

## Final stagings of 'Many Moons' set by Murray players

The final two performances of "Many Moons," a delightful story about a young princess who wants the moon, will be presented tonight and tomorrow afternoon by the Murray After School Players.

The curtain will go up at 7:30 tonight at the Murray School auditorium and again tomorrow afternoon at 3:30.

Admission is \$1 for adults and 75 cents for students. All proceeds will go to the IWV Leukemia Fund.

Martine Baker, director of the production, is assisted by Roxanne Alger, while Doug Fulmer is the technical director.

The cast is headed by Terri Petach as the Princess, and Bruce McClung, who plays the jester. Others are Karen Smith, as Cyncia; Robin Bonner, nurse; Tom Browne, Lord High Chamberlain; Janet Washmuth, Paretta; Maryann Taunton, mathematician; and Marlene Brunson, as the goldsmith's daughter.

Bob Schwarzbach will play the king. Mel Breslow and Louise Hugo are in charge of lighting. Vivian Childers, of the Community Light Opera and Theater Association, assisted with costuming, and Gerry Baker, of the China Lake Players, aided with lighting props and equipment.

## IWV Youth Council to hold Art Fair at Ridgecrest Park

Hark! Hark! The Park! will be here on Saturday.

The Indian Wells Valley Youth Council will sponsor its first Art Fair tomorrow from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on the grass of Ridgecrest Park.

A host of local artists and craftsmen — both amateur and professional — will offer wares for sale, displayed in many creative manners.

Some of the artisans will show passersby how it's done with on-the-spot demonstrations of weaving, metal sculpturing, and macrame.

Strolling guitarists Joey Pickins and Laura Reymore will provide an almost Renaissance flavor to the art fair. Jim Strathdee and Kim Breedlove are slated to give special musical performances during the day.

In addition, original skits and gymnastics will be added attractions. Refreshments and light snacks will be available to hungry and thirsty fairgoers.

## Technical Liaison Office opened in Pasadena by Army

A West Coast Technical Industrial Liaison Office (TILO) has been established by the Army Material Command and is now in operation at 1030 E. Green St., Pasadena, Calif.

Designed to provide industries in the western states with planning information regarding the Army's future requirements in the research and development field, the Army Material Command office is located in the same building as the Department of Navy's TILO.

After the Air Force TILO joins the Navy and Army in July, industries in the western part of the country will be able to go to one location to receive information on the research and development programs and requirements of all the services.

Heretofore, it was necessary for representatives of industry to travel to the Washington area for advanced planning information regarding Army and Air Force matters.

The Army Material Command recently assumed the TILO function from Department of the Army, and the Command's East Coast TILO is located in Room 8N23, AMC Building, 5001 Eisenhower Ave., Alexandria, Va.



**THIS IS NO FAIRY TALE**—The American Association for University Women will sponsor a used book sale tomorrow from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the east parking lot of the All Faith Chapel. Prices will range from 5 cents for hardbound novels to \$5 for sets of encyclopedias. Above, Jean Amundsen (1.) and Ann Crowder watch as Mark and Kim Crowder examine some of the merchandise. All money raised will be used for the AAUW's scholarship program. —Photo by Diane Coryell

## Happenings around NWC

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

Prior to the dance a seafood buffet will be served in the dining room. The price is \$8.50 per person.

Paul Dotson, acting club manager, also noted that the Saturday family special tomorrow will be the hamburger special at \$1 with French fries and a soft drink, or \$1.10 for a cheeseburger with fries and a drink.

Dotson also reminded that the swimming pool is now open for the summer season. He



### COMING JUNE 6TH—A benefit performance by the Ballet Arts Theatre

to raise funds for the Activity Center for the Handicapped (a program sponsored by the IWV Association for the Retarded), will be held on Friday, June 6, starting at 7 p.m. at the Burroughs High School Lecture Center. Among the featured performers will be Teri Jacks (at left) and Gina Phillips who are shown in a pose from a Don Quixote pas de deux that will be included in the program. Donations are \$1 for adults and 50 cents for children 12 years of age and under. Tickets can be obtained in advance at the Station Pharmacy or in Ridgecrest at the Gift Mart, Ace TV or the Daily Independent newspaper office. Patronage tickets at \$5 each can be ordered by calling 375-8546.

urged all COM members to hurry and join to participate in the pool's special family activities.

### Stargazers To Show Films

Two film slide presentations and a 15-minute color film will be presented by the China Lake Astronomical Society at the group's next meeting on Monday, starting at 7:30 p.m., at 401-A McIntire St.

A highly entertaining and informative film about radio astronomy, produced by the National Radio Astronomy Observatory and entitled "The Invisible Universe" will be shown.

In addition, Robert Moran, a club member, will show some of his film slides of lunar eclipses, and photos taken by Carroll Evans, another club member, during the Astronomical Society of the Pacific Convention (held recently in Mexico), will be presented.

### Museum Sponsors Program

A talk and film slide program entitled "Holiday in the Andes" will be presented next Wednesday, June 4, starting at 7:30 p.m. in the Richmond School auditorium.

Another of the travel and educational programs sponsored by the Maturango Museum, it will be presented by Carroll L. Evans, Jr., president of the museum's board of trustees.

Evans will describe and show films of a trip he took earlier this year to the South American countries of Columbia, Peru and Ecuador.

### Kitchen Refurbished

Walt Schimke, manager of the Chaparral Club, announced that the kitchen refurbishing has been completed and the dining facility is now open from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Friday.

On Thursday evenings, the dining room will open at 7 o'clock to serve such food as pizza, shrimp in a basket, chicken in a basket, and sandwiches.

During lunch, the dining room is open to all persons regardless of rank. Civilian employees of NWC also are invited to eat lunch at the Chaparral Club.

Tonight at the Chaparral, a record hop will begin at 7 o'clock. Schimke has booked Jerry Phoenix and the Grand Canyon Express, a country and western group, to play Saturday evening from 8:30 until after midnight.

## 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  
Regular starting time — 7:30 p.m.

FRI. 30 MAY

### "BUSTING" (92 Min.)

Elliott Gould, Robert Blake  
(Drama) Two Los Angeles vice squad detectives go after a syndicate boss who is dealing in heroin. They make a full-time job of harrasing the crime czar, but are brutally beaten and lose their jobs as a result. (R)

SAT. 31 MAY

### "MELODY" (106 Min.)

Mark Lester, Tracy Hyde  
(Comedy) Mark Lester, 11, is a mischievous London lad who befriends classmate Jack Wild. Pretty Tracy Hyde, another classmate, has many friends and a happy home life while the boys prefer each other's company. Jealous of her attention to his friend, Jack tries unsuccessfully to break them up. (G)

SUN. 1 JUNE

### "A REASON TO LIVE, A REASON TO DIE" (91 Min.)

James Coburn, Telly Savalas  
(Western) A Civil War fortress which was considered impregnable was destroyed by marauders. Sgt. Samson said the raid was the result of a blood feud between two bitter men. A Union officer once regarded as a traitor and coward, leads seven condemned men on an impossible mission to recapture Fort Holman from the Confederate forces. (PG)

MON. 2 JUNE

### "PIRANHA" (90 Min.)

William Smith, Peter Brown  
(Adventure Drama) Terri Green her brother and their guide set out by motorcycle to photograph the jungle wildlife of Amazon River area. The trio encounter Caribe, a cold-blooded hunter with little regard for animal or human life. They learn they are to be the hunted, rather than the hunters, in a dangerous game devised by Caribe. (PG)

TUE. 3 JUNE

### "THE FAMILY" (96 Min.)

Charles Bronson, Telly Savalas  
(Action Drama) Charles Bronson is a professional killer. His victims had always been impersonal targets, but on his last assignment he had looked directly into the eyes of his victim before pulling the trigger. This haunts him and gives him pangs of conscience. (R)

WED. 4 JUNE

### "CINDERELLA LIBERTY" (117 Min.)

James Caan, Marsha Mason  
(Comedy Drama) A sailor, recuperating at a naval hospital in Seattle, meets a lonely woman in a bar. He falls in love with her despite her illegitimate son. (R)

THURS. 5 JUNE

### "A WOMAN FOR ALL MEN" (95 Min.)

Keenan Wynn, Judith Brown  
(Romantic Melodrama) A multimillionaire building contractor marries a young woman with a clouded past. When the marriage is revealed, the sons suspect she married their father for money and that they will be cut off. Surprises, including a liaison with one of the sons follow, building up to a tragic ending. (R)

FRI. 6 JUNE

### "SAVE THE CHILDREN" (127 Min.)

Marvin Gaye, The Temptations  
(Musical Documentary) At 1972's Black Exposition in Chicago, the theme was "Save The Children." Some of the top black talent in the business donated its services and performed for the cause. (G)

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## Meeting held by Rec. Council on change in fees

A special meeting, devoted solely to the purpose of considering proposed changes in fees to be charged for the use of various recreational and hobby shop facilities, and to consider alternative plans for operating the Ceramics Hobby Shop, was held recently by the Joint Navy-Civilian Recreation Council.

