



BICENTENNIAL HARMONY — A program entitled "Salute to America," hosted by the Indian Wells Valley Chapter of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barbershop Quartet Singing in America, was presented before an audience of 265 persons last Saturday night at the Burroughs High School lecture center. The show included renditions of American music of the last 200 years by barbershop choruses, quartets and soloists from Bakersfield, the Antelope Valley and the local area. One of the 57 performers who took part in the program was Rear Admiral R. G. Freeman III, NWC Commander (pictured at left) who sang a revolutionary-period solo number called "Yankee Doodle Ode," and also served as the show's narrator. The event's proceeds, which won't be known until after expenses are deducted from ticket sale receipts, will be donated to the Institute of Logopedics in Wichita, Kan. —Photo by Henry Hoshii

### 16th annual Spring Festival continues at fairgrounds

A barrel of fun and excitement is in store over the Memorial Day weekend at the Desert Empire Fairgrounds in Ridgecrest, which is the setting for the 16th annual Knights of Columbus-sponsored Spring Festival.

Gates will open this evening at 5 and at noon on Saturday, Sunday and Monday. There is a 25 cent admission fee for everyone 12 years of age and over.

Carnival and midway attractions brought here by the SJM Fiesta Shows include four spectacular new rides — the Flying Bobs,

Zipper, the Yo Yo and the Super Twister. Also to be found on the midway are such familiar attractions as the ferris wheel and merry-go-round and a variety of rides especially for the tiny tots.

In addition to carnival-run food and game booths, a number of local clubs and organizations also are operating booths at which food and refreshments are being sold.

Special entertainment, which will be presented either inside Joshua Hall or at a nearby outdoor stage area, has been arranged for tonight and tomorrow night.

On Friday — guitar playing by Joey Pickens and Laura Reymore, 7:30-8 p.m.; square dancing by the Jim Dandies, 8-9 p.m.; Dixieland band music, 8-10 p.m.; The Crests, a local music group, 10-11 p.m.

Saturday — Dori Morrione, dance demonstration, 7-7:30 p.m.; songs by the Sweet Adelines, 8-8:30 p.m.; Mary Paine, Miss Ridgecrest-China Lake, in a preview presentation of her talent performance in preparation for the Miss California Pageant, 8:30-9 p.m.; music by the Mojave Greens Bluegrass Band, 10-11 p.m.

### Local violinist to join 'America's Youth in Concert'

An exciting summer lies ahead for Carolyn Merrow, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Raymond T. Merrow, of Ridgecrest, who has been selected to participate in the 1976 "America's Youth in Concert" program sponsored by the Universal Academy for Music in Princeton, N.J.

Miss Merrow, whose father is employed as an operations research analyst in the NWC Weapons Planning Group, is an exceptionally talented young violinist.

A violin student for six years, she will be joining topnotch instrumental musicians from across the country for rehearsals that will begin July 1 in preparation for playing on July 4 in Philadelphia at the invitation of that city's Bicentennial Committee.

#### Month-long Concert Tour

In addition, those who were selected after participating in a nationwide audition for the "America's Youth in Concert" program also will play at New York City's Carnegie Hall prior to leaving on a month-long concert tour that will take them to London, Paris, Geneva, Innsbruck, Venice, Florence and Rome.

The young musicians and vocalists will be placed in one of two groups, each of which will consist of a concert choir, a concert band and a symphony or chamber orchestra. They will perform under the baton of outstanding university conductors and will be accompanied by a staff of chaperones that consists largely of music educators from many different parts of the country.

Miss Merrow, who will be entering her junior year at Burroughs High School in the fall, is concertmistress of the BHS orchestra, and has appeared as a soloist

#### CPO Club slates dance

Donna Thomas and the Starriders, a popular band from Pomona specializing in country and western music, will play for a CPO Club dance tonight from 9 until 1 a.m.

The dinner special for the evening will be prime rib, served from 6 until 9 o'clock.

during the Desert Community Orchestra's Youth Concerts for the past two years.

In April, she played in the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion of the Los Angeles Music Center as a member of the California All State Honor Orchestra.

Miss Merrow has studied violin under two local teachers, Frances Simpson and Shirley Helmick, as well as under Louise Bare at Burroughs High.

### 3 music students share \$500 in DCOA scholarships

Scholarships totaling \$500 were presented last Sunday by the Desert Community Orchestra Association to three promising young music students from the local area.

An award of \$250 was received by Mary Martin, while Neta Crawford and Clint Freeman received \$125 each. The presentations were made by Arnold Nielson, DCOA president, during the intermission of a concert rendition of Mendelssohn's "Elijah" by the orchestra and the Cerro Coso Community College choir.

Miss Martin, a Burroughs High school madrigal singer and member of the Burroughs Stage Band, also won a national school choral award this year. She plans to attend Cal State University at Northridge and eventually wants to teach and become a chorus director.

Miss Crawford plays the piano and guitar and also is a madrigal singer. A 1975 graduate of the local high school, she won a national choral award last year and is now attending Cal State University at Long Beach. Her major field of interest is music therapy and work with disturbed or exceptional children.

Freeman has been attending Cerro Coso Community College since he was graduated from Burroughs High in 1974. A drummer, he is interested in the field of jazz music. His future plans also include attending Cal State University in Northridge.



Carolyn Merrow

### Cast picked, practice started for CLOTA production of '1776'

Rehearsals are under way for the Community Light Opera and Theater Association's production of "1776," which is scheduled to be presented at the Burroughs High School lecture center on July 2, 3, 4, 8, 9 and 10.

Those who will be seen in the award-winning musical story of America's independence are Russ Stedman as John Hancock, Russell Parker as Dr. Josiah Bartlett, Alex Bellen as John Adams, Alan Kubik as Ben Franklin and Greg Erdmann as Edward Rutledge.

Other members of the cast are Ralph Vuono, Dale Shahan, Chris Davis, Lloyd Bailey, Galen White, Herb Childers, Clyde Irvine, Tim Connaghan, Robbie Robbins, Fred Stahlman, Mike Walker, Reno Venturi, Chuck Craig, Tom Lehman, Mitch Lyon, Janice Frageman, Karen Buhler, Tim Bellen and Richard Paulsen.

Working behind the scenes will be Sue Gardner, assistant director; A. J. Wade, technical director; Steve and Rick Green, in charge of lighting; Alex Bellen, vocal director; Bill Lutjens, musical director; and Jim Fussner, set designer.

## SHOWBOAT

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

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

Program subject to change without notice — please check marquee.

FRI. 28 MAY  
"DIRTY MARY, CRAZY LARRY" (93 Min.)  
Peter Fonda, Susan George

(Action Drama) Two stockcar-racing enthusiasts extort \$150,000 from a super market so they can buy a first-class racing car. Lawmen in helicopters pursue the pair through a series of escapades. (PG)

SAT. 29 MAY

"YAKUZA" (129 Min.)  
Robert Mitchum, Takakura Ken

(Adventure Drama) Yakuza is the Japanese word for gangster. Mitchum, a soldier of fortune, returns to Japan where he served during the war. He gets involved in Japanese gang warfare over the whereabouts of a missing gun shipment and finds he has been double-crossed by his boss, Brian Keith. This puts Mitchum on the spot and he becomes the target of the Yakuza chief. (R)

SUN. 30 MAY

"FUNNY LADY" (138 in.)  
Barbara Streisand, James Caan

(Comedy) Further musical and dramatic adventures of Fanny Brice center around her second marriage to Billy Rose and the tribulations of her once again meeting her first husband (Nick Anastasi), who she finally sees as a phony. Un- fortunately her second marriage ends badly as her husband takes up with other women. At the pinnacle of show business success she is again left with a lonely heart. (PG)

MON. 31 MAY

"SISTERS" (93 Min.)  
Margot Kidder, Jennifer Salt

(Murder Mystery) A female journalist investigates the bizarre story of two separate Siamese twins — one a beautiful young woman, the other a murderer. (R)

TUE. 1 JUNE

"SLEUTH" (139 Min.)  
Laurence Olivier, Michael Caine

(Suspense) Film version of the hit mystery play about a novelist who invites his wife's lover to his house for an evening of deadly fun and games. (PG)

WED. 2 JUNE

"FREEBIE AND THE BEAN" (113 Min.)  
Alan Arkin, James Caan

(Comedy Action) Two San Francisco city detectives go to extreme lengths to get a mobster indicted. (R)

THURS. 3 JUNE

"THE BEARS AND I" (89 Min.)  
Patrick Wayne, Chief Van George

(Human Interest Story) Patrick Wayne plays a Vietnam veteran who seeks peace and quiet by returning to nature. He rents an isolated cabin in the mountains and adopts three bear cubs whose mother has been shot by hunters. He finds himself acting as mediator between the local Indians and the Parks Department, which is developing the area and plans to evict them. Eventually, the conflict is resolved with the acceptance of a proposed park in the Sierras. (G)

FRI. 4 JUNE

"THE MASTER TOUCH" (97 Min.)  
Kirk Douglas, Florida Bolkan

(Suspense) In the underworld of Hamburg, Wallace (Kirk Douglas) is one of the most respected safe crackers. As the film opens, he is returning from his only and minor jail sentence. It appears on the surface that Wallace has decided to start a new life, and to make use of his enormous knowledge of electronics to earn an honest living. However, when someone offers him the possibility of a new "job," his passion for his former way of life is ignited. (PG)

Memorial Day Mass set

A Memorial Day Catholic Mass will be held at 10 a.m. on Monday in the All Faith Chapel.

