cutsinger Tops Premier League

The Loewen's TV bowlers continue to lead the Premier League—one scant game ahead of the Pollock Construction quintet.

Chuck Cutsinger, captain of the Pollock keglers, was high man for the evening last Monday as he pounded out a series of 656, based on games of 225 and 247. Chuck Roulund, Jr., fashioned a 616 series that included a 242 high game.

Art Karrer, whose 199 average is tops in the league, posted a 610 three-game set that included single efforts of 213 and 214, and Ray Freascher, the "galloping grandpa," notched a 608 series that hinged on a big 248 game and a 201 single. In addition, Dick Reymore rolled a 602 series.

Wilt's Corner

By Wilt Wyman

Tentative dates have been set for three softball tournaments this summer. The third annual China Lake Fast Pitch Invitational will be held on June 20, 21 and 22; the second annual China Lake Women's Invitational on June 27, 28 and 29, and a Slow Pitch Invitational on July 18, 19 and 20.

Invitations are available at the gymnasium office. All coaches interested in entering teams should contact me soon.

These three tourneys will be a cooperative effort between the IWV Softball Association, the Ridgcrest Recreation Department, and the NWC Special Services Division.

In addition, the Mojave Desert Inter-Service League slow pitch tournament is slated at China Lake on Aug. 8, 9 and 10, and the MDISL fast pitch tourney will be played at Edwards AFB on July 11, 12 and 13. It looks like the summer is going to be pretty busy for softball fans.

Volleyball Response Good

There has been a good response by departments to the invitation to enter volleyball teams in the Recreation League, for which I am most pleased. Hopefully, we will have representative teams from every department on the Center.

Entry blanks and team roster forms are available now at the gymnasium office. The first meeting of this league will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 11, at 5 p.m. in the Josua Rm. of the Community Center.

All interested players and coaches are asked to attend. On the agenda of items to be discussed are entry fees, types of divisions, and length of the season.

Fossum Wins Racquetball

Phill Fossum defeated Rick Roberts Wednesday night for the title in the racquetball tournament. This has been an excellent competition with 19 different entrants who played a total of 37 matches.

Next on the agenda is the handball tourney—a doubles only affair—with play limited to the first eight teams that sign up.

Entry blanks are available in the gym office. The deadline for entries is Wednesday, Feb. 12, with competition scheduled to begin on Tuesday, Feb. 18.

Wrestlers Working Hard

John Stubblefield, Barry Olson and Terry Allen have been working hard to get in shape for the 11th Naval District Wrestling Tournament on Feb. 12 and 13 in San Diego.

Also on the 11ND schedule for February is a boxing tournament Feb. 18-21 at San Diego. Anyone interested in competing in this tourney should contact either myself at NWC ext. 2334, or Lt. Ian Refo, by calling ext. 5462 or 5464.

Lt. Refo also is taking applications for the 11ND bowling tournament, to be held March 15 and 16 in Long Beach. Sign-up early so we know who is going to represent China Lake in the district competition.

Women's City Bowling Tourney To Begin Saturday

Thirty-one teams will take to the lanes this weekend to kick off the annual Women's City Bowling Tournament, sponsored by the IWV Women's Bowling Association.

Competition in team events will take place Saturday and Sunday at Ridgcrest Lanes. On Feb. 8 and 9, singles and doubles events will be bowled at NWC's Hall Memorial Lanes. Eighty-four teams are entered in the doubles event and more than 160 women are signed up to compete in the singles category.

Three teams from Mt. Mesa, near Lake Isabella, will take part in the tournament for the first time this year. Mt. Mesa and the Lake Isabella area have only recently been included in the territory covered by the IWV Women's Bowling Association.

Local Observance of National Prayer Breakfast Attended by 200 Centerites

Centerites and their spouses, more than 200 strong, were privileged to begin the day in the very best of ways yesterday morning as they joined thousands of others across the United States in observance of the National Prayer Breakfast.

The setting again this year at China Lake was the Chief Petty Officers' Club, where the ecumenical flavor of this special occasion was in evidence as members of varied religious groups and representatives of different branches of the Armed Forces took part in this inspirational event.

