

'Cyrano de Bergerac' to be presented by college drama group

Playgoers of the Indian Wells Valley will get a double treat on the next two weekends, as two fine shows will be staged — one at Cerro Coso College's Lecture Hall, and the other at the Burroughs Lecture Center.

The one on the hill is "Cyrano de Bergerac," produced by the college's Theatre 27 class and directed by Florence Green. It opens tonight and will be presented again April 26, 27, and May 2, 3 and 4. Curtain time is 8:15 each evening.

Tickets are priced at \$2.50 for general admission and \$1.25 for students and holders of Cerro Coso student body cards. They may be purchased at the Gift Mart and the Sound Lab in Ridgecrest, or at the Station Pharmacy. In addition, the duets will be available at the college lecture hall door just prior to performance times.

Herb Childers, well known in the valley for his acting and directorial skills, will play Cyrano. He was named "best supporting actor" in 1973 by the Community Light Opera and Theater Association for his role in "1776."

Appearing as Roxanne will be Ingrid Vitols. She has been on stage in many theatrical productions while a college student on the east coast. Jim Nicholson will be seen as Christian, Roxanne's lover.

Others in the cast are Brian Biolchino, Loren Dorrell, Norman Leggett, Allan Ward and Gordon Trousdale. These men play Cyrano's friends. Also appearing are Paula Beasley Smith, Coral Sawyer, Marilyn Meadows, Sharon Oaks, Doug Blew, Bob Durrell, John Hanne and Linda Green.

Still others are Bill Bergens, Richard Paulsen, Jack O'Guin, John Clark and Dale Shaban. Deems Morrison will appear as the boy. He is seven years old and this is his first appearance on stage.

Rounding out the crew of "Cyrano" are Debbie Trousdale, technical director who is assisted by Jim Werle, A. J. Waid, Dori Morrison, Steven and Duane Green, Alan Paulsen, Kelly Heiss and Bill Andrews. Newman Lowe will handle sound effects and Sue Gardner and Mary McMullan will take care of props. Joe Koons is the lighting director.

Like many of the people in the cast who are handling dual roles, Coral Sawyer also is the student director of the production in addition to handling two smaller parts.

Auditions to be held Monday for benefit musical-comedy show

"What Did You Do Before T.V., Dad?" a musical-comedy review written by Herb Childers and Bob Durrell, will be presented on May 19 and 20 at the Burroughs High School Lecture Center.

The show — which is labeled a nostalgic review of favorite characters who kept the American public glued to their radio sets much as television does today — will be produced by We Care of the Indian Wells Valley, Inc.

The purpose of the program is to raise enough money to purchase a much-needed vehicle for the Adult Activity Center for the Handicapped, sponsored by the IWV Association for the Retarded.

Auditions will be held on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at 7 p.m. at Las Flores School in Ridgecrest. Needed are actors, singers, mimics, impressionists, musicians, etc. In addition, persons whose talent lies in wielding a hammer or paint brush also will be welcome.

Square dance planned at Community Center

A square dance, sponsored by the Jim Dandies Square Dance Club, will be held on Saturday, starting at 8 p.m., at the Community Center.

During a brief intermission, the Jim Dandies will conduct a business meeting for the purpose of electing new officers.



OPPOSITES — Anne Frank (played by Elena Vitale) is a boisterous, aggressive Jewish girl who is just beginning to turn to womanhood in the CLOTA production, "Diary of Anne Frank," which opens tonight at 8:15 at the Burroughs Lecture Center. Peter Van Daan (portrayed by Larry Carter) is a shy young boy who dislikes Anne at first, but learns to appreciate many of her qualities during the two years they hide in an attic in Amsterdam, Holland, during World War II.

'Diary of Anne Frank' opens tonight at Lecture Center; curtain time 8:15

"The Diary of Anne Frank," the first production of 1975 by the Community Light Opera and Theater Association, is the other offering during the next two weekends to valley playgoers, in addition to Cerro Coso College's spring production. It will open a four-performance run tonight at the Burroughs High School Lecture Center.

The play, which is directed by Gail Falkenberg, will be seen again tomorrow night and on May 2 and 3. Curtain time is 8:15 all four nights.

The dramatic comedy is bolstered by an award-winning cast, headed by Elena Vitale, CLOTA's "best actress" winner in 1974 for her portrayal of Helen Keller in "The Miracle Worker." She will play Anne Frank.

Fred Stahlman, who garnered "best actor" honors from the local little theater group in 1973 for his performance as King Henry in "Lion in Winter," is the portly Van Daan. Jack Lindsey, CLOTA's "best supporting actor" in 1974 from "Ring Round the Moon," will portray Dussel.

The role of Peter Van Daan will be played by Larry Carter, who was recently chosen for the Bank of America drama scholarship at Burroughs.

Henry Machtay, a USC graduate student in filmmaking, portrays Otto Frank. Sally Erickson is his conservative wife, Edith. Judy Vuono is the loud and aggressive Mrs. Van Daan. Margot Frank will be done by Terry Payne, and Robbie Robbins and Nancy Miller will be seen as Kraler and Miep, the two Dutch citizens who supply those in hiding with food and news of the war.

"The Diary of Anne Frank" had its start when Mr. Frank, the only one of the seven to survive the German concentration camps, found the precious diary on his return to Holland. It took him weeks to finish reading it. The emotional strain of even a few pages would overcome him. Eventually, he copied out almost the entire work, omitting only those passages he felt were too intimate or which might hurt the feelings of other people. He had no thought of publishing the work, but friends urged him to make it public.

The results were fantastic. By 1959, the book had been translated into 20 languages and had exceeded 3,000,000 in total sales.

Although the play, which won a Pulitzer Prize, is dramatic and of a serious nature, it is written in a light vein and contains many comedic scenes, and is considered to be highly entertaining.

Tickets for the show are available at the Gift Mart and Medical Arts Pharmacy in Ridgecrest, and at the Station Pharmacy. In addition they will be on sale at the Lecture Center door prior to performances. They are priced at \$2.50 for adults or \$1.25 for enlisted military personnel and their wives, and students (through college age) who have a college student body card in their possession.

'Superstar' tryouts to begin Monday

Tryouts for the Community Light Opera and Theater Association's summer production — "Jesus Christ Superstar" — will be held at the CLOTA hangar on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, beginning at 7:30 p.m. The hangar is located on the corner of Upjohn St. and China Lake Blvd. in Ridgecrest.

Florence Green, the director, asks persons interested in auditioning to bring a song that they are prepared to sing. They may also be asked to perform a few dance steps. The rock opera calls for 46 players — mostly men.

Anyone with some singing background — choral groups, choirs, glee clubs, barbershop, etc. — is encouraged to try out. No previous stage experience is necessary.

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MOVIE RATINGS

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

- (G) - ALL AGES ADMITTED
General Audiences
- (PG) - ALL AGES ADMITTED
Parental Guidance Suggested
- (R) - RESTRICTED
Under 17 requires accompanying Parent or Adult Guardian
- Regular starting time — 7:30 p.m.

FRI. 25 APRIL

"THE SOUL HUSTLER" (83 Min.)
Fabian Forte, Nai Bonet
(Contemporary Melodrama) A young man, hating himself in the aftermath of an auto accident in which his wife and son were killed, becomes a national celebrity — a religious "freak" — after finding himself able to manipulate the minds of huge gatherings of people. (PG)

SAT. 26 APRIL

"PUPPET ON A CHAIN" (98 Min.)
Barbara Parkins, Sven-Bertil Taube
(Adventure Thriller) Interpol agent Sven-Bertil Taube has the assignment of uncovering the Amsterdam source of the flow of heroin from Holland into the United States. Taube's partner and former sweetheart, Barbara Parkins, learns that a church headed by the Viadec Sheybal is a transfer spot for the dope shipments that are handled by girls dressed as nuns. (PG)

SUN. 27 APRIL

"MR. RICCO" (98 Min.)
Dean Martin, Eugene Roche
(Suspense Drama) San Francisco lawyer Dean Martin successfully defends black militant Thalmus Rasulala, accused of killing a white woman. When two policemen are killed, Rasulala is suspected and traced to his headquarters. Meanwhile, attempts are made on Martin's life and police echo the sentiments of the whole city in thinking that Martin helped free a killer. (PG)

MON. 28 APRIL

"HELL UP IN HARLEM" (96 Min.)
Fred Williamson
(Action Drama) This sequel to "Black Caesar" again stars Fred Williamson as the gangland overlord, plus other members of the "Caesar" cast. (R)

