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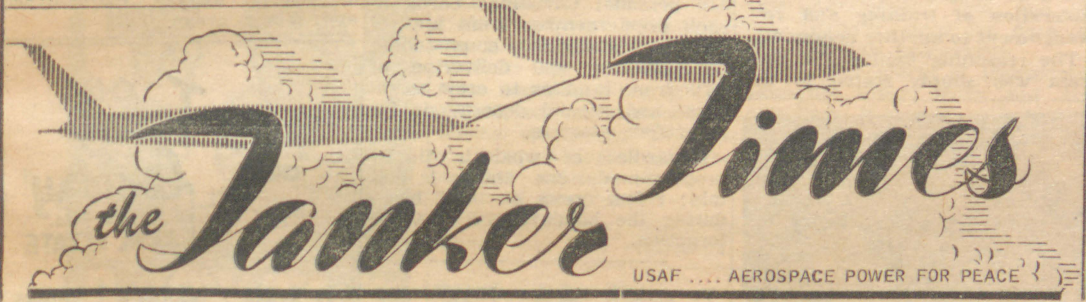
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Mobility Kitchen Makes An Emergency Mission

The Food Service Squadron's red and white mobility kitchen a familiar sight to Dow's aircrews and maintenance personnel during alerts, made its initial off-base emergency run last week. Within two hours following notification of the mid-air collision in the vicinity of Bingham, Maine, the mobility kitchen was stocked with rations and ready to proceed on the three hour journey to the site of the disaster.

Wives Take 341st Today

Major Alexander, 341st Squadron Commander, has designated today as the date that the wives of 341st personnel are to assume (as far as practical) the jobs that their husbands normally perform in the Squadron. This means that the ladies will be given an opportunity to see first-hand the role that their husbands play in our mission and thus better understand our Squadron policies and procedures. We are looking forward to having them with us and hope that they will get a clearer insight of the important job we are doing. See next weeks Tanker Times for an article and picture of the day's activities.

This week we welcome 1st Lt. Billie J. Massey to the squadron. Lt. and Mrs. Massey have 20 Arcadia Place in Capehart as their home and we sincerely hope that you will enjoy your tour with the 341st.

Major Alexander and Major Crowley recently returned from an Air Refueling Conference at 8th Air Force Headquarters, Westover AFB, Massachusetts.

The basketball season is in high

gear with two games on tap for this coming week. On Tuesday, we meet the Headquarters Wing team at 1745 in the new gym and on Thursday at 1915 we face the 71st in what should be a real good battle. Let's all get out and support the Squadron team.

In bowling this week the Officers team will face the Supply aggregation in the new bowling alleys.

Everyone's attention is directed to SAC's Operation "Safe Wheels," a \$4500 drive safe contest. Three \$1,000 and three \$500 savings bonds are the prizes to be awarded and the rules for entry are very simple: sign "safe-wheels" pledge, remain accident free, and obey traffic rules. See out Safety Officer, Captain Duane Adams, about the details of this contest.

Alc William E. Jordan is recuperating at the Base Hospital and we wish him a speedy recovery.

THOUGHT FOR HUNTERS: Wear the proper color in clothing, know the area in which you will hunt, and BE SAFE — Know what you are shooting at.

Operation "Safe Wheels" Set For SAC On November 15th

HQ. SAC (SAC PS) — Six state-side airmen and NCOs will pocket a total of \$4,500 in savings bonds soon after mid-January of next year for doing just what they should be doing.

The rewards will be for driving sensibly during Operation "Safe-Wheels," which begins Nov. 15 and ends Jan. 15. Object of the campaign is to reduce SAC's death and injury tolls in motor vehicle accidents.

All airmen and NCOs in state-side SAC units are eligible to participate in "Safe-Wheels." To do so, they must sign a pledge stating they will drive safely during the period of the drive. Of course, they must live up to the pledge and have no reportable accidents or moving traffic violations from No. 15 through Jan. 15.

According to Captain James R. Glaze, Dow Safety Officer, the Safe Wheel Pledges will be available at all orderly rooms on November 15th. All Dow personnel are encouraged to enter Wheels pledge.

The base or unit safety officers will forward the pledge stubs of the eligible "Safe-Wheels" participants to their numbered air force headquarters at the conclusion of the drive.

Drawings will then be held at each of the numbered air force headquarters to determine the winners. First names drawn at the three headquarters will net a \$1,000 bond for each of three lucky SACmen. A second stub will be drawn at each headquarters, with \$500 bonds going to each of these three fortunate SACsters.

Additional prizes may be awarded by the numbered air forces and at base or unit level.

First Missile Division personnel will be included in Fifteenth Air Force's drawing and Offutt AFB, Neb., personnel in the Second Air Force's.

Reenlistment Honor Roll

The lengthy reenlistment honor roll stretched again this week as three more Dow men reenlisted for more service. They were:

Alc Thomas E. Bower of Williamsport, Pa., reenlisted for four years. He is a jet aircraft mechanic with the 75th FIS.

MSgt. Jacob H. Spangler, a reciprocating engine mechanic with Organizational Maint. Sq., reenlisted for six years. He is a native of Leaksville, N.C.

TSgt. Robert M. Burris of Port, Okla., signed up for four more years. He is a personnel equipment supervisor with Wing Hq. Aq.



ACADEMIC AWARD—SSgt. Francis E. Grigsby, 4060th Armament and Electronics Maintenance Squadron, receives the NCO Prep School Academic Award from Major John R. Bell, A&E Squadron Commander. The Academic Award is presented at the conclusion of each Prep School Class to the student with the highest academic average.

STAY SAC
REENLIST



MEAT MAN—A/2c Gene Comeau 4060th Transportation Squadron broke the ice for the squadron's hunters last week by bagging this 150 pound deer. He used a 30-30 rifle and downed his deer in Hampden, Maine.

Carl Berger Publishes Second Book

VANDENBERG AFB, Calif. (SAC PS) —1st Missile Division Historian Carl Berger's second book, "BroadSides and Bayonets," will be published by the University of Pennsylvania Press.

A history dealing with the war of propaganda and subversion in the American Revolution, the book will be released some time next year. It tells the story of how both Americans and British waged psychological warfare, using propaganda, false rumors and bribery in efforts to weaken and destroy each other.

Berger, 34, is a graduate of Iowa State and Drake universities. He has been chief of the 1st MD's Historical Division since last April 1.

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Retraining Explained For Surplus Officer Skills

(AFNS) The Air Force's program to channel field grade officers from surplus to shortage areas was broadened this week with the addition of two more average and three short skills to the list.

Last year, in May, Project CHANGE OVER got under way. The program is designed to point out the hard and soft fields to officers, thus giving them an opportunity to switch over if qualified or retrain if necessary to the critical skill areas.

Project CHANGE OVER is basically a volunteer program. It started with the modest goal of retraining or reassigning majors and lieutenant colonels in AFSC's 7024 (Administrative officer) and 7016 (Administrative staff officer) to either 4316 (Aircraft maintenance staff officer or 3216 (armament staff officer).

The apparent success of the program so far has encouraged Headquarters to expand its "career monitoring." In a letter to major commands, dated Nov. 4, 1959, Hq USAF has added to the "short" skill list communications and electronics, civil engineering and weapons controller.

The letter says that captains through lieutenant colonels in AFSC's 1435 (Operations officer) and 1416 (Operations staff officer) may be considered for reassignment or retraining into any of the five listed critical skills. They may also go into any other shortage skill if they possess the necessary additional AFSC.

With the latest move, officials hope to level off about 250 surplus officers in AFSC's 1435 and 1416.

Under Project CHANGE OVER, the commands are given the first chance to reassign or retrain their officers within their own bailiwick.

If an officer, with the necessary qualifications, cannot be placed within his own command, then a name report is sent forward to Headquarters for consideration of training and reassignment to another command.

The reasoning behind the program was simply stated in the

letter sent to major commands last year: "It is not feasible or economical to continue overages while serious shortages exist in other areas."

With this in mind, Headquarters continues to review the program quarterly, determining what hard or soft areas can be "equalized" by the retraining or reassignment route.

Xmas Plans Are Considered By Sixteenth AF

HQ. SAC (SAC PS) — Specialized Christmas activities designed to improve the morale and contentment of SAC's elite professional force, the reflex alert crews, are being considered by the Sixteenth Air Force.

Some programs suggested by 16AF are personal communiques special religious activities, Christmas gifts, Christmas dinners, parties, and an abundance of Christmas decor.

More specifically, the suggestions — if adopted — would allow crew members to call home to their families; exchange "taped" Christmas messages; attend special church services; attend special dinners at the officer and NCO clubs as guests of designated base families; and, provided adequate alerting system could be effected, accept invitations to the homes of base personnel.

Other items being considered are personal Christmas cards to each crew member from his respective stateside commander; the gathering and delivering of gifts from families to crew members; and special decorations for the reflex quarters.

Regardless of what is finally programmed, one thing is certain: reflex crews on 16AF bases during the holidays will not be forgotten.

To report "Seven High" dial 2600.



New Paving Under Test

HOMESTEAD AFB, Fla. (SAC PS) — A new type of flexible paving, designed to withstand the intense blast and heat from jet engines and resist solvent action of jet fuel, hydraulic fluid and cleaning solvents, is currently being tested at this SAC base.

Maintaining asphalt pavement on jet bases has been a serious problem, especially in maintenance and refueling areas.

The new material, developed by Shell Oil Company and known as EPON-Asphalt concrete, is a mixture of epoxy resin and asphalt, plus a catalyst, combined with fine aggregate. It is being tested in a busy maintenance area at this base.