Master of Ceremonies

Lt. Col. James R. Gibbons, the Air Force Liaison officer at NWC, was the master of ceremonies; opening remarks were delivered by Dr. G. L. Hollingsworth, the Center's Technical Director; the inspirational talk was presented by Rear Admiral R. G. Freeman III, NWC Commander; Robert Rafal, president of the Hebrew Congregation, read from the Bible; the invocation was given by Cal Fallgatter, and the closing benediction was offered by Mrs. Susanne E. Fountain, president of the



TECH DIRECTOR SPEAKS — Dr. G. L. Hollingsworth, NWC Technical Director, was called on for opening remarks at the prayer breakfast.

Unitarian Fellowship.

For its part in the Prayer Breakfast program, the Catholic Congregation of the All Faith Chapel was represented by John Pietras, a Navy parachute rigger 2nd class, who led the audience in singing "Let There Be Peace." PR2 Pietras frequently leads the singing during Catholic services at the Chapel.

Vocal selections included solos by Sandra Raines, daughter of Capt. R. E. Osman, NWC's senior chaplain, and Mrs. Osman, and two numbers by a trio composed of Mrs. Jan Arisman, Mrs. Eleanor Hartwig and Mrs. Katie Barron. The singers, all members of the All Faith Chapel's Protestant Congregation choir, were accompanied by Mrs. Joan Fowler at the piano.

Dr. Hollingsworth commented on the tendency to disassociate scientific backgrounds with religion, but (quoting Voltaire) added: "All generalities, in-



INSPIRATIONAL MESSAGE — Rear Admiral R. G. Freeman III, NWC Commander, left no doubt in the minds of any of his listeners about where he stands regarding the need for discipline in faith and the strengthening power of prayer as he spoke during yesterday's local observance of the National Prayer Breakfast. Seated at right is Lt. Col. James R. Gibbons, USAF Liaison Officer, who served as master of ceremonies. —Photos by Maurice Dias

cluding this one, are false."

The Technical Director also noted that a famous German mathematician had come to the conclusion that no human can construct a set of logical statements that is both correct and complete. "While man can't do it, by appealing to a higher level of authority, you can make it work. We seek a higher level of wisdom, we call it our faith, and that is why we are here today," Dr. Hollingsworth stated as he concluded his brief remarks.

"Thoughts on Prayer" was the title of the inspirational message shared by RADM. Freeman with those in attendance at the National Prayer Breakfast. The discipline of faith and the strengthening nature of prayer were the two principal areas touched on by the NWC Commander.

Prayer Part of Life

"As with many of you I am sure, faith and prayer weren't always an integral part of my daily life. I cannot truthfully say when that came to pass, I only know that it is so," he began.

"Faith is a discipline," the NWC Commander stressed. "It is not something which you adopt in a moment of stress or on Sundays, but it must be a continual part of your consciousness," he added before citing examples of actions by individuals and groups that conveyed what he meant by the discipline of faith.

"In many of life's experiences, our faith in God is the only bulwark we have, but like good silver it must be polished all the time, or, like silver, it will tarnish," RADM. Freeman emphasized.

Equally as important as the discipline of faith is the strengthening power of prayer, the speaker continued. He admitted, on the one hand, to being somewhat reluctant, in a way, to describe publicly his feelings about

his relationship with God, but then noted that he could state, without the least shred of self-consciousness, that "to me the power of prayer is transcendent in strengthening my life."

"... The power of prayer, when we reach and claim it for our own becomes our strength and guidance. Not only does it bring us face-to-face with the highest order of our universe, it steers us straight to that which we need most—absolute faith in God," the NWC Commander said.

Before concluding his presentation with a prayer, RADM. Freeman reasoned: "If man



SOLOIST — Sandra Raines, daughter of NWC's senior chaplain, shared her faith in song as she sang "He Touched Me" and "God Knows All About Tomorrow."

is the highest human concept of the divine idea, then prayer is the only direct means for claiming that birthright. Today let us renew our dedication to the daily discipline of faith and the daily strengthening of prayer," he urged those with whom he had shared this local observance of the National Prayer Breakfast.

