

### TID employees win 'Award of Merit' in publications contest

The Society for Technical Communication has announced that three employees of the Technical Information Department have received the Award of Merit for publications entered in the San Diego Technical Art and Publications Program.

Elizabeth Babcock, a writer in the Special Writing Projects Branch, received the Award of Merit for her article entitled "Lasers in the Navy," which was published in the September/October issue of National Defense Magazine.

She also shares an Award of Merit with William Erwin, a visual information specialist in the Illustration and Design Branch, and William Fettkether, a photographer from the Applied Photography Branch, for the new NWC Recruiting Brochure.

Mrs. Babcock won the Award of Achievement in the Society's International Publications Competition last year for her article entitled "Data on New Developments in Fuzes, Terminal Guidance Studies Obtained at ESL in Corona," which had been published originally in The ROCKETEER.

### Cerro Coso College concert to feature California Zephyr

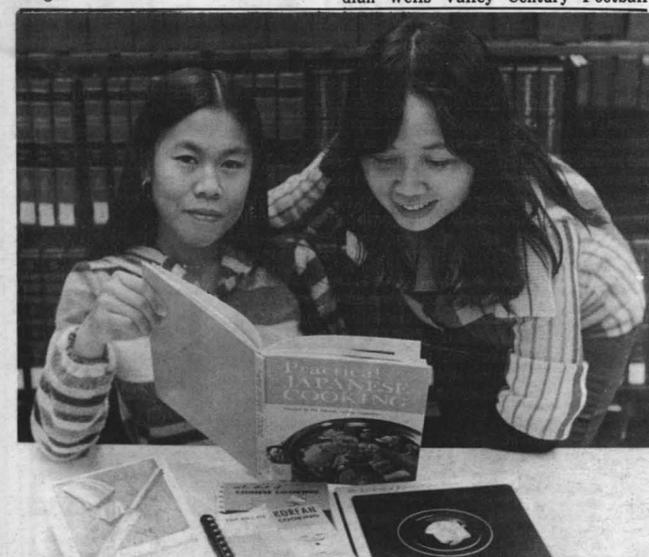
A variety of music will be heard tonight at the Cerro Coso Community College lecture center when the California Zephyr plays a concert at 7:30 p.m.

The group plays bluegrass, footstompin' country-western, jugband music, blues, old rock'n'roll, new rock'n'roll, and even Mariachi music.

The four members of the group play an assortment of instruments — from electric bass to dulcimer — and pseudo instruments such as washboard and kazoo.

Group members Alan Arnpole, Doug Benson, Mark Raus and Mark Masarek have received rave reviews following their appearances at colleges throughout the state.

General admission is \$2; but for student body cardholders there is a reduced admission rate of \$1. Advance tickets are on sale at the Gift Mart, Sports Etc., and the College Business Office. Tickets will also be available at the door prior to the program tonight.



HELPING TO PLAN MENU — Cerro Coso Community College students Belan Waller, a native of the Philippine Islands, and Sylvia Wu, whose background is Chinese, study cookbooks in preparation for the oriental dinner scheduled for Feb. 17 at Joshua Hall (the main exhibit building at the Desert Empire Fairgrounds). Cost of the dinner will be \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children. Funds raised will be used for the purchase of a TV translator to bring in Los Angeles TV Channel 22 locally. Channel 22 telecasts movies, cultural programs and children's shows in Japanese, Chinese, Korean and Spanish, in addition to carrying extensive, in-depth business reports.



IN REHEARSAL — Members of the Burroughs Players rehearsing a scene from "The Curious Savage" are (l. to r.): Juli Pinney, Julie Standard, Stan Caine and Brett Baffles. "The Curious Savage" will be presented on two weekends—Friday and Saturday, Feb. 3 and 4, and Feb. 10 and 11—at 8:15 p.m. at the high school lecture center. Tickets are priced at \$1.50 for general admission and \$1.25 for students, enlisted military, and senior citizens. Tickets may be purchased in advance from members of cast and crew or at the lecture center box office before the performances.

### Entertainment at fund-raising dance Saturday will feature Ernest Tubb, of country-western fame

Ernest Tubb, who was among the featured entertainers last Sunday night on NBC TV's 50th anniversary salute to country and western music, will be in Ridgecrest on Saturday for a benefit performance from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. in Joshua Hall on the Desert Empire Fairgrounds.

Tubb, who was the sixth member to be elected to the 30-member Country Music Hall of Fame, presented a singing tribute to Jimmy Rogers, the nation's No. 1, all-time country and western musician and vocalist, during the nationwide television show last Sunday.

For his appearance here, Tubb will be accompanied by his Texas Troubadours musical group. He will sing and play for a dance that is being staged as a fund-raiser for the purpose of bringing in money needed to help pay for additional seating and other improvements at the Burroughs High School football stadium.

This event is being sponsored by the Indian Wells Valley Century Football

Association, and all proceeds from the admission price of \$3 for tickets purchased in advance (or \$4 per person at the door tomorrow night) are earmarked for the above-mentioned purpose.

Tickets are on sale in Ridgecrest at the Victory Market, Hucek's Travel Service and at the Baker Bros. furniture store. They also can be obtained at the Buttermilk Acres Store on Inyokern Rd. and the Inyokern Market.

Tubb, who is best known for his hit record, "I'm Walking the Floor Over You," has sung on the "Grand Ole Opry" program for the past 35 years. During his lengthy career as a country and western musical entertainer, at least 30 million of his records have been sold, and he has recorded more than 250 songs.

### Maturango Museum annual meeting to be held Mon. night

Preparations have been completed for the annual meeting of the Maturango Museum, which will be held on Monday at the Community Center, starting with a social hour at 6 p.m.

A dinner, prepared under the direction of Sue Byrd, chairman of the Maturango Museum Luncheons Committee, will be served at 7, and the program for the evening will follow.

Featured speaker will be Jeanne LaBarbera, of Laguna Niguel, whose topic will be "Tutankhamen, the Boy King: Preview of Touring Treasures." At the present time, Mrs. LaBarbera is teaching at Long Beach State University, and her major is Egyptian art history.

Business to be taken up during the annual meeting will include an election of new board members and voting on a revision to the by-laws.

Reports on the past year's activities will be presented by K. H. Robinson, director; Carroll L. Evans, treasurer, and James Baird, chairman of the museum building fund.

### COM weekend menu offers prime rib, steak dinners

The Commissioned Officers' Mess will once again feature a prime rib dinner for \$5.95 tonight from 6 to 10. A band will provide musical entertainment for patrons from 8 to 12 midnight.

Saturday night also will be "steak night" again at the COM. A complete top sirloin steak will be served from 6 to 10 o'clock.

## SHOWBOAT

MOVIE RATINGS

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

(G) - ALL AGES ADMITTED  
General Audiences

(PG) - ALL AGES ADMITTED  
Parental Guidance Suggested

(R) - RESTRICTED  
Under 17 requires accompanying Parent or Adult Guardian

Regular starting time—7:30 p.m.  
Program subject to change without notice.  
For further information call NWC ext. 2259

FRIDAY 27 JANUARY

"NETWORK" (121 Min.)  
Peter Finch, Faye Dunaway  
(Drama) This behind the scenes look at television charges through the staff, studios and executive offices of fictional UBS (United Broadcasting System), a network with ratings so low that it is an industry joke. A veteran evening news anchor man, Peter Finch, is about to get the axe. When Finch announces his firing on the air as well as his decision to commit suicide, he throws network chiefs into a panic, but the ratings soar. He also presents programmer Faye Dunaway with the opportunity to backstab her way into the network big league by displaying the news as entertainment with Finch as a celebrity figure of questionable mental stability. (R)

SATURDAY 28 JANUARY

"NICKELODEON" (107 Min.)  
Ryan O'Neal, Burt Reynolds  
(Drama) This is a slapstick tribute to the pioneer filmmaking era which combines romance, comedy and drama. Set in the early 1900s, "Nickelodeon" recalls the days of Mary Pickford and the 5-cent theater admission, when independent filmmakers were apt to set up shop in storerooms and were fearful that at any moment they would be muscled out of business by the "big guys." The film is the story of a group of characters who stumble into movie careers as a result of chance. (PG)

SUNDAY 29 JANUARY

"KING KONG" (134 Min.)  
Jeff Bridges, Jessica Lange  
(Drama) This is a remake of the renowned 1933 spectacular. The giant ape "King Kong" is captured and displayed in New York City. He eventually breaks out of his cage and creates havoc in the city. (PG)

TUESDAY 31 JANUARY

"THE ISLAND OF DR. MOREAU" (105 Min.)  
Burt Lancaster, Michael York  
(Horror Drama) Burt Lancaster is an injection-happy scientist who conducts tests on humans and animals on a remote Pacific island. Michael York is washed ashore after a shipwreck and falls in love with a girl he meets there. York suspects sinister goings-on when he finds the island populated with half-men, half-animals, the results of half-successful experiments by Lancaster. York attempts to escape with the girl, but Lancaster turns the needles on him. However, the human animals, whom Lancaster has taught not to spill blood, realize that they have been deceived and stage a bloody rebellion. (PG)

WEDNESDAY 1 FEBRUARY

IWW Concert Association presents  
HARVEY PITTEL, SAXOPHONIST  
7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY 3 FEBRUARY

"GOD TOLD ME TO" (90 Min.)  
Tony Lo Bianco, Sandy Dennis  
(Horror Drama) Lo Bianco is a deeply religious New York policeman who gets involved in investigating various mass killings in which all the perpetrators said that God told them to do it. Lo Bianco puts the pieces together and finds that the same long-haired young man is seen talking to all of the murderers before they commit the crime. (R)

### Dance slated at Shuttle

The Moonlite Express, a rock music group from Los Angeles, will be appearing for the dancing and listening pleasure of patrons at the Shuttle from 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. both tonight and tomorrow night.

