

Drummer needed now for CLOTA's next musical production

The Community Light Opera and Theatre Association needs a drummer—and it needs one today. Don Kummerman, musical director of CLOTA's upcoming production of "On a Clear Day You Can See Forever," reports that he has been hunting for several weeks for a drummer to play in the orchestra for this production.

"Drummers must be especially busy people," he said, explaining that all the local drummers he has contacted have conflicting musical engagements that will keep them from participating in the "Clear Day" orchestra. He also has room in the orchestra for several other kinds of instruments and would appreciate a call from anyone interested in participating in this endeavor. His home phone number is 446-3257; messages may also be left at 375-7900.

"On a Clear Day You Can See Forever," directed by Ken Austerman, will be presented at the Burroughs High School Lecture Center on Oct. 7, 8, 14, and 15. Orchestra preparations will involve approximately three weeks of rehearsal during evenings previous to the show's opening.

Kummerman, a member of the CLOTA board of directors, is also co-chairman along with Elizabeth Babcock of CLOTA's Fiscal New Year's Eve Party, a fund-raising endeavor to benefit the theatrical organization's building fund. Tickets priced at \$5 each, are now on sale for this Sept. 30 occasion, any may be purchased in Ridgecrest at the Gift Mart, the Importium, and Medical Arts Pharmacy, or from members of the CLOTA board of directors.

Country rock music for dancing enjoyment will be played by Rip Fang and the Sidewinders, a popular local group led by Ronnie Thompson that recently concluded a 12-week engagement at J.D.'s.

Special night for bosses

An opportunity for employees to invite their bosses to dinner will be offered by the Chief Petty Officers' Club beginning at 3 o'clock this afternoon. Dinner specials for Bosses' Night, served from 6 to 8:30 p.m., will be Islandic cod and prime rib.

Dance music will be provided by County Fever, a Los Angeles band, starting at 9 p.m.



WACOM SOCIAL SEASON BEGINS — A membership coffee, held Tuesday morning in the patio and yard at the home of Capt. and Mrs. Frederic H. M. Kinley, at No. 2 Enterprise Rd., marked the start of the fall season activities for members and prospective members of the Women's Auxiliary of the Commissioned Officers' Mess. A special welcome at this affair was extended to Mrs. William L. Harris, Jr., (in center), wife of Rear Admiral Harris, who assumed the duties of NWC Commander on Monday. Shown pouring Mrs. Harris (Jean) a cup of punch is Joyce McWherter, WACOM's treasurer, while Marta Knight, the membership chairman, looks on at right.

—Photo by Ron Allen



AVOIDING THE LAST-MINUTE RUSH FOR TICKETS — Looking forward to an outstanding evening of entertainment by singer Ray Charles and his 30-member troupe in the Center theater next Thursday, Sept. 22, Capt. Frederic H. M. Kinley, NWC Vice Commander, buys his tickets early from Kelly Moulton, a Special Services Division employee. There are no reserved seats for either the 6:30 or 9 p.m. performances, and tickets, priced at \$4 each, are still on sale at the Community Center, Commissioned Officers' Mess, Chief Petty Officers' Club, the Shuttle, Hall Memorial Lanes, China Lake golf course pro shop and at the Special Services Division Office in Bennington Plaza. They are also available at the Gift Mart, Baker Brothers' Furniture Store and Deboni's Ice Cream Parlor, all in Ridgecrest, and at the Inyokern Market in Inyokern. —Photo by Ron Allen

IWV Concert Association's season ticket sales campaign in full swing

The annual sales campaign of the Indian Wells Valley Concert Association is now in full swing as the organization begins its fourth decade of bringing outstanding performing artists to the local area.

Only a limited amount of time remains to sign up for season memberships before the 1977-78 season opens on Wednesday, Sept. 28, with a concert by the world famous Glenn Miller Orchestra, directed by Jimmy Henderson.

All six concerts in the series will be presented at 7:30 p.m. in the Center

Theater. Special-event passes will be available at both NWC gates to concert goers not having regular gate passes.

Season memberships are priced at \$20, \$17 and \$14 each, depending on seat location. A 50-percent reduction is offered to youths under 21, senior citizens at least 65 years old, and enlisted military personnel.

The purchase of season memberships will result in a savings of 40 per cent compared to single-admission prices, and also provides priority selection of reserved seats.

Tickets for the opening Glenn Miller Orchestra concert only are \$6 each for general admission, or \$3 for persons who are under 21, over 65, or enlisted military. Ticket Outlets

Season memberships, as well as Glenn Miller Orchestra tickets, may be purchased at any of the following locations in Ridgecrest: The Gift Mart, Lilly's Dress Shop, Donna's Costumes, Rings 'n' Things, The Grainery Health Food Store, The Music Man, Center Professional Pharmacy (at Drummond Medical Group), Medical Arts Pharmacy, Hamel's Fine Home Furnishings, and El Ranchito School.

In addition, they can be purchased from individual sales representatives in numerous NWC work areas and from local organizations.

Orders may also be placed by mail or telephone. Mail orders should be sent to the I.W.V. Concert Association, P.O. Box 1802, Ridgecrest, CA 93555. The association's telephone—375-5600—may be called at any time for ticket information, orders, or seat selection. Purchases may be charged to Visa / BankAmericard or Master Charge on mail or phone orders.

Following the appearance of the Glenn Miller Orchestra on Sept. 28, the subsequent concerts will feature duo-pianists Delphin & Romain on Nov. 1, cellist Gilbert Reese on Dec. 1, concert saxophonist Harvey Pittel on Feb. 1, and the Quartette en Concert (flute, oboe, bassoon and harpsichord) on March 2.

The season will come to an exciting close on April 10 with a fully staged production by Opera la Carte of Gilbert and Sullivan's "H.M.S. Pinafore."

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.

For further information call NWC ext. 2259.

FRI. 16 SEPTEMBER

"JOSHUA" (83 Min.)

Fred Williamson, Calvin Bartlett

(Drama) After the Civil War, men were returning to their homelands in hope of starting a new and peaceful life only to find death and destruction awaiting them. This is the story of a man who killed in the war for the sake of "peace" only to come home and find the battlegrounds different, but the cause the same. Joshua sets out to track down the men who raided his home and killed his mother. Once he finds them he stays one mile behind tormenting and finally killing them one at a time. (PG)

SAT. 17 SEPTEMBER

"MY HUSBAND, HIS MISTRESS, AND I"

(94 Min.)

Jean Plate, Bibi Anderson

(Comedy) Edgar, a handsome man in his forties, leads a perfectly well-organized double life between his wife Blanche and his mistress. One day Blanche is telephoning her brother and suddenly another conversation comes on the line. She recognizes the voice of her husband talking to another woman. At first she is stunned, but she quickly recovers and begins a subtle plan of revenge. (R)

MON. 19 SEPTEMBER

"DEMON SEED" (95 Min.)

Julie Christie, Fritz Weaver

(Horror-Drama) An interesting and consistently intriguing science-fiction horror tale in which a super intelligent computer, equipped with surrogate hands and the ability to move, decides to reproduce itself in human form and chooses Julie Christie as the vessel of its propagation. (R)

WED. 21 SEPTEMBER

"DOMINO PRINCIPLE" (100 Min.)

Gene Hackman, Candice Bergen

(Drama) This action-packed drama centers around an unnamed government bureau, apparently the CIA, which goes through much difficulty to spring a convicted murderer (Hackman) from San Quentin and reunites him with his long-unseen wife (Bergen). They set them up in a luxurious villa in Costa Rica. In return Hackman must assassinate an unspecified U.S. government official through elaborate maneuvering. (R)

THURS. 22 SEPTEMBER

RAY CHARLES CONCERT

6:30 and 9 p.m.

FRI. 23 SEPTEMBER

"NO WAY BACK" (91 Min.)