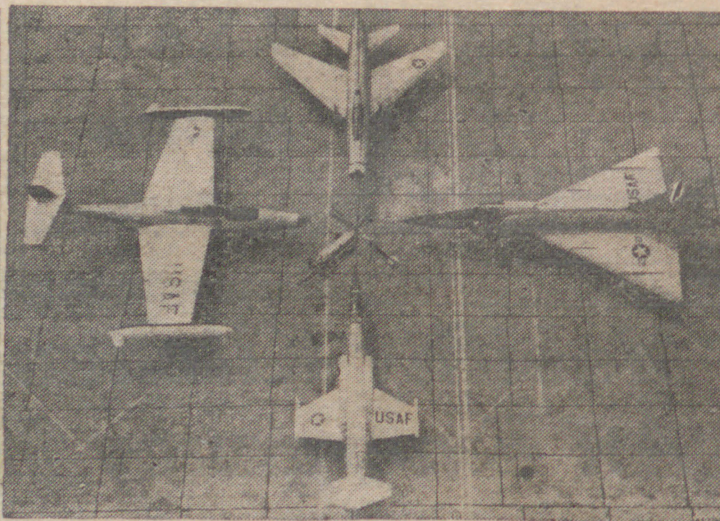
In addition to the qualities listed above, the manufacturers claim EPON-Asphalt has greatly increased load bearing capacity, will resist indentation under the concentrated load of high tire pressure or sharp objects, will resist cracking and be easy to place and repair.

If tests substantiate the manufacturer's claims for the paving, it may prove extremely useful on runway ends, taxiways, and other places of maximum wear, such as aircraft loading, maintenance and repair areas.

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TALL TELL-TALE—These are supersonic jet interceptors and their weapons which competed in the Tyndall AFB, Fla., William Tell World Wide Weapons Meet held late in October. At the bottom is the F-104 Starfighter; on its left the F-89J Scorpion; on top the F-100 Super Sabre, and on the right the F-102 Delta Dagger. The F-89J is armed with the Genie atomic-warhead rocket, the F-100 with the Sidewinder heat-homing rocket, and the F-102 uses the heat-seeking and radar-equipped Falcon missiles.

Winterize For Safety

By MSgt. John D. French
NCOIC Ground Safety

Check those smooth tires NOW before the snow and ice of winter those windshield wipers too—better look at the windshield washer

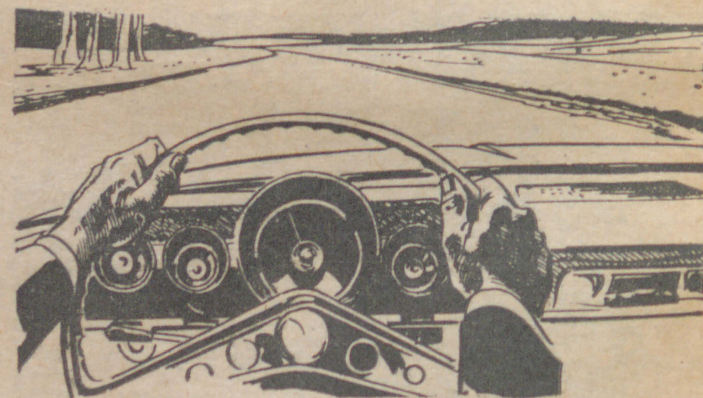
and lighting system also. Remember... during the short day and long night months ahead that you'll be using that battery a lot—but don't forget, it isn't wet and slippery streets that cause accidents—it's those drivers who fail to compensate for the conditions ole dame Nature causes each year about now. It's drivers who forget for a moment almost everything they ever knew about traction and stopping distances, friction and centrifugal force and the effects of snow and ice.

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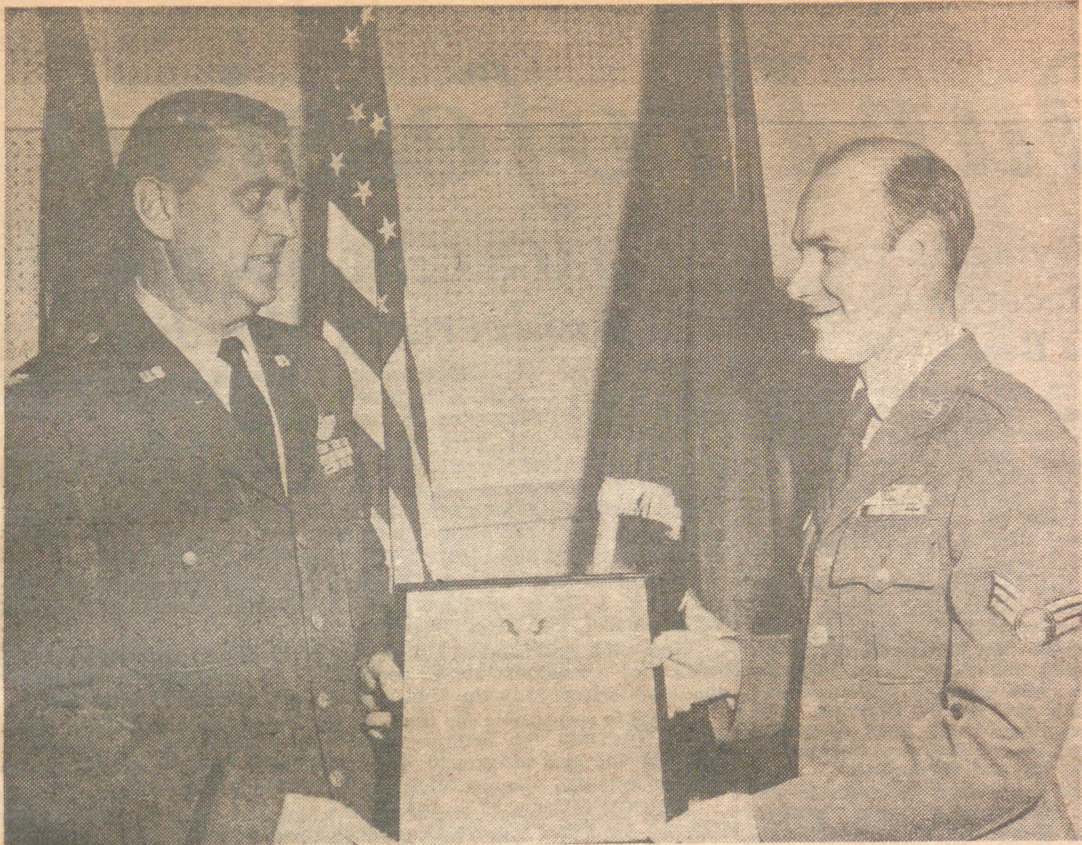
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AFTER 20 YEARS—A/1C Herman Frost, 4060th Food Services Squadron, accepts Retirement Certificate from Vice Wing Commander Colonel Lawson G. Horner, Jr., during recent ceremonies conducted at Wing Headquarters. Airman Frost completed 20 years of active service with the Air Force. He first entered the service in 1937 but had two breaks in service. Other retirements the same day were CWO Gorden Burkette, Aircraft Maintenance Sq., and SSgt. Fredrick Seigal,

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SAC Transportation Chief Receives Meritorious Award

HQ. SAC (SAC PS)—During the 14th annual meeting of the National Defense Transportation Association held in Seattle, Wash., Oct. 11-14, Col. Matthew Thompson, chief of the transportation division here, was awarded a tribute of appreciation and a gold key for meritorious service.

The colonel, who is the association's national vice-president, was cited for "meritorious achievement in the furtherance of the aims and objectives of the association, and for valuable and noteworthy service in the promotion of transportation preparedness for national defense of the United States of America."

The convention, which was attended by 1300 registered dele-

gates, had for its theme "The Revolution in Transportation." Key-note speaker for the USAF was Lt. Gen. Francis H. Griswold, SAC Vice Commander in Chief.

Of the association's many objectives one is to facilitate close cooperation and integration of the national civilian transportation system with national defense requirements. This, and other objectives, calls for close military-civilian cooperation.

The chiefs of transportation for the Army, Navy and Air Force are honorary presidents of the organization, which has its headquarters in Washington, D. C., and each year the Joint Chiefs of Staff select a recipient of the "National Defense Transportation Award."

The association has chapters located in communities adjacent to such SAC bases as Offutt AFB, Neb.; Pease AFB, N. H.; Loring AFB, Maine; Westover AFB, Mass.; Vandenberg AFB, Calif.; Columbus AFB, Miss.; Carswell AFB, Tex.; Homestead AFB, Fla.; and Headquarters Sixteenth Air Force, Madrid, Spain. Military personnel from these bases are active in the association's chapters.

38th Air Div. Inactivated

HQ. SAC (SAC PS)—The 38th Air Division with headquarters at Hunter AFB, Ga., was inactivated on Nov. 1, USAF has announced.

The 2nd Bomb Wing of the 38th AD has been reassigned to the operational control of the 6th Air Division at MacDill AFB, Fla.

On Oct. 1, the 303rd Air Refueling Squadron at Kindley AFB, Bermuda, was reassigned from the 38th AD to the 823d Air Division at Homestead AFB, Fla.

The actions were administrative and did not involve transfers of personnel or equipment.

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Former Food Service Airman Now Starting Second Career

One of Dow's former airmen wasted no time in launching his "Second Career." The day following his retirement, A/1c Herman Frost, formerly a member of the Food Service Squadron, joined the staff of the Dow Air Force Base Officers' Club where he is employed as a chef.

A native of Portland, Maine, Frost began his military career in September 1937. During his 20 years of active duty, he was stationed at Hawaii, Panama, North Africa, Italy, France, Germany, England and Iceland. Also various stations in the United States included Florida, New Jersey, Washington, Washington, D. C., and Maine.

