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DOW—HOME OF THE ORIGINAL AIR REFUELING WING

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Dow Takes Encore For Flysafe; Hazards Told

ABC Hosts Orphans At Dinner

Air Base Group Headquarters Squadron will host 22 youngsters from St. Michael's orphanage at a spaghetti dinner in the NCO Dining Hall at 6 p.m. today.

MSgt. Albert E. Martel, squadron first sergeant who is sparking the project, said the dinner will be backed up by a base tour. The children have expressed interest in visiting the guardhouse, and they will be taken to base operations to watch aircraft take off.

Men from the squadron have volunteered as "father for the evening" to escort the young guests, whose ages range from 6 to 14. Squadron members have also arranged to present the children with small items of play-ground equipment.

FEMININE OASIS — In the otherwise almost all-male 2-day Central Division Talent Contest beginning tonight at the Service Club, A/3C Socorro Sentene of Westover, like all contestants hopes to win a chance to compete in the Eighth Air Force contest.

New Flight Pay Controls Explained By Hq. USAF

HQ. USAF—(AFNS)—There's no need to press the panic button as a result of the new policies affecting proficiency flying, which were announced recently by the Department of Defense. This is the word from an Air Force officer who served on the joint Armed Forces study group that began tackling the problem last September.

Top defense administrators have again stressed their conviction that proficiency flying is necessary to keep the desk-bound rated officer up to par on his flying skills. But at the same time, they are serving notice that any tendencies to abuse it will be looked upon with a very jaundiced eye. As a consequence, the Services are acting to tighten up the reins on the overall program.

Although the policies affect all the Services, the Air Force is the top customer when it comes to "buying proficiency flying time. Out of about 24,000 officers — pilots, navigators and

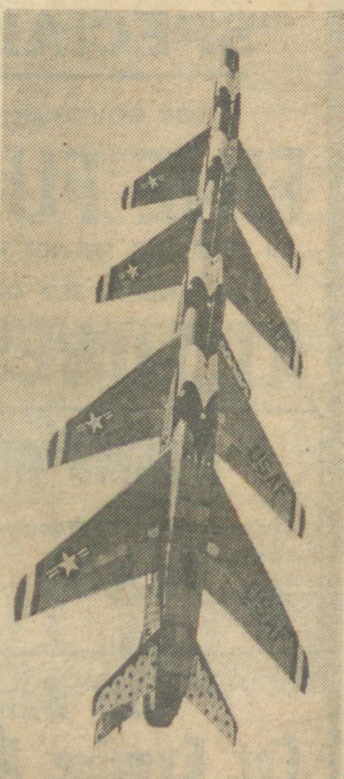
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Special Report Featuring SAC On WLBZ-TV

"World Congress of Flight—A Special Report," will be telecast Sunday April 19 from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m., eastern Standard Time over NBC coast to coast.

Narrated by Bob Considine, the planned program will illustrate the full scope of the World Congress Of Flight, and will include SAC men, missiles and aircraft, precision aerial and firepower demonstrations and will utilize airborne television cameras and equipment.

SAC personnel are encouraged to tune in on this highly informative program. The program may be seen locally on WLBZ-TV, channel 2.



HIGHLIGHT of the Dow Down East Air Fair, the official USAF aerobatic demonstration team, the Thunderbirds, will perform here April 23.



THREE ELEMENTS of the team that brought Hall of Fame flying safety honors to the 4060th Air Refueling Wing for the third time are represented in this flight line inspection of a nose wheel. Left to right are Maj. Herbert L. Haesecke, president of the wing standardization board; MSgt. Joseph W. Szarejko, engineer who flies with the 71st ARS stanboard crew; and Capt. Lewis W. Stone of the wing safety office.

Soap Box Derby

Dow's aspiring competitors and potential sponsors in the June 13 Soap Box Derby will receive a briefing at the Youth Center here Friday at 7:45 p.m. when Alfred M. Richards of the Bangor Daily News shows a film on the derby.

Dow OWC Fashion Show

Members of the Dow Officers Wives Club in cooperation with the National Cerebral Palsy Foundation will present two fashion shows on April 24.

Both showings will feature fashions by Rose King of Bangor and will be presented at the Bangor House Hotel. The first showing is scheduled at 1 p.m., the second at 7 p.m. First showing will be preceded by luncheon and the second by dinner.

Tickets for either showing are available from Susie Darnold at her home, Building T-418, Dow AFB. Tickets may also be obtained by calling Mrs. Darnold at 2054.

All proceeds from the fashion shows will go to the Northeastern Cerebral Clinic in Bangor.

Reenlistment Honor Roll

Twenty-seven persons reenlisted at Dow last week. They are:

S/Sgt Marvin E. Clemens of Marrows, Va., Transportation Squadron.

A/1C Bobby L. Lawson of Roanoke, Va., Installations Squadron.

A/2C James A. Neich of Walton, N. Y., 71st Air Refueling Squadron.

A/2C Ronald F. Kuipa of Dunkirk, N. Y., 71st Air Refueling Squadron.

