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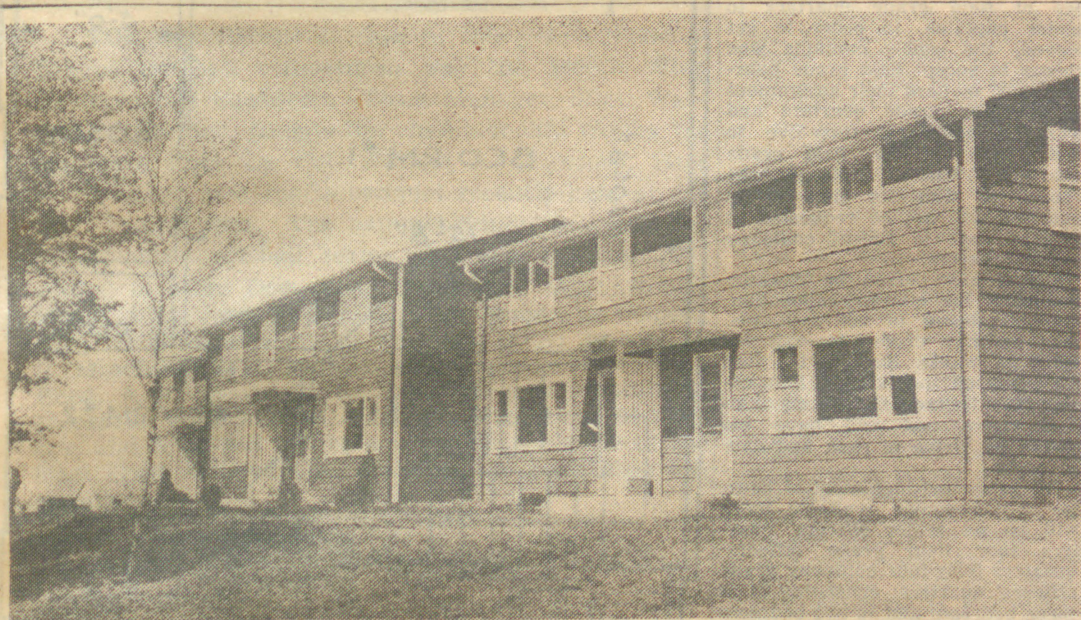
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Dow Capehart Accepted



FIRST 194 UNITS of Dow's Capehart have now been accepted and are ready for occupancy. See story this page and floor plans page two.

194 Units Now Ready For AF Occupancy

Reenlistment Honor Roll

Six more Dow men signed their name to the lengthy re-enlistment honor roll this week. They were:

A-1C John E. Adams of Niagara Falls, N. Y. signed up for four years. He is an instrument repairman with Fld. Maint. Sq.

A-1C Oscar W. Ellsmore an administrative clerk with Hq. Sq. Group re-enlisted for four years.

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Suddenly! Good News, the acceptance inspection of Capehart Housing is progressing in a satisfactory manner. The purchase date for the housing units has been set for 2 Sept 59. The first families will be able to move in on 8 Sept 59. Every effort has been made to match the family with the apartment, two or three bedroom apartments as required. Make this a team effort and ask for only what you require in regards to the number of bedrooms. Consensus of opinion is that the two bedroom apartment by far excels the three bedroom one for those who can comfortably use it.

Apartments have been assigned from the frozen list by rank and date of rank. The first sixty-eight senior master and master sergeants have been assigned the end apartments in all buildings. After the sixty-eighth master sergeant, the interior apartments were assigned according to date of rank. The ranking man has been given the first selection and each man according to his rank and date of rank has been assigned his housing unit in the first 194 units. This policy will prevail in the as-

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Your Thrift Shop Needs

School is opening soon and new clothes are in order for the children. The thrift shop needs school clothing, especially boys' pants and jackets. Articles such as coats, jackets, snow shoes, raincoats, and gloves will be in demand. Also all winter clothing is being accepted now at the shop. If you want to sell or donate any of these articles, the Thrift Shop will be more than happy to serve you.

Our want list is growing every day. Household items are especially needed. Furniture and appliances sell very fast. Can you help us? We need all kinds of furniture and the larger appliances such as stoves and refrigerators. If anyone has any of these larger items they wish to sell, please contact the Thrift Shop for pick up service.

The holidays are just around the corner. Hand-made items such as fancy aprons, dolls, and doilies make wonderful gifts. The Thrift Shop is very interested in selling these articles and will accept them beginning Oct. 15. Many are talented with their hands and enjoy sewing. We hope to have a lot of interest in this project.

We are starting a new policy at the shop. All those bringing in large numbers of articles for sale or donation are asked to bring them in between 1 o'clock and 3 o'clock for everyone's convenience. Remember the hours: between 1 and 3 o'clock for all large numbers of articles.

Air Force Aid Society Finals

Dow personnel contributions during the current Air Force Aid Society Drive totalled \$1,586.05. The number of individual contributions was 1273. In addition to this \$550.00 was pledged in life memberships. Outstanding in this category was the 4060th Transportation Sq which accounted for \$500.00 or ten of the life memberships. Although the drive produced much less than the desired \$5,000.00 goal and the participation was less than 100 per cent Dow will undoubtedly place favorably in the overall contributions in 8AF. This is because the current method for evaluating drive results is based not on the actual amount of money collected during the two weeks drive, but a total of all donations from a period of 1 Sept 1958 to 1 Sept 1959. This total for Dow is \$3,054.92. This is much closer to the desired amount established by Lt. Mark Buyck the 1959 Air Force Aid drive chairman. Of special note in the 1959 drive was the amount given to the Henry H. Arnold Education Fund. This amount was \$403.00. This is indicative of the trend of Air Force personnel providing funds which their dependents may draw upon as the number of young people eligible for college increases and the cost of a college education also increases.

In October the Community Chest drive will take place which offers 20 distinct services to Dow personnel. Commanders, supervisors, and personnel at large are encouraged to participate liberally in these fund raising drives which benefit so greatly, this Dow community.

If you are moving to Capehart please list your present house or apartment with Family Services. Phone 2397 or 2845.

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AWARDED DEGREE—Captain John R. Ousley of the 341st Air Refueling Squadron receives congratulations from Dow's Education Officer, Mr. Donald B. Alward, after looking at his certificate of completion for a Bachelor of General Education Degree which the captain recently received at the University of Omaha, Nebraska. Captain Ousley attended the university for six months under the Air Force's "Operation Bootstrap" Program. He will receive the diploma on August 31 of this year.

Dow Officer Graduates "Operation Bootstrap"

Captain John R. Ousley, an Instructor Pilot with the 341st Air Refueling Squadron, returned recently from the University of Omaha, Nebraska, where he has been studying for the past six months under the Air Force's "Operation Bootstrap" Program for a Bachelor of General Education Degree.

A native of Charleston, Illinois, He entered the service in 1950 and since then has attended such military schools as Basic Military Training, Pilot Training, University which is in Decatur, Ill.



BLAST OFF—The Thor is the first Air Force designed intermediate range ballistic missile and has far exceeded its design range and test program. In addition it has been used as a booster for space exploration. Thor has been deployed to the United Kingdom as it is an ideal missile for forward bases.

Capehart Accepted

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signment of all future housing assignments.

For the present, all personnel officers and non-commissioned officers to include Capt. Mets, page 2 and S-Sgt Peed, page 9, on Dow Air Force Base Housing List published as of 10 August 1959 are URGENTLY REQUESTED to fill out Standard Forms 116 and 117, Application for Movement of Household Goods and Inventory of Household Goods. These forms may be obtained from the Base Housing Office or Commercial Transportation Office.

Having these forms filled out before apartments become available is extremely important. Do it now! Get the forms on your next coffee break. Discuss them with your wife. Particularly, the Inventory of Household Goods form.

BE AS ACCURATE ON THE COMPLETION OF THIS FORM AS POSSIBLE.

If we have the information on SF-117 available to the Commercial Transportation Officer he can schedule your move without your presence, but with the verbal concurrence of your wife; should you be away from the base. Help us by helping yourself.

The Housing Office has approval for the assignment of a number of field grade quarters to senior captains. In order to get moved, the senior captains who choose to accept field grade quarters must by-pass their assignment to company grade quarters and wait an additional forty-five to sixty days for the field grade quarters. Those captains who choose to wait for field grade quarters will not be requested at a later date to accept company grade quarters.

Should any person be dissatisfied with his quarters allocation, and his desire is not available, then he may choose to wait for what he wants. He will not lose his place on the housing list; except that personnel ranking him may arrive and will have his choice by virtue of rank and date of rank.

In the second increment of housing that becomes available there will be six senior officers' quarters, four field grade officers' quarters, four company grade officers' quarters; consisting of 28 three bedroom and 16 two bedroom units. Also there will be available in the second increment 100 units of NCO quarters; 42 three bedroom and 58 two bedroom units.

Next week the floor plans of the field grade and company grade quarters will be published. You are urged to retain copies of the plans of the apartment that you desire, as this is the second time that these floor plans have been published.

Receives Degree

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Advance Flying School, and the Management Course for Air Force Supervisors. Some of these schools gave him credit toward his degree. In addition to this, Capt. Ousley, in his off duty time, took seven USAFI courses and received a distinction rating on two of them. He also passed the college level GED test which gave him 24 more credits.

"Now that I am a candidate for the Bachelor of General Education Degree, my family and I feel more secure. I firmly believe that my chances for promotion are better than before," quoted the captain.

He will receive the diploma on August 31st.

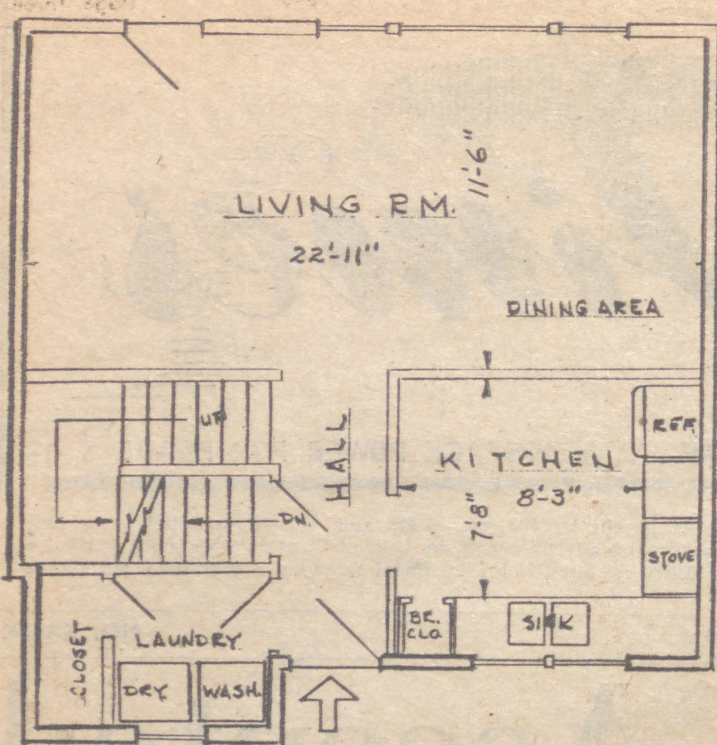
Seventy-two Armed Services personnel were among the 210 candidates for degrees from the Omaha University at the end of the Summer Session.

