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SAC Announces Stripe Quotas For Promotion In June Cycle

Total Of 6641 To Sew New Promotion Stripes

HQ. SAC (SAC PS)—Come the first of June, 6641 SACmen will be sewing on promotion stripes. In the meantime, promotion boards are conveying at numbered air forces and reaquarters SAC to make final selections.

Command-wide, the quotas are TSgt., 127; SSgt., 511; A/1C, 2389; and A/2C, 3614.

According to Major Frank S. Melvin, Chief, Military Personnel Division here at Dow, the exact number of Dowmen to be promoted is not known as yet. "We are allowed to nominate eight men for TSgt. and 20 for SSgt.," said Major Melvin. "However, this doesn't mean we'll get that many. The names of the nominees are sent forward to Eighth Air Force and selection is made there." Selection to A/2C and A/1C is made at base level but total to be promoted remains unknown.

Following is a breakdown of grade quotas by commands and units: (Editor's note: Aside from the 21 numbered air forces, promotions to tech and staff within the other units will be decided by SAC on a best-qualified basis. Also, SAC is authorized to promote up to 10 percent in AFSCs that are otherwise closed for promotion. This provision is designed to permit outstanding airmen to be considered for promotion.)

Command	TSgt.	SSgt.	A/1C	A/2C
2AF	35	149	666	952
8AF	42	166	783	1117
15AF	37	127	656	983
16AF	*	*	88	176
1st MD	*	*	26	53
3AD	*	*	19	63
7AD	*	*	84	174
3902ABWg	*	*	31	81
1st RBSCp	*	*	21	4
3908SSCp	*	*	1	0
Hq SAC	*	*	6	1
544 RTecGp	*	*	3	10

(* All units marked with an asterisk will vie, command-wide, for the 13 tech and 69 staff quotas.)

These promotion quotas conclude the FY '59 airman promotion program. Promotion quotas for the NCO grades during FY '60 will be computed by Air Staff based on attrition. Increased emphasis on the Quality Control program, administrative demotions and reenlistment restrictions could result in an increase in NCO quotas.

Additionally, the 55% grade limitation for grades of A/1C and above will be raised to 56%. This increase in the grade limitation will increase A/1C quotas from the 26,638 promoted in FY '59 to approximately 34,500 to be promoted Air Force-wide during FY '60.

This increase in A/1C quotas will lower the selection ratio from the one A/1C quota to every 7.7 A/2C in FY '59 to one A/1C quota to every 5.7 A/2C in FY '60.

President's Greeting's

"Over the past decade, Armed Forces Day, the third Saturday of May, has become an important date in the calendar of the Nation. In the annual observation of this day it is a privilege to join my fellow citizens together with the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, their reserve components and auxiliaries.

"Assisted by national, state and local civil authorities and organizations, every effort will be made to increase public understanding of the role of our Armed Forces as a defensive shield serving in partnership with friends around the world. Toward this end, I know that the members of the Armed Forces will discharge their responsibilities with pride and purposefulness.

"Armed Forces Day 1959 provides an opportunity for our people to demonstrate their belief in the constructive Power for Peace—to which the Armed Forces of the United States are totally committed."

—Dwight D. Eisenhower
President of the United States

(AFNS) The Department of Defense Distinguished Civilian Service Award—highest honor conferred on civilian employees by the Department—was presented to two Air Force civilian employees, along with four others from other Services.

Mr. Ezra Kotcher, Technical Director, Wright Air Development Center, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, earned the award for 12 years of exceptional contribution to strategic conceptions and decisions of the greatest importance to the defense of the U. S. and the Free World.

Reenlistment Honor Roll

Nine more Dowmen last week made their way from the reenlistment office to the pay window to collect bonuses.

They are:

A/1C James L. Dorris of Jacksonville, Fla., Field Maintenance.

A/2C Leslie J. Williams of Success, Ark., Installations Squadron.

A/2C Paul Williams of Dorchester, Mass., Installations Squadron.

SSgt. Donald A. Hammond of Willoughby, Ohio, Installations Squadron.

A/2C Charles H. Babcock of Malden, Mass., Wing Headquarters.

A/1C Earl L. Morris, Jr., of Newburyport, Mass., Field Maintenance.

SSgt. Ismael A. Ogaz of Los Angeles, 341st ARS.

A/1C John J. Passarello of Charleston, S. C., Field Maintenance.

SSgt. Frank J. Petrulis Jr. of Bangor, Supply Squadron.

Six More Units Join Dow AFB In Hall Of Fame

HQ. SAC (SAC PS)—Six units received recognition this month in the SAC flying safety Hall of Fame, according to Col. Woodrow P. Swancutt, chief of safety.

Three of them entered the Hall of Fame for completing one year of accident-free flying on May 1. The other three, already listed on the elite roster, completed two or more years of safe flying on the same date.

Newcomers to the "hall" are the 392d Combat Support Group, Vandenberg AFB, Calif.; 4238th Strategic Wing, Barksdale AFB, La.; and 98th Bomb Wing, Lincoln AFB, Neb. Each has flown one year without an accident.

Heading the list of the other three is the 804th Combat Support Group, Hunter AFB, Ga., which achieved a five-year accident-free record. The 2d Strategic Support Squadron, McCoy AFB, Fla., moved into the more-than-three-year group, and the 96th Bomb Wing, Dyess AFB, Tex., climbed into the more-than-two-year accident-free bracket. Dow AFB has been a member of the Hall of Fame for the past three years and became a member of the more than three years category last April first.

SAC's Hall of Fame is a list of more than 50 units which have flown one or more years without an accident. It is headed by the 93rd Combat Support Group, Castle AFB, Calif., with a record

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NEW BOSS FOR RED HATS—Maj. Harold K. Dorgan, formerly 71st ARS operations officer, inherited the commander's slot when Lt. Col. James D. Otis, Jr., was reassigned to command the organizational maintenance squadron.

Dow Will Hold Open House Tomorrow And May 21-24

Saturday, May 16, has been designated as Armed Forces Day by the President of the United States. On this day, all Armed Forces installations in the United States will be open to the general public.

Dow Air Force Base at Bangor will be no exception and the general public will be welcome to visit Dow on that day, but this year is Quartcentennial year in Bangor—Dow is co-operating with the down town committee and will open the base to the public on the following weekend.

From May 21 through May 24, Dow as a part of the program of the Quartcentennial, will hold a Downeast Air Fair. Col. George W. R. Zethren, Commander of the 4060th Air Refueling Wing, hopes that the public will take advantage of this opportunity to see and learn more about their Air Force.

During these four days, the citizens of Maine will be able to visit static exhibits and various aircraft assembled at convenient locations on the base. In addition to this, there will be flyovers of different types of aircraft from nearby bases as well as aircraft from the Maine Air National Guard.

Fire-fighting demonstrations will be staged by the Dow Fire Department and on Saturday, the Thunderbirds, the leading experts of precision flying will give an

exhibition which will be well worth seeing.

Sunday, May 24, will be highlighted with a horse show on the base in the morning and afternoon. No admission will be charged and for horse lovers, this will be a real show.

Events Listed

The tentative schedule for the Air Fair is as follows:

May 21—Formal opening of the Air Fair, 30 minute bus tour, Eighth Air Force Band Concert, SAC Aero Club show, Sentry Dog Show, Judo exhibition, fire-fighting demonstration, helicopter flight, western singers and the Eighth Air Force Band Concert.

May 22—Open house carnival, 30 minute bus tour, Eighth Air Force Band Concert, Sentry Dogs, (Continued on Page 5, Column 4)

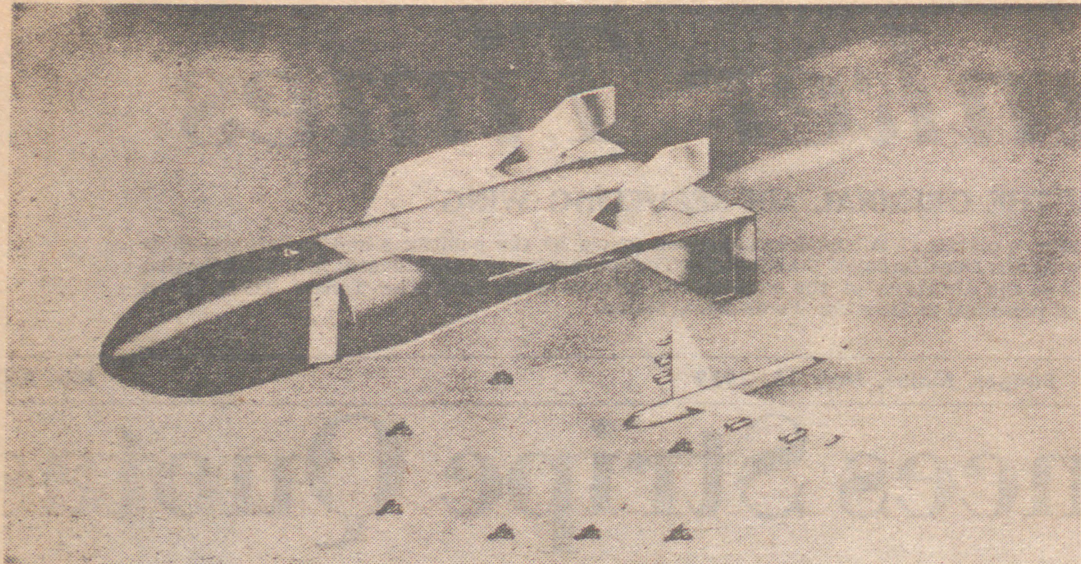
Thinclads Slate Quadrangle Meet

Due to the alert, the track meet with Colby College has been postponed. The next scheduled track activity will be at the University of Maine with Dow meeting Hanscom AFB, Loring AFB, and the Maine Maritime Academy, in a quadrangular meet tomorrow at 1 p. m.

