



REMODELING JOB — Workers tar the roof on the old NWC Dispensary building, which is being refurbished to accommodate employees of the Technical Information Department. Remodeling of three of the building's wings is scheduled for completion in late August. The first group of 60 TID employees is slated to move in during September.

Old Dispensary being remodeled for use by Technical Information Dep't employees

Work on the remodeling of three wings of the old Naval Weapons Center Dispensary is 60 percent complete, and the building is scheduled for occupancy by employees of the Technical Information Department in September.

The \$539,588 remodeling contract was awarded to the Stevens Company of Lancaster, Calif. The contract is for changes to the building's electrical, plumbing and air conditioning systems; repairs to floors, walls, ceilings and the roof; and the

removal and addition of internal walls, as well as for repainting the structure both inside and out.

Following completion of the work in late September, 60 employees in the Technical Information Department who are presently located in nine different areas aboard the Center will move into the building.

At a later date, after the remainder of the building is rehabilitated, 30 more TID employees will move into the structure from three other areas.

New-type uniforms available to Fleet EMs below 2nd class

The Chief of Naval Operations has announced that all Navy men E-1 through E-4 who are attached to Fleet units are now authorized to purchase and wear the service dress blue jumper uniform. The Fleet evaluation program for the uniform began in May.

Shore-based personnel and reservists will be able to purchase and wear the uniform beginning in August as more uniforms become available. The new uniform, available in the dress blue version only, initially can be purchased through the Norfolk and San Diego Navy Exchanges or through the Navy Exchange mail order system. Eventually the jumper uniform will be available in all Navy Exchanges.

The uniform will be manufactured of the 15 oz. blue serge material currently used in the winter weight service dress blue uniforms. The white hat will be of polyester blend. Rating badges and service stripes will continue to be the current all-embroidered style.

Wearing of jumper style uniforms made of melton or any other material will not be authorized. Personnel should insure that garments purchased are certified for wear according to Navy specifications. Uniform manufacturers upon their request will be certified by the Navy to produce the authorized uniform.

The uniform will be prescribed for all occasions where service dress blue is worn, including liberty purposes. Manner of wear shall be as directed in U.S. Navy uniform regulations.

Annual meeting set by East Kern County Chapter of ASPA

The annual dinner meeting of the East Kern County Chapter of the American Society for Public Administration (ASPA) will be held next Thursday, June 29, at 7 p.m. at the Commissioned Officers' Mess.

Featured speaker for this event, which is being co-sponsored by the Ridgecrest Chamber of Commerce, will be Dr. Allen C. Haile, who is the principal representative for the U.S. Secretary of Commerce for Region IX—a four-state area that includes California, Arizona, Nevada and Hawaii.

In addition, Dr. Haile, who is on a sabbatical leave from his job as an associate professor of public administration at Golden Gate University in San Francisco, is a member of the National Council of ASPA.

Subject of Talk

Dr. Haile will discuss "Carter Administration Strategies for Economic Development," and will respond to questions relating to such Department of Commerce interests as the Economic Development Administration (which makes grants to local governments under the public works employment program); minority business enterprise; science and technology matters that come under the cognizance of the National Bureau of Standards, and the effects of Proposition 13.

A social hour will precede dinner at 7 p.m. in the Mojave Room of the COM, and there will be a brief ASPA business meeting for the purpose of introducing newly elected officers prior to the talk by Dr. Haile.

A full course steamboat round of beef dinner will be served. Tickets, priced at \$6 each for ASPA and Ridgecrest C of C members (or \$6.50 for non-members), can be ordered no later than Tuesday by calling June Graham, NWC ext. 2626; Linda Roush, NWC ext. 2574; Natalie Harrison, NWC, ext. 3481, or Audrey Nelson at 375-8331.