Charles Woolf, Fred Williamson

(Drama) Jesse Crowder is a man for hire. His motivation is the dollar. Formerly a policeman, he was suspended because he wouldn't stick to the rules. He's an expert with guns, fists and the martial arts. Crowder is hired by a woman to find her missing husband. Crowder picks up the man's trail and runs across several characters who aid his search. The action picks up when two thugs tell Crowder to lay off the case and beat the message in. Within the next 24 hours he locates his client's husband only to find him dead. It's a complicated double-cross and is packed with action. (R)

SAT. 24 SEPTEMBER

"TOO HOT TO HANDLE" (86 Min.)

Cheri Caffaro, Aharon Ipale

(Action Drama) Samantha Fox (Caffaro) portrays a hit woman who tempts the police and the criminals. She murders a corrupt banker, an international smuggler, two druglords and an infamous white slave trader. Her techniques for murder are unusual. The chief of detectives falls in love with her and proposes. She then sets a bomb to explode on the yacht where she has drugged him. She leaves a note that challenges him to pursue her if he can escape the explosion. As her plane leaves Manila, the yacht explodes. (R)

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RIF notices delivered; 123 positions at NWC abolished

Reduction-in-force (RIF) notices were delivered this week to employees who were affected by the abolishment of 23 supervisory and 99 non-supervisory positions—a total of 122 encumbered positions. The occupation mix of these 122 positions were: 30 Scientists and Engineers (S&E); 40 Wage grade; 23 sub-professional; 25 administrative; and 4 clerical.

The 122 encumbered positions were abolished in order to eliminate unnecessary functions; to achieve a more appropriate supervisory ratio; to streamline segments of the organization; to balance the workforce skills mix; and to reduce the number of S&E positions that are no longer supportable due to changing work and reorganization.

As was stated in previous articles, this RIF was not conducted solely to meet ceiling requirements. While the Naval Weapons Center ceiling was reduced by 306 billets over the last Fiscal Year, normal attrition had already resulted in elimination

of over 150 vacated positions, thus lessening the impact of the current RIF. The hiring freeze imposed from February to August 1977 created a serious imbalance in skills mix that must be corrected in order to meet mission requirements.

Positions Identified Aug. 19

These 122 encumbered positions were identified by Center management on Aug. 19. Since that time, the Personnel Department staff has been processing these encumbered positions through the formal regulations and controls of the RIF system to ensure the protection of employee rights so that an employee affected by the RIF is provided with an offer of least reduction.

Abolishment of the 122 positions resulted in 313 RIF notices being issued. Of these RIF notices, 84 were reassignments; 173 were changes to lower grade and 56 were separations.

All employees currently scheduled for separation will be contacted over the next two weeks by the Personnel Department so

that an appointment can be set up for counseling; registration in placement programs and to obtain answers to questions concerning the RIF. All other employees affected by the RIF should contact their Personnel Management Advisor if they have questions or desire counseling.

The names of PMAs by department are listed below, along with their telephone extension.

Codes 00, 08 and 21 — Alice Pastorius, Ext. 2676; Codes 39 and 12 — Ken Marcus, Ext. 2723; Codes 32 and 23 — Richard Strickland, Ext. 2393; Codes 35 and 24 — Marvin Goodman, Ext. 3118; Codes 33 and 25 — Bob Schlesinger, Ext. 2371; Code 26 — Jack Murray, Ext. 2032; Codes 38 and 31 — Ed Rockdale, Ext. 2514; Codes 06, 09, 61 and 62 — Pat Sprankle, Ext. 2577.

General RIF questions should be referred to Bruce MacIntosh by calling NWC ext. 3590.

Employees who have received a RIF

notice and wish to see the retention register may do so by going to Rm. 221 of the Personnel Building (Bldg. 34). Marcel Martineau and Don Shibley will be available in that room to answer questions on retention standing in individual cases.

Outplacement Program Coordinator
Dan Burnett, phone ext. 2690, is coordinating an outplacement program for employees scheduled for separation. Several activities and private employers have provided a list of vacancies for which applications are being sought. While the outplacement program is designed primarily for employees scheduled for separation, other employees scheduled for change to lower grade as a result of RIF may also be considered for these vacancies. Special attention is called to the following:

(1) Affected employees have five working days from date of receipt of notice to accept the offer provided. Failure to indicate acceptance within that time period will result in acceptance within that time period will result

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NWC rocketeer

Naval Weapons Center
China Lake
California

Duties of NWC Commander assumed by RAdm. Harris in relief of Capt. Kinley

Duties of Commander of the Naval Weapons Center were assumed on Monday morning by Rear Admiral William L. Harris, Jr., during a change of command ceremony held on the Administration Circle lawn.

The ceremony, during which RAdm. Harris relieved Capt. Frederic H. M. Kinley as NWC Commander, moved along briskly from its beginning immediately following the ritual of morning colors until the

mander of the Pacific Missile Test Center at Point Mugu.

Also present were members of the families of the two principal participants in the change of command, nearly 200 military personnel who were assembled for the occasion, numerous employees of the Center, and guests from the City of Ridgecrest.

RAdm. Harris, who has reported here from an assignment in Washington, D.C., where he had served since last November as the Naval Air System Command's Assistant Commander for Test and Evaluation, expressed his delight at being at China Lake.

There are both personal and professional reasons for this feeling of pleasure, the new NWC Commander noted, since his family (which includes five children, in addition to his wife, Jean) is fond of California, and he looks upon the opportunity to serve in his present post as a real plus in his career as a naval officer.

Well Prepared for New Duties

His varied background in the Navy has prepared him well for this post, RAdm. Harris stated, as he mentioned his service as a naval aviator, his increasingly responsible positions of command, and his experience in technical and managerial fields.

The most important matter ahead, however, will be the results of his stewardship as the NWC Commander, RAdm. Harris commented as he pledged himself to efforts dedicated to strengthening the military and civilian team relationship on the Center and to a continued bolstering of the relationship between the Center and its neighbors in the Indian Wells Valley.

"This is one of two or three of the top facilities in the nation which exist for the purpose of exploiting the technology that will improve U. S. capabilities in tactical warfare—especially tactical air warfare," RAdm. Harris said.

"It's extremely vital that we do this in peacetime, for when you defend against aggression it is done with those items that

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NWC COMMAND CHANGES HANDS — An exchange of salutes by Capt. Frederic H. M. Kinley (at left) and Rear Admiral William L. Harris, Jr., symbolized the transfer of duties of Commander of the Naval Weapons Center from Capt. Kinley to RAdm. Harris during a ceremony held Monday morning on the Administration Circle lawn. Following this, the order was passed to unfurl RAdm. Harris' flag which now flies atop the Administration Building's main entrance. Seated in the background is NWC Senior Chaplain T. C. Herrmann, who delivered the invocation. —Photos by Ron Allen

Pilot from VX-5 among few military aviators in U.S. to fly F-18 Hornet

LCdr. John Leslie, Air Warfare Strike Tactics Officer at Air Test and Evaluation Squadron Five, recently became the only pilot from China Lake to fly the F-18 Hornet prototype multimission strike fighter which McDonnell Douglas and Northrop are developing for the Navy.

For the purpose of familiarization with the Hornet's flying performance from the standpoint of air-to-ground attack, LCdr. Leslie piloted it for three flights at Edwards Air Force Base, that service's main test site for aircraft, at which Northrop also has a test facility.

Associated with the F-18 program at the Naval Weapons Center since March of last year, LCdr. Leslie received an invitation to

fly the aircraft from the F-18 program manager at the Naval Air Systems Command in Washington, D.C. To date, a total of 10 Navy and Marine Corps pilots have flown the Hornet prototype.