Reason for the meeting at this time was to enable the council to decide upon recommendations that will be submitted to the fund administrator prior to final approval of the 1975-76 budget. The overall aim of the Recreation Council is to enable the variety of activities that come under its cognizance to operate (as nearly as possible) on a break-even basis.

### Detailed Data Presented

A flip-chart presentation (prepared by Terry Vollmerhausen) was presented by Les Saxton, a Recreation Council member, covering the activities of the Ceramics Hobby Shop and the Desert Ceramics Club. Objective of the report was to determine whether the Special Services Branch should continue to operate the Ceramics Hobby Shop, or modify its programs.

Information was provided on membership, fees, activities and the financial status of both the Ceramics Hobby Shop and the Desert Ceramics Club, as well as other ceramics activities that are available elsewhere throughout the community.

It was the recommendation of John Shoaf, director of Special Services, that current operations be continued for six months to see if a reduction in the number of paid employees and the increase in the fee for use of the ceramics firing kiln would further reduce expenses so that the "break-even" trend now in evidence would continue.

### Shop Closing Recommended

After a close vote, however, Recreation Council members recommended that the Ceramics Hobby Shop be closed and its resale facility be combined as a part of NWC hobby complex. This suggestion will now be submitted to the recreation fund administrator for consideration.

Officials of the Desert Ceramics Club have indicated they would extend their membership and accept patrons of the

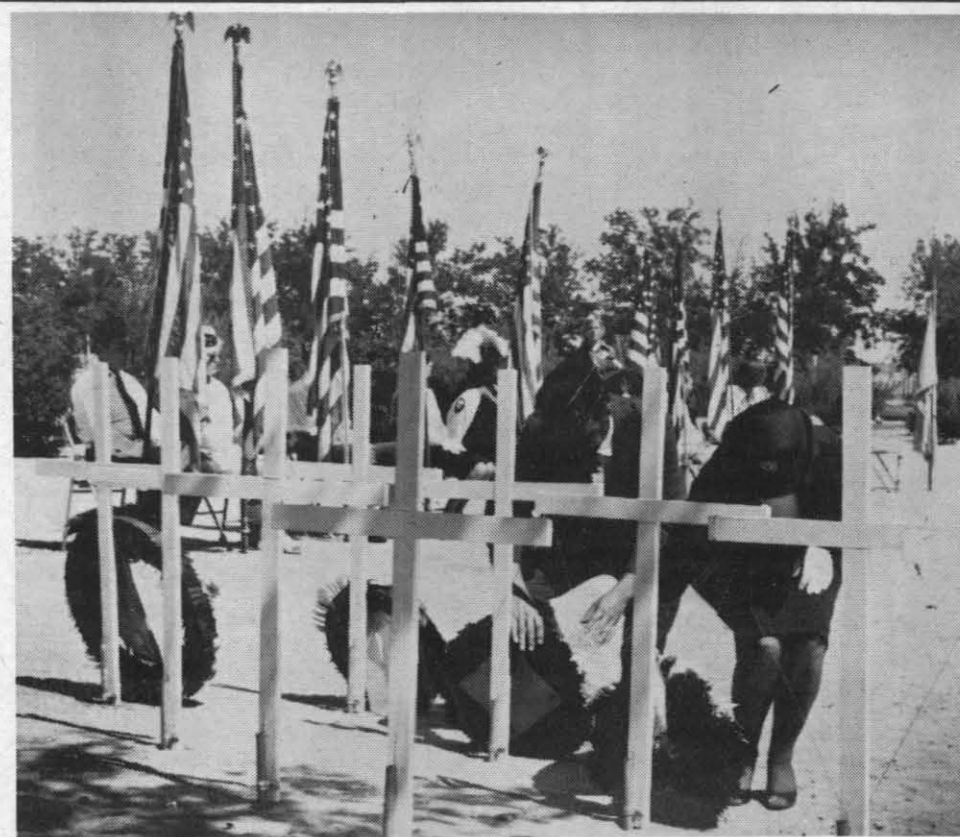
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## Deadline to apply for vacancy on CLCC bd. extended

The deadline for interested persons to file for a vacancy on the China Lake Community Council's board of directors has been extended until Monday, June 9, it was announced Tuesday by Aletha Benson, chairman of the Council's nominating committee.

At the present time, the local civic group is seeking nominees from among persons 18 years of age and older who reside within the boundaries of combined Precincts 1 and 2. Those wishing to be considered for membership on the CLCC board of directors are asked to contact Mrs. Benson by calling 446-3729 on or before the June 9 deadline. The decision regarding who will be selected will be made at the Council's next regular meeting on June 10.

At press time for this week's issue of The ROCKETEER, there were four candidates. They are Marie McArtor, Jean McGlothlin, Bob McCarten and Harlan Reep.



**TWO OF THOSE** among the representatives of veterans' and fraternal groups throughout the local area who took part in the wreath-placing portion of this past Monday's Memorial Day program are shown above. They are Chef Howard (at left) and Winnie Miller, of John M. Armitage Post No. 684 and its Auxiliary. The wreath bearers and their escorts were led by Jim Donathan, of VFW Ship 4084, who served as chairman of the East Kern County Veterans' Coordinating Council's Memorial Day program. —Photo by Ron Allen

## Traditional Memorial Day rites held at cemetery in Ridgecrest

The 1975 observance of Memorial Day was highlighted this past Monday by a special Mass at the Naval Weapons Center's All Faith Chapel and by the East Kern County Veterans' Coordinating Council's annual salute to the memory of those whose devoted service in times of national crisis have paid the fullest price—their very lives — for liberty and freedom.

Rear Admiral R. G. Freeman III, NWC Commander, was the principal speaker on both occasions.

During his presentation at the Desert Memorial Park Cemetery, site of the



**PRINCIPAL SPEAKER** at both a Memorial Day Mass and the traditional patriotic observance held at Desert Memorial Park Cemetery in Ridgecrest was Rear Admiral R. G. Freeman III, NWC Commander.

Memorial Day program arranged by local veterans' groups, the Skipper began by noting that similar events were occurring throughout the United States on this national holiday.

"There are many such as you and I who are pausing in their own lives to show their deep, personal respect for other Americans who have given their lives in support of the

principles for which this great nation stands," the speaker said as he commented briefly on the historical background of this patriotic observance originally called Decoration Day.

"It comes to me that while we are honoring those who have fallen, we are at the same time rededicating ourselves to the high purpose for which others have died. If that be so, Memorial Day 1975 must be of signal importance to all of us," RADM. Freeman emphasized.

He also had special words of praise for those he termed "a new breed of American heroes." He had reference to the brave Americans who fell in Korea and Vietnam. "They died in combat just as courageously as did their honored forebearers, but it was their lot to be called to serve in a new experience for American fighting men.

"While these brave men went to their appointed place at the bidding of their government and in the service of their country, and while that service brought

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## Decision pending on buying TV equipment

Within the next two weeks, operators of the television booster stations atop Laurel and "B" Mts. will make a decision regarding the purchase of new translator equipment.

Having approximately \$83,000 left in the kitty after purchase of other new equipment—such as antennas and FM translators—the China Lake Community Council's TV-FM Committee, headed by Don Stanton, will soon order new translator equipment for Channels 2, 4, 5, 7, 9, 11 and 13.

This equipment will be installed at the two transmitting sites within 30 days after it is received at China Lake.

The choice has been narrowed down to the Acrodyne Corp. and EMCCE Corp., and one of these two manufacturers will get the nod following the 30-day testing period that was

## China Lakers take part in rescue efforts

Two post-Memorial Day weekend searches took place on Tuesday that involved members of the China Lake Mountain Rescue Group, the China Lake Civil Air Patrol and a pilot, co-pilot and crew members of a Naval Air Facility helicopter.

No injuries were involved in either incident, and three missing persons were located. One search was in the Kennedy Meadows area, while the other one centered along the Kern River in the vicinity of Durwood campground.

The CLMRG's first call for assistance was received at 9:35 a.m. Tuesday from the Sierra Madre Search and Rescue Team. A woman resident had called the Southland search group when her husband and son, Ted and Rick Meyers, failed to return as expected from a fishing trip in the Kennedy Meadows area.

### No Real Emergency

After what developed into a day-long effort to locate the "missing" anglers, it turned out that they had decided to remain an extra day in the mountains.

Before this was learned, however, Lee Lucas, the CLMRG operations leader for this mission, had dispatched one team composed of Nick Bottka, Fred Camphausen and Bob Joy to Kennedy Meadows, and followed this up by later sending out Al Green and Don Peterson. In addition, Phelps Terhuen, of Squadron 84 of the China Lake Civil Air Patrol, was contacted and asked to send out a plane to try to locate the fishermen's vehicle from the air.

The Meyers' vehicle was located at about 1 p.m. in the Troy Meadows area, and CLMRG members learned a short time later that Forest Service employees at the Black Rock Ranger Station had seen the father and son, who were in no trouble but were planning to return to their car and head home later in the afternoon.

### Different Routes Taken

Nevertheless, Bottka and Joy left a note on the vehicle and went looking for the fishermen, while the other CLMRG members in this search party returned to their operations hut at NWC. As luck would have it, the father and son returned by another route to their car and were never seen by the searchers. They, too, however, left a note to let Bottka and Joy know that they were all right and had started their belated vehicle journey home.