Since the Bootstrap program was opened at the University during the 1950-'51 academic year, over 700 service personnel have earned their college degrees.

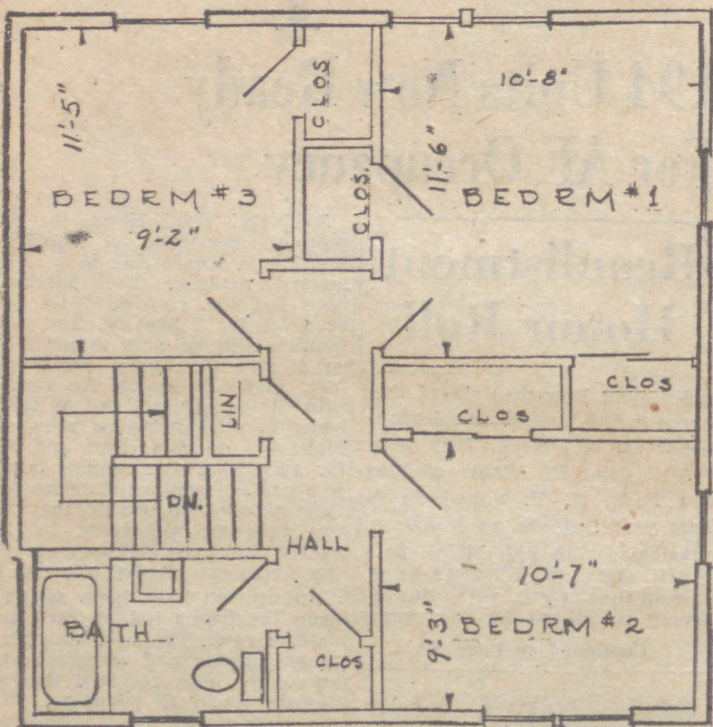
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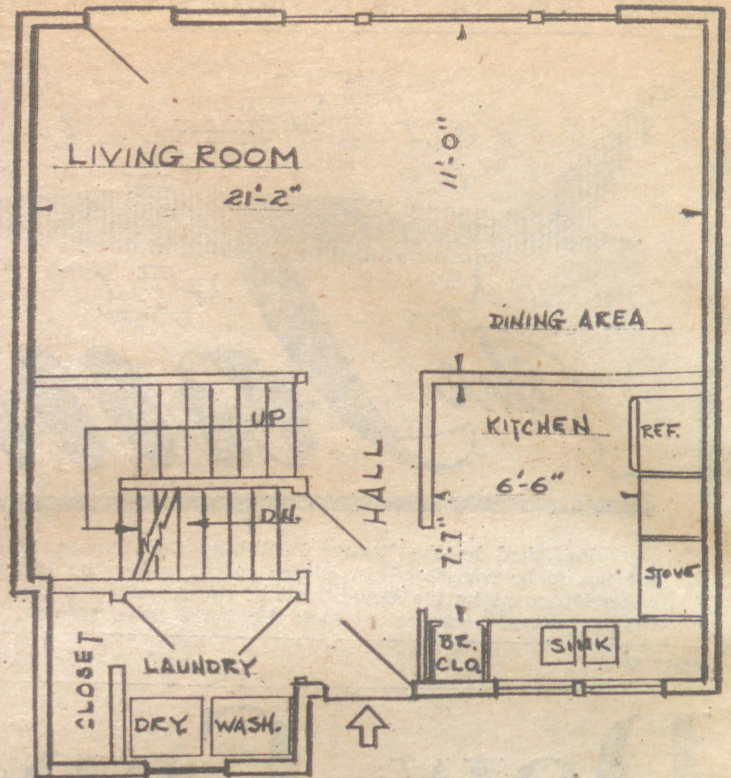
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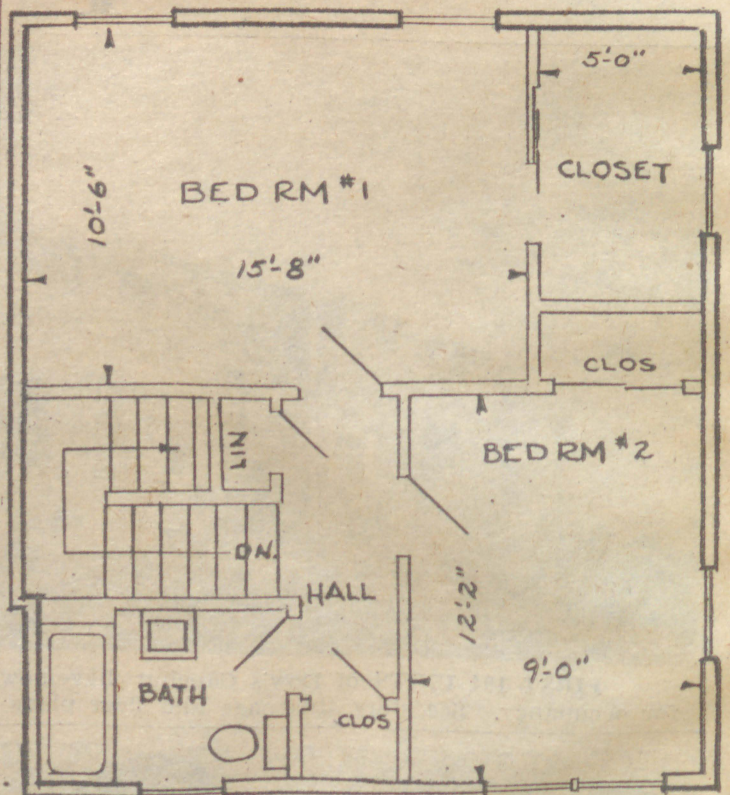
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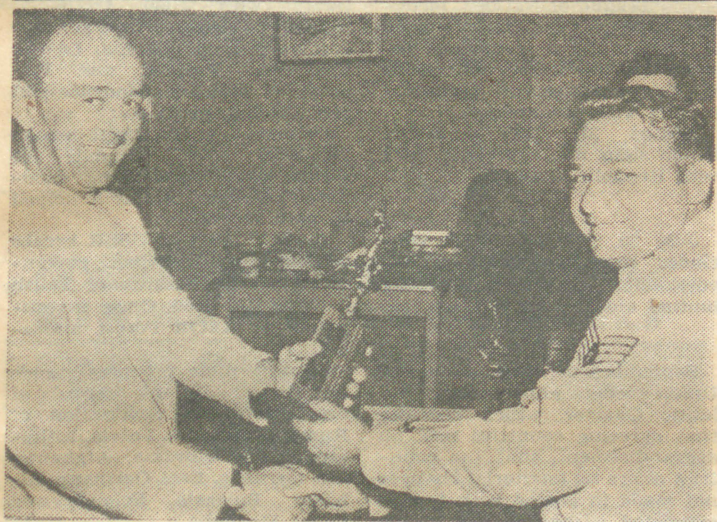
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Squadron Quotas Announced For September Promotions



TOP SQUADRON at Dow in this year's National League Softball competition was the 4060th Wing Headquarters Squadron. Team Manager, SSgt. Warren F. Kantner, accepts the championship trophy for his team from Lt. Col. William A. Crawford, Base Commander, at a sports banquet recently held at the NCO Dining Hall. The banquet which was held for all squadron softball teams also saw trophies presented to other Dow men. They were MSgt. Robert Hively, 2/Lt. John H. Barthel, SSgt. Robert G. Seippel, SSgt. Bartholomew T. F. Fundaro, A/2C Joseph M. R. Minchillo, A/3C Patrick McDaniels, A/3C Norman Reed, A/2C Lester G. L. Bachtell, A/3C Arthur R. Moore, Jr. SSgt. Marvin J. Stemm, SSgt. Louis M. Serour, and A/2C Bill Littleton. A/2C Jim Elifritz of the Base Gym assisted Col. Crawford in presenting the trophies.

Dow Praised For Part In All Out Alpha

Dow's Wing Commander, Col. George W. R. Zethren, received two messages this week, one from the commander of the 820th Air Division at Plattsburgh, AFB, N. Y. and the other from 4081st Strategic Wing at Harmon AB, Newfoundland, congratulating Dow on the outstanding job performed during the recent exercise entitled "All Out Alpha".

The message from Plattsburgh stated that the success of a test of a tactical task force is dependent to a great extent on the maintenance condition of deploying tankers. Your aircraft exhibited a high degree of maintenance discipline and contributed immeasurably to the outstanding results achieved.

The message from Harmon stated that the 71st Air Refueling Squadron replenished all of its aircraft in an average replenishment time of 32.2 minutes after touch-down. Average time for the 341st was 33.2 minutes. The 71st generated all of its aircraft in three hours and nine minutes while the 341st generated all of its aircraft except one in two hours and 38 minutes. Each squadron launched their aircraft as scheduled by tail number on the exact minute.

With the exception of one aircraft the 4060th accomplished their briefed offload refueling under very marginal weather conditions in the refueling area. During this exercise the Harmon task force was scored on a "Golden Hour Tango" exercise. A total of 3,920 points out of a possible 4,000 were received. The performance by the 71st and 341st in no small way contributed to this outstanding showing.

Both messages requested that this information along with their thanks for this outstanding showing be passed on to those concerned.

Lions Share Goes To Organizational Maint.

According to 1st Lt. Norman Mecham, Chief Personnel Actions branch, the one hundred and four airman first and airman second class ranks allocated for Dow have been broken by squadron as follows:

For Airman First Class, 341st ARS one, Installations two, Combat Defense Squadron none, Food Service none, Hqs. Combat Support Group three, Hqs. Sq. Wing none, Supply one, A & E one, Aircraft Support one, Field Maintenance three, 71st ARS one, Hospital one, Operations three, Transportation one and Organizational Maintenance three.

For Airman Second Class, 341st ARS none, Installations twelve, Combat Defense Squadron seven, Food Service three, Hqs. Combat Support Group six, Hqs. Sq. Wing five, Supply five, A & E none, Aircraft Support six, Field Maintenance thirteen, 71st ARS none, Hospital five, Operations three, Transportation two and Organizational Maintenance fifteen.

According to Lt. Mecham, the fact that a squadron has no quota does not mean that qualified airmen will not be promoted. Their recommendation will be considered by other squadrons who do have quotas.

Promotions will be announced on September first.

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Goose Pilot Lauded In Combat Crew

HQ. SAC (SAC PS) — A Goose Air Base, Labrador, helicopter pilot brought his H-21 in for a safe landing on an ice and snow covered airfield despite the fact that his lateral controls had failed.