TUE. 29 APRIL

"THE ODESSA FILE" (128 Min.)
Jon Voight, Maximilian Schell
(Suspense Drama) Young German journalist Jon Voight has the diary of a former prisoner in a Nazi concentration camp which points an accusing finger at the camp commandant, Maximilian Schell, as an exterminator of thousands. Schell is supposedly still alive and Voight pursues him. In the meantime, he discovers the file of a secret organization, the Odesa, composed of former members of Hitler's S.S. who have assumed new identities. (PG)

WED. 30 APRIL

"THE DON IS DEAD" (114 Min.)
Anthony Quinn, Frederick Forrest
(Action Drama) The Don dies and nine of the nation's 24 crime families meet to choose a new Don. One of the crime lords, not chosen for the position, wants to take over himself, and open warfare erupts between different factions of the syndicate. (R)

THURS. 1 MAY

"THE HOUSE ON SKULL MOUNTAIN" (85 Min.)
Victor French, Janee Michelle
(Horror Drama) Mary J. Todd McKenzie has died, summons Victor French, Janee Michelle, Mike Evans and Xerona Clayton to her mansion on Skull Mountain to hear the reading of her will. The quartet, remnants of the once-powerful Christophe family, arrive to find their grandmother dead. Before the will can be read, these unlikely relatives must remain in the house for a week, in accordance with the dead woman's wishes. Servant Jean Durand begins eliminating the members of the family. (PG)

FRI. 2 MAY

"THE OUTFIT" (103 Min.)
Robert Duvall, Karen Black
(Action Drama) The first thing a bank robber discovers on leaving prison is that he has been set up for a "hit" by "the outfit," because he knocked over one of its banks in Wichita. The thief embarks on a campaign of revenge, making life miserable for the outfit head until he is paid \$250,000. (PG)

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NWC Commander, Tech Director answer barrage of questions

In furtherance of the policy to insure that there is a good flow of communication both downward and upward among those who make up the military and civilian team at NWC, a meeting was held on Wednesday of last week at the Center theater for the benefit of employees up to and including GS-12 or equivalent rating.

After brief introductory remarks by Rear Admiral R. G. Freeman III, NWC Commander, and Dr. G. L. Hollingsworth, Technical Director, the Center's two top officials listened to and answered a barrage of questions from an audience that completely filled the theater.

"The Center's main reason to exist is to support the Fleet by development of tactical air warfare equipment and missile weapons systems. All our efforts must reinforce this mission," RAdm. Freeman emphasized.

He foresees the need for devoting maximum effort to solving short range Fleet problems (those that can be resolved in 3 to 4 years), as well as improved research efforts that will result in the identification of research and development needs far earlier than in the past, the Skipper continued.

Ranges Are Important Assets

Taking the current economic climate into account, improving upon existing weapons systems, rather than starting new ones, will continue to be the order of the day, it was added. Singled out as the Center's most important assets are its 1,700 miles of ranges. Modernization and improvement of these test facilities are vital to the future of NWC, RAdm. Freeman said.

During his introductory remarks, Dr. Hollingsworth also stressed that NWC is an R&D organization whose primary function is tactical air warfare.

He drew a comparison with the game of chess, noting

that (in this case) the three major players are the seeker or guidance system, the warhead and the fuze. "Our job is to win as often as possible, and often by just changing tactics an old weapon can become more effective," the Technical Director observed.

There will be an increased emphasis on anti-radiation missiles, Dr. Hollingsworth stated, while mentioning a build-up that is under way in the effort to exploit all kinds of foreign materials in order to determine what must be done to counteract them.

More Interservice Effort Foreseen

Everything these days must be managed in an environment that will require a lot more productivity, and that will mean much more joint effort with other branches of the military service, the Technical Director said.

On the subject of accountability, Dr. Hollingsworth pointed out, everyone knows what is expected of him, and no one can take the attitude that if he doesn't pull his share of the load, someone else will.

"We're going to try to manage this place more efficiently and productively, and we'll be judged on what we do for the Navy today," the Technical Director stated.

With this introductory prelude to the meeting concluded, the two speakers began the business of answering more than 60 questions from the audience during the major portion of what remained of the 2-hour-long meeting.

Harry Parode, Public Information Officer, and Lt. A. P. Fossum, Flag Lieutenant to the NWC Commander, collected the questions which were read aloud over a microphone so that the audience could hear the queries and then the response to them by either RAdm. Freeman or Dr. Hollingsworth, and sometimes by both men.

A number of inquiries were related to the reduction in

force, job stability, the contracting out of work, the freeze on promotions, the handling of personnel actions, and the types of training programs offered. Still others focused on various ramifications of the recommendation that has been made to have nearly 900 housing units declared excess to the Center's needs and eventually sold at auction.

Replying candidly to a question about personnel cuts in the next fiscal year, RAdm. Freeman stated that while he has no way of knowing exactly what Congress will do on budgetary matters that will affect NWC, he does expect a reduction in the DoD budget.

The laboratories, it has been predicted by some, will take a larger cut than they ever have before. The timing and size of the next RIF won't be known until the DoD budget is finalized.

In answering a question about further plans to contract out Public Works Department services, RAdm. Freeman stated that this depends on the employment ceiling set by higher authority and the work load. "No decision has been made about the kinds of work which might be best to contract out."

Answer Depends on Budget

Dr. Hollingsworth expounded further on this point by explaining that if a personnel cut was ordered at the same time the work budget remained comparatively stable, this would mandate contracting out some work. Until the budget is known, however, it isn't possible to answer the question of what work, if any, will have to be contracted out.

Since NWC doesn't have to down to its new ceiling until June 30, why are those affected by the current RIF being let out two months early, another member of the audience asked.

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FIRE DAMAGE—This photo bears mute evidence of the damage due to a fire that broke out early last Saturday morning at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dye. Dick Rivers, a fire inspector for the NWC Fire Division, is shown looking over the living room area, which was the most heavily damaged part of the house.

\$87,000 Collected

TV Booster drive continues

Two local organizations contributed another \$355 that was donated last Tuesday morning to the TV Booster Fund drive, bringing the total collected thus far to more than \$87,000.

The China Lake Men's Golf club, represented by its president, Army Lt. Col. Dick Boyd and vice-president Lt. Larry Cardinal, USAF, presented Pat Leopard a check for \$100 that was raised during a golf tournament last Saturday.

The Rotary Club of China Lake gave Mrs. Leopard a check for \$255, representing funds earned during an auction of "I'm a TV Booster Booster" T-shirts at a recent meeting. The shirts were sold for a minimum of \$5 each.

The money was turned over to Mrs. Leopard by Ben Hartman, president of the Rotarians, and Bill Knight, NWC's fire

chief. It was Knight's idea to stage the
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Limited Armed Forces Day slated

The NWC Command has announced that this year, the Armed Forces Day celebration on May 17 will be limited to a Scout-o-Rama at Schoeffel Field and a ceremonial flag-raising in front of the Center's Administration Building at 8 a.m. Members of Sierra Chapter No. 17 of the Pearl Harbor Survivors' Association will be raising the colors on this occasion.

Due to the limitation of funds, the traditional open house at the Naval Air Facility and Michelson Laboratory will not be held this year.

In view of this change, it is planned that special emphasis will be given the Navy's 200th birthday on Oct. 13, 1975 (see information on the history of the U.S. Navy on Page 3) in conjunction with the nation's Bicentennial celebration.

The Navy Day celebration will include the famous Blue Angels flight demonstration team. Activities at NWC on Oct. 13, 1975, and other events in connection with the nation's Bicentennial, are being planned by a Center committee. More information on the work of this group will be announced shortly.

Investigators probing cause of \$30,000 residential fire here

Investigation into the cause of a fire that erupted at 4:25 a.m. last Saturday at No. 3 Sage Place, China Lake—the home of the Charles Dye family—was still being continued as The ROCKETEER went to press this week.

No one was seriously injured in the fire, which resulted in damage estimated at \$30,000 (including the personal property loss), Fire Chief W. R. Knight, of the NWC Fire Division, reported.

Approximately 2 to 3 minutes elapsed between the time the fire alarm was received by personnel on duty at Station No. 1 until firemen reached the scene.

The fire fighters arrived to find the living room area of the three bedroom frame and stucco residence completely engulfed in flames. Despite the fire's headstart, the smokeeaters had the blaze under control 5 minutes after their arrival and 2 minutes later had succeeded in extinguishing it.

L. R. "John" Head, deputy chief of the NWC Fire Division, was in charge of the fire fighting operation. Capt. Gary M. Peek led the attack, with Crew Chiefs Doug Lafoon and John Howard leading their respective crews.