S/Sgt Clyde D. Gilbreath of Ballinger, Texas, Group Headquarters Squadron.

T/Sgt Theodore J. Sidella of Port Carbon, Pa., Installations Squadron.

A/1C Searl A. Weatjerben of Bangor, Maine, Field Maintenance Squadron.

S/Sgt Charles C. Sanders of

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Open House

National Library Week observation at Dow will close with an open house at the Base Library tomorrow afternoon. Refreshments will be served. Everyone is welcome.

Letter Lauds Bad Weather Operations

Dow's 4060th Air Refueling Wing this week prepared to make itself comfortable in the SAC Hall of Fame for the third consecutive year.

Word of headquarters recognition arrived here through channels in the form of a letter from Maj. Gen. James V. Edmundson, command director of operations.

General's Comment

The general noted that the award was for the wing's "substantial contribution to the Strategic Air Command Aircraft accident prevention program."

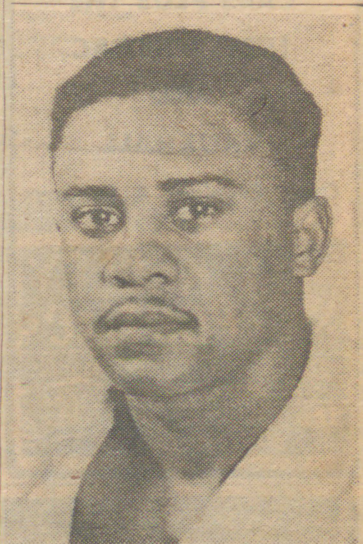
He said General Thomas S. Power extended his "personal appreciation for the efforts of the many individuals who contributed to this outstanding flight safety record."

Indorsing the letter, Maj. Gen. Walter C. Sweeney Jr., Eighth Air Force Commander, said his headquarters was aware of the adverse conditions that made accident-free operations particularly difficult at Dow.

He went on to assert that nowhere has any unit "operated safely under more hazardous conditions than those faced by the 4060th Air Refueling Wing."

Record Envious

General Sweeney pointed to the severity of New England winters, (Continued on Page 2)



ONE OF ONLY TWO brown belts to represent Dow in the judo tournament with the University of Maine tomorrow, James R. Shaw will be one of the pacesetters of the 12-man team. Harold King, another brown belt will also contest. The other 10 members are all green belts. The judo club, attempting to beef up its strength, has extended an invitation to everyone who is even interested in judo.

Orphans, JCs Say Thanks To Motormen

The gratitude of Bangor's orphans—and of the Junior Chamber of Commerce—was formally received at Dow's 4060th Transportation Squadron this week.

In a letter to the JayCees, the children wrote that "We would like to express our thanks to you for making it possible for us to see the Ice Capades."

"We would appreciate it very much," the letter continued, "if you would extend our thanks to the men of the Air Force who bought the tickets for us."

Signed by 22 children, the letter also noted that "we had a wonderful time and we enjoyed the ice cream and popcorn."

In forwarding the letter to the 4060th Transportation Squadron, which bought the tickets, Ronnie M. Deyone, president of the JayCees, wrote "Nobody realizes more strongly than the Bangor JayCees that the wonderful time these children had was due 100 per cent to the generosity and kindness of the men in your outfit..."

Mr. Deyone added that "the children at the home have two strikes on them and to attend a show of this kind is something they will remember for a long time and will help make their days a little brighter. On behalf of the Bangor JayCees and of each one of us individually as private citizens—thanks, fellows—we won't forget this."

Physician Reassigned

Col. Edwin W. Turner, formerly chief of professional services in the Eighth Air Force surgeon general's office, has assumed command of the 4041st USAF Hospital at Bunker Hill AFB, Ind. (SAC PS)

First Spacemen Named, 3 AF Pilots On Team

Three Air Force pilots were among seven men named by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration to take orbital flight training for Project Mercury — this country's effort to place a manned satellite in orbit and return it safely to earth.

At NASA headquarters in Washington, D. C., officials last week released to the press the names of the chosen few.

The three Air Force pilots were: Capt. Virgil I. Grissom, 33, an experimental flight test officer assigned to ARDC's Wright Air Development Center.

Capt. LeRoy G. Cooper, Jr., 32, a senior pilot who has been carrying out complete flight test programs at ARDC's Edwards AFB, Calif.

Capt. Donald K. Slayton, 35, currently assigned as an experimental test pilot at ARDC's Edwards AFB, Calif.

The three Navy pilots and one Marine Corps pilot were Lt. Malcolm S. Carpenter, USN; Lt. Cdr. Walter M. Schirra, USN; Lt. Cdr. Alan B. Shepard, USN; and Maj. John H. Glenn, USMC.

Target Date

At least one of them — and probable more — will leave his name recorded on the pages of history. The first man to be sent into space, however, will not be known until the date of the actual launching. This is estimated to take place some time in 1961.

The seven were picked from 69 military test pilots interviewed by NASA. All are volunteers, all are also married. Before their selection, the men underwent rigid examinations that probed their physical, mental, psychological and educational backgrounds.

