

## Go To Church Sunday Oct. 11

By proclamation of General Thomas S. Power, SAC's commander-in-chief, this Sunday, October 11, will be observed throughout the Command as "Go-to-Church Sunday." In a recent letter to all SAC commanders designating the observance, the General urged that a maximum effort be made by SAC people and their families to attend religious services on this day.

Local observance of the day will focus base attention on the new brick "Chapel-on-the-Hill." According to Base Chaplain Norman G. Folkers, the regular Sunday schedule of worship services will be observed, with several special features. Catholic Masses in the Chapel are conducted at 8:30 a.m. and 12 noon, with the Protestant Worship Service at 10:45 a.m.

All base organizations have been invited to bring their unit guidons to the Chapel for appropriate display. The squadrons have also been urged to organized groups of Chapel-goers to sit together in the services.

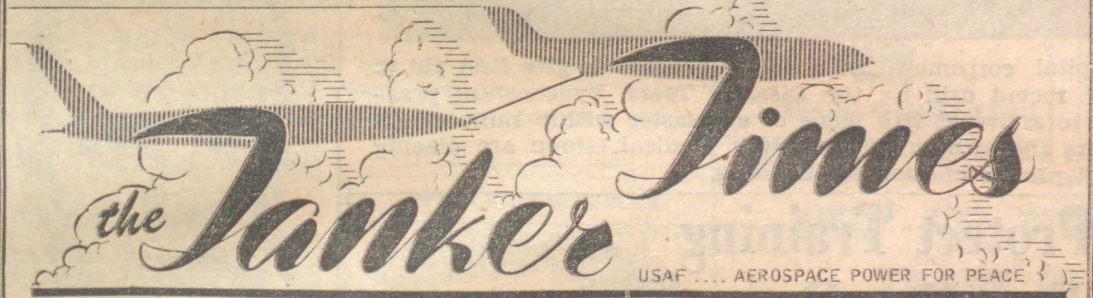
This special emphasis on church attendance is not confined to the Base Chapel alone, according to Chaplain Folkers. "Many of our people regularly attend the services of various churches in the community. That's where they belong. Others live very close to civilian churches and can attend them most conveniently. We urge them to do so," the chaplain said. He added the suggestion that Dow people attending church in town this weekend wear their uniforms so they can be recognized.

Jewish personnel and their families have been urged to attend the Sabbath services, traditionally conducted on Friday evening and Saturday.



**DOW TOPS IN OJT**—Shown with the 820th Air Division Quarterly OJT awards for April, May and June, 1959, are the personnel primarily responsible for Dow's winning them—the squadron OJT officers and NCO's. The OJT awards are presented each quarter by the 820th Air Division to both the Combat Support Group and Wing attaining the highest OJT effectiveness rating. The 4060th Air Refueling Wing and 4060th Combat Support Group walked off with the awards with scores of 100% and 94% respectively.

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## Dow Remains Tops In OJT

Through the efforts of Dow's squadron OJT officers and NCO's, this base rose to the top position during April, May and June in the Eighth Air Force OJT program.

Dow continued at the top of the ladder during July by again having the highest OJT rate in Eighth. In connection with this outstanding achievement, the following letter has been received from Brig. Gen. Perry M. Hoisington, II, Commander of the 820th Air Division.

It was a real pleasure to note the outstanding progress you have recently made in your OJT program. As reflected in the Special OJT Achievement Report published by Eighth Air Force in July, you advanced from a position from the lower third of the pack to the point that you were "tops" in 8th Air Force during the month of July.

My congratulations to you and your people. Let's keep up the good work that you proved you are capable of in July. A little extra effort in this area will pay-off in not only the OJT Ball Game but will provide us with the skilled people to make our overall job easier. In fact, I feel that the OJT Program is one of our most important tasks in that it is only through this program that we are able to maintain our combat readiness. In view of the importance attached to this program, I would like for this subject to be covered during my monthly Executive Control briefings.

PERRY M. HOISINGTON, II  
Brigadier General, USAF  
Commander  
820th Air Division



**RETIREMENT**—Retirement ceremonies were held recently at Dow for two Master Sergeants who have completed twenty years of service. The retirees were MSgt. Armondo Pacentine of the Armament And Electronics Squadron and MSgt. John Rafferty of OMS. Pictured above is Sgt. Pacentine as he receives his Certificate of Retirement from Col. Lawson C. Hornner, Jr., Vice Wing Commander.

## 341st Officer Is Promoted

Congratulations go to 1st Lt. Gordon Smith on the occasion of his promotion this past week. The best also goes to M-Sgt. and Mrs. Edward Netemeyer and to Lt. and Mrs. Laurence Downey on the birth of two fine babies this past week. The Netemeyers are the proud parents of a boy and the Downey's new arrival is a girl.

Last Monday, all the enlisted personnel of the Squadron fell out for a clothing check to determine if everyone had the required uniforms. Just about everybody was found to be ship-shape.

Last week Ale Stanley Spencer graduated from the N. C. O. Leadership School held here on base.

Watch soon for a very im-

portant questionnaire concerning the Squadron Education Program. In order to determine the education needs of Squadron personnel, the Education Officer is requesting everyone to pick up and fill out a questionnaire at the First Sergeant's desk if not received in Commanders Call.

The Aero Club is anticipating the arrival of a new float plane this week which will give members an opportunity to fly into many of Maine's lakes for fishing.

At the Officers' Club election last Friday afternoon two of the Squadron's officers were chosen to serve on the Board of Governors. They are Major Alexander, our Squadron Commander, and Lt. Farr.

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## Reenlistment Honor Roll

Six more Dowmen decided this week to continue the United States Air Force as a career as they signed their names to the lengthy Reenlistment Honor Roll. They were:

SMSgt. James R. Thrower, an Aircraft Maintenance Technical Supervisor with the Field Maintenance Squadron. A veteran of 22 years service, Sgt. Thrower reenlisted for four years. His home is in Milo, Maine.

MSgt. Edward C. Niedorowski, an Air Police Supervisor with the CDS. Sgt. Niedorowski hails from Chicago and is a veteran of more than 16 years of service. He reenlisted for four years.

MSgt. William S. Haney, a Fire Fighting Supervisor with Installations Sq. Sgt. Haney comes from Monohans, Texas, and has been in service for the past 17 years. He reenlisted for four years.

TSgt. Ezra W. Dougherty, an Air Police Supervisor with CDS. Sgt. Dougherty is from Nickersville, Va., and has a total of more than 14 years service. His latest enlistment is for four years.

A/IC James Eskdale, a photographer with Operations Sq. Airman Eskdale is from the Bronx in New York and has completed seven years service. This reenlistment is for six years.

A/2C Richard A. Petrie, a Medical Services Specialist with the 860th Medical Group. Airman Petrie is from Waterville, Maine. This enlistment, his second, is for six years.

## Woman Member Of Aero Club Now Flies Solo



Another member of the Dow chapter of the SAC Aero club to recently fly solo was Mrs. Ann Mills. Mrs. Mills is the wife of 1st Lt. Leo T. Mills, an Aircraft Commander with the 71st Air Refueling Squadron.

Instructed by Mr. Ray Welch, licensed instructor for the Dow club, Mrs. Mills soloed in only four and one half hours. She's quite proud of this accomplishment since it took her husband Leo eleven and a half hours to solo for the United States Air Force.

She plans to continue flying with the aim of getting her private license. She has since logged nearly 20 hours of solo flying, 40 are required for the private permit.

The mother of two small children, ages one and two, Mrs. Mills says that once she's qualified for her license, she'll be glad to take any of the family aloft who's willing to ride with her.

## Female Voice Doesn't Mean Wrong Number

When calling the Dow switchboard if a female voice answers your call you may think you have the wrong number, but you are connected with the right switchboard. During the past month Dow AFB switchboard has employed three female civilians. The three civilians now operating the switchboard are Mrs. Dorothy Glass, Mrs. Muriel Kenny and Mrs. Ann Clark.

Mrs. Glass is the wife of T-Sgt. Collins R. Glass presently assigned to the AACCS Detachment at Dow AFB. Mrs. Kenny and Mrs. Clark are well known to "HOMESTEADERS" and local residents. Both women are permanent residents and have worked at intervals, during the past 12 years, at the Dow switchboard. Mrs. Glass was formerly employed at Ladd Air Force Base prior to employment at Dow AFB, and is a resident of Calquitt, Ga.

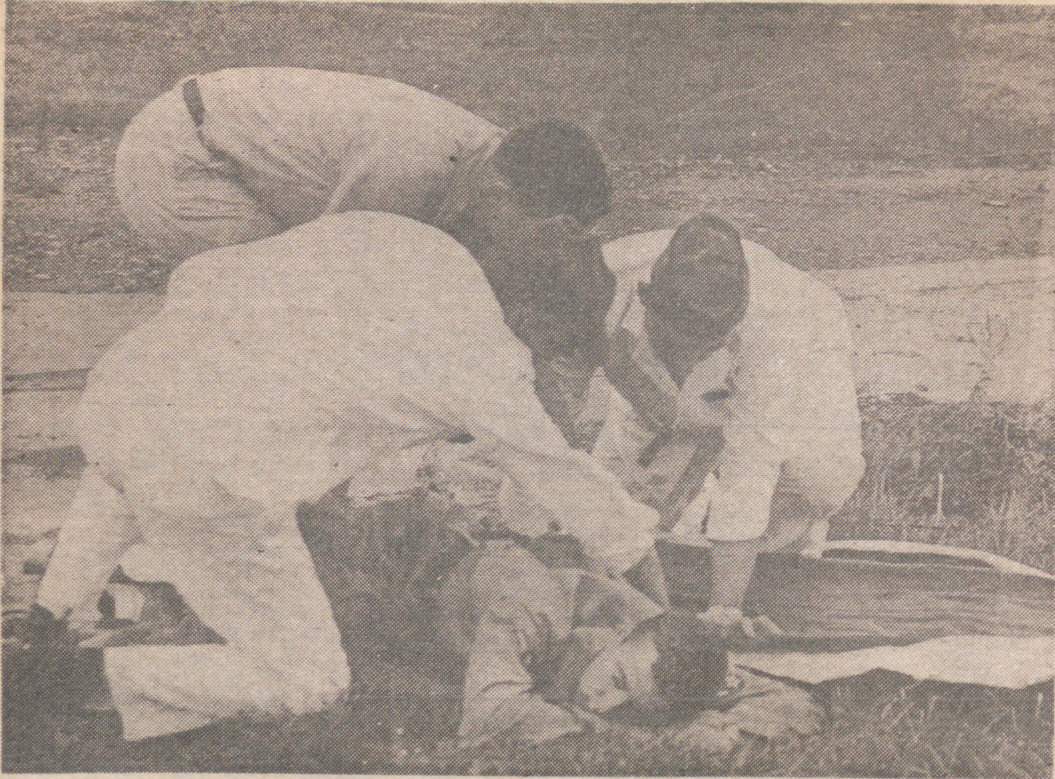
**AIRBORNE**—Mrs. Anne Mills, Aero Club member who recently flew solo after only four and one half hours instruction. Mrs. Mills says she's convinced that airplanes are here to stay and recommends the Aero Club to one and all.