In special retirement ceremonies, held in the Wing Briefing

Room, airman Frost was cited by Colonel L. C. Horner, Jr., Vice Wing Commander, for his long and faithful service, as well as his accomplishments as Squadron OJT and Education representative.

Mrs. Herman Frost and Masters Carl and Steven Frost attended the ceremonies at which airman Frost received his Certificate of Retirement.

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What's In A Name?

By COL. GEORGE W. R. ZETHREN
Wing Commander

Have you ever thought of the value placed upon your signature? As an individual citizen, your signature is a personal commitment, and when assigned to a check, it denotes a financial obligation to be honestly fulfilled.



When it comes to the merit of our signature, we in the military are in a position shared by no other group or class in civilian life. If civilian Joe Doakes, who works on an auto assembly line, writes a bad check, Joe's own financial reputation suffers, but stock doesn't drop throughout the entire auto industry.

In the service, however, when a bad check is written, the entire military profession is discredited. What you or I do in this uniform stamps each and every man wearing the uniform.

Think of the value of your signature. Think of the good name your signature represents, and the far-reaching effects of any act which dishonors it. Don't make the entire Air Force suffer because you're a bad manager. And above all, don't let a bouncing check bounce you from the service.



Safety Is Survival

By LT. COL. WILLIAM A. CRAWFORD
Base Commander

Last week a picture was shown on the front page of this paper which is of extreme importance to us here at Dow. It was captioned "Survival Gear" and pictured a small survival packet assembled by TSgt. Daniels of Hqs. Sq. Wing. The idea was suggested by Major Tom Carroll of the wing after one of our airmen had become lost while hunting; endangering his own life and requiring many man-hours of organized search before he was located.

As Major Carroll stated, the idea is not new. Many of our men of World War II vintage have maintained their own personal version of the "Escape and Evasion" kit for flying and outdoor activities. However, too many others do not have such kits which are considered by the experienced woodsman as "life insurance". I highly recommend that each of you give this your serious consideration. The few cents you invest for this purpose may pay you LIFETIME benefits.

These "Survival Kits" can be tailored to suit each individual and can be made to fit any sized pocket. The ones made by Major Carroll and TSgt. Daniels contain three basic components: (1) Emergency Food (2) Emergency First Aid and (3) Emergency Survival Items. The itemized list would fill this space. Suffice it to say here that the packet can sustain a man for several days; time enough to save YOUR life.

Check your own personal "survival kit" today. TSgt. Daniels has issued an open invitation to everyone to drop by the Personal Equipment section for professional assistance in this regard. And after your kit is assembled, don't forget to tell someone, preferably your Charge-of-Quarters, where you are going. Even the most experienced outdoorsman can become lost in the Maine woods. A pin in a map showing your hunting location is added insurance to you and the United States Air Force.



Col. Crawford

Flying Safety Record In SAC Is Best Ever

HQ. SAC (SAC PS) — The Strategic Air Command's flying safety record for the first nine months of 1959 was a remarkable low of three aircraft accidents per 100,000 flying hours, by far the best average the command has registered since it was activated 13½ years ago.

But bad weather is here, and Gen. Thomas S. Power, SAC Commander in Chief, has directed the numbered air force commanders to "take immediate and positive action to review the safety program and practices within your command and insure that complacency is not allowed to develop."

He said "crew members as well as commanders" must "exercise the maximum in professionalism, supervision, leadership, and discipline" to forestall the rise of aircraft accidents during bad weather.

Last year's accident rate was five per 100,000 flying hours, and that was a SAC record — .25 better than the previous record year 1957.

A glance at the record indicates just how much safer SAC's flying is today than it was a few years ago. In 1956 the rate was 9.2 accidents per 100,000 flying hours, and in 1949, just 10 years ago it was 52.0.

But why rates? What do they mean? They mean a great deal more than shiny safety plaques and gleaming trophies. Low accident rates mean fewer lives lost, fewer aircraft committed to the junk heap, and a greater combat potential. They mean national survival.

During the winter season the accident rates are prone to rise. They have done so in the past, but the present and the future are what SAC is concerned with. For the command to establish a new record in 1959, it must anticipate winter accidents before they happen.

SAC can do this only by the constant vigilance of all flying crews, maintenance men, and support personnel; by their continued awareness of the importance of live men and whole hardware; by their earnest efforts toward promoting flying safety, and by their adhering to the rules of safe maintenance and safe flying. This, then, is the challenge: safe flying. Meet it and beat it.

"Postflight" Is Lead Story In Combat Crew

HQ. SAC (SAC PS) — "Post-flight" is the title of the lead article in the November edition of COMBAT CREW. The author, Maj. Bernard R. Simon, 3908th Strategic Standardization Group, Barksdale AFB, La., stresses the importance of postflight.

"Home Before Thursday," a staff written editorial, points out the fallacy of being too eager to get home.

Col. Harry Burrell, commander of the 4050th Air Refueling Wing, Westover AFB, Mass., describes the techniques of heavy-weight takeoff in a KC-135 in "The Weight Lifter."

In "Operation Vigilance," Maj. Murray Marks, 7th Air Division director of safety, shows in pictures and words how the 7th AD emphasizes operations hazards reports.

"Fly by the same rules every day," says Maj. Edward Planta, 4061st Air Refueling Wing, Malmstrom AFB, Mont., in "Single Standard."

Capt. Roy Ihde, safety officer of the 3902d Air Base Wing, Offutt AFB, Neb., tells of a T-33 accident in "Two Down, One to Go."

"The Commander's Role," by Norman Noble, associate editor of COMBAT CREW, tells how the commander's responsibility in flying safety will be emphasized in the 1960 flying safety program.

Other articles, not by-lined, are "Take a Second Look," and "My Conscience Speaks."

AACS Celebrates 21st Anniversary Monday

SCOTT AFB, Ill. — Next week, the Airways and Air Communications Service (AACS), a component of the Military Air Transport Service (MATS), celebrates its 21st anniversary.

AACS, or "Double-A" as it has come to be known, began operations on November 15, 1938, with 300 enlisted men and three officers manning its original network of 33 radio stations. Today, approximately 30,000 AACS-men serve in every part of the free world covered by the U.S. Air Force—from the hills of Korea to the desert sands of Saudia Arabia; from Thule, Greenland, to Antarctica.

As the mission of the Air Force is to fly air and space craft, the mission of AACS is to support this flying with communications, air traffic control, and flight services.

Under the command of Major General Daniel C. Doubleday, AACS consists of a headquarters at Scott AFB, Ill., and almost 300 subordinate units located in the United States and 38 foreign countries.

AACS is responsible for the U.S. Air Force Communications Complex (AIRCOM), the common long haul system which furnishes point-to-point and air-ground communications support of Air Force weapon systems, air operations, and related activities.

AIRCOM includes 33 major stations and many smaller ones. It fulfills the Air Force's overall communications requirements and is designed to be compatible with U. S. Army and Navy portions of the Armed Forces Integrated Communications network, as well.

"Messages" handled take several forms, including speech, teletype, logistic data, facsimile, and CW (Morse Code), adding up to five billion words a year.

The other major AACS function is air traffic services—provided from control towers and radar centers at air terminals, and through air navigation aids enroute.

Whether the air traffic controllers are directing operations at a busy Strategic Air Command base or warding off boredom between arrivals and departures of aircraft on a lonely Pacific island, they are among the most alert men in the Air Force. Their procedures must be flawless; their thoughts far ahead of their actions. These men have logged more than 12 million takeoffs and landings in a single year.

The most dramatic and perhaps the most profitable AACS operation is an "Aircraft Save," where a "Double-A" facility or combination of facilities saves an aircraft which could not have otherwise landed successfully nor proceeded to an alternate base.

The weather closes in. A pilot—short of fuel and perhaps an engine out—calls for help. The Radar Approach Controller locates and guides him into position for Ground Controlled Approach, the familiar GCA. The GCA controller talks him down, his voice bearing evidence of his confidence. The pilot and crew, who a few minutes before were prepared for the worst, give thanks; the controller logs the landing and continues on watch.

To the pilot and crew, it was a near miracle; to the AACS controller, it was all in a day's work.

In the last fiscal year, 369 military and 28 civilian aircraft, valued at more than \$217,000,000, were "Saved." It is impossible, of course, to estimate the value of the lives involved.

This is a classic example of how AACS-men, world wide, 24 hours a day, continue to live their motto, "Dedicated to Service."

TIMES Spot News In Brief

RESERVATIONS NOW FOR OLYMPICS

If you're planning to attend the Olympics as other than a participant, you'd better get your tickets and housing reservations now. From all reports, Rome will be "busting out all over" when the Summer games are held in Italy, Sept. 11-25, 1960.

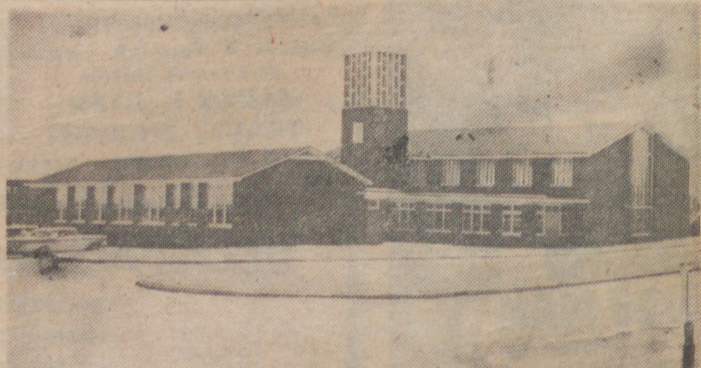
The air attache in Rome is advising Americans who will be visiting the city, either on official duty or on their own, to obtain reservations through the American Express Company. The company was designated by the Olympic Committee to handle ticket and housing reservations for this country.