A recent modification to equipment,

which has made it possible to pre-connect 2½-in. hoses to pumper truck water tanks, enabled the fire hoses to be brought immediately into play to knock down the flames and begin bringing the fire under control. This accounted for the speed in which the firemen were able to accomplish their work.

Two pumper trucks, a rescue truck and an ambulance from Fire Station No. 1 (manned by a total of 17 personnel) responded to the alarm. Although there was smoke damage throughout the house, the fire (which was centered in the living-dining room area) was stopped at the bedroom hallway. In fire fighting circles, this is considered an "effective stop," Fire Chief Knight commented.

There were nine people in the house (two guests in addition to Mr. and Mrs. Dye and their five children) when 10-year-old Danny Dye happened to be up and saw the flames. The youngster immediately awakened Don Fellows, of San Diego, a house guest who was asleep in the living room, and Fellows rushed around to arouse the others.

Nearly everyone escaped by way of
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Phone switchboard hours to be cut back

Beginning Monday, the Naval Weapons Center's telephone switchboard will be in operation Monday through Friday, from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Loss of personnel and a reduction in the need for switchboard assistance has prompted the change in hours, Lt. R. F. Nielsen, NWC Communications Officer, reported.

Previously switchboard operators have been on duty weekdays from 6:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. to provide assistance with the placing of Autovon and long distance calls, or to look up telephone numbers when information is requested.



UPWARD MOBILITY ASSESSMENT COMPLETED — Some of the staff members and participants in a recently conducted two-day assessment process of 100 persons enrolled in the Upward Mobility Program at NWC, are shown above. They are (l.-r.):

Nancy Crawford, coordinator of the program; Leroy Marquardt, staff member; Jean Rollingson, Lil Lackey, Beverly Meeker, Greg Boske, Marcia Smith and Don Sichey, participants; Barbara Thurman and Bob Glen, staff members.

Upward Mobility Program applicants evaluated

"I found out that I have potential in areas that I hadn't thought about. It has given me a lot of self confidence," said one of the 100 NWC employees who recently completed a two-day assessment of his potential after enrolling in the Upward Mobility Program.

A total of 18 Upward Mobility positions will be filled by the end of June from a register containing the names of the 100 employees whose skills and potentials have been analyzed from information gained during the assessment process.

This register will remain open for one year from the date positions begin to be filled.

The assessment process is considered by the Personnel Department to be an improvement over the previous method of evaluating the potential of employees to succeed in Upward Mobility positions.

Assessment allows an individual to be rated on potential rather than on what the employee has done in the past.

Skills such as oral expression, judgment initiative and decisiveness can be demonstrated and assessed through this program.

One staff member noted, "I perceive this concept to be superior because it has more dimensions and points out potential which is unobserved until an employee has been on a job for some time."

During their evaluation, most of the participants perceived the assessment process as a means of helping them to see themselves better, or in a new light. One called it an "... opportunity to show a part of myself that could not be expressed on paper."

Staff members were also impressed with the process. Their comments ranged from being "frankly amazed at the amount of latent talent exhibited by the participants," to "... it provides insight into employee skills and potential by a means not otherwise available."

Human development, world hunger workshops slated

Workshops on a variety of subjects, ranging from home gardening and nutrition to solar energy and the recycling of waste products, will be featured during a two-day conference on Human Development and World Hunger this weekend at Cerro Coso Community College.

While pre-registration forms have been available at a number of locations for the past two weeks, those who have not yet obtained a copy can register at 8:30 a.m. tomorrow at the college. Senior citizens will

be admitted free of charge, while students below college level will be charged just half the regular \$3 registration fee.

The workshop will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, and on Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m. Also in connection with this program there will be an admission-free folk music concert from 8 to 10 p.m. Saturday at the United Methodist Church in Ridgecrest.

According to Jim Strathdee, the conference director, everyone who attends will

be able to participate in the workshop that matches his or her personal interests.

In addition to films and talks centered around the conference theme, the agenda will include simulation games, media presentations and discussion/action workshops based on the individual and collective lifestyle changes that may be necessary to cope with problems of the future.

The conference's keynote speaker will be Joseph Keys, a member of the International Development and Christian Mission program at the School of Theology in Claremont, Calif.

He will be joined by Sister Rose Cerillo, director of the Emergency Food Bank at Stockton, Calif., and by Jim Manley, a folksinger who also is a composer and minister. The latter will share the spotlight with Strathdee during Saturday night's folk music concert.

Organizers of the conference are hoping for a wide range in the age of the participants. In addition to the registration fee, child care for those needing it will be available at a slight additional charge.

College to observe Mexico's 'Cinco de Mayo' fiesta May 4

"Cinco de Mayo," the celebration which commemorates the expulsion of French rule in Mexico, will be observed at Cerro Coso College on Sunday, May 4.

The purpose of the observance will be to give recognition to local residents of Mexican ancestry and to show appreciation for Mexico's cultural contributions to the American way of life.

The Cinco de Mayo organizational committee is looking for volunteers to help with decorating, clean-up, talent programs, displays, food preparation, and service.

Anyone who is interested in helping with the celebration is asked to call 375-5001 and leave their name with the receptionist. Or, they may contact Bob Rafal, Vic Casados, Andy or Audrey Ledesma, Judy Auger or Margaret Cothran.

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. 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 771 or 772 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 656 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.

Supervisory Firefighter, GS-081-6, PD No. 784009, Code 842 — This position is located in the Fire Division of the Security Department. Incumbent is crew chief of the major piece of motorized fire fighting apparatus and its crew. Duties include answering fire alarms, instructing crew in operation of fire equipment and all phases of fire fighting and directing fighting of fires in absence of high authority. Job Relevant Criteria: Knowledge of fire prevention practices and ability to supervise and conduct inspections and identify fire hazards. Ability to communicate with others effectively both orally and in writing in working out solutions to problems or questions relating to the work. Potential to motivate, train, and work effectively with subordinates who have a variety of backgrounds and training. Ability to plan own work and carry out assignments effectively. Demonstrated potential ability to plan initial attack including rescue and the efficient control and extinguishments of fires. Knowledge of locations (streets, water distribution, alarm/detection systems, building contents/layout, etc.) Those who previously applied for this position as advertised 3-14-75 will be considered and need not reapply.

Firefighter, GS-081-5, PD No. 7284014, Code 842 — This position is located in the Fire Division of the Security Department. Major duties include driving and operating structural pumps, and any type crash fire trucks; responding on ambulance calls as either driver or attendant; inspection of Center's buildings and property; and conducting training classes for trainee firefighters. Job Relevant Criteria: Knowledge of locations (streets, water distribution; alarm/detection systems; buildings, contents/layout, etc.). Ability to operate firefighting apparatus and equipment (trucks, pumps, systems, nozzles, rescue equipment). Driving ability; proper use of gears, clutch, and brakes; demonstrates safe, smooth, and effective operation of vehicles. Knowledge of firefighting hydraulics and ability to apply it to firefighting situations. Knowledge of fire prevention practices with regard to building inspections and ability to identify fire hazards, and knowledge of reference sources. Firefighting knowledge (knowledge of fire, origin, and techniques of extinguishment). Ability to accept responsibility and carry out assignments with minimal supervision. Those who previously applied for this position as advertised 3-14-75 will be considered and need not reapply.

File applications for the above with Charlote (Continued on Page 7)



DIVINE SERVICES

Table listing various religious services including Protestant, Roman Catholic, Blessed Sacrament, Confessions, and Jewish services with dates and times.

HAPPENINGS AROUND NWC

The Murray School stage band, under the direction of Bill Lutjens (a member of the Burroughs High School stage band), will present a concert on Wednesday, April 30, at the Burroughs High School Lecture Center, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Admission is 50 cents for all and proceeds will go to the Arrowbear Music Camp scholarship fund.

Throughout the year, five members of Michael Garrett's BHS stage band have been helping the Murray band with instruction and guidance. These musicians are Matt Orr, Roger Godett, Billy Hall, Laurie McCahn and Dwayne Evans.

Appearing on the program with the Murray School brass choir, string quartet, flute trio and two clarinet quartets. These students were all rated superior at a recent judging held at Antelope Valley High School. Also on the program will be the BHS stage band's combo, made up of Lutjens and Evans, Mike McLane, Steve Nygaard, Liz Knemeyer, Debbie Johnson and Jim Gibbons.

Dance Planned at COM

The Good Times Band will provide music for a dance tonight at the Commissioned Officers' Mess, beginning at 9 o'clock.

Prior to the dance, the dining room will serve shrimp a peel for \$6.95 per person, including all the beer that a customer can drink.

Tomorrow night, the dining room will offer the Saturday spaghetti special — \$1.75 for adults and \$1.25 for children. The Tempos will be at the club to play for the dance that follows.