### CONTRACT AWARDED

LOS ANGELES, Calif., (SAC PS)—Development of the mission nad traffic control system for SAC's new B-70 tri-sonic global bomber has been awarded to Motorola's military electronics division, according to North American, B-70 weapon system contractor.

# Go To Church Sunday





**TRAINING**—Two hospital corpsmen and a doctor prepare to give first aid to a disaster victim during a recent drill by the Disaster Team. By constant practice, these teams are able to arrive at the scene of a disaster within minutes after the report is in. Officers and airmen of the 860th Medical Group are placing increasing emphasis in all phases of disaster training.

## AF Moves To Protect Training Retirees Face Fast Recall

(AFNS) The Air Force issued instructions to the field recently (Sept. 15) clarifying the rules governing voluntary retirement in connection with training.

Affected are airmen who have already completed tech schools in their current enlistment, those now in classes, and those who intend to volunteer for formal or special training courses during their present enlistment or extension. Not affected are "directed" retrainees.

In all-commands message AFPMP 73682, Hq USAF said that all members so retired will be recalled to active duty in their retired grade on the first day of the month following that in which the retirement became effective. In practice this means the following day in most cases.

The term of service in a recalled status would be for the period of time the airman himself had voluntarily extended his enlistment to qualify for school training, or 12 months after completion of the course or date of release from technical training, whichever is later. Reason for the somewhat tightened policy is the Air Force's understandable desire to gain some value for the training dollars spent.

The recall rule is not iron-clad and exceptions will be considered in cases where hardship would result from continued active duty. The message said applications requesting exception must contain complete justification and will be indorsed with the approval of the major air commander concerned.

The instructions carried in the

message are effective immediately and apply to all airmen with applications for retirement under consideration at all levels of command.

Not affected by the instructions in the message are members being separated involuntarily under other laws and directives.

## New FAA Rep. Comes To Dow

One of the most important persons on an Air Force Base is the Federal Aviation Agency Resident Inspector. It is his responsibility to coordinate Air Traffic Control activities between FAA, the civilian agency concerned, and Airways and Air Communication Service (AACS), their military counterpart.

Dow's new Resident Inspector is Mr. William Precourt, who began service with FAA twelve years ago as a control tower operator at Richmond, Va. He has since been a tower operator at Providence, Hartford, New Castle, Del., and Logan Airport, Boston. Before coming to Dow, Mr. Precourt was supervisor of training at Otis AFB RAPCON.

During World War II he flew thirty missions as a B-24 pilot with the 15th Air Force, picking up a Presidential Unit Citation and the Air Medal with 2 clusters during this time. His wife, Helen, and their three children will join him in Bangor shortly.

Mr. Precourt's office is at the 1292-2 AACS Detachment orderly room and he can be reached by telephone at 2633.

## Undercover Stuff

What do you think about having a "GREAT BOOKS PROGRAM" here at Dow Air Force Base? Winter is coming. Cold weather is conducive to mental stimulation. Please consider this seriously . . . and let me know if your interested. Those who wish to take part please call the library at ext. 2379.

The Great Books Foundation discussion groups are active in more than 600 American communities today. The Program is the embodiment of two ideas: first, that books, the greatest books of each century, can help us to understand the problems of our age; second, that adults

meeting in groups to talk about a great book they have read, can help each other to acquire this insight.

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The result of the above is the basis on which democracy is built. In a democracy, where each man has a voice in the determination of the future conduct of society, it is doubly important that each man be able to think for himself.

The Great Books Program is democracy in action. Would you like to take part in it? If so don't forget to call your Base Library, at tel. 2379. Only in this manner can the wisdom of the ages become the common property of Americans.



**PROJECT OFFICER**—Lt. Col. John R. Penington has been appointed Project Officer for the conversion of the 4060th Air Refueling Wing to the 4038th Strategic Wing. Lt. Col. David G. Bellemere has been named assistant. The principal function of the Project Officers will be to gather information required for the conversion and to monitor accomplishment of actions taken to insure a smooth conversion. Col. Penington has the added responsibility of keeping the Command Section apprised on all matters pertaining to the conversion. Conversion to the 4038th Strategic Wing is scheduled early in 1960.

## STAY SAC REENLIST

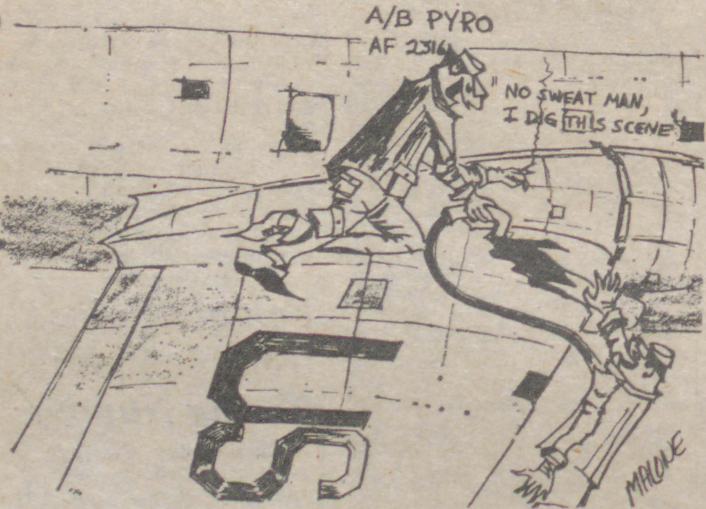
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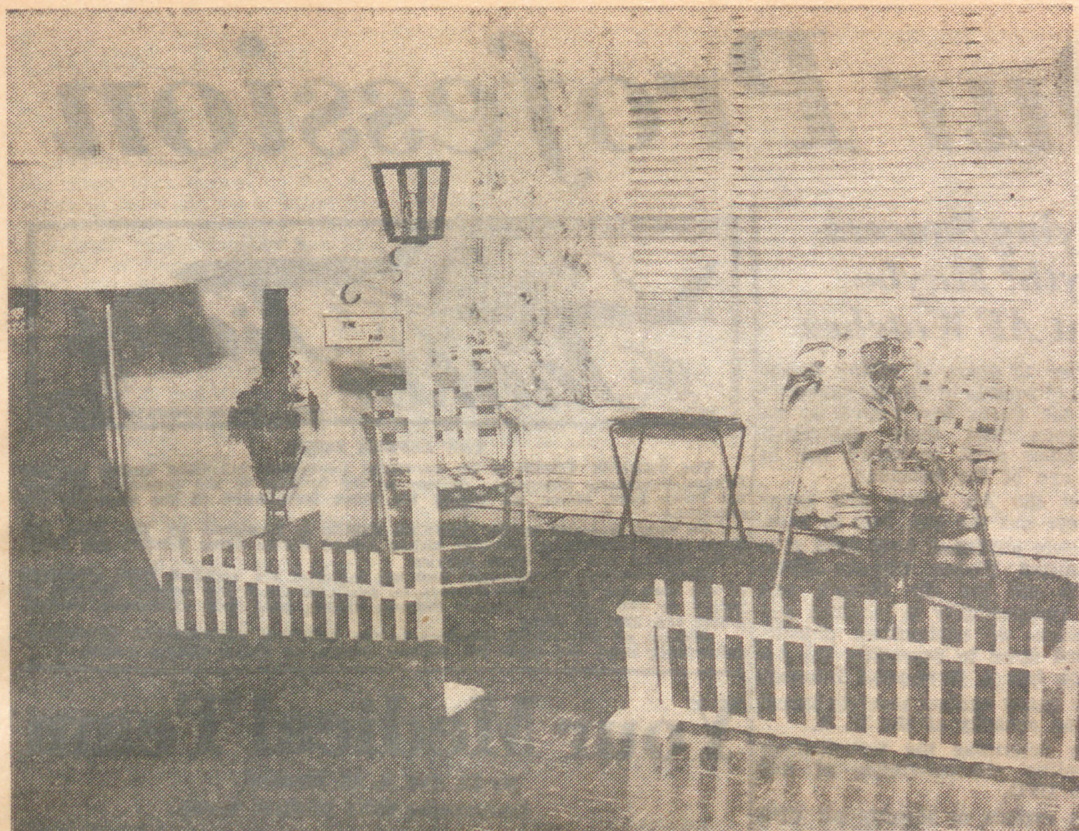
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**BEST ROOM**—And no wonder! A/2C's Neal Swenor and George Ackerman have expended no little time and effort to make this one of the most attractive rooms in the FMS, and perhaps the entire Air Force. These airmen have been commended by their Commander, Lt. Col. James Jordan, Jr., for the outstanding job they've done.

## Two FMS Airmen Create Unusually Different Room

A-2C Neal H. Swenor and A-2C George R. Ackerman, 4060th Field Maintenance Squadron, have created one of the most unusually different, yet attractive rooms, in the Field Maintenance Squadron Dormitory S-354. Believed to be the only one of its kind in the Air Force, the room has both a comfortable "in door" atmosphere a breezy "out door" effect.

The in door half of the room is furnished with the standard items of dormitory furniture. However, blue bedspreads, draperies and scatter rugs have been added to match the blue decor of the room. Neatly framed, scenic pictures adorn the walls, and there are potted plants to achieve the living room atmosphere.

The "out door" half of the room is the most unusual aspect. There

is a small white picket fence along one side, which borders a yard of imitation green grass, on which sets two lawn chairs, and real live flowers sprouting forth from tall flower pots.

There is imitation, grey, form stone siding around the far side of the room which gives the effect of a stone fence. An imitation awning has been fashioned around the top edge of the wall lockers to create the effect of being out of doors. At the entrance to the "yard", is a small gate in the picket fence, set off by two out of door type lamp post, which contain real lights.

Last, but not least, an entrance sign, fondly labels the whole area, as "The Pad". Airmen Swenor and Ackerman were commended by Lt. Col. James E. Jordan, Jr., Commander, 4060th Field Maintenance Squadron, in a Letter of Appreciation, for the great amount of personal pride, ingenuity and the originality they displayed in decorating their room.



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## AF To Be Aerospace Force Department Of Defense Says

(AFNS) In language calculated to dispel any lingering traces of doubt, the Department of Defense recently (Sept. 23) tapped the Air Force to be America's primary Service in space as it now is in the Earth's atmosphere.