While the search for the Meyers' party was still in progress, another call for assistance was received by the CLMRG at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday from Alan Montgomery, a Tulare County deputy sheriff stationed at Fairview.

Ed Fowler, a 32-year-old Southland resident, became separated from two companions while attempting to descend from the Kern Plateau's Rincon trail to the east side of the Kern River.

Dr. Carl Heller, the CLMRG operation leader, requested help from the CAP to look

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**REALISTIC DISASTER DRILL CONDUCTED**—Naval Weapons Center Police and Fire Division personnel provided backup to their counterparts in Ridgecrest during the practice disaster drill held on May 22 by the Ridgecrest Community Hospital. Simulated was a bus-station wagon collision that resulted in more than 40 "casualties." This camera's-eye view of a portion of the drill shows (at top left) the accident scene at S. China Lake Blvd. and Upjohn Rd., and next to it a photo of one of those "injured" being carried on a stretcher to a vehicle by Kern County firemen for transportation to the hospital. The picture at lower left was snapped outside the local medical facility's emergency room, and



(at lower right) can be seen a Navy helicopter as it waits to evacuate one of those most seriously "hurt" in the simulated accident. Two China Lake policemen assisted at the accident scene by helping to transport the "injured," while the Fire Division dispatched a pumper truck, a rescue truck and an ambulance to the heliport. One fireman also operated a video tape recorder to film the drill for study as a part of the critique that is now being prepared. In addition, an ambulance and two men from the NWC Dispensary were sent to the accident scene, as were three additional Center employees who operated other portable video recording units at the accident site and hospital.

## 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 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 454 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 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.

**Electronics Technician, GS-856-7 or 9, PD No. 7553025, Code 532**—This position is located in the Video Projects Branch, Presentations Division, Technical Information Department. This branch is responsible for Center-produced video tape productions. Duties of the incumbent are primarily maintenance of video production equipment and operation of equipment during production. The incumbent performs all pre-production camera adjustments, video setup, audio hookup, recorder preparation, character generation, optical multiplexer, and video pointer. Is responsible for technical excellence of tape product. **Job Relevant Criteria:** Ability to install, repair, overhaul, and maintain, electronic equipment. Experience with video production equipment is desirable.

File applications for the above with Elizabeth Sodergren, Bldg. 34, Rm. 206, Ph. 2676.

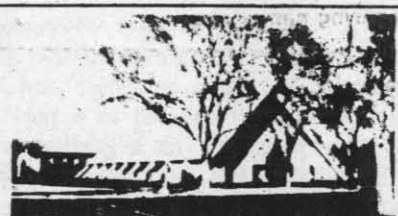
**Mechanical Engineer, GS-830-12 / Electrical Engineer, GS-850-12, PD No. 7570003, Code 703**—This position is located in the Public Works Department, Engineering Division. The incumbent is the head of the Energy Conservation Office. He provides direction and overall coordination for the NWC Energy Conservation Program. The incumbent will identify and monitor energy usage and improvement projects; develop priorities for programs; evaluate alternatives; develop a plan for energy conservation improvements; disseminate standards to Center personnel. **Job Relevant Criteria:** Must have significant education and experience in electrical and mechanical engineering. Must be able to capably present his views orally and in writing to various managers, military, governmental and civilian personnel. Ability to influence people to effect change and improvements.

File applications for the above with Dora Childers, Bldg. 34, Rm. 210, Ph. 2393.

**Clerk-Typist, GS-322-4, PD No. 7555049, Code 582**—This position is located in the Quality Assurance Branch. Incumbent provides clerical and typing assistance to the branch personnel, acts as a receptionist, maintains branch files, etc. **Job Relevant Criteria:** Must be a qualified typist. Ability to get along with others. Ability to work under pressure.

**Supervisory General Engineer, GS-801-13 / 14, PD No. 7455118, Code 582**—This position is that of head, Quality Assurance Branch, Engineering Department. Incumbent approves and assists in preparing plans, cost estimates, budget estimates and tasks on work to be performed under

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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	
BLESSSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL MASS		
Daily except Saturday		1135
CONFESSIONS		
Saturday	1545 to 1645	
Sunday	0800 to 0825	
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES		
Sunday	Kindergarten thru 6th grades	1015
	Pre-school	1130
Wednesday	First thru sixth	1530
	seventh & eighth (Junior High)	1900

Above classes are held in Chapel Annexes across from Center Restaurant. As announced. Ninth thru 12th grades "In Home" Discussion Groups Monthly Youth Rallies Contact Chaplain's Office for specifics.

JEWISH SERVICES		
EAST WING—ALL FAITH CHAPEL		
Friday 1st and 3rd ONLY—(Sept.-May)		
Sabbath Services		2000
Saturday	Sabbath School	0900
UNITARIANS CHAPEL ANNEX 95		
Sunday	Services—(Sept.-May)	1930

## Receptions slated Sun. for married couples

A special reception honoring married couples who already have or will be celebrating wedding anniversaries of special note during 1975 has been planned on Sunday in the East Wing of the All Faith Chapel.

The reception, which will follow the 11:30 a.m. Mass, is being arranged by members of NWC's Catholic congregation and will begin at about 12:30 p.m.

According to Fr. Joseph Wambach, Catholic chaplain, among the honored couples will be Dr. and Mrs. Lohr Burkhardt, whose 40th wedding anniversary is on June 1, as well as Capt. and Mrs. E. M. Crow, who will be celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary this year.

This reception is for married couples of all religious faiths, Fr. Wambach added.

## All Faith Chapel site of Memorial Day Mass

His reflections on the meaning of devotion were presented by Rear Admiral R. G. Freeman III, NWC Commander, during a Memorial Day Mass this past Monday morning at the All Faith Chapel.

Fr. Joseph Wambach, NWC's Catholic chaplain, offered the mass, and patriotic hymns were sung to the accompaniment of organ music played by Irene Hosmer.

This was the nation's 107th commemoration of Memorial Day, a patriotic observance that was set aside originally by veterans of the Grand Army of the Republic to honor their comrades who died in the Civil War.

### The American Heritage

"Devotion to God, though it transcends devotion to duty and country, most often is inseparable in our history," RAdm. Freeman noted. "Our nation's heritage rests on a bedrock of devotion to duty, courage in the face of tribulation and a belief that the cause of liberty is worth fighting and dying for," he added.

The early pilgrims, it was pointed out by the Skipper, gave thanks to God for the bounty of this land even at a time when their circumstances were most precarious.

"The devotion of those we honor on this Memorial Day rises above the individual religious beliefs and political persuasions of all of us gathered here today. On this occasion," the speaker stated, "we gather simply as Americans who recognize the value of devotion to God and country. Our fortunes and future are the legacy of those who, in serving this nation, gave their very lives to preserve the integrity of a way of life."

RAdm. Freeman continued by pointing out that "all too often we are prone to accept this gift of liberty and dignity without reflecting on the price that has already been paid by many. But today is different, and well it should be. At this hour, we are in fact pausing in our own lives to honor those who have demonstrated their devotion by their service and sacrifice."

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## Employee in the spotlight

Every time he sees a line full of freshly laundered clothing, Dr. Ronald Henry is reminded of his early days as a research chemist.

Ron was a member of a research team that developed Tide for Proctor and Gamble in Cincinnati, O., before he came to the Naval Weapons Center.

Now a senior research scientist in the Research Department, Ron wanted to work on something more meaningful than laundry soap, so he took a job with the Chemistry Division's Inorganic Chemistry Branch in February 1947.

In the beginning he worked with research on cool gun propellants and his efforts over the years have involved him in polymer research, weather modification, and dyes for lasers.

### Never Regretted Move Here

"I've never regretted coming to China Lake. There has been a tremendous amount of freedom to perform research at NWC in the 28 years that I've been employed here. The Navy has a lot of interests and has supported this research for many years, and that's a plus factor to living on the desert," he stated. "Of course, it helps if you also like the desert," Ron added, facetiously.

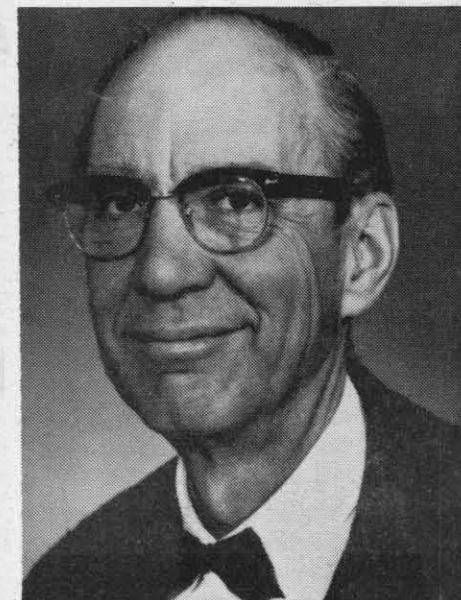
An avid rockhound, Ron has enjoyed living on the Mojave Desert. It is a similar environment to that of Yakima, Wash., where he was raised. Following his graduation from Yakima Senior High School, Ron spent two years studying at Yakima Valley Junior College. He then entered the University of Washington in Seattle where he earned a bachelor's degree and Ph.D. in chemistry.