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## 1977 Bluejacket of Year award won by HM2 Conley



CONGRATULATIONS EXTENDED — When the big moment came last Saturday night, the spotlight was focused on HM2 Yvonne M. Conley, who is shown being congratulated by Rear Admiral W. L. Harris, NWC Commander, following his announcement of her selection as NWC's Bluejacket of the Year for 1977.

### For first time in event's 9-year history, woman sailor tops field of candidates

For the first time in the nine year history of the program, a woman sailor assigned to duty at China Lake was singled out for recognition as the Naval Weapons Center's Bluejacket of the Year.

This special honor, which was bestowed upon Yvonne M. Conley, hospital corpsman second class assigned to the local Branch Clinic of the Navy Regional Medical Center, was announced Saturday night by Rear Admiral William L. Harris, NWC Commander, at the climax of the annual Bluejacket of the Year award banquet.

A record crowd of some 200 persons, assembled at the Chief Petty Officers' Club for this annual event that is sponsored by the Indian Wells Valley Council of the Navy League, vigorously applauded HM2 Conley's selection as the outstanding sailor of the year at China Lake.

On Duty at Medical Clinic  
NWC's Bluejacket of the Year for 1977 serves as petty officer-in-charge of the Branch Medical Clinic's Surgical Service Department. Her responsibilities include maintaining all surgical supplies in good order and sterile condition, and dispensing supplies to patients and staff members. In addition, she has volunteered to assist staff doctors in diet therapy.

Seven Bluejackets of the Month for 1977 were in contention for the coveted honor won by HM2 Conley. They were: AD2 Scott

Ely, YN1 Kathy Helton, AOOA Nathaniel Snelling, BM2 Robert R. Stearman, AD1 Garry Walker and AMH1 Michael J. Zych.

Each of them, with the exception of AOOA Snelling (who was on leave) were introduced and all received envelopes containing checks in the amount of \$100. This was in recognition of the point brought out in earlier remarks by RADM. Harris, who stated: "You are all winners as evidenced by the fact that you are here and have been selected as candidates for the Bluejacket of the Year award. That means you are dedicated, professional, and think of other people," the NWC Commander added.

Cash Prize Totals \$750  
In addition to the \$100 sum, HM2 Conley also received a cash award of \$650, gift certificates valued at \$60 from local merchants, an NWC plaque, and the centerpiece from the head table at the Bluejacket of the Year banquet.

On top of that, Madge Hucek stepped to the microphone to announce that Hucek's Travel Service was providing an additional award to the NWC's first woman sailor to be chosen as the Bluejacket of the Year. It is an expense-covered stay of three days and two nights in Las Vegas for HM2 Conley and a friend, as well as the use of a rental car for the trip.

The 1977 Bluejacket of the Year award began with presentation of the colors by a color guard from the NWC Sea Cadet Squadron, an invocation delivered by Capt. T. C. Herrmann, NWC Senior Chaplain, and welcoming remarks by Dianne B. Murray, president of the IWW Council of the Navy League.

Honored guests were then introduced by (Continued on Page 3)

## Changes pending in federal personnel system subject of talk presented at ASPA meeting

Changes that are pending in the federal personnel system were outlined during a brisk, informative talk that was presented last Friday noon during a luncheon meeting of the East Kern County Chapter of the American Society for Public Administration (ASPA).

The speaker, who was introduced by Eva Bien, head of the NWC Personnel Department, was Ann M. Brassier, area manager of the U.S. Civil Service Commission's Los Angeles office.

Earlier in the day, Mrs. Brassier had been the featured speaker at two meetings held with groups of supervisors at NWC before addressing the well-attended luncheon session that was arranged by ASPA at the Commissioned Officer's Mess.

Winds of change are whistling through the corridors of the White House and other buildings in the nation's capital relative to the federal Civil Service program, the speaker noted in referring to President Jimmy Carter's pre-election pledge to improve the management and efficiency of government.

Need Seen for Change  
As a 10-year veteran of employment by the Civil Service Commission, she noted that there is no doubt in her mind of the need for changes in the Civil Service system, which she characterized as being "too rigid, too restrictive" and one in which "managers do not have the freedom to make the decisions they need to make."

In the forefront of the movement for changes are the Civil Service Commission's new leaders who have been brought in from private industry or other non-government areas of employment and have no ties to old ways of operation that have led to some of the current problems in the management of Uncle Sam's 2½ million Civil Service

employees, Mrs. Brassier said.

"Some proposals I'll share may seem threatening," the speaker observed, but she was then quick to point out that top government officials are looking only at broad, overall objectives — not at the abolishment of specific jobs or the lowering of salaries of any group of employees.

Broad objectives of the changes that are pending were listed by Mrs. Brassier as: Reorganizing personnel management (the Civil Service Commission itself), establishing a form of top level executive

management service, and making it more feasible for the government to meet Affirmative Action goals more quickly than at present.

In place of the present Civil Service Commission, plans call for two new agencies — one an Office of Personnel Management and the other a Merit System Protection Board. The first would be the management arm of the Civil Service system, while the function of the merit system protection board would include handling appeals, reviewing merit system violations, and providing the mechanism for reviewing any abuse of the merit system.

"New Ball Game"  
"This is kind of a new ball game, since it raises the level of personnel management in government to that equal to the Office of Budget and Management," the head of the CSC's Los Angeles area office explained. Oct. 1, 1978, is the target date for reorganization of the Civil Service Commission, she added.

Part and parcel of the change is the creation of an Executive Management Service for managerial positions currently at GS-16 and above of which 85 per cent will be career and 15 per cent non-career. Pay level of those in the Executive Management Service would be based on the personal contribution of the individual, the speaker noted.

One anticipated effect of establishing an Executive Management Service (which executives would have the choice of entering), is a greater movement of top management officials between agencies, or within the same agency, Mrs. Brassier (Continued on Page 3)



Ann M. Brassier

## Firemen from NWC help fight blaze at market

Naval Weapons Center fire fighters — responding under mutual aid agreements — joined Kern County fire fighters in battling a spectacular blaze last Sunday afternoon that destroyed the K&R market in Ridgecrest.

Before the fire was finally quenched hours later, the NWC Fire Division's involvement included 39 fire fighters who pulled over 4,000 feet of hose of various sizes and pumped 285,000 gallons of water. Three pumpers from the Center were used as well as the rescue truck and its special equipment, and two Navy pickup trucks relayed personnel, additional survive air bottles and other equipment. Two Navy tank trucks carrying water were filled and held on standby by Public Works Department personnel.

When Lee Stahl, Kern County Fire Department battalion chief, called for assistance at 12:40 p.m., a crew of six firefighters from China Lake, headed by Lt. Gene Villalba, responded with the first of three 750 gallon-per-minute pumpers which eventually were used, along with the Fire Division's rescue truck.

Joining them shortly were acting Fire Chief Leroy O'Laughlin and additional off-duty Fire division personnel who were called in to help. Some, indeed, responded even before being called, joining Kern (Continued on Page 3)



SEA CADETS INSPECTED — Lt. A. J. Klissus II (far left), officer in charge of the local Sea Cadets, and Cdr. T. P. Denny, battalion commander of Reserve Naval Construction Battalion 17, inspected the local Sea Cadet group recently. The four cadets braced in the front row are (l. to r.): Richard W. Evert, Michael Kendall, Kenneth M. Moss and George T. Henson II. The NWC Sea Cadet Squadron is composed of young people planning a Navy career; they meet one weekend a month for training. —Photo by CN2 Jerry Morrison

### Observance of National Prayer Breakfast planned next Thurs.

The Chief Petty Officers' Club will be the setting for the local observance of the National Prayer Breakfast, which will take place next Thursday, Feb. 2. A complete breakfast will be served, starting at 5:45 a.m., and the program that will follow is to be concluded by around 7:15 a.m.