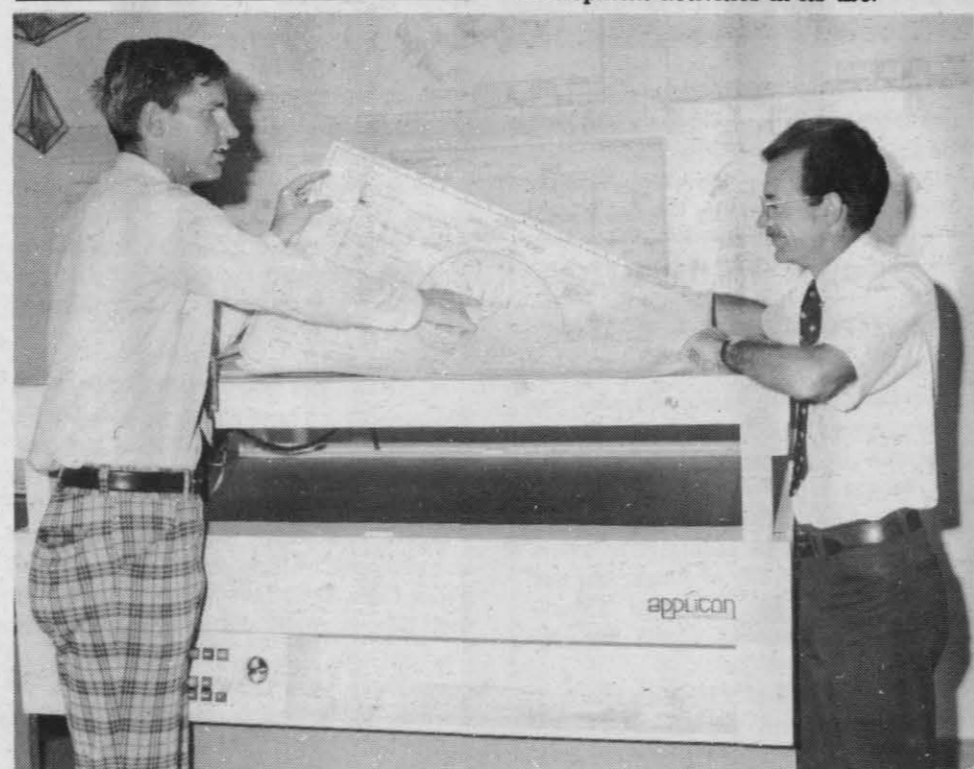
Time-saver...

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Program, the Phoenix fuze and Sidewinder. A fifth terminal is being installed by the Fuze Department in connection with the Phoenix program.

All drawings on the Phoenix missile fuze are being placed into the Center's Interactive Graphics System. When programming is complete, it will be the first time that everything on a major NWC product has been placed into computer storage.

Although systems similar to IGS have been used in private industry for several years, NWC is leading Navy research and development activities in its use.



HIGH SPEED PLOTTER — Jack Anderson (right), a Computer Services Branch general engineer, and Dale Christensen, a Code 3941 mechanical engineer, check a complex engineering design drawing that was reproduced by the Interactive Graphics System's high-speed plotter. After a design has been completed at the system's console, the plotter can turn out a finished drawing in a fraction of the time required by conventional methods. The computer also stores the data necessary to reproduce additional copies when they are needed.



SEABEES QUALIFY ON RIFLE RANGE — In preparation for two weeks of active duty training, which is coming during the latter half of July, Seabee Reservists from China Lake (Co. D of Reserve Mobile Construction Battalion 17), recently completed M-16 rifle marksmanship qualification requirements. Firing at a circular target 200 yards away (both slow and rapid fire and in prone, seated and standing positions) all of the Seabee Reservists met or exceeded the scores necessary to qualify as rifle marksmen. Prior to going to the rifle firing range, which is located on the east side of "B" Mountain, the Seabee Reserves and some members of the NWC Sea Cadet Squadron received instruction on the maintenance and operation of the M-16 rifle from EOCN Billy Thornton and CE2 Marvin Windsor (shown in top photo). Several members of the Sea Cadets, who were firing the M-16 rifle for the first time, also posted scores high enough to meet the qualification requirements. —Photos by CM2 Jerry Morrison

Policy on retired employee gate passes clarified by Safety, Security Department

From information being received in the Safety and Security Department, it would appear that there is still some confusion regarding the issuance of passes to retired Civil Service employees that will afford them access to the Naval Weapons Center.

In order to recognize, in part, their long years of loyal service, as well as to facilitate their use of Center facilities and the visiting of friends and relatives, the Commander has authorized the issuance of an extended gate pass to retiring NWC Civil Service employees and their dependent spouses who will be maintaining residences in the Indian Wells Valley.

This pass will afford them ready access to the general business and community areas of the Center. It is intended and expected that it will be used only for the purposes issued.

Contrary to past procedures, it is no longer necessary to justify the reissue of expired passes. When a retiree's (or his or her dependent's) pass is about to expire, it is necessary only to come to the Visitor Center at the main gate and make application for a new one. The justification space need not be completed.

Further information regarding the issue and use of these passes by NWC retirees

may be obtained by calling the Visitor Center, Code 2412, at NWC ext. 3156.

2 EEO classes for managers offered by Personnel Dep't.

The Personnel Department is offering two Equal Employment Opportunity courses next month. The first, "EEO for Managers and Supervisors I" fulfills the basic Civil Service EEO requirement, while the second, "EEO for Managers and Supervisors II," is a follow-on course.

Both courses will be taught from 7:45 until 11:30 a.m. in Rm. 205 of the Training Center with the first scheduled for July 19 and the second to be held on July 26.

Deadlines for filing applications to attend these courses is July 5 for the former and July 12 for the latter. "EEO I" is a prerequisite for "EEO II."

Employees interested in attending either of these courses must submit a training request and authorization form via proper department channels in time for it to reach Code 094 by July 5 for the July 19 class or by July 12 for the course to be offered on July 26.

Dr. James Whelan in charge of Geothermal Technology Branch

Dr. James Whelan, a former professor of geology at the University of Utah, has joined the staff of the Public Works Department's Geothermal Utilization Division as head of the Geothermal Technology Branch.