Ron then spent five years with the soap manufacturers before joining Civil Service. After seven years as a research chemist, Ron was made head of the Organic Chemistry Branch in 1954. He served in that capacity until 1974 when he received his present promotion.

### Thompson Award Recipient

For a two-year period (1959-1961) he was acting head of the Chemistry Division.

For his work on synthetic polymers, Ron was chosen to receive the L. T. E. Thompson Award, the Center's highest civilian award. That was in 1960. At the time he was heavily involved with research on the W/ARPA program on propellant ingredient synthesis. He was a member of a U.S. Navy committee to decide contract awards dealing with this program and continued to review the contracts during the life of the program.



Dr. Ronald Henry

In more recent years, Ron has worked on the chemiluminescent research program with Dr. Carl Heller and Carl Morley, along with other Center employees. He has approximately 25 patents bearing his name and has written approximately 100 different papers and other publications.

"One of my more famous papers was one I wrote with Dr. Bill Finnegan on a new way to synthesize a class of compounds. It is still being quoted 5 to 10 times a year in different publications," he pointed out.

Ron and his wife, Mary Anne, have three children. They are Kathryn, who works for a visiting nurses association in San Jose; Douglas, an employee of the Bureau of Land Management in Medford, Ore., and Robert, a student at UC, Davis.

### Long Involved in Boy Scouts

Ron and Mary Anne are busy people. Since 1956 Ron has been associated with Boy Scout Troop 41 and has held every post possible during that time. He also has served on the Desert District's committee as chairman for one year and was associated with Explorer Post 291 for 12 years. A former Life Scout himself, Ron considers working with Boy Scouts his principal activity.

However, he has been an active Rockhound since the days of the old NOTS Rockhounds, now called the IWV Gem and Mineral Society. His love of the desert environment has extended to working with the Matungo Museum's archeological programs and Ron has assisted Carol Panlaqui with digging at various sites, site surveying and other tasks.

He once served as president of the China Lake National Science Club, a predecessor to the Museum.

He now shares Mary Anne's interest in botany and the couple can often be seen hiking the mountains and deserts looking for new specimens.

### Takes Part in Varied Activities

Mary Anne also has been active in Girl Scouting for many years and enjoys working with handicrafts such as weaving. She is a member of the IWV Nurses Club, the American Association of University Women, and has served on the All Faith Chapel's Protestant Council.

A member of the American Chemical Society since 1938, Ron has served the local section in every post of the group, and has held most of the offices of the China Lake Section of Sigma Xi, formerly called the Scientific Research Society of America (RESA).

As a member of RESA, Ron was instrumental in founding the Science/Mathematics Work Experience Program at Burroughs High School.

## Metal Trades Council to meet again June 5

The Indian Wells Valley Metal Trades Council will hold its regular monthly meeting next Thursday, June 5, at 65-B Halsey Ave., beginning at 7:30 p.m.

The Council is representative of a unit composed of the non-supervisory, ungraded, civilian employees of the Center who are located at China Lake.



**WHEE, IT'S THE SHEIK OF ARABY!!**—A crowd of 208 guests watched members of the Women's Auxiliary of the Commissioned Officers' Mess cavort and whoop it up during the local women's group's annual "Spring Fling," held on May 17 at the COM. In the number above, Pat Leopard, Maria Knight, Carol Anderson, Debbie Caffern and Shirley Knight (l.-r.) are shown during a rousing "Sheik of Araby" number. Other selections planned by Marlene Paige and Dixie Miller, the show's producers, included the "Chanteuse Floozie Singers," visits from Al Capone and his gang (actually a barbershop quartet), a harem dancer (Sandi Kern), and a Charleston contest that was won by John King and Barbara Hinkle. Emcee for the evening was Ron Dettling, while Steve Lee was the show's director.

## Promotional opportunities...

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cognizance of branch personnel. He is responsible for the formulation of proposals for basic policy, plans, program standards and techniques required to carry out the objectives of quality assurance. He also is responsible for the review and approval of soldering technology and project quality requirements prepared and proposed by Center personnel. **Job Relevant Criteria:** Incumbent must possess general design knowledge of weapon system components, such as guidance, control, propulsion, warheads, fuzing, launchers, avionics, and support equipment. The incumbent must have a working knowledge of NWC, Navy, and DoD policy of Quality Assurance and its implementation. An extensive background in program management and project engineering with air delivered weapons systems is also required.

**Supervisory Electronics Technician, GS-856-12, PD No. 7555049, Code 541**—This position is that of head, Test & Coil Development Section, Electronic Prototype Branch, Engineering Department. Work assignments range from developmental testing of electronic devices to qualification testing and troubleshooting analysis of state-of-the-art missile guidance computers, airborne radar detectors and telemetry systems, and aircraft missile system test equipment. Incumbent also has technical cognizance over WS656, "Procedures and Requirements for Preparation and Soldering of Electrical Connections." The incumbent supervises electronic technicians, electronics mechanics and a coil winder. **Job Relevant Criteria:** Incumbent must possess extensive knowledge and experience in the field of magnetic design, fabrication, test and failure analysis. Incumbent is required to have detailed knowledge of the capabilities, limitations, and design characteristics of electronic test instruments and components. Incumbent must also show detailed experience in the application of electronic test and troubleshooting techniques.

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

**Supervisory Policeman, GS-083-7, PD No. 7184012-3, Code 843**—This is a temporary promotion not to exceed one year which may lead to permanent assignment. This position is

## Sign-ups under way for college classes

Registration for the summer session at Cerro Coso Community College is now under way and will continue Mondays through Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and on Fridays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. until June 16.

A total of 27 classes is being offered this summer. The session begins on June 16 and lasts until July 25, with the exception of two courses being offered via Los Angeles television stations. The TV courses require a special registration because they continue through late August.

The summer school program offers a wide variety of academic, skill and special interest classes. Subjects such as natural resources, science seminars, anthropology and physical geography, the arts, and business have been scheduled.

All of the Cerro Coso College courses carry credit and there is no tuition for California residents. Bob Rafal, who will be dean of the summer session, urges those interested to register early, since many of the classes are expected to fill up quickly.

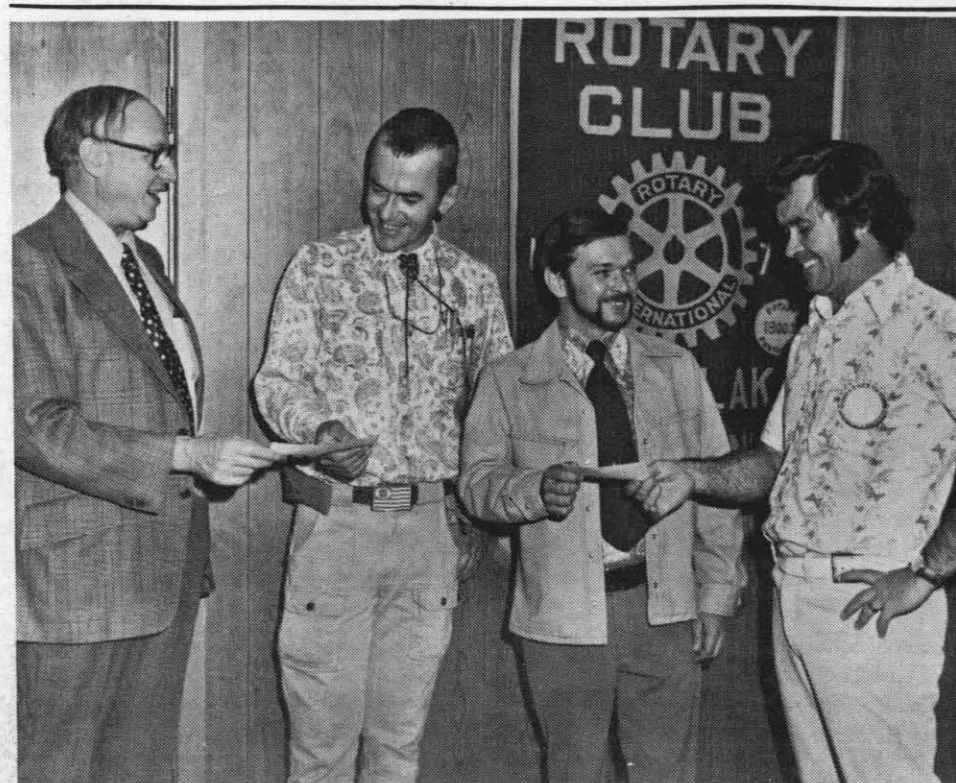
located in the Patrol Branch, Police Division, Security Department. As patrol sergeant, incumbent is a first line supervisor responsible for one of three watches (shifts). Incumbent will primarily perform his duties in the field, supervising the actions and performance of the patrolmen. He will insure that all investigations handled by patrol units are properly conducted. Incumbent will, while on patrol, act as a patrol unit and will be alert to law violators, evidence of the occurrence of a crime, or conditions which would adversely affect the welfare of the Center. Incumbent plays a major role in supervising and disciplining patrolmen. **Job Relevant Criteria:** Incumbent must be very knowledgeable in all aspects of police work; particularly patrol functions and criminal investigations. He must be versed in criminal law, court decisions, crime scene investigations, collection and preservation of evidence, interrogation techniques, techniques of arrest, juvenile procedures, police tactics and the proper use of all types of police equipment, crowd and riot control, public relations, methods of criminal operations, and report writing.