POWER FOR PEACE

MAY 16, 1959





THE GAM-72-QUAIL is being built by McDonnell Aircraft Company for the Strategic Air Command. This missile is carried by either a B-52 or B-47 and is used as a diversionary or "decoy" missile. The Quail has been successfully fired by both aircraft. It is powered by a J-85 jet engine. The Quail is programmed for Dow AFB. (SAC Photo)

New Reg Tells NCOA Purpose

HQ. SAC (SAC PS) — The objectives of the NCO academy graduate association have been specifically outlined and made more functional in a new version of SACR 50-3, the regulation authorizing an association at each SAC base.

To re-establish the role of the NCO in the USAF chain of command, the association's new objectives are to:

... Improve standards of discipline and esprit de corps within the USAF.

... Encourage an attitude of unified purpose within the NCO corps according to tried and accepted military traditions and customs.

... Make available to commanders the collective leadership abilities, knowledge and experience of the association members.

In addition, the new reg encourages commanders to submit problems to the association for study and recommendations, and to obtain the participation of the association in official and unofficial functions and activities.

The NCO academy association is composed of E-6, E-7, E-8 and (later) E-9 graduates of all accredited major command NCO academies. Membership is on a voluntary basis.

CHENNAULT AFB, La., (SAC PS) — What may well be the largest group ever to receive the Air Force Commendation Medal for one incident was decorated here recently. Twenty-two airmen of the 68th Organizational Maintenance Squadron were presented the AFCEM for their part in towing nine aircraft to safety when a B-47 caught fire here last November.

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New AF Reenlistment Ruling For Airmen With "Lost Time"

HQ. SAC (SAC PS) — Airman with "lost time" — even one day — will not be allowed to take short discharges for immediate reenlistment, SAC announced last week.

In addition, waivers for reenlistment for airmen who have five days or more lost time will no longer be approved at base level. Such waivers must now be approved at SAC headquarters.

The two rulings are part of a recent SAC message on the Airman Quality Control program and will supplement AFR 39-14 and AFM 39-9.

Under the new directive, waivers must fully substantiate that reenlistment of the airman concerned is in the best interest of the Air Force. They will be granted only for reenlistment at "expiration of term of service," and must arrive here 30 days prior to date of discharge.

Initial requests must arrive at SAC no later than June 1. Because of the time element, SAC has granted its bases authority to waive lost time on highly deserving airmen who are due for discharge prior to June 1.

SAC pointed out, however, that approvals must not negate the intent of quality control.

The directive followed close on the heels of a recent SAC message that lost-time airmen who were

waived for reenlistment would not be transferred from their re-up base for a period of one year.

SAC East-West Liaison Teams Out On May 15

HQ. SAC (SAC PS) — Action has been taken here to discontinue the use of SAC liaison teams at the east and west coast ports of embarkation as of May 15.

The teams, each composed of one officer and two airmen, were originally established to coordinate with other commands on the shipment overseas of SAC personnel and their goods. Under the new "direct reservation" set-up, the teams have served their purpose and SACmen are now departing for overseas assignments within hours after arrival at the ports.

In a recent message, SAC directed all its ZI bases to refer future queries on personnel and goods to the appropriate ports as follows:

Surface travel to and from areas serviced by the East Coast, contact 3121st USAF Logistic Control Group (Atlantic), ATTN: Personnel Movements Branch, Brooklyn Army Terminal, Brooklyn 50, N. Y.

Air travel to overseas areas served by McGuire AFB, N. J., contact USAF ATCO, McGuire AFB.

Air movement of personnel from the West Coast, contact Detachment 1, 3123d USAF Logistic Control Group (Pacific) (AMC), Travis AFB, Calif.

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Recreational Activities

Service Club Lowdown

The Service Club will have an unusual attraction May 18 to May 25; we will have on display, the Insignia and Patch Collection of M-Sgt. Frank C. Wyman, of the Office of the Army Advisor, State Armory, Bangor. Sergeant Wyman is a veteran with 23 years active service, during the last eight of which he has accumulated this unusual collection. It is made up of over 300 pieces from all branches of the service, including some from Germany, Japan, and other foreign countries. The oldest pieces are: a GAR Campaign Hat Pin, a Tunic Button, Dog Tag, and a Civil War saber, which belonged to his great-grandfather, C. C. Newell, 2nd Maine, Volunteer (Inf.). The newest addition is an Air Force Service Club Director Patch. This collection is made up of gifts, and some purchases from a New York agency. Sergeant Wyman is a member of the Insignia and Patch Collectors Club, whose main office is in Seattle, Washington.

On display along with the Insignias and Patches will be the following items: a Japanese saber, a Civil War saber, World War I Helmet and Gas Mask, and three very old books offering interesting information: compare your salary now with the salary of 1862 and 1904 as listed in the War Department Regulation Books of those years, also compare the meals that you're getting now with the meals served G. I. Joe in 1914 from the World War I Cook's Manual. Whatever you do, don't miss this unusual and informative display!

Sunday, May 24th, the Service Club will hold a Tea Dance from 1400-1700, featuring the music of the 8th Air Force Dance Band. Everyone is invited, whether they live on base, off base, up-town, down-town, or just around-the-town. A pleasant time is promised all, civilians and military personnel alike. So, c'mon over, and bring your friends! This is all part of Dow's Downeast Air Fair.

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Swimming Team

Tryouts for the Base Swimming and Diving Team will be held at the Bangor YMCA on the following dates: 18, 20, and 25 May at 7:30 - 8:30. It will be required that the men show their I.D. cards in order to be admitted to the YMCA. At the conclusion of these tryouts, a swimming team will be formed and they will practice 3 or 4 nights a week thereafter. Eighth Air Force competition will be held at Loring AFB, 8 - 10 July 59.

Fairchild Youths Win Mail-Order Bowling Tourney

HQ. SAC (SAC PS)—Two teams from Fairchild AFB, Wash., won top honors in the SAC National Junior Bowling championships.

In a mail-o-graphic tournament sponsored by the American Junior Bowling Congress, youthful SAC bowlers held a "roll-off" March 28 and mailed in team scores for selection of top SAC teams.

Both the boys' and girls' teams at Fairchild were declared SAC junior champions.

Winner of the boys' national bantam championship was the team from Walker AFB, N. M., and honors for the girls' team went to Offutt AFB, Neb.

SAC trophies will be presented to all members of the winning teams and their coaches.

This was the second year in which SAC has participated in the American Junior Bowling Congress. More than 9000 teams from across the nation were entered.

Wood Hobby Shop News

By WOODY WOOD

Major Hyman Modelevski of the 341st ARS is in the process of completing an excellent sports type runabout boat. The fibre glass bottom went on Thursday evening and the Major estimates completion of the project by the week end of the 17th.

We can safely say that the boat projects will be going strong for quite a while. For those of you who plan to do some work on your

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CAR TOPICS

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Here's just one example: An oncoming car whose driver fails to dim his bright lights in response to your signals is acting discourteously. He is creating a hazard. But if you angrily throw up your car's beams, so that both you and the oncoming driver are temporarily blinded, then you are creating a double hazard. An accident can occur—all because of one or two discourteous acts. Always maintain your low beam whenever approaching traffic in either direction.

The next time you take the car on the road, make up your mind to give everybody a break. Let that fellow out from the curb. Allow pedestrians to move with the green light before you make your turn. Use the horn less frequently. If there's a car moving up fast behind you, don't block his way, even though he may be exceeding the speed limit... let him pass. And always remember to meet lack of courtesy with courtesy. It's not just the nice thing to do: It's the safe thing to do.

BEALE AFB, Calif., (SAC PS)—Col. Paul K. Carlton has assumed command of the 4126th Strategic Wing here. He was deputy commander of the 83rd Bomb Wing at Castle AFB, Calif., until May 7.

Dow Team Favored For Eighth Crown After Showing Made Here

The Dow Track Team established itself as the favorite for the 8th AF crown as they trounced the Maine Freshmen 76-50 at Orono. The airmens' fine effort snapped a 19-meet victory streak for the Baby Bears. Twelve men scored for Dow as the team garnered 11 out of 14 first places.

Four members of the KC's scored 56 points between them, with Tony Stevens leading the parade with four firsts. Big Matt Poth picked up three victories in the weight events and R. C. Smith had a first and a pair of seconds. Coach Bob Behr chalked up wins in the 220 and 440.

Stevens' jumping was particularly noteworthy. His leap of 22' 7½" took the broad jump and his high jump of 6'3¼" was an inch under the field record set by New Hampshire's Bob Morrom, a 1948 Olympian. Dow's other win was made by Mike Walko in the javelin throw. Strong winds hurt the running times.