For saving his crew, nine passengers, and his 'copter, Capt. Robert L. Dunlap of Goose AB's 22d Helicopter Squadron joins the SAC Heads Up Flying Club.

How he brought his chopper in safely will be described in the September issue of COMBAT CREW, SAC's flying safety magazine. It will be available at the Dow flying safety office and ready rooms in early September.

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Why Make A Career Of The US Air Force?

By GENERAL THOMAS D. WHITE
Chief Of Staff, United States Air Force

The choice of a career is one of the most critical decisions a man must face in his lifetime. For, to be truly successful in his field of endeavor, he must and should approach it with a career attitude—not merely "taking a job."

This attitude encompasses many implications. It is concerned with ten to thirty years from now, as well as tomorrow. It is concerned with personal satisfaction, as well as material reward. And most important it is concerned with the challenge, the stimulation and ultimate fulfillment of a life devoted to the work a man likes—work that is worthy of him.

Many young men may not fully realize the importance and individual satisfaction of being a member of the first team. The young man choosing a career as an Air Force Officer joins a team dedicated to the preservation of the American way of life. He serves his country in the first line of defense, operating the finest equipment which the combined efforts of American science and industry can provide. Yet, he as an individual will always be the most important element in the USAF.

He must recognize however that in the ever-increasing complexity of a global organization—charged with the mission of peace in the world—only the most able, the most imaginative and most dedicated men can do the job.

In this highly technical and competitive world that daily pushes the last frontier further and further into space, few professions provide the comparable excitement, varied experience, pride and deep gratification of service to country that are the rewards of the young Air Force officer. I commend the Air Force to the qualified young man as a career.



Gen. White

Seek Assistance With Your Legal Problems

BY COLONEL GEORGE W. R. ZETHREN
Wing Commander

Before entering into any transaction (contracts, sales, leases, etc.) of importance, first THINK, and if you do not know or are not sure of the legal problems involved, contact your Base Legal Office (Office of the Staff Judge Advocate) for assistance. Legal Assistance before you act is much cheaper and more convenient than hiring Legal Counsel after. The legal officer will discuss with you all the facts involved in your problem, and will then advise you of the law on the subject. He can not represent you in court, but will advise you whether you should hire a civilian lawyer. Also he is not authorized to search land titles, which, by the way, is a must before buying real property.

If you have any legal problems because of marriage, divorce, separation, adoption, etc., your legal officer will advise you as to what legal action you should take. If you wish to have a will written, the legal office will also do this, but do not come in the last minute before going PCS or TDY. To have a will done properly it takes a great deal of thought on your part and the legal officer. Mistakes made are not often found till after death, and then it is too late to correct them.

Please note the following common problems:

Often a contract may actually be entirely different from what you have been led to believe by the sales talk of the seller. Remember, in nearly all cases, the written contract is what counts, and any verbal promise not included in the contract are of no value and can not be relied upon. If you want to be protected, get everything included in the written contract. This is not to be confused with the situation where the WHOLE deal is verbal. If the deal is completely verbal and is for the sale of something, except real property, of a value of \$500.00 or less, you may be bound as if it were in writing.

If you are renting a home or an apartment in Maine, remember, before moving out you must give a WRITTEN notice 30 days in advance, AND this notice must be given on or before your next rent day as the 30 days do not begin running until such rent day.

Whether your problem is big or small, your legal officer is willing to help you, BUT you must bring with you all the papers on the problem and tell him ALL the facts, whether good or bad.

Let's Take A Look At Esprit-De-Corps

BY LT. COL. WILLIAM A. CRAWFORD
Base Commander

The want of military courtesy, poor appearance, and the lack of esprit-de-corps will leave visitors, both military and civilian, with an unfavorable impression of you.

Esprit-de-corps is the positive and unwavering loyalty of men to their associates and to the organization to which they belong. It is created and maintained at high level by the pride of the airman in himself coupled with his pride in his unit. It is evidenced by the constant effort on the part of the airman to carry out every task in a superior fashion and not merely in a perfunctory and routine manner. All airmen must possess esprit-de-corps to a high degree.

Courtesy is based upon consideration for others and common sense. We should always be courteous. Address persons by their appropriate titles and when in doubt of rank it is best to always be proper and salute. When addressing civilians, consideration should be given to their age, sex, and station in life.

The manner in which an individual is approached and addressed will determine to a large extent the response he will receive. A courteous and friendly attitude will tend to create not only respect, but a similarly friendly and cooperative attitude on the part of the individual. Objectives can usually be accomplished by appealing to the intelligence and inherent good qualities of individuals.



Col. Crawford

45 MPH To Mach 11

Fifty years ago this month Glenn Curtis won first prize in the International Flying Meet speed competition by covering the course at a rate of 45.7 miles per hour.

Today, of course, we measure the speed of our aircraft by Mach numbers — the speed of sound — and have several aircraft that move along at 1,400 mph.

Credit for the progress made should also go to people other than the engineers and aircraft companies. True, they constructed marvelous aircraft, but they were still cold, unthinking pieces of machinery. The blood, flesh, and heartbeat were provided by the men who flew them and made them do things even the designers hadn't dreamed possible.

And while they pushed the aircraft — almost beyond their capabilities — they also pushed themselves. And the absolute end of both never seemed to have been reached.

Over mountains, oceans, and continents they flew — always higher, always farther, always faster. No problem arose that couldn't be solved, crudely, or ingeniously. Many died — many became legends — but progress was made.

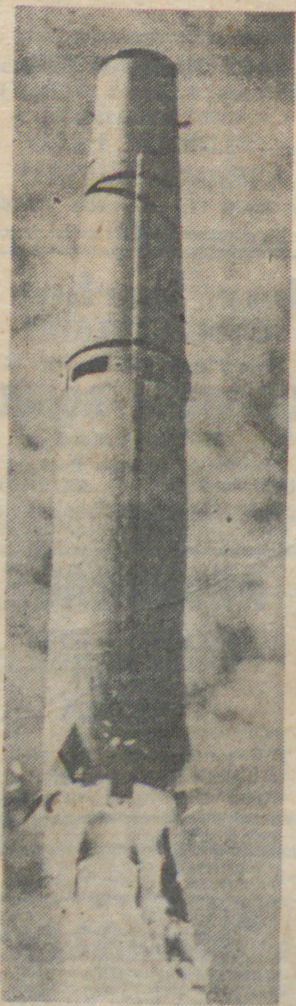
It's a long way from 45.7 mph to Mach 2, but Lindbergh, Doolittle, Mitchell, Yeager, Kincheloe, and many others like them, made it possible.

This, then, is our heritage. What we have been given was not achieved easily, and the chain must not be broken. Today, we stand on the verge of what may well compensate for all the pain, sacrifices, and glory of the past in the greatest achievement of all — the conquest of outer space.

Rockets and satellites are probing higher and higher into the universe, seeking a path for men to follow, and follow they will. We are part of this, and if ever we can keep faith with our past and leave a rich legacy for our heirs it is now.

We have often reflected solemnly and respectfully of the men who fashioned an air force with "bur-lap, guts, and bailing wire." It may well be that we have in our ranks the guts-and-bailing wire group of the space age. — (SAC PS)

The Tanker Times deadline is Tuesday at 12 noon. Please have all copy and photographs at the Information Services Office before that time or your article or picture may not be printed.



UNUSUAL PHOTOGRAPH of the BOMARC shows the deadly area interceptor seemingly sitting on a column of smoke and rocket flame as it blasts skyward. Smoke gushes from the tailpipe of the one visible ramjet. A BOMARC site is under construction at Dow AFB.

Soviet Broken Promises

In its 40 year history, the Soviet Communist regime has entered into hundreds of international agreements. The following partial list of promises, and how they were kept, speaks for itself.

The Agreement

June 9, 1934 — USSR recognizes Rumania, guarantees her sovereignty.

The Result

June 27, 1940 — Soviet army invades Rumanian provinces of Bessarabia and Northern Bukovina. Soviet occupation of these areas completed in four days.

April 2, 1944 — Soviet troops invade Rumania. This nation later became a Soviet satellite.

August 23, 1939 — USSR makes treaty with Nazi Germany, termed "a joint conspiracy" to deprive Poland, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Finland and Rumania of their independence and territorial integrity.

October 2, 1949 — USSR breaks relations with Republic of China, after recognizing Communist Chinese regime it helped to gain power.

April 25, 1943 — USSR breaks relations with Polish government-in-exile because of Polish demand for Red Cross investigation of Katyn Forest massacre.

Against these promises stands the Soviet Union's record of occupation and domination of Rumania, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Czechoslovakia, Afghanistan territory, East Germany, Albania, Bulgaria, Poland, and Outer Mongolia.

September 15, 1934 — USSR enters League of Nations, pledging thereby "the maintenance of justice and a scrupulous respect for all treaty obligations in the dealings of organized Peoples with one another."

August 21, 1937 — Soviet Union signs non-aggression pact with Republic of China.

July 30, 1941 — USSR concludes agreement with Polish government-in-exile, pledging mutual aid and cooperation.

September 24, 1941 — Soviet Union pledges adherence to Atlantic Charter, which provides that agreeing countries seek no aggrandizement, that the countries desire no territorial changes not made in accord with freely-expressed wishes of the people concerned and that they respect the right of all peoples to choose their own form of government.

TIMES Spot News In Brief

PLUCKY POLIO PATIENT IN POSTAL PLEA

Vivacious Lloyddean Anderson, 13 year-old daughter of Air Force Capt. Lloyd Anderson, has a lot of time on her hands, which can be a vexing thing for a little lass with an inquisitive turn of mind and an eagerness to learn new things.

It is especially exasperating to Lloyddean because she has to spend the next several months in a body cast, following a series of operations on her spine to correct some of the damage caused her tiny body by an attack of polio. She was struck down in 1951. She was only five, and just getting to know her way around.

Lloyddean likes to get letters, lots of them. She especially likes them from far away places with strange sounding names. These are her bright windows, her visa taking her beyond the confines of her little room.

This is where you come in. She'd love to hear from you, whoever you are, wherever you are. She gets her mail at 8 Yukon Place, Novato, Calif.

MARCH NCO ACADEMY GRANTS SHEEPSKINS TO WAF

After five grueling weeks in the classroom and on the parade ground, 23 SAC WAF noncoms stepped forward recently to receive their blue shoulder loops and diplomas certifying they made the grade at the 15th AF NCO Academy, March AFB, Calif.

On hand to salute their accomplishment was WAF Director Col. Emma J. Riley, Hq USAF.

To accommodate the WAF students the male-oriented curricula was adjusted only slightly in the athletic requirements, but TSgt. Jacqueline J. Griffith showed her grasp of the situation by collecting the first place award for academic excellence.

