



AT PLAY—The Nursery School has a varied selection of playground equipment which attracts the younger set. Sandlot play is always a popular pastime. All activity is supervised; children are never left to their own devices.

Nursery School Offers Proficient Child Care

Now in its third year of operation as a nonprofit community enterprise, the China Lake Day Nursery and Extended Day Care Center continues to serve the families of Station employees commensurate with the State Department of Education policies, and is also licensed by the State Department of Social Welfare.

This excellent program is an asset to working mothers challenged with an employment goal and the special needs growing children require. Parents want a full-time program for the preschool children and can better devote capacity talents to their jobs when assured of proper care and a supervised recreational outlet for their active offspring.

Under the guidance of a skilled teacher, these youngsters learn important rules of social play — and preparation in self-help is basic to nursery school learning. Children need and react well to this instruction.

Part-time Services
Nonworking mothers also take advantage of this service. They, especially, appreciate what the China Lake Nursery provides in the way of fun and wholesome activity. Morning and afternoon snacks, a nutritious hot lunch, and a rest period are principal services offered, and the value of these services is compounded by the planned schedules and sensible routine provided for the children within their own age groups.

At present, the school can accommodate seventy youngsters ranging in age from 2½ to the third grade level. Director Ruth Newland maintains a professional staff to perform specialized instruction. Members are: Beverly Smith, Joanne Griggs, Peg Knoblauch, and Minnie Stevens. Nora Craig is in charge of the lunch program.

An additional benefit which parents find most gratifying is the informal report on the child's progress given in a private conference.

Vacancies
Swimming classes, and special arts and crafts group participation are currently being planned in addition to the regular schedule. Parents are urged to investigate this summer program and enroll their child for whatever session interests them.

Many civic minded citizens have devoted their time and efforts in formulating policies aimed toward an attractive balance of efficient performance and cheerful atmosphere to satisfy the most fastidious inspection.

These persons manage the Association through the use of an official board. The present membership is: Cdr. Ben Gantz, W. B. McBride, Harold E. Pierce, James Sims, B. Arthur Breslow, the Mmes. Arnold Adicoff, Eli Besser, Benjamin Glatt, Richard T. Gray, Edward Price and Pierre St. Amand. Carolyn Lindberg is the school treasurer.

The average mother, whether or not employed, can rarely spend an entire day to instruct and be a companion to the preschooler. Parents are therefore invited to tour the facilities and review the activity and instruction offered — which is the only way to ascertain the value received.

ASCE Organizes L.A. Airport Tour
A field trip to the new Los Angeles International Airport is being organized by the American Society of Civil Engineers, Desert Area Branch, for Saturday, June 17, from 1:30 to 4 p.m.

Tourists will view the new facilities under construction such as the United Air Lines building, slated for occupancy June 29, the new Control Tower, and the customer service facilities.

Members and interested persons and their families may take the tour provided they arrange for their own transportation to the airport. A bus will be available at the airport for the tour at 1:30 p.m. at the new Control Tower, No. 1 World Way (south of Century and west of Sepulveda).

President Stresses Nondiscrimination In Recreation Units

A memorandum from the Secretary of Defense was distributed this month to all government installations in the Department of Defense emphasizing President Kennedy's directive on his nondiscrimination policy concerning military and civilian employee recreational organizations.

Personnel are advised of the contents of the directive by the following excerpt from the SecNav memorandum:

"Discrimination based on race, creed, color, or national origin by employee recreational organizations is contrary to the purpose and spirit of Executive Order 10925, March 6, 1961.

"No employee recreational organization which practices discrimination based on race, creed, color, or national origin will be permitted to use the name of, or be sponsored by the Department of Defense. No facility of activity of the Department of Defense will be available to such organization.

"The foregoing applies to all facilities and activities of the Department of Defense, including those financed from nonappropriated funds and to all recreational organizations composed of full-time civilian and military personnel in the Department of Defense. This policy is effective immediately."