STORY CONTEST IN FINAL JUDGING STAGE

Fifteen of the Air Force's best short stories are now being judged to determine the first five place winners. The winning stories and their authors will be announced in early December.

The five judges include Bennett Cerf, author and columnist; Jerome Beatty, Jr., of the Saturday Review magazine; Mr. Clay Blair, Jr., of the Saturday Evening Post; Mr. Pat Frank and Mrs. Nancy Hale, both well-known authors.

Top prize in the USAF Eighth Annual Short Story contest will be \$350.



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MOTIVATED—In the recent United Fund Drive, the Combat Defense Squadron compiled a total of 93 points out of a possible 100 for its contribution to the drive. This effort was in large part due to the outstanding performance of "D" Flight of CDS. This Flight, under the leadership of TSgt. Ezra Dougherty, not only had 100% participation, but 100% fair share as well. Total contribution of "D" Flight came to \$103.45.

SAC Sgt. Wins Eight Awards In Fish Show

OFFUTT AFB, Neb. (SAC PS)—MSgt. and Mrs. James Trout won eight awards in the Nebraska Aquarium Society's ninth annual Tropical Fish Exhibition. These included best of show and the grand championship trophy.

SAC Small Arms Teams Lauded

WASHINGTON, D.C. (SAC PS)—Gen. Thomas D. White, Air Force Chief of Staff, and Gen. Bruce C. Clarke, Commander of the U.S. Continental Army Command, have lauded SAC's teams for their outstanding performance and sportsmanship displayed in the National Pistol and Rifle Competition.

SACmen won the first-place trophies in both the iron-sight and any-sight expert classes in the rifle matches held at Camp Perry, Ohio, in August.

On the teams were Maj. Hulon L. Connally and Capt. Ben T. Kline, Chennault AFB, La.; Maj. Harold S. Bourgoins and MSgt. Patrick J. O'Dea, Castle AFB, Calif.; SMSgt. Stanley D. Reed, Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz.; and SSgt. Lewis E. Dorminey, Homestead AFB, Fla.

"Sophisticated Growth"—Boeing

McCOY AFB, Fla. (SAC PS)—Boeing Airplane Company officials refer to the seven continually improved models of SAC's B-52 eight-jet Stratofortress as five years of "sophisticated growth."

Climaxing the series is today's world-spanning B-52G "flying missile base," but Boeing emphasized that the B-52H weapon system will be even more deadly as tomorrow's deterrent force.

The B-52A was a 350,000-pound airplane with a range of 6,000 miles and a service ceiling of 50,000 feet. The gross weight of the B-52G is more than 480,000 pounds. It has flown more than 9,000 miles without refueling and has been up to 60,000 feet.

Next generation refinements for the intercontinental bomber are tailored for the B-52's role as the "natural bridge" between the era of the manned bomber and the advent of the fully operational mixed - missile - and - aircraft force of the future, Boeing engineers said.

Safety Awards Winners Named

WASHINGTON, D. C. (SAC PS)—Two SAC air divisions and a SAC bomb wing have been named as recipients of semi-annual US AF flying safety awards.

They are the 801st AD, Lockbourne AFB, Ohio, commanded by Brig. Gen. William E. Creer; the 57th AD, Westover AFB, Mass. commanded by Brig. Gen. John

Meyer; and the 303d BW, Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz., commanded by Col. William C. Bacon.

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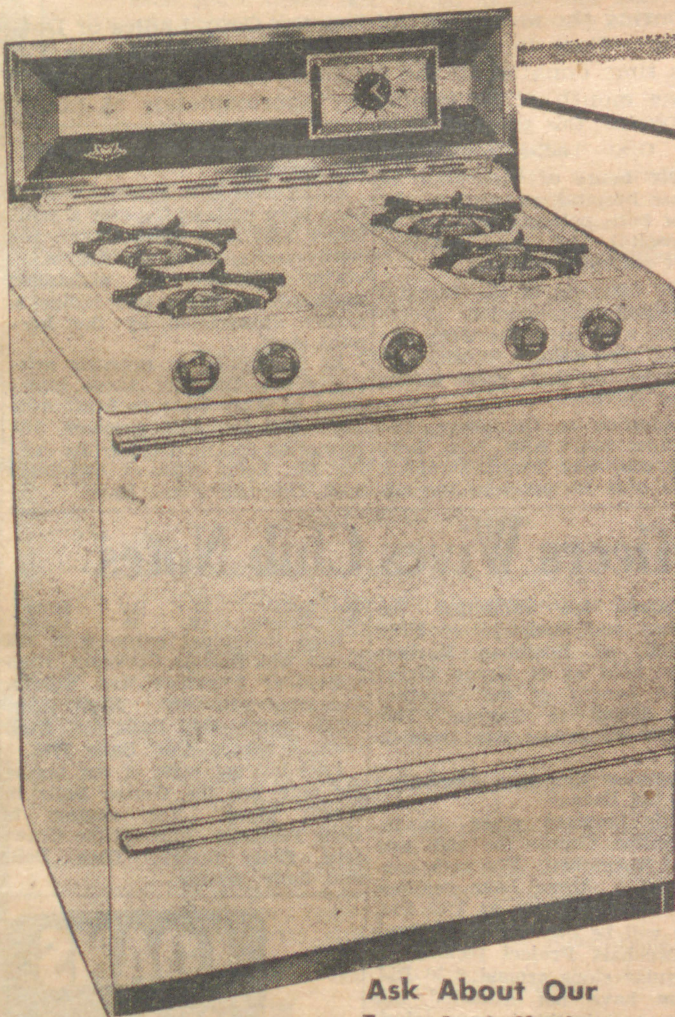
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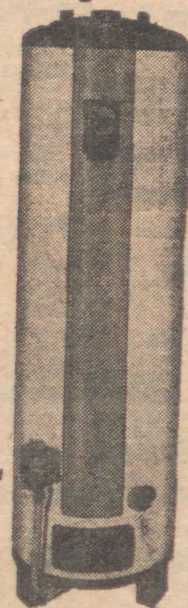
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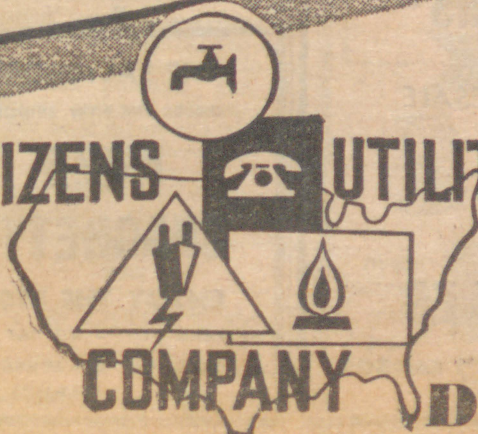
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Dow AFB Family News

Preteen Talk

By SANDRA ROWLAND

Hi Gang!
Didn't we have fun Friday night, and while I'm at it all you other kids in the 7th and 8th grades come on over and join our Pre-Teen Club, because we're having a wonderful time.

Last month we had dances, a Beatnik Party, and a Halloween party.

This month's schedule started off with a business meeting, and after the meeting we had a little dance. Come on over and we will have loads of fun.

Mrs. Blanchard, Mrs. Sipple, and Mr. Littlefield were chaperoning. Mr. Littlefield is our new Youth Director. Mrs. Blanchard, Mrs. Sipple, and Mrs. Darnold are our Advisors.

Coming Entertainment

Nov. 21—The boys will sponsor a party for the girls.

Nov. 28—The girls will sponsor a party for the girls.

Dec. 4—Regular Monthly Business Meeting.

Dec. 21—Christmas Dance—8:00 to 11:00 PM

Dress: Girls—Party Dresses

Boys—Suits or white shirts and ties.

Be seeing you Gang.

RC Director And Wife Welcomed To Dow AFB

A welcome coffee was given in the home of Mrs. George Carroll in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Witt, the Red Cross Field Director, who with his family recently arrived in Bangor from Aberdeen, Maryland.

The table was beautifully decorated and a centerpiece of red and white mums added a festive air to the occasion.

Attending the coffee were: Mrs. George Brough, Gray Lady chairman, Mrs. George Carroll, co-chairman, Mrs. William Crawford Mrs. James Hennigar, Mrs. Anthony Santostefane, Mrs. Harold Lathrop, Mrs. William Markie, and Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Wedgewood. Mrs. Wedgewood is our Gray Lady registrar and Mr. Wedgewood is the executive director of the Penobscot County Chapter of the American Red Cross.

Pouring for those attending was Mrs. Leon Witt.

Following the coffee a new program for Gray Ladies was discussed, along with a proposed mother and baby care clinic.

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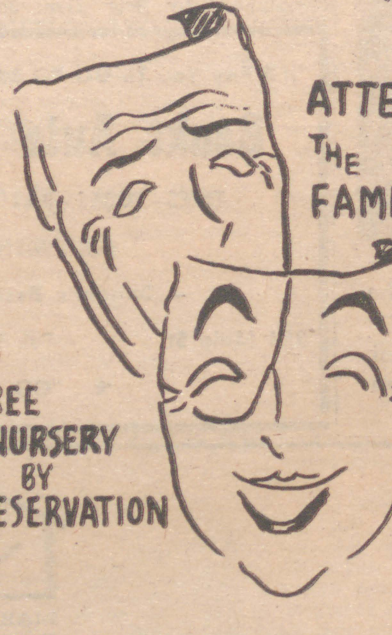
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4 Nov. 59
Son born to A-1C AND Mrs. Leo D. Lamontagne.