NASA officials have stressed that Project Mercury's initial flight will not be taken until the space vehicle is completely tested out.

The seven men will go to Langley Research Center, Langley AFB, Va., for their preliminary man-in-space flight training. (AFNS)

Spades Is Spades

Most appropriate car license plate at Homestead AFB, Fla., belongs to 1st Lt. William R. Dragan. A dentist, Lieutenant Dragan's Connecticut tag reads: "ACHE." (SAC FS)

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Little Lieutenant Is Ready Reminder



OKAY SIR—Airman Third Class Roy E. Seymore, "A" Flight Central Security looks over the flight line pass of 1st Lt. Lynn Gleason, son of Lt. and Mrs. Glenn T. Gleason, 71st ARS. It's just the 71st's way of reminding us that it's time to get those summer uniforms ready for the changeover in June. Optional Period of summer garb is May 15 through May 31. Mandatory period starts June 1.

By 1st Lt. Carl W. Shaner
The half-pint "officer" sporting his newly acquired summer class "A" uniform is the son of Lt. and Mrs. Glenn T. Gleason, 71st ARS standardization section.

Lt. Gleason and his wife Christine "commissioned" their fourteen month old "Lieutenant" on Easter morning with a complete and exact duplicate of the summer uniform, accurate down to the ribbons awarded to "the old man". The uniform itself was hand tailored by Mrs. Robert B. Reay. Other articles were specially made and ordered from as far away as California.

Lynn is on his way to the flight line to preflight his aircraft, for above those ribbons gleams the wings of a pilot. His small silver bars and wings are those commonly worn on the Class "B" uniform.

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HQ. SAC (SAC PS)—Strategic Air Command's Family Services program will celebrate its fifth anniversary on April 23.

Beginning as a "pilot program" in SAC's Eighth Air Force, the Family Services program received strong support from Mrs. Curtis E. LeMay and is now in effect at every base in the command. As General Power recently stated, "SAC's FS program" has contributed immeasurably to the foundation and fundamental principles of the Air Force-wide program."

Maintained by a volunteer force of 5000 military wives, the Family Services division has a twofold purpose: It works to ease undue hardship on service families, and indoctrinates wives on the military service and benefits to which they are entitled.

FLY SAFE

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and said he was aware that this problem was further compounded at Dow by "major construction" for "almost the entire period."

"Accident free operation under these conditions is indicative of a high degree of training, and of an aggressive Safety Program," the Eighth Air Force Commander asserted.

He asked that "my sincere congratulations" be conveyed "to the personnel of the 4060th Air Refueling Wing for their enviable record."

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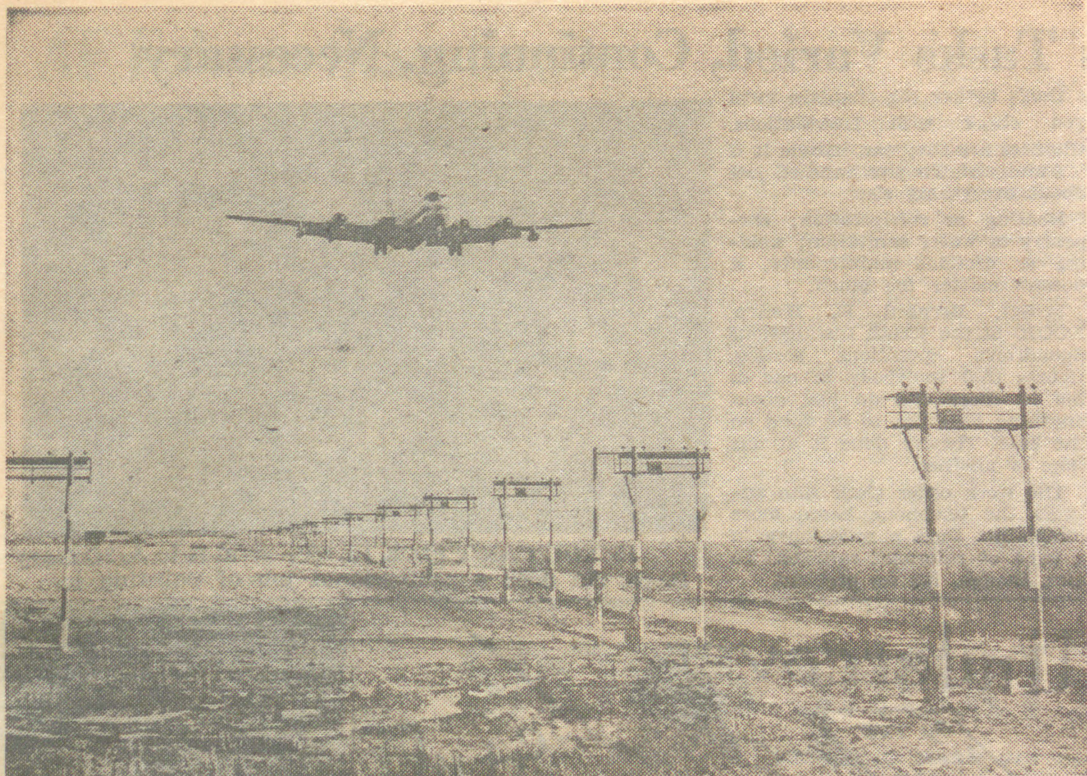
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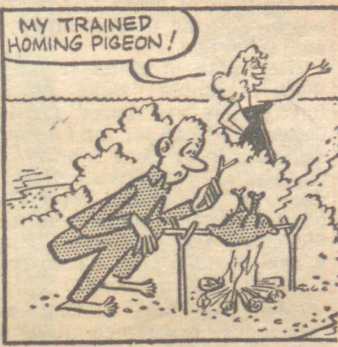
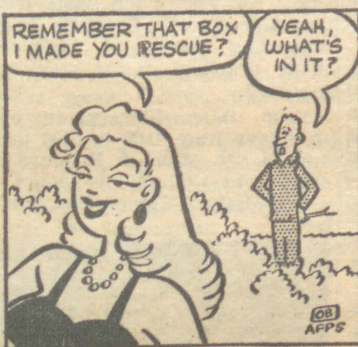
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DOW PHOTOGRAPHER A/IC James Eskdale filmed this familiar Dow tanker as it made its approach over the centerline lights of the Narrow Gauge system under test here. This major Air Force testing program has received excellent support from many base sections. Official results of the all weather testing will not be released until later this year.