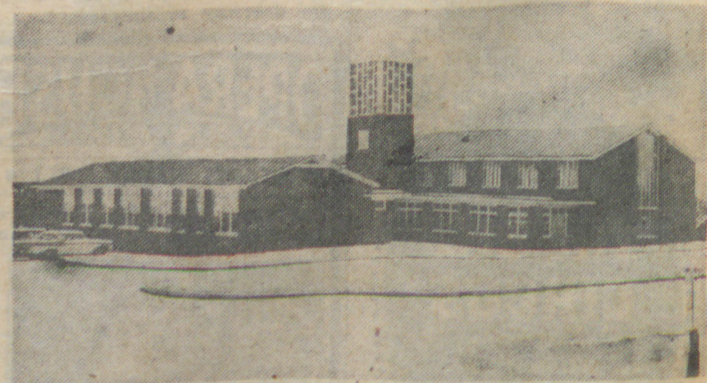
While this is not the first time members of the fair sex undertook the tough course, it is the first time a full flight of SAC WAF attended an NCO Academy.

WATCH THAT FIRST STEP—IT'S A BIG ONE

If everything goes right, 39 Air Force Academy upperclassmen will join 38 of their cadet colleagues in an exclusive little fraternity entitled to sport the silver badge that signifies the wearer is a qualified military parachutist.

The 39 upperclassmen volunteered for jump training, giving up part of their summer leave, at Ft. Benning, Ga. The three week training includes intensive physical conditioning, familiarization with equipment, jumping techniques, safety practices, tower jumps, and five qualifying leaps from C-119s.

Last year, the first time the program was offered, 38 cadets volunteered and the entire group was graduated.



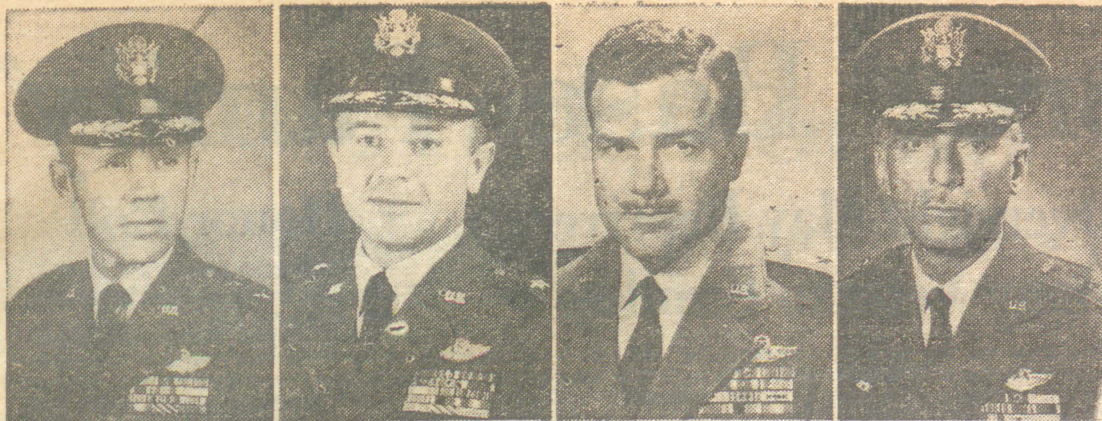
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Saturdays, 9 a. m.
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JEWISH
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NEW DUTIES—Four general officers have assumed new duties at SAC headquarters this month. Maj. Gen. William K. Martin (left) became director of personnel; Brig. Gen. James W. Wilson (second from left) is the inspector general; Brig. Gen. Charles M. Eisenhart (second from right) was named chief, operations plans division of the directorate of operations; and Brig. Gen. Theodore C. Bedwell becomes the command surgeon.

So You Want To Become A Small Arms Instructor

(AFNS)—There may be Annie Oakleys around the Air Force, but the USAF Marksmanship Center is not taking them on as instructors. One prerequisite for becoming a marksmanship instructor specifies you must be a male airman.

In a recent issue of the Marksmanship Center's publication, "The Air Force Marksman," a series of questions and answers provided some detailed information for airmen desiring to become instructors in small arms marksmanship.

Marksmanship Center officials are also interested in motivation. Cited as prerequisites are a desire to instruct and a genuine career interest on the part of the applicant.

Downmen wanting to enter training for an AFSC 75370 (marksmanship instructor) must have a minimum of 18 months service retainability left upon finishing his course. Considered "desirable" is an ACB or AQE Administrative Aptitude Cluster percentile of 60 or higher.

An applicant for the training course must also have a pistol or rifle classification of marksman, according to National Rifle Association standards.

In order to attend the marksmanship school, an airman has to be assigned in the ZI.

And you've got to make yourself heard. Another specification listed for student instructors is "the ability to speak clearly and distinctly." Certain physical standards also have to be met.

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Col. Paul Irvin (Pappy) Gunn lived and died under extraordinary circumstances. Hollywood fiction couldn't be more exotic if it tried.

The adventurous exploits of Pappy Gunn are well-told in Gen. George C. Kenney's book, "The Saga of Pappy Gunn."

Four-star generals aren't usually given to writing stories about men who served under them. But Pappy Gunn was a bird of a different color, and only a man of Kenney's stature could paint the full, fantastic picture of Gunn's military episodes in the Pacific during World War II.

General Kenney had close contact with this unusual airman-adventurer, and knows first hand some of the many stories that grew up about the Arkansas farm boy. He also got to know the characteristics and mechanical gadgeteering of this superb flyer who hid the regulation book under his pillow whenever he embarked on a new adventure.

Pappy Gunn enlisted in the Navy in his teens and by 1937 had com-

pleted 20 years service, retiring as an airplane pilot with the rank of chief petty officer. At Pearl Harbor time in 1941 Gunn was operations manager of the Philippine Air Lines. Both Gunn and Pal went into the war against Japan with the Air Force. Gen. Kenney as head of the air forces in the Pacific soon came in contact with him.

The handful of B-25s in that vast theater at the time didn't pack much wallop. Pappy did something about it. He ripped out the bomb sight, improvised and filled the nose of the plane with several 50-caliber guns, where it formerly carried only one small 30-caliber. His remodeled B-25s largely made possible the remarkable score for the Americans over Japanese shipping in the famous Battle of the Bismark Sea.

Pappy Gunn's stories matched his genius in the hangers and in the skies. They were less easy to pin down for accuracy, but appreciated none the less. Pappy was

Busman's Holiday

LAUGHLIN AFB, Tex. (SAC-PS) -- A mid-summer visit to Garner Park, near Uvalde, Tex., turned into a busman's holiday for A-1c Francis Carchie, a life-guard at the base officers' swimming pool. The screams of a San Antonio coed -- who was wading in a stream -- sent sunbather Carchie into the swift current to rescue two of her college girl friends who had been swept into deep water.

injured toward the end of the war; his wife and four children were confined to Santo Tomas in the Philippines for three years. The family eventually was reunited but the latter years were unhealthy and unhappy for them. The climax came in October 1957 when Pappy Gunn died in an airplane accident in the Philippines.

This did not end the saga of Pappy Gunn, however. Even in death Pappy defied the usual. His body was flown across the Pacific to the United States unauthorized, incognito and contrary to all regulations. The wires burned in headquarters in Washington until authorization could be established to fly him to his final resting place in Florida. The turmoil and color that surrounded Pappy Gunn in life followed him to his grave.

(Published by Duell, Sloan and Pierce, New York, 1959, "The Saga of Pappy Gunn" retails for \$3. It has been recommended by the USAF Book Program for sale on the "Airman's Bookshelf" at a popular BX price. It can also be obtained by members of the AEROSPACE BOOK CLUB at a reduced price). - Reviewed by Flint O. DuPre, Hq USAF.

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Some AFSC Tests Suspended Till 60

(AFNS) Responding to indications that the proficiency tests for administrative clerks (AFSC 70270) were out of date, the Air Force took steps early in August to withdraw the quizzes from the field.

Commands were advised that scores for these tests administered after July 1 were invalidated at the Personnel Laboratory, Lackland AFB, Texas, and no results would be forthcoming.

Dow airmen earmarked to take the tests, PRT 212, and PRT 213, as part of the Quality Control Program, will have until April 1, 1960, before they face a reworked exam. In the meantime, the Headquarters message (AFPD-4D:1023-59 Aug 3) said airmen who took these tests in July would not meet Classification Boards in lieu of the testing requirement.

This provides a breather of almost a year for those affected and enables them to hit the books

in anticipation of another go-around with the questions and answers.

Suspension of the tests will not hinder upgrading action for those otherwise eligible. In such cases, candidates will try for upgrading under the rules laid down in paragraph 15, chapter 5, AFM 35-1 (WO and Airmen Classification Manual), the personnel bible on such matters.

Personnel officials feel that this amounts to a "break" for most, since boards generally are not as probing in their inquiry, and the scope of the questions are not nearly as broad as that of the tests.

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Dow Air Force Base Family



CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION in the Gray Lady Training course is presented to Mrs. Harold Lathrop by Major Robert Murphy, Director of Administrative Services for the Hospital Sq. as she is capped by Major Helen Sanborn, chief of nurses. The ceremony was opened by Chaplain (Capt.) Norman G. Folkers, Base Chaplain, with a brief invocation followed by a short talk by Major Murphy. Others capped during the ceremony were Mrs. Sidney Sosnow, Mrs. Anthony Santastefano, Mrs. Paul Walk, Mrs. William Markie. Others present were Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Wedgewood, chairman of the Penobscot County chapter of ARC, Mr. Robert Rogers, Base Red Cross Director and husbands of the women being capped. Another training course for Gray Ladies is planned in the near future. Date will be announced in the Tanker Times.

Oversight May Deprive Many Veteran Families

Oversight on the part of many Maine veterans may deprive their families of money at a time when they need it most, Myles P. Cronkite, officer-in-charge of the Veterans Administration Office, Bangor, warned today.

Mr. Cronkite said an increasing number of cases are coming to light in which proceeds from GI life insurance were paid to other than the veteran's immediate family.

In most of these cases, Mr. Cronkite said, it can be presumed that the veteran, through carelessness, failed to keep his VA listing of insurance beneficiaries up-to-date. Maine veterans holding GI insurance policies were urged by Mr. Cronkite to notify VA immediately of any desired changes in beneficiaries to match the change-through marriages, divorces, births or deaths.

Mr. Cronkite said VA is required by law to pay GI insurance proceeds to the beneficiary of record,

whether or not that beneficiary still is in any way connected with the veteran.

In many cases Mr. Cronkite said, the beneficiaries of record are the same ones the policyholders named when they took out their policies, even though they have since married and now have families.

"If any of these policyholders should die today," Mr. Cronkite said, "VA would have to pay the GI insurance proceeds to the beneficiaries of record, instead of to the veteran's widow or children."

Changes of beneficiaries can be made at any time without notifying the beneficiaries, but they must be made in writing over the policyholders' signature and sent to the Philadelphia District Office, P. O. Box 3079 in order to be made beneficiaries of record under the law, Mr. Cronkite said.

Personal assistance in fully and accurately designating beneficiaries is available at any VA office.

Honor Roll

(Continued from Page One)

He is a native of New Brunswick, St. Stephens, Canada.