Master of ceremonies for this occasion will be Cdr. Marv Cowell, NWC's Staff Judge Advocate, and the program will be opened with an invocation delivered by Robert Rafal, dean of community services at Cerro Coso Community College.

The opening ceremony also will include the pledge of allegiance led by PR3 Nanette Outhier, secretary to LCDr. R. C. Wallace, chaplain at the airfield, and remarks by Capt. F. H. M. Kinley, NWC Vice Commander.

The morning's inspirational message, entitled "Thoughts in the First Person," will be presented by Harry Parode, head of the NWC Office of Information.

Other participants in the National Prayer Breakfast program will be Grant Williams, NWC's Deputy Equal Employment Opportunity Officer, who will read a passage of scripture from the Bible, and Cdr. Fred Spellman, co-chairman of the NWC Catholic Congregation, who will give the benediction at the conclusion of the prayer breakfast.

Music during the program will be provided by the Sweet Adelines' chorus, under the direction of Eleanor Hartwig. The chorus will sing two selections — "He's Got the Whole World in His Arms" and "Thank You Dear Lord for Music."

In addition, a quartet from the Sweet Adelines composed of Jan Arisman, Carol Blair, Felice Reynolds and Mrs. Hartwig will sing "If We All Said a Prayer," and everyone present will be invited to join the women's vocal music group in singing "God Bless America."

This event, one of a multitude of similar services across the nation, will provide an opportunity for military and civilian personnel of the Naval Weapons Center to join one another for the common purpose of devotion and fellowship. All adults are welcome.

Due to the limited seating capacity of the CPO Club dining room, just 250 tickets (which are being offered for a donation of \$1 each) will be available for the prayer breakfast, which is being sponsored by the NWC All Faith Chapel.

The tickets can be obtained at the All Faith Chapel office or from representatives of the chapel's Protestant, Catholic, Hebrew and Unitarian congregations.

David Wirtz, general chairman of the 1978 National Prayer Breakfast at NWC, is being assisted by a committee composed of Cdr. Cowell, Richard Fullmer, John Hartwig, Vivian Boultinghouse, Rosemary High, Eleanor Hartwig, Agnes Winter, Marty Corzine, Carol Lindemann, Buddy Duffes and John Kleine.

**Metal Trades Council**  
The Indian Wells Valley Metal Trades Council will hold its next regular monthly meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 2, at 65-B Halsey Ave., China Lake.

## 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 092, Ext. 2097. Ads will run for one week and will close at 4:30 p.m. on the Friday following their appearance in this column, unless a later date is specified in the ad. Employees whose work history has not been brought up to date within the last six months are encouraged to file a Form 771 or 772 in their personnel jacket. Information concerning the Merit Promotion Program and the evaluation methods used in these promotional opportunities may be obtained from your Personnel Management Advisor (Code 096 or 097). 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 supervisor 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-116, while those for all WG, WL and WS positions are defined in CSC Handbook X-118C.

**Management Analyst, GS-343-7, PD No. 7788187, Code 082** — This position is located in the Management Division of the Office of Finance and Management. Incumbent is the office systems and equipment analyst for NWC. Duties include developing a Center office equipment management program; initiating office equipment procurement plans; developing and/or refining office equipment and management procedures; and supervising the two Code 08 Word Processing Centers. Job Relevant Criteria: Ability to do economic analysis of equipment utilization; knowledge of rules, regulations, and directives pertaining to office equipment utilization; knowledge of office equipment systems and procedures including Word Processing Centers; and ability to communicate effectively, both orally and in writing. Promotion potential: GS-5.

**Accounts Maintenance Clerk, GS-520-3, PD No. 7788045, Code 082** — Position is located in the Cost Accounting Branch of the Office of Finance and Management. The incumbent is a trainee in the Cost Accounting Branch performing tasks on a rotating basis within one of the three sections — major contracts, government orders and delivery orders taken from General Service contracts and in the Navy Industrial Fund Accounting System. Job Relevant Criteria: Knowledge of cost accounting systems; knowledge of commercial type double entry accrual accounting principles and techniques; and the ability to supervise. Potential: GS-7.

**Visual Information Assistant, GS-1001-4, PD No. 7723026, Code 234** — This position is located in the Composition and Layout Branch, General Accounting System, Technical Information Department. Incumbent designs individual pages for manuscripts, vignettes, pamphlets, slides, etc. Arranges charts, art tables and printed texts; crops and sizes photos; marks reproduction copy with instructions to printers; operates composing machine; proofreads copy; and schedules. Job Relevant Criteria: Ability to compose, layout, or prepare visual materials; knowledge of proofreading techniques, basic grammar, spelling, and correct abbreviations; knowledge of marking repro copy with printers instructions and the sizing and cropping of photographs and illustrations. (Known promotion potential to GS-7).

**Printing Specialist, GS-1654-7, PD No. 7823044MIN, Code 231** — This position is located in the Administrative Office of the Publications Division, Technical Information Department. Incumbent receives incoming production jobs and introduces them into the processing sequence at the proper place; coordinates their movement from step to step and releases the completed job to customer; ensures that every official publication complies with all pertinent regulations relating to publishing and security; acts as consultant on all phases of publishing for authors, editors, and artists; and prepares cost estimates for jobs coming into the division. Job Relevant Criteria: Knowledge of technical and non-technical publishing; knowledge of editing, illustrating, book layout, composition and pasteup; printing, binding and distribution; skill in interpersonal relationships (directing efforts of others, fact, facilitating others, etc.) (Position has known promotion potential to GS-9).

**Clerk-Typist, GS-322-3/4, PD No. 7284002, Code 246** — This position is that of clerk-typist located in the department office of the Safety and Security Department. The incumbent will type from rough draft or handwritten copy all types of letters, charts, memoranda, official correspondence, reports, and forms. Secondary duties will include answering phones, placing and receiving long distance calls, receiving visitors, arranging for travel, keeping timecards, sorting and distributing mail, and other office duties. Job Relevant Criteria: Ability to type accurately and efficiently; knowledge of Navy correspondence regulations and format; ability to work independently; observed ability to be tactful and courteous.

**Police Officer, GS-083-4, 5, PD No. 7724022N, Code 2413** — Applications will be accepted from both NWC employees and status eligibles. This position is that of lead police officer located in the Police and Security Operations Division of the Safety and Security Department. The incumbent will perform as the remote range patrol program officer. The incumbent will be responsible for performing the entire spectrum of law enforcement duties, in addition to carrying out special assignments as they pertain to the NWC remote ranges and boundaries. The incumbent will technically guide and direct up to four police officers assigned to him for the purposes of remote range patrol and special assignments. The incumbent will also exercise limited administrative supervision of the police officer. Job Relevant Criteria: Knowledge of police investigation and patrol procedures; knowledge of law enforcement regulations; potential or demonstrated ability to supervise personnel; ability to exercise good judgment; ability to work in an isolated environment.

**Firefighter, GS-081-5, PD No. 7284014, Code 242** — This position is located in the Fire Division of the Safety and Security Department. Major duties include driving and operating structural pumps and any type crash fire trucks, responding on ambulance calls, either driver or attendant, inspection of Center's building and property, and conducting training classes for trainee firefighters. Job Relevant Criteria: Knowledge of locations (streets, water distribution, alarm/detection systems, buildings, contents/layout, etc.). Ability to operate firefighting apparatus and equipment, structural pumps, crash fire trucks, pumping systems, nozzles, rescue equipment. Driving ability (proper use of gears, clutch and brakes); demonstrated safe, smooth and effective operation of vehicles. Knowledge of fire prevention practices with regard to building inspections and ability to identify fire hazards.

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**Warehouse Leader, WL-4907-07, JD No. 441-N, Code 4831** — This position is located in the Magazine Operations Branch, Ordnance Division, Range Department. Duties include inspecting, packaging, shipping, receiving, storing, and disposing of ammunition, explosives, and dangerous articles, and instructing three or more warehousemen in the performance of the same type of work. Job Relevant Criteria: Ability to act as a group leader; knowledge of warehousing practices; ability to keep things neat, clean and in order; ability to interpret instructions; knowledge of warehousing materials and documents; ability to operate with dexterity and safety. File SF-172 and supplemental wage grade information sheet with Code 096 to be received not later than Feb. 10, 1978. Forms may be obtained in the Personnel Bldg., Rm. 204, Ph. 2725.