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

### Job Opportunity

**Recreation Aid, PS-0189-2 (\$2,215/yr), PD No. 7455127**—(This is not a Civil Service job. Applications solicited from other than Civil Service employees.) This is a part-time position located in the Ceramics Hobby Shop. Assists and instructs patrons in the use of the shop's facilities. Sells materials and assists in inventories. **Desirable Qualifications:** Knowledge of operation of ceramic kiln. Approximately 15 hours per week.

File applications for the above with Elizabeth Sodergren, Bldg. 34, Rm. 206, Ph. 2676.



**SNAKE HUNTERS RECEIVE SUPPORT**—Mike Robertson and Sterling Endsley (center, left and right respectively) are shown receiving checks for \$75 each from Ben Hartman (l.), president of the Rotary Club of China Lake, and Bill Duguid, chairman of the club's Mojave Rattler Project. The \$150 was donated to help the two science teachers with their project of capturing Mojave Green and Mojave Red rattlesnakes for shipment to the University of Southern California where the snakes' venom is extracted for serum. Because of this worthwhile effort, residents of the Indian Wells Valley will not have to pay for the serum in the event they are bitten by a rattler. Normally, the anti-snakebite serum costs \$100 per injection.





By Jack Lindsey

Ted Dominguez was voted "most valuable player" in the Newbury Park Memorial Day weekend softball tournament, held May 24, 25 and 26.

The fierce local pitcher hurled six of eight games for the Hide Away softball team, sponsored by Frank Robinson, but was more honored and feared for his batting than his pitching.

Young Dominguez rapped the ball at a .695 clip during the eight games at Newbury Park.

The local team did itself proud. After losing the opener, 6-5, to a team from Orange County, the Hide Away squad came back through the losers' bracket to win the next six contests before being defeated in the championship game by Continental Telephone of Glendale. The final score was 9-1. For its efforts, the local squad picked up the "Sportsmen" trophy at the tourney.

The team is now 18-14 for the season and is getting into championship form for the big tournaments remaining on the schedule. The Hide Away softballers will travel to Bishop for the Bishop Open softball tourney on June 13, 14 and 15. Then it will return here for the China Lake Invitational Fast Pitch Tournament, which also will be Open class competition.

Max Smith, manager of the club, is very happy with the progress of his ball players. "They're ready for some hard, tough competition now," he said, pointing to the club's performance at Newbury Park. "That was a real warmup for us and showed what calibre of play we're capable of," he continued.

Billy Brown and Bert Andreassen each won a game at Newbury. With those two on their game, plus Dominguez, the Hide Away could very well surprise a few people at Bishop.

**COM Slates Swim Classes**  
Swimming classes for children 4 through 10 years of age, divided into four two-week sessions, will be held at the Commissioned Officers' Mess swimming pool.

The registration dates for each session are from 1 to 2 p.m. on June 9, June 23, July 7 and July 21.

A registration fee of \$10 per session will be charged. In addition, all persons taking lessons must either be a paid up member of the swimming pool or belong to a family whose membership is paid up for the summer.

The lessons will be given from 8:30 to 10 a.m., Tuesday through Fridays.

For more information, contact Wilt Wyman by calling NWC ext. 2334.

**Pistol Team Tryouts Set**  
The NWC/NAF pistol team, led by Lt. Joe Norrick, will hold shooting tryouts on Monday at 11:30 a.m. at the NAF pistol range.

The range is located near the Explosive Ordnance Disposal team headquarters on the other side of "B" Mt.

Prospective members of the pistol team will fire both .22 and .45 caliber handguns in match competition tryouts. The team is attempting to bolster its roster before entering 11th Naval District and Pacific Fleet events in June.



**ROACHES DEFEAT FAST PITCH LEADERS** -- Ted Dominguez of the Roaches pitched a four hitter and belted a solo home run to blank the John's Pizza team, 5-0, in the Fast Pitch intramural Softball League last Tuesday night. In the photo above, Dave Dalton, Roaches' 1st baseman, digs out a low throw to nail Tom McKinney on a close play at first. Bert Andreassen was the losing pitcher. Jeff Radcliff also connected for a four-bagger. His round-tripper came with one man on base in the sixth inning.

—Photo by Ron Allen

## Annual CPO Golden Anchor golf tourney scheduled June 7, 8

Local golfers are eagerly awaiting the fifth annual running of the Golden Anchor tournament, set for Saturday and Sunday, June 7 and 8.

This event, which is one of the more popular ones held each year on the local links, is co-sponsored by the China Lake Men's Golf Club and the Chief Petty Officer's Club.

Format for the tourney is 36 holes, best ball of partners. Entry fee is \$50 per two-man team, and entry blanks are available at the CPO Club.

### Softball standings

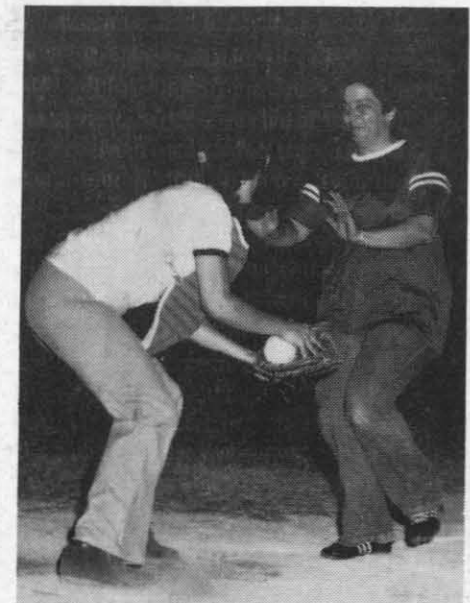
Following are the standings in the China Lake Intramural Softball Leagues as of Tuesday, May 27:

Fast Pitch			
Team	Won	Lost	
Homestead	3	1	
John's Pizza	3	1	
Navy Hawks	2	1	
Roaches	3	2	
Western Auto	2	3	
Ridgecrest Merchants	0	5	

Slow Pitch			
American Division			
Team	Won	Lost	
Bird Olds	6	0	
VX-5 Vampires	3	1	
Mayflower Movers	3	3	
Pizza Villa	3	3	
CSC	2	4	
Knights	0	5	
National Division			
Team	Won	Lost	
James Gang	5	0	
Dispensary	3	2	
Stare Montagne	3	3	
1st Federal Savings	1	3	
NAF Hawks	0	5	

Women's League			
American Division			
Team	Won	Lost	
Comarco	4	0	
Nash Calculators	4	1	
VX-5 Women	3	1	
VIP's	1	3	
TJ Frisbee	0	3	
Valley Merchants	0	4	

National Division			
Team	Won	Lost	
Zingbats	4	0	
SBS Concrete	4	4	
Daffydills	2	2	
Misfits	2	3	
NAF Women	1	4	
Ripoffs	0	4	



**OH, MY! -- Gleaming in anticipation,** Ruby Garrett is about to show Michelle Mills (catcher) how tough a job guarding the plate can be. Miss Mills was knocked rolling by the charging Mrs. Garrett, a member of the Misfits, and dropped the ball as a result. The Misfits socked it to the NAF Women, 20-15. Winning hurler was Carol O'Dell, while Laura Tims took the loss. Sheri Ganard hit a home run for the winners, and Debbie Fairbanks bagged a round-tripper for the losers.

### Wilt's Corner

## Volleyball winners decided by 4-game division play-offs

By Wilt Wyman,  
NWC Athletic Director

League play has concluded in the Center's volleyball program. The Snorts, composed of players from Code 37, finished on top of the Department Division. The squad ended the season with a record of 30 wins and won the four-team double elimination contest to finish the league's competition.

Members of the team are Bob Hoagland, Carl Kumand, Bill Craddock, Dennis Vavricka, Jim Eggleston, Eric Katiwara, Ed Whittington, Jim Pryor and Leonard Lebow.

The Open Division was won by the Bouncers, who also racked up 30 wins during regular season play. The Bouncers' team was composed of Bill McBride, Bill Webster, John Saitz, Maria McBride, John Burmeister, Roy Miller and Henry Lai.

### Gymnasium Shut Down

The gym facilities will reopen on Tuesday with the exception of the basketball court, which will be closed until 11 a.m. on Saturday, June 7.

The closure was necessary to allow time for the basketball court to be refinished and cured.

### Softball Tryouts

Tryouts for the varsity MDISL and 11th Naval District softball teams will be held within the next two-week period. Slow pitch auditions are set for Schoeffel Field South on Friday, June 6; Monday, June 9, and Wednesday, June 11. All tryouts will be at 3 p.m. on those dates.