A-1C Ernest Frazier, Jr., a native of Watberford, Okla., re-enlisted for four years. He is a jet aircraft mechanic with the 75th FIS.

A-1C Jack S. Woodcock of Windom, Minn. re-uped for four years. He is an aircraft hydraulic repairman with the 75th FIS.

SSgt Bruce Easterly, Jr., an aircraft maintenance technician with the Aircraft Support Sq. re-enlisted for four years. He is a native of Spartanburg, S. C.

A-2C John R. McNeill of Hoke County, N. C. signed up for another four years. He is an aircraft mechanic with Organizational Maint. Sq.

3598th ATTAINS GROUP STATUS

HQ. SAC (SAC PS) — The 3598th Operational Evaluation and Training Squadron (B-58) will attain group status Sept. 1 and be organized under the deputy commander concept.

Stationed at Carswell AFB, Tex., and assigned to the 19th Air Division, the 3598th OE&T Group will have a consolidated aircraft maintenance squadron and a combat crew training squadron.

Authority for the redesignation is contained in SAC General Order 63, dated Aug. 5, 1959.

Officers Wives Club Notes

By ELAINE UMSTEAD

First and foremost in the news this week is the Newcomers Reception being held at the Officers Club, on Friday, August 28th. This affair will begin promptly at 1900 hours. Cocktails will be served from 1900 hours to 2000 hours, followed by a buffet beginning at 2000 hours. This reception is being jointly sponsored by the Officers Wives Club and the Officers Club to welcome newly arrived personnel to Dow Air Force Base. It is the intent of these groups that all members join in welcoming these newcomers.

Just a reminder... The Air Force Aid Benefit Show, featuring

Back to School Fashions, by Standard Youth Center, will be held this Sunday evening August 16th at the Officers Club. It will begin with a social hour at 1700 hours, followed by the beginning of the young fashion models at 1800 hours. A Buffet will follow the show. Adults \$1.00, children free. As everyone knows, children always steal the show... and our members children are something special, so this should prove to be an evening of fun for all.

For anyone desiring to have their name put on the permanent reservation list... call Jan Tiffany at 29421 or Carole Wilson at 25858.

New Dow Arrivals

11 Aug. 59

Daughter born to 1st Lt. and Mrs. Gerald R. Allgood.

12 Aug. 59

Son born to Retired Army Captain and Mrs. Dennis Clifford.

13 Aug. 59

Daughter born to A-2C and Mrs. Harvey Thatcher.

Daughter born to 1st Lt. and Mrs. Joseph H. Collieran.

16 Aug. 59

Son born to A-3C AND Mrs. Kenneth L. Jones.

Son born to A-2C and Mrs. Donald G. Rose.

thoughtfully contributed, and hope that you will bear with the team for the remaining few practice games which will climax the baseball season for this year.

All in all, and I know I can speak for the team when I say this, the Dow Bombers have HAD A SWELL AND EXCITING season this year. It has been a lot of fun for everyone connected, and there have been numerous exciting games throughout the entire season.

Now we congratulate the team for their effort in the preceding games, for their tireless energy to go out there and win, and for carrying the Dow banner high. We give a hardy "well done" from all of our fans.

FOOTNOTE

For those of you who do not know yet, there will be a bus at the Youth Center at 11:15 to 11:30 tomorrow to pick up the teenagers who plan to attend the Lake wood theater that same day.

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Matron of honor for the ceremony was Mrs. Lorna Snyder. Bridesmaids were Miss Roberta Young and Betty McCausland.

Best man was 1st Lt. Richard Platt, Plattsburgh AFB, N. Y. Ushers were Lt. Victor Lewis and Lt. Wilbur Wright, both of Dow AFB.

Organist was Mrs. Viola Werlich. Soloist was Lt. Robert Riegle, who sang "Through the Years" and "The Lord's Prayer."

The groom formerly served as assistant ISO at Dow.

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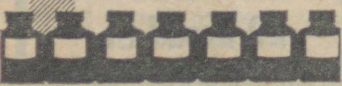
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News And Social Happenings



A FEW OF THE NEW MEMBERS and guests of the NCO Wives Club as well as some regular members at the recent Newcomers breakfasts at the NCO Open Mess. The Welcome breakfasts are held each month by the NCO Wives to greet new arrivals and help them get acquainted with other NCO Wives here at Dow.

Top Refuelers To Receive Trophies

HQ. SAC (SAC PS)—The command's top air refueling units and crews will receive trophies this year—for the first time—during SAC's 11th Annual Bombing Navigation and Air Refueling competition, slated for Oct. 26-31.

An award will be made to the air refueling squadron whose crews score best for navigation and refueling, and another will be presented to the squadron whose crews head the list in navigation.

Careful screening of Dow's tanker crews has narrowed the total number down to two for each squadron. These crews are presently in competition with each other for the top position at Dow and the winner will represent this base at the refueling competition at McCoy AFB, Fla., in October.

Class awards will also be presented for the best KC-97 squadron and the best KC-135 squadron. Every effort will be made to fit trainees into the course of their choice, in the order of choice. They advise prospective students and commanders alike to make careful selection of courses with this in mind.

Upon completion of training, students will be assigned to a base. Here again, personnel officials urge careful consideration in naming bases of choice since every effort will be made to match personal desires with Air Force requirements.

Even though some 20,000 surplus-skill noncoms have been retrained since the directed program got underway in January, 1957, an NCO overage of about 15,000 still exists in "favorably manned" career areas. Conversely, an equally large shortage exists in other jobs.

The aim of the new program is to speed up the thinking out of the overmanned areas and the beefing up of the sparsely populated fields. Both the voluntary and directed retraining programs will continue, Pentagon officials said, pointing out that mandatory levies totaling some 15,000 have been laid on major ZI commands.

In 1948 announcement was made that Gen. Carl Spaatz had disclosed in his final report, before retiring as Air Force Chief of Staff, that the United States was developing a supersonic guided atomic missile with a 5,000-mile range.

Family Services Chooses Volunteer Of The Month

The Family Services NCO recently announces that Mrs. Thomas Walker, Assistant Co-ordinator of the program, has been chosen as the Volunteer of the Month, for the month of July. Mrs. Walker came to Dow two and one half years ago when her husband Capt. Thomas Walker was assigned to the 341st Air Refueling Squadron.

Early in July Mrs. Walker assumed the position of Assistant Co-ordinator. At this time the Center was under going many changes. M-Sgt. Heldt had just been assigned as Family Services NCO. Increased incoming families created heavy traffic in all departments. There were also new volunteers to be started in on different projects, and the center was undergoing a complete renovation. During this period Mrs. Walker put in many full days at the center, these days were to include many Saturdays and Sundays. Due to her faithful support of the program, the new changes went ahead on schedule and all committees were able to operate with a high degree of efficiency.

Mrs. Walker has been active in the Family Services Program here at Dow for approximately eight months. She has served as the Chairman of the TDY committee as well as working on the Information and Referral, Office, Emergency Services and Housing Committees. Another interest she enjoys at present is the Chairmanship of the Special Activities Committee of the Officers Wives Club.

Although Mrs. Walker had not been associated with a Family Services Program before coming to Dow she was Chairman of Wel-

In 1923 the first airways were illuminated, when 42 landing fields on the Chicago-Iowa City Omaha-North Platte-Cheyenne Route were lit by 18 and 36-inch electric arc beacons, visible for 50 miles.



Mrs. Thomas Walker

coming Service offered by the Wives Club during a recent tour in Japan.

Capt and Mrs. Walker come from Baton Rouge, Louisiana and they have two lovely daughters, Jane and Jeri. They presently reside in Crewer.

NCO Wives Club Notes

By MARIE CULLY

Here we go again, another week gone. Say, how did you like that shower Monday night? Ever try to type up a column like this by candle light? Got so shook up I threw away my notes, so forgive my errors today, for my memory grows more failing with each passing year.

The excitement over the Fashion Show is mounting, looks like the only difficulty we will run into now will be a couple over exuberant husbands who have threatened to show up with tin whistles.

In case someone doesn't understand the "Shopping Bag" Sale we are having; It goes like this. The first week you bring an old dress or dungarees and shirt, something that's ready for the rag-bag anyway. Seal the outfit in a paper bag. At the meeting the bags will be sold. Take it home, wait patiently for the next meeting, then bring in a Hat to go with the outfit. The third meeting bring shoes. Elaborate on the outfit if you wish, throw in a necklace, old runny nylons, mens socks etc. The idea is, no-one knows what they are buying, but whatever the complete outfit is at the end of the three meetings you wear, to the fourth meeting. If you think that sounds crazy, wait till you see us parading around the Base. G. I. boots, Sack dress, holey stockings and someone's old fishing hat. Wow! How many good sports do we have in the Club? Bet all of us are.

Here's a list of the new members and guests who came out for that delicious breakfast last week. Arlene Bain, Ellen Brenner, Nel-

lie Brenner, Betty Helt, Mary Como, Marlene Kimball, Grace Graves, Emma Dixon, Mrs. Jean Bain, Joyce Thurlow, Janet Hudak and Christa Neifer. May we extend a warm welcome to all of you and hope to see the guests come back for another visit. To the girls who joined "Welcome Aboard," See you all at the Club the evening of the 27th.

O-Seas Returnees Now Pick Six Bases Of Choice

HQ. SAC (SAC PS) — Beginning in March, personnel returning from SAC bases overseas will be allowed to indicate six "bases of choice" for their reassignment in the Z. I.

In the past, SACmen have been allowed to indicate three bases of choice, and the command has batted an exceptional 70 per cent in assigning them to one of the three.

Broken down by choices, 33 per cent of SAC's returnees have been getting their first choice, 21 per cent have been getting their second choice, and 16 per cent have been assigned to their third choice.

Harmon Cmdr. To SAC MIKE

HQ. SAC (SAC PS) — Col John F. Batjer, former commander of the 4081st Strategic Wing at Harmon AFB, Newfoundland, is the new Assistant Commander in Chief SAC (SAC MIKE). He replaces Col. John P. Proctor who has moved to Lowry AFB, Colo., as commander of the 703d Strategic Missile Wing (Titan).

SAC MIKE is an integral part of the Air Force Ballistic Missile Division at Inglewood, Calif., and is the planning, developing and coordinating office for all ballistic missile activities of the Strategic Air Command.