The F-18 is designed to replace the A-7 Corsair II and the F-4 Phantom with Fleet introduction tentatively scheduled for 1982. The Hornet's engine has 7,700 fewer parts than that powering the F-4 and features high reliability and low maintenance requirements. The production line cost of the new aircraft is about \$6 million each.

"Piloting the F-18 prototype was the highlight of my flying career to date," said LCdr. Leslie, who added, "It has excellent

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ADVANCE PREPARATIONS MADE FOR CFC—With the kick-off date of Oct. 3 fast approaching for the 1978 Combined Federal Campaign at the Naval Weapons Center, a meeting was held last week for the purpose of obtaining signed statements of agreement from representatives of the United Way of Indian Wells Valley and National Health and International Service Agencies. As this photo was snapped, Barbara Manning, vice-president of the United Way of IWV, was signing the agreement, the intent of which is to comply with NWC employees' wishes for a single campaign that has the benefits of reducing costs to the government and participating organizations, and also makes increased contributions possible by encouraging pledges that will be

collected by means of voluntary payroll deductions. Others in the photo are (seated, l.-r.) Gary Rainwater, CFC co-chairman; John Spooner, president of the National Health Agencies of Kern County, and Susan Irvin, associate director of the International Service Agencies, who traveled here from San Jose for the meeting. Standing are (l.-r.) Cdr. J. W. Ehl, CFC co-chairman; HMC Wayne H. Hardman, assistant administrative officer at the China Lake Branch Clinic of the Navy Regional Medical Center; J. D. Gerrard-Gough, CFC publicity chairman; Dick Harlow, representing local area employees of the Bureau of Land Management; Jerry Zaharias, president of the IWV United Way board of directors, and Bill Culp, Ridgecrest postmaster.

Literacy classes for foreign-born local residents resumed

Another series of China Lake Literacy Classes for the aid of foreign-born local residents, sponsored by the Protestant Council of All Faith Chapel, began yesterday and will continue on Thursdays from 9 to 11:30 a.m. until next May in Chapel Annex No. 4.

Students will be taught conversational English, reading and writing. They also will receive help in preparation for meeting the requirements for becoming U.S. citizens.

According to Lucille Berghold, director of the China Lake Literacy Class, 12 class members became U.S. citizens last year.

Mrs. Berghold, who is assisted by a number of volunteers, also announced that there will be a training class for additional volunteers beginning in October. Persons interested in learning how they can assist in the Literacy Class work, which utilizes the Laubach method, are asked to contact the director by calling, 446-6326.

A 4-session workshop for the purpose of training tutors will be held on Tuesday, from 7 to 10 p.m., in Chapel Annex No. 4, and will continue at the same time and place on Sept. 22, 27 and 29.

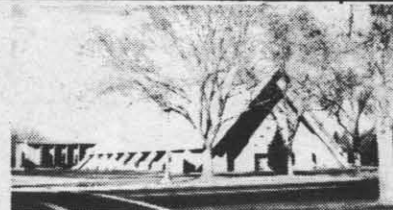
Hebrew Congregation slates Yom Kippur services next week

Yom Kippur, the Jewish Day of Atonement, will be observed next Wednesday and Thursday, Sept. 21 and 22, by the Naval Weapons Center Hebrew Congregation.

The observance will begin on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. when Student Rabbi Sol Goodman conducts the Kol Nidre service in the East Wing of the All Faith Chapel. This is the beginning of a rigorous fast which is observed by all except children and the sick.

On Thursday, in the same location, Yom Kippur services will be held from 10 a.m. until noon. A study session will be conducted from noon to 1:30 p.m., and from that time until the beginning of the afternoon service at 3:45, there will be a break.

At 4:30 p.m. the Yizkor (memorial) service will be conducted, and the Neilah or concluding service will be held at 5 o'clock. Following this, a break fast will be hosted by the women of the congregation.



DIVINE SERVICES

PROTESTANT
Sunday Worship Service 1015
Sunday School — All Ages 0900
Sunday School Classes are held in Chapel Annexes 1,2,4 (Dorms 5, 6, 8) located opposite the former Center Restaurant.
Communion Service first Sunday of the Month.

ECUMENICAL
Wednesday Noon Bible Study 1130
Thursday Men's Prayer Breakfast 0630

ROMAN CATHOLIC
MASS
Saturday 1700 fulfills Sunday obligation
Sunday 0700 0830 1130
Nursery, Chapel Annex 1 0815-1245
Daily except Saturday, 1135, Blessed Sacrament Chapel

CONFESSIONS
Daily 1115 to 1130
Saturday 1615 to 1645
Sunday 0800 to 0825

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES
Sunday First thru 6th grades 1015
Sunday seventh & eighth (Junior High) 1900
Above classes are held in the Chapel Annexes across from the former Center Restaurant.
Sunday evening Ninth thru 12th grades
As announced "In Home" Discussion Groups Youth Rallies

Contact Chaplain's Office for specifics.

JEWISH SERVICES
EAST WING—ALL FAITH CHAPEL
Sabbath Services every Friday 1930
UNITARIANS
CHAPEL ANNEX 95
Sunday Services—(Sept.-May) 1930

Entries now accepted for invitational golf tourney, Oct. 15, 16

Entries are now being accepted for the first annual Commissioned Officers' Mess-China Lake Golf Course Invitational golf tournament, to be held here Oct. 15 and 16.

This 36 hole event will be a four player scramble, with a separate scramble for women. The field will be filled by the first 144 entries, men and women. Each player will be placed in one of four handicap divisions, and every team will include a team from each division.

Pairings for each day will be by "blind draw." Verified September 1977 handicaps will be used. All handicaps are subject to revision by the tournament committee.

The entry fee of \$30 per person may be made when registering at the golf course's pro shop or at the COM on or before Oct. 7. (Checks should be made payable to "COMO.")

The price includes green fees for two days, free beer and soft drinks on the course, a no-host cocktail party on the evening of Oct. 14 at the club house, and a steak cook-out on Oct. 15 at the COM's lanai. The latter will include two free drinks, entertainment and dancing to a popular band.

Tourney prizes will be awarded at a COM luncheon buffet on Oct. 16. There will be tee prizes, and in addition, the closest to the hole award will be three days and two nights at the Stardust Hotel in Las Vegas and a \$100 gift certificate.

Doug's Corner

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that time. There will be four teams among the 7 to 9-year-old Pee Wees and three or four teams comprising the Junior Division's 10 to 12-year-olds.

It is not too late, however, for new players to join the league; late sign-ups can still be made at the Youth Center. League play is slated to begin on Sept. 24.

Aerobic Dance

An aerobic dance class under the direction of Jackie Haff will be held at the Youth Gymnasium every Monday and Wednesday from 9:15 to 10 a.m., beginning Sept. 19.

Aerobic dance is a fitness program that offers complete and effective body conditioning by trimming, firming and shaping one's figure muscles. It also conditions the heart, lungs and blood vessels by demanding that this system be put to healthy use.

Fee for the course is \$12 per student. Signups may be made at the gymnasium office.

BHS football . . .

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suffered a broken leg late in the season, the Burros will have to rely more on a passing attack to move the ball during 1977.

The defense, due to lack of experienced players, is still pretty much an unknown quantity as well. In the scrimmage against Highland High, the Burros proved to be more adept at limiting their opponents' running attack to the outside, but had difficulty stopping them in the middle of the line.

Head Coach Bernhardt, who is launching his 11th season at the helm of the Burroughs High varsity football team, is being assisted by David Bens, offensive line coach; John Higdon, in charge of defensive backs, and Gene Vejtasa, who is working with the defensive line and linebackers.

Early deer season to end

Deer hunting in California's early season, which opened Aug. 6, will close on Sunday, according to a reminder from the Department of Fish and Game.

The limit is two bucks, forked-horn or better, per season in the area that extends along the coast and adjacent districts from Mendocino County south to the northwest corner of Los Angeles County.