5 Nov. 59
Son born to 1st Lt. and Mrs. William A. Ward.

7 Nov. 59
Daughter born to SSgt. and Mrs. Jean P. Fraser.

8 Nov. 59
Daughter born to A-2C and Mrs. William Spain.

Daughter born to A-1C and Mrs. Harry L. Laird.

Red Cross Needs Volunteer Help
With more people to be served, more people are needed to serve them. This is the situation that faces the Red Cross which needs more volunteer workers to provide assistance to an expanding population.

Gray Ladies Top Own Score

During the month of October the Gray Ladies of Dow Air Force Base topped their impressive score of over 170 hours time donated to the assistant of the hospital staff for the month of September by approximately 55 hours.

In October, this group of eight active Gray Ladies contributed over 228 hours of their time to the base hospital, assisting in the care of both patients confined to the hospital, and those reporting for out patient treatment.

While assisting at the hospital and helping professional people with the work load, the Gray Ladies are also gaining proficiency, and increasing their value to the medical service.

In addition to the above, two Red Cross Staff Aids, Mrs. Jules Cahane, and Mrs. Frank Dunham, worked over 20 hours in the ad-

ministrative area of the out patient service.

Major and Mrs. Frank Dunham have been with us for over a year. Major and Mrs. Jules Cahane recently arrived from the Azores.

The administrative assistance rendered by these two ladies is highly appreciated by the hospital staff.

As mentioned in previous articles for publication, those interested in Gray Lady or Staff Aide work will be most welcome. Information can be obtained by calling Mr. Leon Witt, at Extension 2257, Dow Air Force Base.

Officers Wives Club Notes

A silver tea exhibiting the Paintings and Sculpture of Fred Rockwell, of Boothbay Harbor, will be held at 44 Grove Street for the benefit of the Cerebral Palsy School in Bangor. This event is November 15th from 2-6 PM.

Remember this date—December 5th is the Bazaar.

Family Services plans an indoctrination Course the 16th and 18th of November. For your convenience 2 three hour sessions are planned to begin at 7:00 PM. There will be bus service through the Capehart Project picking up at regular stops around 6:30 PM. If you have not attended this course recently this is your golden opportunity to do so.

Family Services needs you! Here are more girls that are FS volunteers: Lois Groerer, Donna Klipple, Jan Tiffany, Nell Walker, Betty Curran, Tess Ingraham, Sally Everet, Nancy Wright, Fay Simmons and Mary Ann Lane. Won't you join next week's list?

Here are the bowling results:

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Club Notes

By MARIE CULLY

Hail, hail the gang's all here. Terrific turn-out for the election, at one count there were eighty-six attending, anyone arrive after me?

Congratulations to our new officers: Barbara Morey, President; Earline Rowe, first vice. Carol Dodson, second vice. Margaret Johnson, secretary; Colleen Zelenka, treasurer; Francis Reddick, alternate treasurer. And, last but not least, those two gals we couldn't do without, Emily Maxwell, first member at large, and Alice Reynolds, second member at large.

We have some new members. Hello there Winnie Fustos, Rosetta Scagliarini, Monique Daniel, Lois Crothison, June Beal, Celeste March, and Theresa Montoya.

Guests present were: Polly Silliman, Eleanore Phillips, Eunice Heichut, Isabel McLelland, Verrie Vogel.

On our "Operation Snowball"

membership drive, we find a thirty-three and one-third per cent increase in membership. Good going girls. That ends the contest, but as yet, there are no more details on the coast-to-coast contest.

The kiddies Sunday afternoon game sessions are going wonderfully, the small-fry tell me they are having a grand time. Send 'em on up the first and third Sunday afternoons, turn 'em loose and let 'em enjoy themselves while you sit back with a cup of hot coffee and enjoy your new found freedom. (Starts at two P.M.)

The nineteenth is installation of officers. Don't miss it, there's luncheon before the installation and I've been self appointed to empty all the punch bowls. Looks like a grand time, and speaking of grand times, there's one of those dinner-dances coming up the twenty-eighth. That's the Saturday after Thanksgiving. If the old man's too tired to come after chasing deer all day, bring him along anyway, we'll have a corner reserved for the hunters.



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GRADUATION—Members of the OJT Administrator Course which graduated last Friday. The classes are conducted by TSgt. Kenneth Balsley, OJT Administrator Supervisor with ATC. A class is graduated every two weeks. Members of this class are (l to r) front row: TSgt. Balsley, instructor, A/1c Ronald Jodon, Kenneth Tauriainen, A/1c William Heffelfinger, SSgt. Joseph Dostie, SSgt. Kenneth Tate, Lt. Guy Bentivenga, presenting officer. Back row (l to r): SSgt. Wayne Jones, SSgt. Ronert McCarthy, TSgt. Archie Fairbrother, MSgt. Joseph Leonard, SSgt. Howard Heino, MSgt. Norbert Warren.

SAC Sportsmen Urged To Develop Safe Gun Habits

HQ. SAC (SAC PS) — The command's nimrods are again busily prowling the woods and fields of the world in quest of small and big game.

What worries SAC's safety officers is the possibility that their bag may be the biggest game of all man.

Two SACmen died of gunshot wounds in hunting accidents last year and 44 were injured. Unless every SACman who takes to the woods with a gun is extremely careful this year these figures may be repeated, for interest in hunting is at an all-time high.

Hunting can be a lot of fun if it is treated as a deadly serious sport. There are things the hunter must know and do before he even reaches for a gun. He

must know that gun and practice firearms safety.

According to Captain James R. Glaze, Base Safety Officer, so far this year five Maine hunters have been fatally wounded. All of these civilians, no Dow personnel involved. However, he says that this is no reason to relax on hunting safety and suggests strict adherence to the Do's and Don'ts listed below.

Always treat any gun as if it were loaded.

Carry only an empty gun, taken down or with the action open, into an automobile, camp or house.

Always be sure the barrel and action are clear of obstructions.

Never point a gun at anything you don't intend to shoot. Never leave a gun unattended unless you unload it first. Never climb a tree or cross a fence with a loaded gun.

Never shoot at a flat, hard surface or at the surface of water.

Always carry your gun so you can control the direction of the muzzle, even if you stumble.

Keep the safety on until you are ready to shoot.

Don't drink and hunt.

Observe these precautions and you have nothing to fear but other hunters.

You're Air Force. Salute smartly, be proud.

Sparkey Sez



Myrna Fahey
"Miss Spark Plug"

Here we are again and plugs — have I got good news for you this week.

PLUGS — We now have a MISS SPARKPLUG. In the immediate future you will be seeing her pictures around the squadron and hearing her name around the base. MISS MYRNA FAHEY, a 20th Century Fox starlet in Hollywood and a resident of my home town here in Maine has graciously agreed to become our own MISS SPARKPLUG. It has been the opinion of Sparkey that we need something for our Squadron to call their own — so MISS SPARKPLUG was born, cultivated and the idea grew from a wish to a realization.

Miss Fahey, who has performed in several television shows and is now starring in "The Story On Page One" with Tony Franciosa has given her approval and wishes to the squadron and she is, from this day on, our own little "MISS SPARKPLUG". She is planning on coming to visit us here in the Squadron on her next trip home, which we shall earnestly wait for. More about Myrna later.

CONGRATULATIONS are in store for MSgt Davis, TSgt Ferro, A1c Taylor, A2c Stinson, Sharp and Eck and A3c Runyan and Stuck who have celebrated their birthday in the past week.

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Command Choirs Preparing For AF Singing Contest

HQ. SAC (SAC PS)—Instructions have been sent to the field for SAC's chapel choirs to prepare for the Air Forces fifth annual Chapel Choir Contest.

Each choir participating will tape-record two musical numbers, one "required" and one optional, and forward them through channels to division and numbered air force chaplain divisions.

According to Chaplain (Capt.) Norman G. Folkers, Base Chaplain, music to be used in the contest has been ordered and the Protestant Choir will enter the contest. The base does not at the moment have a Catholic Choir.

The numbered air forces, 1st Missile Division, and 7th Air Division will forward their three best entries to SAC by May 1, 1960. Third Air Division, which has only one base, will submit its entries

directly to SAC.

Both Catholic and Protestant choirs from each SAC base may enter the contest.

FAA Inspectors Fly Jet Tankers

CASTLE AFB, Calif. (SAC PS) —Federal Aviation Agency flight operations inspectors are being trained here in the Strategic Air Command's 11-week proficiency course on the KC-135 jet tanker, the Air Force's version of the Boeing 707.

FAA administrator E. R. Quesada, who has been through the Air Force school himself, termed it "the world's most thorough and professional jet school in existence."

When the FAA inspectors graduate, they receive further specialized training in the new commercial jet transports that are being put into operation by the various airlines.

The KC-135 course covers about six weeks of ground school and five weeks of flying instruction. The training will help the FAA graduates to better evaluate the competency of commercial jet pilots as well as provide invaluable training in the over-all operational problems associated with jet aviation.

The FAA sends inspectors to the school in teams of two. The first team entered April 29, and to date 14 inspectors have completed training.