Monthly Report of Police Statistics

Security Police statistics for the month of April released this week show that there were 52 reported violations of civil law and Station directives in the China Lake community.

Included in these offenses were 23 violations of State law and one violation each of County and Federal law. Among these were five cases of theft, five family disturbances, one case of auto theft, two cases of vandalism, two prowlers, one forced entry, one peeping tom, one case of child neglect, and one drunk.

Five juvenile cases were referred to the County juvenile officer. These involved such offenses as vandalism, petty theft, prowling and malicious mischief.

April traffic statistics show that there were 11 cases of speeding on the Station, which resulted in 10 suspensions of Station driving privileges. One of these was a permanent grounding when the offender failed to appear in Traffic Court. One speeder, who failed to make a posted stop, and was without a driver's license, was grounded for three weeks. There were also three groundings for a period of two weeks and five for one week.

PRESENTATION OF COLORS—The Marine Corps color guard composed of Corporal V. Romo and Lance Corporals R. W. Turner, J. D. Webb, and R. W. Milne present the colors during the Memorial Day services last Tuesday. Over 20 service organizations participated in the ceremonies.



IN MEMORIAM—Preceding taps by a Marine Corps bugler, members of the Marine Barracks firing squad, Lance Corporals J. G. Teasdale, C. E. Pulliam, J. P. Vargas, B. L. Upton, J. D. Raikes; Privates

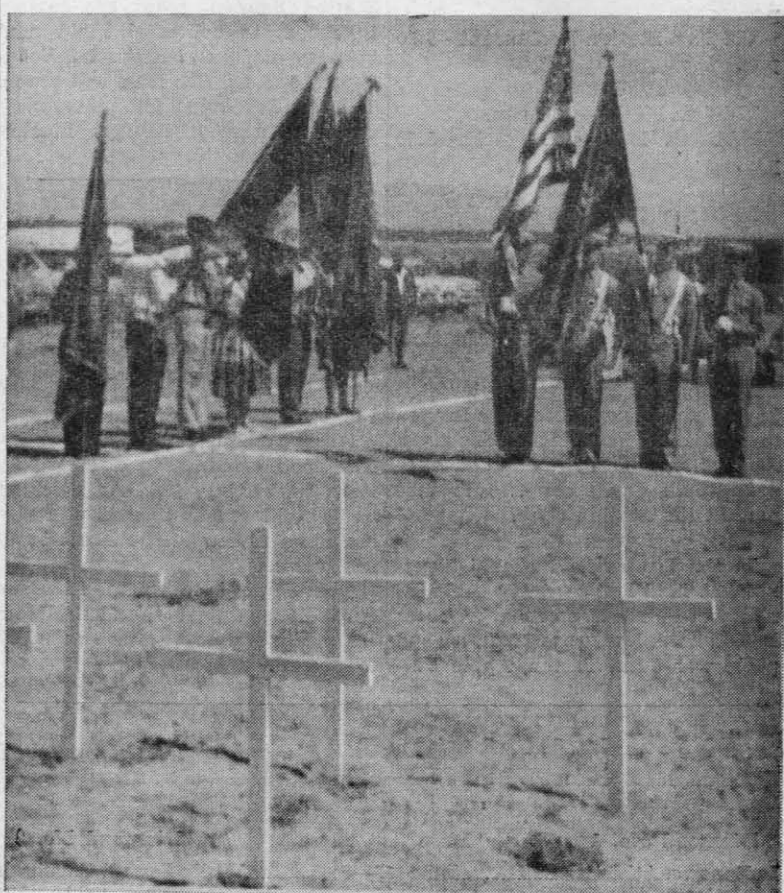
Golf Club Honors Capt. Hollister



On behalf of the Board of Directors and all of your friends of the China Lake Golf Club, I would like to present this plaque to you in appreciation of your dedicated services in promoting golf at China Lake and also extend to you a perpetual invitation to return each year, as our honored guest, to present the Hollister Cup to the winners of the annual Hollister Trophy Tournament.