The inland and late deer hunting seasons will open on Saturday, Sept. 24.

Employee in the Spotlight

By Bev Lough

"One of the best moves I've ever made," says E. Maurice (Moe) Bell of Code 36's System Evaluation Branch, "was to become involved in the Naval Weapons Center's Apprentice Program."

This program provided four years of alternating periods of three weeks' on-the-job training and one week of full-time study at the Training Center through the Bakersfield College Extension Program. As a result of this training and schooling, Moe received a journeyman's rating as a electronics mechanic and an associate degree from Bakersfield College.

During the last year of the program, Moe began working under Connie Neal, head of the Guidance Systems Branch (old Code 4051). "There I was involved in Sidewinder missile development work for six years," he recalls. This was followed by nine years of laser development work after the charter of the branch was changed.

Two things about the Apprentice Program particularly pleased Moe. He enjoyed the outside range work. More importantly, before coming to work at China Lake in 1960, he drove a wholesale milk truck. That was "a dead-end job" and the program offered Moe a chance to begin a new career.

Current Duties

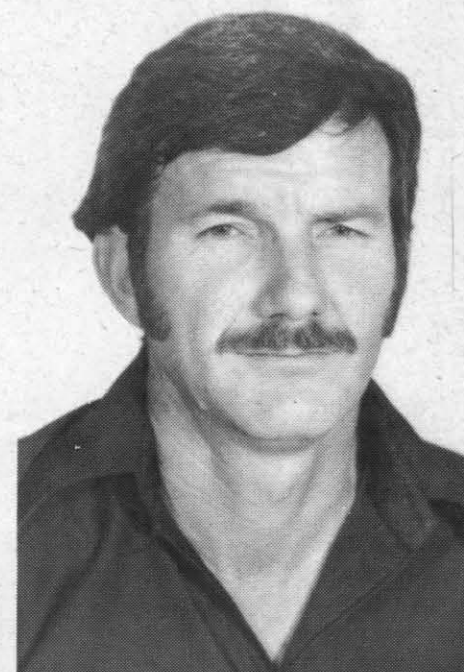
Today, Moe is an electronics technician in the System Evaluation Branch, a position he has occupied for almost two years. Code 3635 is involved in a variety of evaluation projects including work on the Sparrow missile.

"We are now rebuilding a test console which is used to evaluate the flight control section of the Sparrow missile," he explains. The rebuilding effort is intended to "update the test console and provide more flexibility."

Moe especially enjoys working with the Code 3635 staff. In particular, his branch head, Jim Mendonca, "seems to have the employees' interests at heart." Moe believes that to be an important quality in any supervisor.

As a result of his work at NWC, Moe has been able to travel to parts of the country that he feels he wouldn't have seen otherwise. "That should be one of the priorities to look for in a job if you're young and single," he says.

When Moe first came to China Lake with his family over 32 years ago, he attended grade school on the base. "At that time," he remembers, "Ridgecrest had more trailers than it did houses." Up until 10 years ago, he thought the growth in this area was very steady. Since then, however, he has seen the



E. Maurice (Moe) Bell

growth rate rapidly increase.

Moe, his wife Peggy, and their three sons — Ernie, 17, Greg, 14, and James, 4 — live in a mobile home in Ridgecrest. Ernie, who has just graduated from Burroughs High School, plans on working for a year and then possibly attending Bakersfield College next fall.

Most of the summer months for Moe and his family are spent working with local youth groups. He has coached Indian Wells Valley Youth football teams for three years and teams for the China Lake Little League and Pony Colt League for nine years.

"Last year," he says, "I helped coach a baseball team for the Ridgecrest Senior Little League. We finished with a 16-0 season and had quite a large celebration bill."

Avid Hunter

According to Moe, his wife is a "hunting widow" for three months of each year starting in September. During this time Moe and his two oldest sons hunt and go on four-wheel drive trips while James spends half days at a local day care center.

The hunting trio takes annual trips to Northern California hunting "honkers" (geese).

Deer hunting expeditions are usually quite successful, according to Moe, "when we hunt out just west of town." The group even has pictures to prove it.

The Bell family lives on a five acre piece of land in Ridgecrest. "We have three pastures, two steers, ducks, pigeons, chickens, and three black labrador retrievers," Moe says. The pigeons are

really just a "nuisance." However, Moe has used the pastures to train the dogs for hunting, and they have proven to be very useful.

In between coaching and hunting seasons, Moe spends his spare time building fences, planting watermelons and fruit trees, and irrigating. "Usually, I try to just keep ahead of the weeds," he explains. He is now in the process of putting up a greenhouse large enough to grow peppers and tomatoes.

After taking several real estate courses at Cerro Coso Community College, Moe recently received a sales license. "I've always had a secondary interest in real estate," he concluded.

'Management Night'

meeting set next Thursday by ASQC

A "Management Night" meeting, open to all interested persons, will be held next Thursday, Sept. 22, at the Commissioned Officers' Mess by the Sierra Sands Section of the American Society for Quality Control.

Guest speaker for this occasion will be Dr. Marguerite M. Rogers, who will present a talk entitled "What an Executive Wants From Quality."

A social hour at 6 p.m. will precede dinner, and the program featuring the talk by Dr. Rogers will follow at 8 o'clock.

Dr. Rogers is acting head of the Naval Weapons Center's Laboratory Directorate. She was the first woman to be promoted to a department head position at NWC, and is the only woman in the Navy Department who now holds a Public Law 313 appointment.

In 1975, she was chosen as one of six women in government to receive the Federal Woman's Award. She also is a recipient of the L. T. E. Thompson Award, the Center's highest recognition for outstanding individual achievement, and the Navy's Superior Civilian Service Award, which is the second highest civilian award that is presented by the Navy.

A major in physics throughout her undergraduate and post-graduate years at Rice University in Houston, Tex., Dr. Rogers received Phi Beta Kappa honors at the time she was graduated with a bachelor's degree in 1937, as well as when she received her master's degree in 1938 and a Ph.D. in 1940.

Dr. Rogers' involvement with the Navy dates back to 1943 when she became head of the Optics Section in the Research Department at the Naval Avionics Facility in Indianapolis, Ind.

She came to work at China Lake in 1949, but left here in 1954 for a 3-year period during which she took part in research studies performed at the University of South Carolina under a contract with the Office of Naval Research, and (for a year) was a visiting lecturer in physics at the Royal Technical College in Salford, England.

She returned to work at China Lake in 1957, and has remained here ever since.

AAUW slates membership luncheon in Ridgecrest

A luncheon for new and prospective members of the China Lake-Ridgecrest Branch of the American Association of University Women will be held tomorrow, starting at 11 a.m., at the Westwood Manor Clubhouse, 801 Ward St., Ridgecrest.

"There's a Place for You in AAUW" will be the theme of this meeting, which is open to transfer members as well as current members. The program will include presentations by leaders of special interest groups within the local branch of AAUW.

Any woman graduate of an accredited four-year college is eligible for membership in the AAUW. Additional information can be obtained from Ellie Ives, president, by calling 375-8090, or contacting Barbara Brauer, membership chairman, whose phone number is 446-7202.

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10-mile relay race scheduled Saturday morning by OTHTC

A 10-mile relay race, dubbed the Ridgecrest Rattlesnake Festival, will be held tomorrow under the sponsorship of the Over-the-Hill Track Club.

Check-in time for this event is 8 a.m. at the corner of Mahan St. and Syndor Ave. in Ridgecrest, and the race, which will be run over a 2 mile closed loop on dirt roads, is scheduled to get under way at 9 a.m.

Three-member teams will be vying in this event, and each member of any one team will be required to run at least two miles (one lap around the course).

Each team will decide which of its members will run the extra two laps, as well as the order in which the laps are to be run in order to complete the 10-mile relay race distance.