Basically, the plan provides for the eventual assignment to the

Air Force of responsibility for the development, production and launching of military space boosters; and for the separate assignment of the development responsibilities for payloads and specialized ground support equipment for space and satellite systems to the military departments on the basis of primary interest or special competence.

Dr. Herbert York, Director of Research and Engineering, announced that the following projects will be transferred from Advanced Research Projects Agency: MIDAS—a satellite for early warning against ballistic missiles, to go to the Air Force.

SAMOS—a reconnaissance satellite, transferred to the Air Force.

TRANSIT—a navigation system, to Navy.

NOTUS—a communications system, to Army.

Dr. York indicated that among the development that will eventually come under Air Force control is the Saturn, with its eight-rocket cluster of engines being developed by the Army for ARPA at Huntsville, Ala. This engine is designed to produce some one-and-a-half million pounds thrust.

Dr. York said that the Air Force would also have the primary military interest in manned space travel.

ARPA will continue to be responsible for advanced research in fields such as advanced missile defense, solid propellant research, materials and such other projects as the Secretary of Defense may decide.

The dates of actual transfer of specific projects from ARPA to the military Services will be set by the Secretary of Defense, on recommendation of the Director of Defense Research and Engineering.

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## Air Force Fires ICBM From Underground

(AFPS) Edwards AFB, Calif. (AFPS)—The Air Force successfully fired a full-sized model of the Minuteman, an intercontinental ballistic missile, from its underground silo here.

The test was the first of a series to investigate the design of the operational Minuteman launch silos.

Only the first stage of the missile in the test was "live." The other two stages were dummies approximating the actual stages in size, weight and configuration. The first stage used only enough propellant to complete the launch and was designed to burn only a few seconds.

The three-stage missile was tethered for the test. Using a restraining length of 2,000 feet of nylon cable in the shape of an inverted "Y" attached to the nose cone of the missile, the missile was brought back to earth after a flight of only a few hundred feet.

The Minuteman is an advanced ICBM being developed for the Strategic Air Command under the management of the Air Force Ballistic Missile Division and is a multi-stage, solid-propellant missile.

Having a range in excess of 5,500 nautical miles, the Minuteman is designed to be fired from underground silos or from mobile launchers. Its use of solid propellants will permit the missile to be stored indefinitely at "the ready" in its launch silos.

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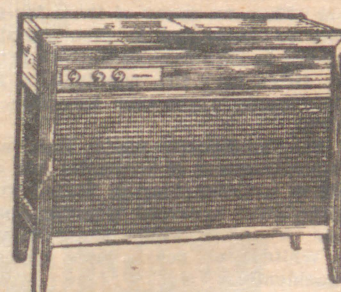
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## Message From Gen. Power

Sunday, Oct. 11, has been designated as command-wide "Go-to-Church Sunday."

That religion is recognized in the Air Force as a potent factor in our everyday lives is amply demonstrated by regulations, pamphlets, manuals, and letters concerned with the maintenance of morality and the building of character.

Across the world the Air Force has erected beautiful chapel buildings and annexes for the worship of God, the Creator, the Author of our inalienable rights. In our own command, during the past year new chapels have been opened at Torrejon, Moron, and Zaragoza Air Bases in Spain; Clinton-Sherman, Dow, Plattsburgh, Schilling, and Walker Air Force Bases in the United States. Chapel Annexes have been constructed at Altus, Ramey (Puerto Rico), Biggs, Dyess, and Mountain Home Air Force Bases.

It is right and proper that we who are charged with the defense of institutions of democracy turn to the worship of the Almighty and seek His guidance.

It is my desire, therefore, that you and your family observe the occasion of "Go-to-Church Sunday" on Oct. 11 by attending services in your base chapel or in the churches of the local community.

Jewish personnel may mark the occasion by attending appropriate religious services on Oct. 9.

THOMAS S. POWER  
General, USAF  
Commander in Chief

## Hunting Safety

By COL. GEORGE W. R. ZETHREN  
Wing Commander

On 25 October one year ago a former member of this command left home early in the morning in company of a cousin and drove to Orrington to go hunting. Both men were experienced hunters and were appropriately dressed in red hats and coats. They entered the woods at daybreak and separated about 10 minutes later. Three minutes afterwards the former Dow AFB airman lay mortally wounded. A third hunter in the area who had mistakenly identified him for a deer had fired on him with a high powered rifle.

It is hardly conceivable that a man dressed in a red coat and hat could be mistaken for a deer, nevertheless such incidents occur several times each year. Hunters, many of them far from novices, become so engrossed in their quest for game that they fail to take time to identify properly their target. Often they fire hastily at a flash of white in thick woods which they associate with the tail of a deer.

Ironically the traditional white flag which usually signifies willingness to surrender has often been the cause of manslaughter in Maine woods. Several instances have occurred wherein hunters were killed or wounded while using a white handkerchief. White neck scarfs have also contributed to the toll of hunting accidents.

Hunting is a popular sport and those interested are encouraged to take advantage of it. Appropriate clothing should be worn both from the standpoint of color and comfort. Proper equipment including a compass, knife and plenty of waterproof matches are basic when going into the woods. A quantity of food is also recommended, some carry small boxes of raisins which are convenient and a good source of energy. It is preferable not to hunt alone; if you do, let someone know the area you intend to hunt and when you expect to return.

While hunting make doubly sure of your game before you fire and that someone is not between you and your target. Common sense and observance of basic rules can prevent a grim ending to what is intended to be a pleasant experience.

## PREPARE NOW

By LT. COL. WILLIAM A. CRAWFORD  
Base Commander

Any degree of satisfaction to be gained from tough working conditions of winter entertainment, which is both plentiful and excellent, requires a foresight and planning on the part of each of us.

There is no easy solution to the problem of cold weather operation. Take the old car for instance, purrs like a kitten on picnics and trips to Bar Harbor, but how will it behave with the temperature at minus 15 degrees. Also remember, you will be going back and forth to work in hours of semi-darkness in what might be called adverse weather conditions.

What about your clothing? When the temperature is down around zero with a small wind blowing it better had be the proper type and in good repair.

Snow and ice make it difficult to move aircraft, vehicles and equipment. During prolonged cold periods, when aircraft and equipment become cold-soaked, you can double the time it normally takes to do a job.

Snow accumulates during the winter making ramp snow-removal a never ending job, and one that, combined with the de-icing of aircraft accounts for thousands of dollars for equipment and hundreds of man-hours. One bright spot on the horizon is the Capehart housing being made available this winter.

This all adds up to one fact: winter weather is close enough that we cannot afford to put off a little spade work right now. Believe me, it will pay off when those first white flakes start to fall.



Col. Zethren



Col. Crawford

## Flying Saucers Myth? Maybe But AF Watches

After 12 years of sifting thousands of reports of "flying saucers" the Air Force has turned up no evidence that these outlandish machines exist anywhere but in the eye of the beholder.

Yet the Air Force still keeps its eye on the sky, just in case.

Newly published AFR 200-2 (Unidentified Flying Objects—UFO) spells out the Air Force's role and responsibility in handling any sightings of unidentified objects. Boiled down to essentials the Air Force has a three-point interest:

To guard against possible threat to the security of the U. S.

To determine the technical or scientific characteristics of any such UFO.

To explain or identify all UFO sightings.

According to the regulation, the Air Force defines an unidentified flying object as any airborne object which, by performance, aerodynamic characteristics, or unusual features, does not conform to known aircraft or missiles.

Reported sightings of UFOs have been declining in the past few years. The total number for the first six months of 1959 was only 143. This is in sharp contrast to the previous six-month total of 296, a drop of a little more than 50 per cent.

Of the 143 sightings reported, only three, or 2.09 per cent, are carried as genuine unknowns. The rest turned out to be balloons, aircraft, astronomical phenomena, birds, searchlights, and hoaxes.

While this is true, the regulation points out that since there is a possibility of the existence or development of true "unknowns," it is imperative that sightings be reported rapidly, factually, and as completely as possible.



This is the new insignia of the Air Force Reserve, the first official design since the AFR's inception. The four-color emblem (blue, red, gold, and silver) was picked from 3,400 entries and was designed by 1st Lt. Thaddeus A. Dejewski, New York City Reservist.

## C.D.S. Features Sentry Dog Show During Kids Day

It's common knowledge that last Saturday was Kid's Day here at Dow; any one who was on the station on that day and still didn't realize it had cotton in their ears, the flight line was swarming with the "little people."

At 1015 a.m. the Sentry Dog Demonstration Team put on a show for the kids and for the first time they settled down for a short period. The dog team went through its entire program and at the end met with enthusiastic applause.

The team was headed by the NCOIC of the section, SSGT Thomas Swartz. The other members of the team included A-1c William Linde, A-2c Glen Harding, A-2c Charles Cochrane and A-2c Ernest Russ. As usual the show was a great success.



### THE TANKER TIMES

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## Your Medical Team

By Lt. Col. A. M. Kurland

Commander 860th Medical Group

One of the more common medical problems facing the physician today is high blood pressure. While its exact incidence is difficult to determine, high blood pressure is ranked with coronary artery disease and rheumatic fever as one of the three leading causes of heart disease in America today.



Col. Kurland

Recently, considerable advances have been made in both the diagnosis and treatment of this exceedingly common disorder. The medical staff of your hospital is fortunate to be able to share in this newly discovered knowledge. While it was formerly believed that the vast majority of patients suffered from hypertension (high blood pressure) that had no specific cause, it is now appreciated that many of these cases can be cured by appropriate therapy. Some of the causes of correctable hypertension are diseases involving the arteries of the kidney, certain internal tumors, and kidney infections. With special x-rays and laboratory tests, these and other curable causes of high blood pressure are now being discovered at an ever increasing rate.

For the patients in whom there is no obvious cause of their elevated blood pressure, many new and exciting drugs have been developed. Among these are Rauwolfia which was derived from Indian snake root and Diuril. Many severe hypersensitives have been returned to a normal existence with these drugs.

This is an extremely brief resume of some of the newest work in the field of high blood pressure. It is hoped that in the not-too-distant future, hypertension will be delegated to a minor position in America's health problem.