OPERATION BLONDE



71st ARS Announces March Crew Of Month

Lt. CARL W. SHANER

The 71st Air Refueling Squadron recently announced its crew of the month for March; it was Instructor Crew T-73, commanded by Captain James W. Umstead.

Captain Umstead and crew T-73 completed eleven tactical and training sorties for a total monthly flying time of eighty two hours and thirty minutes. In addition to instructional training the crew accomplished sixty percent of their quarterly 50-8 requirements. Crew T-73 was instrumental in upgrading five co-pilots, two navigators and worked with two student crews which became combat ready in March and early April.

Captain Umstead is Chief Instructor Pilot for the 71st ARS. He spends additional time not devoted to flight duties coordinating flying training and conducting ground school classes. Captain Umstead's crew includes: First Lieutenant Ernest L. Anderson Jr., pilot; Master Sergeant Charles F. Kreigh, flight engineer; Staff Sergeant Jack W. Morgan, boom operator; and, not pictured, First Lieutenant John E. Hatch, who is presently enroute back to Dow after attending Squadron Officer's School at Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama.

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Maintenance Man Lauded In May "Combat Crew"

HQ. SAC (SAC PS)—His contribution toward improved handling facilities for liquid oxygen equipment has won A-2c William C. Sullivan, Castle AFB, Calif., recognition as SAC Maintenance Man of the Month.

The 93rd Air Refueling Squadron airman will be honored as such in the May issue of COMBAT CREW, SAC's flying safety magazine which is published monthly.

Aware that the manner in which liquid oxygen hoses were being stored resulted in hose damage, Airman Sullivan devised and fabricated a metal restraining strap by which the hose is mounted on the side of LOX servicing carts.

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M/Sgt. Bernard R. Bishop, NCOIC of the 4060th Installations Squadron's operations section, figures that somebody in one of his 10 shops can do just about anything that has to be done on the base. They've done it at one time or another.

The work order clerk who answers the telephone hears more complaints than a missionary in a tribe of reformed cannibals. To him, though, it's no problem.



IF YOU CAN'T PICK IT UP—send it to A/3C Gary Dash. He does a professional job of painting it.



This week, April 12 to the 18th is National Library Week. It's purpose is to show you what your Base Library can do for you, both in the field of books and reading, but also in the field of music, art and reference.

The motto of National Library Week is simply "Wake up and Read." The end hoped for is a better read, better informed America. Your Base Library is a part of all America's effort to raise the educational level of its people; however unless you make the effort and USE your library, it can not help you. Please come. Everybody is welcome.

Man has come a long way since his experience first began to be recorded. The way is not long merely in time or distance, but in accomplishments. And the end of the road is not yet in sight. Toynbee, famous modern historian, says, "Civilization is a movement, and not a condition."

The idea of progress, which is also an idea, is the underlying principle tying together the sequence of events from past to present. During the past, man has made great progress in the arts, in justice and liberty, in science, in technical inventions.

From the present on, he can make equally great progress if he does not lose sight of one particularly important factor in human

the earth: we have institutions dedicated to lifetime learning. Our libraries provide the means to fulfill the conditions of growth—recorded knowledge made freely available to all. Progress is the expanding power of knowledge made practical in the service of mankind.

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SOMETHING—For the youngsters, as well as every member of the family, is available at the library. Eight-year-old Barbara Braun's expression is its own eloquent testimony of what she thinks of the children's section.