BHS Art Festival Set

Burroughs High School's "Festival of the Arts," an evening of exhibits, demonstrations and performances, will be held on Tuesday in the Burroughs Multi-Use Room. The public is invited — free of charge — to attend at any time between the hours of 4:30

and 9:30 p.m.

This event is sponsored by the Burroughs Fine Arts Department. Pottery, paintings, drawings, prints, sculpture and other works of art will be exhibited. Much of the work will be for sale.

In addition, students will demonstrate techniques in making pottery, sculpture, portraiture, jewelry, silk screen and block printing.

Also during the evening, selections from seven plays will be performed by students of the Burroughs drama classes, and there will be musical entertainment.

Problem Solving Course

A three-day course in Creative Problem Solving will be held at the NWC Training Center, Rm. 103, on May 19, 20 and 21.

Instructors for the class are Jenny Goodwin and Stan Gryskiewig, from the Center for Creative Leadership, Greensboro, N. Car.

Nominations for this course should be submitted on a proper enrollment form via department channels in time to reach Code 654 no later than May 9.

IWV Red Cross slates annual meeting May 5

The Indian Wells Valley branch of the American Red Cross will hold its annual meeting on Monday, May 5, starting at 12:30 p.m. at the Community Center.

Dr. Ellis Cline, director of the Desert Counseling Clinic, will be the guest speaker. His talk, entitled "Human Gifts," will be preceded by a short business meeting.

Since this will be a Maturango Museum lunch, reservations must be made no later than this coming Monday. Cost of the lunch is \$3 per person, and reservations can be made by calling Mrs. Jackie Renne, at 446-2426; Mrs. Marge Ashbrook, at 446-4139, or the Community Center, NWC ext. 2010. The meeting is open to the community at large, as well as to Red Cross volunteers.

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Sieckowski, Bldg. 34, Rm. 204, Ph. 3118. Mechanical Engineering Technician, GS-802-7, PD No. 7545064, Code 4541 — This position is located in the Explosives Branch of the Propulsion Development Department. The incumbent performs tests such as detonation velocity, gap sensitivity, pressure, shaped charge performance, cylinder expansion and blast effectiveness. He designs or modifies equipment required in the evaluation of explosive system such as gauges stands, ligs, fixtures and experimental assemblies for detonation experiments. Job Relevant Criteria: Must have working knowledge of basic principles of engineering and photography. Must be able to interpret test data. Must be skilled in the use of machine tools and precision measuring equipment.

Electrician, WG-2805-10, JD No. 180, Code 4553 — Incumbent performs journeyman electrician duties in various explosive processing laboratories, installs, repairs and maintains various power control systems. Job Relevant Criteria: Experience as a journeyman electrician (test control systems). Can advance to electrician (test control systems).

File applications for the above with Mary Morrison, Bldg. 34, Rm. 210, Ph. 2393.

Electronic Engineer, GS-855-9/11/12, PD No. 7455037-1, Code 5535 — This position is located in the RF/EMC Evaluation Branch, Product Design Division of the Engineering Department. Interprets standards, prepares guidelines and instructions for incorporation of electromagnetic compatibility into contracts. Duties include test and evaluation, design, and development, planning administration, liaison. Job Relevant Criteria: Knowledge of EMC qualification standards and testing procedures, including Tri-Service Standards, MIL-STD-461, 462, 463. Experience in electromagnetic propagation, fields, antennas. Understanding of instrumentation techniques and equipment.

File applications for the above with Carol downward, Bldg. 34, Rm. 204, Ph. 2925.

Budget Clerk, GS-501-4/5, PD No. 7508014AM1, Code 087 — This position is located in the Financial Analysis and Reports Division, Office of Finance and Management. Incumbent administers the customer order and expense account allocation process; provides assistance to RMA's in the allocation process; prepares and verifies the monthly report of all funds received on the Center and not allocated. Job Relevant Criteria: Ability to work rapidly and accurately; ability to type; ability to work with figures; knowledge of the customer order and expense allocation process; and knowledge of NWC budget procedures. Promotional Potential: GS-4.

File applications for the above with Tine Lowe, Bldg. 34, Rm. 206, Ph. 2723.

Pipelitter, Foreman, WS-4204-09, Code 45 — Amendment to previous ad which listed this position in Code 70. Applications must be postmarked or received by May 5, 1975. File applications for the above with Betty Geiser, Bldg. 34, Rm. 102, Ph. 2457.

Exam Announced

The closing date for a competitive promotion examination for boiler plant operator, foreman, WS-5402, 09, \$15,870.40/\$18,512.00 p/h has been extended from April 21 to May 1, 1975. Bartender, NA-7441-3 (2.35 p.h.), PD No. 74EM0101, Code 025 — This is not a Civil Service job. Applications



CONGRATULATIONS EXTENDED—After officiating at the formal enlistment of Sea Cadet Michael Eugene Stallings into the regular Navy, Capt. E. M. Crow, Commanding Officer of Air Test and Evaluation Squadron Five (VX-5), extended his congratulations to Stallings. The local youth will begin a 4-year hitch on active duty in August. Looking on at left is LCDr. Richard Schultz, Commanding Officer of the VX-5 Naval Sea Cadet Corps Squadron. An honor guard of local Sea Cadets (some of whose members can be seen in the background) also was present for the occasion.

Sea Cadet enlists in Navy; also prepares for 2 summer cruises

An exciting summer is ahead for 18-year-old Michael Eugene Stallings, a petty officer 3rd class in VX-5 Squadron of the Navy Sea Cadet Corps.

Prior to joining the regular Navy, which he will do in August, the June 1975 graduate of Burroughs High School is scheduled to board a destroyer for a cruise from either San Diego or Long Beach to San Francisco.

In addition, a bit later he is slated to participate in an exchange cruise of Sea Cadets that will take him by air to Canada, where he will spend some time on board a Canadian warship.

These two events will culminate a four-year period during which he has been a member of the local Sea Cadet squadron, and serve as final preparation for beginning a four-year hitch on active duty in the Navy. Capt. E. M. Crow, Commanding Officer of Air Test and Evaluation Squadron Five (VX-5) officiated this past Saturday at a formal Navy enlistment ceremony for young Stallings.

The latter, because of his participation in the Sea Cadet Program, will by-pass the first two pay grades in the regular Navy and embark on his boot training in San Diego as an E-3. Capt. Crow noted during a brief talk that preceded the enlistment ceremony.



2 YOUTHS JOIN SEA CADETS — While an honor guard of members of Sea Cadet Squadron VX-5 looks on, two new members were sworn in last Saturday by Capt. E. M. Crow (at left), Commanding Officer of Air Test and Evaluation Squadron Five. The new Sea Cadets are Nick Gagich, of Trona, and Rickey Morgan, of Ridgecrest (on right).

Following boot training, it will be off to machinist mate's school for the local youth, who is a native of Indian Wells Valley having been born in the Ridgecrest Hospital.

Outside of classwork at Burroughs High School, where his prime interest was in woodshop, Stallings' main extra-curricular activity was his participation in the Sea Cadet program.

One of the original members of the local unit, which is sponsored by Indian Wells Valley Council of the Navy League, he has enjoyed some interesting times as a Sea Cadet—including as an Alaskan cruise on a destroyer-escort and attending Navy boot camp two summers ago.

Mike Stallings is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Stallings of Inyokern. His father has been an employee in the Public Works Department's Carpenter Shop for more than 27 years.

While an honor guard of Sea Cadets stood by during the enlistment of PO3 Stallings into the regular Navy, two other local youths also joined Sea Cadet Squadron VX-5. They are Rickey Morgan, of Ridgecrest, and Nick Gagich, a Trona resident.

Membership in the Sea Cadets is open to young men between 14 years of age through high school. Additional information about joining this group can be obtained from its commanding officer, LCDr. Richard Schultz, by calling him at 446-5664 after working hours.

The local Sea Cadets hold monthly drill sessions on the third Friday night and the following Saturday at their headquarters, located at the north end of Dobb St. on the Naval Weapons Center.

Dance contest slated tonight at Chaparral

The Golden State Music Co. will play for a dance tonight at the Chaparral Club, beginning at 9:30.

In addition, a dance contest is planned. All persons who are interested in displaying their expertise on the dance floor are invited to participate. There will be prizes for the winners.

Walt Schimke, club manager, also noted that Thursdays are pizza and beer night at the club. A large pizza and a pitcher of beer will cost only \$3.

Schimke invites all military enlisted personnel up to the rank of E-6 to make the Chaparral Club their "home away from home."

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The China Lake Tennis Club will sponsor six tournaments this season.