May I also wish you good health, prosperity, and good golfing during your forthcoming retirement.

President, China Lake Golf Club
John Macbrosky



Dr. J. R. Felton

Capt. Blenman New Station Commander

Don't Miss the First Annual SPRING FESTIVAL

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May 27	85 53
May 28	77 58
May 29	75 55
May 30	80 51
May 31	71 58
June 1	75 52

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Fri., June 2, 1961

Continuance of RAFT Club Youth Center Under Fire

Last week the China Lake Community Council was advised that Station Command was considering the disestablishment of the local youth center, the RAFT Club. Prior to any final decision, Command has asked the Community Council to obtain community opinion regarding the need for retaining the club and their willingness to actively participate in furthering youth activity within the center.

The RAFT Club was officially opened May 2, 1958. Funds to convert the old Chapel to the present youth center and operating expenses for the past three years have been borne by the Navy Recreation Council.

Currently, annual operating costs alone total approximately \$8,000. The benefits derived by this expenditure are available to local young men and women between the ages of 13 and 20, however, only approximately 150 of these people participate in the organization.

Based on current costs for general recreation, it is Command's feeling that the cost per capita is excessive and therefore, if the rate of participation does not increase, the only alternative is disestablishment.

Since membership in the RAFT Club consists largely of civilian youth, it seems logical that their parents or guardians make the necessary effort to maintain an excellent youth program.

As Command's position on the continuance of the RAFT Club is very clear, it is the community's opportunity to make its desires known on the matter.

The Community Council needs to know the views of Station residents on the following questions in order to convey the realistic attitude of the community to Station Command:

- Do you think there is a need for a youth recreation center?
- Are you willing to support such a center?
- Are you satisfied with the present operation?
- If not, what improvements would you suggest?
- Would you be willing to financially support the operations of a youth center, and also assume the responsibilities associated with its operation?

All comments may be mailed to

NITE SCHOOL GRADS AWARDED DIPLOMAS

Eight members of the Armed Forces will be among the thirty-seven students graduating from Burroughs Evening High School at the end of the present school year, according to W. J. Shortt, principal.

Twenty-two men and fifteen women will receive their diplomas which are awarded as of June 9. No public ceremonies are planned.

Impressive Ceremonies Mark Change of Command

Captain Charles Blenman Jr. officially took over command of the Station during ceremonies held at Kelly Field yesterday morning, relieving Captain W. W. Hollister, Station Commander since September 1957.

As Capt. Blenman and Capt. Hollister entered the field, Master Sergeant H. L. Pagan struck up the Barstow Marine Band to set the stage for the colorful ceremony to follow.

Capt. Hollister and Capt. Blenman took their positions for the traditional change of colors as the 41-man companies of Air Development Squadron Five, the Naval Air Facility, and the NOTS complement, snapped smartly to attention. Capt. Hollister received the colors from the Adjutant and presented them to Capt. Blenman who returned them to the Adjutant.

Final Duty
Before relinquishing command of the Station, Capt. Hollister gave a short address expressing appreciation for the cooperation he received during his tenure as Station Commander stating his confidence in the Station's future under Capt. Blenman.

He said: "Today marks the completion of 30 years of active duty for me in the Navy. I want to express my sincere appreciation to those who have made this last tour of duty very interesting and memorable for me.

"First, I want to commend all of you enlisted men of the Navy and the Marine Corps. I am proud of your ability to adjust to the type of life required here in the desert — without your help we could not accomplish our mission.

"To the officers here at NOTS I extend my highest commendation for your loyalty, dependability, and the highest standards of performance.

"To all civil service employees, both at China Lake and Pasadena, who make NOTS the important Naval Laboratory it is, I offer my honest praise."