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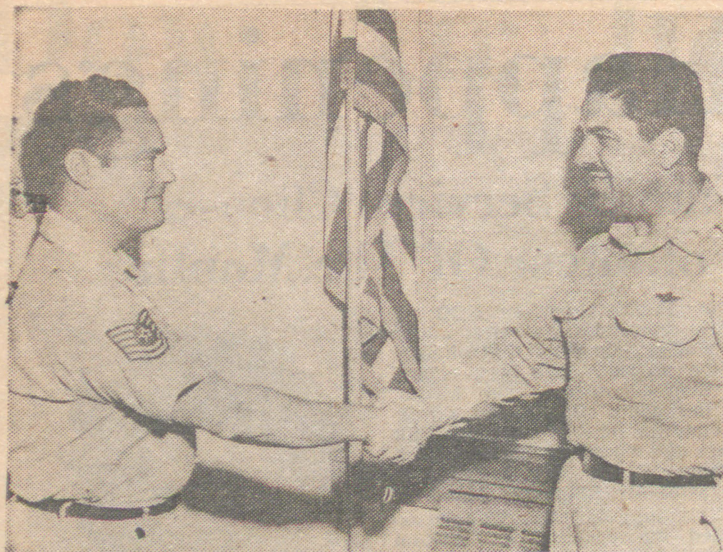
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RE-UPS FOR SCHOOL—TSgt. Robert C. Leonard of Operations Squadron took a short recently and signed up for six more years. Congratulating him on his decision is Major Richard J. Forman, Squadron Commander. Sergeant Leonard, who was a Communication Supervisor at Dow, left last week for Keesler AFB, Miss., where he will attend Morse In-

SAC's Operation Told In New AF Blue Book

The dramatic story of SAC's world-wide operation in maintaining the peace is told in four authoritative and lively chapters in "The Air Force Blue Book," a unique, comprehensive book published by Military Publishing Institute, Inc., of New York. The book is available at Base Exchanges.

One of the chapters is a condensation of James A. Michener's "While Others Sleep," first published in "The Reader's Digest." A second tells the story of SAC today. Both of these stress the importance of SAC's deterrent strength and its constant preparedness. The third SAC chapter is a condensed reprint of a "Redbook Magazine" story about SACman Lt. Jim Obenauf, who saved a

comrade's life by landing a crippled B-47 despite the fact that the canopy had blown off and his faulty ejection seat was cocked and might go any moment. The fourth chapter is called "Missilemen Begin Training." It describes the missile base at Vandenberg AFB, and the job of SAC's missile units.

To write "While Others Sleep," Michener lived with SAC. For example: "To see what SAC flying was like, I took a long trip in a B-47. It was murder. I dressed in clothing that stifled me, clamped on a helmet and a constricting oxygen mask. Only my eyes showed and, like a real SAC man, I sweated like a horse." Michener watched a sneak inspection, talked to enlisted men, wives, pilots, navigators, maintenance personnel, generals, and concluded: "SAC's mission -- and there is no use hedging at unpleasant words -- is to scare the men in the Kremlin into behaving . . . The great SAC bombers are both ready and able to destroy the Soviet Union . . . utterly . . . SAC's unique problem is to do its job so well that it will never have to fight a major war."

"The Air Force Blue Book" is really two books in one, and yet it can be bought in a soft-cover edition for \$1. Written with the full cooperation of the Air Force, it combines forty-five colorfully-written narrative chapters on many Air Force subjects with two sixteen-page photograph sections and a 136-page "Air Force Facts" section. "Air Force Facts" is up to date and thoroughly indexed to insure its usefulness as a reference guide to the mission, accomplishments, organization and history of the USAF.

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AF Flight Rules Don't Apply NASA Pilots

(AFNS) Test pilots flying Air Force aircraft on research missions under sponsorship of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration are not bound by Air Force flight regulations, operations officers are told in AFR 55-26, now enroute to the field.

At present about 40 Air Force aircraft are assigned to NASA agencies, among them some still in the development stage. Almost all of the planes are in the high performance category with a few in support roles.

The clarifying regulation is not a high-handed document, but is designed to smooth the way for NASA flyers using military bases while flying aircraft marked with Air Force insignia. Headquarters spokesmen explained.

In the past, incidents have been reported where test pilots from NASA were embarrassed when uninformed Air Force flight operations personnel challenged them with violations of Air Force flight rules.

NASA pilots operate these air-

craft within limitations imposed upon them individually by NASA and in such a manner as may be determined by competent NASA authority. As is to be expected, the pilots must at times use advanced and unconventional techniques, some of which are in violation of Air Force rules.

While the regulation told Air Force operations personnel to brush up on NASA operations, it also laid down corollary rules for NASA to follow to insure that pilots are fully qualified, that they stick to NASA imposed limitations, both on the pilot and the aircraft, do not engage in unsafe operating practices, and use sound judgment.

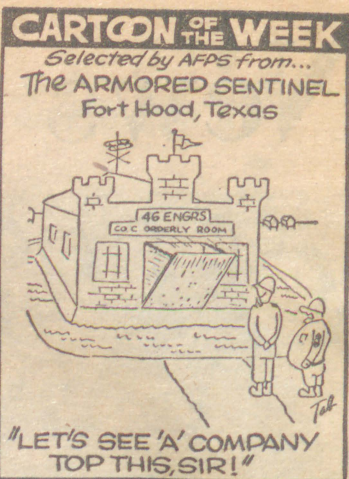
Qualified test pilots will be given an identification card signed by a NASA official containing reference to the regulation, description of the pilot and his signature.

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Historic Relics Recovered At Plattsburgh

PLATTSBURGH AFB, N. Y. (SAC PS) — Historic relics from the flagship of Benedict Arnold's Lake Champlain Revolutionary War fleet have been recovered by three base skindivers and turned over to Plattsburgh's Kent-Delord Museum.

The items salvaged by the base skindivers — 1st Lt. Irwin C. Nichols, A-2CS Bruce Bateman and Jay Griggs — are the only remnants of the flagship in Plattsburgh.

An 18-month search for the remains of the flagship Royal Savage ended when the three retrieved a portion of the gunwale, a cannon ball, pieces of ballast stone, nails, wood, and brick from the deck ovens used to heat cannon balls. Some of the bricks still had molten metal fused to them.

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CAP CADETS LEAVE FOR ENCAMPMENT—Twenty-eight cadets of the CAP and three seniors from Bangor, Brewer, Dexter, and Hancock county left early this week for Loring AFB, Limestone, Maine, where the annual encampment will be held. The group left Dow in a C-119 troop carrier.

Ground Safety Report

Three times as many traffic deaths occur in rural areas (including towns with less than 2,500 people) than in urban areas. Reason for this, according to the National Safety Council: the abundance of driving done on open roads, which most often are in rural areas, and increased speed.

In most fatal auto accidents, only one car is involved.

Turnpikes have a lot fewer traffic fatalities, based on number of miles driven, than all rural roads in the United States. The average mileage death rate recently was a third as high as the rate for rural roads.

Males are involved in almost eight times as many fatal auto accidents as females.

The least hazardous way to travel is on a railroad passenger train. Then come buses and sched-

uled planes. Passenger cars and taxis are far behind.

Saturday, not Sunday, is the most dangerous day of the week for drivers. About one out of every five traffic fatalities occurs that day. Sunday is second most hazardous.

Safety men say the new interstate highway system can save as many as 3,500 lives a year, and that use of seat belts could save an additional 5,000 lives annually.

While few slow drivers ever run afoul of the law they're still a highway hazard, according to the National Safety Council. Driving too slow can cost a life, your life, or the life of a motorist who takes a chance and passes you when he shouldn't. Keep pace with traffic.

Odds are that if your car isn't up to snuff, safetywise, the fault will lie with the rear lights, brakes, front lights or exhaust system. When a hazard is found at vehicle safety checks, those four problems are the ones that crop up most often.

THE TANKER TIMES

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Dow Wives Help By Teaching In Bangor Schools

Dow families may be creating some problems for Bangor schools, but some of them are helping to solve these problems, too. Mrs. Shirley Larsen, is one of the Dow wives who is to teach in Bangor this year. She is the wife of Lt. Earl Larsen, of Hq. Sq. 4060th Air Refueling Wing. Mrs. Larsen is to have charge of girls' physical education at the Fifth Street Junior High School.

Other Dow Wives who will be teaching in the Bangor schools are Mrs. Irene Green, recent bride of A-3C Thomas Green, Hq. Sq. 4060th Combat Support Group and Mrs. Irma Ury, whose husband, George Ury, is employed by Hughes Aircraft Corporation and is attached to the 316th Field Training Detachment as Field Service Representative. Mrs. Green will be teaching a third grade class at the Mary S. Snow School, while Mrs. Ury will teach the second grade at the same school.

School staffing problems are not solved yet according to Superintendent of Schools, Lawrence A. Peakes. Vacancies have occurred recently in the middle grades, and in both junior and senior high schools. Dow wives who have teacher training are urged to contact the superintendent's office. Some who cannot teach full time because of family responsibilities may arrange to act as substitute teachers.

The Reenlistment telephone number is 2347.

SAC Teams Save AF \$\$\$

HQ. SAC (SAC PS) — When a SAC unit was transferred recently, a special team from this command arrived at the unit's new base, conducted a quick survey, and made a decision that saved the Air Force \$175,000.

The team, one of SAC's equipment evaluation and audit teams, had concluded that equipment already at the base could be shared by the SAC unit, and withdrew the authorization for \$175,000 worth of equipment that was not needed.

This is but one example of how these teams save the USAF thousands of dollars annually.

Composed of maintenance, electronics, missile, and supply specialists, SAC's five equipment evaluation and audit teams do exactly what the name implies: They determine what support equipment a unit needs — be it armchairs or aircraft maintenance equipment — and get it authorized on the unit's UAL (unit authorization list).

When necessary, they sometimes work in the opposite direction by determining if a unit has equipment that it doesn't need and having it withdrawn from its UAL.

Teams have been located at each of the command's numbered air forces, and at 7th Air Division headquarters in support of the European theater, and another at Inglewood, Calif., in support of missile requirements. Although they are assigned to the headquarters level, the task of watchdogging SAC's equipment keeps them constantly moving from base to base.

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99TH LAUDED

WESTOVER AFB, Mass. (SAC PS)—A 99th Bomb Wing B-52 recently completed the wing's 600th successive mission take-off without a maintenance cancellation. The 99th has been lauded for completing more than 300,000 flying hours without sending a single engine to the depot for repair or overhaul, and is one of the leaders in the SAC Flying Safety Hall of Fame, having gone over three years without an accident.

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THURSDAY & FRIDAY
"A PRIVATE AFFAIR" Starring Sal Mineo and Gary Crosby. Three Army draftees in basic training become friends. Through their singing talent, they are selected to appear in an all-soldier show. One of the trio loses his voice and during the time he is in the infirmary, he is mistakenly married to the assistant secretary of the Army, the first woman to hold this position. The mistake is discovered, many laughs later and all ends well.

SATURDAY
"SURRENDER HELL" Starring Keith Andes and Susan Cabot. Based on a true story, the picture recounts the heroic and gallant actions of a U.S. Army lieutenant (now Col. Donald D. Blackburn) during World War II. With a band of Filipino patriots, Lt. Blackburn inflicted terrible revenge against the cruel Japanese invaders.

SATURDAY MATINEE
"BALLOUT AT 43,000" Starring John Payne and Karen Steele. Chap No. 1 Hop Harrigan.