Fast pitch tryouts are scheduled at Reardon Field on June 6 at 3 p.m.; June 7 at 10 a.m., and June 11 at 3 p.m.

Active duty military and NWC civilian employees are eligible to participate in these tryouts.

### Youth Softball

Registration is continuing for the Youth Center's boys' and girls' softball programs. Youngsters in grades four through high school are eligible to compete in this activity. Registration will conclude on June 6.

Play in the leagues will begin on June 16. A registration fee of \$10 will be asked from boys signing up while girls must pay \$5.

### MDISL Tennis Team

The Center's MDISL tennis team will begin practicing on June 9 in preparation for the upcoming competition to be held here on June 20, 21 and 22. The hours of 5 to 7 p.m. on courts 1, 2 and 3 have been set aside for this team after June 9.

The China Lake Tennis Club, headed by Dick Mello, is working hard to keep the winning trophy at China Lake. Players interested in trying out for the team should contact Dick Boyd, team captain, by calling NWC ext. 2626, or myself at ext. 2334.

The local tennis club also is accepting entries in the CLTC Open, scheduled for June 14 and 15. Entry blanks may be obtained at the NWC Youth Center after noon Monday through Friday.

### 11th Naval District News

Many different types of tournaments are being planned by the 11th Naval District. I currently have information and entry blanks for slow pitch softball, fast pitch, golf, swimming, diving, a decathlon, arts and crafts, fishing derby, track competitions, and tennis tournaments.

Interested military personnel may either contact Lt. Ian Refo by calling NWC ext. 5308, Lt. Don Allen at ext. 5322, or myself, ext. 2334, for more information.

### Half price sale slated

The Thrift Shop, located at 54 S. Lauritsen Rd., will hold a half price sale on Tuesday from 7 to 9 p.m. and Thursday from 9 to 11 a.m.

This will be a good time to buy clothes, household items and books before the Thrift Shop closes for a summer vacation from June 15 through June 28.

## Rec Council studies fee changes . . .

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Ceramics Hobby Shop who wish to continue with their hobby. Priority will be given to military personnel, it was added.

Turning their attention to revised fees at the Auto Hobby Shop which is limited to use by military personnel, a proposed charge of 25 cents per day for use of the hobby shop's stalls and an additional 25-cent-per-day fee for use of the work benches in the shop area were discussed and approved.

Objectives of the fees is to increase revenue and to decrease the amount of time that vehicles and their parts are left in the shop. The recommendation to approve the increased fees was made with the understanding that every effort will be made to provide portable work benches within the Auto Hobby Shop stalls at no additional cost.

### Membership Charge Rejected

Considered but rejected as a means of generating additional revenue was a proposed \$2 membership fee for those who rent camping issue room equipment. The motion to turn down this proposal was made by Lt. G. H. Averett, VX-5 representative on the Recreation Council, who observed that it didn't appear to him that patrons would be receiving anything for the additional \$2 charge. He felt instead that it might be wiser to reconsider the amounts charged for rental of the camping equipment.

At this point, two general comments on the subject of increased fees were made. LCDr. E. W. Brooks, from the staff of the NWC Technical Officer, stated that he would like to go on record as being opposed to any general rate increase that did not make a distinction between civilian and

military personnel. Les Saxton, a member from the Office of Finance and Management, added that he was opposed to all general rate increases for which no definitive purpose was outlined.

Tabled until the Recreation Council's next regular meeting on June 12 was action on a proposed increase in the membership fees at the Youth Center, the suggestion that both membership fees at the golf course and the amount charged for use of privately-owned golf carts be increased, and a proposal to boost the fees charged users of the skeet and trap range.

Even though some Recreation Council members felt that the Youth Center is too heavily subsidized by non-appropriated recreation funds, and that its program should be changed, it was decided by the council as a whole to defer any recommended increases until a comprehensive report can be prepared by the council's Youth Center sub-committee.

In discussing the rationale for an increase in fees charged at the golf course, it was pointed out that there will be a need for additional revenue by next year when Special Services will be expected to maintain the fairways and purchase needed equipment.

### Higher Family Fee Urged

On the subject of charging higher fees for use of the golf course, Max Smith urged that a larger share of the increased fees be levied for family memberships, instead of applying the same amount to both family and single members.

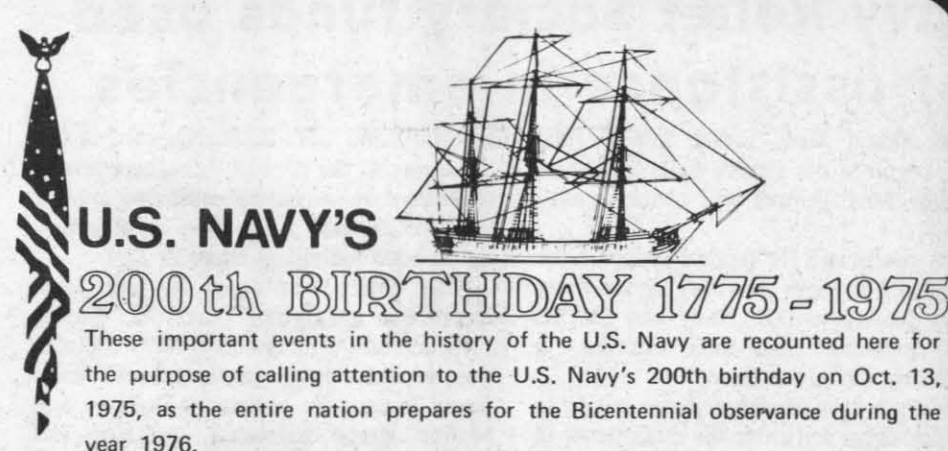
For his part, LCDr. Brooks counseled that the fee structure must not be increased to the point where it would more feasible for a golfer to pay individual greens fees rather than a higher membership fee.

Regarding the Skeet and Trap Club, it has been found that the higher cost of equipment and increased charges for shipping has resulted in a slight deficit in operating activities. Any suggestions on fee increases to cover all expenses were postponed until the June meeting in order to allow time to meet with Skeet and Trap Club members and get their ideas on the amount of fee increases necessary to cover all expenses.

### Social Security agent due

A representative of the Social Security office in Bishop will pay another of her regular monthly visits to China Lake next Wednesday, June 4.

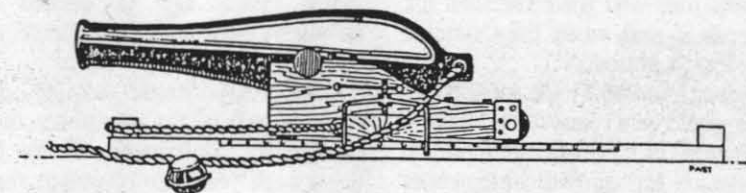
Persons wishing to apply for a Social Security number or obtain information about Social Security benefits and Supplemental Security Income claims can do so at the Community Center between 8:30 and 11 a.m.



U.S. NAVY'S

200th BIRTHDAY 1775-1975

These important events in the history of the U.S. Navy are recounted here for the purpose of calling attention to the U.S. Navy's 200th birthday on Oct. 13, 1975, as the entire nation prepares for the Bicentennial observance during the year 1976.



The first really scientific naval cannon was designed by Commander John A. Dahlgren in 1850. It combined the best of then current metallurgical techniques with a reinforced breech in a "soda bottle" design to produce greatly improved ballistic characteristics with the highest degree possible of safety to personnel. By 1860 his 9-in. and 11-in. cannon were standard in the Navy—and some authorities credit the Union victory to these guns.

Scientific research and development of ordnance has continued to play a vital role in the history of the Navy, whether this was done by one individual under the relatively primitive conditions of mid-nineteenth century or in today's highly sophisticated laboratories at NWC.

## Memorial Day observance held . . .

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increased luster to the honored traditions of the American fighting man, those who fought and died in Korea and Vietnam did so without the universal support and approbation of their own countrymen," RAdm. Freeman observed.

"For this reason," he continued, "I feel that in gathering here today, we not only honor them as a part of our nation's glory, but perhaps more so particularly honor them for their devotion to duty, their willingness to go forward to serve, to lay down their lives if asked, to give that last full measure of devotion."

Memorial Day 1975 was a particularly symbolic occasion to him, RAdm. Freeman added, coming as it did just shortly after a period in which liberty has been stripped

from those this nation had stood by for so long in South Vietnam, and when the safety of a ship flying the U.S. flag (for a time) seemed forfeit.

"The actions of our government in freeing a pirated ship 10,000 miles from home has done much to reaffirm a faith in our cause that the bedrock for the dignity and honor of man must be liberty. Today, my head is a little higher, my step a touch more brisk, and there is uncommon pride in my heritage because we, the living, have been witness to a deed that in a very real way measures up to the valor of those we honor today," RAdm. Freeman said.

### Fruits of Victory Important

In closing, he called upon those who are the present trustees of this nation's heritage not to falter now, but instead to "think positive" because the fruits of victory in this endeavor are liberty and freedom for all future Americans.

"Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty," RAdm. Freeman said quoting Thomas Jefferson, one of this nation's founding fathers. "Those whom we honor this morning have already given themselves to this cause. By our actions, let us show we are worthy of their sacrifices," he concluded.

A wreath-laying ceremony at crosses symbolic of the final resting places of this nation's war dead was led by Jim Donathan, chairman of the Veterans' Coordinating Council's Memorial Day observance, and a volley of rifle fire and the sounding of "Taps" concluded the patriotic program.

### Other Principal Participants

B. E. Church, a past commander of the 10th District of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, was the master of ceremonies. Other principal participants were members of the Naval Air Facility color guard, and Dr. Ellis Tiffany and Seymore Uberman, who delivered the invocation and benediction, respectively.

Stirring renditions of the national anthem, "America the Beautiful" and the "Battle Hymn of the Republic" sung by members of the Indian Wells Valley Barbershoppers' Choir gave added significance to the occasion. The choir was led by Clay Panlaqui.



**RESCUE TECHNIQUES PRACTICED**—As a part of their regular training, members of a China Lake Mountain Rescue Group team recently sharpened the techniques they are required to follow when participating in missions that involve the use of a helicopter. When it is impossible, due to the terrain or weather conditions, for a helicopter to set down with members of a CLMRG rescue team, they are lowered to the ground from the "chopper" by a sling. Waiting their turn to practice the use of the sling (occupied in the above photo by Don Harris) are three other CLMRG members (from left) Don Peterson, Bill Stronge and Terry Moore. Also watching carefully are Lt. Ian Refo, the helicopter pilot, and ADJ3 Gordon Draper, a Navy helicopter crew member.

—Photo by Ron Allen



## Navy Relief Society funds used for assistance in emergencies

The annual Navy Relief Society fund drive began in the Indian Wells Valley on Monday, May 19, and will continue until June 27.

This yearly call for funds to support the emergency services provided by the Navy Relief Society to U.S. Navy and Marine Corps personnel and their families, is headed by Cdr. John Faron.

"Every person who contributes money to this fund drive will aid in the continuance of assistance to local servicemen. This contribution also assures that services, guidance and loans will be available for these military men and their families for personal needs if and when they require help," Cdr. Faron stated.

A typical case handled by the local Navy Relief office would be a request for funds to attend the funeral of a family member. Or, personnel who are facing medical expenses can qualify for an interest-free loan from the Society. Servicemen's wives who are in need of money to pay rent and purchase food can usually find a sympathetic ear from Navy Relief volunteer caseworkers. This happens sometimes when the serviceman is assigned overseas and money from him has been delayed for one reason or another.

In most cases, the money is provided as an interest-free loan. Sometimes, when the ability to repay the loan would work a hardship on the family, the money is an outright grant.

In 1974, the local Navy Relief Society loaned a total of \$5,378.98. Another \$3,741.72 was given as grants.

The local chapter of the Navy Relief Society is headed by Shirley Franke. Chaplain R. E. Osman is the executive

secretary and Cdr. R. B. Nygaard is the treasurer. At the present time there are 33 volunteers who worked a combined total of 1,721 hours last year. The local office handled 213 individual cases in 1974.

"The time volunteered by our local workers is gratifying," said Cdr. Faron. "Not one cent contributed to Navy Relief is used for salaries or other expenses. Every penny is used for assistance to Navy and Marine Corps personnel. Salaries and material are paid for from interest and dividends received by the Navy Relief Society from investments the group made many years ago to secure financial solvency," the 1975 fund drive chairman added.

"The Navy Relief Society could not function without the volunteers, nor without the money contributed during this fund drive each year. We hope that residents of the Indian Wells Valley will give generously," Cdr. Faron concluded.

As an added incentive to help local residents contribute to the fund drive, a fortunate donor will receive his or her choice of a 1975 Vega Notchback, a 19 ft. Nomad trailer, or a 1975 LUV pickup truck.

A second prize in the fund drive will consist of the choice between a Yamaha RD-60 or a Honda CT-70 motorcycle. Third prize will be the choice between a microwave oven, trash compactor or portable dishwasher.

In addition, commencing on June 6, a number of weekly prizes will be distributed to fortunate donors. As yet, these prizes have not been announced.

Persons wishing to contribute to Navy Relief may do so by contacting the keymen in each department throughout the Center.

## Nurse from NWC Dispensary to receive BA degree at Univ. of Redlands Sunday

Mrs. Barbara Whittaker, a nurse at the Naval Weapons Center Dispensary for the past 2½ years, will receive her BA degree in nursing from the University of Redlands during a ceremony to be held on Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Whittaker, whose nursing career also has included five years in the surgery department at the Ridgecrest Community

## Museum to conduct summer program for children, June 9-20

The Maturango Museum's annual summer program for children will be held this year on weekdays during the period from June 9 through 20.

Directed by Mrs. Mary Kumin, this educational activity will be held from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Richmond School auditorium.

Although the program is intended primarily for children in the 7 through 11 years of age group, older youths and adults also may attend. The program is open to all children of Maturango Museum members, student Museum members, and adult Museum members. Registration will be taken at the Museum office on Tuesday and Wednesday, from 10 to 11:30 a.m., and on Thursday, June 5, from 3 to 4:30 p.m.

Included will be daily programs presented by guest speakers, both local residents and others from outside the area, who are experienced in various aspects of desert living. Covered will be information about bird life, Indian lore, animal awareness, geology, early history of the area, the weather, archaeology, and entomology.

There also will be demonstrations of weaving using native materials, sand painting, Indian fry bread making, and the use of rescue equipment.

In addition, participants in the Museum's summer program for children will tour a weather station and visit a cactus garden as part of their two weeks of learning about the desert.

## Senior class Baccalaureate service set Sun.

The traditional Baccalaureate service for graduating seniors of Burroughs High School will be held on Sunday at the school's Lecture Center, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

The service, sponsored by the IWV Ministerial Fellowship, with assistance from representatives of the graduating class, will feature a number of speakers and music provided by two Burroughs organizations.

Although a theme for this year's service has not been designated, the three graduating seniors who will speak at the service have chosen to talk about "Our Spiritual Journey."

Ralph Smith will discuss "Expressing My Faith at Home," while Barbara Malone has chosen "Expressing My Faith at School." The third speaker, Duane Eacret, will talk about "Expressing My Faith at Church."

Principal speaker for the evening will be Rev. Bob Johnson, pastor of the Grace Lutheran Church in Ridgecrest. His topic will be "God's Good Gifts."

The Burroughs Brass Choir, led by Russell Parker, will play the processional and recessional. The Madrigal Singers, with Alan Kubik directing, are scheduled to sing two songs on the



**GRAND PRIZES —** Rengis Fabris, 1975's Miss Ridgecrest / China Lake, adorns the hood of a Chevrolet Vega Notchback, one of the three choices that the grand prize winner will have at the conclusion of the Navy Relief fund drive which began on May 19. The drive will continue until June 27. The other two first prize choices are a LUV pick-up truck (1.) and a 19-ft. Nomad trailer. One of these three vehicles will be awarded to a lucky contributor to the Navy Relief fund drive. Keymen in all of the Center's departments are now contacting employees for donations. The fund drive is held each year with all money raised going to the Navy Relief Society to be used for emergencies of U. S. Naval and Marine Corps personnel.

## 8-day tour of Hawaii coming up for Burroughs High Stage Band

Members of the Burroughs High School Stage Band, led by Michael Garrett, will leave the local area on Tuesday, June 10, for an eight-day tour of Hawaii.

During that time the Stage Band will perform at various locations on the Island of Oahu. The trip has been made possible through the generous donations of residents and local business and civic organizations.

The musical group raised \$1,800 during a concert held on Wednesday, May 21, at the Center Theater. In addition, \$1,750 was donated toward the trip by merchants through a full page and 1/3 of advertisements in the Daily Independent newspaper. Cliff Urseth, publisher, donated the full amount of the ads toward the Stage Band's trip.

Another \$2,000 came from the Sierra Sands Unified School District's board of education, and the Ridgecrest City Council contributed \$1,000. Other financial aid will be turned over to Cdr. R. B. Nygaard, president of the Stage Band's Parents' Association, by the Ridgecrest Exchange Club.

This latter group has been conducting a fund drive for the Hawaiian trip. Two round-trip airline tickets to Hawaii, donated by Western Air Lines through the cooperation of the Hucek Travel Service, were given away to a lucky fund drive contributor at the conclusion of the fund drive yesterday.

Finally, the Stage Band contributed another \$500 from other performance dates they have played during the past year.

While in Hawaii, the local award-winning group will perform at the Waikiki Shell, on Waikiki Beach, and at Sea Life Park. That

will be on June 11 and 12, respectively. On the evening of June 12, they have scheduled a performance at the Marine Corps Air Station, at Kaneohe Bay.

The latter show will be presented during a farewell dinner for RAdm. Rollo Rievey, who, 25 years ago, was Deputy Director of Supply at the Naval Weapons Center (then called the Naval Ordnance Test Station).

On June 13, the band is scheduled to give a concert on the campus of the University of Hawaii, and on June 14, the band will appear at Kapiolani Park for another concert.