Presidential Message Read

The prayer breakfast program also included the reading by Lt. Col. Gibbons of a written message received from President Gerald Ford, as well as the playing of tape-recorded messages from the Hon. James R. Schlesinger, Secretary of Defense; the Hon. Howard H. Callaway, Secretary of the Army; the Hon. J. William Middendorf, Secretary of the Navy; and the Hon. John L. McLucas, Secretary of the Air Force.

Community Council Committee Member Appointments Made

Announcement of the appointment of members of the China Lake Community Council's board of directors to serve on various committees and as the local civic group's representatives to other organizations highlighted the January meeting.

The Community Council's standing committees, and their members are:

Nominating committee — Don Stanton, chairman, Wilt Wyman and Gary Beale.

TV / FM committee — Don Stanton, chairman, Jim Reiger, Harold Washmuth, Bill Hattabaugh, Dick Furstenberg, Lyle Johnson, Roy Roglin and Dick Mahan.

Publicity and historian — Wilt Wyman, chairman, Pat Leopold, and Lovic Thomas.

Community relations — Aletha Benson, chairman, Rudy Shepard, Wilt Wyman and Pat Leopold.

Ways and means — Richard Wolff, chairman, and John Shoaf.

Those selected to act as Community Council representatives to various organizations, and the names of each group, are:

Bob Fletcher, Council president, will serve as liaison with both the IWV Youth Council and the Educational Facilities Steering Committee of the Sierra Sands Unified School District.

Dan Baker has been appointed to represent the Community Council on both the Joint Navy-Civilian Recreation Council and the Employee Services Board.

The Community Council representative at meetings of both the Ridgcrest and Inyokern Chamber of Commerce meetings is Dick Mahan.

Article Published About Photographic Capabilities at NWC

The photographic capabilities and methods used at the Naval Weapons Center were the subject of an article published in the November issue of Technical Photography Magazine.

Written by Bruce Simolon, a technical communication specialist, and Edna Jenkins, who is an audio / visual production specialist, both with the Presentations Division of the Technical Information Department, the article covers photography at three of NWC's major test and evaluation facilities. These are general testing on air and ground ranges, warhead testing, and at SNORT.

In all, Simolon and Mrs. Jenkins wrote 11 pages of material, accompanied by 19 captioned photographs. The article covers three full pages in the magazine and 10 of the photos were used.

David A. Silverman, managing editor of Technical Photography, requested the article a year ago from the Public Affairs Office. The two presentations specialists finished it and sent it to the magazine in May 1974.

In addition to describing the photographic efforts in the three areas of testing, the article also explains general aspects of photography at NWC and describes the photographic lab support available here.

Simolon has been employed at NWC for approximately one year. He was hired under TID's Intern Program. Mrs. Jenkins, who has been a NWC employee since 1961, has written many other articles for magazines.

Workshop on Minority Awareness Scheduled

A three day class entitled "Minorities in America: A Workshop in Awareness," will be offered Feb. 24, 25 and 26, in Rm. 107 of the Training Center.

The class, which will meet from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day, will be instructed by Ron Smith from the University of California, Santa Barbara.

Ballots in Mail for Credit Union Election; Voting To Close Feb. 28

Members of the NWC Federal Credit Union will soon be receiving ballots in the mail for the election of four members to the board of directors and three members of the credit committee.

The official ballots for the election will be mailed no later than next Tuesday to members of the Credit Union 16 years of age and over who joined the financial institution prior to Dec. 31, 1974. Postage for the ballots will be prepaid by the Credit Union.

The election will be under the supervision of the Credit Union's Supervisory Committee, chaired by Monroe B. Sorge. The committee will verify, or cause to be

Vieweg PTA Slates Talks by School Bd. Candidates Monday

The Vieweg School Parent-Teachers' Association will sponsor a "Meet the Candidates" night on Monday, beginning at 7:30 in the school's auditorium.

The eight candidates for three vacancies on the board of education of the Sierra Sands Unified School District will each speak for 3 to 5 minutes to express their views. The election will take place on March 4.