**Quality Assurance Specialist (Electronics) GS-1918-11, PD No. 7455032E, Code 3481 (3 vacancies)** — Applications will be accepted from NWC employees and status eligibles. This position is located in the Soldering Technology Branch, Product Assurance Division, Engineering Department. The incumbent will assist in the development of quality and reliability requirements to be utilized in the manufacture of weapons systems electrical/electronic modules. The incumbent investigates quality problems in the manufacture of hardware, determines the cause and recommends corrective action. The incumbent reviews contractor facilities, equipment, operating procedures and training program to ascertain compliance to the contractual specification; reviews formal documentation prior to authentication; recommends approval or disapproval of contractor proposed deviations, waivers and exceptions to the specification. Job Relevant Criteria: Knowledge of WS-4536 and AS-4042; knowledge of soldering and module wiring techniques; knowledge of printed wiring board manufacturing; ability to write and revise specifications. Promotion Potential: GS-12.

**General Engineer, GS-801-11/12, PD No. 7455009/7736138E, Code 3486 (2 vacancies)** — Applications will be accepted from NWC employees and status eligibles. This position is located in the Reliability/Maintainability Branch, Product Assurance Division, Engineering Department. The incumbent will assist in the planning of complete R&M programs responsive to the needs and constraints of weapons system program offices for any of a wide range of complex weapons systems and associated support equipment. The incumbent will also assist in the implementation of R&M programs and will assure that each of the R&M tasks is adequately completed as planned. The incumbent will contribute his knowledge as an R&M engineer in consulting with other program engineers and contractors. He will monitor and evaluate the efforts performed by contractors to determine whether they are being performed adequately in accordance with the contract and in compliance with program needs and documented requirements. Job Relevant Criteria: Knowledge of reliability statistical concepts for sampling and acceptance plans; knowledge of testing techniques delineated in MIL-STD-202 and MIL-STD-883C; demonstrated ability to plan, prepare, execute budget; monitor budget expenditures; perform fiscal studies and analyses and is financial advisor to head, Sparrow Program and Project Office heads. Incumbent acts as an advisor on personnel matters and policies, e.g. recruitments, and training. Incumbent also provides services in such areas as plant account, procurement, safety, security, communications, and facilities and space. Incumbent is the principal administrative contact in the program office. Job Relevant Criteria: Thorough knowledge of administrative management techniques and administrative and management processes of NWC and Navy, especially in the areas of budget and personnel; ability to express oneself both orally and in writing; ability to meet and deal effectively with people; ability to work under pressure and ability to make decisions and use good judgment.

**Administrative Officer, GS-341-11, PD No. 7839108E, Code 3908** — This position is located in the Sparrow Department, Sparrow Program Office. Incumbent coordinates and assists in the preparation of all project budget submissions, prepares and implements the principles of design theory; experience in structural or airframe design; ability to coordinate work efforts of others.

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**ECUMENICAL**  
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MASS  
1700 fulfill Sunday obligation  
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Nursery, Chapel Annex 1 0815 1245  
Daily except Saturday, 1135, Blessed Sacrament Chapel

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Sunday 0800 to 0825

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**JEWISH SERVICES**  
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**UNITARIANS**  
CHAPEL ANNEX 95  
Services—(Sept.-May) 1930

**CONGRATULATIONS** — Rear Admiral William L. Harris, NWC Commander, happily congratulates C. John DiPol, head of the Range Department (acting), for completing 30 years of federal service. DiPol, who came to China Lake in 1950 as a mechanical engineer for range design development, had prior service in the Navy. He has been head of the Range Department since October 1976.

## Burros win two...

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the third quarter, but the Falcons also were off the mark as they connected only three times from the floor and picked up three free throws to account for their 9-point total.

There was a marked change in the game's scoring tempo in the final 8-min. of action. The Falcons finally began to display their potential by ripping the net for a total of 20 points, but the Burros were more than up to the task on offense as they collected 25 markers in the frantic fourth period to win by a final margin of 59-49.

Larry Bird, coach of the Burroughs High varsity hoopssters, cited a letdown in the intensity of his team's play on defense in the final period as the reason for Palmdale's outburst of scoring. The Falcons picked up nine field goals compared to three for the Burros, but for the first time this season the local team had an outstanding night at the free throw line.

With 5 sec. left to play in the game, the Burros' side of the scorebook showed that they had connected on 17 out of 17 tries from the free throw line, and it was clutch shooting at the charity stripe by Motte, Dave Furstenberg, Will Levy, Rob Tomaras and Richie Drake in the fourth quarter that kept the Burros on top in their clash last Friday night with the visitors from Palmdale.

**Free Throws Make Difference**  
The locals, whose inability to hit consistently at the charity stripe has resulted in losses, made up a bit for their previous shortcomings in this phase of the game by scoring on 23 of 31 opportunities, compared to 9 of 11 for the Falcons.

Motte, the game's high point man, ended up with 20, and there were two other Burros in the double figure scoring column. They were Levy and Drake, who tallied 13 and 12, respectively.

The Falcons' leading scorers in last Friday night's game were Craig Lindeen, James Culver and Tim Gudim, who had 16, 10 and 10.

## Rec Round-up...

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at the Community Center, and continue on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5 to 6 p.m. until the 12-session course has been completed.

This type of exercise, which is described as a good way to maintain cardiovascular fitness, is offered as an alternative to cycling, jogging, running and swimming, Mrs. Haff said.

Each class session will begin slowly in order to give the participants time to warm up a bit before getting into the more rigorous part of the program, and there will be some stretching and relaxation exercises at the end of each class.

There is a fee of \$12 per person for the 12 sessions that will be held, and registration for this class, which is open to both men and women, is being handled at the NWC gym.

Additional information can be obtained by calling Mrs. Haff at 446-2053, who reported that there is a possibility of class meetings being changed to Mondays and Wednesdays.

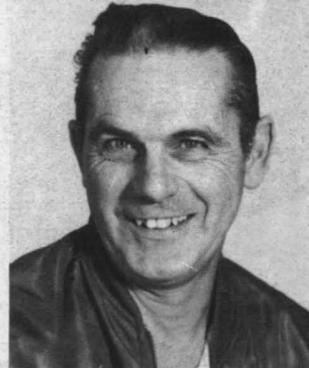
**Swim Class Reminder**  
Registration is still being taken for swim classes for tiny tots that will begin on Tuesday, Feb. 7, and continue on Tuesdays for six weeks at the Center gym swimming pool.

Classes for infants 6 to 18 mo. of age or younger will be offered from 9:30 to 10 a.m., followed from 10 to 10:30 by a class for tiny tots 19 mo. through 3 yrs. of age. In each of these classes, mothers must accompany their children in the pool. There is a charge of \$6 for the series of six 30-min. classes.

Another swim class, this one for youngsters between 4 and 5 years of age, will begin at 1 p.m. on Feb. 7. There is an \$8 fee for this series of six 30-min. classes. Signups are being handled at the Center gymnasium office.

**Bowling Alleys To Be Busy**  
Teams, doubles and individuals entered in the city tournament of the American Junior Bowling Congress will be competing on Saturday and Sunday at Hall Memorial Lanes.

## Employee in the spotlight



William H. Brumfield

High School near San Diego before joining the Army Air Corps in 1942. He was born in Springfield, Mass., but had come to the southland while in high school to spend some time with his grandparents who lived in La Jolla.

"That whole area's too crowded now," Bill thinks. He and Mabel plan to move north when he retires, and hope to settle

somewhere near Lake Tahoe, "even though I don't ski any more."

He lists his hobbies as both stamp collecting and building scale models, mainly of World War II aircraft. "I really haven't had much time for hobbies in the last few years, though," Bill says, "because I seem to be so busy on the job, and it's always been something that is interesting."

**17 Years Spent at Edwards**  
Bill spent 17 years working at Edwards Air Force Base, both in the main part of the base and at the rocket laboratory. "I was working in the environmental lab and decided to move to the rocket base following Sputnik," he says.

It was while at the rocket base that Bill first got into propulsion instrumentation, which was what eventually brought him to China Lake in 1973.

"I wanted to try some new territory, to see some new faces, and I thought that since I'd worked for both the other services, it might be fun to try working for the Navy," jokes Bill.

"The work here has been fascinating," he notes. "I like to work hard and do any job to the best of my ability, and I've enjoyed all the jobs that I've held."