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## Dr. Royce begins duties as head of Research Dept.

Dr. Edwin B. Royce, who was chosen to succeed Dr. Hugh Hunter as the Naval Weapons Center's Associate Technical Director for Research and head of the Research Department, began his new duties here this past Monday.

He hasn't arrived here with any firm ideas about what the Research Department should be doing. "Two things I'll emphasize will be maintaining the already established high quality of research work by the department, and assuring that the department is fully integrated and supportive of the overall mission of the Center," the new head of Code 60 said.

He wasn't talking so much, Dr. Royce explained, about doing things in a new or different way as about trying to do better what already has been done very well.

#### Former EPA Official

The new arrival, who is single, has been working for the past four years with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in Washington, D.C., first as a staff director from 1972-74 on the Ecological Impact Analysis Staff and more recently as Acting Associate Deputy Assistant Administrator for Energy, Minerals and Industry in EPA's Office of Research and Development.

As an EPA employee, he was involved with research, but primarily research program planning that dealt essentially with evaluations of the potential impact on environmental quality of new technology aimed at solutions to the nation's energy problems. "The objective was to try to

anticipate future problems before they could become serious, and find solutions to them," Dr. Royce said.

This represented quite a change from Dr. Royce's former work as a scientist for eight years with the Physics Department of the Lawrence Livermore Laboratory at the University of California, where he was deputy division leader for a research program on the behavior of materials at high dynamic pressures.

#### Wide Range of Responsibilities

His responsibilities with the EPA involved integrating the results from a whole range of studies in the fields of engineering, physical and biological sciences, ecology, economics and land use planning.

One study in particular mentioned by Dr. Royce was the Northern Great Plains Resource Program. This, he explained, was an examination of the whole spectrum of technical, environmental and socio-economic consequences of developing the plentiful coal resources in Montana, Wyoming and North Dakota.

The new head of the NWC Research Department is no stranger to the local desert area. When he was born in 1935, his



Dr. Edwin B. Royce

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## 2 Navy men, 1 civilian killed in explosion

Two members of Explosive Ordnance Detachment 67 and a civilian employee of the Naval Weapons Center's Propulsion Development Department were killed last Friday by the detonation of an explosive component of the FAE (fuel-air explosive) weapon system.

A fuel-air explosive device consists of a canister filled with fuel which, when combined with air, is then detonated producing a concussion effect.

The blast, which claimed the lives of CWO4 Charles D. Alderman, 46, EMI Ralph

Chapel.

Immediately following it, a private service attended by surviving members of the Holman family was held at Lyons Mortuary in Ridgecrest, and interment took place at Desert Memorial Park in Ridgecrest.

Holman, an employee at China Lake for the past 19 years, resided at 705-A Nimitz

Ave., with his two daughters, Sylvia Louise, 16, and Molly Ann, 14 years old. His wife, Phyllis, who had been a registered nurse at the Ridgecrest Community Hospital for many years, died a year ago after a lengthy illness.

Since their father's death, the two girls have been living with their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. William Peterson in Ridgecrest.

In addition to his daughters, Holman is survived by his mother, Mrs. Louise Laurenz, of Rolla, Mo., and a sister, Helen, who is now living in Saudi Arabia.

In lieu of flowers at the Holman funeral, the family requested that those wishing to do so make a donation instead to the Leukemia Fund in memory of the deceased.

Funeral services for EMI Loux are scheduled today in his birthplace of Sweet Home, Ore. A veteran of 21 years in the Navy, he had served as a mineman and

gunner's mate (missiles) before becoming an electrician's mate specializing in explosive ordnance disposal.

EMI Loux joined the Navy in 1955 and has been on active duty since that time, except for a two-year period (1959-61), when he was in the Naval Reserve. Among his military awards and honors are two Bronze Stars with combat V for meritorious service in Vietnam, the Vietnam Service Medal, the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Ribbon, the Navy Combat Action Medal and four Good Conduct awards.

He is survived by his wife, Sandra Vivian;

the benediction by Rev. Boyd, a volley of rifle fire by a firing squad composed of military enlisted men from the Naval Air Facility, led by AMEC Karl Vanhoutan, and the playing of "Taps" will conclude the Memorial Day observance.

Starting at 12:30 p.m. Monday, there will be a potluck dinner at the VFW Hall, 117 N. Alford St., Ridgecrest. An invitation has been extended by Jim Donnelly, Ship's captain, to all interested local residents to bring a favorite dish and attend.

### Public forum slated for discussion on school dist. finances

A public forum, timed to give voters an opportunity to ask questions about school finances before the Sierra Sands Unified School District tax election on June 8, will be held on Tuesday evening, starting at 7:30, at the Burroughs High School lecture center.

An effort will be made to provide the answers to such general questions as: Does the local school district need more money? Can school costs be cut? Are taxpayers of the district getting full value from the tax dollars spent on education?

The Board of Education of the Sierra Sands Unified School District has had placed on the June 8 Primary Election ballot a measure calling for a one year tax increase to help offset the loss in federal funds due primarily to the great number of families that have moved from the Naval Weapons Center to make their homes elsewhere within the district.

If approved by the voters, the tax increase would provide the school district with about \$320,000 during the coming year

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## Memorial Day program set at cemetery

Memorial Day, which will be celebrated on Monday and is a holiday for most Civil Service employees and military personnel of the Naval Weapons Center, will be observed by a patriotic program that will begin at 10:30 a.m. at the Desert Memorial Park Cemetery in Ridgecrest.

The principal speaker will be Lt. Col. R. F. Boyd, Army Liaison Officer assigned to DUTY, whose subject will be "Devotion to Duty."

Following the presentation of the American flag by a color guard and representatives of local veterans' and fraternal organizations, the Memorial Day program will begin with an invocation delivered by the Rev. Murray Boyd, pastor of the Immanuel Baptist Church in Ridgecrest.

#### Program Arranged by VFW

This year's Memorial Day observance is being arranged by VFW Ship 4084 of Ridgecrest, and B. E. "Dutch" Church, a past commander of the VFW 10th District and former captain of Ship 4084, will handle the duties of master of ceremonies.

In addition to the principal address by Lt. Col. Boyd, a highlight of this annual patriotic program will be a wreath-placing ceremony led by Gold Star Mothers from the local area.

Also on the program will be vocal music selections by members of the Sweet Adelines, under the direction of Eleanor Hartwig. They will sing "Battle Hymn of the Republic," "God Bless America," and "This Is My Country."

#### Wreath-Placing Ceremony

Among the organizations that have been invited to present the colors and later join in the wreath-placing ceremony at crosses set up to symbolize the final resting place of this nation's war dead are American Legion Post 684 and Auxiliary, the Disabled American Veterans, the High Desert Detachment of the Marine Corps League, the Desert Empire Barracks of the Veterans of World War I, Sierra Chapter of the Pearl Harbor Survivors' Association, the Cerro Coso Veterans' Club, and Fr. Crowley Council No. 3199 of the Knights of Columbus.

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### President's Memorial Day message

Memorial Day is a traditional time for Americans to remember with pride and appreciation the more than one million fellow citizens who have died in the defense of our country. As we pay tribute to our military dead, we must do more than applaud their legendary courage. We must rededicate ourselves to the heritage of freedom for which they gave their lives. By acting in a way that reflects on their patriotism, we can honor their memory and extend that heritage to future generations.