The candidates are Doris Hammer and Rod McClung, incumbents, Judy Gill, Sue Kyser, Jim Lewis, Bob Sizemore, Marianna Vanderwerf and Richard Wolff.

Residents of Indian Wells Valley who did not vote in last November's General Election must re-register before Sunday in order to be eligible to cast ballots in the school board election.

Vote registrars are located at private residences throughout the valley.

Problem Drinker Workshop Planned

A workshop entitled "Values and Attitudes," concerned with improved ways of dealing with the problem drinker, has been set for Feb. 11 to 13 in Rm. 107 of the Training Center.

Presented by Benny Skaggs, of the U.S. Navy's Alcoholism Training Unit, the workshop will cover theory of values, attitudes and beliefs, identifying barriers of communications, theory on motivation, and cultural norm standards.

Enrollment is limited to 30 persons. Enrollment forms should be submitted via department channels to the Personnel Department's Code 654.



COMMENDATION MEDAL PRESENTED — Capt. Charles E. Brown, USAF (at left), last week was the recipient of an Air Force Commendation Medal that was presented by Lt. Col. James R. Gibbons, USAF Liaison Officer at the Naval Weapons Center. Capt. Brown was commended for his meritorious service while assigned to the Air Force Armament Laboratory at the Air Force Systems Command's Armament Development and Test Center (Eglin AFB in Florida) from Jan. 15, 1970, to Nov. 4, 1974. The citation that accompanied the Commendation Medal read, in part: "Capt. Brown made major contributions to the development of microwave guidance concepts for application to conventional weapons." He is now in charge of systems analysis for the AIM-9L Program Office at NWC.

verified, the signature of the voter and his Credit Union account number as it appears on the identification form, which will be mailed out with the ballots.

Voting will close on Feb. 28 and will then be tallied by the committee. The results will be made public at the annual membership meeting on March 6.

Nominations were made prior to Jan. 20 and the candidates are as follows:

Candidates for the board of directors, to fill four vacancies, are Lee Lakin, Ray A. Miller, Dr. William R. McBride, William J. Baker, LCDR. Edward Brooks, I. Bruce Wertenberger, George L. Barnard, and Margaret (Nancy) Raphael. Baker, LCDR. Brooks, Wertenberger and Barnard are incumbents.

Those nominated to fill three seats on the Credit Committee are William E. Arnold, Lt. Edmund N. Smith, Raymond W. Feist, Clarence T. Hicks, Jean A. Rollinson, Beverly A. Meeker, and James F. Peck. Incumbents are Lt. Smith, Feist and Mrs. Rollinson.

Navy's Realignment Nets Huge Savings

Reduction and realignment of the Navy's shore establishment, which began in April 1973, has resulted in a projected annual savings of \$235 million. The money saved as a result of the realignment is being used for Fleet modernization and improvement.

In addition to the military savings, reductions in the shore establishment will eliminate military and civilian billets and free personnel for assignment to the Fleet.