## TIMES Spot News In Brief

### TOM CUNNINGHAM, 'ARCTIC PRIEST' DIES, WAS AF CHAPLAIN

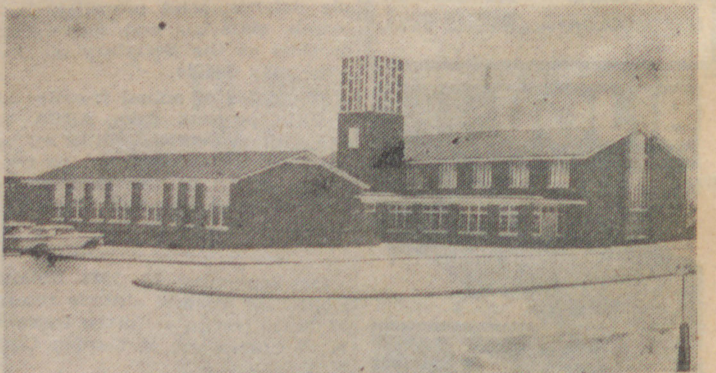
The Air Force and the Arctic lost one of its most colorful personalities when Father Thomas Cunningham, 56, Jesuit missionary and Air Force chaplain in World War II and Korea, died of a heart attack Sept. 2 in the rectory of his church at Point Barrow, Alaska.

The "Arctic Priest," as he was known, was interred with full military honors in the Jesuit plot two miles north of Fairbanks.

In 1956 the Air Force called upon him to select an ice island on which to set up an International Geophysical Year scientific station. After more than a year's search he found it and Operation Ice Skate got under way. He described "Ice Skate" as the most dangerous camp in the Arctic and his prediction that it would crack twice during the IGY came true, the second time for good in the fall of 1958.

Father Cunningham, along with a group of Air Force members and scientists was on the floating ice island when it began to break up.

During his career he was once taken prisoner by the Russians when he strolled across an ice bridge connecting his parish at Little Diomed Island with Soviet-held Big Diomed. After escaping he learned the Russians had put a price of 400 rubles (\$122.87) on his head, a figure he amusingly doubted he was worth.



## CHAPEL SCHEDULE

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First Fridays, 9:00 a. m.  
Saturdays, 9 a. m.

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Sundays, 8 a. m.

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# Latest Titan Site Named

(AFNS)—Beale AFB, Calif., is the latest base named by the Air Force to be a site for a Titan intercontinental ballistic missile squadron. This brings to five the number of bases selected to support the Air Force's advanced ICBM.

Construction work at the missile site, slated to begin soon, will cost about \$42 million and will take about 22 months to complete.

Already occupied by a manned aircraft group, Beale will be swelled by 700 more AF members — part of the Strategic Air Command — who will be stationed there and commute to the launch sites.

Other Titan bases are at Lowry AFB, Denver, Colo.; Ellsworth AFB, S. D.; Mountain Home AFB, Idaho; and Larson AFB, Wash.

Seven bases have been named by the Air Force to support the Atlas ICBMs, and with the five Titan locales, the U. S. has announced a total of 12 long-range missile bases for the Air Force's Strategic Bombardment Mission.

# SAC Safety Record Tied

HQ. SAC (SAC PS)—The Strategic Air Command accident rate for August was one accident per 100,000 flying hours which tied the all-time record set last April, according to Col. Woodrow P. Swancutt, SAC chief of safety.

There were no aircraft accident fatalities during the month, Colonel Swancutt said.

The August rate was a substantial reduction over August 1958, when the rate was five accidents per 100,000 flying hours.

SAC's annual rate for the first eight months of 1959 is three accidents per 100,000 flying hours as compared to five for an equivalent period in 1957 and 1958.

# More Capehart Now Completed

HQ. SAC (SAC PS) — Capehart-Rains housing projects were completed at four SAC cases between June 1 and Sept. 1, according to Brig. Gen. James B. Knapp, Director of Civil Engineering.

A 700-unit project was completed at Altus AFB, Okla. At Mountain Home AFB, Idaho, 270 units were completed. The figure at Turner AFB, Ga., was 200, and at Vandenberg AFB, Calif., it was 525.

These 1695 units brought SAC's Capehart total to 10,810 units completed.

Of the 530 Capehart units completed and under construction here at Dow, 287 have already been occupied by Dow Personnel and their families.

General Knapp said 8733 units are under construction at 14 other SAC bases, and of this number the following had been accepted by Sept. 1:

Anderson AFB, Guam, 97 units.  
Beale AFB, Calif., 10.  
Fairchild AFB, Wash., 130.  
Laughlin AFB, Tex., 190.  
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Plattsburgh AFB, N. Y., 1206.

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**REENLISTMENT** — "Airman first class Edmond Sirois is seen being sworn in for six years by Captain H. W. Ingraham, Unit Commander of the 860th Medical Group. The airman took a 'short' for purpose of attending the Advanced Medical Technicians Course conducted at Gunter AFB, Alabama, a branch of the School of Aviation Medicine. Airman Sirois is a native resident of the State of Maine, presently residing with his wife and two children in Bangor. We congratulate you on a wise choice."

# The Air Force Missileer At The Missile Console

(Reprinted by Special Permission of the New York Times)

VANDENBERG AFB, Calif.—The young Air Force officer who pressed the button today in the first military operational firing of an Atlas intercontinental ballistic missile has never piloted a plane.

In other respects also, Capt. Gerald James Winchell of Cleveland may be a symbol of the new air age in which engineers on the ground are taking over from the pilots. Captain Winchell's training has been in engineering, engineering administration and electronics.

The captain is launch control officer of the 576th Missile Squadron of the First Missile Division at Vandenberg Air Force Base. It was his job today to check the progress during the critical period of the countdown, when the missile was prepared for firing.

Sitting at the "console" of buttons and dials, reading the meters and other devices before him in the concrete blockhouse, 700 feet from the launching pad, Captain Winchell took the final action that sent the great ten-story ICBM on its course over the Pacific.

"Commit — start," Captain Winchell said quietly as he pressed the button. This committed the missile to flight, with no further human action required.

Captain Winchell, who was 30 years old last March 21, wanted to be an engineer ever since he was a youngster in Cleveland. His father, now retired, taught industrial arts in junior high school.

After graduating from high school, young Gerald enrolled at Ohio State University, but left after a single semester because a course in metallurgy that interested him was not available.

He transferred to Case Institute

of Technology in Cleveland from which he was graduated in 1951 with a degree in administrative engineering. Within a year he obtained a direct commission as a second lieutenant in the Air Force.

His early training was in electronics at Keesler Air Force Base, Mississippi. He was then sent to Patrick Air Force Base at Cape Canaveral, Fla., in connection with the Matador guided-missile program.

In 1954, he went to Germany with a Matador unit. He was stationed at Rheinmain Air Force Base, Frankfurt, for four years.

In Germany he went up in a P-33 jet trainer-fighter plane — as a passenger, but in the line of duty. The jet planes were used to simulate launchings of the Matador, which is not a ballistic weapon but a pilotless plane.

Last fall, Captain Winchell was brought to Vandenberg Air Force Base, among the first in the Air Force, for training with the Atlas ICBM unit that took part in the launching today.

Captain Winchell married a school sweetheart shortly before he joined the Air Force. He lives with his wife and two children, Steven, 3, and Donna, 2, on the base. He is 6 feet 2 inches tall, dark and handsome.

His ambition is to travel. "When I retire, twenty-three years from now, we'll do a lot of traveling," he said with a laugh.

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# Education Services

We in the Education Office of the ten think of ourselves as lackeys, people who have no other excuse for being except in order to be of service to others. In our case "others" refers to you and we are always more than pleased to be of service to you.

Regardless of the new emphasis being placed on education throughout the Air Force, everyone has his own responsibilities. The manager must insure that his mission is fulfilled, that his men are adequately trained to fulfill that mission, that his men are aware of the importance of their mission, and that his men are active participants in world affairs.

Individual supervisors have the same responsibilities as the managers, but they are closer to the men and they must be much more adept in personnel management and personnel relationship principles. If a supervisor does not know or understand his men, how can he expect to get the most out of them?

It is all very well to require your men to be high school graduates and to take the appropriate ECI courses for job knowledge, but does this fulfill your responsibilities as regards your own education and job knowledge. The old adage of "the natural born leader" was disproven early in our history, but you would be surprised how many still believe in it—do you?

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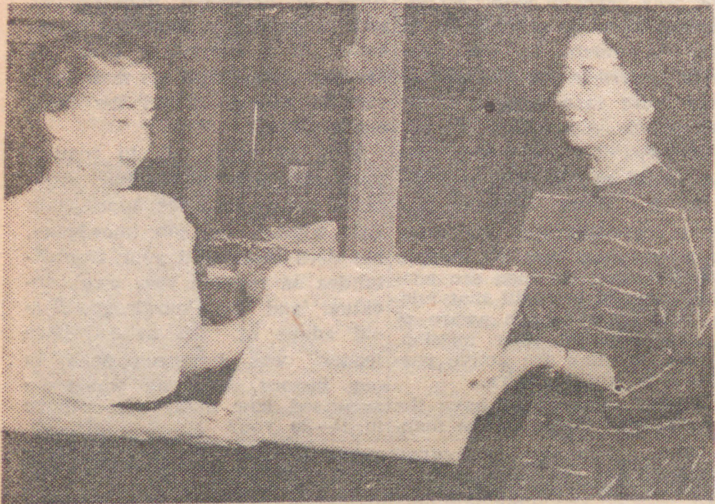
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# Dow Air Force Base Family



**IN APPRECIATION**—Mrs. Isaac Wagner (left) is presented with a certificate by Mrs. George W. R. Zethren. The certificate was presented to Mrs. Wagner upon her retirement as Thrift Shop manager. The certificate of appreciation was signed by all the members of the Thrift Shop staff. Mrs. Albert Petranick has been appointed new Thrift Shop manager.

## Your NCO Wives

There has been much discussion on the Wives Club in the past few months due to "Operation Snowball." The membership drive. Some of us are quite surprised at the remarks that have been made on the subject of joining the club. This article is not for those who do not want to join, it is for the wives of NCO's who would like to join, but for some reason or other they have been misinformed or do not understand the type of activities of the club.

A typical meeting starts at one in the afternoon, for example, a pot-luck luncheon. You arrive at the nursery with Johnny and Sue, sign them in, pick up your card and go over to the meeting, held at the NCO Club. Your casserole dish and you make your appearance, and friends and acquaintances call Hi, and make you feel welcome.

That casserole dish is a cheap meal compared to the wealth of friends and ideas you will find in the next two hours; for undoubtedly you will come home with a couple new menus, and find that someone you got acquainted with lives just around the corner. Not to speak of a more rested and relaxed you, for there's something about an afternoon away from the house and kids that makes for a more interesting you.

You will find some business at most meetings, some plans on fu-

ture activities. There is always something to laugh about and fun to be had. When the meeting is over the nursery card is signed by one of the officers and you turn it over to the nursery, no charge. The Wives Club picks up the tab.

A very mistaken idea of the girls I have talked to is, "But you dress up, I don't have the clothes." Most of us are as apt to arrive at a meeting in a housedress as we are in a good dress. Let's face it, although we would like to look like a fashion plate, who can afford it. As for the very few occasions that are dress-up affairs, who knows whether you bought that dress this year or three years ago. We're all in the same boat.