On this Memorial Day our defenses are strong and we are more determined than ever to keep them strong; not strong for the sake of war—but strong for the sake of peace. A grateful nation, rejoicing in 200 years of freedom and independence, we salute our Armed Forces—past and present—and acknowledge their inspiring contribution to our national security and way of life.

GERALD R. FORD, Commander in Chief

### 'I Love America,' vocal music program, to be presented at Burroughs lecture center

Indian Wells Valley residents are invited to attend a vocal music program on Saturday night that will serve both as a special Bicentennial year event and help to celebrate the Memorial Day weekend.

The program, "I Love America," is scheduled at 7:30 p.m. at the Burroughs High lecture center, and there is no charge for admission.

An 80-member chorus composed of representatives of five local church congregations will join in this spirited musical salute to the U. S. A., which is directed by Eugene Royal, associate pastor of the Immanuel Baptist Church in Ridgecrest.

From the rousing opening selection, "I'm Just a Flag-Waving American," to the closing number, "Battle Hymn of the Republic," the audience will be treated to a combination of patriotic and religious songs.

Cdr. M. J. Cowell, the Naval Weapons Center's Staff Judge Advocate, will be the

narrator for this three-part program which centers around patriotism, praise and prayer for America.

Churches whose choirs will be represented in the combined chorus are the Protestant Congregation of the All Faith Chapel, Calvary Assembly of God, Four-square, Grace Lutheran and Immanuel Baptist.

### Bicentennial film available

"Not for Ourselves Alone," a Department of Defense Bicentennial film, is available in Navy film libraries.

The film relates the ideals of the Declaration of Independence to today's military and illustrates the role of the Armed Forces in the creation and growth of the nation.

The 29-minute film is cleared for public release, including television use. Copies may be obtained through normal film distribution channels (Navy film catalog number MD-6962-IQ).

### 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. 2069. 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 456 or 457). Advertising positions in the Promotional Opportunities column does not preclude the use of alternate recruiting sources in filling these positions. As part of the rating process, a supervisory appraisal will be sent to the current supervisor and the most recent previous supervisor 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.

Accounting Technician, GS-525-05, PD No. 7117033-3, Code 0862 — Responsible for control and maintenance of cost accounting records covering orders to other government agencies, negotiated contracts, purchase orders, delivery orders, travel advances and transportation requests chargeable to NIF. Job Relevant Criteria: knowledge of double entry accrual accounting principles and techniques and the ability to work independently.

Supervisory Accounting Technician, GS-525-07, PD No. 7017051, Code 0864 — Incumbent is head of the Payroll Reports and Controls Section, is responsible for off Center reports relating to payroll and labor distribution, control operations of employee payroll records, maintenance of year to year records and deductions, Civil Service retirement records, FICA controls, employment and wage information, issuance of W-2s. Job Relevant Criteria: Knowledge of NIF accounting system; knowledge of federal regulations relating to payroll and labor; ability to supervise.

Mail and File Clerk (Typing), GS-305-3/4, PD No. 4959011, Code 982 — This position is located in the Mail and File Records Branch, Administrative Services Division, Office of Finance and Management. Incumbent affixes control numbers on correspondence and prepares Navy route sheet, files all official correspondence, and types correspondence. Job Relevant Criteria: Ability to maintain filing system, to deal effectively with people and to work rapidly and accurately.

File applications for the above with Dora Childers, Bldg. 34, Rm. 206, Ph. 3276.

Employee Development Specialist, GS-235-7/8/11/12, PD No. 7465012, Code 654 — This position is located in the Personnel Development Division of the Personnel Department. Incumbent of this position will help develop, coordinate and evaluate specific employee development programs; will participate in the planning of the total Center employee training and development matters; will answer inquiries about available training; clarify eligibility requirements and application procedures; and explain Center policies and procedures in the employee development area. Job Relevant Criteria: Experience in developing and providing training opportunities, ability to identify training and development needs in light of an organization's objectives, and experience in evaluating effectiveness of training programs — 2 vacancies.

File applications for the above with Tina Lowe, Bldg. 34, Rm. 206, Ph. 2577.

Supervisory Clerk (DMT), GS-314-5, PD No. 7440032, Code 4052 — This position is in the Word Processing Center (WPC) of the Laser/Infrared Systems Division, physically located in the Lauritsen Laboratory. The incumbent will provide both technical and administrative direction of WPC personnel. This includes personnel selection, promotion recommendation, training, evaluation, award proposals, disciplinary actions, etc. The incumbent plans, organizes and directs the WPC operations, evaluates technical procedures and equipment, maintains and submits reports. Incumbent is responsible for both clerical and typing support functions for the division and other assigned units located in Lauritsen.

File applications for the above with Tina Lowe, Bldg. 34, Rm. 206, Ph. 2577.

Laboratory, Job Relevant Criteria: Must have ability to provide first line supervision, be able to communicate and deal effectively with all levels of NWC management, have thorough knowledge of NWC correspondence, procedures and instructions, and have knowledge of the operations of dictating and transcribing equipment and magnetic media. Promotion Potential: GS-4.

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

Mail and File Clerk, GS-305-3/4/5, PD No. 7225041Am1, Code 2513 — This position is located in the Administrative Branch, Planning and Administrative Division, Supply Department. Incumbent types letters, route sheets, memoranda, dispatches, stubs for material needed in the branch, department code directory, lists of publications, etc.; maintains files for the department; keeps tickler file on various delegation of authority letters and delegation of authority cards on Supply Department personnel; follows up on route sheets and routes message traffic; makes changes in manuals maintained for department use; and maintains Xerox machine. Job Relevant Criteria: Ability to exercise tact, diplomacy, and discretion in meeting and dealing with a large number of contacts daily; reliability and dependability; ability to work rapidly and accurately. Must be a qualified typist. Previous applicants need not reapply.

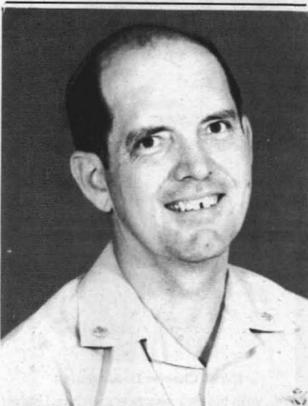
Voucher Examiner, GS-540-3/4, PD No. 7325022N, Code 2575 — (2 vacancies) This position is in the Accounts Payable Branch, Control Division, Supply Department. Incumbent examines supporting documents which are the basis for preparation and processing for payment of all types of orders including vouchers; insures legality, completeness, correct appropriation and accounting data and makes verification of receipt and inspection on vouchers; initiates correspondence to various DoD activities, vendors and Center personnel. Job Relevant Criteria: Knowledge of supply procedures, contracts, purchase orders, delivery orders, blanket purchase agreements and dealer's invoices, and the ability to deal effectively with people. Promotion Potential: GS-5.

File applications for the above with June Adams, Bldg. 34, Rm. 210, Ph. 3271.

Clerk-Typist, GS-323-3/4, (Intermittent), PD No. 7445032, Code 4531 — The incumbent assists the Area R supervisor and other technical personnel in the section in a variety of clerical and secretarial duties as required; types interoffice memos, stub requisitions, reports and official correspondence for the section; receives telephone calls and visitors; initiates procurement action and follows-up for all material and equipment required for test projects within the section upon request of section personnel. Job Relevant Criteria: Ability to type accurately and efficiently, to operate a variety of office machines (reproduction, calculator, etc.), and to perform tasks independently.

Physical Science Technician, GS-1311-4/5/6, PD No. 7445031, Code 5433 — The incumbent's work involves non-destructive testing, inspection, and mechanical properties determination of ordnance items, components and systems. Work involves mass spectroscopy, physical measurement, X-ray. Incumbent inspects quality of items.

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NEW ARRIVAL — Cdr. Richard M. Weber, a native of Bangor, Me., recently reported for duty at the Naval Air Facility as a special projects officer. Prior to his arrival at China Lake he served for a year as the aviation safety officer and the acting plans and policy officer in the office of the Naval Aviation Systems Command for the Assistant Commander for Test and Evaluation in Washington, D. C. During the Vietnam War, the 21-year Navy veteran was an A-4 Intruder pilot with Attack Squadron 65 aboard the USS Constellation and served as air operations officer for Carrier Division Seven aboard the USS Oriskany. He and his wife, Martha, live in Navy housing with their daughter, Susan, 5. They also have two sons, Richard, 20, and Michael, 19. —Photo by Ron Allen



### DIVINE SERVICES

Table listing Protestant, Roman Catholic, and Jewish services with times and locations.