SUMMARY:

100—Smith (D), Sebastien (D), Price (D), :10.6; 880—Behr (D) Smith (D), Stewart (M), :23.4; 440—Behr (D), Stewart (M), Galitsky (M), :53.5; 880—Kimball (M), Gatto (D), Angevine (M), 2:07.7; Mile—Kimball (M), Morse (M), Gatto (D), 4:49.1; High Hurdles—Stevens (D), Tidd (M), Whitten (M), :15.7; Low Hurdles—Stevens (D), Tidd (M), Sebastien (D), 21.7; Short Put—Poth (D), Desroches (M), Paschal (D), 49' 1¼"; Discus—Poth (D), Smith (D), Lindsay (D), 136' 11¼"; Hammer—Poth (D), Steele (M), Frisby (D), 133' 11"; Javelin—Walko (D), Desroches (M), Lindsay (D), 152' 11¼"; High Jump—Stevens (D), 2nd tie: Stone (D), Whitten (M), 6' 3¼" Broad Jump—Stevens (D), Stewart (M), Duston (M), 22' 7½"; Pole Vault—Crandall (M), R. Price (M), Fraser (M), 10' 6".

Base Movies:

Normal Show Time 6 and 8 p. m.

"The Deep Six"—Tonight

Friday

"THE DEEP SIX" starring Alan Ladd, Dianne Foster, and William Bendix. Movietone News (F).

Saturday Matinee

"THE STORM RIDER" starring Scott Brady and Mala Powers. Captain Video, Chapter 2, Color Cartoon. (F)

Saturday

"BATTLE FLAME" starring Scott Brady, Robert Blake, and Elaine Edwards. An intrepid platoon of Girens interrupt their strategic withdrawal from the Chosen River reservoir to rescue a group of Navy nurses who had been captured by the Reds. (F)

Sunday and Monday

"THE YOUNG PHILADELPHIANS" starring Paul Newman, Barbara Rush, and Brian Keith. It is 1924 and a wealthy socialite is marrying the granddaughter of a servant girl. On her wedding night, Kate is horrified to find that her husband cannot consummate their marriage. The next morning she learns that her husband has been killed in an automobile accident. A son is later born to Kate; in spite of her mother-in-law's accusations that the child is not her son's Kate insists on naming him Anthony. (M)

Tuesday

"GIGANTIS, THE FIRE MONSTER" starring Hiroshi Koizumi, Satsuko Wakayama, and Mindru Chiaki. Two ferocious prehistoric monsters battle each other in a fight to the finish, the survivor is destroyed by the Air Force and the Navy before it can wreak

utter havoc on an unprepared city. (F).

Wednesday

"SANTA FE" starring Randolph Scott and Janis Carter. The rough and raw and very real story of the men who made the old Santa Fe Trail a path of glory and adventure by forging ribbons of steel beyond trials of the Indians and the tracks of the covered wagon. (F)

Thursday

"THE WORLD, THE FLESH, AND THE DEVIL" starring Harry Belafonte, Mel Ferrer, and Inger Stevens. The plot of "The World, The Flesh and The Devil" concerns the evacuated city of New York after sodium isotope dust has wiped out almost the entire population. There are only three survivors—a white man, Mel Ferrer; a white woman, Inger Stevens; and a Negro, Harry Belafonte. (M)

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Armed Forces Day— Time For Reflection

By COLONEL GEORGE W. R. ZETHREN
Wing Commander

Armed Forces Day tomorrow will again focus the eyes of our nation on those of its citizens whose lives are dedicated to the profession of peace. Traditionally, the day is an occasion on which the American people are invited to inspect their military establishments.

Here at Dow, we will deviate slightly from the tradition this year. Our gates will be open tomorrow for an Open House, and all visitors will be welcomed to view our facilities and static displays. But our real effort will not come until next week, when we roll out the red carpet for a joint celebration with the City of Bangor, now observing its 125th birthday.

We have an impressive schedule of events lined up for Thursday through Sunday of next week, designed to entertain our civilian neighbors as well as display to them something of our base and its mission.

While the big effort is being reserved for next week, it seems most appropriate that we spend a few minutes in sober reflection at this time on the significance of Armed Forces Day, 1959.

For those of us in the Strategic Air Command, it seems to me that the significance is threefold. It calls for a look to the past with a sense of real achievement; it requires an examination of the present with cool self-evaluation; and, most important, it forces us to look ahead to the future with courage and foresight.

Our SAC history, though brief, has built for us a tradition of deterrent power in a posture of constant readiness. Such a reputation isn't achieved without a large measure of blood, sweat and tears. It has been won at the cost of untold sacrifices by the men of SAC and their courageous families. The supreme sacrifice of life itself has sadly, but unavoidably, been a part of the price.

We do well to pause in tribute to our comrades who have given so much of themselves to make SAC the free world's most potent tool of war prevention.

With such a heritage, there can be no denying the responsibilities facing us today. Each day must show progress and improvement if we are to maintain our position of effective readiness.

In these days of rapid change and advancement in weapons, concepts and techniques, the present is often almost indistinguishable from the future. Yesterday's plan is today's job, and today's dream is tomorrow's mission. Despite the increased emphasis on automatic systems, our greatest resource is now and will continue to be our people.

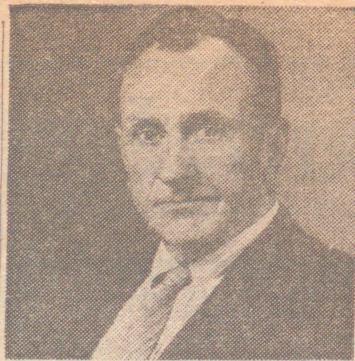
We are rapidly reaching the point where our mission can be accomplished only by the most able, the most imaginative and most dedicated military men in the world. SAC will require not just the best, but the best of the best.

There is something tremendously satisfying about being on the first team. A positive career attitude can offer us the challenge, the stimulation and the ultimate fulfillment of a life devoted to the work we like—work that is worthy of our best.

Armed Forces Day gives each of us an ideal opportunity to re-evaluate his own individual role in one of the noblest and most challenging careers ever offered to men—the profession of peace. Think about it!



Col. Zethren



MR. LEWIS S. THOMPSON — Special Assistant to the Secretary of the Air Force for Manpower, Personnel and Reserve Forces, recently concluded a tour of the Air Training Command with visits to headquarters at Randolph AFB, Texas and a number of training bases. Before his appointment as special assistant in March, Mr. Thompson was on the staff of the Secretary of the Air Force as Deputy for Military Assistance Programs.

Uniform And Stripe Change For 21,950

AFNS — Along with the seasonal shift from blues to silver tans, 21,950 airmen will move upward a rung on the promotion ladder. Following a pattern that will be repeating itself for the third time in the June go-around, the bulk of the promotions will go to SAC, ADC, and MATS.

These commands will divvy up 12,869 of the available chevrons, with SAC getting 6,641; ADC, 3,424; and MATS, 2,804. As in the March cycle, the Air Force Accounting and Finance Center will make no promotions.

Pickings will be slim, too, in the smaller commands and special units. The 1125 USAF Field Activities Group will promote one to SSgt. and one to A/IC; the 1007 Air Intelligence Service Group will make two SSgts. and no other grades; the 1030 USAF Auditor General Group has a quota of two to SSgt., three to A/IC and one to A/2C.

Air Force-wide, broken down according to grade, the chevron inventory looks like this: TSgt (E-6), 450; SSgt (E-5), 2,500; A/IC (E-4), 8,000; A/2C (E-3), 11,000.

In new instructions which left Hq USAF in an all-commands letter on April 28, promotion authorities were told to open promotion to TSgt from AFSC 29171 (Cryptographic Operations Supervisor) and AFSC 43174 (Flight Engineer Technician), in both A/IC and Staff.

New Book Club For The AF Pro

A book club of interest to the person who wants to move up in the Air Force has been praised for serving the professional interests of Air Force members by a man who is now at the top: Gen. Thomas D. White, Chief of Staff.

In years past, the Air Force has emphasized a broad professional education for its officers, airmen and civilian employees, General White said.

In a memorandum to all Air Force personnel, the Chief of Staff stated that today greater understanding and education are needed as the science of aerospace power moves into more complex areas.

To help satisfy the individual's quest for knowledge and to meet the high standards of professionalism set by the Air Force, the Airpower Book Club was formed a little over a year ago.

The club, appealing to readers interested in airpower and related fields, provides its members with four timely books plus a valuable bonus book for annual dues of \$15, which means a savings of nearly 50 per cent over retail prices.

Commenting on the Airpower Book Club's selections, General White said they are of value to "the individual who desires to expand his knowledge of aerospace power and to assume increased responsibility in position and grade."

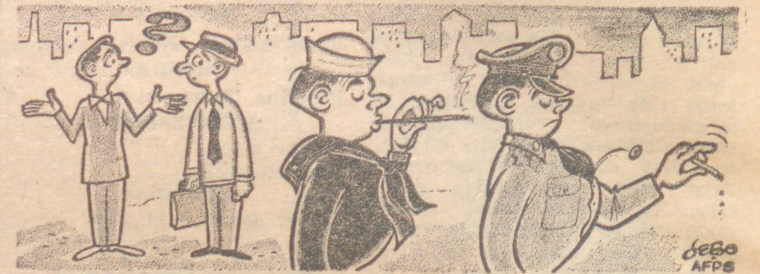
Further information about the club, and an application blank, can be obtained by writing to the Airpower Book Club, Mills Building, Washington 6, D.C.

Looking Sharp In Uniform Doesn't Call For A Strut

Ever watch a pouter pigeon? He's a handsome bird, and he knows it. He puffs out his chest so far to draw attention to himself that often he loses balance and lands on his head.

Ever watch some servicemen in public? They're handsome birds in their tailored blues or whites or gabardines, and they know it. They seem to be telling the world at large: "Sharp, huh? We're rough and we're tough, and you civilians had better remember it!"