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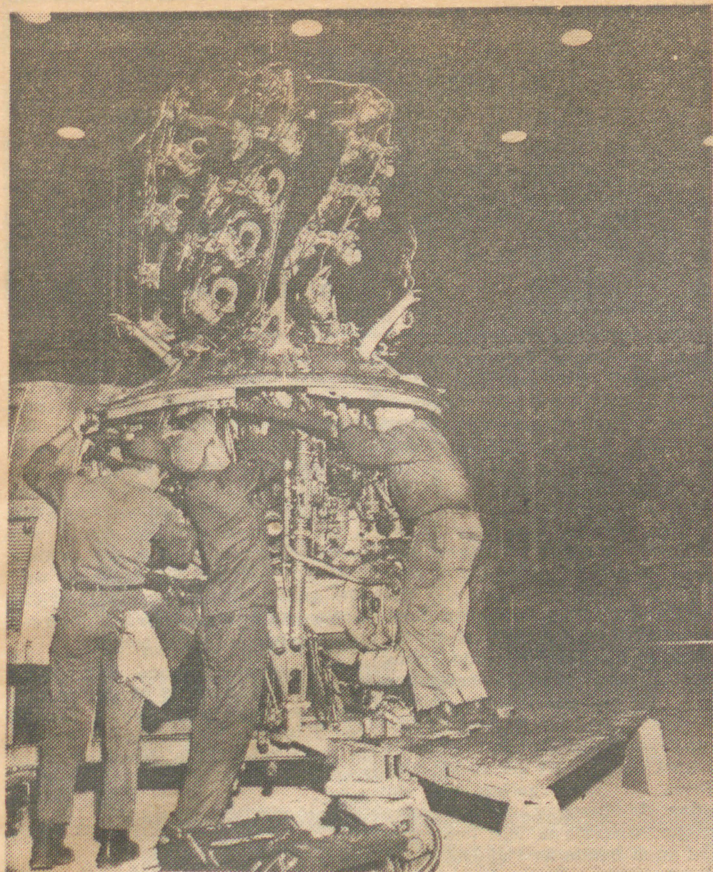
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TOWER OF POWER — Since October 19th the FMS Engine Build-up shop has built and test run 11 R4360-59 engines to establish a new two-week record for production at Dow AFB. If parts continue to flow in another five will be completed this week for a total of 16 engines in 15 working days. Considering the engine build-up section is only 61% manned, the record number of engines built up is an even greater achievement.

Black Belt Judo Rankings Awarded SACmen In Tokyo

HQ. SAC (SAC PS) — Black belt judo rankings have been awarded to a pair of SACmen and a former member of the command by the Kodokan Judo Institute of Tokyo.

Mel Bruno, SAC physical conditioning supervisor and president of the USAF Judo Association, said first degree black belts and diplomas have been presented to Col. Carmen A. Peterson, executive to the SAC surgeon, and Joseph Owens, SAC recreation supervisor.

A belt and diploma are being mailed to Major Howard W. Blank, former chief of SAC special services who has been reassigned to Wiesbaden, Germany.

A second degree black belt — which is one grade higher than first degree — and diploma are being sent to Carl A. Kitt, Air Force Academy wrestling and judo coach.

Col. Peterson's and Mr. Kitt's awards are for active participation in judo and Mr. Owens' and Major Blank's are for their outstanding work in building sport judo competition throughout the Strategic Air Command.

Mr. Bruno said more than 140 SACmen are holders of the coveted black belt. Gen. Thomas S. Power, SAC Commander in Chief, holds a third degree black belt (for active participation in judo), which is one of the highest in the command.

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SACmen Are Honored In Combat Crew

HQ. SAC (SAC PS) — A Schilling AFB, Kan., major and a Lockbourne AFB, Ohio, staff sergeant have been singled out for honors in the November edition of COMBAT CREW.

The command's flying safety magazine names Maj. John H. Adams, SAC Flying Safety Officer of the Month and SSgt. Ronald R. Day, SAC Maintenance Man of the Month.

Major Adams is a member of Schilling's 40th Bomb Wing and Sergeant Day is assigned to Lockbourne's 376th Bomb Wing.

Is MATS Really Necessary November Airman Has Answer

by
MSGT. FRANK J. CLIFFORD
(AFNS) For years the Military Air Transport Service has been under a running attack from many quarters. Some people sincerely doubt its value, others snipe at it in malice, and only a few laymen really know the breadth and scope of MATS operations.

"Is MATS really necessary?" No less an authority than the MATS commander, Lt. Gen. William H. Tunner asks the question and then supplies the answer in the lead article in the November issue of "The Airman", official journal of the Air Force.

This is a fascinating guided tour of MATS and, for novice and pro alike, it is an eye-opener. In addition, it is written in an engaging soundness of the facts. Worth keeping as a ready reference.

Following General Tunner's article are three exciting adventure stories of the Air Force in action, in war and peace.

"Eighteen Against the Elements", by SMSgt. Hal Bamford, tells how the Air Rescue Service recently saved a group of sportsmen from certain death. "Survival off Namazu," a human-inter-

est story from Japan, tells how to survive a crash at sea; "Attack on Wewak" is a thrilling story about an Air Force Medal of Honor winner who was killed in the South Pacific during World War II.

Elsewhere in "The Airman" is an article on family housing, a Christmas story about a Spanish youth, and a pro and con discussion of isolated duty stations.

The cover features a formation of C-133 A "Cargomasters".

"Launch Atlas In 15 Minutes" — General Wade

LEWISTON, Idaho (SAC PS) — "Our Atlas squadron at Vandenberg (AFB, Calif.) is integrated into SAC's emergency war plan and will be able to launch within 15 minutes notification."

This statement was made by Maj. Gen. David Wade, commander of SAC's 1st Missile Division, in an address to the Inland Empire Waterways Association here on Nov. 3.

The general reminded the association members that on Sept. 9 SAC conducted the first operational launch of the Atlas intercontinental ballistic missile.

Less than 30 minutes after that missile lifted off the pad, General Wade stated, its reentry vehicle struck within the planned impact area near Wake Island.

"In that exercise the Atlas and the members of its launch crew more than fulfilled SAC's expectations and requirements," he said.

Effective on 1 October, the Information Services Function was redesignated by deleting the word "Services". All reference to the Information Function and the personnel assigned thereto will omit the word Services; i. e. Office Of Information, Information Officer etc. The symbol will be 10. This change was directed by the department of the air force.

Highlights From Supply Squadron

HIGHLIGHTS FROM SUPPL

The personnel of the Supply Squadron welcome the following personnel to the squadron and may your tour of duty be a pleasant one. SSgt Robert E. Cole, SSgt Carl D. Mongold, SSgt Eugene D. Watson, A-1C Barry P. Settle, A-1C Oliver W. Walton, and A-2C Joseph F. Thomas.

SPORTS NEWS: The Deputy Commander for Materiel Bowling League is rolling along smoothly with all teams in close competition. There is still a fight for first place with Sullivan Ford just a few pins out in front and Merrill Transport close on their heels. It is only the start of the season, Bowlers, so any team may win. High Bowlers in the league are: Capt. Hall, MSgt. Hively, TSgt. Gartman, SSgt. Toplis, and A-1C Lyons.

At the present time, the squadron has a bowling team entered in the Base Intramural League. Anyone desiring to bowl in this league please contact A-1C Lyons at 2293.

The Supply Squadron basketball team had its first official practice last Tuesday night. Twenty-two men came out for the team.

IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM: On-The-Job training has become one of the greatest assets to the Air Force today. Without it, in its proper form, we would certainly lose most, if not all the proficiency gained in our numerous fields of duty. It is imperative that every supervisor respond to this program and prepare our lower grade airmen of today to be well qualified supervisors and leaders of tomorrow. Let's get behind this program and improve our ability to meet our mission requirements. OJT is every airman's responsibility.

Credit Union Holds Conference

HQ. SAC (SAC PS) — Col. Albert L. Pearl, SAC's director of comptroller, was guest speaker during the Credit Union National Association Conference at the University of Wisconsin in early November.

The conference, which was the first of its kind, was attended by 75 representatives of the Army, Navy and Air Force. General problems were discussed with the intent of improving credit union service to military personnel.

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live." Wayne sees his chance to save his job and his failing marriage to Betsy Palmer. Just before the broadcast, one of Muni's patients, a juvenile delinquent suffering from a brain tumor, needs Muni's help. The doctor, The Last Angry Man, suffers a heart attack while going to the help of his patient. Family. Drama.

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WEDNESDAY

"ROONEY" Starring John Grogan, Muriel Pavlow and Barry Fitzgerald.

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Frank Littlefield

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Mr. Frank Littlefield of Orono recently assumed the position as the Youth Activities Director at Dow.

The young director is a senior at the University of Maine and he is majoring in physical education and recreation. Although young in the field, this isn't his first try at his new position, as he has been doing it now for quite some time during the summer months in which he was not attending school.

While serving with the USAF, Mr. Littlefield, married the former Betsy Lay of Greenville, South Carolina. They are presently living at Orono.

Like Father, Like Son;
Both Photo Champs

Robert B. Zeisloft, 13 year old son of MSgt and Mrs. Mrs. Norman Z. Zeisloft, shows every sign of following in the footsteps of his photographer father. Young Zeisloft recently won second prize in the youth's class of the Japan with his picture of Japanese boys shopping for fishing equipment.

MSgt Zeisloft was first place winner in the portrait class of the portrait class of the black and white group in the 8th Interservice Photography Contest held last summer. He and his family now reside at Hunter AFB, Ga.

Electrical Systems Under Study
How to devise aircraft electrical systems that work as surely as the flip of the light switch in the house will occupy the attention of many experts at the 43rd Air Force-Aircraft Industry Conference in Palm Springs, CALIF., Nov. 17-19.

Electrical system design deficiencies and failures continue to account for a number of aircraft accidents, according to flight experts. The conference will attempt to determine the scope and extent of these deficiencies and arrive at methods designed to solve the problems.