### Center will host next MDISL tennis tourney, June 4-6

The Naval Weapons Center will host the Mojave Desert Inter-Service League tennis tournament next weekend, June 4-6.

The double elimination event will begin at 1 p.m. on Friday and conclude around 4 p.m. on Sunday. All MDISL teams will participate in the tournament, in which the strongest challenge to the NWC team is expected to come from the Norton and March Air Force Bases.

NWC's Bernie Wasserman will defend his open singles title and he and Gary Fry will defend their doubles crown, while Dick Boyd will defend the victory in senior men's singles which he won last year.

Other team members include Capt. Will Haff, Lt. Phill Fossum, Bob Forrester, Steve Lyda, Lt. Terry Nolan, Lt. Ted Breimayer, Lt. Bob Ramsey, Fred Hagist, Nick Schneider, Dick Mello, Wilt Wyman and Roy Miller.

For the first time in the history of the MDISL, a women's tournament will also be held. Some of the players trying for positions on the NWC women's team are Joan Leipnik, Jackie Haff, Charlene Newmeyer, Nancy Webster, Marla McBride, Diana Wyman and Sherry Miller.

Although NWC is the defending MDISL overall champion and the individual sports champion of last year, it is currently in fifth place after particularly stiff competition from the March, Edwards and Nellis Air Force Bases.

### Intramural League softball standings

Results as of Tuesday, May 25:

Table showing softball standings for Men's and Women's Fast Pitch Divisions, Slow Pitch National Division, and Slow Pitch American Division.

### Two local runners compete in recent San Francisco race

Local running enthusiasts Frank Freyne and Byron Richardson placed 101st and 311th, respectively, in the recent 66th annual San Francisco Bay to Breakers 7.8 mile race.

The classic footrace, sponsored by the "San Francisco Examiner," drew a record size field of 6,888 official entries who competed over the scenic course which starts at the Embarcadero and passes by the civic center and Golden Gate Park, with a few hills in between, before finishing at Ocean Beach.

Winner of the race was Chris Wardlow, an Olympic hopeful whose trip was sponsored by a firm of port wine vinters in his homeland of Australia. Both Freyne and Richardson considered this event good preparation for the Over-the-Hill Track Club's team effort in the 24-hour relay which is scheduled in June.

### Wilt's Corner . . .

(Continued from Page 6) The last team to use lights for night practices and games at the various diamonds need only switch them off. A Special Services employee will lock them at 10 o'clock each night.

### Employee in the spotlight



Katy Bell

Architecture is a way of life for Katy Bell. An architect for the Plans and Specifications Branch of the Public Works Department's Engineering Division, Katy is well known for her accomplishments not only on the Naval Weapons Center, but within the local community as well, since she played a key role in the creation of the Ridgecrest Golf Center.

A native of Topeka, Kan., she became fascinated with drafting while in high school and later pursued this interest in the related field of architecture at Kansas State University in Manhattan, Kan. She received her bachelor of architecture degree there in June 1955 and came to China Lake that same month, having been previously recruited for work here by the (then) Naval Ordnance Test Station.

#### First Job at China Lake

Her first job here was with the Architectural-Structural branch of her present division. She began by serving as an architect on "maintenance type projects" such as the roofing of various buildings and the remodeling of the Navy Exchange. "I think I've been up on quite a few roofs at NWC," Katy recalls with a smile.

One of Katy's early assignments after joining the Plans and Specifications Branch in 1961 was to do "shop submittal approvals" — making sure that the materials which the contractor was using on Capehart housing units complied with the plans and specifications of the job.

From 1964-67 she concentrated on architectural drawings for maintenance contracts — re-roofing and painting (including a selection of colors), for instance. This required her to spend a lot of time in the field in order to verify the location of equipment that was installed on buildings after their initial construction and thus was not included on the original plans.

#### Involved in Corona Move

Katy was heavily involved in the relocation of the Corona Laboratory personnel to China Lake during the period 1969-70. She assisted in the conversion of certain structures here into usable laboratory and office space and test facilities. In fact, the dorm located at 50 Blandy St., in which she lived when she first moved to this area, was converted to office spaces during this operation.

After the Corona relocation was completed, Katy began, in 1971, to work on a series of military construction funding submittals, including those for the Lauritsen Laboratory, the Bachelor Enlisted Quarters and the new Enlisted Men's Club — projects which are now under construction or have recently been completed. This entailed doing basic design work, site selection, estimating costs, and planning for the furniture of each structure. Preparing funding submittals was just

Independent," and, just last month, they were presented engraved plaques by Ridgecrest mayor Ted Edwards, who served as chairman of the Ridgecrest Improvement Committee, which spearheaded development of this community project.

As one of an estimated 3,000 female architects (with architecture degrees) in the nation today, and one of approximately 900 in the Civil Service, the thing that most impresses Katy about her career field "is the feeling that I get when I see something completed, realized, after first knowing it as just a drawing. It's like winning a baseball game."

Now that her work on the Ridgecrest Golf Center is completed, Katy, who is single and lives in NWC housing, spends much of her free time reading "just about everything," but particularly biography, popular fiction and mysteries. She also enjoys taking pictures of architectural objects and scenery, and plans to travel to Vancouver, B. C., this summer for 10 days in order to "relax and unwind and eat."

### Auction set June 9 for sale of surplus government property

A local auction sale of surplus government property will be held at the Community Center's Cactus Hall at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, June 9.

Among the 184 items up for bid are miscellaneous electronic gear, books, metal storage containers, typewriters, calculators, refrigerators, stoves, desks, fluorescent light fixtures, 55-gallon drums, arc welders, motor generators, 4-wheel drive vehicles and pickup trucks.

In order to bid, persons must be at least 18 years of age and register for the sale at the Community Center between 8 and 9 a.m. on June 9 by presenting proper identification. Successful bidders will have five working days in which to pay for and remove their property.

The items up for bid will be available for public inspection at the Defense Property Disposal Office, which is located at Warehouse 41 on 10th St., China Lake, beginning next Tuesday and continuing through the day of the sale (excluding weekends) from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Some items will also be located at the adjacent salvage yard.

The sale is being conducted in conjunction with the Defense Property Disposal Office in Barstow. More detailed information can be obtained by phoning NWC ext. 2502 or 2538.

### Open house slated on June 3 at China Lake police station

The Police Division of the Safety and Security Department will hold an open house from 6 to 9 p.m. on Thursday, June 3, at the China Lake police station, which is located on Halsey Ave. just west of Lauritsen Rd.

Featured at the open house will be displays of police equipment, such as vehicles, weapons and traffic radar guns, and films about police work and crime prevention. It is also expected that there will be a demonstration of police procedures used in stopping a vehicle containing felony suspects.

In addition, the public may visit an information booth in order to ask police officers any questions they may have about their work, and will also have an opportunity to shoot blank-loaded pistols while viewing a police training film that simulates a situation in which the potential use of firearms must be evaluated.

"The purpose of this open house is to develop good relations between the community and the police department," according to Steve Kaupp, chief of police. "We don't have any secrets. We want to acquaint people with what we do. I hope everyone will come out and enjoy themselves."



NEW FACE — Mike Moore, a detective with the Police Division, recently painted a fire sprinkler valve in front of the China Lake police station to look like an old-time English "bobby." This festive bit of decorating was done in preparation for an open house which will be held at the police station on Thursday, June 3.

### The Rocketeer

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### 84 players vie for top spots in Spring Tennis Tournament

The Spring Tennis Tournament, sponsored by the China Lake Tennis Club and Special Services, had 84 entries to contest the top spots in four events, last weekend.

Steve Lyda, tournament director, did an excellent job of predicting the winners of all events, as either the number one or two seeded player or team won in each category.

In the men's singles competition, Dick Boyd defeated Bernie Wasserman by scores of 6-3, 5-7, 6-4 to win the final match. Wilt Wyman finished third and Steve Lyda was fourth.