There is an entry fee of \$1 per entrant, and unattached runners are encouraged to turn out since some teams will be formed at check-in time, according to Frank Freyne and Gerry Ansell, co-directors of the Ridgecrest Rattlesnake Festival.

At stake in this event will be merchandise awards. Envelopes listing the awards will be drawn from a bag, with the teams being given the chance to select their award in the order that they finish the race. There also will be a special award for all-family teams, as well as for the individual runner who has the fastest 2-mile lap.

China Lakers win at 11th ND horseshoe throwing tournament

Two of the top three prizes at the 11th Naval District Horseshoe Throwing Championships, held last week at North Island, San Diego, were won by the Naval Weapons Center's representatives, AMS1 Danny Carlson and AMH1 Charles Coppus.

Carlson captured first place in the singles division, in which he placed second in 1976. This year, he played a set with each of three opponents, and lost none. In fact, he did not even lose a single game, the best two out of three of which determined the victor of each set.

In the final, championship set, Carlson defeated Larry Falk of NAS Miramar by scores of 21-15 and 21-0, and threw 96 per cent ringers.

Teaming up with Coppus, Carlson shared second place in the doubles event. In this competition only a single game per match was played, each to the score of 50. The local entrants lost by a score of 36-50 in the championship contest.

Coppus won two sets and lost two in singles competition, and earned fourth place over-all in a field of 19 players.



DRIVING HARD — The Wrecking Crew's Sam Thompson (with ball) turns on the speed to pick up yardage against the Navy Hawks during his team's 13-0 victory Sept. 8 at Schoeffel Field. Shown trying to get to him is the Hawks' Paul Wharton (with hand extended) while the Crew's Charles James (in foreground) is attempting to block for Thompson. Partially hidden (in background, at right) is Stan Perkins, defensive center for the Hawks. —Photo by Ron Allen

BHS varsity gridders face tough task in '77 season opener at Chino

A football season that has indications of being a rough one for the Burroughs High varsity squad will get under way at 7:30 tonight when the Burros tangle with the China Cowboys of the San Antonio League in Chino.

Lack of experienced players in all except a few positions is the principal reason for the bleak outlook, but local grid fans can take hope from the fact there is no lack of willingness by the Burros to get the job done, and that the experience which is needed will be gained a game at a time.

From scouting a pre-season scrimmage last Saturday between Chino and Rowland High School, Bruce Bernhardt, head coach of the BHS varsity eleven, learned that the Cowboys not only run the ball well, but have a good aerial game going for them.

The Burros' opponents for the season opener tonight have an experienced player in the key quarterback spot of a team that was able to pick up consistent yardage by going to outside sweeps on pass-run option plays during last Saturday's scrimmage, and can field a squad that is at least two teams deep in quality players.

Based on the Burros' own scrimmage against Highland High of Bakersfield last Saturday, Coach Bernhardt and his staff weren't ready to decide (at press time) who would be going in at quarterback when the locals get the ball on offense for the first time at Chino.



Doug's Corner

Hawks, Wrecking Crew vie in flag football opener

In the opening game of the NWC Flag football season, on Thursday night, Sept. 8, the Wrecking Crew destroyed the Hawks by a score of 13-0.

After a scoreless first half, the Crew's Kelvin McSwain broke loose early in the third quarter on a 45 yd. touchdown run, and a pass from Sam Thompson to Hubie Thompson made it 7-0. The Wreckers clinched their shutout in the fourth quarter when Calvin Brown found Greg Robbins open and threw a 15 yd. scoring pass. The extra point attempt failed this time, however.

There are only three participating flag football teams this season — the two military squads which clashed, in the season opener, and one bunch of civilian gridders, the Thailand Stickers. The military teams are preparing themselves for the 11th Naval District flag football competition, which will be held Oct. 11 through 14 at Long Beach.

This season's flag football games here are being played on Tuesday and Thursday nights at 7:30 at Schoeffel Field.

Racketball Tourney

Local entries are being sought immediately for the All Service Invitational Racketball Tournament to be held at the Naval Support Activity Los Angeles-Long Beach, Sept. 30 through Oct. 2.

Only the first 60 entrants will be accepted, and those interested in competing must contact the Center gymnasium no later than Monday in order to register. All active duty and retired military personnel, and their dependents (including women) are eligible to participate.

Jr. Tennis Tourney

The first annual Junior Open Tennis Tournament, which was slated to be held at the China Lake courts, Sept. 24 and 25, has been cancelled due to a lack of registration.

Youth Soccer

Tryouts for the fall season of the NWC Youth Center Soccer League have been completed, and the first practice sessions will be held at Davidove Field tomorrow morning.

Team assignments will also be made at (Continued on Page 7)

Fire Mountain Foundation slates Bowlathon next weekend to support college activities

A 24-hour Bowlathon at the Ridgecrest Bowl will be held from noon on Saturday, Sept. 24, through noon, Sunday, Sept. 25, under the sponsorship of the Fire Mountain Foundation to raise funds for the support of courses, programs and services of Cerro Coso Community College.

Entry fee is a \$5 donation to the non-profit foundation. Anyone can participate in the Bowlathon, and there is an equal chance of winning either trophies or gift certificates valued as high as \$1,000, depending on the number of participants.

Bowlers will compete either as sanctioned (those with a book average), novice (beginning and non-league bowlers), junior (under 18 years of age) or celebrity players.

Thirty celebrities from the Indian Wells Valley have been invited to the celebrity tournament which will begin at 8 p.m. on Sept. 24 on alleys 5 through 8. They will be vying for trophies to be awarded for high game, high series, and worst bowler. Novice and sanctioned bowlers are

eligible to win gift certificates good for the redemption of merchandise at local sponsors' establishments. In each class, the bowler with the highest single game score will receive merchandise certificates amounting to 20 per cent of the prize fund—up to \$175. High series bowlers in each category will receive up to \$250 in gift certificates.

In the junior class, trophies will be awarded for high game and high series.

Each participant will bowl three games. His or her actual score will have a handicap added to it, depending on his skill level. Handicapping will be performed by members of the Women's Professional Bowling Association.

Bowlathon entry forms are available at the college reception desk, and, in Ridgecrest, at the Daily Independent newspaper office, Sports Etc. and at the Ridgecrest Bowl. Bowlers are urged to register early to get their choice of playing times.

Latest information about RIF . . .

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in separation. An offer, once accepted may later be declined. However, once an offer is declined, the declination is irrevocable.

(2) The per annum salary cited on the RIF notice includes the projected 7.05 percent pay raise due in October for General Schedule employees. Should that percentage vary slightly, affected employees will receive an amendment indicating the correct amount.

(3) The RIF notice period is 60 days.

Jamboree to raise funds for Mojave Green Project set

A day-long jamboree to benefit the Mojave Green Project will begin at Joshua Hall on the Desert Empire Fairgrounds tomorrow at 10 a.m.

Admission to the affair will be free; however, donations will be accepted at the door in support of the Mojave Green Project in order to buy cages and other supplies for live Mojave green rattlesnakes which are captured and transported to the University of Southern California for research purposes.

Local victims of this dangerous snake are given free antivenin, provided they check in first either at the local branch hospital of the Naval Regional Medical Center, Long Beach (the NWC hospital and dental clinic) or the Ridgecrest Community Hospital. The antivenin stabilizes patients so that they can be taken to USC for further treatment.

Throughout the day at the fairgrounds there will be games and a puppet show for children, a cakewalk, comedy skits, cartoons and a dunk tank. A horseshoe throwing tournament will be held that morning; those interested in participating should register at Joshua Hall shortly after 10 a.m.

On display for interested visitors will be four live snakes in cages: Mojave green, timber and Panamint rattlers, and a boa constrictor. At about 9:30 p.m., dancing will begin to the music of the Stumpbreakers. The jamboree is being sponsored by the Citizens Band Radio Operators of the High Desert.