SUNDAY & MONDAY
"THE DEVIL'S DISCIPLE" Starring Kirk Douglas-Burt Lancaster and Sir Laurence Olivier. George Bernard Shaw is at his wittiest display in this screen version of his marvelous spoof of the American Revolution. Burt Lancaster is cast in the role of a pastor who should preach peace but would like nothing better than to drive the British from the shores of America. As for the acid-tongued, hot-head whom the British would like to hang from the nearest gallows, none could be

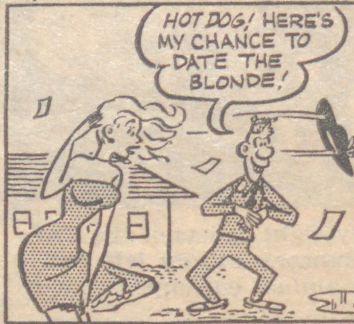
better suited than Kirk Douglas who gives the role vibrancy. And Olivier shows General Burgoyne to be the witty, astute military man with a sense of humor, that history said he was. It is sheer joy to watch this masterful performer in one of the cleverest portrayals. It is one of the most delightful films of this season.

TUESDAY
"IMITATION OF LIFE" Starring Lana Turner and John Gavin. In this film of Fannie Hurst's novel, Lana Turner portrays a woman whose unflagging determination to become a great actress fogs her responsibilities as a mother. After a tragedy in the family, she realizes a family is much more important than fame.

WEDNESDAY
"NO TIME FOR SERGEANTS" Starring Andy Griffith and Myron McCormick. The laugh-crammed picture concerns the peace time Air Force's hilariously unsuccessful attempt to indoctrinate a naive Georgia farm boy.

THURSDAY & FRIDAY
"IT STARTED WITH A KISS" Starring Glenn Ford, Debbie Reynolds and Eva Gabor. Master Sergeant Joe Fitzgerald (Glenn Ford) and vivacious, ambitious show girl, Maggie Applebauer (Debbie Reynolds) meet at a charity bazaar. Joe is persistent but Maggie wants no part of him; her ambitions is to marry a millionaire. Joe changes all this and she weds him after a fast, oneday courtship. Maggie's attitude towards Air Force life and pay and defiance of regulations complicate Joe's military career - but not for long.

Operation Blonde



Gym News

The Base Gym T-52 will be open 0730 to 1200 hours on Saturday. In the case of an alert, the gym will be closed to all personnel except those in CBR. During the week days and Saturday mornings, base personnel can play basketball, handball and there is plenty of room for physical conditioning and exercise. Also there is a weight lifting set for those who want to build their body. For further information call 2296.

Football managers review will be held on Friday, 21 August at 1000 hours at the Base Gym. During the meeting, the football schedule will be passed out along with important information about the playing of the game.

Here is the latest report on Commander's Trophy standings:

Supply	83
Hospital	78
Operations	67
Alo	64
Hq Cmbt Supp Gp	64
T1st	63
Hq Wg	62
OMS	39
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Service Club Lowdown

SSgt. A. J. Ramalho
 Another week has gone by, and we at the Service Club find that we are presented with the pleasure of entertaining you again.

As you know the Service Club is the meeting place of all personnel stationed at Dow. So why don't you bring your family or girl friend down tonight, the friendly atmosphere is bound to grow on you. If you don't have a girl friend, or family than drag your buddy down. There's lots to do, pool, ping pong, TV, Hobby Shop. Believe me you won't lack for something to do, because every thing you need is here for every one. To further prove what we mean the following is next weeks schedule of planned activities.

16 August

9 a.m. Coffee & Toast Free

5 p.m. Chess & Cribbage.

17 August

8 p.m. Regular Games.

18 August

1 p.m. Ladies Ceramics
6 p.m. Hobby Shop, Photo Lab & Accordion Instruction.

19 August

7 p.m. Pinochle Tournament.

20 August

2-4 p.m. Children's Ceramics.
6-8 p.m. Hobby Shop & Photo Lab.

21 August

6-8 p.m. Hobby Shop & Photo Lab.

22 August

1:30 p.m. Pool Tournament.

23 August

3 p.m. Accordion Festival.
Also not to be forgotten is a new recreation for all potential and professional archers of Dow. Starting tomorrow August 22, at 1:30 p.m. all interested personnel are asked to report with bows (if you have them) to the Base Service Club.

Auto Hobby Shop News

The Auto Hobby Shop has again been closed for participation in the Base Alert exercise, but today they are back to normal and everyone is back to duty once more.

Today we received a full shipment of brake fluid which we will be selling and may be purchased through Central Base Fund for use within the shop only. The major maintenance stalls are filled up and the A & D section will be open again this weekend. So, if you want an appointment, give us a buzz at 2085 and we will firm it up.

Everyone using the Auto Hobby

Shop has been very good about helping us conform with the new fire and security regulations.

The pit and body fender section have been real busy and everyone is getting full utilization from this section.

Captain Corkery and Sgt. Bradshaw of Recreation Services Dow Pines have a new project and that's the re-vamp of a selection of Servi-cycles, those old G. I. type power bikes.

Till next week, drive safe, sound and sober. We want to see you all soon on the floor . . . not under it.

Winners Announced In Short Story Contest

HQ. SAC (SAC PS) -- Winners in the Strategic Air Command's Short Story Contest were announced here this week. The winners and their prizes are:

FIRST PLACE: 1st Lt. Jay P. Cooper, 801st Combat Support Group, Lockbourne AFB, Ohio, \$100.

SECOND PLACE: Major Francis V. Holan, 68th Bomb Wing, Chennault AFB, La., \$75.

THIRD PLACE: A-2c Michael McGrinder, 3913th Combat Support Group, RAF Mildenhall, England, \$50.

Tapped for honorable mentions

were A-3c Kenneth R. Paxton, 806th Combat Support Group, Chennault AFB, and TSgt W. E. Fask, 804th Combat Support Group Hunter AFB, Ga.

The winning stories have been forwarded for judging in the USAF contest.

Judges for the SAC contest were Norman W. Noble, associate editor, COMBAT CREW; Rev. Paul J. Smith, S. J., director of the Department of English, Creighton University, Omaha; and Dr. Ralph M. Wardle, head of the Department of English Literature, University of Omaha.

HELP WANTED

MITCHEL AFB, N. Y. (SAC PS)—SACmen can lend a hand in helping a sister command select a new name for itself. Continental Air Command—which encompasses the Air Force Reserve, Air National Guard, Civil Air Patrol, and National Search and Rescue Coordination System—is considering a new title and seeking suggestions for one.

Suggestions for "a new and appropriate command description" may be forwarded to: Editor, Air Reservist, OIS, CONAC, Mitchel AFB, N. Y.

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Electronic Hobby Shop News

As it does with all sections, re-assignment has finally caught up with this section.

A-2C Oshell who has been with us from the beginning is checking out this week and will be on his way to Spain in the very near future. We sure hate to see you go Jim but as they say, we all got to go sometime. Good luck in your new assignment.

For the time being, no one has been picked to replace him and this brings up a point that we made in starting this hobby shop. There is a lot of talent on the

base. If you can give your buddy a hand with his radio, help him install a rear speaker or almost anything, come on down. A-2C Arch from the 75th FIS has been a real help from time to time.

I think this has been stated before, but here it is again. If you need parts of any kind, check with us. On car radios we can do a good job of getting you a real buy through the Hobby Shop.

And fellows, if you don't want to work on your radio or TV, we can arrange to have them fixed for you.

Wood Hobby Shop News

A-1c William Donohue has completed three picture frames measuring 24" x 30". These were made for oil paintings he has completed. The frames were painted black.

A-2c John Anton made a tool box to hold some of his wood-working tools at home. The box

has three coats of varnish on it.

1st Lt. Harvey Silsby made a small telephone stand for his home. He used walnut stain and varnish for his finish.

A-3c Bruce Culpepper made a 4 shelf bookcase. He made this out of 3/4" plywood, and used light oak stain as a finish.

A-2c George Giddings made five clothes hangers for his home. They were made out of birch.

A-1c Kenneth W. McCafferty made a chair for his room.

1st Lt. Williams of 341st ARS completed a bar for his home use. It's made out of hard pine strips doweled and laminated together. It can hold anything from gin to bourbon.

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NORAD-SAC To View Aircraft Miles Away

A new plotting system that represents the first major improvement since World War II in large scale display of air traffic information will be installed at headquarters of North American Air Defense Command, Colorado Springs, Colo.

The new system, known as "Iconorama," will do away with present manual methods used in NORAD's Combat Operations Center for plotting and tracking aircraft over or approaching continental air space.

Both NORAD and the Strategic Air Command have signed lease contracts with Fenske, Fedrick and Miller, Inc., Los Angeles for installation and maintenance of the radically new system that will allow observers to see almost instantaneously the positions of aircraft thousands of miles away.

Initial benefits from the contracts will be realized late this year when the first phase of the installation work is completed.

When the new system is in operation, air surveillance information from NORAD's early warning and detection network will be received at air defense headquarters and then transmitted automatically to SAC headquarters at Omaha, Neb., with a delay of only seconds.

In action, air commanders will watch on a two-dimensional screen the progressive tracks of both

friendly and potential enemy forces in all areas covered by defensive radar networks, such as the Distant Early Warning Line.

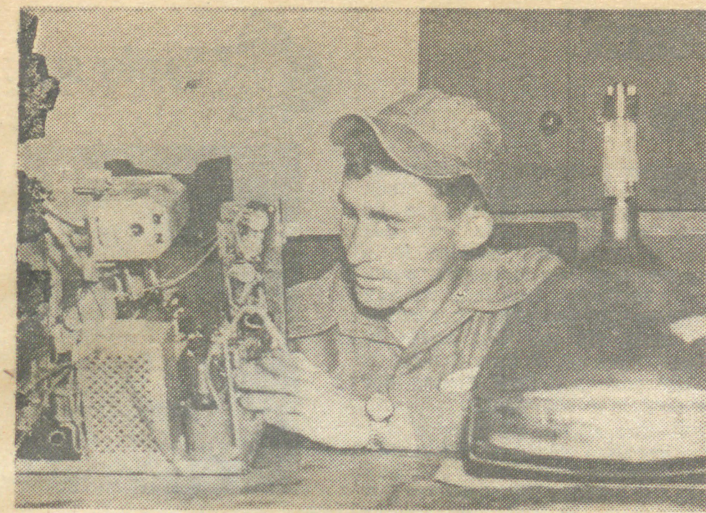
Tracks of various aircraft are depicted by individual, colored vectors projected onto the display surface. Impulses for the display are relayed for long distances over existing teletype lines, eliminating the cost of installing expensive transmission facilities. The system also produces a dollar savings by doing away with the requirement for human plotters now used in the manual system.

Iconorama eliminates time lags inherent in present systems in which high-speed aircraft are tracked by radar, the position reports relayed, and positions plotted manually on a huge board. It also increases traffic handling capacity by some 400 per cent, according to Lt. Col. R. E. Barr, a NORAD Combat Operations Center plans and evaluation officer who is in charge of NORAD's Iconorama project.