In women's singles, Ruth O'Neill bested Joan Leinik in two sets, 6-4, 6-4. Charlene Newmyer and Sherry Miller were the third and fourth place finishers, respectively.

In men's doubles, Boyd and Wasserman teamed up to beat Joe Strang and Lyda, 6-2, 6-4. The team of Wilt Wyman and Nick Schneider placed third, while that of Dick Mello and Ken Grant was fourth.

Gary Fry and Mrs. O'Neill emerged as the mixed doubles champions by defeating Morris Scharff and Carol Robertson, 7-5, 6-3. Placing third in this event was the team of Linda Duncan and Joe Strang, while Cindy and Bill Campbell were fourth.

### Local student places 2nd in Nevada state judo championships

Leslie Leckey, an eighth grader at Murray Junior High School and reigning national judo champion in her age and weight group, placed second in the Silver State (Nevada) Championships held last Saturday in Las Vegas.

Miss Leckey competed against six other girls in the heavyweight (110-140 lb.) class for 13 and 14 year-olds, and lost only one match, and that to the winner of the event, by virtue of the judges' decision after neither contestant could throw the other.

Winner of the national titles for her age and weight group in both 1974 and 1975, Miss Leckey will defend her crown in a championship judo meet to be held in Little Rock, Ark. on July 2 and 3.



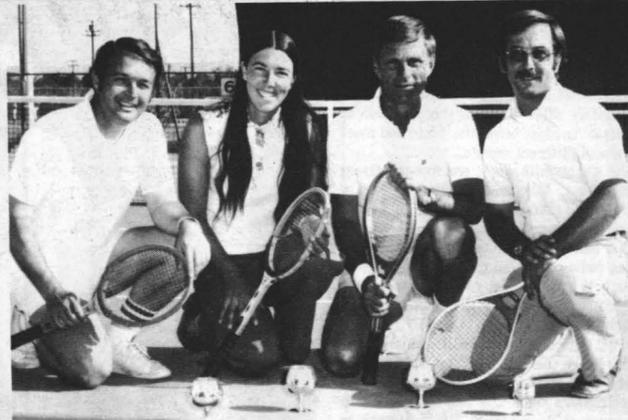
Leslie Leckey

### 1-mile races set by Over-Hill Track Club

A series of one-mile, age grouped races will be staged by the Over-the-Hill Track Club next Thursday, June 3, at the Burroughs High School track.

Registrations for the event will be held at 7 p.m. and the first race will begin at 7:30. A special novices' category also will be included.

Each runner will be charged a fee of 50 cents. More information may be obtained by phoning Dick Hughes at 375-4194.



**TOURNAMENT WINNERS** — The top players and teams which emerged from last weekend's Spring Tennis Tournament were (l.-r.) Gary Fry and Ruth O'Neill, mixed doubles champions, and Dick Boyd and Bernie Wasserman, winners of the men's doubles competition. Mrs. O'Neill and Boyd also captured first place in the women's singles and men's singles. —Photo by Ron Allen

### All-star nine snaps losing streak with 1-0 win over Visalia team

A second inning home run by Mike Stoner, shortstop for the Graham Associates, ended a 17-game losing streak last Saturday for the local entry in the Northern California Congress Softball League.

The victory by a 1-0 margin over the Royal Homes team of Visalia was a sweet one for the local all-star nine, which has had the misfortune of being edged by a single tally in a number of league games played earlier this season.

### Red Sox, Giants lead Major Division of C.L. Little League

A pair of wins last week by the Red Sox and the Giants in the Major Division of the China Lake Little League moved these two teams into a tie for first place — one game in front of the Tigers, who had been leading the division.

The Red Sox blanked the Tigers, 6-0, and outscored the Yankees 9-4, while the Giants also knocked off the Tigers, 7-5, and picked up another win by a score of 9-5 at the expense of the Dodgers.

In the only other Major Division game played last week, the cellar-dwelling Dodgers won their first win of the season as they blasted the Yankees, 9-1.

Standout pitching performance of the week was turned in by Dave Wooten of the Red Sox, who gave up just three hits, struck out 13 and walked none as his team shut out the Tigers.

In the China Lake Little League's Minor Division, the undefeated White Sox kept their win streak intact last week by polishing off the Cardinals, 25-1, and the Indians, 14-10. Scores of other Minor Division games were: Orioles 20, Eagles 11; Eagles 15, Cardinals 14, and Orioles 22, Indians 13.

Standings as of this past Monday were as follows:

Team	Major Division	Won	Lost
Red Sox	.....	6	2
Giants	.....	6	2
Tigers	.....	5	3
Yankees	.....	2	6
Dodgers	.....	1	7

Team	Minor Division	Won	Lost
White Sox	.....	6	0
Orioles	.....	4	1
Eagles	.....	2 1/2	3 1/2
Indians	.....	1	4
Cardinals	.....	1/2	5 1/2

### Sign-ups continue for Golden Anchor Tourney

A few more teams may still register to play in the sixth annual CPO Club Golden Anchor Golf Tournament that will be held at the China Lake Golf Course on the weekend of June 5 and 6.

A total of 48 teams will compete in this best-ball-of-partner event. Entry blanks are available at the CPO Club office.



### Wilt's Corner

### Tags on sale for use of swim pools at COM, CPO Club

Tags that are required by persons desiring to use either the Commissioned Officers' Mess or Chief Petty Officers' Club swimming pools, may still be purchased. Both swimming pools will open tomorrow.

The pools will be open this weekend and next, June 5 and 6. Daily operations will begin Friday, June 11, and continue through the Labor Day weekend, provided adequate membership support warrants their use.

Tags may be obtained at the Center gymnasium office between the hours of 9 a.m. and 2 p.m., Monday through Friday. The COM pool will be open from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. and the CPO Club pool will operate between the hours of noon and 6 p.m.

**Gym Use in Summer**  
The gymnasium complex is ready for the traditionally heavy summer use and will be open for business beginning June 1.

The indoor pool has been drained and cleaned in preparation for the season, and, in addition, the men's locker room floor has received a coat of non-skid paint, the basketball floor has been top dressed, and the outdoor patio has been freshly cleaned.

**Powerlift Meet**  
Friday, June 4 is the entry deadline to participate in George Air Force Base's first open powerlift meet to be held on June 12.

The contest will consist of 10 weight classes: 114½, 123½, 132½, 148½, 165½, 181½, 198½, 220½, 242½ and super heavy weight. Lifts will consist of the squat, bench press and deadlift. Awards will be given for first through third places in each weight class.

More information may be obtained by phoning the gymnasium at NWC ext. 2334.

**Energy Conservation**  
All athletic teams are reminded again to help NWC achieve its energy conservation goals by turning off athletic field lights after use.

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### NWC, NAF tied in Admiral's Cup competition

Athletes representing the Naval Weapons Center have moved into a first place tie with the Naval Air Facility in the current Admiral's Cup competition as the result of a strong showing in tennis.

Following a victory by Rear Admiral R. G. Freeman III, NWC Commander, over AZ3 Richard Kuhn, NAF's No. 6 man, in a match that went 6-7, 6-3, 6-3, the NWC tennis team defeated VX-5 by a total of six matches to three, and then rolled over the NAF racket swingers, 9-0.

During the past week, however, the NAF team bounced back by upsetting VX-5, five matches to four, to pick up second place points in tennis.

With only two events (track and softball) remaining in this year's Admiral's Cup competition, NWC and NAF are tied with 31 points each, while VX-5 is trailing with 21 points.

A track meet between representatives of NWC, NAF and VX-5 has been scheduled on Saturday, June 5, starting at 9 a.m. at the Burroughs High School athletic field. Events to be held are the 100 yd. dash, 800 yd. run, a mile relay, a medley relay (100, 220, 440 and 880 yds.), high jump, long jump and shot put.

The Admiral's Cup trophy, which is on display in the trophy case in the main lobby of Michelson Laboratory, will be awarded

following competition in softball. It will be NWC vs. VX-5 on June 11, NWC vs. VX-5 on June 18 and NAF vs. NWC on June 25.



—Photo by Lt. Phill Fossum

**NICE GAME** — RAdm. R. G. Freeman III, NWC Commander (at right), exchanged a handshake with AZ3 Richard Kuhn of NAF after defeating the latter 6-7, 6-3, 6-3, during their match in the Admiral's Cup tennis competition.