Procurement Division of the Defense Industrial Supply Center in Philadelphia, Pa.

In addition, NWC's Director of Supply and head of the Support Directorate has been the recipient of numerous military and civilian awards, including the Air Force Command's Award for Research, and an Air Force Pride and Excellence Award.

He has been recognized as a fellow of the Society of Logistics Engineers, is a certified professional logistician, and holds a professional designation in logistics management (advanced). He also is certified by the National Contract Management Association (NCMA) as a professional contracts manager and holds NCMA's professional designation in contract management.

2nd award of Meritorious Service Medal received by Capt. Killoran

A Gold Star in lieu of the second award of the Meritorious Service Medal was presented last week to Capt. Joel D. Killoran, SC, USN, the NWC Director of Supply and head of the Support Directorate.

The presentation was made by Capt. Frederic H. M. Kinley while serving as NWC Commander, and was done on behalf of R. James Woolsey, Secretary of the Navy (Acting) at the time the citation which accompanied the medal was prepared.

Capt. Killoran was commended for his meritorious service as Commander of the Defense Contract Administration Services Management Area, Milwaukee, Wis., from July 1974 to April 1977—the position he was holding when transferred to his present duty at NWC.

Mentioned in the citation which accompanied the Gold Star was Capt. Killoran's "inspiring leadership, expert guidance and superb management," as he directed his command to the highest possible level of performance.

Basis for Commendation

"Through his energetic and diligent efforts, his command became well known and respected throughout the State of Wisconsin for its leadership in local as well as Federal programs — thereby greatly enhancing the Department of Defense's image in the civilian community," it also was noted in the Meritorious Service Medal citation.

Capt. Killoran, who is a veteran of 22 years of active duty in the Navy, was commissioned an ensign in the Supply Corps following his graduation from the University of Minnesota in 1955.

He also is a graduate of the Supply Corps School in Athens, Ga., has completed numerous military and civilian professional courses, and holds an M.S. degree in logistics management from the Air Force Institute of Technology, School of Systems and Logistics, Air University at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio.

He previously earned a Meritorious Service Medal for his outstanding performance of duty as Chief of the

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performance characteristics and outstanding flying qualities. Moreover, it outperforms the A-7 in almost all respects—in turning, acceleration, and handling in high-angle attack."

LCdr. Leslie was graduated with a B.S. degree in aero-engineering from Cal Poly at San Luis Obispo in 1967, and entered the Navy that same year. In 1975 he attended U.S. Navy Test Pilot School at Patuxent River, Md. He and his wife, Pat, arrived at China Lake in January, 1976.



CONGRATULATIONS EXTENDED — During a ceremony held last week in the office of the NWC Commander, Capt. Frederic H. M. Kinley extended his congratulations to Capt. Joel D. Killoran, SC, USN, as he presented to him a Gold Star in lieu of the second award of the Meritorious Service Medal. A pleased and proud observer during the ceremony was Capt. Killoran's wife, Darlene.



ONE OF SELECT FEW — LCdr. John Leslie of Air Test and Evaluation Squadron Five is shown relaxing by the aft fuselage section of the F-18 Hornet prototype which he flew recently at Edwards Air Force Base. Below his arm at left is an open landing gear door. LCdr. Leslie is one of 10 Navy and Marine Corps pilots nationally who have flown this aircraft. —Northrop photo



TOURNEY WINNERS — AMS1 Danny Carlson (at left) and AMH1 Charles Coppus display the trophies they won at the recent 11th Naval District Horseshoe Throwing Championships which were held at North Island, San Diego. Carlson won a first place award in the singles division, and each received a plaque for their second place showing as a team in the doubles competition. —Photo by Ron Allen

During this period, changes might occur which can only lessen the impact of the RIF upon those employees who have received a notice. During those 60 days, an employee affected by the RIF may elect to either retire or resign. Either of these actions will result in cancellation or amendment of the RIF notices to those employees who follow the retiring or resigning employee in that RIF chain. In such cases, these changes and / or amendments will always result in improved offers to affected employees. In addition, unexpected vacancies may occur and affected employees may qualify and consequently be placed in these vacant positions thus further lessening the impact of the RIF. It is important for affected employees to realize that during the next 60 days, every effort will be made to ensure that the minimum possible impact occurs.

Rules Outlined in Sept. 9 Issue

RIFs are unpleasant, both for the affected employees and for Management; however, the RIF process is designed to protect employee rights when workforce imbalance dictates that an activity abolish positions. The article which appeared in the Sept. 9 issue of The ROCKETEER described RIF Rules, including seniority and veteran's preference as they apply to employee entitlements in a RIF.

Affected employees and supervisors are urged to keep in mind that the RIF notice period is 60 days. During that time, events may occur which will only lessen the impact of the RIF upon those employees who have received a notice.

Effort continued to improve reception of TV Channel 28

Viewers of Channel 28 (educational TV programs from Los Angeles) should enjoy a noticeable improvement in the quality of the picture being received by this weekend, Jim Rieger, a member of the Indian Wells Valley TV and Radio Booster System Committee, reported earlier this week.

Even though a new translator was purchased for Channel 28, its installation did not solve the problem of what to do when the signal being received from Los Angeles fades into nothingness.

To alleviate this problem, other equipment that was ordered several weeks ago has now been installed that will automatically switch to a second source at Victorville for receiving Channel 28 programs. The latter can be picked up locally via Channel 49 by those who have a TV antenna oriented southwest in the direction of Laurel Mt.

Rieger, who has been working on this latest attempt to improve upon the reception of Channel 28 programs, noted that this is not the final refinement, since he and other committee members will be striving to continuously improve the local TV / FM radio booster system.

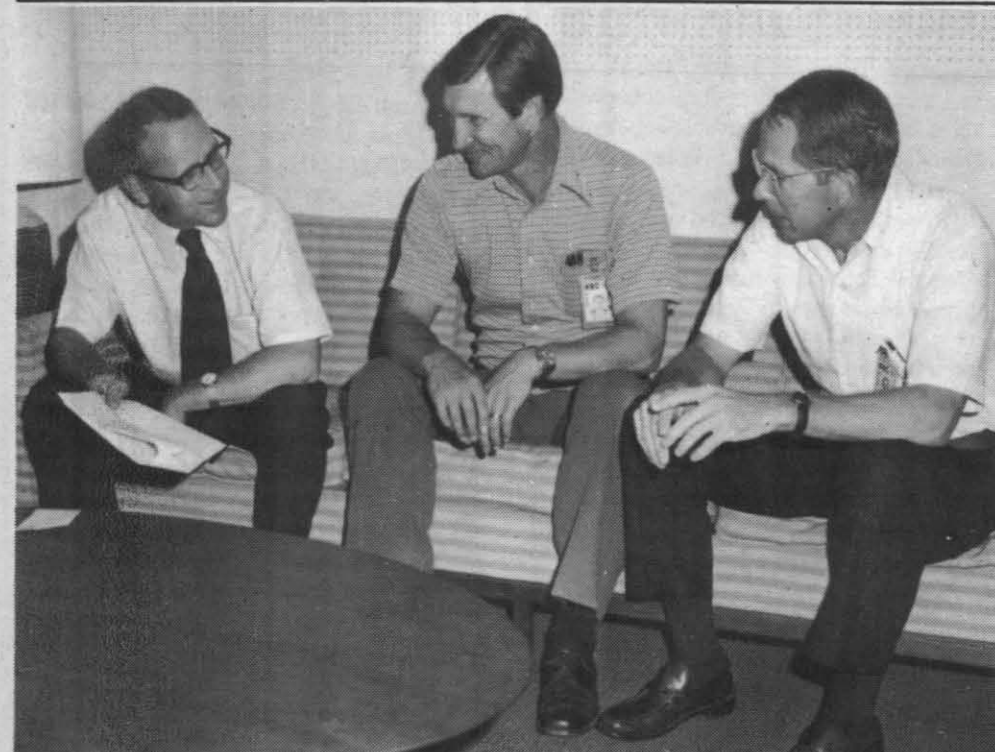
Additional monetary contributions are needed to make this possible, Rieger added. Those who are receiving the benefits of the TV / FM radio booster system, but haven't yet contributed financially for this community-owned system, are encouraged to do so by sending their donation of \$10 per household, or \$5 in the case of single persons, to TV Booster, PO Box 562, Ridgecrest. Make checks payable to "TV Booster."