Here's another reason. They argue all the time up there! I get a kick out of this, for I was told that many times before I joined, and being of an argumentative nature, thought I would really enjoy myself. Not once have I been involved in an argument, but I've kept my ears open and I've heard quite a few opinions being expressed. I wouldn't call that arguing, personally, I would commend the members for bringing their opinions up at a business meeting, after all that is what the meeting is for once a month; to get ideas and the pros and cons on all subjects. It is very doubtful that any club or organization, ever have a business meeting at which all the members agreed on every issue.

I don't know anyone or I'm shy. That's what the club is for, to get acquainted with people. Nor are you alone when you say your shy, my knees knocked too the first couple of meetings, but after you get to know a few of the girls they stop. Along here is a good place to tuck in another reason, I've heard. "I'm afraid I would have to be on a committee or hold an office." You have only to decline, but truthfully the club is far more fun if you take an active part in it.

"Can't attend all the meetings." You don't have to, unless you're the president.

As for the girl who wants to join but doesn't have a ride, come on up and tell us, could be someone who lives close by would gladly bring you along when she comes.

There are many more reasons, I've just nicked a few. Hope this will help some of you decide to join us. Come on up some Thursday at 1:00 if you like us, join the Wives Club. Your dues are only eighty cents a month and well worth the price.

Don't forget the Dinner Dances we have, they are for the husbands and although they usually balk at having to attend the first one, they are more eager to attend the next one than the wives.

## Gray Ladies Score Board Impressive

The Gray Ladies of Dow AFB contributed over 170 hours of their time assisting the base hospital staff in the care of patients during September.

The majority of this time was spent in the out-patient department where extra help is always welcome.

It is with great pride that these ladies read their "Score Board" which often represents a great deal of sacrifice on their part, given in the name of charity and for which the payment is gratification that they are able to help others.

The American Red Cross urgently needs ready trained volunteers for duty at the base hospital.

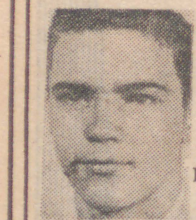
Gray Ladies needed for the medical clinic, wards, recreational activities and other functions.

Many expectant mothers need training with technique of care of infants. Call Red Cross Field Office Ext. 2357 Mr. Leon R. Witt, field director.

Keep up to date on what your Air Force is doing by reading the Tanker Times.

## Teen Talk

By Dale Moses



It's here again! A brand new thrilling theatrical production by the Dow Teen Club. This one is going to be tremendous. Those of you who saw the production "Nothing but the Truth" by James Montgomery know the reputation of the Teen Club for putting on "Spectaculars." Our director, Lt. Rigby said, "I know this will be a smashing hit. With the talent we have I don't see how it can miss." There is real enthusiasm behind this production, and everyone connected is convinced that it will be a sell-out. I will not disclose the title of the play at this early date, but keep in touch for progress reports.

The cast consists of sixteen characters, nine males and six females. Rehearsal has already started at the Youth Center as of yesterday to get the feel of the first act. Regularly scheduled practices will now be held twice a week. Target date for casting is somewhere around the 18 or 19

of December so keep that in mind.

A business meeting was held in the Youth Center last Saturday and the following events were discussed.

It was put in form of a motion that the Club sponsor an open record hop for everyone who wishes to attend. The idea was voted in and a ways and means committee was appointed to take care of the formalities of this proposed large affair.

It was decided that the Club would hold a bake sale once every month as a fund-raising campaign.

It was unanimously agreed that all guests of members be only non eligible persons for membership in the club and there should be a limit of these guests per person.

It was put in the form of a motion that we have a come-as-you-were party on the 24th of October at the usual time, 7:30 to 10:45 pm. This motion was carried and a committee was appointed to make the arrangements.

## Pre-Teen Club

The Dow Pre-Teen Club had a business meeting with 35 attending on October 2nd at the Youth Center.

The chaperons were Mrs. Jack Sipple, Mrs. Wayne Darnold and Mrs. Philip Blanchard.

The schedule for October, Beatnick dance Saturday, October 17, dance (school clothes) Friday, Oct. 23, and a Halloween party, Friday, October 30th.

The Pre-Teen Club will bowl Saturdays from 9 a. m. till 11 a.m. at the Dow Bowling Center, starting October 10th. The instructors are Mrs. Robert Haecke and MSgt. Robert J. Anuszewski, who are arranging a full program of instruction.

On September 18, 1919 Roland Rohlf set a world altitude record of 32,450 feet in a Curtiss triplane K 12 Curtiss 400 at Garden City, N. Y.

## Development Of F-108 Canceled By US Air Force

(AFNS) WASHINGTON—The Air Force has cancelled its contract for development of the North American F-108 long range interceptor.

The decision to cancel F-108 development was reached, the Air Force said, after a study disclosed that rapidly rising costs together with the personnel requirements of advanced weapons systems dictated a "revision of certain existing projects."

The F-108 cancellation is consistent with this effort and the priorities now established for long range weapons systems, combat readiness, and improved early warning, the Air Force added.

Development of the F-108's advanced fire control system and the GAR-9 missile will continue. These systems are under development by the Hughes Aircraft Co.

The F-108 was to be a long range fighter capable of three times the speed of sound (Mach 3). Its development was to precede but be closely integrated with that of the Mach 3 B-70 bomber, also being developed by North American.

The Air Force said the F-108 and the B-70 have a number of components in common and that some of the funds spent on the F-108 will have direct application and be of great value in development of the B-70.

## Rhymes of the Times

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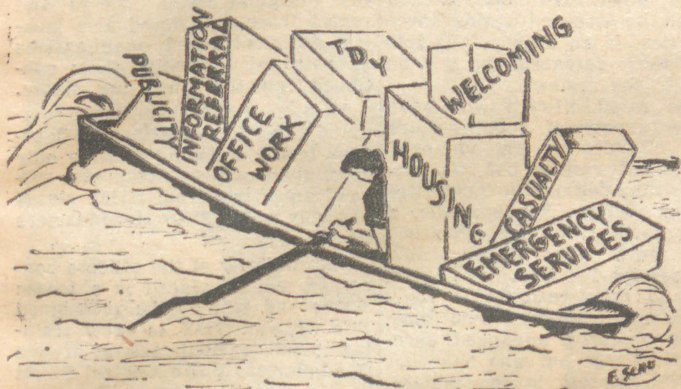
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## NCO Wives Club Notes

By MARIE CULLY

We had a wonderful turn-out at the last meeting, keep it up girls.

Hello to our guests: Dee Watson, Caroline Reynolds, and Grace Clark, and welcome to our new members from all of us. They are: Veda Hebert, Betty Sandage, Ann Pasch, Betty Braxton, Christine Pilgrim, Ann Shelby, Pat Smith, Komma Johnson, Hediko Jackson, Mrs. William Crawford was our special guest.

Grace Graves received the door prize. Don't forget the rummage sale the 15th, being held at 170 Exchange Street, at 10:00 A.M. to 7 P. M.

Promised you some notes on our nominees for the coming election, and here they are. (Thanks to Adrah Brown, who is scouting around and asking the questions.) We have two nominees for President: Peg Leckband and Barbara Morey.

Peggy is the wife of M-Sgt. George Leckband. She hails from McMinnville, Oregon. They have been here about two and a half

years, previous duty was Castle A. F. B. Peg's husband is an engineer in 341st ARS. Peg is a busy gal. She has been active in the Club since she has been here. She once served as vice-president. Held a term as 2nd member at large, and was chairman of publicity at one time.

I believe she also has served on a number of other committees. That is not all. Peg is also very active in Family Services, and was once the volunteer of the month. Like I said, Peggy's a very busy girl.

Barbara Morey is another gal to envy for her ability to jump into things and get them done. Barbara is the wife of S-Sgt. Claude Morey of OMF. They came here from Randolph A.F.B. about five years ago. Barbara's home is in Concord, N. H. At present she is our Treasurer and a marvelous one too. She is also a former second vice-president and was on the Dow Baby Park Nursery Board of Directors, at one time. Also various other committees. Barbara has been very active in the Club and is also very active in Family Services.

This is going to be a tough decision having to choose between these two, both have outstanding personalities, and marvelous records of achievement. Good luck to both of you!

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## Family Services Now Will Stress More Uniformity

(AFNS) Dow's Family Services organization, along with other Family Service centers Air Force wide, will be operating under more uniform procedures in the future if Hq USAF can put into action its plans for improving a number of administrative and organizational concepts.

Among the things officials hope to standardize are uniforms, insignia, awards and records. In general, these vary from command and present a diversified, and occasionally bewildering picture to the volunteer worker.

The decision to seek more standardization gained impetus at an Air Force personnel services conference held recently at Offutt AFB, Nebr.

In the mill right now is a proposal to develop a truly "uniform" uniform. Right now, each command decides what type of uniform the volunteer can wear. The wearing of the uniform, of course, is optional for Family Services workers.

The proposed uniform would be two-piece, dark blue, made of a synthetic blend and drip-dry washable cloth for easy care. It would be of a "year-round" weight to make it compatible for all-season and different climate wear.

The Air Force will also up-date and standardize its awards system and record-keeping in order to give proper recognition to the volunteer workers. Such a standardization would enable women to carry over "service credit" when their husbands are reassigned to other bases and commands.

## Letter Writing Contest Offers \$9,000 Awards

(AFNS) With Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge offering \$9,000 as awards, 102 members of the Armed Services are going to discover that letter writing can be profitable.

This year, as in past years, the Freedoms Foundation wants service members to send in original letters on a specified topic. The 1959 subject is "My Job: Protecting America's Freedoms."

There are no entry blanks to pick up. Downmen who are interested in entering the contest should write directly to the address given below.

The first place prize is \$1,000. Second place winner will get \$500. There will be fifty awards of \$100 each, and fifty awards of \$50 each. Every winner will receive, in addition to the money award, a special George Washington Honor Medal.

The deadline for all entries is Nov. 1, 1959. The basic rules require an original letter on the above-mentioned subject, no longer than 500 words; typed or written legibly on one side of paper only. Be sure to print your name, grade, military and home addresses. Your entry should be mailed directly to Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge, Valley Forge, Pa.

## New Dow Arrivals

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4 Oct 59  
Son born to A-2c and Mrs. Donald B. Murdock.

Daughter born to SSgt and Mrs. William Fitzpatrick.