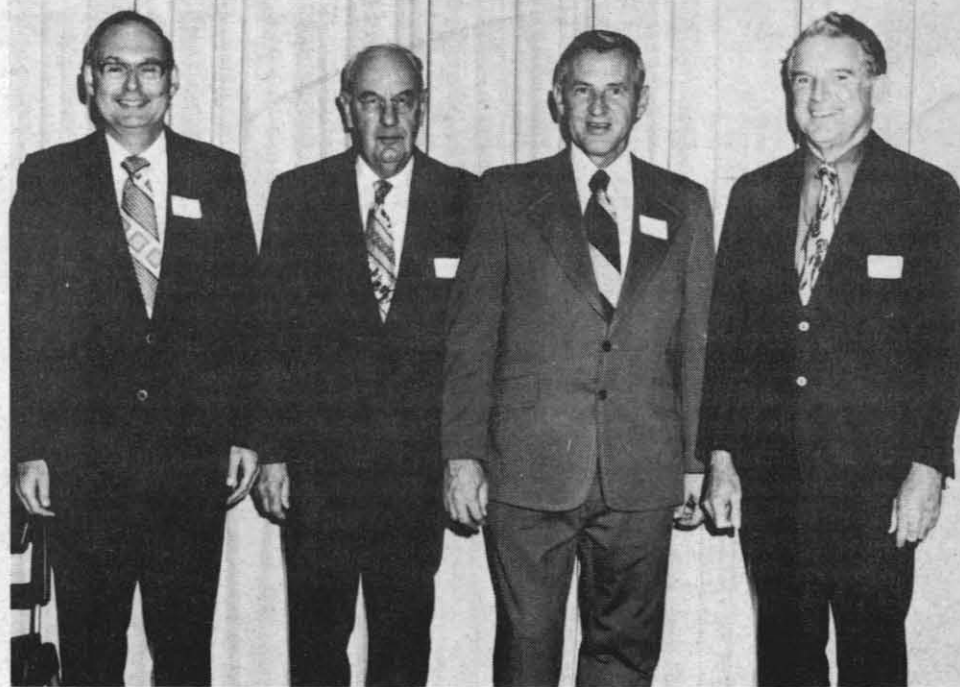
Large reductions in the Navy's operating forces during the last ten years have necessitated corresponding reductions in the shore establishment, which exists to provide support to the Fleet.

Realignment of the shore establishment will continue, with the Navy reducing its headquarters personnel during Fiscal Year 75 by about 594 military billets and 302 civilian positions.

Visit to China Lake Slated By Social Security Agent

A representative of the Social Security office in Bishop will pay another in his local series of monthly visits to China Lake next Wednesday, Feb. 5.

Persons wishing to apply for a Social Security number or obtain information about Social Security benefits and Supplemental Security Income claims can do so at the Community Center between 8:30 and 11 a.m.



NEW MUSEUM OFFICERS — Elected to the Maturango Museum's board of trustees at the annual dinner meeting on Jan. 24 were Carroll Evans, as vice-president; Albert Gould, treasurer, and George Silberberg, president (l.-r.). The fourth person in the photo (at right) is Prof. Lloyd Smith, of Orange Coast College, who spoke to the gathering on "The Namib, the World's Oldest Desert." A large turnout heard reports on the past year's events of the Museum, including the lecture programs, field trips, new building plans, Museum Mondays luncheons programs and progress being made on archeology work. —Photo by Maurice Dias

Air Show Is Crowd Pleaser . . .

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perform at the 1975 Inyokern Intercept (in the order of their appearance) were R. A. (Bob) Hoover, in a North American Rockwell P-51D Mustang; Mira Slovak, flying his Bucker Jungmeister biplane; Jim Barnard, at the controls of his souped-up Taylorcraft "Super-T"; and Cliff Anderson, in his home-built "Starduster."

As the air show continued, Ken Brock took to the air with his Benson gyrocopter, and the next performer was Jim "Col. Blunderbird" Lasley, whose comedy act in a tacky-looking Taylorcraft that appeared too unsafe to get off the ground had the crowd alternately laughing and gazing in amazement at his antics, which included a near-collision on the runway with a car driven by Nolan Tucker, of Rosamond, whose wife, Irene, was at the microphone describing the bizarre events.

Twice during the air show, an Inyokern Flight Service aircraft took off carrying two members of the Skyscrapers, a skydiving team, and a third parachutist—Dr. B. J. Walters, a woman electrical engineer

Host Families Needed To House Students From Foreign Lands

The Student International Service (SIS), a worldwide organization dedicated to creating better international understanding among youth of different countries, has requested assistance in obtaining host families for two student exchange programs.

One phase of this program involves summer students who will arrive on July 20 for a three week stay in this country. Both boys and girls, 16 to 20 years of age, from Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, Italy, Holland and Switzerland are eligible.

Under a second part of the SIS program, high school students 16 to 18 years of age from the same countries listed above will live with a host family in the U.S. for the 1975-76 high school year.

Before being sent to this country, all students from foreign lands are intensively screened, interviewed and have medical insurance, as well as pocket money.