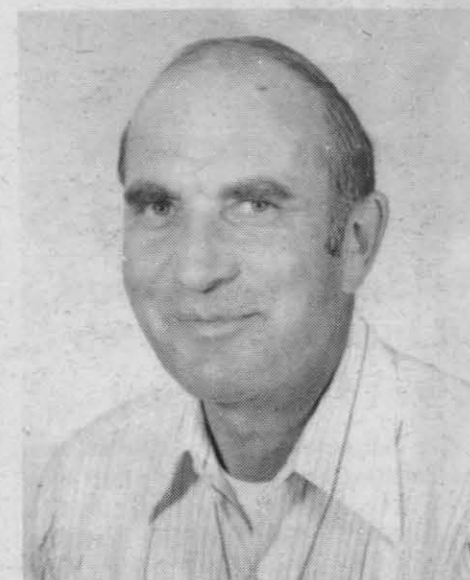
The main function of this branch is to handle the bulk of the Geothermal Utilization Division's field exploration work, which includes prospecting, exploration and geothermal area reservoir testing.

At the present time, there is on-going activity not only at the Naval Weapons Center's Coso geothermal area, but also at the Fallon Naval Air Station in Nevada, on Island of Adak in the Aleutians, and in the Hawaiian islands.

Dr. Whelan, who is a Civil Engineer Corps commander in the Naval Reserve, has a total of 28 years of Navy service, which includes between six and seven years of active duty.

Except for two years, from 1969 to 1971 when he was serving as deputy to the Officer-in-Charge-of-Construction in the Marianas Islands, (and was stationed on Guam) Dr. Whelan was a professor of geology at the University of Utah from 1958 until his recent move to NWC.

The new head of the Geothermal Technology Branch is no stranger to the China Lake area, however, since he served two weeks on active duty for training here in 1975; returned for another two weeks ACDTRA in 1976 and was extended for an additional three weeks on temporary active



Dr. James Whelan duty; and, in 1977, was a Naval Weapons Center summer employee.

All of his prior work here, as well as that in which he is currently involved, has been with Dr. Carl Austin in the geothermal energy field.

Dr. Whelan is a 1949 graduate of the University of Minnesota, where he received a bachelor of mining engineering degree in 1949, a master of science degree in both mining and petroleum engineering in 1956, and a Ph.D. in economic geology in 1959.

Secretary of Navy to reward energy conservation efforts

In an effort to promote excellence in energy conservation and management within the Department of the Navy, the Secretary of the Navy will grant annually seven energy conservation awards to various ships, aircraft squadrons, and Navy and Marine Corps shore activities.

The awards will be presented for outstanding energy conservation and energy resource management accomplishments during the preceding fiscal year with the exception of the first award which will cover the period FY73 through FY77.

Specific recognition will be given for outstanding leadership in energy conservation matters, innovations in development of new equipment or modification of existing equipment to improve energy efficiency, as well as day-to-day operations, maintenance and housekeeping.

The seven classifications eligible for awards are large ships, small ships, aviation squadrons, large Navy shore activities, small Navy shore activities, Marine Corps activities, and naval industrial facilities.

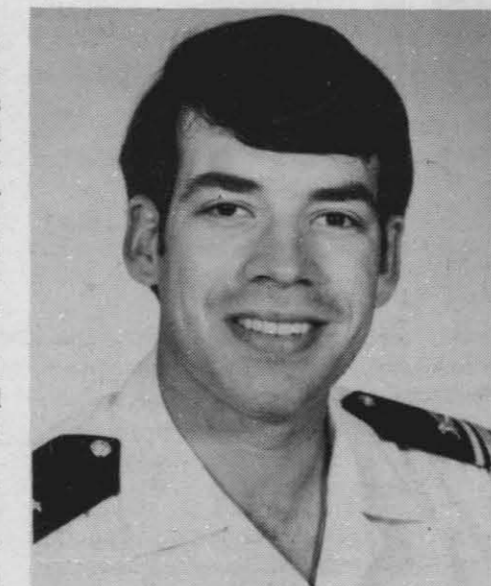
Confidential course offered on drinking, emotional problems

An on-going course entitled "Sobriety / Freedom Training" is currently being conducted on Wednesdays from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. in Rm. 103 of the Training Center for the benefit of NWC employees and military personnel.

Prospective participants may enroll and begin the course at any time by attending a session. All enrollments are strictly confidential, and prior approval by an individual's supervisor is not required for enrollment.

This course, which is conducted by Dr. David Stewart, an Employee Assistance Program counselor, covers such topics as the drinking pattern, loss of freedom through alcohol and drugs, and steps to take to gain freedom from addiction, as well as such obstacles to a productive life-style as anxiety, depression and loneliness.

Additional information can be obtained by calling Dr. Stewart at NWC ext. 2480 on Wednesday afternoons or throughout the work day on Thursdays.



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