Cdr. Nygaard, who will accompany the Stage Band, said that two or three more concert dates will be worked out before the musicians return to Ridgecrest on June 17. When not displaying their many talents, members of the Stage Band will be taken on guided tours to various points of interest on the Island of Oahu, including the Polynesian Cultural Center, Waikiki Beach and Diamond Head.

Johnny Barnett and his Country and Western Music will be the featured group at a dance tonight at the Chief Petty Officers' Club.

The music starts at 9 o'clock. George Barnard, club manager, pointed out that this group also plays the oldie "pop" music and should please everyone.

In addition, "Barney" issued a reminder to club members that the swimming pool is open for the summer season. "All CPO Club members are urged to pay their pool membership fees as soon as possible," the manager added.

## Murray School, Burroughs High graduations scheduled June 5

Graduation programs for 289 Murray School eighth graders and 383 seniors at Burroughs High School are scheduled next Thursday, June 5.

The ceremony honoring this year's Murray School graduates will get under way at 6 p.m. at the Center theater.

Guest speaker of the evening will be George Linsteadt, a long-time NWC employee and former member of the China Lake Elementary School District's board of trustees. His presentation will be based on the graduating class motto: "Young and Healthy, Happy and Free, We'll Make the Future a Better Place To Be."

At the present time, Linsteadt is head of the Propulsion Development Department's Technology Utilization Office.

Members of Murray School's 1975 graduating class will file into the theater while the processional, "Pomp and Circumstance," is being played by the seventh grade ensemble, under the direction of Alberta Kline.

Other instrumental musical selections during the program will include the Murray School concert band's rendition of "You've Got a Friend," featuring a solo by Carole King, as well as the recessional, "Simple Serenade."

A profile of the Murray School Class of 1975 will be given by Grant Pinney, the Sierra Sands Unified School District's assistant superintendent for business, while Mrs. Bettye Jane Tiffany, principal of Murray School, will preside during the ceremony and present diplomas to the graduates.

Student participation in the graduation program also will include the singing of "We've Only Just Begun" by members of the Murray School choir, directed by Joan Moser.

## Orders for season tickets now being taken by Concert Ass'n

Orders for season subscriptions are now being accepted by the Indian Wells Valley Concert Association (formerly the China Lake Civic Concert Association) from both new and renewing members.

The Association's 29th season will begin on Wednesday, Oct. 15, when the Slovak National Folkloric Ensemble will visit China Lake.

The five concerts scheduled for the 1975-76 season include a return visit in November by Longstreth & Escosa, duo-harpists, who gave an extremely well-received concert here four years ago, and the Western Opera Theater. The latter group, which will be here in February, presented the "Barber of Seville" to local audiences last season.

Also scheduled will be the Annapolis Brass Quintet next March. The Cologne Chamber Orchestra, directed by Helmut Muller-Bruhl, will close out the season in May.

All of the concerts will be presented at the Center Theater at 7:30 p.m., one-half hour earlier than in previous years.

Season tickets for admission to all five concerts are priced at \$14, \$17 or \$20 each, depending on seat location. All seats in the theater are reserved. Reduced rates (half price) are offered to persons under 21 years of age, enlisted military personnel and —

## Summer Bible School planned by All Faith Chapel Protestant, Catholic congregations

An ecumenical summer Bible School, sponsored by the Protestant and Catholic congregations, will be held during the week of June 9 to 13 at the NWC All Faith Chapel.

Classes will be held each morning from 8:30 to 11:15 for pre-kindergarten through sixth grade pupils. The children will assemble for opening exercises at the Chapel, and then go to the Chapel Annex buildings for the remainder of the morning.

Junior high classes will meet from 7 to 9:30 each evening in the East Wing of the

A reception for the graduates, their families and friends will be held in the Murray School auditorium following the ceremony.

Beginning at 8 p.m. next Thursday, the athletic field at Burroughs High School will be the setting for Class of 1975's graduation program.

Members of the senior class will march onto the field as a brass choir, directed by Russ Parker, plays the processional. Following the invocation by the Rev. Barry Walker, minister of the Church of Christ in Ridgecrest, the program will continue with talks to be presented by three members of the graduating class.

The students, and the subjects of their talks, are: Robin Grasing, "Apathy"; Jim Atkinson, Jr., "Becoming," and Mary Donoghue, "Memories."

During the evening, the Burroughs Concert Choir, directed by Alan Kubik, will sing three numbers—"Onward Ye Peoples," "I May Never Pass This Way Again," and "I've Got a Name." In this last selection, Joey Pickens will be featured as soloist.

Hal Reid, the BHS principal, will present the Class of '75, and the graduates will receive their diplomas from Helen Ferguson, president of the Sierra Sands Unified School District's board of education.

This will be the first high school graduation program in which Burroughs High has been a part of the local unified school district, and the entire board of education, along with Dr. Howard Harmon, district superintendent, will be in attendance.

At the conclusion of the high school graduation program, a reception for the graduates, their families and friends will be held in the Burroughs High multi-use room.

for the first time — to seniors citizens who are 65 years of age or older.

Another innovation adopted this year is that the Concert Association is encouraging voluntary contributions over and above regular ticket sales. These contributions will be pooled and used to furnish tickets to deserving students who otherwise wouldn't be able to attend the concerts.

These students will be selected by an arrangement with the music faculties of the local junior and senior high schools. Individual voluntary contributions may be made in any amount and are tax deductible. Those who contribute \$10 or more will be listed on the printed programs throughout the season.

Current members of the association are urged to renew promptly in order to assure retention of their present seats or to have the first opportunity to exchange them in case a change is desired.

All seats not reserved by renewing members by Sept. 4 will then become available to new members on a first-come, first-served basis.

To place an order or to obtain further information, write to the IWV Concert Association, P.O. Box 5377, Ridgecrest, CA 93555. Interested persons also may call 375-2929 or 446-4182.

Chapel and high schoolers will meet at the same time in Annex 95.

Enrollment for the summer vacation Bible School will be taken on Sunday, following the Protestant and Catholic services at the All Faith Chapel. There is a \$1 per child registration fee to help cover the cost of materials. A maximum fee of \$3 has been set for families having more than three children signed up for Bible School.

The Bible School program will be directed by Zoe Norman and Susan Manatt.



**SEABEES ASSIST BOY SCOUTS —** Members of the RMCB 0417, Las Vegas, Nev., and the locally-based RMCB 0217 are shown laying a section of 700 feet of plastic water line at Camp Nick Williams on Piute Mt. The Seabee Reservists spent a day at the Boy Scout Camp digging the trench, blasting through rock formations (with the assistance of the NWC EOD Office), installing a gate and surfacing the swimming pool at the camp.

—Photo by Ron Allen

## Seabee Reservists assist with work on variety of projects

On Friday, May 16, 26 enlisted men and officers of Reserve Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 0417, of Las Vegas, Nev., arrived at NWC to assist local reserve Seabees of RMCB 0217 and members of the Navy Self-Help program office, with several projects and community programs.

While here, the Seabees completed a bike path from Burroughs Ave. to Rowe St., preparing it for an asphalt top that will be finished by a contractor. In addition, the Seabees completed the bike path from the NAF guard shack to the existing path nearby.

The newly-installed path will enable bike riders to show passes to the security guard at the entrance to NAF.

Other tasks accomplished at NWC during their two day stay here included the completion of a 300-ft long ditch to install lines for the Stephenson Memorial Heliport and assistance given the Rotary Club of China Lake with placing a dedication stone at the entrance to the emergency landing pad.

Another assignment called for the Seabees to make the final electrical hook-up of the car wash at the Auto Hobby Shop. In addition, the men put in another 100 ft. of masonry block wall at the Enlisted Mobile Home Park.

Perhaps the most important projects

completed by the Seabees during their stay were the laying of 700 ft. of plastic water line, the installation of a gate, and surfacing of a swimming pool at Camp Nick Williams, a summer camp operated by the Southern Sierra Council of the Boy Scouts of America for boys from the Desert District. The Seabees, assisted by personnel from the Explosive Ordnance Demolition office at NWC, blasted out rock formations and dug a trench for the pipeline.

Herbert Guest, secretary-treasurer of Camp Nick Williams (located on Piute Mt.), was most grateful to the men of RMCB 0417 and the locally-based RMCB 0217 for the work done at the camp. The trench dug by the Seabees allowed the water pipe to be laid in a straight line, saving much time and money.

RMCB 0417 is commanded by LCdr. Robert Ballance. The men of RMCB 0217 come under the leadership of Lt. Michael Levine. BUCS Walter Cava is the NWC Self-Help Project Officer.

### SAFETY TIPS . . .

Hurrying to have an accident sounds crazy? Yes, by gosh.

But that's the way some folks plan, however that's not for us.



**PULLED HER WEIGHT —** YN2 Donna L. McElfresh, a member of RMCB 0417, Las Vegas, Nev., was no stranger to the cab of a heavy equipment truck when her unit assisted local Seabees with the completion of a bike path from Burroughs Ave. to Rowe St. on the Naval Weapons Center. RMCB 0417 spent two days at NWC working with RMCB 0217 on several community and Self-Help projects.