The tentative schedule, which club officials have given me, is as follows:

A "fun" doubles tournament is set for Sunday, May 11; on June 14-15, a singles and mixed doubles competition is planned; another "fun" doubles competition is slated on July 12;

Aug. 16 and 17 have been set aside for a men's and women's doubles and mixed doubles competition; a third "fun" doubles tourney is set for Sept. 14, and the final event of the year — a singles, and men's and women's doubles tournament — is planned for Oct. 11-13.

The three "fun" tournaments are open to players at any level who are members of the China Lake Tennis Club.

The other three tourneys are open to any resident of the Indian Wells Valley. All entrants will pay a fee of \$1 for any event entered. An additional \$3 will be charged anyone who is not a member of the CLTC.

The club's annual membership fee is \$5 for adults and \$1 for students through high school.

Persons who want to join the club are asked to contact Charlene Newmeyer, treasurer, by calling 446-2845.

A Super Trio

Three young gymnasts finished competition last weekend in the Class II division of the Southern California State Gymnastics meet, hosted by the world famous KIPS team of Long Beach.

Kyra Specht recorded a spectacular 9.1 on the balance beam during the compulsory events, and racked up a 33.8 all-around score to finish very high on the list after one day.

However, on the final day, doing optional routines, Kyra notched only a 29.15 score and failed to place among the top 10 gymnasts. Her scores, however, were high enough to qualify her for next year's Class I state trials.

Competing for the first time at the state level, Mary Knemeyer and Patty Parks both turned in promising performances. Mary's 29.65 all-around score is the highest she has ever achieved, while Patty posted totals of 29.9 in the compulsory events and 24.95 in the optionals to demonstrate her great potential in future state meets.

As a dad with a girl enrolled in the local gymnastics program, I feel especially proud of these three girls and wish them much success in the future.

Registration open for youth softball leagues

Registration for both girls' and boys' softball leagues, sponsored by the NWC Youth Center, will open on Friday, May 2.

Sign-ups will close on June 6. All dependents of military or civilian personnel at the Center, regardless of their place of residence, are eligible to participate in these leagues. Play will begin on June 9.

A registration fee of \$5 will be charged the girls, while boys must pay \$10. The fee is payable at sign-up time.

The girls' league will be for youngsters in grades four through high school. Boys must be fifth graders through high school.



A FRIENDLY GOLF MATCH—Capt. R. D. Franke, NWC's Deputy Commander, is shown preparing to tee off during the annual Bakersfield / China Lake home and home match, conducted last week at the local golf links. In the background are (l.-r.): Dr. Rex Shacklett, Mayor of Ridgecrest; Morry Morrison and Jack Davenport, both members of the Bakersfield Trade Club, sponsors of the event. The Bakersfield team won the tourney, 25-5. China Lake's only bright note was Bob Moore's low gross round of 73 which — after his 4 handicap was applied — was also the low net round (69) of the day.

Center sports notes

The NWC Youth Center will stage a worm fiddling and spin casting contest on Saturday, May 17. In addition, youths of the area should begin looking for a prospective champion frog for a frog jumping contest to be held in August.

Rules for the three contests mentioned above are available at the Youth Center.

A few openings still exist in the martial arts classes — judo, wrestling, boxing and karate. All interested youths are asked to contact Carol Hape at the Youth Center, by calling NWC ext. 2909 or 2259.

Mrs. Hape also is looking for volunteers willing to supervise activities at the youth gymnasium. Interested persons should contact Mrs. Hape.

Golf tournament winners

The team of Bob Moore, Curt Bryan, Gary Castor and Phil Sprinkle won the low net prize in last Saturday's "Specialist Tour-

namment" at the China Lake Golf Course. The four combined to shoot a 70 low net to edge out the second place team of Dick Clay, Fred Anderson, E. B. Earle and Lynn LeBertoux by one stroke.

Moore, a former China Lake Men's Club champion, hit the woods during this tournament, while Bryan struck the short irons, Castor the long irons, and Sprinkle putted.

Taking third place in the competition was the team of John Emory, Rex Kaylor, Jack Richards and Ed Judge. Low gross winners were Dick and Dave Seeley, Jim Hall and Jack Basden, who turned in a score of 85 for the 18 holes.

Larry Cardinal, tournament chairman, handed over a check in the amount of \$100 to the TV Booster fund that was raised from entry fees paid by the 48 golfers who took part in this unusual event.

Hot/Gold Line team wins NAF Spring Olympics

Five days of athletic events were completed with a tug-o-war last Friday afternoon — the final event of the annual NAF Spring Olympics. Following the tug-o-war, won by the Hot Line / Cold Line team, all hands turned-to for a picnic at the NAF swimming pool.

The Hot Line / Cold Line men were crowned winners of the Olympics — an event held each year for the past five seasons. They were victorious in the swimming, track, 8-ball (pool), bicycle racing and tug-o-war competition. In addition, the team placed third in basketball.

Second place went to Team 7, composed of men from the Dispensary, Explosives Ordnance Demolition Team, cooks' and stewards' divisions. Team 7 won the bowling competition and placed second in the swimming, basketball, 8-ball, bicycle race and tug-o-war. In addition, Team 7 finished third in track and volleyball.

Team 5, made up of men from the Ordnance, Material Control and Maintenance Control shops, was third. Team 5 won the basketball tourney, and was second in volleyball and track. It also placed third in the tug-o-war.

Others competing were the members of Team 1, composed of sailors from the Para-Loft, GSE and Safety and Survival shops. This team was third in the bicycle race.

Team 3 (Airframes, Power Plants and Check Crews) finished third in swimming

and bowling. Team 4, which was staffed by men from the Quality Assurance, Avionics and Ground Electronics shops, won the volleyball competition and was second in the bowling matches.

Team 6, composed of white hats from the



HEAVE-HO, MY HEARTIES — The tug-o-war is one of the more popular events in the annual NAF Spring Olympics. Above, members of the Dispensary, EOD, cooks and stewards team (foreground) are shown as they won the tug-o-war event in competition with the Ordnance, Material and Maintenance Control squad. The winners above were defeated for the title by the Hot Line / Cold Line representatives. —Photo by Maurice Dias

Wilt's Corner

Volleyball for fun planned for women on Monday nights

By Wilt Wyman

The volleyball league is more than half over. The women's season will end on May 1, with the Open Division scheduled to conclude on May 21.

The Department Division will finish on May 22. The top four teams in the Open and Department Divisions will begin play-off competition on Tuesday, May 22.

A women's volleyball night will be offered on Mondays following the conclusion of the women's league. If there is enough response, games will be scheduled. However, the main objective of the program will be to encourage regular physical activity through participation.

The women may form their own teams or sign-up individually at the gymnasium and be placed on a team later.

All women who are currently competing in the Women's Division should take this opportunity to improve their volleyball skills for next season.

NWC in Second Place

The Naval Weapons Center is in second place in the Mojave Desert Inter-Service League is overall standings. We rank behind March AFB.

March AFB won the basketball and volleyball competition, while NWC did not place in basketball, finished second in volleyball and won the bowling tournament.

The next MDISL competition will be held on June 20 to 22 when a tennis tournament will be held at China Lake.

The Center's team will have an advantage under the new format of allowing both open and senior players to compete, which puts us in an excellent position to close the gap on March AFB.

Pool To Close

The gymnasium swimming pool will be closed for draining and clearing at 4 p.m. next Friday, May 2. It will remain closed both May 3 and 4 and will reopen at 9 a.m. on Monday, May 5.

Little League tryouts

Tryouts for both the Farm and T-Ball divisions of the China Lake Little League will be held tomorrow and again on Saturday, May 3, at Diamond No. 4, beginning at 9 a.m.

These tryouts are for 8 and 9 year olds and those 10 year olds who weren't chosen for teams in the Minor Division.

Workshops slated covering both sides of Arab-Israeli conflict

An all-day workshop presenting both sides of the conflict between the Arabs and Israel has been arranged by the Cerro Coso Community College.

This information program, which is open to all interested persons, will be held at the college lecture hall on Thursday, May 1, beginning with registration at 9 a.m.

Following a welcome and introductions by college officials, headed by Dr. Richard A. Jones, president, there will be presentations by two of the featured speakers prior to a break for lunch.

During the two morning sessions, workshop attendees will hear from Dr. Daniel Crecelius, a professor of history at Cal-State University in Los Angeles, whose subject will be "A Look Backward - History of the Area to 1948," and from Dr. Ralph Kaplan, columnist and lecturer, who was an officer in the Israeli Army during the 1948-49 war. Kaplan will discuss "The Israeli Viewpoint."