They seem to think that their uniform confers special privileges and attention. They expect the best table in the restaurant, the best seat in the house. If they get this preferential treatment—from well-meaning people who sincerely look up to men serving their country—they take it for granted. The average civilian, exposed to



such arrogant strutting, is apt to reflect that the storm troopers in Hitler's Germany behaved much the same way.

You're proud of your uniform. So are the people around you who don't have uniforms. Many wore them years ago, however. It disposes them to go out of their way to help you, to serve you, to make you feel welcome to their community. They like to see you looking sharp.

But they aren't impressed by bully boys—if you doubt it, ask the man with years of service behind him, the man who wears rows of ribbons and campaign stars. You won't see him playing cock-of-the-walk. He knows the way to win the respect of strangers and hold it. He's the modest man, the tactful man—never too big for his uniforms. (AFPS)

TIMES Spot News In Brief

MODIFIED ATLAS TO HELP LAUNCH "TWO-TON VEGA" SATELLITE

AFNS—A launching vehicle capable of thrusting a two-ton satellite into an Earth orbit should be ready for test flights by late 1960.

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration says the vehicle, titled Vega, should be able to place a space laboratory with several men in it on a 300-mile orbit around the Earth for several weeks.

Vega may also be used for Moon and planetary probes. With a modified Air Force Atlas ICBM as the first stage, and two other stages, NASA says Vega should be able to send up a 1,000 pound payload in the vicinity of the Moon and soft-land several hundred pounds of instruments on it.

NASA named Convair prime contractor for Vega, termed the "first of our more advanced boosters (whose) principal job will be lunar and planetary investigation."

AF ACADEMY ENTERS ACADEMIC SWIM

(AFNS) Two hundred educators from 25 western and midwestern universities and colleges attended an annual meeting of the Rocky Mountain Social Science Association, May 2, at the Air Force Academy.

In a busy, one-day session, the schoolmen attended section meetings on the following topics: Economics and Business; History and Geography; and Political Science and Sociology.

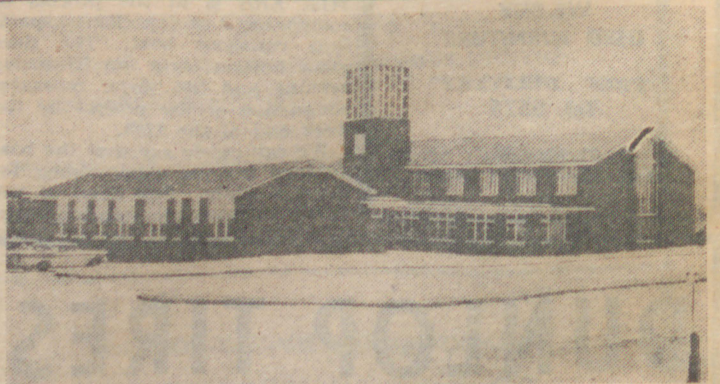
Colonel Robert F. McDermitt, Dean of Faculty, Air Force Academy, officially welcomed the delegates at a luncheon in the Officers' Club.

AF OFFICERS ADDRESS SCIENCE ACADEMY

(AFNS) Two young Air Force scientists were recently honored by the National Academy of Sciences with a special invitation to speak before the select organization representing all the sciences.

Maj. Lew Allen, Jr., 33, of Gainesville, Tex., and Capt. Jasper A. Welch, Jr., 28, of Baton Rouge, La., told the Academy in Washington, D. C., about their work on the Argus project for the Air Research and Development Command. This consisted of first 19 high-altitude sounding rockets from various locations. The rockets carried instrumentation to measure the shell of trapped electrons produced by the Argus nuclear blasts.

The officers are assigned to the Air Force's Special Weapons Center at Kirkland AFB, N. Mex.



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AIRMAN'S BOOKSHELF

POPULAR AND PROFESSIONAL AEROSPACE BOOKS

(AFNS) "AS THE PRO FLIES" is an authoritative book which describes the complexities of flying clearly for novice and experienced pilot alike and should prove of special interest to aero club members.

The author, John Hoyt, has been flying for 25 years and has logged 6,000 hours in military and civilian aircraft. He has been a CAA inspector, a commander in the U. S. Naval Reserve, and an Associate Fellow of the Institute of Aeronautical Sciences.

"AS THE PRO FLIES" covers the entire range of flying experience from take-off to landing, through good weather and bad, with radio aids and without. The basic principles of flying are expounded and the author has added his own valuable tips for the practical and practicing pilot.

Mr. Hoyt has an uncanny facility for simplifying the most subjects, and the chapters he devotes to instrument flying and radio navigation are models of brevity and clarity. How to use DF and GCS, in making a let-down; how to fly the ADF, with an easy rule for keeping the ADF needle where it's supposed to be; how to use the omnirange to track and to find time and distance to the station; how to use the omni in making an ILS approach, with an easy rule for lessening the strain of flying the needles; all are explained succinctly and with an easy, contagious good humor.

Here, outlined briefly, yet fully, is an invaluable chapter on the use of flaps which takes all the guess-work out of expert take-offs and landings. Here, in the clearest exposition yet, is a section on the vagaries and idiosyncrasies of the compass.

This book is replete with easy-to-remember rules to make your flying more pleasurable and safer. Yet it is not, strictly speaking, a technical book, nor is it the usual sort of text encountered by flight students. It is, instead, a compilation, a summary, and a superbly executed extraction of Mr. Hoyt's personal experience and observation throughout a varied career in the field of aviation.

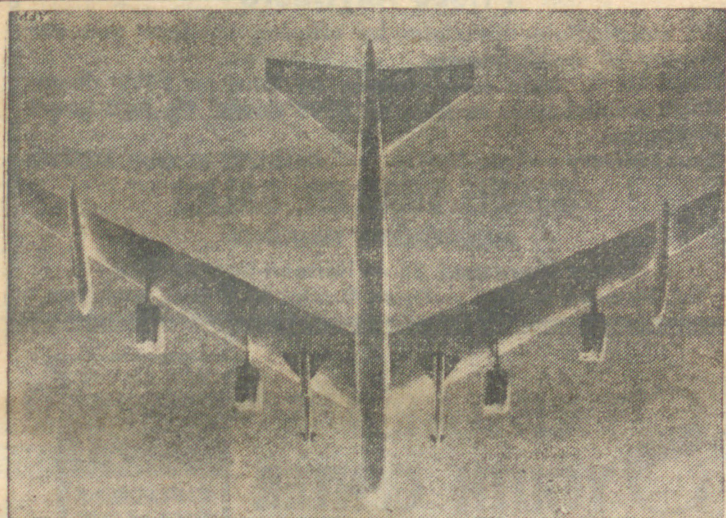
It is obvious that flying is great fun for Mr. Hoyt, for he has managed to inject warmth and understanding into the most serious aspects of flight. If he makes flying seem almost too easy, it is a tribute to his skill with the pen. Indeed, his flair for easy-to-read writing matches his mastery over the technical elements of flying. Reviewed by Harry Zubkoff, Research Analyst, Hq USAF.

(Published by McGraw - Hill Book Co., "As the Pro Flies" retails for \$4.95. Recommended by the USAF Book Program, it is for sale on the "Airman's Bookshelf" at a popular BX price. It can also be obtained by members of the AIRPOWER BOOK CLUB at a reduced price.)

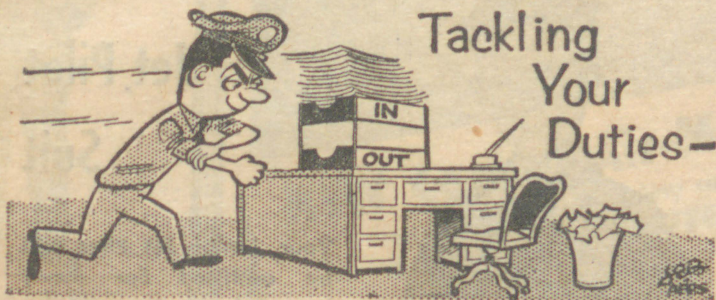
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WESTOVER AFB, Mass. (SAC PS)—Maj. Gen. Hunter Harris Jr., Eighth Air Force deputy commander, and MSgt. Claude Dunning, NCOIC of radio communications, 18th Comm Squadron, relived the days of bailing-wire-and-guts flying in a recent reunion here. Twenty-two years ago General Harris, then a first lieutenant, and Sergeant Dunning, then a specialist fifth class, served together in the Philippines. The general was pilot of a Keystone Bomber-B-3A—and the sergeant was his radioman gunner.



READY TO BARK—Using the wing of a Boeing B-52 eight jet bomber as a dog house, two Hound Dog missiles, the Air Force's new air to air ground striking weapon, are set to bite the enemy. The Hound Dog is programmed for Dow AFB.



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May 24 — Mass at Base Chapel, Open worship service at horse show, Protestant services at Base Chapel, carnival, Horse show continued, tea dance at Service Club, SAC Aero flying, Sentry Dogs, Judo Team and an evening variety show.

HQ. SAC (SAC PS) —Primary objective of Hound Dog, SAC's air-to-surface missile, is to destroy heavily defended targets. Designed to be launched from SAC's B-52G, its secondary objective is to aid B-52s in penetrating to their targets by beating down enemy defenses in the path of the bomber. Hound Dog is manufactured by North American.

Hall Of Fame

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The new list will appear in the June edition of COMBAT CREW, SAC flying safety magazine. Units completing two or more years accident free receive certificates of achievement.