## Officers Wives Club Notes

The October OWC Luncheon will be held Tuesday, Oct. 13 at the Officers Club. Mrs. James Alexander and her committee of 341st wives have chosen an autumn motif. There will be speakers from the Bangor-Brewer YWCA. The social hour will begin at 1:00 P. M., followed by the luncheon. Make your reservations by calling Jan Tiffany at 2-9421 or Carol Wilson at 2-5858 no later than Monday noon, October 12.

Just a reminder . . . It has been established that Game Days will be held the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month. Keep your running score on top by attending as often as possible. You may win the high score trophy!!!

This announcement may be of interest to many of our wives. A luncheon and fashion show for the benefit of Eastern Maine General Hospital will be held Wednesday, October 14, at 1:00 P. M., at the Brewer Auditorium, with fashions by Rose King. Tickets will be \$3.50, and that will include lunch and your donation. If you'd like tickets, contact Mrs. Anthony Kurland.

Here are the bowling results. You will note 2 teams are tied for first place.

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| Odd Balls | 3   | 3    | 4832       |
| Dowettes  | 3   | 3    | 4700       |
| Magpies   | 7   | 4    | 4782       |

High individual scorer was Nita Henderson with a 157. The Holy Rollers coped high team 3 games with 1753 and high team single game with 622. Jan Tiffany, Capt. of the Holy Rollers, rolled the high individual 3 games for a 425. Since the Holy Rollers walked away with all but one of the high honors, I feel their team members deserve mention. They are Jan Tiffany,

### Nuclear Powered Missile

The possibility of using a nuclear powered, supersonic, low altitude missile is being explored by the Air Force. A missile of this kind would serve to complement manned bombers and ballistic missiles.

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**EDUCATION**—Fire station personnel who successfully completed their High School GED tests surround TSgt. Newell Hersey (back row, third from left) education NCO for the 4060th Installations Sq. Pictured are, back row (l to r) A/3C Robert Staley, A/2C Junior Patton, A/3C Curtis Peterson. Front row (l to r) SSgt. Frank Walters, A/2C James Johnson, A/2C Patric Kartes and A/C William Rankin. Nine other Installations Sq. men (not shown) are also recent High School GED graduates.

## ARPA Shifting Space Projects

WASHINGTON (AFPS)—An orderly and progressive transfer of space projects from the Advanced Research Projects Agency (ARPA) to the military departments has been announced by the Defense Department.

Mr. Roy W. Johnson, ARPA director, and Dr. Herbert York, the DOD's Director of Research and Engineering, briefed newsmen on different aspects of the transfer here.

This is being done to prepare for the shift from "development" to "use" of space systems and to simplify administrative procedures the newsmen were told.

Asked if ARPA was getting out of the space business, Dr. York said that "largely and eventually"

the agency would be out of the space business.

Basically the plan provides for the eventual assignment to the Air Force of the responsibility for the development, production and launching of military space boosters.

The plan also provides "for the assignment of the development responsibilities for payloads and specialized ground support equipment for space and satellite systems to the military department on the basis of primary interest for competence."

The dates of actual transfer of specific projects from ARPA to military services will be set by the Secretary of Defense, on recommendation of DOD's Director of Research and Engineering.

The following specific assignments for development of payloads have been approved:

1. Midas, the satellite for early warning against ballistic missiles to the Air Force.
2. Samos, a reconnaissance satellite system, to the Air Force.
3. Transit, the satellite-borne navigation system, to the Navy.
4. Notus, the interim satellite-borne communication system, to the Army.

### SNAFU



## Sparkey Sez

Howdy—Plugs—here we are with another week gone by and here's the latest from OMS—the sparking outfit that just keeps plugging away—better known as the SPARKPLUG BOYS.

Let's take this opportunity to welcome aboard MSgt. Grimes from Germany, SSgt. Lewis from Newfoundland and A/1C Raymond just in from Keesler. Welcome to the outfit, fellers, and don't forget to see the First Sergeant for a nice new shiny OMS cap.

We also said adieu this week to MSgt. Rafferty who has retired after 20 faithful years and decided to live a civilian life.

CONGRATULATIONS to SSgt. Gale and A/1C Shapiro who are scheduled to receive a Letter of Appreciation for the outstanding condition of their aircraft which were recently inspected by PM Inspectors. Keep up the wonderful work—plugs.

CONGRATULATIONS due to TSgt. Witten for being selected to go to Westover AFB to assist in the re-writing of the 43151 level AFSC Test. It should be a real good one.

CONGRATULATIONS to the following plugs who have just completed their KC-97 MTD schooling at Plattsburgh AFB: SMSgt. Rathburn, TSgt. Turner, SSgt. Gardner, A-2c Morris, A-3c Reuter, A/3C Pastor and A/3C Hocking. A good job well done, fellow plugs.

Being that SMSgt. Bonneau is getting some ramp time in, we now have MSgt. Harry Clark in the Maintenance Office. Wishing you luck, Harry, in the new position.

Our new administration officer, Major Thompson, wants all you plugs to know that Flu Shots are a-coming. Let's all bare the arm boys so we can get out in the cold that will soon be here.

Wots this we hear about a plug and his small boy bird hunting this last Saturday. Seems they were (watching) two deer scramble and got all jumped when a

# 500 SAC Officers Are Selected For Review

HQ. SAC (SAC PS)—Approximately 500 of the command's rated officers are included among the 3377 officers that USAF has selected for review and possible suspension from flying status.

At the same time, Headquarters USAF has required that all rated officers, other than those already selected, be screened against three categories. If an officer falls into one of these categories he will be added to the review:

Those rated officers who have sufficient years of rated service to be eligible for an advanced aeronautical rating but do not possess the additional prerequisites for such ratings. For example, a pilot regardless of age, who has 15 or more years of creditable rated service but does not have a command pilot rating.

Those rated officers who have already acquired advanced aeronautical ratings but who have not exhibited interest in the maintenance of professional qualifications compatible with their grades and years of rated service.

All rated officers whose performance or potential as officers is considered marginal. In this regard, commanders are being urged to screen control rosters to identify marginal rated officers and report those considered also lacking sufficient rated qualifications or potential to justify their continued retention on flying status.

All base, major subordinate command, and Headquarters SAC review board actions constitute only recommendations. Action to suspend an officer from flying status can only be taken by Headquarters USAF.

The majority of the officers concerned will be placed in a freeze status and will not be reassigned PCS or sent TDY to crew training pending final action of the Headquarters USAF Central Flight Status Selection Board Program. The results of the USAF board are expected to be announced sometime in December, 1959.

Headquarters USAF used data from flight and personnel records with an as-of date of Dec. 31, 1958 while selecting the mandatory reportees. SAC bases used similar records while screening for the additional names, but used June 30, 1959 as the effective date as directed by Headquarters USAF.

## Transportation Squadron Men Start Classes

School commences at 1730 hours Tuesday night in the squadron. Thirteen is the lucky number of enrollees, and after four hours of English and Math, they should be on the way to that coveted high school GED.

At the same time, two others, S/Sgt. Stanley Harris (returning to school after an eighteen year absence) and A/2C Gene Comeau were successfully completing the GED battery. Sgt. Harris prepped for his test via group study, while Airman Comeau can thank USAF Correspondence Courses for his success. Certificates of Achievement were presented to each at Transportation Squadron Commanders Call.

The Squadron wants to express a Get Well Pronto to Automotive Maintenance NCOIC MSgt. Gerald Callinan. Sgt. Callinan entered the hospital with virus pneumonia two weeks ago and should be on his feet by next week.

The Transportation bowling team led by A/1C Crowley, moved into third place in the sixteen team base league. Two games off the pace, the bowlers are confident of stealing a few trophies.

buck snorted behind them.

The Squadron Football Team fizzled out with not enough men showing up to compete. Wots the matter, plugs?

Our Maintenance Supervisor has returned and is back at the old grind both night and day.

Well, fellow plugs, that's all for this time so tune in next week, same time, same station, unless they shift pages on us again. See yez . . .

### LITTLE LEAGUERS MAKE GIFT

HQ. SIXTEENTH AF (SAC PS)—In keeping with President Eisenhower's People-to-People program and American youth's interest in promoting world-wide sports activities, the Madrid, Spain, Little Leaguers recently presented sporting equipment to the Spanish Baseball Federation.

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**ESPRITE**—Nothing can give esprit and morale a shot in the arm like the sight of a good old fashioned formal retreat ceremony. Dow took advantage of the recent appearance here of the Eighth Air Force band to stage just such a ceremony with members of the current class of the NCO Prep School standing the formation. Dozens of other passing airmen willingly stood at attention and saluted as the band played the National Anthem and the AP's lowered the flag.

## Revised Medicare Program

(EDITOR'S NOTE: A letter from the Department of the Air Force was recently received at the Base Hospital, copies of which had been sent to all major air commands. It was requested in this letter that the information be given wide dissemination. Consequently, the Hospital Commander has requested the major portion of the letter be reproduced.)

Approximately a year ago, Congress directed the Department of Defense to revise the Dependents' Medical Care Program. Such ac-

tion was considered necessary to insure optimum utilization of uniformed services medical facilities and in view of the mounting costs of civilian medical care provided dependents of members of the uniformed services. The Revised Program became effective 1 October 1958.

A vigorous effort was made, and is continuing, to inform all participants in the program of the nature of changes in procedure and modifications in the scope of medical care authorized. Generally speaking, civilian hospitals and physicians quickly acquired an accurate concept of the Revised Program, possibly because they were accustomed to dealing with many varied civilian medical and surgical insurance programs.

Although the basic law itself was not amended, two major changes were made in the implementation of the original program. These changes are as follows:

In accordance with a distinction recognized in the basic law, and to simplify administration of the Revised Program, all eligible dependents were divided into two categories. This distinction was based primarily on the conditions of residence the dependents enjoyed at the time they required authorized medical care, i.e., living with, or apart from, their sponsor. Optimum use of uniformed services medical facilities by those dependents residing with their sponsor was directed.

To effect further economies, the number of conditions for which care was authorized from civilian sources in the original program were reduced in the Revised Program. This change applies equally to all dependents regardless of whether they reside with, or apart from, their sponsor.

Dependents residing apart from their sponsors may seek medical care authorized in the Revised Program from either uniformed services medical facilities or approved civilian sources. They do not need any special authorization. Those residing with their sponsor are required to seek such care at

the nearest uniformed services medical facility. However, should local uniformed services authorities determine that the required care cannot be provided in their facility, or when such a facility does not, in fact, exist, the dependent will be issued a "Medicare Permit", DD Form 1251, which is essentially a "certificate of non-availability." The dependent may then seek the authorized care from civilian sources.