## Promotional Opportunities

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**hazards; knowledge of reference sources; firefighting knowledge (knowledge of fire, origin and techniques of extinguishing fires). Ability to accept responsibility and carry out assignments with minimal supervision. This announcement will be used to establish the promotion register for Firefighter, GS-081-5B which will remain in effect until July 1978.**

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

**Mechanical Engineer, GS-830-9/11 or Aerospace Engineer, GS-861-9/11, PD No. 7762069 or 7742024-1, Code 4222** — This position is located in the Track Operations Branch, Range Operations Division, Range Department. Major duties are to carry out sled ballistics, sled design, accessory design, and range and track modification on assigned projects; coordinate efforts of design, shop, operating, instrumentation, and contractor groups on assigned tests; investigate supersonic track components and techniques for the purpose of improving testing capabilities. Job Relevant Criteria: Knowledge of the principles of design theory; experience in structural or airframe design; ability to coordinate work efforts of others.

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**Physicist, Mathematician, Engineer or Operations Research Analyst, GS-1310, 1520, 800 or 1515 series, GS-12/13/14, PD No. 7500012, Code 01** — This is an interdisciplinary position classified in whichever of the above series the individual selected is qualified. This ad will establish a list of eligibles for the position of Science Advisor attached to the Navy Science Assistant Program and serving on the staff of a major Navy Operational Command. Incumbent reports directly to the on-site commander and is concerned with programs relating to all aspects of naval warfare. Assignments are for extended periods of time, usually one year and require relocation. Job Relevant Criteria: Management knowledge of the weapons systems acquisition process; professional experience in R&D work related to ship, submarine and/or aircraft systems; knowledge of current state of work being done in R&D toward present and future problems in Naval Weapons Systems.

**File applications for the above with Cathy Rivera, Bldg. 34, Rm. 204, Ph. 2723.**

## Burros cagers clip Falcons two games in row

A scheduling quirk, which matched the Burroughs and Palmdale varsity basketball teams in back-to-back Golden League contests on Saturday and Tuesday nights of this past week, resulted in a pair of wins that broke a four-game losing streak for the Burros.

The local high school cagers, coached by Larry Bird, had their work cut out for them Tuesday night in Palmdale, where they finally edged the Falcons, 69-67, after two overtime periods of play. On their home court the previous Saturday, the Burros clipped the Falcons' wings by a 10-point spread of 59-49.

Coming up for Burroughs is another league game at Canyon High School in Saugus on Friday night. Tip-off time for the varsity clash, which is to be preceded by freshman, sophomore and junior varsity contests, is scheduled at 8 o'clock.

### Burros Lead at Halftime

In Tuesday night's tilt at Palmdale, the Burros drilled the bucket at a steady pace of 17 points per quarter for the first half, which ended with the locals out in front, 34-27.

Everyone on the floor for Burroughs contributed to the team's scoring in the first period, but it was Terry McRoberts' 6-point scoring effort in the second quarter that set the pace for the Burros.

After the halftime break, Darrell Billings went to work for Palmdale and came through with 10 points which helped the Falcons to overcome the Burros' 7-point halftime edge and move them a single marker in front (47-46) as the fourth quarter opened.

The final period of play in regulation time — a nip and tuck affair all the way — ended with the score tied at 59-59. Mike Wirtz hit a basket with 10 sec. left to play that tied the score, and then came up with a key interception and was fouled as he drove for the basket. He missed, however, on two shots from the free throw line, and two overtime periods were then required to decide the final outcome of the contest.

In the first overtime period, the Falcons scored on two field goals by Billings that were matched by Richie Drake's buckets for the Burros. In the second overtime, which began with the score tied at 63-63,

## 700 series rolled Monday by bowler in Premier League

Topnotch individual efforts plus a match between two of the top three teams that resulted in a change in the league lead highlighted Monday night's action in the Premier Bowling League at Hall Memorial Lanes.

Thad Brightwell set a blazing pace as he rolled the evening's high individual series of 700 with games of 231, 247 and 222.

Two other Premier League bowlers also posted triple 200 scores. They were Jack Brown, whose single game scores of 219, 221 and 227 added up to a 667 series, and Al Smith, who found the groove well enough to roll a 612 series with games of 201, 204 and 207.

In addition, Jim Wright cracked the 600-plus high series mark with a 622 effort for the night.

Last week's tie for the Premier League lead between Fisher Plastering and the Elks Lodge was broken when the Raytheon Sidewinders, who had been in third place, won two out of three games from Fisher Plastering. This enabled the Elks Lodge bowlers once again to regain the league lead as they won two games and lost one to the Saddleback Sales keggers.

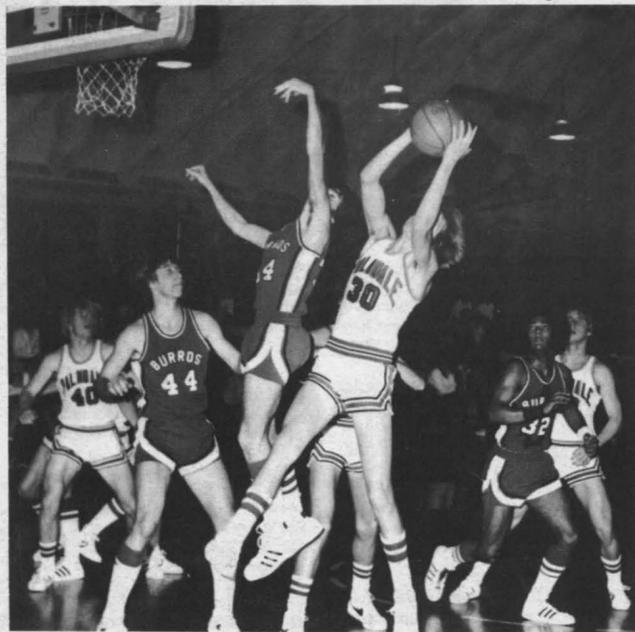
High team game for the night (1,037) was racked up by Ace Realty, while the Hideaway squad rolled the evening's high team series — a total of 2,857.

In addition to those already mentioned, Premier League bowlers who had single game scores of more than 220 were: Aaron Kane (245), Osborne and George Barker (234), Cliff Moss, Chuck Rouland and Ray Freascher (233), Jim Wright and Bill Esch (232), Doug Fisher (225), and Dave Vander Houwen (224).

Will Levy was 4 for 4 for Burroughs at the free throw line and Wirtz tallied on 2 of the 3 charity tosses. This 6-point total was enough to edge the Falcons, who had to settle for 24 points on two field goals.

Top scorers for BHS on Tuesday night at Palmdale were Levy, with 19; Steve Motte and Ron Garrett, who pumped in 11 and 10 points, respectively. Billings of the Falcons, who was the game's high pointman with 27, was joined in the double-figure scoring column by one teammate — James Culver — who tallied 14.

During last Saturday night's Burroughs vs. Palmdale varsity basketball game, the two teams battled on even terms throughout the first period of play, which ended with



**BATTLE FOR REBOUND** — Mike Pierce (No. 30) of Palmdale was in position to grab this rebound during last Saturday night's varsity basketball game at the Burroughs High gym. Rob Tomaras, of Burroughs, missed a leaping chance at the ball as this photo was taken. Other BHS hoopsters visible are Steve Motte (No. 44), the game's high point man with 20, and Will Levy (No. 32) at right. At left is Craig Lindeen, the Falcons' top scorer, who hit 16 points. The Burros won this game on their home floor by a final tally of 59-49. —Photo by Ron Allen

## Loewen's regains lead in Div. A of Intramural Basketball League

The Desert Guns, victims of an upset 46-43 loss to the Desert Motors hoopsters, last week fell a game behind in the race for the Division A title in the China Lake Intramural Basketball League.

Two other events enabled the Loewen's team to again take over first place in Division A, after posting a narrow, 51-48, win over the cellar-dwelling F.A.C. squad from Trona.

In the only other Division A game played last week, the Desert Motors cagers outscored the Clansmen, 50-44, to bring their record for the season to the .500 mark with 5 wins and 5 losses.

In Division B, the Foremost Boys extended their win streak to 10 straight at the expense of the Worms and the Bebops by scores of 52-33 and 57-42, respectively.

After losing to the Division B leaders, the Worms bounced back last week to defeat the Short Horns, 43-22.

The Renegades, Wild Bunch and Team "W", who rank first, second and third in Division C, each won their games last week. The Renegades let the air out of the Gasbags, 36-22; the Wild Bunch overran the Jokers, 53-42, while Team "W" barely edged out Team "X" by a final score of 42-40.