### 21-gun National salute to be fired Monday at noon

On Monday, the Naval Weapons Center will fire a 21-gun National salute at 12 noon in recognition of America's honored dead — those who have served their country in the Armed Forces of the United States.

Because Memorial Day, May 30, is on a Sunday this year, the national holiday with attendant honors will be observed on Monday.

The China Lake Naval Air Facility drill team will serve the Center's saluting batteries, which are located in front of the Administration Building. Aviation Ordnanceman Second Class William F. Harding, USN, will be in charge of the gun crew.

In keeping with naval tradition, the guns will be fired at one-minute intervals to acknowledge the solemnity of the day.

Protocol requires that persons in the vicinity of the saluting batteries, including those in vehicles, stop as a mark of respect until the final gun is fired at 12:20.

At the completion of the salute, the National Ensign, which will be flown at first-mast from 8 a.m., will be hoisted to the peak. This will conclude the ceremony.

### School food service director selected to fill state position

Mrs. Gene White, who has served for 23 years as director of food service and nutrition for the China Lake Elementary School District and more recently for the Sierra Sands Unified District, has been appointed state director for food and nutrition by Dr. Wilson Riles, State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Mrs. White will be leaving her position with the local school district on June 30 to assume direction of the child nutrition program in California public schools, which feed 1,750,000 students daily.

The long-time local area resident will head a staff of 40 and be in charge of a program with an annual budget of \$225 million.

Mrs. White stated that she and her husband, William, who is a research analyst in the NWC Weapons Planning Group, will be keeping their home here and she plans to return on weekends, or he will be traveling to Sacramento to see her.

"This will be the biggest challenge of my working career, and it was the hardest decision I've ever had to make," Mrs. White said. "Both Bill and I feel it's an important chance to do something for children, and that's the principal motivating factor behind it," she added.

Had it not been for her husband's support on this matter, however, she wouldn't have even thought twice about the job, Mrs. White noted.



Mrs. Gene White



**ON GRAND PRIZE LIST** — A Datsun pickup truck from the Bird Oldsmobile agency in Ridgecrest, like the one shown above by Mary Paine, Miss Ridgecrest-China Lake, is included among the list of first prize choices some contributor to the 1976 Navy Relief Society fund drive will be eligible to receive. There also is the choice of a Plymouth Arrow from Charlon and Simolon, or a 17-ft. "Me Too" travel trailer from Desert Motors. —Photo by Ron Allen

### Contributions supporting Navy Relief Society continue to grow

The tally taken at the end of the first three weeks of the 1976 Navy Relief Society fund drive at the Naval Weapons Center shows that \$8,200 has been collected.

Since contributions are counted on Friday of each week, and the above figure covers only the first 21 days of the campaign, there is an additional amount that has come in but had not yet been counted as The ROCKETEER went to press.

Cdr. J. J. Fleming, chairman of this drive to raise money for the Naval service's own private, charitable organization, expressed the hope that military and civilian personnel at NWC will do their best to support the Navy Relief Society's emergency aid and financial assistance programs.

Cdr. Fleming was echoing the sentiments of Rear Admiral S. J. Graveley, Jr., Commandant of the 11th Naval District, who this week issued the following statement regarding the annual Navy Relief Society campaign:

"Through the annual call for contributions to the Navy Relief Society, we in the Naval service have an opportunity to demonstrate our generosity and desire to assist our shipmates in times of emergency. This we can do by supporting the Navy Relief Society which is an organization concerned with the welfare of our people.

"In backing their efforts to provide financial, education, and material aid by our financial donations, we are bringing the helping hand of this volunteer group to personnel and families of the Navy and Marine Corps. The fund drive also provides the opportunity to acquaint each individual with information about Navy Relief.

"The amount contributed must be a personal and voluntary decision. I ask each of you to join with me in supporting this most worthy effort to the fullest possible extent."

Locally, the campaign will be concluded by the presentation of grand prizes on Friday, June 4, during the VX-5 vs. NAF

### Public forum . . .

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by raising the tax rate from approximately \$5.21 to \$6.05 per \$100 of assessed valuation of property within the district.

Panelists who will represent the school district during Tuesday night's discussion will be Dr. Howard Harmon, district superintendent, and Judy Lind, president of the board of education.

Sid Richison will be the spokesman for the Desert Area Teachers' Association, and the Ridgecrest chapter of the California School Employees Association will be represented by Russ Zinter.

Also on the panel will be Doris Swanson, president of the PTA, and a member of the public-at-large.

(BAT-NAF) challenge softball game, as well as announcement of the winner of the "Miss Navy Relief" queen contest.

With votes for the candidates being based on contributions made in their behalf for the Navy Relief Society Fund drive, the leading contenders from among the 10 queen candidates (at the latest count) were AZAN Patricia Stewart, HN Susan Quackenbush, MSSN Karen Lukas, RMSN Anna Marie Barker and YN3 Linda McKenzie.

For their help in boosting the Navy Relief Fund drive, the winner and top two runners-up in the queen contest will receive U.S. Savings Bonds in the amounts of \$100, \$50 and \$25, respectively.

Interest in the BAT-NAF softball game, which is always a hilarious affair, will be heightened even further by the presentation of grand prizes that are to be given away. These valuable awards, made available by Ridgecrest merchants, are:

1st prize — a Datsun pickup truck from Bird Oldsmobile, a Plymouth Arrow from Charlon and Simolon, a 17-ft. "Me Too" travel trailer from Desert Motors, or a Honda GS1000 from the Desert Sports Center.

2nd prize — a Suzuki A100 or a Suzuki TS 75 motorbike, both from Desert Sports Center, or a 19-in. color TV set from Ace TV.

3rd prize — an Amana microwave oven or a 17-in. Zenith portable color TV set from Loewens, or a Maytag dishwasher from Ace TV.

### Dr. Lauritsen played important role in NOTS rocket program during early days

(Editor's Note: In order to provide an added appreciation of the name chosen for the new Lauritsen Laboratory, The ROCKETEER is publishing brief episodes in the life of Dr. Charles C. Lauritsen, highlighting the period that he was influential in the development of the Naval Ordnance Test Station (NOTS), forerunner of NWC. The laboratory will be dedicated at 9:30 a.m. on June 18.)

Dr. Charles C. Lauritsen had been involved with World War II defense programs ever since he responded in the summer of 1940 to a letter by Dr. Richard C. Tolma, leader of the ordnance effort of the Office of Scientific Research and Development. "Dear Charlie," the letter read, "... It looks now as if we're going to need a number of physicists to help here in Washington, practical guys with lots of sense and energy. . . ."

In early 1944, as the new Naval Ordnance Test Station was being planned and built, sense and energy were just the qualities needed. As head of the California Institute of Technology program to develop rockets for the Navy, Dr. Lauritsen made his headquarters at the Kellogg Laboratory on the CalTech campus at Pasadena. But NOTS testing operations were important to Dr. Lauritsen's rocket program and his contacts with the new station were frequent. Together with Captain (now Rear Admiral, USN, Retired) Sherman E. Burroughs, Jr., Dr. Lauritsen provided decisive answers to technical problems related to facilities and Station operations.

As tests on NOTS ranges began to bring in results, Dr. Lauritsen worked overtime, in cooperation with Burroughs and a Navy-CalTech team, to do whatever was necessary to bring the war to a successful conclusion. As RAdm. Burroughs remembered it fondly in 1966, "... I had tremendous confidence in this CalTech group. We had some wonderful people here. . . and the whole group was a very dedicated, hard working group of people. . . Charlie Lauritsen—as far as I know he never had time to take his suit off to get it cleaned. . . Gosh what a man!"

### Dr. Edwin Royce . . .

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father was employed by the former American Potash and Chemical Corp. in Trona, and he spent the first five years of his life in Searles Valley.

In those days, Dr. Royce recalled, the old Trona stage (bus) was just about the only regular link to the "outside world," the town of Inyokern was just a wide spot in the road, and there was nothing in the way of real development in the Indian Wells Valley.

The family left Trona in 1940 and Dr. Royce later attended the California Institute of Technology, where he received a bachelor's degree in physics in 1957. From there, it was on to Harvard University and a Ph.D. in applied physics in 1963 before joining the Physics Department at the Lawrence Livermore Laboratory.

Although he's been away from the high desert area for many years, he's maintained an active interest in the desert and mountains and, during his college days, enjoyed numerous backpacking trips in the High Sierra.