As Capt. Hollister announced his readiness to be relieved, Capt. Blenman stepped to the reviewing stand to make his address. Capt. Blenman said in part:

"It is a great honor for me to have been selected as the next Commander of the Naval Ordnance Test Station which has made, and will continue to make, so many outstanding contributions to the security of our country.

Work Toward Success
"The outstanding record of NOTS in the fields of weaponry and science is no accident. It is because a brilliant and dedicated group of men and women have been provided a fertile place in which to work, live, and play; a place where their ideas and dreams can be transformed into useful substance.

"NOTS is a unique Station. It is one of the very few in the Navy where the philosophy has been that it is primarily a civilian operation which we in the military support. I assure you that this philosophy will be continued."

Exact Guidance
In conclusion Capt. Blenman paid tribute to Capt. Hollister for his service to the Station and the community for the past three and one-half years in the same outstanding, dedicated, and unselfish manner as he served the Navy and his country during the past 30 years. I say, "Thanks, Capt. Hollister, and Well Done."

A quick salute and a handshake marked the change of command, then Capt. Blenman and Capt. Hollister reviewed the Battalion as it passed in parade.

J. R. Felton Earns Ph.D. in Economics

J. R. (Dick) Felton, Education Director in the Employee Development Division of Personnel Department, recently fulfilled all the requirements for his Ph.D. in Economics from UCLA.

His dissertation explored the experience with the rationale and implications of, and the alternatives to The Horizontal Dissolution of Manufacturing Enterprises under the Sherman Antitrust Act.

Felton also received his B.A. and M.A. from UCLA where he was a teaching assistant in economics while pursuing graduate work. He taught at San Diego State College, where he was an assistant professor.

Prior to coming to NOTS in March, 1953, he was Director, Los Angeles Branch, Wage Stabilization Board. During his first two and one-half years here he served as Head, Systems and Procedures Division, then a function of Command Administration Department. He assumed his present position in August, 1955.

The Felton family consists of his wife, Kay, a fourth grade teacher at Viewleg School, and Jimmy and Joyce who attend Murray School.

Dr. J. R. Felton

Station Commanders

Capt. Charles Blenman Jr.	June 1961 —
Capt. W. W. Hollister (Retired)	Sept. 1957 — June 1961
Capt. F. L. Ashworth (now RAdm.)	Aug. 1955 — Sept. 1957
Capt. R. F. Sellars	July 1955 — Aug. 1955
Capt. D. B. Young (Retired)	Sept. 1953 — July 1955
Capt. Paul D. Stroop (now RAdm.)	Oct. 1952 — Aug. 1953
Capt. W. V. R. Vieweg (Deceased)	Sept. 1949 — Oct. 1952
RAdm. W. G. Switzer (Retired)	Nov. 1947 — Sept. 1949
Capt. J. B. Sykes (Retired)	Aug. 1945 — Nov. 1947
Capt. S. E. Burroughs (Retired)	Dec. 1943 — Aug. 1945

DENTAL OFFICER—Capt. Joseph G. Chudzinski reports to NOTS from the USS Nereus to relieve Capt. R. C. Millard as senior dental officer. Capt. Millard is scheduled to sail from San Francisco on June 19 for his next duty station at Hawaii. Capt. Chudzinski, his wife Susanne, and six sons have been assigned quarters at 511 Essex Circle.