Games scheduled next week are as follows:

Tuesday, Jan. 31 — Team "W" vs. Renegades, 6 p.m.; Clansmen vs. Devils Guns, 7:15 p.m., and Foremost Boys vs. Short Horns, 8:30 p.m.

the score tied at 12-12.

In the second quarter, Steve Motte, the Burros' 6 ft., 5½ in. sophomore center, dominated play by scoring 10 of his team's 12 points before the halftime break. At the same time, the combination of poor shooting by Palmdale coupled with a stalwart effort on defense by the locals enabled the BHS varsity to chalk up a 24-20 halftime lead.

The mid-game intermission did nothing to help improve upon the scoring ability of either team in the third period of play in which the Burros had a 1-point advantage of 10-9 over their rivals.

The Burros hit on just five field goals in

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## Recreation Round-up

### Activity abounds at Center gymnasium's racketball courts

The racketball courts are a big drawing card among athletically-minded Centerites for not only has the Admiral's Cup racketball competition between teams representing NWC North (the airfield), NWC South (mainside personnel) and VX-5 been held this past Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, but two tournaments are scheduled during the coming month.

Next Friday, Feb. 3, is the deadline for receiving entries in a doubles racketball tournament for men that will take place from Friday through Sunday, Feb. 10 to 12.

Tournament entrants will be placed in either the open division (for advanced players) or Division B (for intermediate and novice level players). There is an entry fee of \$5 per team, and only the first 15 teams who pay the entry fee will be accepted in each division.

In addition, a racketball tourney for women has been scheduled on Feb. 24, 25 and 26. The winner of this event will receive a trophy for her efforts.

There is a \$2 entry fee for the women's racketball competition, which must be paid no later than the entry deadline on Monday, Feb. 13.

### Aerobic Dance Class

An hour-long aerobic dance and exercise class, which is to be taught by Jackie Haff, will begin at 5 p.m. next Thursday, Feb. 2,

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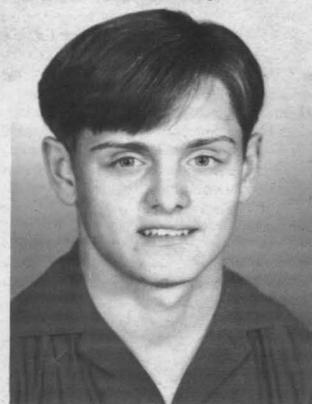
## AOAA Schultz to represent NWC in wrestling tourney

AOAA Morris Schultz, who is assigned to duty with the 1st Lieutenant's Division of Air Test and Evaluation Squadron Five (VX-5), will represent the Naval Weapons Center in the 11th Naval District's freestyle wrestling tournament, which will take place on Saturday at the San Diego Naval Station.

This will be the first crack at Navy wrestling competition for AOAA Schultz, who will be entered in the 114½ lb. weight division at San Diego.

AOAA Schultz, who has been in the Navy for a little less than a year, was a member of the Severna Park High School wrestling team in Severna Park, Md., for three years.

He reported for duty with VX-5 three months ago, after attending Aviation Ordnance "A" School in Memphis, Tenn.



AOAA Morris Schultz

## Bluejacket of Year chosen . . .

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Harry Parode, head of NWC's Office of Information, who shared emcee duties for the evening with Ralph Herrick, a director of the Navy League.

During brief remarks by RAdm. Harris that preceded introduction of the Bluejackets of the Month and announcement of the winner of the 1977 Bluejacket of the Year award, the NWC Commander asked those in attendance to reflect for a moment on the significance of the event which brought them all together last Saturday night.

In his view, the Skipper noted, it was an evening for counting one's blessings not only because of the caliber of Navy enlisted personnel who were in contention for the special recognition that was about to be accorded, but also because of the Navy League itself, which he called "a group of very responsible citizens of this country who are willing to get together to support what they think is right."

### Open Sea Lanes Vital

After pointing out that more than 90 per cent of the raw materials used by U.S. industries are imported by sea, and that the great volume of goods produced in this country for sale abroad also reaches its destination via the sea lanes, RAdm. Harris asked his listeners to ponder what would happen to the economy of America if travel and transport by sea were restricted.

The fact that it is not, he added, is due to the efforts of the U.S. Navy, which must have a strong corps of enlisted personnel to carry out its mission, as well as citizen support that is provided by groups such as the Navy League.

"We taxpayers are lucky to have such people as the enlisted personnel being recognized here tonight. If you look at the pay scale, you know they aren't in the Navy to make money," RAdm. Harris observed.

He was pleased, the Skipper continued, because the Navy League has seen fit to honor NWC's outstanding Bluejackets. "I salute the contestants and also all Navy League members. I know I can count on your support," RAdm. Harris concluded.

As the introduction of six of seven candidates for the Bluejacket of the Year award began by Herrick and Parode, mention was made of the fact that the idea of honoring an outstanding sailor of the year was originated by the Indian Wells Valley Council of the Navy League nine years ago, and the practice has been picked up by a number of other Navy League groups since that time.

The committee, headed by FTCS Dave

Vander Houwen, Senior Chief Petty Officer of the Command, whose members had the difficult assignment of selecting the winner, also was introduced before the final decision was made public.

Herrick and Parode then thanked the business people and private citizens, a group of 25 in all, whose financial support of the Bluejacket of the Year program made such an event possible.

Prior to the benediction by Chaplain Herrmann which concluded the evening's festivities, Dianne Murray, Navy League president, expressed her appreciation to those who have assisted her in handling various aspects of the arrangements for the Bluejacket of the Year banquet.

## Fire at market . . .

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County firemen and volunteer firefighters in efforts to save the adjoining stores as well as extinguish the flames.

Initial assignment for the China Lake firemen was to protect the south end of the building and hold the flames at the fire wall between the market and Cornelius Shoe Store, and then they assisted where needed. The "jaws of life" and power saws from the Navy rescue vehicle were used in efforts to open the steel doors and windows reinforced from within on the storage building at the rear of the market in order to get at the main source of the fire which spread rapidly.

The Navy pumpers and weary crew had all been secured from the fire scene by 5:30 p.m. Sunday, but the rescue truck remained at the scene of the conflagration until 10:53 p.m. to permit use of the lights and other special equipment carried on that vehicle.

The Kern County Fire department and the Naval Weapons Center Fire Division of the Safety and Security Department have a mutual aid agreement whereby either can call upon the other in times of emergency. Kern County firefighters have responded at past times to emergencies in Wherry housing, just as Centerites have been called upon to assist in fighting various major fires in Ridgecrest and surrounding areas.

William E. Davis, Director of Safety and Security, said he attributed the successful coordination of the three fire fighting organizations to previous practical drill training sessions.

He also stated that he was impressed that in this case, as in past fires, many off-duty China Lake fire fighters voluntarily reported for duty when they became aware of the magnitude of the fire.

## AIM-9L project flier selected for training as Space Shuttle pilot

LCdr. John McBride, who has been AIM-9L project officer for the past two years, has been selected for a two-year training program as a Space Shuttle pilot.

Although assigned to duty with Air Test and Evaluation Squadron Four (VX-4) at Pt. Mugu, LCdr. McBride is well-known to Naval Weapons Center engineers and scientists for his work with various aspects of the Sidewinder program, mainly AIM-9L and Sparrow.

LCdr. McBride is a veteran of 13 years of Naval flying during which he has logged over 2,800 hours of air time in more than 40 types of aircraft. He comments that he's enjoyed his work as a project officer because "nothing is the same two days in a row," but adds that "becoming an Astronaut is something that I'd really hoped for."

He notes that his wife, Brenda, and his three children, Richard, 15, Melissa, 11, and John, 7, are nearly as excited about his selection as he is.

LCdr. McBride, a native of Beckley, W. Va., is a graduate of Woodrow Wilson High School in that city. He holds a degree in aeronautical engineering from the University of West Virginia, which he was attending "when the Navy recruiters came



LCdr. John McBride



—Photo by Joe Dunn

**ADDITIONAL REWARD** — Merchandise awards in the form of gift certificates valued at \$60 were presented to HM2 Conley by Dianne Murray, president of the Indian Wells Valley Council of the Navy League. The first woman sailor to be so honored at NWC, HM2 Conley also was the recipient of an NWC plaque, \$750 in cash and an expense-paid trip to Las Vegas for three days and two nights.

## Civil Service due for change . . .

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commented.

In the area of Affirmative Action, the CSC area manager from Los Angeles stated that the Civil Service Commission has approved the concept of what is known as the "Sugarman proposal." Its intent is to permit agencies (in those instances where there is a significant lack of women employees or minorities) to recruit directly (without regard to Civil Service registers) for qualified employees who will be granted "excepted appointments."