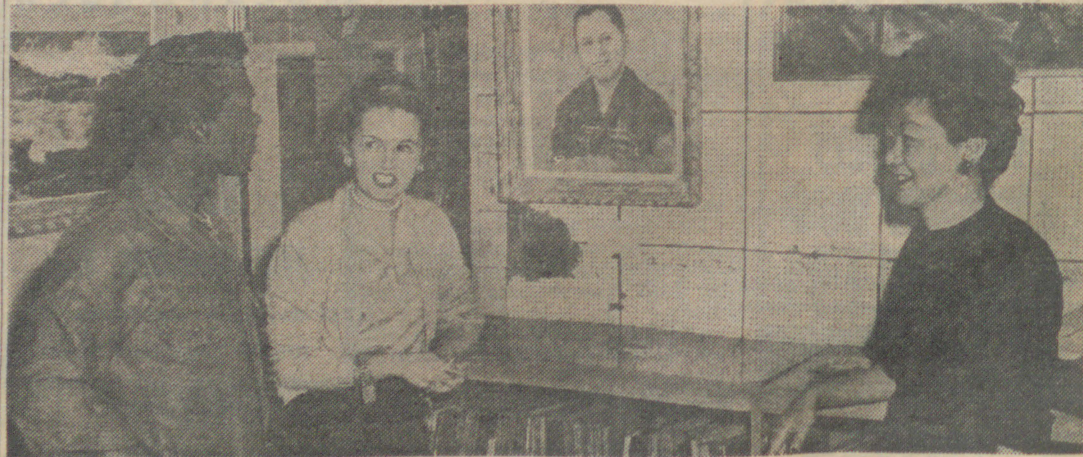
TEAMWORK is as important in Installations shops as anywhere else. SSgt. Frank Southern, A/2C Robert J. Neville and SSgt. Joseph Biscula of the heating maintenance shop gang up on an oil burner. It lost. Air Force gained.



WELDERS like A/3C Patrick Herr who is closing the seam of sheet metal pan send repairable items back into operation against a deadline. Supervisor is TSgt. Cornelius P. Moe.



MOOD FOR MEDITATION—1st Lt. Robert A. Feuer spends a quiet evening listening to music.



ARTISTIC EXPLANATION is presented for A/2C William Hubbard by Vincent A. Braun and Mrs. Fred R. Schu whose work constituted a feature attraction at the base library during National Library Week.

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AF Falcons Start Spring Drill, 13 Lettermen Return

Air Force Academy football coach Ben Martin turned his hard-hitting Falcons loose in their first spring drill, March 30, with a full-scale intra-squad game, matching the Blues and Silvers, slated for Saturday, May 2.

More than 85 men, including 13 lettermen, shook the winter stiffness from their muscles in preliminary calisthenics that will be the opening ritual for each of the planned 20 days of practice.

For the first time, freshmen will be ineligible to try out for places on the varsity squads. As hapless opponents know, the Falcons have more than come of age.

The Falcons' coach said Quarterback Rich Mayo is not being counted on in spring practice plans, but that he is not unduly concerned over the ace passer's slowly mending wrist. A hairline fracture occurred during the spring of 1958 in baseball drills.

"Rich is a proven quarterback. We know what he can do and he knows our system. I don't believe this is anything that will affect his play — it certainly didn't in 11 games last season," Martin said.

The other lettermen who will be back for 1959 action are Ends Bob Brickey and Sam Hardage, Guards Howard Bronson, Randy Cubero and Dan Johnson, Center, Charles Moores, Quarterback John Kuenzel and Halfbacks Phil Lane, Mike Quinlan, George Pupich, Jim Kerr and Mike Rawlins.

With the Air Force Academy graduating its first class in June, the football team will lose a dozen lettermen. Hardest hit spots will be:

Tackle — Captain and All-American Brock Strom, Cotton Bowl outstanding lineman Dave Phillips, and top hands Emil Cwach and Giles Wideman depart, cleaning out the top four slots.

Center — John Gullledge and Jay Mitchell, No. 1 and No. 2 at the end of the 1958 season.

End — Tom Jozwiak and Char-

lie Rodgers, a pair of top-notch three-year lettermen.

Fullback — Steve Galios, No. 1 ground gainer, and Larry Thomson, capable alternate.

Other departees are Charles Zaleski, regular guard, and Eddie Rosane, veteran quarterback.

Martin and his aides have several position switches in mind, but are mum on the moves until they see how they'll pan out on the field. It's no secret that they'll pay particular attention to tackle, center, end and fullback.

Martin is pleased with the lengthy sign-up list, which includes 11 Juniors, 27 Sophs and 47 Freshmen. He believes that strong competition for positions will go a long way toward helping him determine the nucleus of his 1959 team. He has promised plenty of scrimmage activity this spring to give all prospects an opportunity to prove their mettle under fire.

SPORTS SHORTS

By CARL BUSSEY
Handball

The handball tournament is raging on at the base gym with the singles completed and doubles now well underway. Game little Jim Elifritz came out of the losers bracket to defeat Rudy Anderson two matches and walk off as singles champ. Earlier in the tourney, Anderson had defeated Elifritz to push him into the losers bracket; so you can see that there is some terrific competition in this tournament.