After lunch, the workshop will resume with Dr. Zahi Kamal at the podium. A native of Palestine, Dr. Kamal is currently chairman of the Department of Sociology at the University of Northern Colorado. His subject will be "The Arab Viewpoint."

VAdm. W. J. Moran, ex-NWC Commander, to retire on May 1

Vice Admiral William J. Moran, a former Naval Weapons Center Commander who has been serving since November 1972 as Director of the Research, Development Test and Evaluation in the Office of Naval Operations, will be retiring from the Navy next Thursday, May 1.

VAdm. Moran's post in OpNav will be taken over by Rear Admiral Parker B. Armstrong, who has been nominated for promotion to vice admiral.

The former NWC Commander can look back upon a military career that began early in 1941 when he joined the Navy as an aviation cadet.

In addition to serving as NWC Commander from October 1970 to October 1972, VAdm. Moran served two earlier tours of duty at China Lake. During the period from 1949 to 1952, he was the Operations Officer for the Naval Ordnance Test Station, and from 1955 to 1958 was the Assistant Experimental Officer at NOTS.



NEW OFFICERS INSTALLED—Milford Carlson (at left), a regional director of the Navy League, officiated last week during the installation of new officers of the Indian Wells Valley Council of the Navy League. Those installed and the offices they now hold are (from left) Dr. Ray DeHarrold, treasurer; Jack Strayer, judge advocate; Robert K. McKnight, Jr., 2nd vice-president; Mike Molner, president; Vernon Smith, 1st vice-president, and Ralph Herrick, secretary. Molner, a former president of the Ridgecrest Chamber of Commerce, is heading into his second term as president of the local council of the Navy League. Guest speaker for the evening was Capt. E. M. Crow, Commanding Officer of Air Test and Evaluation Squadron Five, who discussed the purpose, programs and accomplishments of Squadron VX-5 of the Naval Sea Cadet Corps, which is sponsored by the IWV Navy League.

A panel discussion on "The Role of the Super-Powers in the Middle East" is scheduled from 2:15 to 3:15 p.m. Frank Dickey, an instructor of philosophy at Cerro Coso College, will be the moderator for both the panel discussion and a debate on the issues in which Drs. Kamal and Kaplan will participate as the finale to the workshop.

An optional event—an Arab dinner to be served on the north lawn of the college — is planned from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

There is a registration fee of \$3 each for non-students at the college, while holders of student body cards will be charged \$2 each to attend the seminar. For those who also remain for the Arab dinner, there is an additional cost of \$2 per person.

Seminar registration forms can be picked up at China Lake now at the Community Center, Administration Building, Bank of America and Center Library.

Rotary Club seeks Kraus Memorial Fund applicants

Applications are now being accepted for the China Lake Rotary Club-sponsored Edward Kraus Memorial Fund.

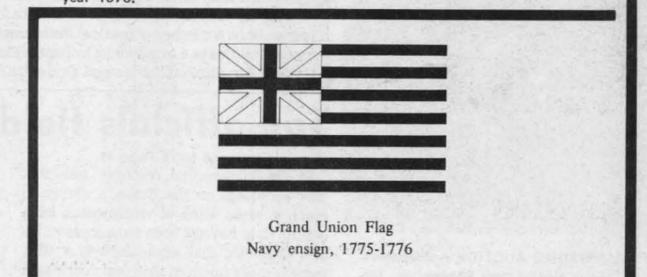
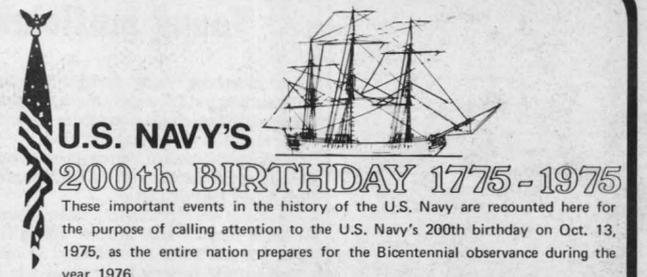
High school graduates from the Indian Wells Valley are eligible for financial assistance to enable them to obtain additional vocational or scholastic training.

Any student who will be graduating in June is eligible to apply by writing a letter to Don Padgett, chairman of the local Rotary Club's memorial fund committee, at 409 N. Helena St., Ridgecrest. The deadline for applications is Friday, May 9.

The letter should state the applicant's goals for academic or vocational advancement; plans showing how the applicant expects to achieve the goals; what financial assistance is needed and how it will be utilized.

In addition, the applicant should provide a brief biography covering his or her age, birthplace, skills, interests, and hopes for the future. A transcript of all high school work completed also should be submitted.

The Kraus Memorial Fund was established by the China Lake Rotary Club to honor the memory of Edward Kraus, a local youth who suffered a fatal illness in 1973.



Grand Union Flag
Navy ensign, 1775-1776

"I hoisted with my own hands the Flag of Freedom the first time it was displayed on Board the *Alfred* on the Delaware; and I have attended it ever since with Veneration on the Ocean."

On Oct. 13, 1775, Silas Deane moved that Congress outfit a 10-gun warship for "intercepting such transports as may be laden with stores for the enemy", and the United States Navy was born.

In the winter of 1775-1776 when the fledging Navy captured one such transport, the ordnance brig *Nancy*, it contained ordnance and munitions that could have taken the colonists 18 months to make.

Former Kern Valley resident reports for duty as head of VX-5 Administration Dept.

LCdr. Rod Bankson has reported for duty with Air Test and Development Squadron Five (VX-5), following his transfer here from NAS Oceana in Virginia Beach, Va. LCdr. Bankson was head of the Attack Squadron 35 Safety Department.

The new arrival has replaced LCdr. J. W. Randall as head of VX-5 Administration Department, and also will be involved in project flights. LCdr. Randall was moved to the Project Division.

This is something in the nature of a homecoming for LCdr. Bankson, who is a graduate of nearby Kern Valley High School, as is his wife, Patti.

LCdr. Bankson joined the Navy as an enlisted man more than 19 years ago—immediately following his graduation from high school. During the next eight years he worked his way up through various grade levels and was a chief petty officer specializing in anti-submarine warfare

Costly fire...

(Continued from Page 1)

bedroom windows, except for two who exited via the front door. Mr. Dye, who is employed as acting head of the Aircraft Systems Department's Aircraft Interface Division, crawled down the hallway from room to room to make sure no one was left behind before leaving the burning dwelling.

In the meantime, another son, Dickey, had rushed outside to pull the handle on the nearest fire alarm box to summon Center firemen to the scene. Neighbors also called the fire department when they awoke to discover that a nearby residence was in flames.

Fellows, whose hair was singed, later was taken to the Ridgecrest Community Hospital for treatment of a few minor burns. Dye, whose community activities include serving as president of the China Lake Little League, was extremely grateful that no one was injured as a result of the fire. He and his family have been moved to other quarters temporarily, and are being well taken care of, the fire victim added.



LCdr. Rod Bankson
flight instructor for the Training Command at Pensacola, Fla. LCdr. Bankson left Florida to spend two years (1970-72) at the Navy Postgraduate School in Monterey, Calif., where he received a bachelor's degree in international science before being assigned to VA 35 at NAS Oceana.

While serving as a pilot with VA 35, the squadron shipped out on cruises to both the Mediterranean Sea and to the North Atlantic.

LCdr. Bankson and his wife are the parents of two children—a son, Brent, who is 14 years old, and a daughter, Shanie, who is 5 years of age.



CHAMPAGNE AUCTION — Members of the China Lake Branch of the American Association of University Women and their guests raised \$267 for the AAUW's scholarship fund this past Saturday night during a champagne auction, conducted at the home of Marla and Bill McBride. Guests bid on such diverse items as ten gallons of gas, original oil paintings, hand-crocheted shawls and baby items, photographs and macramé wall decorations, like the hanging planter held by Glenda McGee, above. Seated are Jean Hutmacher (l.) and Ellie Ives, who also attended the auction. All of the items auctioned off were donated by the AAUW members.