Enrollment now open in naval message course

Applications are now being accepted for enrollment in a naval message course that is to be taught by Lt. Richard Nielsen, NWC Communications Officer.

This course has been scheduled on Thursday, Oct. 6, from 7:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Training Center.

Employees interested in attending this course must submit an NWC enrollment form via proper department channels in time for it to reach Code 094 no later than Monday, Sept. 26.



TECHNOLOGY COORDINATING PANEL FORMED — Members of the recently organized Technology Coordinating Panel have begun their work which is aimed at more effective coordination and management of funds received for technical work that can be directed at the local level. They are (l.-r.) Dr. E. B. Royce, M. E. (Matt) Anderson and P. G. Sprankle. A fourth member, W. E. Freitag, was unable to be present for the photo. —Photo by Ron Allen

Panel formed to manage funding of technical work directed here

As part of its continuing effort to more effectively coordinate and manage funding for technology work that can be directed at the local level, NWC management recently formed the Technology Coordinating Panel (TCP).

This group consists of the Center's coordinators for the various types of discretionary funds, Independent Research and Development (IR&D), Block Programming Funding, Independent Research (IR), and Independent Exploratory Development (IED), and is charged with responsibility for recommending to the Center's top management a program of technology work that will meet the needs of the Navy and other services in the 1981-1986 time frame.

The first three slots on the TCP are filled by P. G. Sprankle, IR&D Coordinator; W. E. Freitag, (Air) Strike Warfare Weaponry Technology Block Coordinator; and Dr. E. B. Royce, IR Coordinator. The fourth slot, that of IED Coordinator, will be filled on a 15-month rotational basis from selected senior line managers from the NWC technical community. M. E. (Matt) Anderson, head of the Fuze Department's Electromechanical Division, has been selected by Dr. M. M. Rogers, Acting

Happenings around NWC

Entertainment will be provided at The Shuttle this weekend by Prime Cut, an eight piece rock band from Los Angeles. The group will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. tonight and tomorrow evening.

Forest, a musical group from Pomona, will perform next Thursday, Sept. 22, from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m., while Pegasus will provide the music over the weekend of Sept. 30.

Greek Night at COM

It's all Greek at the Commissioned Officers' Club tonight! Greek cuisine will be served from 4:30 to 9 p.m., and authentic Greek music (recorded) will contribute to the atmosphere.

Coming up on Thursday, Sept. 22, is Diners' Night at the COM. Dinner choices will include prime rib, whole giant crab, and whole boiled lobster. Dinner will be served from 4:30 to 9 p.m.

Thrift Shop Slates Sale

A half-price sale at the WACOM-operated Thrift Shop, which is located on Lauritsen Rd., between King and Blandy Aves., will be held next week, it was announced by Lorna Moore, chairman.

The Thrift Shop's hours of operation are Tuesday from 7 to 9 p.m. and Thursday from 9 to 11 a.m.

'Up With People' program of varied music, dancing, song slated Sept. 26

The Up With People show, an entertaining two hours of music and dancing which includes a broad range of contemporary and traditional material, will be presented at 8:15 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 26, at the Center theater.

The singers and dancers will be backed by a complete instrumental section of guitars, percussion, piano and brass. All told, more than 80 young people ranging from 17 through 25 years of age will be involved in the local presentation of Up With People's multi-faceted program, which is professionally arranged, directed and choreographed.

The songs attempt to reflect the spirit of people and are written against the setting of what is happening in the world today. The production has been acclaimed for its unique combination of high energy and the natural appeal of its young performers.

One reviewer described this 2-hour musical by writing: "Their impact is electric, instantaneous. They do not ease into their performance with a gentle warm-up; they ignite it in a burst of musical combustion."

Widely Traveled Group

Up With People casts (approximately 350 young people from 18 countries are currently involved) are on the road for 11 months out of the year and have been seen in live performances in all 50 states and in 42 countries on six continents, as well as on national television networks around the world.

In the past two years alone, Up With People has been seen by five million people during concerts that have been presented from Mexico City to Belfast, Northern Ireland. Recent appearances include those at the Kentucky Derby, at the Indianapolis 500 race and as the featured half-time entertainment at the Super Bowl X professional football championship game.

Up With People is an independent, non-profit, educational corporation that is headquartered in Tucson, Ariz. The organization endeavors to establish a creative format for communication and interaction between people of different cultures, nationalities, ages and points of view.

The varied cultural experiences which the

participants receive through travel, participation in all phases of the show, plus the responsibility of handling day-to-day operations, provides these highly talented young people with a creative educational experience. The performers may work for college credits from the University of Arizona or through a program of independent study projects.

While on tour, members of the cast live with host families in the communities where they are scheduled to appear, and the same will be true here. Housing for the night of the show on Sept. 26 is needed for the 85 members of the Up With People cast.

Local Assistance Needed

Local area residents who can assist by providing a night's stay in their home for one of these young people are asked to contact Nancy David or Therese Bombera at the office of the Daily Independent newspaper in Ridgecrest, the sponsor of this program, by calling 375-4481. Complimentary tickets will be provided to all who help out in this way.

Tickets for the Up With People program are priced at \$3.50 for general admission, and \$2.50 for students, enlisted military personnel and senior citizens. The tickets can be purchased in Ridgecrest at the Daily Independent newspaper office or Deboni's Ice Cream Parlor. After Sept. 22, they also will be on sale at the China Lake Community Center.

Auction of surplus government property to be held Tuesday

Ernie Escajeda, auctioneer from the Defense Property Disposal Office in Barstow, will be back at his old stand at the Community Center on Tuesday when another local auction of surplus government property is scheduled to get under way at 9 a.m.

Registration of prospective bidders for the auction, which is open to the public, will begin at 8 a.m. Tuesday, also at the Community Center.

More than 170 items will be offered for sale including trucks, trailers, compressors, steel pipe, evaporative coolers, hydraulic jacks, pumps, typewriters, calculators, desks, tables, chairs and electrical and electronic equipment.

Those wishing to do so can inspect the surplus government property that is up for sale by visiting the Defense Property Disposal Office building and the adjacent salvage yard up until 3 p.m. today and between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. on Monday.

Items purchased on Tuesday may be removed on the day of the sale provided that full payment is received.

Additional information about the auction and the manner in which it will be conducted can be obtained by calling Bill Giuliani at NWC ext. 2502 or 2538.

Deadline is Sept. 22 to register for CLEP tests

This coming Thursday, Sept. 22, is the deadline for applying for College Level Examination Program (CLEP) tests which will be administered next month by Cerro Coso Community College.

The tests will be administered on Saturday, Oct. 15, at 9 a.m., and will be of two types. The general examinations measure achievement in five basic areas of the liberal arts: English composition, humanities, mathematics, natural science and history. The subject examinations measure knowledge in particular classroom subjects.

Students can earn up to 30 semester units of credit toward graduation at Cerro Coso through such examinations as CLEP. Cost of these tests is \$20 for one, \$30 for two, and, on a proportionally descending scale, \$80 for nine. Application for taking the tests can be made at the college's counseling center.

Change of command ceremony...

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have been developed during times of peace," he pointed out.