Incidentally, this qualifies Elifritz to go to the tournament at Pease later on this month. There have been two recent changes recently in the tournament. (1) It will be held at Pease instead of Westover. (2) Only the number one player in singles and the top doubles team are eligible to participate. Before this year you could send the champion and the runner up in each event.

New faces make more interesting athletic events here at Dow so why not get out and get in the intramural program. We have, I think, a good intramural program and high hopes of improving it. The first step in improving our program would be to get better participation. Get in touch with your squadron Athletic Officer now and sign up to play on the squadron athletic teams. They are probably on the look out for softball players right now.

Basketball

Well the basketball season appears to be officially over now with the competition of the YMCA Tournament.

Our Dow KC's went to the final game before being defeated by the Championship Robinson Kenny ball club. The R-K team scored 37 of 69 points from the foul line in a game that saw four of Dow's top men leave the game via the five foul route. In all there were thirty personal fouls called on our KC's and only seventeen on the opponents.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the boys for coming out to help the team this year. I also want to congratulate you all on the fine job you did under the adverse conditions that existed. Thanks again and I hope to see you next year.

Table Tennis

I didn't get a chance to see a single game in the table tennis tournament but I did get the winners. Congratulations to George Hoshino of the A10 squadron on

winning the singles, and the team of Hoshino and Edgell Marshall for taking the doubles tournament. Best of luck in your trip to Pease.

Golden Gloves Bouts Scheduled

NINTH ANNUAL — AAU state Golden Gloves championship will begin at 8:30 p. m. in the Bangor City Hall April 24 under the sponsorship of the 40 & 8.

Dow's judo club will put on an exhibition during intermission. Tickets are on sale at Young's tobacco store in Bangor and at the box office at 7 p. m. Proceeds will go to child welfare.



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Base Library Offers Knowledge, Growth

By Col. George W. R. Zethren
Commander, 4060th Air Refueling Wing

This week, April 12-18, is National Library Week . . . what better time to explore the many adventures your Base Library holds for you and your family?



Col. Zethren

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CINCSAC Discusses Value Of Reading

The Strategic Air Command takes its book reading seriously. And as the nation observes National Library Week April 12-18, SAC can claim an impressive record for the year 1958.

Throughout the command, SAC maintained a total of 1071 library outlets, including branches and field libraries. Each day, an average of 8000 people visited these libraries and a total of 2,182,043 clothbound books and 2,487,829 paperback books, recordings and periodicals were circulated.

The funds expended on SAC libraries last year came to \$764,678, more than \$400,000 of which were non-appropriated funds.

In a recent letter to his commanders, General Thomas S. Power, SAC commander in chief, stated that he would continue to emphasize the use of SAC libraries, not only as a factor in raising morale, but to encourage the cultural and educational development of personnel.

"Reading," he said, "can help our people explore and satisfy their needs for a greater sense of purpose and meaning in their lives."

SAC bases have appointed chairmen for National Library Week and are planning full programs to point up the value of reading. The many books for children and adults, fictional, biographical and technical, the hundreds of magazines and hi-fi and language records available at the base libraries are being brought to the attention of everyone. (SAC PS)

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IN JOHN HERSEY'S BOOK "MAN OF BATAAN" SGT. YORK IS MENTIONED AS ONE OF THE TWO GUNNERS WHO BROUGHT DOWN TWO ENEMY PLANES DURING AN ATTACK ON NICHOLS FIELD. FOR THIS AND OTHER ACTIONS, HE GAINED 15 AWARDS AND DECORATIONS.

NOW WITH THE PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE, GRIFFISS AFB, SGT. YORK IS OFTEN CALLED UPON TO SPEAK FOR THE AIR FORCE IN VARIOUS COMMUNITIES. HE IS MARRIED AND HAS FOUR CHILDREN.

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Crisis Calls For Calmness; It's Time For Cool Heads

Keeping cool is becoming, for many of us, a problem unrelated to the weather. From every side we are assailed by prophecies of imminent doom. Communist sword-rattling swells to boiler factory volume; then it abates for a while to a squeak.

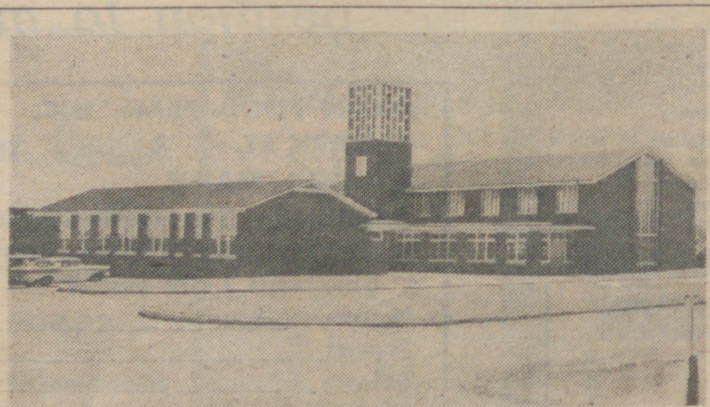
The horrors of a nuclear war are recited while all around us we see proud new buildings going up, new super-highways under construction, new housing developments being planned.