(60) slots in FY '60, there is at present no plan to do so, Headquarters officials said.

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By S/SGT ART RAMALHO



Have you been to the Service Club lately? Well, if you have, you know all about the fabulous new P. A. & recording system that has been installed. Now rather than have to check out the recorder you may have your favorite records played for you over this new system. In a very short time, the records we have purchased should be playing for your listening pleasure. So if this sounds good to you, come on down and catch the new sides of Davis, The Messengers, J&K, and many more of your favorite recording stars. If we don't have a record you would like to hear, come in and let us know and we'll do our best to try and get it for you.

Never to be forgotten are the regular Wednesday night dance sessions, where you will hear music of such bands as Nat Diamond, Sammy Saliba, Steve Gould Dixielanders, Paul Dinsmore, and others will be appearing on our stage in the very near future.

The Service Club Staff is happy to announce a new look on its regular games. For those of you who attended the regular games last Monday, this will be old news but for those of you who did not, you will find that the new regular games consists of many new

fabulous prizes such items as: luggage, automatic coffeemakers, car robes, clocks, radios, and many more items will be for the lucky winners. Also as usual will be the two large jackpots, but the regular jackpot of \$100 has been increased to the amount of \$150. A lot of you will ask about the price of the cards, as to whether they will remain the same or not. The answer is very simple, prices will remain the same as before—1-25 cents or 3-50 cents.

The regular games are every Monday night at 8:00 p. m. so come on down, who knows, maybe you'll be one of the lucky people to walk off with a fabulous prize and even one of the large jackpots.

The schedule for the next week is as follows:

14, November, 59—1:30 p.m., Pool Tournament

15, November, 59—9:00, Coffee Call; 1:00, Hobby Shop; 5:30, Bridge Class; 1:00, Jam Session

16, November, 59—8:00, Regular Games Night

17, November, 59—1:00, Ladies Ceramics; 6:00, Accordion Instruction; 6:00, Copper Enameling; 8:30, Dance Instruction

18, November, 59—8:00, Dance to Nat Diamond; 6:00, Hobby Shop

19, November, 59—6:00, Hobby Shop

20, November, 59—6:00, Hobby Shop, Photo Lab

NCO Role Is Described
In Revised Regulation

(AFNS) Another piece of the Air Force Quality Control Program was fitted into place with Oct. 30 publication of revised Air Force Regulation 39-6, "Responsibility of Noncommissioned Officers."

Starting with the clear-cut statement that a commissioned officer is an officer other than a commissioned or warrant officer, the regulation further defines an NCO as an airman in the grade of SSgt, TSgt, MSgt, SMSgt, or CMSgt.

This seemingly obvious statement sets the stage for three important provisions in the regulation:

NCOs must be delegated all authority necessary to exercise leadership responsibilities.

They will be provided the advantages and privileges commensurate with their responsibilities.

They normally will not be assigned duties or details that will compromise their positions as leaders.

The regulation said that NCOs have a continuing responsibility, both on and off duty, to maintain good order and discipline, and for the immediate correction of conduct that might embarrass or discredit the Air Force.

Spelled out precisely for the first time are the responsibilities assigned to NCOs. They include:

Personal regard for the welfare of his subordinates through continuous observation and attention. Maintenance of high standards of food, clothing, and living quar-

ters assigned subordinates. Sanitation, health, and safety. Recreation and education. Impartial treatment of airmen under his control.

Fair and equitable use of passes and leaves.

Support of justified grievances of subordinates.

Wherever possible, assistance in the resolution of the personal problems of subordinates.

The regulation stated that NCOs who do not fulfill these responsibilities will be considered for demotion according to the procedure set down in AFR 39-30 (Administrative Demotion of Airmen).

He Likes
Sonic Boom

HQ. SAC (SAC PS)—When USAF jet aircraft crash the sound barrier, the resultant trail of sonic booms usually brings a flurry of protests to the nearest Air Force Base.

But not from Harvey Padgett of Portland, Ore. Said he, "I'd like for you to boom us more often. I feel a sense of security knowing that you're up there protecting us. Each time I hear one I refer to it as the ... security boom."



ART SHOW—Lt. John Malone III and A/2c Jack Ade, take time out for coffee during last week's art exhibit at the Dow Service Club. Many artistic works were submitted for public display during the showing. The abstract in the background was done by Capt. Felix Portelli.

Propay AFSC List Growing

It will be a merrier Christmas for thousands of Air Force members with the addition on Dec. 1 of 21 new AFSCs to the growing list of those authorized proficiency pay.

Joining the 94 presently authorized to receive an additional \$30 per month (P-1) are:

Airborne Weather Operator-25250; Airborne Weather Operator Technician-25270; Weather Observer-25251; Weather Observer Technician-25271-80; Weather Forecaster Specialist-25330; Weather Forecaster Technician-25370-80; Aircraft Radio Repairman-30150; Aircraft Radio Maintenance Tech-

nician-30170; Gunnery Trainer Specialist-34450; Gunnery Trainer Technician-34470;

Communications Machine Repairman 36350; Communications Machine Maintenance Supervisor-36370-80; Munitions Disposal Specialist-46131; Munitions Disposal Technician-46171-80; Accounting & Finance Specialist-67150; and Accounting and Finance Technician-67170-80.

About 11,735 airmen are believed eligible for the pay hike; 20,500 are presently on the pro-pay rolls.

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Seven Special Air Routes Established For SAC Use

HQ. SAC (SAC PS)—Establishment of seven special air routes within the United States for use by Strategic Air Command to carry out day and night, all-weather low-altitude training flights by B-47 and B-52 jet bombers has been announced by E. R. Quesada, Administrator, Federal Aviation Agency, and Gen. Thomas S. Power, Commander in Chief, Strategic Air Command.

The routes are 20 miles wide and vary in length up to 500 miles. SAC will start using the newly established routes for low-altitude missions Nov. 23.

The nearest one of these new air routes to Dow AFB will pass roughly 30 miles north of Bangor in an east west direction.

Both Mr. Quesada and General Power said that Operation "Oil Burner," code name for the SAC low-level missions, will provide accelerated operational training for the nation's primary striking force as well as the opportunity to apply new bombing techniques.

"The Oil Burner routes," Mr. Quesada said, "will be located for the most part over sparsely populated areas. They have been intentionally laid out to avoid congested population and airport centers to the maximum extent possible.

"They should have minimum impact on air carrier schedules and other civil air operations and create minimum inconvenience to the public in general.

"In the interest of safety," Mr. Quesada said, "altitudes of not

less than 1,000 feet have the highest point along the route will be maintained."

General Powers added, "Since the bombers will be flying at approximately 300 mph there will be no sonic boom resulting from these low-level missions to unduly annoy persons living in proximity of the routes."

SAC operations to be conducted over the new routes will consist of radar bomb runs over simulated targets throughout the country.

General Power stated that the new low-level routes will enable SAC to increase its all-weather combat crew proficiency and maintain its constant combat readiness.

Flight Physical Now Part Of Academy Entrance Exam

(AFNS) The Air Force last week (Oct. 10) authorized Air Force Academy candidates to receive a Class 1 (flying) type physical examination at the same time other entrance examinations were administered.

The move has a two-fold objective: streamlining the administrative process, and early notification of the candidate whether he is physically qualified for admission.

The new system will be inaugurated in the first testing cycle in January 1960 and will become a regular part of the procedure thereafter.

In the past, Academy hopefuls were administered the Air Force Officer Qualification Test (AFOQT) and the Physical Aptitude Test (PAE) but had to wait until the results of these tests were evaluated before going on

to take the physical.

Most of the administrative process is carried out by correspondence involving not only the candidate and the Academy, but also various intermediate agencies, such as the Chief of Staff and the Secretary of the Air Force. Delay was inevitable.

In the past this had led to some concern for the Air Force and financial and other loss to the candidate. In at least one case a young man turned down a scholarship to a private school on the strength of his being a "principal" nominee and had passed his AFOQT and PAE exams, only to fail the flying physical.

Wrapping up all three examinations in one package will speed up reporting and enable candidates to make appropriate plans in the event of failure to qualify for the Academy. Benefiting also will be the Academy Registrar, who will be able to adjust his class rosters more accurately, and appointment officials such as Congressmen.

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Vandenberg's Space Age Role Greatly Enlarged

VANDENBERG AFB, Calif. (SAC PS) — The establishment of the USAF's responsibility for the development and launching of military space boosters greatly enlarges the role which Vandenberg will play in this program.

These were the words of Maj. Gen. David Wade, 1st Missile Division commander, in an early November press release.

"Vandenberg's role in space will go far beyond the attainment of an operational and training capability in the ballistic missile field," the general pointed out.

In addition to the Atlas, Titan and Minuteman ballistic missile programs, he said, "Vandenberg will also support the Air Research and Development Command's research and development activity for the Discoverer, Samos and Midas projects."

The Air Force Ballistic Missile Division, ARDC, is responsible for the conduct of the satellite development programs at Vandenberg while SAC has been assigned as the executive agency for the conduct of the operational ballistic missile program.

Launch facilities being built at Point Arguello by the U. S. Navy, acting as the construction agent for the Air Force Ballistic Missile Division, are scheduled for use in the Air Force space programs.

Close liaison with the Pacific Missile Range will continue as in

the past, the general said, and this relationship will contribute to a more effective missile and satellite program.

He emphasized that Vandenberg's primary effort will be directed toward the ballistic missile program.

AF Sentry Dog Is Again Lauded

BIGGS AFB, Tex. (SAC PS)—Bomber, the sentry dog that took a rattlesnake bite in the head in defending his handler, has become one of the most celebrated dog heroes of his day.