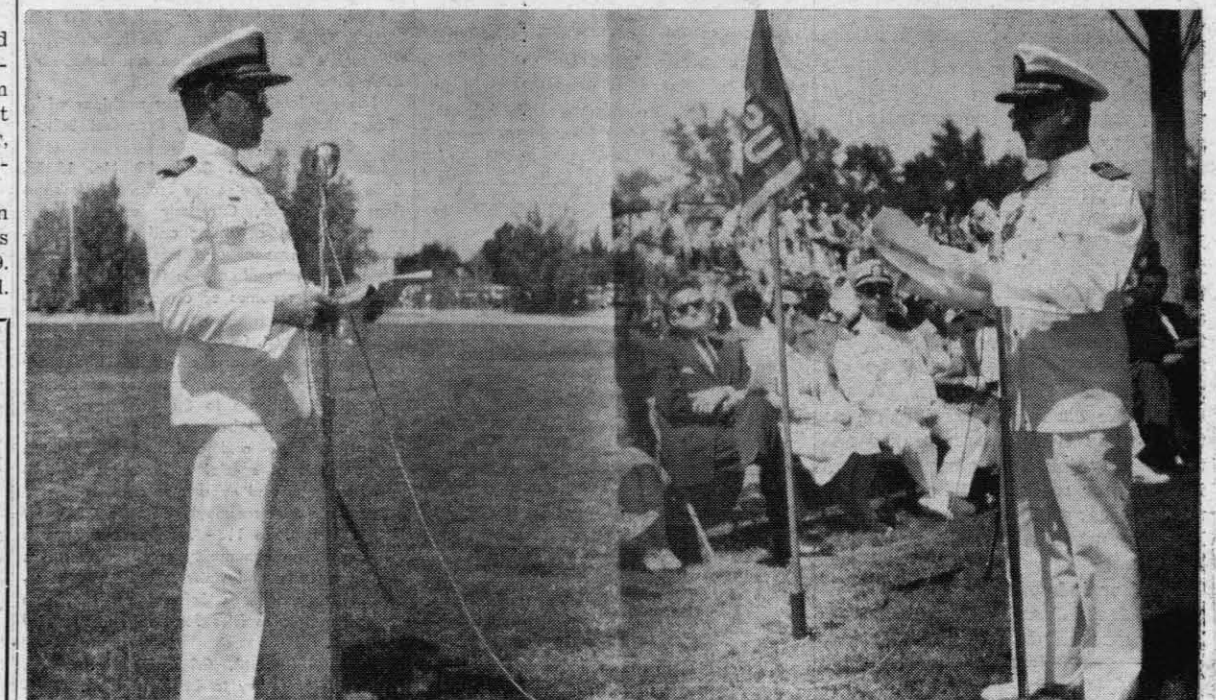
First Female Joins Golden Shoe Club
The NOTS Golden Shoe Club recently welcomed its first female member to the ranks — Hazel Parish from Code 45437. Other persons admitted, bringing total membership to 23 were: Charles Sewell, Jr., James Ross, ATN3, Clyde L. Kinslow, William L. Burson, and Jackson F. Wright.

Through close adherence to safe practices and the precaution of wearing safety shoes, they were spared serious or painful injuries and were awarded lifetime membership in the exclusive Golden Shoe Club.

GEBA Assessment No. 50 Is Now Due
Assessment No. 50 is now due and payable by members of the Government Employees Benefit Association following the death of Robert Robinson, electrical inspector for Public Works Department.

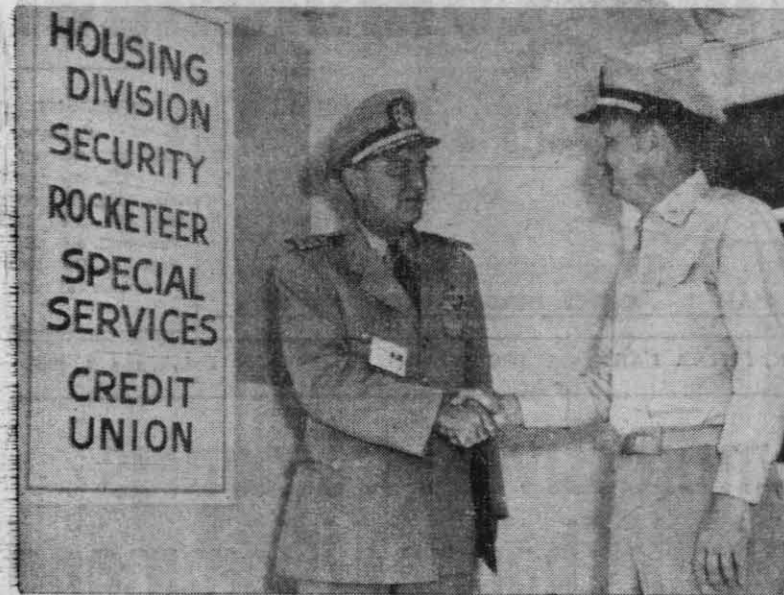
Robinson died Thursday, May 25, following chest surgery at the Ridgecrest Hospital, leaving his wife, Helen, at 402 Dorado, and two children. His wife received a \$1,000 beneficiary check from GEBA.