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LOT 312 — Four odd box springs twin size, purchased for a motel and unclaimed. Original price for the four \$159.80. Will close out all four \$98.00 for the lot. Easy terms, \$2.00 a week.

New Central also has some bargains in slightly used furniture lots. Some customers have asked us to resell their furniture because of family misunderstandings, others have taken jobs in other cities, and moving costs were too high. Since we have a great demand for this type goods we are pleased to accommodate. Remember, you pay only the UNPAID BALANCES, and you pay this in small weekly or monthly payments.

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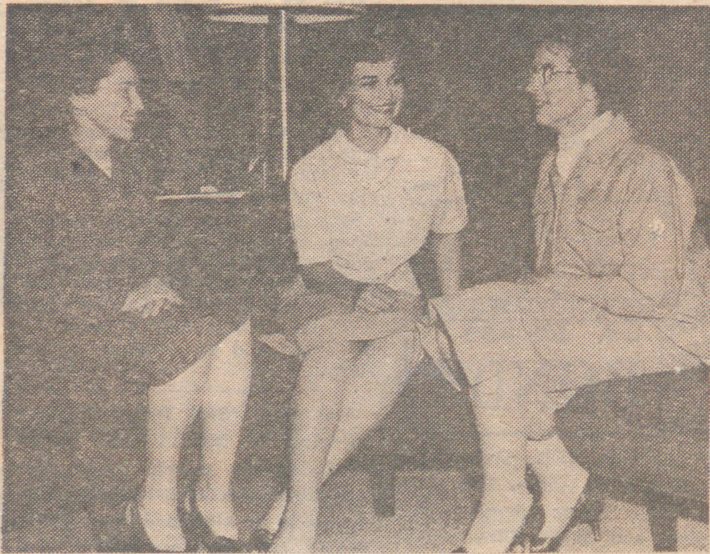
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Dow Air Force Base Family

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- 5 May**
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Daughter born to TSgt. and Mrs. Jacob Geiger.
- 6 May**
Daughter born to 1st Lt. and Mrs. Gerald King.
- 7 May**
Daughter born to A/2C and Mrs. Fred Hayden.
Daughter born to A/2C and Mrs. Jared Mac Killip.
- 8 May**
Daughter born to SSgt. and Mrs. William Kraft.
Son born to SSgt. and Mrs. David Toy.
Son born to A/2C and Mrs. John Krim.
- 9 May**
Daughter born to A/2C and Mrs. Robert Miller.



VICE PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEES for the Officers Wives coming election of new officers are (l to r) Fern Cox, Faith Niles and Florence Graham. Elections will be held in June during a regular meeting of the club.

Officers Wives Club Notes

The Dow Down East Air Fair Fashion Show will be held May 21 at the Officer's Club at 9 PM. The ladies are working very hard on this project and it promises to be a most enjoyable evening's entertainment. At 10 PM dance music will be provided. From 6:30 to 8:30 PM (not connected at all with the fashion show, but available for your convenience,) there will be a buffet dinner for 3.75. The Bangor Merchants are providing the clothing which will be modeled by Officers and members of the OWC. We are encouraged to invite as many civilian friends as we wish. Reservations are necessary.

The Hail and Fairwell Coffee will be held May 26 at 1 PM at the Club. This will be Cathy Raeburn's last of the year, so we think it might be extra good. While on the council this reporter has missed only one Hail and Fairwell Coffee, and enjoyed all the others very much. Cathy and her committee work long hard hours making these coffees the big successes they always are. Arrange for the baby sitter, and plan to be on hand at 1 PM at the Club, May 26.

Lt. and Mrs. Gerry King were blessed with a brand new baby girl May 6. Little 8 pound Lisa Beth King boosted the world's population by one point around 4 AM. Lisa joins her older brother in the King family, who is impatiently awaiting her arrival home.

Teen Talk

By DALE MOSES

Sending a three act play involving sixteen persons, make-up, and many other things is no small task. For their unending effort in backing the play we would like to extend our gratitude to Mrs. Horner, who was largely responsible for the trip to Pease, and Lt. Rigby and Mrs. Lenz who are directors in charge of the play.

You can imagine how exciting it is going to be on this rare occasion. Saturday the sixteenth is the date of departure.

There were three rehearsals. These were held last Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. To hear the players go through the play you couldn't tell that any more time than a week had elapsed since they had presented their work at the Service Club. After the three lengthy practices, the cast was ready to face the curious, interested audience at Pease Air Force Base.

It is, at this time, important that I say something about the Dow baseball teams for this summer. We still need anyone who is interested in playing in the 13-15 year age group. If we do not get enough players between the age of thirteen and fifteen we might be able to let some of the sixteen-year-old boys play on that team. So if you are at all interested, please call Capt. James Cookrum at 2-5862 and give your name and age.

Preteen Talk

By ANNE PAYNE

The roller skating party scheduled for this Friday night has been canceled because the last school dance of the year is taking place that night. There will be no more activities this month.

I am very happy the Teen Club has decided to again produce the play "Nothing But The Truth" by James Montgomery. It will not be presented in the state of Maine, but at Pease AFB in New Hampshire. If you have friends down there tell them to be sure and see it.

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NCO Wives Club Notes

Fern Bell Still President

Fern Bell was reelected President of the NCO Wives Club. The other officers elected were, Mrs. Judy Consul, 1st Vice President; Mrs. Bettye Shimp, 2nd Vice President; Mrs. Clara Sawyer, Secretary; Mrs. Felicia Gulliford, Treasurer; Mrs. Janet Wetterburg, Alt; Treasurer, Mrs. Grace Hallum; 1st Member at Large; Mrs. Johnny Leadbetter, 2nd Member at Large. Installation of Officers will be May 21. For Reservations call Grace Hallum, Ext. 2971.

One of our members, Mrs. Mary Evans is convalescing at home after a foot operation. Sorry about Mavis Davis's accident with the hot grease. Virginia Harris has had the old flu bug for sometime. Hope you will all be able to be back soon.

Have you seen any of the beautiful work the girls are making in Ruth Slusser's ceramic classes? We hear this is such fun. If you haven't tried it, why not?

Best Wishes to the Newly elected Officers.

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News And Social Happenings

Dow Family Services Picks April Volunteer Of Month

BY LORNA NEEDHAM

Family Services is pleased to recognize Mrs. Mildred Bonneau as Volunteer of the Month for April 1959. This week Mrs. Bonneau was the recipient of a letter of appreciation from Colonel George W. R. Zethren. This letter, which has become a pleasant tradition in the Family Services program, lauded the Herculean effort made by Mrs. Bonneau in auditing and maintaining Family Services' Office Records over the past four months. Col. Zethren commended her for 'outstanding work' in her role as assistant co-ordinator. Mrs. Bonneau took the Family Services Orientation Course last year at this base. She is currently serving as Assistant Co-ordinator of the program, and is a member of the Office Committee. She has made an invaluable contribution to the efficiency of the Family Services Program at this base, for it is only by maintaining complete accuracy in the records that each volunteer receives the credit due to her. We at Family Services extend our congratulations to our Assistant Co-ordinator and we are glad to see her efforts have been rewarded.

A native of Lubbock, Tex., Mrs. Bonneau is the wife of SMS Silas K. Bonneau, who is a line chief with the 341st ARS, and who was one of the first four men promoted to Senior Master Sergeant here at Dow. Two teenagers enliven the Bonneau menage, they are Carol 15, who is a member of the Teen-club, and a lively 13 year old, Ronald.

Mrs. Bonneau is a member of the NCO wives' club which she joined during the past year. Formerly she was employed at Viner Bros. Inc., of Bangor for two and a half years. She came to Dow nearly four years ago with her husband.



MRS. MILDRED BONNEAU

Among her hobbies Mrs. Bonneau lists reading, playing cards, numismatics (for the uninitiated this is coin-collecting), she also makes many of her daughter's clothes. Mrs. Bonneau has some lovely Colonial style maple furniture which is the envy of your columnist. The last of her hobbies is one in which most of us share—she "just loves to fish".

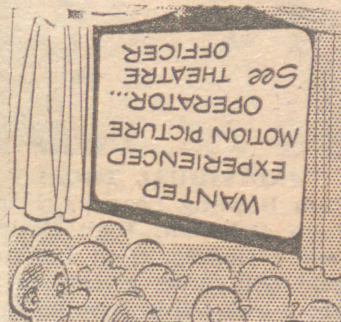
Thrift Shop News

The Shop grows more with each passing week, with people bringing in more and more saleable merchandising goods. With summer almost here people will be out grooming their lawns, and some will be caught short by the absence of some tool or other which they need but don't have. If this happens to be you, come out to the Thrift Shop and look around. We may be able to help you. This also works in reverse order — you may be able to help us. If you run across any lawn tools which you don't need or have duplicates of, then by all means bring it to us at the Thrift Shop and we will sell it for you.

The Shop is in need of a tank type vacuum cleaner for its own use so any donation of same would

be appreciated no matter how old it is if it just works.

By all means go to the Down East Air Fair. The Shop will be closed on Thursday the 21st and Friday the 22nd. If you have an article that will expire its ninety day owners period in the shop between the 19th and 26th of May, be sure to pick it up before 1600 hours on the 26th.