None of this is conducive to composure. It gets on a man's nerves — wondering whether to save for his children's education or buy a rock mountain with a cave where his family can hide.



But it is just such a time of crisis that requires all of us — especially service people — to keep our heads and not give way to nervous irresolution. This does not mean turning our backs on what is going on in world affairs; on the contrary, we can best reason clearly and behave rationally by keeping abreast of developments on the international scene. The uninformed man, a sucker for rumors, is the first to surrender to panic.

Nothing pleases the avowed enemies of freedom more than to see democratic peoples torn by dissent, infected by fear, doubtful of their own strength. We set an example for the rest of the free world when we face the future with the resolution that men of good will can, with our support, bring sanity to the peaceful solution of global differences. (AFPS)



CHAPEL SCHEDULE

PROTESTANT	CATHOLIC
Worship Services Sundays, 10:40 a. m. (Holy Communion first Sunday of month and 7:30 p. m. (Free Nursery) Children's Chapel, 10:45 a. m.	Masses Sundays, 8:30 a. m. and 12 noon (Free Nursery)
Sunday School and Bible Study Classes for all ages Sundays, 9:45 a. m.	Weekday masses 11:30 a. m. Holy days of Obligation, 11:30 a. m. and 4:30 p. m. First Fridays, 9:00 a. m. Saturdays, 9 a. m.
Lutheran Communion First Sunday of month, 8:30 a. m. in Education Wing	Confessions Saturdays, 7:00 to 9:00 p. m. Sundays, 8 a. m.
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Choir Rehearsal Thursdays, 7:30 p. m.	JEWISH Beth Israel Synagogue A. H. Freedman, Rabbi

Aerospace Operations Defined By Hq. USAF

Air Force Chief of Staff, Gen. Thomas D. White has stated: "The Air Force has operated throughout its relatively short history in the sensible atmosphere around the earth. Recent development have allowed us to extend our operations further away from the earth—approaching the environment popularly referred to as space. Since there is no dividing line, no natural barrier, separating these two areas, there can be no operational boundary between them.

The forces the Air Force prepares for offensive operations include the aircraft, missiles and men of Strategic Air Command and Tactical Air Command, plus U. S. air forces n commands overseas.

Ar Force aerospace professionals have long been developing the doctrines, procedures, and equipment for the Nation's primary offensive air operations. These operations now demand a unique familiarity with intercontinental and intermediate range ballistic missiles, strategic aircraft, air-breathing missiles, missile-launching aircraft, diversionary and saturations, strategic aerospace reconnaissance, target selection, unclear weapons, global communications and many other aspects of the aerospace offensive.

STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES

The characteristics, the strengths and weaknesses, of offensive aerospace forces are well known to the Air Force, whose members are career specialists in such operations. It is enemy forces of this kind that the United States aerospace defensive system must be prepared to cope with.

Today, the Air Force provides the bulk of the forces and equipment to Continental Air Defense, CONAD, which has operational control of the aerospace defense forces in the continental United States, Alaska, and Canada. CONAD's commander in chief is an Air Force general and its deputy commander in chief is an Air Marshal of the Royal Canadian Air Force.

Organizationally, as the primary air arm of the Department of Defense land-sea-air team, the Air Force is charged in the "Functions Paper" (DOD Directive 5100.1, 1958) with organizing, training and equipping forces "to gain and Air Force has had this specific job as maintain general air supremacy". The signment since 1948. Today this function can be performed only by forces excelling in offensive and defensive aerospace operations.

PRIMARY FUNCTION

Also since 1948, the Air Force has been assigned the primary function in the Department of Defense of developing doctrines and procedures "for the unified defense of the United States against air attack." It also has had for 11 years the trines, procedures, and equipment for air defense from land areas, including the continental United States."

Aerospace defense doctrines, procedures and equipment are to be developed for our Nation by the Air Force in coordination with the other services, and established by the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

CONTROLS DEFINED

Unified commands, such as CONAD, and specified commands, such as SAC, are under the operational direction of the President and the Secretary of Defense, with the Joint Chiefs of Staff acting as their principal military advisers.

Air Force aerospace defense objectives are based on the knowledge that there is no 100 per cent defense against a strong, determined aerospace attack of the kind that could be launched against us.

The offense has the advantage of choosing the time and places. However, the existence of a vigorous and well organized defense limits the enemy's freedom of action and definitely influences his planning.

In short, United States military planning must aim for the maximum deterrent survival value from the resources that are made available for national defense. (AFNS)

(Continued from Page 1)
other aircrew personnel - carried on the pro fly lists of the Armed Forces, nearly 16,000 are in the Air Force.

Official notices, spelling out the Air Force's position, are expected to be ready some time in May. One of the steps that will be taken will be to reduce the number of flying officers engaged in proficiency flying by assigning them to operational duty.