An outdoor enthusiast, Dr. Royce is a member of the Sierra Club, the Wilderness Society, Audubon Society, the Tamalpais Conservation Club and the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs. For two years, he was the Sierra Club's vice-president for California and, in this capacity, organized and had the responsibility for the club's lobbying program in Sacramento.

His professional affiliations include membership in the American Physical Society and Sigma Xi, an honorary scientific fraternity.

### Year-round schools to be subject of program on June 2

A presentation on the subject of year-round schools will be given next Wednesday, June 2, starting at 7:30 p.m. at the Burroughs High School lecture center by a committee appointed by the Sierra Sands Unified School District board of education.

The committee has been studying the year-round school idea for several months and will be making its recommendation soon to the board.

The purpose of the June 2 program is to acquaint the general public with the committee's progress at this point in time, to explain the general concept of the year-round use of schools, and to listen to the concerns of and try to answer the questions of all interested local residents.

The committee hasn't yet decided upon its recommendations, but is in the process of providing information to school district personnel and to the general public in the hope of receiving response on the subject of year-round schools.



**CONCERT SEASON OPENER** — A sell-out at the Center theater is hoped for and expected when the Preservation Hall Jazz Band of New Orleans opens the 30th season of the Indian Wells Valley Concert Association on Sept. 27. Called the "greatest of the New Orleans jazz bands," this group is made up of some of the musicians who created jazz music. Featured on this tour are Percy and Willie Humphrey, Cie Frazier, Allan Jaffee, "Sing" Miller and "Big Jim" Robinson.

### Concert series season ticket sale campaign opens

The 1976-77 season ticket sales campaign for an outstanding lineup of six programs has been launched by the Indian Wells Valley Concert Association.

Because of the early date of the opening concert, which will feature the Preservation Hall Jazz Band of New Orleans on Sept. 27, the spring sales push has started. Concert Association members are asked to renew their memberships now in order that their seat reservations can be confirmed.

Those who wish to exchange their present seats for others in the Center theater will be able to do so on Wednesday, June 9, starting at 7:30 p.m. at the Maturango Museum. This will then clear the way for the seat selection process by new members of the Concert Association, which will start on June 14.

#### Other Programs Scheduled

In addition to the program by the Preservation Hall Jazz Band on Sept. 27, other concerts during the coming season, the artists and the dates they will appear are: Susanne Shapiro, harpsichordist, Oct. 28; William Mallory, lyric baritone, Nov. 30; Trio Flamenco, two master guitarists and a dancer, Jan. 19; the 65-member Utah Symphony Orchestra, March 3; and Daniel Pollack, pianist, April 18.

The regular price of season tickets is \$14, \$17 or \$20 for the six concert programs—depending upon the location of the seats in

the theater. This, it was noted by IWV Concert Association officials, is 40 per cent less than the price for single-admission tickets, which will run from \$6 and up for all six concerts. Reduced season ticket rates (one-half price) are being offered for young people under 21 years of age, to enlisted military personnel and to senior citizens 65 years of age and over.

Those reserving season tickets now for the 1976-77 concert season can defer payment as late as Sept. 10 if they desire to do so.

#### Joint Effort To Aid Museum

The current season ticket sales push is a joint effort of the IWV Concert Association and the Maturango Museum. A portion of both the season ticket sales and later the sale of single admission tickets will be earmarked for the museum's building fund.

Concert ticket sales representatives can be contacted in most of the schools throughout the Sierra Sands Unified School District, and sales campaign plans also call for lining up one or more salesmen in each of the larger clubs and organizations throughout the Indian Wells Valley.

Bill Ward, chairman of the ticket sales campaign for the IWV Concert Association (phone 375-5336), or Lou and Lena Czerwonka (phone 375-7617), his counterpart for the Maturango Museum board of directors, can be contacted for further information.

### 3 men killed in explosion on B-1 range . . .

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CWO4 Alderman is survived by his wife, Mildred J.; a son, Sam, 15, and a daughter, Doris Ann, 10, all of the home address, 611-A Nimitz Ave., China Lake, as well as by a stepson, Loyl E. Plinske, an Army man who is stationed at Fort Bliss in El Paso, Tex.

Still other survivors are two sisters, Mrs. Anita Sue Curlee and Mrs. Marilyn Lewis, both of Fort Worth, Tex., and a step-grandson, Charles D. Plinske.

CWO4 Alderman enlisted in the Navy in 1950 at San Diego, and his early training was in the field of damage control prior to schooling and experience gained as a special weapons technician. In 1960, he switched to the field of explosive ordnance disposal and, during his Navy career, served tours of duty aboard Navy attack carriers and seaplane tenders, as well as at Naval weapons stations and (for a time) was an EOD school instructor.

CWO4 Alderman, who has promoted to his present rank this past March, moved up the Navy promotion ladder from fireman apprentice to metalsmith, then to nuclear weaponsman and chief gunner's mate before becoming a warrant officer in 1966.

### LCdr. Mike Verner now serving as base operations officer at Naval Air Facility

LCdr. Mike Verner has replaced LCdr. Gordon Williamson as the Naval Air Facility's base operations officer.

LCdr. Williamson has been assigned to Tactical Squadron 1 at the Naval Amphibious Base Coronado. His successor comes to China Lake from the Naval Air Facility Naples, Italy, where he served for two years as its administrative officer.

LCdr. Verner's new assignment here

### CNO group to study Navy's energy needs

A CNO Energy Action Group has been formed to identify the Navy's energy needs, goals, policies and programs through the year 2000.

The 20-member group, under the direction of the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Logistics, will develop a Navy energy plan and formulate an on-going system for monitoring and reassessing energy needs.

Five strategy areas will be considered in the development of the Navy energy plan: conservation, utilization of alternative energy sources, self-sufficiency (ability of selected units to utilize local energy sources), resource control, and energy management planning.

In addition, concert association supporters can renew their memberships by returning season ticket forms which they have received in the mail, or can place their orders by telephone by calling 375-5600 at any time.

The sale of single admission tickets to the various concert programs scheduled during the 1976-77 season will be limited until it is known how the season ticket sales are progressing, Carl Helmick, president of the Concert Association, stated.

### Promotional opportunities...

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during environmental and dynamic tests. Work involves using precision measuring equipment to determine centers of gravity, moments of inertia and performance of mass thrust alignment and balancing. Job Relevant Criteria: Ability to learn non-destructive testing techniques and inspection techniques; knowledge of mathematics and physics.

Artillery Repairer, WG-4465-5, JD No. 499 (1 vacancy) and WG-4465-7, JD No. 500 and 501 (5 vacancies), Code 4545 — The incumbent performs various operations and duties required for experimental testing of ordnance and ordnance-related items. This includes preparing test setups and handling related hardware for testing of

propellants, explosive assemblies, solid and liquid propellant, rocket motors, and air-breathing propulsion systems; mixing and casting of explosives, propellants, and pyrotechnics; participating in a prejourneymen development program. Job Relevant Criteria: Ability to do the work of artillery repairer; knowledge of artillery assembly, repair and explosives, propellants and pyrotechnics; artillery repair trade practices; use of measuring instruments; ability to read technical drawings, specifications, and blueprints; troubleshooting. Advancement Potential: Can advance to Artillery Repairer, WG-11.

File applications for the above with Mary Morrison, Bldg. 34, Rm. 210, Ph. 2293.

Supv. Electronics Engineer, GS-855-13, PD No. 7453019, Code 5322 — This is a temporary promotion to exceed one year. Due to center restrictions on the number of high grade positions, promotion to the GS-13 level is dependent on the availability of a GS-13 slot. This position is that of head, Weapon Control Branch. This branch performs synthesis, analysis and design of complete systems and components leading to the development of advanced instrumentation and control systems. Incumbent is responsible for planning and directing the work of 23 professionals and subprofessionals, directs research and development effort for experimental systems, and is responsible for the design of control instrumentation systems used for fire control systems and tactical missile weapon systems. Job Relevant Criteria: Demonstrated expertise in the area of electro-mechanical control systems; extensive experience in tactical missile weapon systems design and development, understanding of mechanical design and fabrication procedures and documentation, program management experience, and the ability to supervise.