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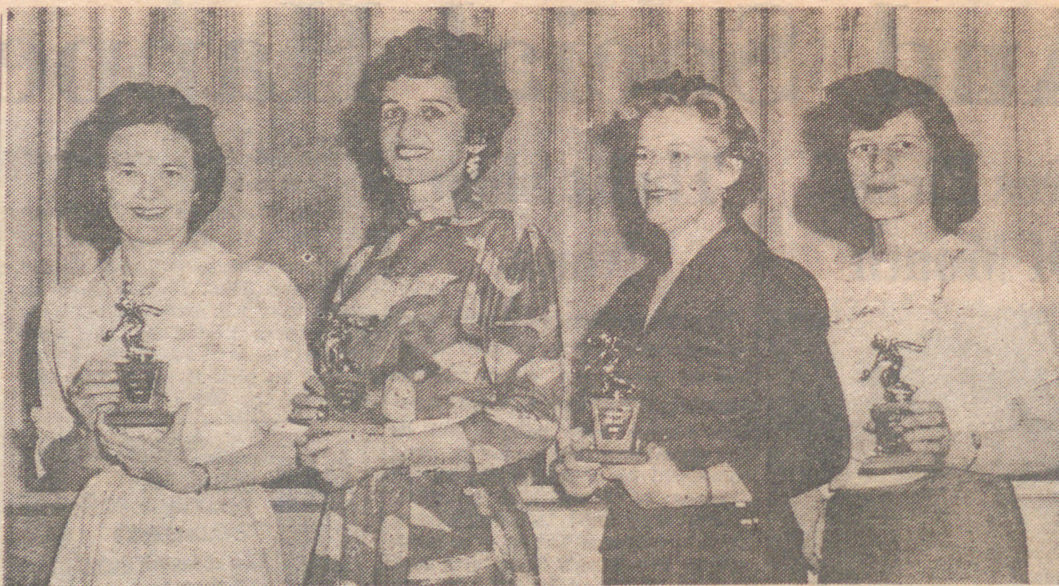
HQ. SAC (SAC PS)—North Central Area base chaplains from all commands will meet here for a conference May 12-14, according to Chaplain (Col.) George S. Wilson, SAC staff chaplain.

Maj. Gen. Edwin B. Broadhurst, SAC chief of staff, will address the conferees at a banquet on May 13 and General Thomas S. Power, CINCSAC, will speak the following day.

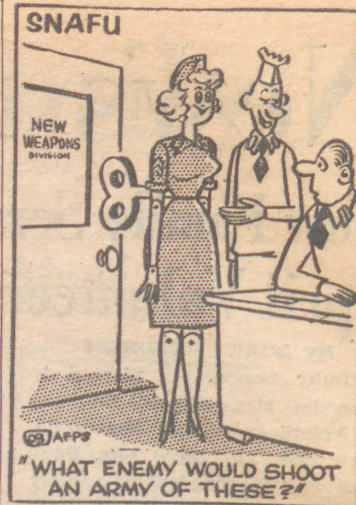
Primary purpose of the regional conference is to acquaint the base chaplains with the program of the new Chief of AF Chaplains (Maj. Gen.) Terence P. Finnegan. Chaplain Wilson said it will also allow an exchange of ideas between commands regarding chaplains' programs and activities.

Command conferences will be held on the second morning of the confab.

Chaplain (Capt.) Norman Folkers, base chaplain, attended the Eastern Area Chaplains conference held in April.



INDIVIDUAL TROPHY WINNERS in the recently completed Officers Wives Club Bowling League. (l to r) Mrs. Julian Parker, Most Improved Bowler; Mrs. John Coleman, High Series; Mrs. George E. Calloway, High Average and Mrs. Lowell Corkey, High Individual Game. The OWC Bowling League will be re-formed next September at the start of the bowling season. New Dow officers' wives who are interested in bowling in the league should contact Mrs. Herbert Haesecke, chairman, OWC Bowling League.



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The ghost of a young second lieutenant drifted into the library the other night. I wasn't particularly startled because a bookworm meets up with most anybody and anything, but I admit it was my first ghost.

He was a stocky kid, of medium height with curly, dark hair and snapping black eyes.

"I sorta like to stop by occasionally to see how the base is making out," he said. Then he added sheepishly, "guess it's because they named the base after me—but I never could figure out why."

About this time, I sat up and began to take notice as his story continued:

His name of course was Dow. James Frederick Dow to be more exact. He came from a place called Oakfield, Maine, a little town just outside Houlton, in Aroostook county.

His father was superintendent of the northern division of the Bangor and Aroostook railroad. The family was good-sized—two boys and two girls.

The boy grew up, no different than any other Maine youngster, with fishing, and hunting and winter sports for hobbies.

He majored in mechanical engineering at the University of Maine, and was graduated in 1938. He was good in football, firststring halfback for three seasons, and was member of the Pale Blue Key, sports honorary; Scabbard and Blade, military honorary; and the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity.

What does all this add up to? So far, all very average, except perhaps Jim Dow did have more friends than the average person.

After graduating, Jim went to Parks Air College in St. Louis, and then to Randolph Field in Texas, where he won his wings in March, 1940.

Three months later, Lt. Dow lost his life when two army bombers collided a half-mile above Queensborough, N. Y. The crews of both planes were killed—eleven in all.

Two homes were fired by the flaming gasoline, but miraculously no civilians were killed by the tragedy in the thickly populated area. One woman was slightly burned.

So Jim Dow was just an ordinary guy with friends, a girl, and with as much desire to live as anybody else.

I am glad that this air field was named "Dow" after an average American boy, no politics, no brass, no wealth, nor Hollywood style of heroism. Just an Ameri-

can boy who would have wanted to go on living.

It left a warm glow inside of me, a good feeling way down deep. I looked up, Jim Dow had disappeared. Was it a ghost?

Perhaps it would be wise for this bookworm to burrow into "Human Knowledge, Its Scope and Limits" before babbling further about ghosts.

By the way, there are other good books on the philosophy shelf: Papp's "Elements of Analytic Philosophy," Liebman's "Peace of Mind," and Link's "Rediscovery of Morals."

'Nuff Said, 'Bye now.

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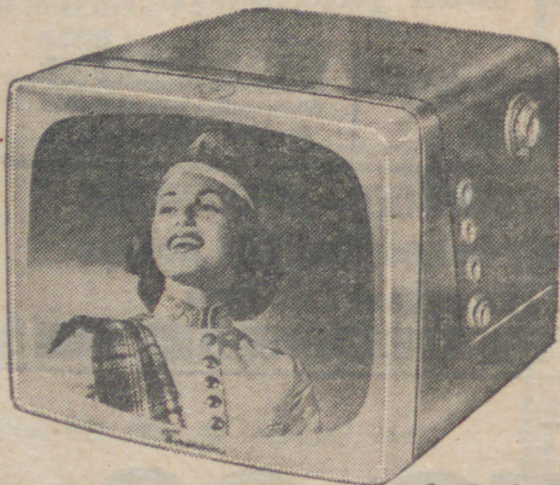
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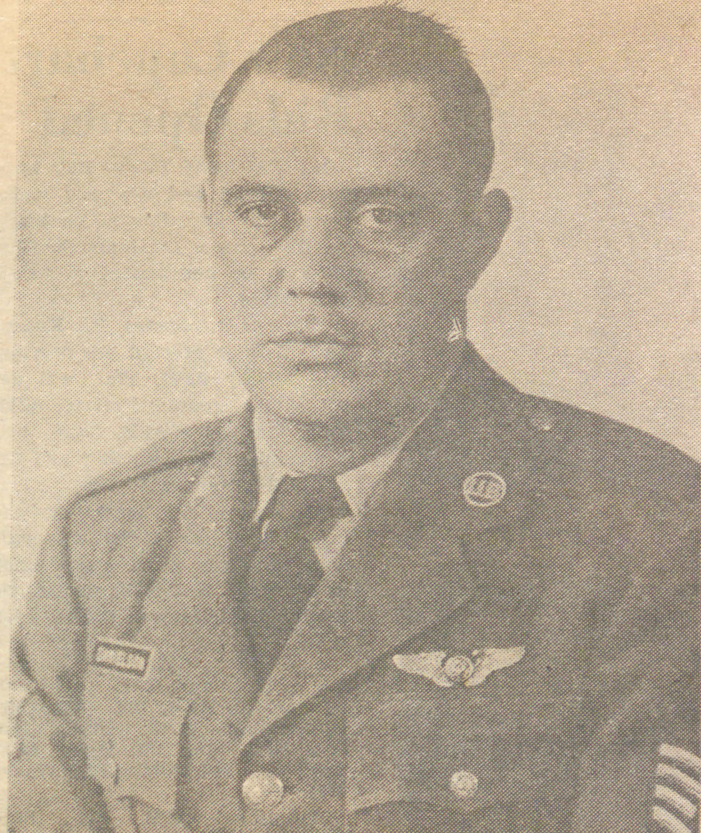
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Retraining Program Acclaimed Huge Success; More Announced

(AFNS) — The School Retraining Program, launched in January 1957 as a major effort to balance the overage-shortage NCO skill is providing to be something of a gold mine with profits for both the Air Force and the men concerned.

So well pleased is the Air Force with the success of the program that new mandatory quotas are being readied for the commands. Involved will be an estimated 6,000 NCOs. Most will come from "recip" engine and aircraft maintenance skill areas. Next greatest input will come from food service, followed by supply, and motor transportation.

When the retraining machinery was set in motion the Air Force had an estimated overage of some 20,000 NCOs, primarily in indirect support jobs. As of April 15, 1959, 10,000 of these noncoms have graduated from training courses and are now working at new trades.

A year and a half after getting under way, in September 1958, the back-to-school movement was given an additional boost when Hq USAF instructed 11 major commands to screen their rosters for 9,000 additional NCOs to be made available for retraining. By mid-April 1959, two weeks before the established deadline, 9,052 noncoms were earmarked for retraining.