"Such appointees will be brought in, but will be kept only if it turns out that they can perform," Mrs. Brassier explained.

This change in the federal government's Affirmative Action program is slated to take place after June 1, 1978. A related proposal coming out of the reorganization study is to move the Equal Employment

Opportunity program from Civil Service to the existing EEO Commission.

A proposal to combine Social Security and the federal employees' retirement system has been postponed and is awaiting the outcome of a 5-year study on this matter, Mrs. Brassier stated in response to a question on this matter at the ASPA luncheon meeting.

She expects, she said, that the merger will take place, but that it will not mean a loss of benefits or added costs to federal government employees.

Replying to another query regarding a moratorium on prospective downgrading of Civil Service positions, Mrs. Brassier replied that a very liberal policy has been granted to agencies in order to enable them to take steps deemed necessary to downgrade positions on an agency by agency basis.

Behind the downgrading movement, she added, is a perception that there has been a massive overgrading of Civil Service positions in the past as a means of competing for better government employees. At the present time, she concluded, the climate is to classify jobs "very much within standards."

## Sources of funds for local area to be discussed Tues.

Joseph N. Baker, vice-president of Public Technology, Inc., will discuss sources of funding available to the local community at a luncheon meeting of the East Kern County Chapter of the American Society for Public Administration (ASPA) next Tuesday.

The meeting will be held at Mr. P's Playhouse in Ridgecrest, and will begin at 11:45 a.m.

Baker was previously scheduled to speak locally on Jan. 10, but had to cancel at that time because of the death of his father.

Baker's expertise regarding available funding was gained in a 25-year governmental career during which he served as city manager of the City of Burbank, Calif.; city manager of Gladstone, Col.; and as a member of the Bureau of Investigation of the State of Kansas.

His talk is being sponsored by the Intergovernmental Relations Committee of ASPA, chaired by Dr. Rex Shacklett, former mayor of Ridgecrest.

The meeting is open to all interested persons.



**NEW C.O. AT LEMOORE** — Capt. Leroy B. Keely assumed command of the Naval Air Station, Lemoore, during a change of command ceremony that took place last Friday. A veteran of 23½ years of active duty in the Navy, Capt. Keely is a former member of Air Test and Evaluation Squadron Five. He was assigned to VX-5 following his graduation in 1965 from the U.S. Air Force Aerospace Research Pilot School at Edwards Air Force Base. During his tour of duty with VX-5, Capt. Keely served as maintenance officer, operations officer, and A-7 project manager.



**SAXOPHONIST TO PRESENT CONCERT** — Harvey Pittel, a musician who has won world-wide acclaim for his talent as a saxophonist, will play for a concert program next Wednesday evening, Feb. 1, at the Center theater. A musician who has premiered several new works for the saxophone, Pittel will be playing music from the small soprano to the common tenor saxophone during his appearance here.

## Noted saxophonist to present concert at Center theater Wednesday night

A concert featuring music from Bach to the "big band era" tunes of Jimmy Dorsey will be presented by saxophonist Harvey Pittel, who will be appearing next Wednesday night at the Center theater.

Pittel's performance, which is to begin at 7:30 will be the fourth in the 1977-78 series arranged by the Indian Wells Valley Concert Association. The featured performer's ability to fully exploit the musical potentialities of an unusual concert instrument have won him world-wide acclaim for his talent, local concert association officials report.

During his program here, which will range from baroque to be-bop and include the use of several sizes of saxophone, Pittel will be accompanied by Levering Rothus on the harpsichord and piano. In addition, he will accompany himself (using a pre-recorded stereo tape) to play "Saxophone," a piece written for him in 1971.

Pittel, who is a native Californian, earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Southern California. In addition, he studied with Joseph Allard of the Juilliard School of Music in Manhattan, and

continued his studies in France — both in Bordeaux and in Paris.

He toured the Far East in 1966 on behalf of the U.S. State Department, and continued to serve his country while in the Army as solo saxophonist with the West Point Military Band.

The New York Times called Harvey Pittel's 1973 Carnegie Recital Hall debut "An evening as stimulating musically as it was dazzling technically." During the season following his debut, he appeared again in New York as a winner in the Concert Artists' Guild "Encore Series," and has continued to amass one of the most remarkable accumulations of critical raves of any young artist — on any instrument.

Pittel has been the saxophone soloist with the Boston Symphony, Los Angeles Philharmonic, London Sinfonietta, and Suisse-Romande Orchestras, and has performed under a number of outstanding conductors.

Since his appointment as an Affiliate Artist in 1974 and '75, he has played several hundred concerts in the United States, Hawaii, England, Switzerland and Canada. He incorporates a busy concert schedule into his regular responsibilities as lecturer on saxophones at the University of Southern California.

### Invited to Capital

In January 1977, Pittel was invited to the nation's capital to perform in the Inaugural Concert Series honoring President Jimmy Carter.

Tickets to the Feb. 1 concert are priced at \$4 each for general admission, with a half-price rate of \$2 extended to persons under 21 or over 65 and to enlisted military personnel. They are now on sale in Ridgcrest at the Gift Mart, The Grainery, The Music Man, Lilly's Dress Shop, Medical Arts Pharmacy, Professional Center Pharmacy, and El Ranchito School.

Tickets are also available at the Inyokern Market, in Trona at the Trona Argonaut newspaper office, and in Johannesburg at the Rand District News and Miner.

Tickets will also be available on the day of the concert at the Center theater box office, which will be open from 4:45 to 7:15 p.m. Doors will open for seating at 6:45.

Special-event passes will be available to concert goers at both NWC gates on the evening of the concert, so that all interested persons may attend.

## Personnel development opportunities

The following courses will be offered during the first half of February. Listed are the course titles and numbers, the date they will be offered, and the deadlines for submission of a training request and authorization form.

For further information, consult the Personnel Development Opportunity Course schedule, or the NWC Announcements bulletin.

Management Use of the Employee Assistance Program (4850A8); Feb. 1, 8-11:30 a.m. and Feb. 2, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., deadline Jan. 27.

Assertion-Training (1500C8); Feb. 6, 3:30-6 p.m.; Feb. 8-10, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., ongoing enrollment.

EEO for Managers and Supervisors II (2000B8); Feb. 8, 7:45-11:30 a.m.; deadline Jan. 30.

EEO for Managers and Supervisors I (2000A8); Feb. 15, 7:45-11:30 a.m.; deadline Feb. 3.

Human Relations Workshop (8300B8); Feb. 15-16, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; deadline Feb. 8.

High Production/High Yield Solder Inspection (5000C8); Feb. 6-17; deadline

Jan. 27.

1110 Concepts for Fortran Programmer (5130B8); Feb. 14 - March 9 (Tues. and Thurs.); 8:30-11:30 a.m.; deadline Feb. 3.

Results-Oriented Engineering Management (1500K8); Feb. 6-10, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.; deadline Jan. 27.

Management Improvement Techniques I (2100A8); Feb. 13, 14, 21, 27 & 28, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.; deadline Feb. 3.

## Happenings around NWC

Thirteen enlisted personnel assigned to duty with Air Test and Evaluation Squadron Five were advanced in rating during the month of January. The enlisted personnel, their new rating, and their current assignment are as follows:

AMSAN D. R. Dienethal, Galley; AEAN C. T. Byrd, Aviation Electric Shop; YNSN Calvin Brown, Safety; AD3 J. B. Trindle, Power Plants; AZ3 J. M. Johnson, Maintenance Control; AMH3 L. G. Mesa, Hot Line; AO3 Mitchell Hammonds and AO2 M. A. Bergquist, Aviation Ordnance Shop; AT2 F. C. Rowe, Electronics; DP2 L. L. Parthemmer, Projects; AMS2 G. L. Baldwin, Air Frames; and AOAN Nathaniel Snelling and AMH3 M. E. Hooker have both been detailed to NWC.

### Blue Cross Agent Due

Jean Sainsbury, the Blue Cross/Blue Shield insurance representative, will be at the Community Center on Wednesday, Feb. 1, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Enrollees in the plan who wish to talk with her will be seen on an appointment-only basis.

A sign-up sheet is available at the front desk of the Community Center. No appointments will be accepted by telephone.

## Commissary Store is now open on Saturdays

A new schedule of operation will go into effect next week at the Commissary Store, which will be closed on Mondays but will offer Saturday service instead.

According to SHCM J. D. Holley, Commissary Store officer, the new hours of operation are: Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Thursday, 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., and Saturday, 8:30 to 5 p.m.

Henceforth, the Commissary Store will be closed on Sunday and Monday.