Medicare Permits should not be issued by uniformed services medical authorities for conditions or procedures which are not clearly authorized in the Revised Program. It is imperative that dependents understand that certain care which cannot be provided in their facility cannot necessarily be procured from civilian sources at Government expense. Certain categories of care may not be available in the uniformed services medical facility because of shortage of space, lack of materiel or absence of the appropriate staff member or the requisite degree of professional skill. In any case, the lack of capability in a uniformed services medical facility is no justification for issuing a Medicare Permit without sufficient professional evaluation to reach a diagnosis necessary to determine eligibility for treatment in civilian facilities at Government expense.

A few dependents are living with their sponsors at small installations where there is no uniformed services medical facility readily available. Some live with sponsors who are assigned to off-base activities which have no medical personnel. Under such circumstances and because of the residence requirement which so effectively monitors the major portion of the Revised Program, it is sometimes necessary for non-professional personnel to issue Medicare Permits to dependents who are residing with their sponsor. Understandably such dependents may occasionally be referred to civilian physicians with a Permit for treatment which is

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## Go To Church Sunday Set For Oct. 11

HQ. SAC (SAC PS)—"Get in the habit," urges Chaplain (Col.) George S. Wilson, SAC staff chaplain. "Make your steps lead to the chapel every Sunday."

That is the purpose of "Go-to-Church Sunday," which will be held at all SAC bases Sunday, Oct. 11.

Chaplain Wilson said there are 210 Air Force chaplains in the Strategic Air Command parish, representing the three major faiths—Protestant, Catholic and Jewish.

The parish is a large one, with a population of more than half a million military personnel and their families living on or near the bases.

During the past year SAC chaplains held 36,414 services in base chapels with a total attendance of 2,619,789.

Chaplain Wilson points out that if one-fourth of the parish attended their base chapels every Sunday for a year there would be an approximate total of nearly 9,000,000 church goers.

"Go-to-Church Sunday" will build the spiritual lives of our parishioners," says the SAC chaplain, "and interest more of them in the real things that count in this life."

Begin your habit of attending chapel services on Sunday, Oct. 11 and take your family or friends with you.

### Quote Of The Week

"Deterrence is achieved by a combination of military and non-military actions, measures, and capabilities. It is designed to dissuade a potential enemy from deliberately initiating limited or general war."

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## Lockbourne Men Lauded In Oct. "Combat Crew"

HQ SAC (SAC PS)—Maj. William G. Broach Jr. of Lockbourne AFB, Ohio, and TSgt Julius H. Gehrke of Griffis AFB, N. Y., are cited in the October edition of COMBAT CREW.

The SAC flying safety magazine named Major Broach command Flying Safety Officer of the Month and Sergeant Gehrke Maintenance Man of the Month.

As safety officer for the 376th Bomb Wing, Major Broach built a wing safety program which is without equal in SAC. The 376th is the first jet wing in the Air Force to fly 100,000 hours without having an accident.

Sergeant Gehrke, crew chief of a KC-135 in the 4039th Strategic Wing, adjusted the ruddervator control rods during a recent in-flight emergency, enabling the boom operator to "fly" a boom (whose retracting cable was broken) into stowed position. His action prevented damage to the boom and possibly averted a fire.

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## SATURDAY

**"CARRY ON SERGEANT"** Starring William Hartnell. Determined to win a top prize with his Infantry squad, Sgt. Grimshawe (William Hartnell) finds that the recruits assigned to his squad are anything but Army material. Many laughs later they complete the qualifying course.

## SATURDAY (MATINEE)

**"MISTER ROCK AND ROLL"** Starring Alan Freed. Chap. No. 8 Hop Harrigan.

## SUNDAY &amp; MONDAY

**"SAMSON & DELILAH"** Starring Victor Mature, Hedy Lamarr and George Sanders. Basically "Samson and Delilah" tells a powerful story of a man's fight to free his enslaved people, his betrayal by the woman he loved and his ultimate retribution.

## TUESDAY

**"THE MUMMY"** Starring Peter Cushing and Christopher Lee.

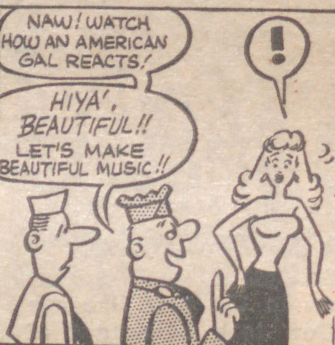
## WEDNESDAY

**"TORPEDO RUN"** Glenn Ford and Ernest Borgnine. The unforgettable story of the submarine "Grayfish" . . . and the 61 men who sailed her. . . the one man's hate that drove her. . . the glory she found that day at Sitka Bay.

## THURSDAY

**"FIVE GATES TO HELL"** Starring Neville Brand. The film tells of a group of nurses captured by Red guerrillas in Viet-Nam and their fighting escape from their captors.

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## Arts And Crafts Center

By A/2C JACK M. ADE

No other country in the world offers so many off-duty activities to its men in the military and to their dependents as does the United States of America. Sad to say, though, in a country that has so much to offer, its citizens often take its many opportunities lightly and miss so much. As Robert Louis Stevenson once said, "The world is so full of a number of things, I'm sure we should all be as happy as kings."

A world of opportunities is offered right here in your Arts & Crafts Center, but few of you have even taken time to investigate its many opportunities. Creative expression is one of the most satisfying and rewarding experiences. Where can one find peace of mind, relaxation and happiness any more quickly than in some form of creative activity? "Art activity is

a means of expressing emotions, experiences, ideas, desires, ambitions." Anon. Anyone can find freedom of expression in creative activity. So can you. Visit your Service Club Arts & Crafts Center soon!

## New Shop Schedule

## Sunday

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## Tuesday

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## Wednesday

6-10 p. m. Cooper enameling instruction.

## Thursday

3-5:30 p. m. Children's Crafts Class. 6-10 p. m. Open for your hobby. Pouring.

## Friday

6-10 p. m. Open for your hobby. Pouring.

## Wood Hobby Shop News

A2c Duffy from Wg Hq Sq completed a very nice speaker. It is made of 1/2" plywood.

A2c Burgett from Ops Sq made two small planters. They were made of 1/4" plywood.

TSgt Walters has almost completed a two piece Hi Fi Set. They are made of 3/4" plywood. He has them covered with veneer. A3c Robar from FMS repaired and refinished some table legs for a coffee table. They were made of hard oak, refinished a Blond color.

A2c Leslie Smith is working on

a book shelf for his apartment, it is made of 1 x 8" white pine and will have a Walnut finish. A1c Tom Brewer has completed three 8 x 10" picture frames for use in his home.

SSgt Donald Reed is working on a Chest of Drawers. He is making it of Birch Veneer. A1c Ralph Easley has completed a small tool chest for his home.

TSgt Dustin Sugden made a planter for his home, he is also planning to make a small end table.

Remember if you need any help see SSgt Pop Taylor or Airman Williams or his assistant Sherrin and they will be more than glad to help you.

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## Gym News

Now that the leaves are turning amber and the pumpkins a golden orange, it is a sign of the silver winter that puts us all indoors. So with this great gift of nature lets put our time to good use.

With the touch football season almost over its time to start working on our squadron basketball teams. The gym staff would like to have all squadrons have a player roster in by the 15th of October. Please put the managers name with his duty phone and First Sergeant number at the head of the list. This is to insure that your team will be notified in case the manager cannot be reached. There will be a managers review meeting in the near future so please keep an eye on the Tanker Times and your Daily Bulletin.

For the ones who do not know, the new cycle for the commanders trophy starts with basketball. So if you want to be with the pack at the finish, nows the time to start. For you people who do not participate in basketball, we have at the base gym a number of other things for you to do. To name a few. Handball, Badminton and Volley-ball. If you don't like these sports then just come on down and do a little cheering for your squadron team. Also if you find you are getting a little thick through the middle just stop by and use the steam room for a few minutes a day. Also at the Base Gym three nights a week is Judo practice. For full information on this just call 2378 or stop by at the Gym and have a talk with Sgt. Davidson. Dgt. Davidson is a graduate of the Kodo Kan School in Tokyo, Japan, and he holds the degree of Black Belt. He will be more than glad to help all interested.

Effective Saturday, 10 Oct., 59 the Base Gym will open at 8 a.m. till 11 a.m. Closed from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for lunch. Open 12 p.m. to 8 p.m. Managers review meeting for intramural basketball will be held at Base Service Club on Monday, 19 Oct., 59 at 9 a.m.

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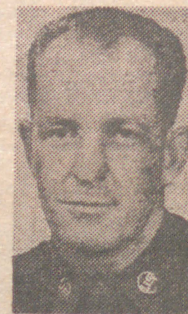
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Also new to the Service Club schedule and beginning 20 Oct. 59 at 8:30 p.m. will be dance instruction with professional teachers of the ARTHUR MURRAY SCHOOL OF DANCE. These classes will be held in courses of 8 weeks each with the cost of \$10.00 per man or couple. Dances such as the Cha-Cha, Samba, Fox Trot, Waltzes, and many more will be taught. So if you want to learn to dance well, The Service Club is the place for you on Tuesday evenings.

The Service Club schedule for the next week will be as follows:

## FRIDAY

Hobby Shop and Photo Lab. 6-10 p.m.  
Pinochle Tournament, 7:30-10:00.

## SATURDAY

Pool Tournament 1:30 p.m.  
Hobby Shop 1-5 p.m.  
Jam Session 1:30-6 p.m.  
Chess and Cribbage 5 p.m.

## SUNDAY

Coffee call 9 p.m.  
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## MONDAY

Game Night 8 p.m.

## TUESDAY

Ladies ceramics 1-4 p.m.  
Accordion instruction 6 p.m.  
Copper enameling class 6 p.m.  
Photo Lab. 6:00

## WEDNESDAY

Dance Nat Diamond 8 p.m.  
Hobby Shop 6 p.m.

## THURSDAY

Children's Creative 3-5 p.m.  
Ceramics & Craft class 6-10 p.m.

## Electronic Hobby Shop News

Throughout the entire week things have been moving real well down at the Electronic Hobby Shop. Many car radios and some TV sets are working better as results of short visits to our little shop.

Here is a typical example of how the hobby shop can help you. The other night we had a visit from Sergeant Sutherland of the local R. O. T. C. unit at the High School. Seems the good Sergeant had something wrong with his TV set. Having made use of a popular TV trouble shooters guide Sutherland said this pointed out the trouble as being somewhere in the power supply. Sgts Perkins and Sutherland together with Airman LaFlamme located the exact trouble as a bad filter capacitor and once a new one was installed the set was working fine again.

Two other Airmen left the shop

quite happy with automobile radios they had never heard play before. One was a 1949 Olds radio and the other a 1953 Cad. In all these cases the parts were bought for less than \$2.00.