Electronics Engineer, GS-855-12, PD No. 7453028, Code 3952 — This position is located in the RF Analysis and Design Branch, Weapons Department. The incumbent will be involved in the design, development and evaluation of active and semiactive RF anti-air guidance systems. The incumbent will have the responsibility for the design and development of electronic systems, devices and components applicable to missile development and related support fields. This includes primary design and development, analysis, modeling and simulation, and technical and operational evaluation and modification. Job Relevant Criteria: Extensive technical background in weapons systems and the major fields of specialization in the electronic sciences; ability to conceive, design, develop and analyze electronic and radar systems, sub-systems and components; experience in air-to-air RF seeker design and development.

File applications for the above with Wilma Smith, Bldg. 34, Rm. 204, Ph. 2676.

File applications for the above with Pat Gaunt, Bldg. 34, Rm. 212, Ph. 2514.

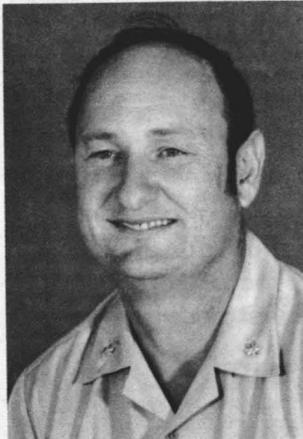
File applications for the above with Dora Childers, Bldg. 34, Rm. 204, Ph. 2676.

encompasses supervision of the NAF tower, the Flight Support Division (which maintains the arresting gear and the runways) and maintenance of pilot records to assure that officers' qualifications are in accordance with directives.

NAF's new base operations officer is an 18-year Navy veteran who received his commission after graduation from the University of Mississippi in Oxford (and completion of its NROTC program) in 1958 with a B.A. degree in physics.

His subsequent assignments have included staff duties in London, England, with the Commander-in-Chief U. S. Naval Forces Europe from 1972-74, and, during the Viet Nam War, an assignment with Anti-Submarine Squadron 23 aboard the USS Yorktown from 1966-68.

LCdr. Verner, who is single, is living temporarily in the BOQ.



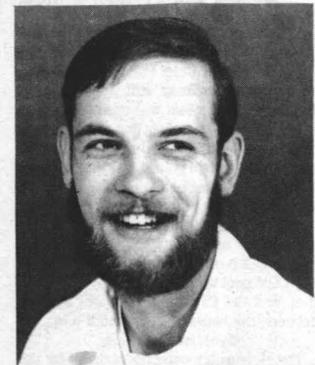
LCdr. Mike Verner

### PN2 Randy Conlon selected as VX-5 Sailor of Month for April

Personnelman Second Class Randy Conlon, a native of Buffalo, N.Y., was selected two weeks ago as Air Test and Evaluation Squadron Five's Sailor of the Month for April.

PN2 Conlon has worked in the personnel office of VX-5 since his arrival at China Lake in March 1973. He handles the paperwork on re-enlistments, separations, transfers to the Fleet Reserve and discharges, dealing face-to-face with about five such cases per day. His job involves a lot of typing, filing and searching of regulations.

Until recently, the 25-year-old sailor also served in the Shore Patrol once a week for



PN2 Randy Conlon

eight hours in the Ridgecrest-China Lake area.

"I like my job because it means dealing with people," says PN2 Conlon, who adds, "you get to know a lot about their backgrounds, where they come from and what they want to do when they get out of the service."

In a letter of commendation signed by Capt. R. N. Livingston, Commanding Officer of VX-5, PN2 Conlon was described as "courteous, cooperative and friendly," attributes which have "established the rapport essential to successfully assist the personnel of this command." In addition, his "devotion to duty, attention to detail and can-do spirit have contributed significantly to the accomplishment of the command's mission."

Prior to coming to China Lake, PN2 Conlon served, as his first duty assignment, aboard the destroyer escort USS John R. Perry stationed in Pearl Harbor, where he was involved in the ship's general maintenance.

### New club for enlisted men open for business

The grand opening ceremony of the new Enlisted Men's Club will be held in approximately two weeks, according to club manager Walt Schimke.

The club, located at the corner of Blandly Ave. and Hussey Rd., opened for business yesterday, so patrons can now enjoy its special facilities, such as Petty Officers' and Enlisted Men's bar/lounges and game rooms and a common dining area.

The Chaparral Club has been closed.

### Memorial Day holiday business hours

Following are the hours of operation of business and recreation facilities at the Naval Weapons Center during the Memorial Day holiday on Monday:

Facility	Hours
Hall Memorial Lanes and Snack Bar	11 a.m. to 11 p.m.
Golf Course	6:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Theater	Regular hours 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Fazio's Market	noon to 6 p.m.
CPO Club Pool	11 a.m. to 8 p.m.
COM Pool	11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The remaining facilities will be closed on Monday. They are the Commissary Store and Navy Exchange, Barber Shop, Beauty Shop, Child Care Center, China Lake Propulsion Laboratories Cafeteria, Station Pharmacy, Auto Hobby Shop, Camping Issue Facility, Ceramics Hobby Shop, Community Center, Gymnasium and Indoor Pool, Hobby Store, Skeet and Trap Range, Youth Center, FEDCO Service Station, Navy Exchange Service Station, Laundromat, Navy Exchange Annex, and the Bennington Plaza and Naval Air Facility Snack Bars.



**WEARING SAFETY GLASSES PAYS OFF** — William D. Cadle, an electronics technician in the Test and Evaluation Department's Ground Operation Branch, was the recent recipient of a "Wise Owl Award" that was presented by Glen Hollar (at left), his division head. Looking on at right is Roy Pullen, Cadle's branch head. Cadle's safety glasses prevented an eye injury when an electrical wiring short occurred and molten metal was embedded in one lens. —Photo by Ron Allen

### Special care needed traveling on long Memorial Day holiday weekend

By Billie Hise

This Memorial Day, "think safety." Plan ahead and know what to do, whether you drive long miles or stay close to home on this longer weekend.

Watch for the car that may not stop or may pull out at the intersection.

Check behind you before backing. Identify the position of small children, pedestrians, bicycles, motorcycles and loose animals. Slow down, give them plenty of room.

Check closely for clearance when passing or being passed.

Pull off the road and stop if you have a problem inside the car that needs your attention, such as a dropped cigarette, a road map or a crying child.

All of the above have helped to cause an accident.

#### Think Ahead

Think about the special problems you might encounter. Each area has its special hazards.

Driving too fast and on the wrong side of the road are the chief causes of auto accidents on mountain roads. Drivers should

shift into a lower gear when headed down a mountain so as to not overheat their brakes. If your brakes feel mushy, stop and let them cool down. Never coast with the clutch disengaged. Remember, it takes longer to stop on a downhill grade.

City driving has its problems too — stop and go traffic and more congestion. Check ahead for signs and signals and behind you for tailgaters. Try to keep a free space in front, too, in case you need to stop in a hurry.

#### Avoid Rush Hour Traffic

Pedestrians may attempt to cross the street in the middle of the block. Try to avoid rush hours on streets and freeways. Check your map before you go so you will know your route and exits, or let a passenger navigate while you concentrate on the problems of driving.

Going out on the desert? Plan to take two cars. With another vehicle, if one car breaks down, the other will still be available for use. Tell a neighbor or friend where you expect to go and stick with your plan. Better yet, furnish them a map of your trip.

Take along plenty of water for your party and the cars. Take extra gas, oil, and a good spare tire and the tools to change a tire. Take a shovel in case you need to dig yourself out of sand.

#### Pack Emergency Kit

Pack an emergency kit containing first aid items, matches, sunburn lotion and a map of the area, as well as your picnic lunch. Dress the kids in brightly colored clothing for desert jaunts so they will be seen easily in case they wander.

Where ever you go, remember that driving in darkness calls for special care. About two-thirds of the accidents happen at night. Drivers are more tired then and may not react as fast, and more drinking drivers are on the road at night.

Headlights shine out about 350 feet, but some drivers don't see clearly enough that far to detect a dark animal or a stalled vehicle in time to stop. Be sure your way is clear, and if you are tired, stop and rest.

Take care. We need you at NWC.

### Appearance of musical group at COM cancelled

Due to the anticipated exodus of NWC personnel from the China Lake area over the Memorial Day weekend, the engagement of the Mendocinos' All Stars band at the Commissioned Officers' Mess tonight and tomorrow has been cancelled, according to Dick Youngman, China Lake director of clubs and messes.

Youngman added that the California Country, a band from Bakersfield specializing in country and western music, will appear at the COM every Friday night in June from 9 until 1 a.m.