Assessment payments of \$1.10 per member may be mailed to the residence of the secretary-treasurer Frank M. Brady, 302-A Groves, China Lake.



READ ORDERS — Captain W. W. Hollister (r) reads orders relieving him of his command of the Station. Captain Blenman (l) assumes Station command.

Former Command Administration Head Visits



GREETED—Capt. F. Ray Whitby, Assistant Chief of Naval Personnel for Morale Services, is greeted on his recent visit here by Lt. Cdr. R. L. Barrington, the Station's Special Services Officer. Capt. Whitby served as Head of the Command Administration Department from May 1954 until July 1957 when he was relieved by Cdr. Sam W. Mitchell. The "All Hands" magazine is under the cognizance of Capt. Whitby.

Swim Pool County Ordinance Outlined

During the forthcoming hot summer months, many families will be setting up small swimming or wading pools in their backyards which will present safety hazards for small children.

In order to safeguard against any possible death traps, all residents are required to observe the provisions of the County Ordinance Code which applies to such pools. A summary of these provisions is outlined as follows:

If the wading or swimming pool has a depth of two feet or more, owners are required to enclose the pool with a fence which will keep out small children.

If a fence is not provided, residents must furnish supervision or keep the pool under observation at all times while it is filled with water.

Widows May Ask Pay Adjustment

Certain veterans' widows in this area may be entitled to higher dependency and indemnity compensation payments based on the highest rank the veteran held in service, according to the recently instated Public Law 86-492.

Men, like tacks, are useful if they have good heads, and are pointed in the right direction.

Dental Officer Leaves



HAWAII BOUND—Capt. R. C. Millard, Senior Dental Officer here for the past six years, left the Station Thursday enroute for his new duty assignment in Hawaii.

Nathan Cites Need For ASPA Prestige

At the recent meeting of the American Society of Public Administrators, newly installed president Fred Nathan outlined the needs in the public administration area to boost the prestige of the profession.

Driving Tip of the Week

Modern or high compression engines are more dependent than ever upon good cooling. At every fuel stop make sure to have the water level of your radiator checked.

SHOWBOAT

FRIDAY "CRY FOR HAPPY" (110 Min.) Glenn Ford, Donald O'Connor, Mike Taka 6 and 8:15 p.m.

SATURDAY "SMOKE SIGNAL" (88 Min.) Dana Andrews 1 p.m.

SUNDAY "THE GREEN HELMET" (88 Min.) Bill Travers, Nancy Walters 6 and 8:15 p.m.

THURSDAY "THE WARRIOR EMPRESS" (89 Min.) Kerwin Mathews, Tina Louise 7 p.m.

FRIDAY "THE TIME BONB" (92 Min.) Curt Jurgens, Mylene Demongeot 7 p.m.

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What's Doing IN RECREATION

Ten o'clock on Monday morning, June 5, will be the opening time and date for registering at the Community Center for the summer courses in cake decorating and modeling.

The registration fee for each class is \$5. Cake decorating kits are assembled by the instructor and will also cost \$5.

The new Gold card replaces the green card, which expired May 31. There is no charge for membership in the Club, and members automatically become eligible for the "Family of the Month" awards.

Modeling classes for Junior High age girls will be held from 8:30-11:30 a.m. and for High School girls from 1-4 p.m. daily.