Contest to select 1975 rodeo queen is now under way

The ninth annual Desert Empire Rodeo Queen contest is now under way with six high school girls vying for the title. The entrants are Jennifer Lee, Deborah Meggers and Ann Mettenburg, all seniors at Burroughs High School, and Sue Porter, Jerri Butler and Carolyn Bracken, who are juniors at BHS. The six young horsewomen will be judged on their personality (25 per cent), horsemanship (35 per cent), and ticket sales (40 per cent) to decide who will be queen. The tickets count as one vote for each duet sold. The rodeo weekend will begin on May 3 with a parade down Balsam Ave. in Ridgecrest. The crowning of the queen will take place at 6 p.m. at the Desert Empire Fair's rodeo grounds, and the actual rodeo will begin at 7 o'clock. Chairman of the queen contest is Dick Mahan, a member of the China Lake Community Council. He has handled this chore for the past three years. His committee is composed of Karen Boss, the reigning rodeo queen; Nancy Grams, who was queen in 1973, and Barbara Brezina DeWitt, 1972's queen. During the next two weeks, the candidates will be appearing at various civic and social functions throughout the valley. Residents are encouraged to choose a candidate and support her by purchasing a queen contest ticket. The six queen candidates will be at Joshua Hall today, tomorrow and Sunday to participate in the annual Home Show. In addition, they plan to make an appearance in Randsburg over the weekend at the Art and Music Festival. On Sunday evening, the girls will be at Bottom Acre Stables for a horse show planned that day. At noon on Monday, they will be guests during the Ridgecrest Chamber of Commerce luncheon meeting at The Hideaway Restaurant. One of the ticket holders will receive his or her choice of either a 19-in. color television set or a check for \$200.

Young musicians 'tuning up' for May 11 concert

Four promising young students of music, selected from auditions held last December, began rehearsals with the Desert Community Orchestra last month for the annual Youth Concert, set for May 11. It will begin at 3:30 p.m. Glenda Davis, Carolyn Merrow, Steve Nygaard and Bill Lutjens will perform as soloists with the full orchestra at the Burroughs High School Lecture Center. Miss Davis will play Koh-Ichi Hattori's piano solo, "Concertino for Small Hands." Miss Merrow will be featured in Vivaldi's "Concerto in A Minor for Violin and Strings." Nygaard will perform the trumpet solo in Haydn's classic, "Concerto for Trumpet and Orchestra." Lutjens, who is proficient on a number of musical instruments, will demonstrate his capabilities as a saxophonist in Jaques Ibert's "Concertino Da Camera for Alto Saxophone and Orchestra."

This will be Lutjens' second appearance as a Youth Concert soloist. Last season he played the piano solo in Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue." Each year the Youth Concert provides an opportunity for music students of the Indian Wells Valley to qualify for solo performances with the 60-piece Desert Community Orchestra. It is the final concert of the 1974-75 season, and is sponsored jointly by the Cerro Coso Community College and the Desert Community Orchestra Association, Inc. Tickets are priced at \$2 for general admission and \$1 for students. They can be obtained from orchestra members, at the Cerro Coso College switchboard or at the door prior to performance time. A reception following the concert will be held in the teachers' dining room at Burroughs.

Top officials field variety of questions ...

(Continued from Page 1) Dr. Hollingsworth's response was that past estimates on the Center's ability to reach a given level of employment by a certain date haven't been too accurate. He also explained that when there is a RIF, there is more involved than just reaching a quota. There has to be the assurance that there are the right number of people in the right jobs needed to handle the workload. RAdm. Freeman joined in answering this question by commenting that there has been an imbalance between the workload and the Center's manpower resources, with the result that some persons were doing work that wasn't required. "This RIF should have started last July—not April 30 or June 30," he added. Asked if employees could come directly to him with work-related problems which couldn't be resolved through regular channels, Dr. Hollingsworth replied with an emphatic yes.

TD's Door Is Open "I'll talk to anyone at any time on any subject," the Technical Director stated, "but don't just bring a gripe, bring a real problem." He also advised anyone proposing to do this to inform his own department head. RAdm. Freeman was asked if there is a trend toward a more militaristic attitude today at NWC, and if so why? "What's a militaristic attitude?" the Skipper asked. "I've worked in and out of civilian activities, and I don't react much differently than any other persons I've seen. "We're here to serve the Fleet. NWC is part of the Navy shore establishment and our only reason for existence is to support the objectives of the Chief of Naval Operations. If that's militaristic, then my

answer is yes," RAdm. Freeman replied as the audience applauded his forthright answer. "Is it feasible to incorporate military personnel in work on technical programs when they won't be around when the 'end game' is played," was another question that was fielded first by RAdm. Freeman and also answered by Dr. Hollingsworth. "Whoa there, the military man just may be the loser in the 'end game' (when the chips are down)," RAdm. Freeman reminded the audience. He sees real value in drawing upon the expertise of the military man, the Skipper continued.

Military Experience Valuable "He (the military man) may be hypercritical of the work that's being done, and that's good," he added. "Any turnaround in personnel isn't necessarily bad, while feet stuck in concrete aren't necessarily good," the Skipper also observed.

At the Naval Air Development Center in Warminster, Pa., where he served as Technical Director before coming to China Lake, military men headed two of the departments and were backed up by assistant department heads who were civilians, Dr. Hollingsworth said. "I see no harm at all in this," he stated. "While they do move from place to place, military personnel don't vanish. They are part of the system wherever they go and can be contacted for helpful input on Fleet problems." Asked about any plan to improve the merit promotion system, Dr. Hollingsworth stated that he was unaware of any bad practices. "We are trying to establish standards, but at the same time be flexible," the Technical Director added while informing his listeners that meetings are being held for the purpose

of developing a reasonably standardized plan that can operate equitably for all. As an example, he said, it's proposed that for a promotion to the GS-13 or above level, employees be required to have either work experience in a different department, in Washington, D.C., or somewhere else.

On the question of the current freeze on promotions, it was brought out that it affects both civilian and military personnel. There is a promotion freeze at the GS-13 level, Dr. Hollingsworth said, but at the same time explained the Center has been given special permission (which may be terminated at any time) to maintain a predetermined total of GS-13s, 14s and 15s. This means there can be some limited movement upward as long as the total number of employees in these three grades is not exceeded.

RAdm. Freeman assured his listeners that he would do something if any discrimination was found to exist in the promotions of technicians compared to staff personnel, as one questioner alleged was the case.

Doesn't Feel Overshadowed "In replying to a written statement from the audience that the feeling is prevalent that the NWC Commander plays too great a role and overshadows the Technical Director, Dr. Hollingsworth responded with:

"I don't feel like a shadow. I do the things I do best in my own way, and may not be too visible. My style is a low key operation. You can have credit for an operation or cooperation. I'd rather have cooperation. That's not a visible way of management, but I happen to enjoy it."

Another member of the audience contributed this question: "What is the cause of dissension? The Command seems to feel unlike and the employees appear to be unhappy with the Command."

"This starts with an assumption of dissatisfaction," the Technical Director said. He recognized that changes in the organization have upset some, but expressed the hope that such persons would get over it.

NWC Image Not Always Good RAdm. Freeman also contributed his thoughts on this matter by pointing out that, despite any wishful thinking to the contrary, the Center is not always perceived well in Washington, D.C., where Fleet readiness is the paramount concern. "I like it here. The people at China Lake are some of the finest I've ever been associated with, and that's why I participate in so many community activities. However, over a period of years any organization needs to be shaken up a bit. The Center exists to serve the Fleet, not China Lake, and I can't subordinate the desires of China Lakers to the needs of the Fleet.

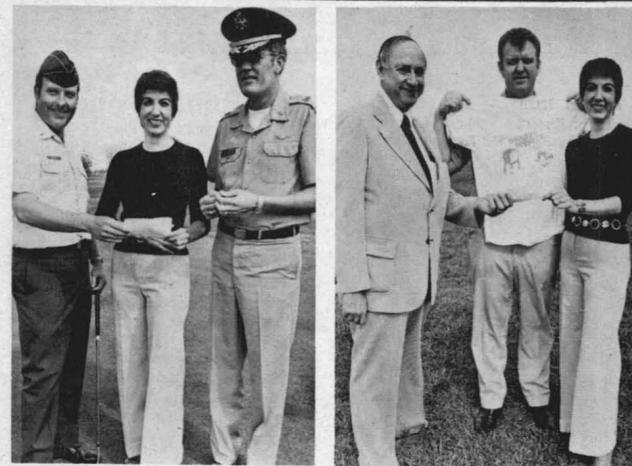
"NWC has a need for some reorientation," the Skipper added, "and this is what we are aiming for."

Asked if the former apprentice training program could be revived, both RAdm. Freeman and Dr. Hollingsworth expressed themselves in favor of such a suggestion and said it would be looked into.