### NEW OFFICERS INSTALLED

— New officers of the Chief Petty Officers' Wives Club were installed during a ceremony conducted last Friday night at the CPO Club by Mrs. Joan Giuliani (at left), wife of Capt. Leonard E. Giuliani, Commanding Officer of VX-5. Kathleen Vander Houwen is shown passing the president's gavel to her successor, Donna Hunker. The other new officers are (l.-r.) Loretta Barrett, vice-president; Bonnie Tucker, treasurer, and Carolyn Hendry, secretary. In the photo at left, Mrs. Giuliani, who was the installing officer, is reading the president's pledge to Mrs. Hunker. Honored guests at the installation dinner included Capt. F. H. M. Kinley, NWC Vice Commander, and Mrs. Kinley; Capt. Robert Taylor, officer in charge of the Naval Regional Medical Clinic branch clinic, and Mrs. Taylor; Capt. and Mrs. Giuliani; and Chaplain and Mrs. R. C. Wallace.



## Responsibilities of Code 08 cover wide range

By Mickey Strang

Mentioning the personnel of the Office of Finance and Management — Code 08 — conjures a picture of a group of accountants with green visors scribbling into massive ledgers, with perhaps an occasional cluck of disapproval as some extravagance is perceived.

The Office of Finance and Management at the Naval Weapons Center does indeed employ accountants, but its personnel also include the guard mail messenger who wishes everyone a cheery "have a good day" as he drops the mail into each office, the travel and disbursing clerks who get a travel advance check into a traveler's hands on time, the attendant at the Center gymnasium, the manager of one of the Clubs. These and many more Code 08 personnel are scattered throughout the Center.

The budget analysts, for instance, are physically located with the codes they serve.

### Office Furthest Afield

Furthest afield from the department office is Isabel McLaughlin, administrative assistant in the NWC Liaison Office in Washington, with her legendary helpfulness to travelers from China Lake who are in the nation's capital.

The old Central Staff (Code 17) organization has evolved and changed through various reorganizations until now the five divisions of the Office of Finance and Management encompass a wide assortment of functions that early Station management would never have dreamed would be included in that group, such as the Clubs, Messes, and Special Services.

The total number of Code 08 personnel has varied directly with the assortment of tasks assigned to that organization.

When the Naval Ordnance Test Station became the Naval Weapons Center in 1967, Code 17 (forerunner of Code 08) numbered 150 personnel; Center reorganizations since have brought that number to a high in 1974 when 240 were employed. Currently 08 personnel number 220.

### More Work, Fewer People

Each new function assigned to that code from elsewhere at NWC has brought an increase in personnel as they transferred from their prior organization. Billet cuts here, as elsewhere on the Center, have resulted in fewer personnel responsible for the accomplishment of more work.

Head of this far-flung organization is Dr. Richard Kistler, the latest of a group of distinguished scientists, engineers, and managers who have headed China Lake's staff function.

He notes with pride that 20 percent of the Center's female employees work in his organization — and on a completely equal basis. A large percentage of the Center's high grade women employees are in Code 08, he observes also.

Since the responsibilities of the Office of Finance and Management directly affect all personnel at the Center, a series of Rocketeer articles is planned to describe the function of the department office and the five divisions.

The finance and accounting aspects of the code are heavily emphasized within the department office and staff.

### Serves Controller Function

The department staff functions as controller for the Center (a controller being the "chief accounting officer for a business enterprise or an institution," or a public official "who audits government accounts and certifies expenditures").

The department staff advises on all aspects of Center management to both NWC and to all outside organizations. It provides to NWC technical and support codes the latest requirements from off-Center, and provides needed information to the Chief of Naval Materiel, NAVCOMPT, and the Systems Commands. Reduced budgets and added requirements have resulted in a dramatic increase in paperwork and in communications needed between NWC



**PLANNING SESSION** — Dr. Richard E. Kistler, head of the Office of Finance and Management, discusses future plans and operations of Code 08 with his deputy, Bernard F. Connolly. The functions of Code 08 personnel — which range from distribution of guard mail through handling of checks to the operations of Special Services — directly affect each NWC employee. —Photo by Ron Allen

staff and Washington offices.

The department staff integrates the overall operations of the five divisions — Weapons System Cost Analysis, Management, Budget, Financial Operations, and Special Services — and includes the Internal Review Staff as well. The Internal Review Staff functions organizationally directly under the department office in order to assure its objectivity.

### Internal Review Staff

The Internal Review Staff consists of four professional accountants and a supervisory accountant. This group has a wide range of responsibilities, mainly to provide Center management with an independent and objective appraisal of the effectiveness, efficiency and economy with which the financial and operating responsibilities are being administered.

The Internal Review Staff audits all the non-appropriated funds (funds not provided by the U.S. Treasury which are spent by government-related activities). These include such widely assorted funding as that provided by the Clubs and Messes, Special Services activities, the Employee Services Board, the Chaplain's funds, the Package Store, and others.

Audits are also performed for diverse activities such as the Navy Wives Club, the Women's Auxiliary of the Commissioned Officers' Mess, and the Combined Federal Campaign.

### Special Audits Performed

When requested by Center management, special audits are performed such as one to determine realistic expenditures for long term travel, a determination of how well the civilian payroll function is being carried out, or how well plant-accounted property has actually been accounted. Even the Center's weighmaster who handles a California state-approved scale is audited by Internal Review.

Members of the Internal Review Staff also are tasked with other special functions such as a recent accounting of the Center's small arms, and with being a point of liaison with the Government Accounting Office, the Naval Audit Service, and other outside organizations which need to perform audit or accounting functions on Center.

Verification of cash also falls into their bailiwick and they find themselves counting money for groups such as the housing office, disbursing, police funds, the galley, and imprest funds used by Center personnel to make small cash purchases.

Members of the Internal Review Staff feel that their main function is to "protect us

from elsewhere," but admit that often "people tend not to like to see us coming" although many times audits result in individuals receiving money they had not expected.

Whether or not popular with groups whose books and expenditures are reviewed, however, the quality of the Internal Review Staff is attested by the amount of outside consultation from off-Center that is requested of them.

### CSC lifts prior restrictions on releasing information

The Civil Service Commission's long-time restriction on release of the name, position titles, grades, salaries, and duty stations of government employees if there was reason to believe the request was for commercial or solicitation purposes has been lifted.

The Freedom of Information Act (FOI) directs disclosure to "any person" requesting information, without regard to purpose, unless nondisclosure can be justified under certain exemptions, including unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

The Commission decided that since these five items have traditionally been public information, their disclosure cannot now be characterized as an invasion of personal privacy for exemption under the FOI.



**RESEARCHING** — Larry Parrant (standing) points out to his fellow Internal Review Staff members Pat Brice (l.) and Jim Roy a regulation applicable to a current problem. More than 15 linear feet of manuals and books of regulations and rulings apply directly to the work done by the Internal Review Staff.

## Host families sought for summer student exchange program

The American Scandinavian Student Exchange (ASSE) is seeking American families to serve as hosts for high school students from Sweden, Norway, Denmark and Finland. All the students are fluent in English, have been screened by their school representatives, have pocket money and medical insurance.

One group of students for whom host families are sought will arrive on June 21, 1978, and will remain in this country for five weeks. They will not attend school.

A second group, which is to arrive in August, would attend the local high school throughout the 1978-79 school year and then return home in June 1979.

American families with small children are welcome to participate in both programs.

The ASSE is the official Swedish high school exchange program in the United States, operating under the auspices of the Swedish Board of Education.

More than 150,000 students have taken part in student exchange, home stay, and school exchange programs in the United States, Sweden, Denmark, Norway, Germany, France, England, and Switzerland since 1938.

Those who may be interested in serving as host families or those seeking further information are asked to call Mrs. Miriam Waddington at 446-6186.

## Assessments due following death of former TID employee

Assessments are now due from members of the Government Employees Benefit Association and the China Lake Mutual Aid Society following the death on Jan. 21 in Ridgcrest of Maxine Malone, 55, a long-time former employee of the Technical Information Department. This is assessment No. 420.

In order to avoid taking up time at work, there are no more GEBA and CLMAS collectors on the job. Instead, members are asked to mail their assessments to Larry Mason, treasurer, 1812-A Young Circle, China Lake, CA 93555.

Mason also urges that GEBA and CLMAS members check to make sure up-to-date information regarding their beneficiaries is on file. He can be contacted after working hours by calling 446-4794.

A drive for new GEBA-CLMAS members is currently in progress. There is an initial membership fee of \$4.50, and periodic assessments of \$1.80 fall due when members die and their survivors receive an immediate lump sum payment of \$1,500.