Of these 6,000 will go to formal schools; the remainder are already in OJT status from conventional aircraft maintenance skills to jet trades.

Many of the school retrainees have already left their home bases; the first batch entered training in January. Personnel officials expect to have all 6,000 in class by October. From now on a continuous flow of retrainees, some 12,000 per year, will pass through various schools.

With the retraining program a little more than two years old, firm statistics are beginning to appear which prove the soundness of the retraining concept. Air Training Command, for example, reports that retrainees are superior scholastically to non-prior service men, with elimination rates of one to two per cent compared to four to ten per cent for students with no service background.

Moreover, ATC and major commands expect the average NCO retrainee to qualify for 7-level duties within a year after leaving school.

Since January 1957, when the program began, until March 1, 1959, 20,440 retraining applications had been approved. Of this number 16,233 or 80 per cent were NCOs from overmanned fields.

In the initial "directed" retraining program NCOs from 21 "resource ladders" could take training in 25 courses. In the voluntary program all grades from A-2c through M-Sgt. in 95 resource skills could select from 46 available courses.

Of the 20,440 applicants, the greatest number, 6,519, elected to enter the aircraft and engine maintenance field. Second to top choice, with 4,691 applications was the radio-radar maintenance trade.

Supply and food service furnished most of the retrainees; 2,109 from supply, 2,126 from the dining halls.

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New AFSC's Added To Pro Pay Listing

HQ. SAC (SAC PS)—Air Force has added 16 AFSCs to the list of specialties authorized proficiency pay. Effective date will be June 1.

The AFSCs added were: 30350, 30370, 30650, 30670, 30680, 32350, 32370, 33150, 33170, 33180, 34080, 34250, 34270, 63560, 63730 and 68770.

Affected by the new listing are approximately 1600 SACmen, almost 1000 of whom hold AFSCs 2350 or 32370.

Because of sustained favorable nanning, USAF said proficiency pay for AFSCs 20330, 20370, 25330, 5370 and 25380 is still not authorized at this time.

These AFSCs will be evaluated periodically for inclusion in the proficiency pay list along with all other AFSCs tentatively programmed for proficiency pay in the future.

CASTLE AFB, Calif. (SAC-PS) —First and only Navy pilot to check out in SAC's B-52 jet bomber is Commander Charles H. Carr who did so while attending the command's senior officer familiarization course here last month. On duty at Hq. SAC as Naval liaison officer, he checked out in the B-47 at Whiteman AFB, Mo., earlier this year.

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COGNIZANT AND FIRM friend was lost to the Aerospace-age Air Force with the death of Deputy Secretary of Defense Donald A. Quarles. A scientist and engineer of world note, the former Secretary of the Air Force was intimately acquainted with thermonuclear potential, having been one-time head of the Atomic Energy Commission's New Mexico project. As a former head of research and development, he was also thoroughly acquainted with the requirements of an aerospace agency.

Quality Controls For Manning Aerospace Air Force With Best

(AFNS)—Keeping up with the scientist and technicians who are rapidly pushing the Air Force into the aerospace age, personnel planners in the Pentagon reported recently on the machinery they have devised to provide the special kind of manpower needed now and in the future.

The foundation for this machinery is the Air Force's Personnel Quality Control program designed to procure exactly the right kind of officer and airman and train him to produce the most value for the defense dollar.

The Quality Control program takes hold when an airman enters his first enlistment or when an officer enters on active duty, and continues throughout his entire career.

In reporting the state of the program, Col. Franklin W. Horton, Chief of the Policy Division, Personnel Planning Directorate, Hq USAF, said the airman program emphasizes:

- Selective enlistment.
- Administrative screening.
- Selective reenlistment.
- Retraining.
- Promotion-demotion
- Assignment-classification.
- NCO revitalization.

Officers, also, come under closer scrutiny and tabs are kept on their performance throughout their careers. Like the rules governing airman quality, closer attention is paid to procurement in the first

place. Selective retention endeavors to keep only the best.

Other officer quality yardsticks include: effectiveness reports, promotion, demotion, marginal control roster and elimination, where indicated.

While the emphasis is on producing high quality Air Force members, those doing their jobs effectively need not worry about their career future, Colonel Horton said. First time enlistees can expect their first hitch to be a "tough" one, Colonel Horton added, "but screening carries on with each new enlistment.

Looking ahead, the Air Force has created two new programs to supply the additional sources of skilled officers able to take their place in the aerospace age. Active duty airmen can reach commissioned status by way of the Officer Education and Commissioning Program which offers educational training to highly qualified airmen; college graduates who somehow missed taking AFROTC will be able to try for bars through the Officer Training Program.

Dilly Casson-James



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New Capehart Bids Opened

HQ. SAC (SAC PS) — Bids have been opened and are now under review for awarding of contracts on 1998 more Capehart housing units to be constructed at five SAC bases.

Brig. Gen. James B. Knapp, SAC director of civil engineering, said McCoy AFB, Fla., will get 668 of the units; Forbes AFB, Kan., 414; Beale AFB, Calif., 400; Chennault AFB, La., 300; and Offutt AFB, Neb., 216.

The general said these units are in addition to 12,226 Capehart units presently under construction at 21 bases in the command. He listed a breakdown of these as follows:

Altus AFB, Okla., 700; Andersen AFB, Guam, 1050; Beale, 570; Bunker Hill AFB, Ind., 250; Clinton-Sherman AFB, Okla., 500; Dow AFB, Me., 530; Dyess AFB, Tex., 56; Fairchild AFB, Wash., 250;

Homestead AFB, Fla., 1255; Laughlin AFB, Tex., 500; Lincoln AFB, Neb., 600; Little Rock AFB, Ark., 1535; Lockbourne AFB, Ohio 400; McConnell AFB, Kan., 490; Malmstrom AFB, Mont., 150;

Mountain Home AFB, Ida., 270; Offutt AFB, 400; Plattsburg AFB, N. Y., 1685; Turner AFB, Ga., 200; Vandenberg AFB, Calif., 525; and Westover AFB, Mass., 310.

General Knapp pointed out that 5619 Capehart units have already been completed at eight SAC bases.

Of these, 360 are at Blytheville AFB, Ark.; 680 at Bunker Hill; 480 at Columbus AFB, Miss.; 944 at Dyess; 640 at Forbes; 1100 at Pease AFB, N. H.; 535 at Schilling AFB, Kan.; and 880 at Vandenberg.

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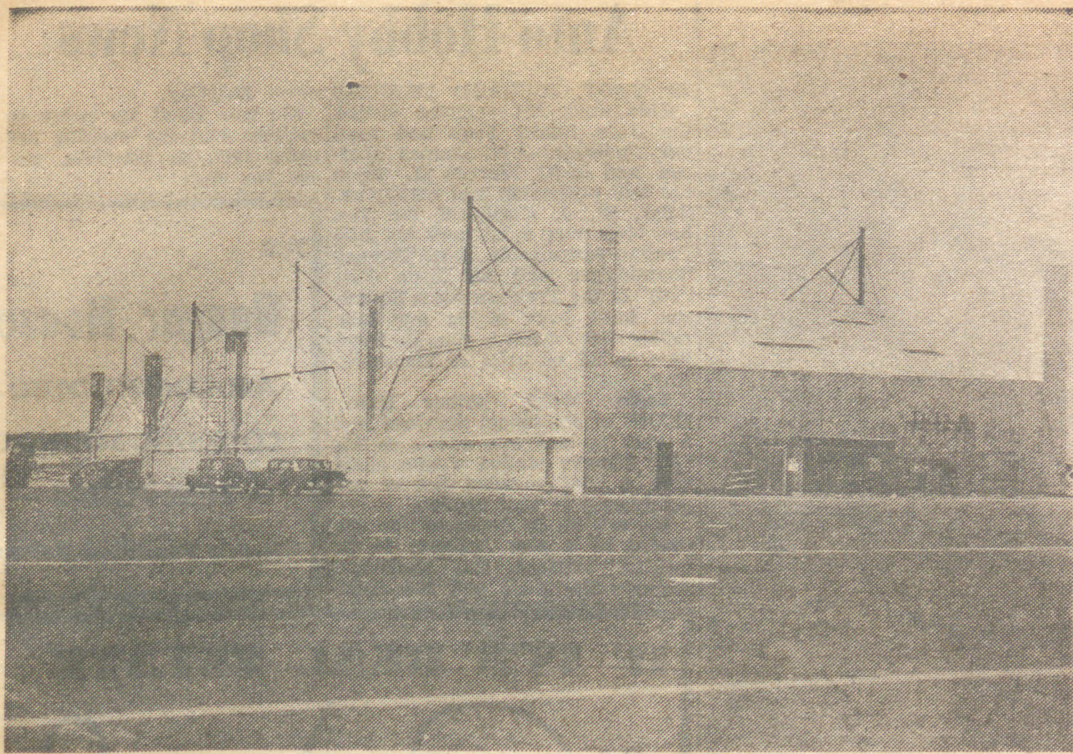
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Your Medical Team

By FELIX R. PORTELLI,
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In recent months because of the restrictions imposed under the new Medicare Act the staff of the 4033 USAF Hospital has taken on the added task of performing tonsillectomies on military dependents. This undertaking is certainly

a formidable one considering the problems faced by the hospital from a staffing point of view.