Another member of the audience asked about providing a more direct line of communication between individuals and (Continued on Page 5)



VISITORS FROM NEVADA — Personnel from the Naval Ammunition Depot (NAD) at Hawthorne, Nev., are shown discussing Center programs in the field of high explosives with NWC personnel during a visit on April 15 and 16. They are (l.-r.): Dr. G. W. Leonard, head of the Propulsion Development Department; R. R. Dempsey, head of the NAD Station Resources and Planning Department; Cdr. L. A. Short, Ordnance Officer at NAD; Capt. E. J. Kirschke, Commanding Officer at Hawthorne; N. A. Wallace, head of the Plans and Program Division at NAD; and Dr. Russell R. Reed, Jr., head of Code 45's Applied Research and Processing Division at NWC. The visitors were hosted by Dr. Reed's division. While here, they also spoke to RAdm. R. G. Freeman III, NWC Commander; to Dr. G. L. Hollingsworth, NWC's Technical Director, and to Capt. R. D. Franke, Deputy Commander of NWC. —Photo by Maurice Dias



TV FUND DRIVE CONTRIBUTORS — Pat Leopard, coordinator of the TV Booster Fund Drive, collected another \$355 from two local organizations earlier this week. The funds were the result of a golf tournament staged by the China Lake Men's Golf Club, and a T-shirt auction held by the Rotary Club of China Lake. In the photo at left USAF Lt. Larry Cardinal (l.) and Army Lt. Col. Dick Boyd, who are vice-president and president, respectively, of the golf club, present Mrs. Leopard with a check for \$100. At right are Ben Hartman (l.), president of the Rotary Club, and Bill Knight, NWC's fire chief, who gave Mrs. Leopard a check for \$255. Chief Knight planned the auction of "I'm a TV Booster" T-shirts, which took place at a recent Rotary meeting. —Photo by Maurice Dias

New UHF translator installed ...

(Continued from Page 1) auction to help raise funds for the drive. In the April 18 issue of The ROCKETEER, the story on the current status of the work going on at Laurel Mt. pointed out that KABC (Channel 7) would be translated and rebroadcast to the valley over UHF Channel 63. Persons who are able to receive Channel 63 and who tuned in this past week instead got a picture of "Roy Roglin's bird." Don Stanton, head of the China Lake Community Council's TV-FM Committee, said that the picture of the bird was being transmitted in lieu of Channel 7 programs until a pre-amplifier could be installed at Laurel Mt. that boosts the signal being received from Los Angeles. "We could split the signal, microwaving the VHF portion for rebroadcast at "B" Mt. over VHF, and also sending out Channel 7 over Channel 63 on UHF, but both signals would be weak," Stanton said.

The latter noted that since KABC is the weakest channel received from Los Angeles, he felt that rather than reduce the

strength of the present VHF transmission it was advisable to wait until the pre-amplifier was installed. "We will have that accomplished by this weekend," Stanton

The translator installed on Channel 63 is on loan from EMCEE Corp., of White Haven, Pa. Three more "borrowed" translators will be installed within the next few weeks at Laurel Mt. in order that operators of the booster stations can evaluate them prior to the purchase of new translating equipment that will be installed at Laurel and "B" Mts.

"We expect another one in this weekend," Stanton said. "It was shipped more than a week ago and should be in anytime now," he added.

Once again, the TV-FM committee head pointed out that the China Lake Community Council would appreciate hearing comments from residents who are receiving the telecasts on channel 63. They may mail in their comments to P.O. Box 5443, China Lake, CA 93555, or place a phone call to Natalie Harrison at NWC ext. 3575.

Most summer school sign-ups end May 2; primary concludes today

Registration for the Sierra Sands Elementary School District's summer school program will conclude today for the primary program and on May 2 for elementary electives and the high school program.

The primary program at Murray School will be held from 8 a.m. until noon from June 23 to July 25, with the time off for the July 4 holiday.

High school summer session is scheduled during the same hours from June 9 through July 25, also observing the July 4 holiday. An elective program at Murray School will be offered from 7:30 a.m. until noon, including a mid-morning nutrition break. This activity will begin on June 23 and end July 25.

Participation in the summer school primary and elective programs is open to elementary school students who are presently enrolled in the kindergarten through seventh grades. Burroughs High School will offer summer classes for students enrolled in the eighth through twelfth grades.

Students are asked to register for the summer sessions, even if their family's summer plans are incomplete. Those who enroll in the elective program are urged to take four classes. Students returning from vacation after the beginning of the summer

program may register at the summer school office located on the Murray School campus. Registration at that time will be limited to the classes not yet filled. Bus transportation will be available for some. An attempt is being made to conduct the primary program classes at the neighborhood schools. However, if busing is required, schedules will be sent to the homes of the students. It is required, in the elective program, that children who are bused must take four classes.

Some of the classes to be offered in the primary program include arts and crafts, literature (classic and non-classic), music, physical education, dramatic play, and subject unity interests such as reading, language, and arithmetic. The elementary school elective program includes a wide range of subjects offered. These include algebra, archery, arts and crafts, auto mechanics, gym activities, folk dancing, electronics, drawing and painting, music instrumental classes, speech, debate, languages, journalism, table tennis, tennis, typing, woodshop, softball, and many more.

At Burroughs High School, classes range from drama, guitar, stage band, teacher aide, driver and traffic safety, to health, physical education, swimming, literature for fun, lexicography, and gourmet cooking, to name just a few.

Top director arrives to take over reins of 'Fractured Follies'

John Bell, who has spent the past seven seasons directing for the Jerome H. Cargill Producing Co., of New York City, arrived in Ridgecrest Tuesday evening to meet representatives of the Sierra Sands Unified School District's PTA, sponsors of the 1975 version of "Fractured Follies."

A get-together of those working on the "Follies" was held at The Hideaway. Many of the actors, actresses and singers who will be performing during the show also were present, along with the planners of this event, the proceeds from which will benefit the IWW Campership Fund and the IWW Leukemia Fund.

Bell, who has directed more than 50 shows for Cargill, attended Central State College in Edmond, Okla., and has worked with Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Studios, 20th Century Fox, United Attractions Theatrical Agency in Dallas, Tex., and many other

Question, answer session held ...

(Continued from Page 4) Command, such as through a column in The ROCKETEER.

RAdm. Freeman acknowledged that he wasn't sure what constituted the best channel of communication. He's opened himself about this matter, and hoped that meetings such as the one being held would help to meet the need for communication both up and down.

Experimenting on Communication The audience was asked by Dr. Hollingsworth how many of them took the Center newspaper home to be read by others in the family, and about 60 per cent of those in the theater indicated by raising their hands that they did. "We're experimenting on communication" was all that the Technical Director would add at this point. In the realm of community problem-oriented matters, the following are some of the questions that were raised:

Q: "What is the time frame for removing the fence?" A: When the fence around some portions of the Center is to be relocated depends upon action taken by others — such as the Naval Facilities Engineering Command and the General Services Administration. These agencies have the responsibility for acting upon the recommendation to declare certain housing units excess to the Center's needs, and then handle the details for their sale.

Q: "Could So. Knox Rd. be extended to tie in with an eastward extension of Felspar St. in Ridgecrest, and another gate installed to control entry onto the Center?" A: Adding another gate poses the problem

of manning it. This matter should be resolved in about 12 to 18 months. Q: "What is the Command doing about the early morning traffic congestion at the Main Gate?" A: While traffic congestion is not seen as a serious problem, photos will be taken from a helicopter and studied to determine what can be learned from a look at the traffic patterns shown.

Q: "Do you foresee elimination of civilian housing on the Center during the next five years?" A: There is no plan to eliminate all housing for civilians on the Center. What is being done is aimed at reducing the vacancy rate since it is costly to maintain empty homes. It is anticipated that 1,500 homes will remain for a period extending up to five years from now.

Movie Selection Criticized Q: "Why are so many R-rated movies, instead of those rated G, shown at the Center theater?" A: RAdm. Freeman, who admitted to a preference for Walt Disney films, said he would look into the question of why so many R-rated movies have been booked at the Center theater in recent weeks. The films are not selected locally, however, he added, but come from a central source that serves 11th Naval District activities.

The meeting was brought to a conclusion by the NWC Commander who confirmed his belief in "the fine, dedicated work force at the Center," and announced that similar open forums will be held from time to time as it seems appropriate to schedule them.



CONTINUING A TRADITION — Rear Admiral R. G. Freeman III, NWC Commander, was present at the Court of Honor, held on April 14 at the All Faith Chapel, to congratulate Mike Chartier upon the young man's attainment of the rank of Eagle Scout. The youth is the fourth member of his family to reach Scouting's highest rank. He is a member of Troop 3, a unit sponsored by the Ridgecrest Elks Lodge. Among those present at the special Court of Honor were his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Woody Chartier (at left). During the evening, Paul Winnemore received the Eagle Silver Palm, which represents 15 additional merit badges earned beyond the requirements for Eagle rank, and includes six months of service to his Troop. —Photo by Maurice Dias