The Hobby Shop has a new member, he is A-1c Robert La-Flamme. Airman LaFlamme is a Ground Radio Repairman. He has worked in an AACS NavAids shop overseas and has experience on the Single Side Band equipment now being installed here on the base. He has gained experience on commercial radios both here and overseas.

All of us here hope more people will make use of the convenience this shop affords all military personnel.

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# Anti Silent Squadron Contest Try By SAC

HQ SAC (SAC PS)—The Strategic Air Command is trying desperately to prevent its Silent Squadron from attaining wing status.

The Silent Squadron is composed of personnel killed in motor vehicle accidents, and it has added 94 permanent members this year. Thirteen joined up in August, and three motorcyclists signed up on Labor Day.

Potential members seldom recognize themselves as such. In an attempt to prevent them from signing their names to that fatal roster, SAC's safety division is conducting a contest to gather the best ideas toward preventing motor vehicle deaths.

Ten Ambassador pencils and 10 Green Cross windproof lighters, will be awarded for the 20 best ideas. The contest is open now and closes Nov. 10.

"You can jump channels on this one," stated Col. Woodrow P. Swancutt, SAC chief of safety. "Mail your suggestions, posters, sketches, cartoons, pictures, jingles or editorials directly to us." The address is: Directorate of Oper-

ations, Safety Division, Hq. SAC, Offutt AFB, Neb.

Colonel Swancutt doesn't consider people who are safety-conscious enough to enter the contest likely candidates for the Silent Squadron. "Those who mull it over aren't likely to want to serve an eternal hitch in that lifeless unit whose headquarters is the cemetery," he said.

The Road Hog, the Speed Demon, the Chance Taker, the Tippler are prime prospects, the safety chief pointed out. They are the ones who join. But too often they take innocent people with them—people who don't want to become permanent party personnel of that grim unit.

Of the 94 SACmen who joined this year, 80 were drivers, 10 were passengers, and four were pedestrians.

"Give it a thought," Colonel Swancutt concluded, "If you know of any possible way to appeal to the most likely candidates for the Silent Squadron, mail your ideas to the SAC safety division at once. You might win a prize, or better yet—you might save a life."

# Revised Medicare Program

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not authorized under the Revised Program. Unfortunately, no administrative device is infallible and inequities incident to the simple residence requirement are much less than those associated with different duty stations.

By way of review, the following conditions are no longer covered in the Revised Program, which was effective 1 October 1958:

Chronic diseases, except for acute exacerbations or complications of chronic disease. The term chronic disease is construed to include non-acute conditions of long standing and for which the individual may have received treatment intermittently over a long period.

Nervous and mental disorders, including acute emotional disorders, except that care of this type may be furnished to a dependent requiring it during the period of hospitalization of that dependent for a condition which is authorized under the Program.

Elective medical and surgical care. This is medical or surgical care desired or requested by the patient which, in the opinion of medical authorities, is not medically indicated, e.g., surgery solely for cosmetic reasons, such as the removal of a tattoo, warts, scars, etc.

Domiciliary type care. This is the care normally given in a nursing home, or a similar institution to a patient who requires personal care rather than active definitive care in a hospital.

Treatment or procedures normally considered to be outpatient care. Such care is normally performed in a physician's office, a

dispensary, or the outpatient department of a hospital or clinic.

Ambulance service, except as indicated below:

Transportation from a civilian hospital to a uniformed services medical facility will be provided for spouses and children of members of the uniformed services receiving authorized treatment in a civilian hospital at Government expense at the time of death of the sponsor.

Transportation incident to transfer of a dependent from a civilian hospital to a uniformed services medical facility when the dependent requires hospitalization in excess of 365 days.

Artificial limbs, artificial eyes, hearing aids, orthopedic footwear, and spectacles.

Planable medical or surgical care. This is construed to mean care desired or requested by the patient which, in the opinion of the medical authority can be planned, subsequently scheduled, and effectively treated at a later date, e.g., other than an acute medical or surgical condition.

# Post Office Urges Early Xmas Mail

(AFNS) The Secretary of Defense and the Postmaster General have announced that Christmas parcels for members of the Armed Forces overseas should be mailed before Nov. 20.

Dow postal officials stressed that Christmas delivery of packages mailed after Nov. 20 cannot be guaranteed. Also, articles to be mailed should be tightly packed in either double-faced corrugated cardboard, wood, metal or fiberboard boxes securely wrapped in heavy wrapping paper, and well tied.

Both mailing and return addresses should be clearly and correctly printed. In addition, it is advisable to print an extra set of addresses on a small card and put them inside the parcel. Packages addressed to an APO (Army Post Office) or an FPO (Fleet Post Office) must not weigh more than 50 pounds each if going to England or Scotland, nor more than 70 pounds to other points.

No packages may be more than 100 inches in length and girth combined. Local post offices have complete lists of articles which cannot be sent through the mails; perishable items, matches, and lighter fluid are included.

THE AIR FORCE IS GLOBAL, with 81 bases outside the continental U. S., according to a recent tally by the Department of Defense. Air Force men man bases in Alaska, Aleutian Islands, Azores, Bermuda, Canal Zone, England, France, French Morocco, Germany, Greenland, Hawaii, Iceland, Italy, Japan, Korea, Labrador, Libya, Newfoundland, Okinawa, Philippines, Puerto Rico, Saudi Arabia, Spain and Taiwan.

# Flight Simulator Effective Ground Training Device

T-SGT. POLL

The KC-97G Flight Simulator is an effective ground training device which is a duplication of cockpit, controls, and all instruments of a KC-97G aircraft. The operation of controls, switches, levers, and instruments very closely simulate those of the actual aircraft. The Flight Simulator offers in valuable professional training to the flight crews, (pilot, copilot, and flight engineer) in transition, ground and air emergency procedures, and all phases of instrument flight. It is indicated that the average transition time required in the aircraft, per crew, can be substantially reduced by utilization of the simulator.

The Curtiss Wright Dehmel KC-97G Flight Simulator, type MR-27, is a ground training device designed to actually duplicate the flight deck, controls, and indicators of the Boeing KC-97G airplane. The simulator is stationary, firmly mounted on a solid floor. It is essentially vibration free, and remains motionless except for the movement of controls. The effect of acceleration and changing altitudes are not experienced. However, results of these forces are indicated on the pilot's, copilot's, and flight engineer's flight and engine instruments. Flight and engine characteristics of the simulator are computed by electronic, mechanical, and electro-mechanical components. Controls are mechanically coupled to switches, potentiometers, and electrical transmitting devices, which select signal voltages corresponding to their position. These signals, together with signals which represent the configuration of the aircraft, are fed to analog computers which continuously compute and instantly evaluate each function of flight and power.

The KC-97G Flight Simulator is a very efficient and effective training device the training potential of the simulator is limited only by the imagination of personnel preparing the mission program and the instructors.

While it is true that training devices with better simulator characteristics can and have been designed and built, the KC-97G Flight Simulator in its present configuration has true value in terms of operating costs and reduction in training time. Such value is readily apparent when the cost of operating the KC-97G Flight Simulator for one hour (approx \$35.00) is compared to the operating cost of the KC-97 aircraft (approx \$351.00) for the same period. The number of aircraft hours required for transition and proficiency flying can be substantially reduced and the quality of the training improved through the use of this simulator.

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**GREAT DAYS IN THE U.S. AIR FORCE**

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This training section (Flight Simulator) is manned by four (4) Instructor crews, (Instructor pilot, and instructor engineer), and five (5) airmen mechanics and radio aid operators. With this SAC military team we also have three (3) civilian contract Services Technicians.

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sonable excuse for not attending the nearest lodge. It is a proven fact that home lodges emphatically request that you visit various lodges when you are away from home in order to retain the knowledge you have received.

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The Dow Air Force Base Square and Compass Club is holding its regularly scheduled October meeting at 1930 hours at the Base Service Club on Thursday, 15, October 1959. All Master Masons and their wives assigned/attached or working at Dow AFB are cordially invited to attend this meeting. A pot luck supper will be served directly after a short business meeting, at which time we will enjoy the comradeship and fraternal brotherhood which all Masonic functions enjoy.

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For further information contact S/Sgt. Bates, Wg Personnel, Bldg S-6, Airmen's Status Section—Phone 2093.

## Young Blood For AACS

The 1292-2 AACS Detachment here at Dow is really beginning to flex its muscles now. In addition to a strong backbone of well qualified controllers and maintenance men, we have received in the past month or so, a "shot in the arm", so to speak, of fresh young blood. The following is a list of our newest controllers, many of whom bring with them experience in the fields of GCA, RAPCON, and ARTC: Airmen first class Antone Bellucci and George Brown; Airmen second class Michael Connors, Charles Henderson, Gerald Lausin, Paul Richard, Michael St. Clair, and Robert Straub; Airmen third class Jerrell Blue, Lowell Deal, Ronald Dube, John Grubb, William Mendell, and Jean Wendling. Also, we acquired new teletype maintenance men in the persons of A/2C Carl Amero and Robert Hamlin.

The experience and freshness of outlook which these men brought with them, will, when added to the OJT which they receive here, certainly help us in maintaining a "Safe, Orderly, and Expeditious Flow of Air Traffic."



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## "En Route" Traffic Control Centers For 9 Sage Sites

WASHINGTON, D. C. (SAC PS) —"Enroute" air traffic control centers will be set up at the USAF's nine SAGE establishments to provide increased safety for high-flying military and civilian jet aircraft.

Elwood R. Quesada, head of the Federal Aviation Agency and former Air Force lieutenant general, said the new centers should mean a substantial reduction in the traffic burden now borne by the 30 Traffic Control Centers which handle enroute traffic at all altitudes.

## Combat Defense NCO's Honored

Two of the outstanding NCO's of the combat defense squadron were recently awarded letters of appreciation of their outstanding contribution to the squadron mission. The two men whose work was lauded were T-Sgt. James E. Ayers, NCOIC of the training section, and S-Sgt. Donald Carberry, who assists Sgt. Ayers.

Sgt. Ayers was given recognition for his work in the field of OJT & Training and Sgt. Carberry for his work in taking over the section during the absence of the NCOIC, and his work in the field of education.

After the new centers begin operating, the present centers will be assigned control of traffic below 24,000 feet in heavy traffic areas. SAC's tactical jet bombers operate at altitudes in excess of this except when refueling.

Mr. Quesada said the new plan would not hinder the military duties of the SAGE (semi-automatic ground environment) system. SAGE is designed to identify any enemy aircraft approaching the United States and to trigger instantaneous detection and destruction.

The establishing of the enroute air traffic control centers is another step toward the prevention of mid-air collisions between high performance military and civilian jet planes.

USAF and FAA have been working at fever pitch during the past two years to solve this problem and will continue to do so until it has been completely overcome.

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