In the past thirty years, one has been able to witness great fluctuations in the medical attitudes toward the performance of tonsillectomies and adenoidectomies. Whereas, twenty to thirty years ago, it was routine practice in certain medical circles to insure that few if any children survived childhood without tonsillectomy, the advent of antibiotics produced a swing to the other extreme. It was felt for a time that removal of tonsils need never be done because of the excellent response of tonsillitis to penicillin, sulfa and other antibiotics. It became increasingly evident, however, that despite antibiotics indications for surgery persist and new criteria were formulated.

There is no question that many children, and adults as well, would profit from tonsillectomy. This decision, however, should be made by a physician, and not by "Aunt Bertha".

A procedure for screening candidates has been instituted at your Base Hospital. General medical officers refer likely candidates to the Chief of Pediatrics. He, in turn, evaluates the patient's history and once more examines the patient. If convinced that the patient needs surgery, he refers the patient to the Ear, Nose and Throat Department for final review and eventual performance of the indicated surgery. This procedure, though cumbersome, in appearance, serves to insure against indiscriminate performance of surgery. It also makes certain that only patients in whom surgery is definitely medically indicated reach the operating room.

Because our military population is by nature a young one, the number of candidates is often of formidable size. A delay is always anticipated between decision for surgery and actual performance of same.

With the advent of summer and the concurrent polio season the 4033 USAF Hospital plans to refrain from performance of tonsillectomies and adenoidectomies through July and August. Fortunately, the non-emergency nature of this type of surgery allows us to do this without dire consequences.

es. Patients found during this period to be in need of surgery will be carried on the books, so to speak, until the fall of 1959.

The staff of the 4033 USAF Hospital is happy and proud of its ability to render this very worthwhile service. It is a satisfying feeling to know that for many of our patients the stormy course of chronic tonsillitis and repeated ear infection has been aborted.

Obenauf Receives Safety Trophy

(AFNS) The Air Force's Kolligian Flight Safety Trophy was awarded May 7 to 1st Lt. James E. Obenauf at a Pentagon ceremony. Gen. Curtis E. LeMay, Air Force Vice Chief of Staff, made the presentation.

Lieutenant Obenauf earned the award for his memorable flight on April 28, 1958, when he landed a crippled B-47 in order to save a fellow officer knocked unconscious as a result of an engine fire and explosion.

The trophy is named after 1st Lt. Koren Kolligian, Jr., USAF, who was declared missing in a T-33 jet aircraft in 1955. Donated by the Kolligian family last year, the annual award will serve to recognize exceptional aircrew members' actions which help avert or lessen aircraft accidents or injury, loss of life or property damage.

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Finance Books Streamlined

An improved accounting and finance system, expected to reduce paperwork and simplify procedures, is in the process of development, according to Col. Walden A. Sundell, Director of Accounting and Finance at Hq USAF.

A team of skilled Air Force specialists tackled the job of "rewriting the book" after the previously separate organizations of accounting and finance merged.

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A key improvement in the new system permits a straight line flow of a single source document, which means one file will support both accounting and financial transactions and reports.

This approach will reduce the flow of documents as well as eliminate the need for many copies of the source paper. And, for the first time, accounting records may be kept current with the cash transactions — a practice followed by banks.

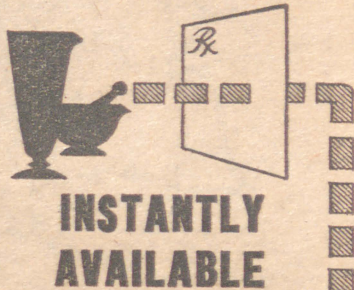
Approved Concepts

Under the approved concepts, responsibility for accounting and finance is based on a subject matter approach, which is reflected in the organization of the Accounting and Finance Office. Examples would be civilian pay, military pay, and travel.

In developing the new system, which will go into effect next year, Colonel Sundell was aided by a wide variety of specialists. Men with experience in base and top-echelon accounting and finance activities were named to the task force. Their backgrounds covered know-how in wing and major command, comptrollership, auditing, sta-

tistical work, budget management analysis and public accounting.

For good measure the team included experts not only from Hq USAF, but also from Air Defense Command and Air Research and Development Command. An across-the-board experience in logistics, flying, ground and command experience was represented by these men to insure that the methods developed would meet the practical application of field operation.



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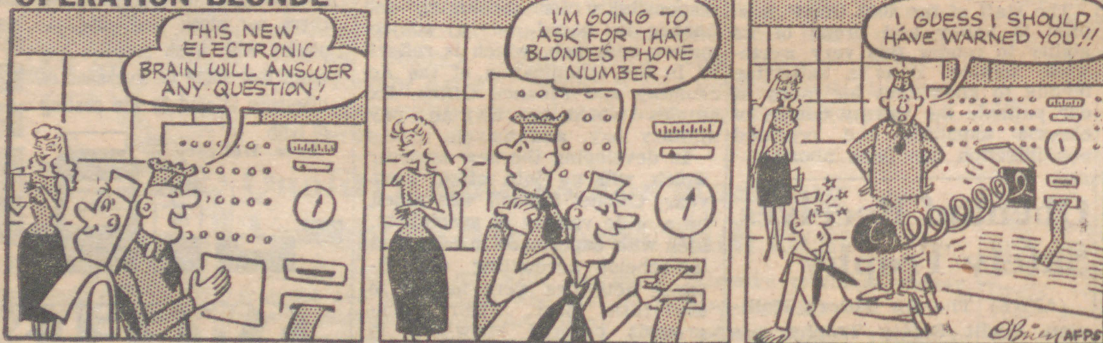
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ANNUAL MAY CLEANUP was completed here last Friday. Individual effort on the part of everyone will keep the freshly scrubbed look evident throughout the summer.

OPERATION BLONDE



NOUASSEUR AB, Morocco (SAC PS) — Cowboys from air bases in Spain and Morocco competed here in the North African Championship rodeo in April. Bull riding and wild cow milking were among the featured events.

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New Stripes For 21,950 In June

(AFNS) — Quotas portioning out 21,950 airman promotions ranging from A-2C to TSgt. went to major commands and special units in a multiple-address letter during the last week of April.

Broken down according to grade, the stripe inventory looks like this: TSgt. (E-6), 450; SSgt. (E-5), 2,500; A-1C (E-4), 3,000; A-2C (E-3), 11,000.

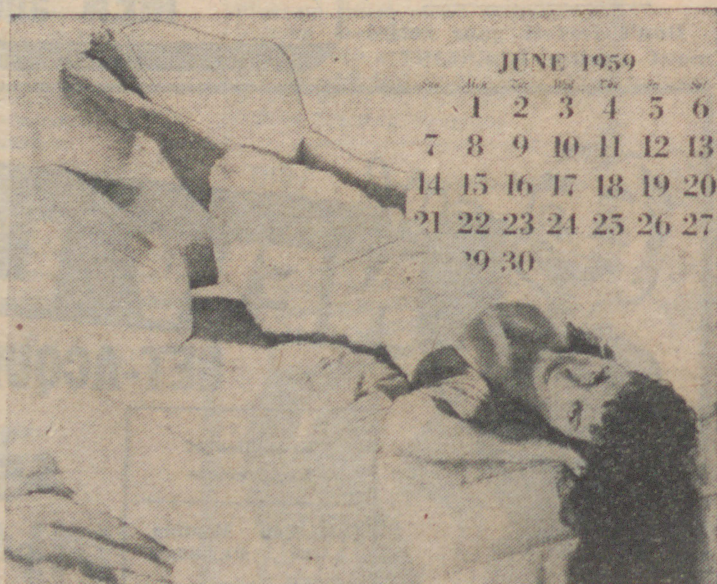
For the June 1 cycle only, the letter instructed addressees to compute command vacancies by career field subdivisions for TSgts. at 105 per cent level of manning in that grade. The resulting vacancies may be carried over to the grade of SSgt.

Airmen holding AFSC 43151 (Aircraft Maintenance Technician), qualified and working in

AFSC 43174 (Flight Engineer), may be promoted to the grades A-1C and SSgt., the letter said.

Promotion to TSgt. in AFSC 43171E (Jet, over two engine) can only be made under the "10 per cent outstanding" rule introduced in the March cycle because previous shortages in this specialty have been overcome by the retraining program and continued promotions. As a result, there is now an Air Force-wide overage of MSgts. and TSgts. in this career field sub-division.

The full promotion list follows. Columns from left to right show the career field subdivisions (AFS) and the promotion status of TSgt. (T), SSgt. (S), and A-1C (A). Explanation of the initials (F) (S) (W) (X) follows the table.



CALENDAR GIRL—vivacious Kim Parker proves easy on the eyes as she reverses the usual position assumed in a chaise lounge.

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25	26	27	28	29	30						

Auto Hobby Shop News

By S-SGT. RICHARD PERKINS

This week 131 vehicles visited the Auto Hobby Shop and used our facilities. A-3C James Hudson and A-2C Warren J. Wood are still projecting and modifying. S-Sgt. W. J. Curtis of the 71st has been over a lot with his 1955 Pontiac convertible. A-1C Thomas Shamberger and his little Fiat "600" of the Transportation Squadron, have been giving our tube repair department a run. He must have a lot of nails in his driveway.

Today M-Sgt. Wilbur Ham, NCOIC of Personnel Services had a tune up and sun check on his "56" Chevvy station wagon along with a well rounded list of appointments in that section.

We are all in hopes of the approval of a new building to be located between the Northeast Airlines Terminal and the Engi-

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We are filled up today in all sections and the working pace is going fast, so till then, we will see you soon.

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