The two-year-old German shepherd received the Canine "Medal of Courage" in formal ceremonies here recently and is scheduled to receive Ken-L-Ration's Dog Hero Award.

Col. S. E. Manzo, 810th Air Division commander, presented an oversized medal to A-3c Edgar A. Rapp, whom Bomber had saved from the snake.

Rapp in turn, placed the medal around Bomber's neck and an assembly of 23 sentry dogs and handlers passed in formal review.

The citation accompanying Bomber's medal read in part: "... for heroism involving voluntary risk of life in the face of an armed, natural enemy.

"When a poisonous rattlesnake struck at his handler, Bomber deliberately placed himself between snake and man, taking the full effect of the deadly venom to preserve the safety and well-being of Airman Rapp.

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On Monday our Commandant, Lt. Col. David G. Bellemere left for jet training school in Texas. Major John C. Antonik assumed Command from Tuesday to Thursday then Captain James R. Glaze took over until the return of Col. Bellemere. We wish the Colonel success, hello and good luck to Major Antonik and welcome to Captain Glaze. Whew! I guess that takes care of all.

Sergeant Crawford has returned. Welcome home Sarge. Shiny shoes, Cap bill, uniform pressed wha happen! Same old Crawford.

Look at that bowling team go, go, go, and I mean like go. No competition fellas, sorry. Basketball like some ol' some o. Boy this headquarters is like rough this year. Meet a beatnik like last week very interesting like very interesting.

Our Air Police were busy last week traveling to Seal Cove and Bingham on sad missions. Long hours and hard work do not go unrecognized men. Credit and appreciation is in order. Hope your next trip is not so tragic.

Our wrecking crew was hard at it last week and we have employed not a new type of tool but a different one. This was Post office door breaking week. Only difference was that payment will be made for repairs both ways. Cere la guerre men cere la guerre. Drive Carefully one mishap is enough this year. Name withheld.

See Capt. Kennaisty's young fella is resting up after a terrific football season at Bapst. Congratulations Capt.

Effective on 1 October, the Information Services Function was redesignated by deleting the word "Services". All reference to the Information Function and the personnel assigned thereto will omit the word Services; i. e. Office Of Information, Information Officer etc. The symbol will be 10. This change was directed by the department of the air force.

Bowling Is Favorite SAC Sport

HQ. SAC (SAC PS)—For a cup of coffee (and the loser "goes"), what is the favorite sport in the Strategic Air Command?

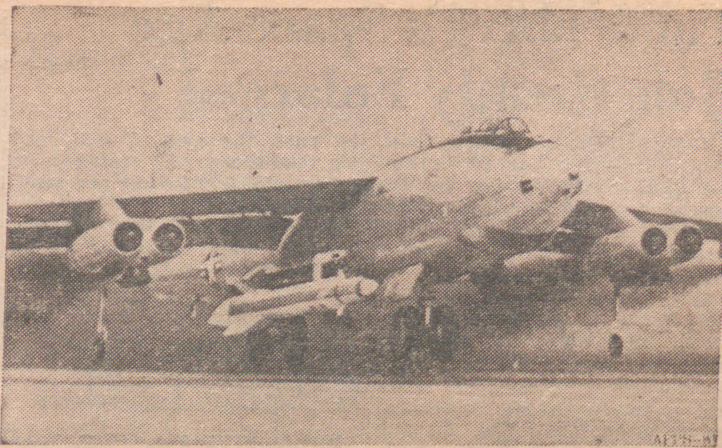
If you answered baseball, golf, or anything besides bowling, you lose. According to figures compiled by the Personnel Services Division here, command interest in bowling far out-strips any other sport. Last year 16,708 SACmen in 306 different leagues bowled 611,484 games.

Since the official opening of Dow's recently completed bowling alley approximately 175 Dow men and their dependents utilize the alley each day.

The second most active sport is softball: 11,911 SACmen played a total of 10,697 softball games in 93 leagues.

During 1959 the SAS sports program featured extensive participation in the following activities: baseball, basketball, bowling, golf, judo, softball, swimming and diving, tennis, track and field, touch football, volleyball, and other minor sports. In all sports, 58,188 players engaged in 656,528 games in 645 different leagues.

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MISSILE-PACKIN' MAMA—A B-47 jet bomber takes off with a new two-stage research and development missile that was launched over Cape Canaveral, Fla., on Oct. 13. This is the first published photograph of the missile, built by the Martin Co., which sailed into the sky near the Explorer VI satellite orbit.

AF To Cut 8,000 Men By End Of June 1960

(AFNS) The Air Force will cut 8,000 men from its military strength within the next eight months, reducing its military manpower level to 825,000 by June 30, 1960.

Under the present plans, this calls for a cut of 2,574 officers and 163 warrant officers from current strength figures. Number of airmen will be reduced by 6,162.

It is expected that most of the reduction will be taken care of by a cutback in procurement and a stepped-up early release (discharge) program, as well as by normal attrition. Adjustments will have to be made to allow for the addition of 301 aviation cadets an aviation students, and 431 more USAF Academy cadets during the same period.

Originally, the Air Force expected to have a total force of 845,000 men at the close of the current fiscal year.

The cut, announced by Secretary of the Air Force James H. Douglas, was prompted by the need to stay within the budget. According to Mr. Douglas, the

manpower reduction will enable the Air Force to direct funds into missile, aircraft and other defense systems.

As of Sept. 30, 1959, the Air Force military strength was 833,167. Officers numbered 127,164; warrant officers, 4,273. The airman strength came to 697,592. Aviation cadets and AF Academy cadets numbered over 4,000.

The officer - airman strength has been tentatively programmed on the basis of the officer strength being 15.6 per cent of the total military force. Thus, 128,700—or 15.6 per cent — will be officers, based on the 825,000 force structure.

The officer limitation, set by the Office of the Secretary of Defense, was 15.6 at the beginning of the fiscal year. However, the figure had been reduced to 15.4 per cent, and figuring on the originally programmed 845,000 military force, this would have allowed an officer strength of 130,130. But based on the 825,000 figure, 15.4 per cent would slice officer strength to 127,050, a number considered less than desirable by the Air Force.

A request to raise the officer limitation to 15.6 per cent once again is now before the Secretary of Defense for his approval.

The reduction of forces, to take place between now and June 30, 1960, will not be disruptive, according to the Headquarters officials. They point to the fact that the trend in the past year has been steadily downward. For the first quarter of fiscal year (July-Aug.-Sept.), the military strength decreased by 7,268.

Gen. Bedwell Speaks To SAC Surgeons

HQ. SAC (SAC PS) — A constantly improving medical service in keeping with SAC's concepts of operations and the challenges of the missile and space age were the keynotes of the recent staff surgeons' conference here.

Brig. Gen. Theodore C. Bedwell Jr., SAC staff surgeon, emphasized to the subordinate command surgeons the importance of:

Establishing an appointment system to insure that military personnel and their dependents receive high quality medical care on an out-patient basis.

Maintaining the highest standards of medical support in hospital operations.

General Bedwell said the conference should result in better medical operations, plus improvements in SAC's training programs for coping with nuclear accidents, operations under enemy attack, and the long-range requirement for the accomplishment of preventive, aviation, and occupational medical support for the SAC mission.

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Commands' Help Sought As Olympic Talent Hunt Opens

(AFNS) The Air Force intends to be "well-represented" on the U. S. Olympic team for the Summer Games, Sept. 11-25, 1960, to be held in Rome, Italy.

First step was taken this week as the word went out from Headquarters for the major commands not to overlook potential Olympic material.

The events listed for next year's XVII Olympiad include basketball, boxing, cycling, equestrian, field hockey, fencing and gymnastics. Also the modern pentathlon, rowing, pistol and rifle shooting, soccer, swimming and diving.

Other sports will be track and field, water polo, weightlifting, yachting and canoeing.

Commands are being told to offer every assistance possible to eligible athletes. Application forms will be made available to Air Force members and these will be forwarded, when completed, through usual channels to Hq USAF, Attn: Personnel Services Division, AFPMP-12-A, Washington 25, D. C.

It emphasizing the importance

of the international competition, Hq USAF is telling the major commands that participation in such contests is in line with Defense Department policy, authorized by Public Law 11, 84th Congress.

Date and place of training for each sport will be announced soon by the Special Services office. Potential candidates will then be given the specialized training preliminary to the Olympic trials.

The commands are also being given time "yardsticks" by which to measure performances in swimming, track and field and the modern pentathlon. The qualifying times set by Headquarters will be used to determine those candidates who can profit from the further specialized training.

In team sports, such as basketball, individuals will be picked on the basis of previous records and also by tryouts.

A model form for requesting training can be found as attachment 1 to AFR 34-47.

In the 1956 summer and winter Olympic Games, the Air Force had 30 athletes entered in the various events. Five other Air Force men played in the baseball exhibition games held in Australia, and others served as managers and coaches for the U. S. Olympic Team.

S And C Club To Hold Dinner

Members of the Square and Compass Club at Dow will hold a dinner at the NCO Club Friday, November 20th at 7 p. m. The dinner is being held in appreciation of the members wives, who, in the past have graciously provided Pot Luck Suppers at monthly meetings.

Arrangements for a guest speaker are being made by Mr. Howard Mendenhall from 8 until 9 p. m.

Dance music will be furnished by Daly Whitney's Maine Bearcats from 9 p. m. until 1 a. m.

All members desiring to attend may purchase tickets from TSgt Fred Austin in Base Personnel or from Mr. Howard Mendenhall. All tickets must be purchased by November 17th. This requirement is necessary so as to inform the club custodian of the kind of dinner you desire before hand, so that appropriate plans may be met.

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