Host families need not have teenagers in their own family. Local residents interested in opening their homes to a young adult for either the three week stay or school year visit are asked to contact Harry Parade, NWC Public Information Officer, by calling NWC ext. 3110.

The Student International Service also sends American students to Europe under a similar program.

employed by NWC in the Aircraft Systems Department's Aeromechanics Division. On the virtually windless day, all three jumpers made pinpoint landings near a smoke-marked target on the runway close to the crowd.

Second 'Chute Needed

In addition to Dr. Walters, the other skydivers were Ed McKay and Ron Diaz. On his second jump, the latter had to make use of his emergency chute when his first parachute failed to open after he had bailed out from the 12,000-ft. level.

More precision aerobatics rounded out the air show, with stellar performances by Gerry Massey, from Delano, in his Meyer "Little Toot" biplane; another series of complicated aerial maneuvers by Hoover in his P-51D Mustang; the ill-fated hop by Andrews in his Rallye 200, and the wind-up by Bob Guilford, who was at the controls of his "Blue Max," an F4U Corsair—the Navy and Marine Corps' counterpart of the Air Force Mustang during World War II.

The morning hours during the Inyokern Air Intercept were taken up by a hand-launched model glider contest open to youngsters of the Indian Wells Valley up to 13 years of age. Winner of the sweepstakes award (a gas engine-powered model airplane) was 8-year-old Jeff Markarian, of Ridgecrest, whose glider remained aloft for 27.6 sec.

Debbie Lathrop, Miss Marine Corps League, and Karen Howell, Miss Inyokern, presented the sweepstakes award, as well as first, second and third place trophies to the winners and runners-up in the four age-group divisions of the contest.

Guide Dog Winners

Winners of the 4-H Club guide dog obedience trials, another of the events staged during the morning, were June Fowler, of China Lake, in the junior class competition; and Julie Horn, of Shafter, in the senior class.

Air show attendees found plenty to occupy their attention on the ground as well as in the air, thanks to static displays of gas engine-powered model aircraft arranged by the Valley Vultures, as well as the lineup of antique and experimental aircraft near the flight line.

In addition, the Cerro Coso Community College's model ATC-510G flight simulator was kept constantly busy by young and old alike interested in getting the "feel" of flying an airplane while still safely on the ground.

Other participants in the day-long program—each with displays of their special equipment—were the China Lake Mountain Rescue Group and the Civil Air Patrol.



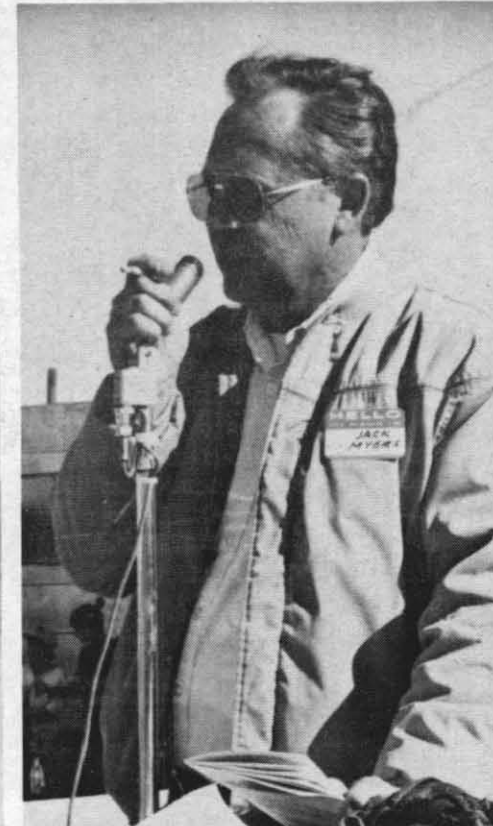
A TRIO OF parachutists, including Dr. B. J. Walters, an electrical engineer at NWC, landed right on the target after bailing out from as high as 12,000 ft. over the Inyokern airport runways. Dr. Walters joined Ed McKay and Ron Diaz, members of the Skyscrapers, who floated earthward beneath colorful canopies while trailing colored smoke to trace the paths of their descent.