Before concluding his brief remarks, RAdm. Harris re-emphasized his dedication to the task of providing the leadership necessary for the Naval Weapons Center to fulfill its essential mission, and expressed confidence in the support he would receive from all Centerites toward this end.

"It's a distinct privilege to have Capt. Kinley as my Vice Commander. He did a superb job as Commanding Officer," RAdm. Harris stated. "I'm pleased and very excited at assuming this Command," he concluded.

For his part, Capt. Kinley expressed mixed emotions about the change of command ceremony. He mentioned his pride at having been Commander of NWC, and also noted that, with the quick passage of time, it was once again the moment when the responsibility of command must be passed to another.

He was, Capt. Kinley said, both "sincerely grateful for having had the incomparable opportunity to serve as Commander of the Naval Weapons Center, and confident of being able to better provide the support and assistance the Commander must have to carry out the multi-dimensional duties of his office."

Career Highlights Reviewed

It was with great pleasure, Capt. Kinley continued, that he turned over the duties of NWC Commander to RAdm. Harris. "Like many of you here this morning, I know him to be superbly qualified to lead this command," Capt. Kinley stated before briefly reviewing some of the highlights of RAdm. Harris' career as a naval officer.

Mentioned was experience gained by RAdm. Harris as Commanding Officer of a major combatant ship (the attack carrier USS Midway), and service as Commander of Task Force 77 in the Pacific Fleet.

"These tours of sea duty, coupled with duty in the Research and Development organization in the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations and his most recent assignment as Assistant Commander of the Naval Air Systems Command for Test and Evaluation are impressive credentials indeed," Capt. Kinley noted. "We are all

most fortunate that he has been ordered to the Center," it was added.

On behalf of the entire Naval Weapons Center, Capt. Kinley then welcomed RAdm. Harris, his wife, Jean, and the entire Harris family to China Lake.

"My time as NWC Commander has been challenging and thus enjoyable," Capt. Kinley commented about the period since last May when he relieved RAdm. R. G. Freeman III at the time the latter received orders transferring him to Fort Belvoir, Va., to serve as Commandant of the Defense Systems Management College.

Thanks Expressed

As he spoke of returning to his former duties as NWC Vice Commander, Capt. Kinley took the opportunity to thank Capt. W. B. Haff, who had moved into that slot during his absence; R. W. Hillyer, NWC Technical Director, the NWC Directorate and department heads, and all Center employees and assigned military personnel. "I am not only appreciative of their dedicated support, but even more, I am proud of their collective performance during the past four months," Capt. Kinley stated.

He is positive, Capt. Kinley continued, that this same support, professionalism and dedication will be given in full measure to RAdm. Harris.

To friends from the City of Ridgecrest and the surrounding area, Capt. Kinley added a word of appreciation for the continued good working relationships that have been traditional, and stated that he is looking forward to a further cementing of these ties.

The change of command ceremony, which had opened with a parading of the colors by the Naval Weapons Center color guard and the invocation by Senior Chaplain T. C. Herrmann, was concluded with the benediction by Chaplain Joseph G. Wambach, retiring of the colors, and the order by RAdm. Harris, NWC Commander, to the various division officers to take charge and carry out the plan of the day.

Ardis Walker to be museum lecture series speaker

A well-known Kern County pioneer, historian, and poet and former judge of the Indian Wells Valley Justice Court will be the next speaker in the Maturango Museum's series of lectures.

Providing fascinating glimpses of Keyville and the Kernville area, Ardis Manly Walker will speak on Wednesday, Sept. 21, at 7:30 p.m. in the Pierce Elementary School auditorium. Walker's talk, which is free of admission charge, will be entitled "Sierra Prologue" and will deal with aboriginal cultures of Kern County as well as with the exciting gold rush days.

Author of numerous books of poetry and prose over the past 40 years, Walker has been called Kern County's "Poet Laureate." His most recent book is "Buena Vista, Pictorial View of Kern County."

Born in the old mining camp of Keyville, Walker has worked as a businessman, reporter, judge, and county supervisor, all within Kern County. His present overriding interest is in the area of conservation, specifically that of the Kern Plateau, and he is a founder and steadfast member of the Kern Plateau Association.

Possessor of one of the finest private collections of Californiana in the state, Walker is well-known as a fascinating speaker and has often given talks in the local area on a variety of subjects. He and his wife live in Wofford Heights.

Ski Club to meet Tues.

First meeting of the fall season of the China Lake Ski Club will be held on Tuesday, starting at 7:30 p.m., at the Community Center.

On the evening's agenda will be a discussion of plans for group activities this winter, as well as the election of a new slate of officers, Gary Bartlett, the president reported.



OFFICIAL DUTIES BEGIN — Officials and guests who attended Monday morning's change of command ceremony were invited to have a piece of cake after the first slice was cut by Rear Admiral Harris, NWC Commander. Observing this informal conclusion to the program during which the duties of NWC Commander were transferred from him to RAdm. Harris is Capt. Kinley, NWC Vice Commander. —Photos by Ron Allen

30-yr. milestone award presented to NWC Federal Credit Union by NCUA

C. Austin Montgomery, Administrator of the National Credit Union Administration, recently presented the NCUA Milestone Award to the Naval Weapons Center Federal Credit Union, effective June 1977. The award was presented in recognition of 30 years of dedicated service to the membership on the part of the Credit Union's volunteer officials and its employees.

The NWC Federal Credit Union, originally chartered in 1947, is located at 500 King St., China Lake, and has a branch operation at 1323 North Norma St. in Ridgecrest. From an initial membership of nine shareholders and assets of approximately \$300, the Credit Union now has 17,903 members and assets of approximately \$39,200,000.

The National Credit Union Administration (NCUA) is an independent agency in the Executive Branch of the Federal government. Its mission includes the chartering, examination and supervision of federal credit unions throughout the United States, its territories and possessions.

Equally important, NCUA manages the federal share insurance program, which insures members' savings accounts in federal credit unions and state-chartered

Art sale begins today at Community Center

In need of a painting that will just fit the bill in setting off the decor of your living room, den or some other part of your home?

Well, according to officials of the NWC Special Services Division, there's a good chance that the answer to that need can be found at the Community Center.

Thanks to arrangements made by Special Services, more than 1,500 paintings supplied by an art dealer from the Midwest will be on display and offered for sale from 2 to 7 p.m. today and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. tomorrow.

There is no admission charge to the art display, and prices range from \$9.50 for an 8 by 10 in. painting to \$40 for a 24 by 48 in. work. None of the paintings is priced at more than \$40, and a variety of frames (equal in cost to that of the painting it is suitable for) also will be offered for sale.



MARINE CORPS OFFICER PROMOTED — During a ceremony held in the office of Capt. Frederic H. M. Kinley, now Vice Commander of the Naval Weapons Center, Maj. Ben Adams, USMC, was promoted to the rank of lieutenant colonel. Capt. Kinley is watching as Mrs. Adams (Elaine) pins a silver oak leaf insignia on her husband's collar tab. A recent arrival at the Naval Weapons Center, Lt. Col. Adams is the helicopter projects officer in the Marine Corps Liaison Office. He reported here from the Navy Postgraduate School at Monterey, where he was an instructor in helicopter aerodynamics — a part of the Aviation Safety Program. A graduate of Auburn University with a BS degree in aeronautical engineering in 1960, Lt. Col. Adams' 17 years of service in the Marine Corps began with his attendance at Officer Candidate School in Quantico, Va. His training as a pilot was culminated in May 1962 when he received his wings at Pensacola, Fla., and he was later graduated from the Naval Test Pilot School at the Naval Air Station, Patuxent River, Md. During the Vietnam War he served two tours of duty in Southeast Asia — one in 1964 with a composite squadron of fixed wing observation aircraft and helicopters, and then returned in 1968 for service with a Marine medium helicopter squadron based at Phubai. —Photo by Ron Allen