PERSONNEL CONFERENCE SEPT 14-16

HQ. SAC (SAC PS)—Arrangements are being made here to accommodate the 130 directors of personnel who will be arriving for the command's 2d annual personnel conference, Sept. 14-16.

The theme for this year's conference is quality control.



FAULTY PICTURE TUBE IS REPLACED in a television receiver at Personnel Services newest Hobby facility, the Electronics Hobby shop. Equipment is on hand to help you check radio, TV and high fi equipment and discount prices are offered on replacement parts. NCOIC of the shop TSgt. Lowen Perkins is on duty at the shop from 5:30 till 9:30 p. m. each evening at 9 till 1 on Saturday. Phone number is 2931.

Construction Authorization Okayed—Funds Yet To Come

(AFNS) The military construction authorization bill for \$1,225,475,150 was signed into law this week (Aug. 10) by President Eisenhower. The Air Force's slice of this more than 1-billion dollar measure comes to \$707,496,800. It provides for building bases and facilities during the 1960 fiscal year.

The authorization bill now has to be backed up by a money appropriation from Congress. The same day the President was approving the construction authorization, which became Public Law 86-149, the House voiced its approval for funds. The Senate now has to pass on the money measure.

Included in the authorization law is approval to build 12,050 Title VIII family housing units (Capehart). The law also extends the Capehart family housing authority until Sept. 30, 1960. The previous provision expired June 30, this year.

The money that Congress will finally give the Services for military construction may vary from the authorization figure. This is because other projects have been okayed by Congress since the authorization bill was drawn up.

The Air Force's original authorization request was for construction costing \$872,761,000. About \$75 million was trimmed from this figure.

On the other hand, Title VIII family housing units were set at 8,025 in the original bill, and the final law provides for 12,050 units.

Alert Forces Now Wearing New Boot

HQ. SAC (SAC PS)—The strategic Air Command's alert forces are now equipped with a "quick donning" flight boot they can climb into in a matter of seconds.

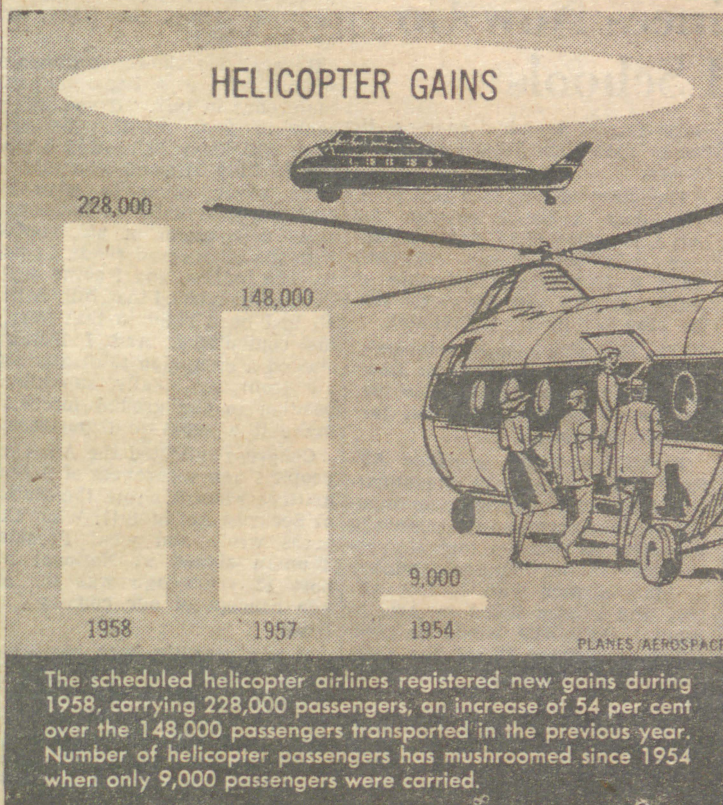
Designed by SAC's human factors branch, the new boot has a front zipper tab and a double-lace closure assembly for lightning-quick dressing. It is both water-resistant and insulated, and has a dress shoe appearance.

According to Major William A. Robson, Officer in Charge, Wing Planning Team, Dow's Alert Crews have been in receipt of the new boot for the past six months.

Wind tunnel, jump and tensile tests of the zipper closure assembly to determine retainability of the boot in ejection from jet aircraft showed that forces 160 times greater than gravity were required before the zipper gave way.

Although on special SAC procurement presently, action is under way to standardize and procure the quick donning boot for Air Force-wide use.

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Four SACsons New Members AF Academy

U. S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo. (SAC PS) — Four SAC sons are members of the Class of 1963 which will begin academic training here Sept. 1.

The new cadets, now undergoing intensive basic military training, are:

John J. Dougherty, son of Brig. Gen. and Mrs. John E. Dougherty, Hunter AFB, Ga.

James A. Caudell, son of Maj. and Mrs. Colven E. Caudell, Moron AB, Spain.

Robert S. Dotson, son of Capt. and Mrs. Cecil J. Dotson, Ramey AFB, Puerto Rico.

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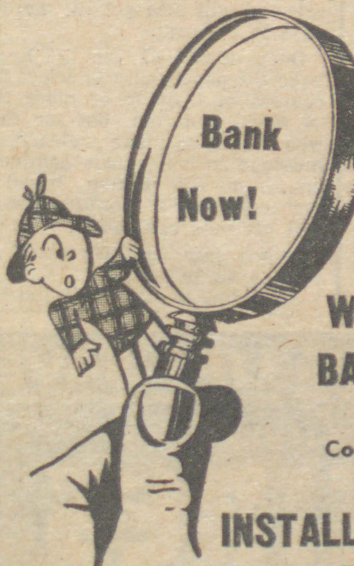
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Directed Retrainees Now Go Non-Stop To ZI Schools

NCOs in some 23 "resource skills", returning to the U. S. during and after February, 1960, will be first side-tracked to tech schools to learn new trades before proceeding to new duty stations, Air Force Headquarters announced this week (Aug. 10).

This is the latest chapter in the two-year joust to bring available skills more closely in line with the changing requirements of the Air Force. Once the program gets rolling, Pentagon officials estimate 100 to 150 noncoms per month will

enter formal training courses directly upon their return from overseas.

The directed port-to-school plan, with only a pause enroute for leave, is expected to strike a popular note with some returnees since it eliminates, for some at least, one PCS and allows for better planning by the individual.

In the past some returnees spent only a short time at Dow or other new duty stations in the ZI before being singled out for direct retraining.

In all commands message AF-PMP 62531, August 10, Headquarters instructed overseas commanders to make certain adjustments in the overseas returnee forecast rosters due in the Pentagon October 1. Male airmen with control AF-CSs and grades listed in Attachment 1, AFR 39-9, would be identified in section IX of the forecast rosters, instead of section II.

This makes for easy identification of the eligibles. In all, there are 23 skills out of which NCOs can train in the directed program; volunteers can train out of 108 skills. With few exceptions all of the AFSCs in the directed and voluntary "train out" category are available to Staff, Tech, and Master.

Determination as to who goes to school will be made by Hq. USAF. Those tapped will be notified a minimum of 60 days before they pack their B-4 bags; those rejected will also get the word 60 days in advance.

Once identified the NCO will have the opportunity to select four courses of training of more than 20 weeks duration, but for those who decline to make a choice, the message instructs unit commanders to do the picking, based on the candidate's aptitude scores and personal evaluation.

In any case, the "Directed" student is off to school.

According to officials in the Pen-

USAF Sees 12 Years As Separate Force

(AFNS) The United States Air Force began functioning as a separate Service in September 18, 1947 when its first Secretary, Stuart Symington, was sworn in. A week later President Truman appointed General Carl Spaatz as the first Chief of Staff.

Yet actually, when viewed as an organization of people devoted exclusively to airpower, the Air Force was already 40 years old in 1947. By then, airpower had proved itself a major force in modern warfare. The grim logic that comes with the urgency of winning a war had raised the Air Force to its proper position among the American Armed Forces in World War II.

Since 1942 the Army Air Forces (AAF) had been treated almost as a separate Service. It had become necessary to include an airman in all topside decisions on strategy. General H. H. "Hap" Arnold was appointed to the Joint Chiefs of Staff for Army, Navy, and Air, and to the combined chiefs of staff of the Allied Nations.

After the war, some of the staunchest supporters of a separate, coequal air force were outstanding Army leaders. Generals Omar N. Bradley, J. Lawton Collins, Alfred M. Gruenther, George C. Marshall, and Douglas MacArthur were in basic agreement with General Dwight D. Eisenhower that there should continue to be "three complementary forces," the Army, the Navy, and the Air Force.

General Eisenhower commented on that issue at a Pentagon press conference in 1952. "If you will go back in your minds," he said, "you will know there was a man named Billy Mitchell who said we were never going to have decent airpower until we had a separate department of air, coequal with the others and ready to fight its own battles, and I came out of the war convinced that Billy Mitchell had been right in that part of his contentions. And I instantly started a campaign to disassociate air from its legally subordinate position to the ground forces, to make it a separate department."

Congress reflected the American people's new awareness of defense matters when it wrote the National Security Act of 1947. What Congress wrote and what President Truman signed at National Airport 12 years ago was the air-age concept of our country's defense.

It has recently been reaffirmed in the Department of Defense Reorganization Act of 1958. Few laws every Air Force member to understand than these. In fact, few laws could be more important for every American citizen to understand.

Wrapped up in existing law (Title 10, U. S. Code) and its inter-

tigon who guided the program from its inception two years ago,

For top tanker crews, individual trophies will also be presented to the members of the crew that:

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Although they won't be awarded trophies for their work, three other units will be participating in the competition: the 3908th Strategic Standardization Group, Barksdale AFB, La., will exercise operational control of the competition; the 544th Reconnaissance Technical Group, Offutt AFB, Neb., will provide the standardized target materials; and the 1st Radar Bomb Scoring Group, Carswell AFB, Tex., will provide the scoring service.

pretations is the overall budget for defense -- by far the heftiest stack of the taxpayer's dollars to be spent each year. The way this law is interpreted decides in a big way just how strong our country is militarily, how long we actually can prevent war, or whether we could win one that might be forced upon us. It also decides in a big way just how strong our country is economically.

Whether all these billions of dollars are used wisely or partly wasted depends very much on how well the policies based on the law are understood and how strictly they are followed.

The Communist military threat . . . the budget . . . missiles . . . "local wars" . . . the submarine threat . . . roles and missions. Talk about any of these a little while and, to make sense, you have to know quite a bit about the intent of this law, and some of the actions that followed it.

Here, in the current law, with its amendments and the orders, agreements, and directives based on it, is the overall Air Force job description, as well as that of the other Services on the DOD land-sea-aerospace team. The key policies based on existing law are in Department of Defense directives which are republished in AFR 55-43. It is worth reading.



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