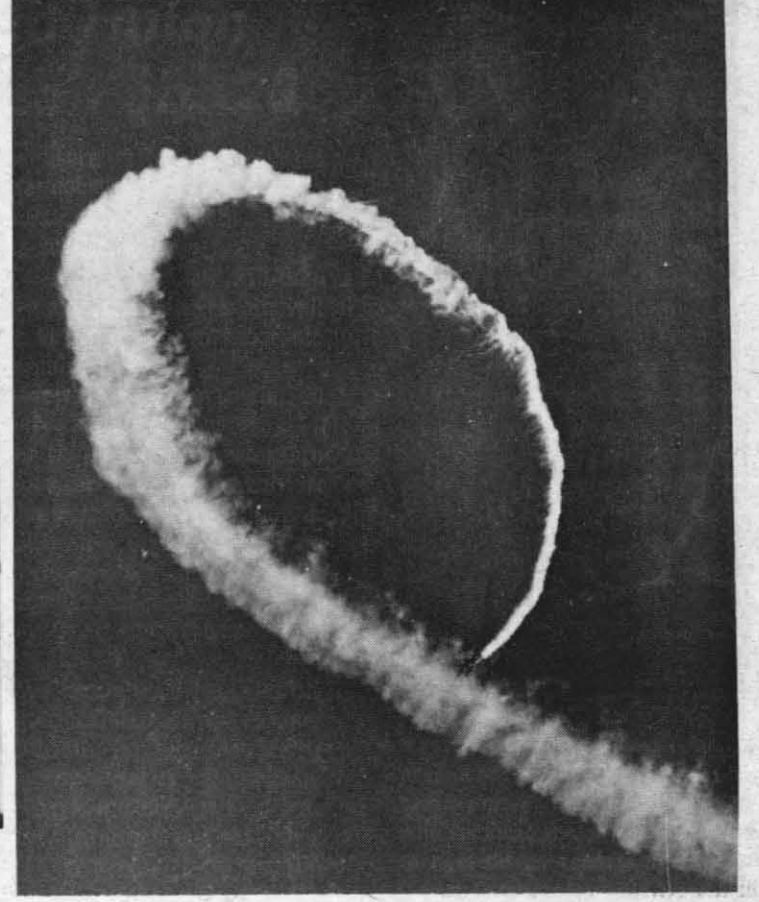
CERRO COSO COLLEGE's flight simulator was a popular attraction at the Inyokern Air Intercept.



JEFF MARKARIAN, 8-year-old Ridgecrest youngster, was winner of the sweepstakes prize and trophy in the hand-launched glider contest. Debbie Lathrop, Miss Marine Corps League, and Karen Howell, Miss Inyokern presented the awards.



JACK MYERS, chief organizer of the 1974 Air Intercept, returned to the local area to lend a hand with this year's event. A former NWC employee and member of the Marine Corps League's High Desert Detachment, Myers is now in the real estate business at Half Moon Bay, just north of San Francisco.



SPECTATORS on the ground found it easy to follow the loops, spins and turns of Gerry Massey's "Little Toot." Not only did the orange and white color of this home-built miniature-size aircraft make it stand out against the clear, blue sky, but Massey, owner of a cropdusting business based at Delano, traced patterns by leaving a trail of smoke.



"COL. BLUNDERBIRD" (Jim Lasley) put on a show that had the Inyokern air show crowd both laughing and gasping in amazement at his low level flight antics. Demonstrating his "military" proficiency, the comic flyer ran a pre-flight check of his somewhat dubious-looking aircraft before finally getting airborne after several take-off attempts.

Photos by Ron Allen



FIRST-TIME ATTENDEES at the air show were probably surprised to learn that the Benson gyrocopter, piloted by Ken Brock, gets all of its power from the small engine mounted at the rear. The rotors which spin and lift the tiny aircraft as it gains forward speed from the power plant are not connected to the engine.



A DISPLAY of gas-powered model aircraft that are flown by remote controlled radio signals was among the many attention-getters at the Inyokern Air Intercept.