The Oasis Room at the Enlistment Men's Club will return to the music of the local "Keystones" tonight beginning at 9:30 p.m.

AAUW Directors For 1961 Installed; Award Scholarship

New officers of the American Association of University Women were installed at their annual banquet last week.

Boxing All military personnel interested in taking boxing lessons are invited to participate in these sessions.

China Lake Little League Schedule

"AA" League Diamond No. 1 Indians vs. Athletics, June 13-5:45

"AAA" League Diamond No. 1 Senators vs. Padres, June 12-5:45

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Sports Slants

Local Softball Varsity Hail Bakersfield Team

The Station varsity softball team, composed of twenty of the best players from the intramural league, will play the Bakersfield Merchants tomorrow night.

Table with 2 columns: Team, Won, Lost. Station Restaurant 6-1, Ridgecrest Merchants 6-1, Salt Wells 4-4, NOTS 3-3, Marine Barracks 3-3, VX-5 2-2, NAF 1-6, Staff 1-6.

The least putts contest ended in a three way tie between Reggie Hibbs, Bernice Rice and Hazel Cooper all from China Lake with 31 putts.

The shortest drive contest was won by Mary Lou Smith from Edwards. The dufer prize for the highest score went to Ann Ball from China Lake.

All military and civilian personnel interested in playing for the Station baseball team are invited to report to Schoeffel Field.

BRL Players Clinic Slated Tomorrow

Babe Ruth League baseball players will get a chance to sharpen their skills at a baseball clinic slated for 9 to 12 a.m. at Schoeffel Field tomorrow, Saturday, June 3.

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What's Doing

Clip and Save Published once a month as a community service.

Monday AFGE, 2d, Community Center, 7 p.m. Alkali Angels (model airplanes), 1st, Ridgecrest Hobby Shop, 3rd, NOTS Hobby Shop, 8 p.m.

Tuesday AAUW, 4th, Com. Ctr., 7:30 p.m. Alkali Angels (Model Airplanes), each, Hobby Shop, Ridgecrest, 7 p.m.

Wednesday Astronomical Society, 1st, Com. Ctr., 8:30 p.m. Beta Sigma Phi, 2nd & 4th, 8 p.m. Call Ridgecrest 5-1431.

Thursday Air Reserve Sq., Flt. F, 9447th, each, Room 1001, Michelson Lab, 8 p.m. BPW, Kern Desert, 2d, 4th, 8 p.m.

Friday Rebekah Lodge, 1st, 3d, City Bldg., 8 p.m. Rocket Bridge Club, each, Com. Ctr., 7 p.m.

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Feline Reigns As Queen Of the Dam Night Shift

We didn't get the full story of the conversation between Bill Matheson, Test Mechanic at Morris Dam, and "Fluffy," Queen of the night shift, in the picture above.

We did discover a few things about Fluffy on Armed Forces Day however, such as — occasionally she indicates by word of purr that she'd transfer out of the joint if the food weren't so good.

Fluffy doesn't have security clearance — not even a black badge, but then the boys in the Propulsion Lab all vouch for her loyalty.

Nobody knows just what she does at night — she eats and sleeps and purrs all day. We presume that she stays on in the domain of noises and smells, guarding her empire after the lights go out.

So if for the want of something better to do, you decide to call Morris Dam Propulsion Lab some night, and you get a lusty "MEOW!" — its not grumbles, it's just Fluffy.

Valene Halsey received a \$125 scholarship from the Community Women's Club of Indian Wells Valley on the basis of her scholastic attainment and student leadership.

The AAUW awarded a \$200 scholarship to Marion Sweeney for achieving the highest total grade point average of any senior girl over the four year period.



ZANY ANTICS—The Flush twins, Molly and Polly, provided the fuse that exploded laughter throughout the capacity crowd which filled the bleachers at Schoeffel Field as the Cuties took on the NOTS All Stars in an exhibition softball game last Friday evening.