According to Col. James M. Keck, USAF, who worked with the proficiency flying program study group, there will be no mass cutting back of current flight personnel. He pointed out that the flying officer inventory will continue to be controlled by varying the "input" of flying officers. This is based on the current requirements and the number of members lost through discharges, retirements or deaths.

The program provides for:
1) An annual review and validation of requirements of flying officers and the assignment of these officers to positions where their aeronautical skills and knowledge will be more effectively employed.

2) Establishment by the military Services of procedures and controls designed to reduce total flying activity by crediting administrative and support flying against flying hour maximums and minimums.

3) an annual screening, identification, and removal from active flying status of personnel who can no longer be expected to fill positions requiring a rated officer - the identification to be by age, grade, military occupational specialty, flying experience and future potential.

4) Selected individuals who have held aeronautical ratings for more than 20 years to be permitted (under the terms of the Department of Defense Appropriations Act) to receive flight pay without the necessity to fly. The new policies direct the military Services to carry out this provision of this Act except for individuals whose current duties require flying.

The provisions outlined in point three go beyond the proficiency flying program and actually provide what can be termed a "quality control" method for the Air Force to get top dollar value from all phases of its flight program.

As for the policy to give flying pay to selected officers without requiring them to meet proficiency flying standards, the Air Force expects to save money which would have to go for fuel and aircraft maintenance, yet at the same time reward the man with a long, honorable and distinguished flying background.

Although this provision has been on the books since 1954, none of the Services ever used it. At present, in the Air Force, relatively few flying officers would qualify for this.

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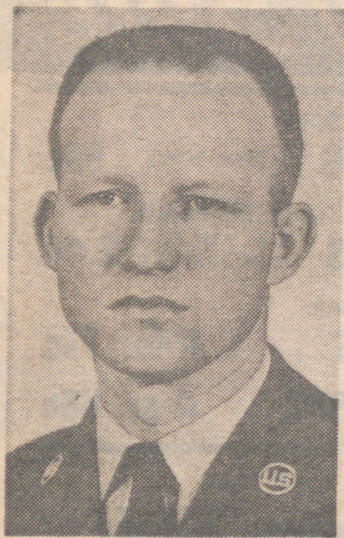
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Library Week Observed; Lectures, Displays, Books

If Downmen finish this week without realizing that the nation's leaders recognize the value of good reading, it won't be the



fault of Miss Priscilla Dodge, base librarian.

During the past five days, she has attended and addressed 23 Commanders' Call programs. She has placed book displays in virtually every place where Downmen congregate—or even pass through.

She began all this by planting place cards at all the tables in the clubs and snack bars, reminding diners that the nation's leaders had proclaimed April 12 to 18 to be National Library Week. She followed it up by seeing that everyone who went to pay call received a book on which was printed the hours the library is open.

She is ending it tomorrow afternoon with an open house at the base library when she plans to serve refreshments because "I have found that causes them to turn out better."

In her talks at the Commanders' Call programs, Miss Dodge not only told her listeners to "Wake Up and Read," the slogan for National Library Week, she also explained the advantages that could accrue to them if they did. It was a subject on which she appeared pretty well versed.

She asserted that in her library's collection of more than 10,000 volumes, there are "books to help you on your job, and books to help you forget your job when you need relaxation."

In her displays, she paid particular attention to make sure her suggestions would be appropriate to the type of viewer the display would have.

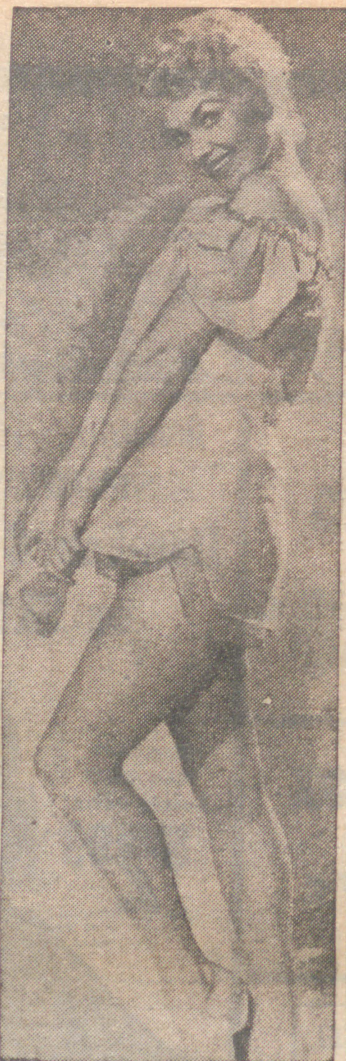
At the chapel, there were all the principal books of the three leading religions and there were more books written to introduce various religions to strangers.

In the clubs, on this weight conscious base, there were books on dieting. There were also books on etiquette in case anyone happened to feel socially inferior. There were books for the husband, the wife, the children. There were also books for the home, the garden and the airplane. Miss Dodge neglected to say whether she distributed any books for the car.

In the service club, where hobbies are an addition to the facilities offered by the open messes maintained by the officers and NCO's, Miss Dodge emphasized hobbies.

The display included books on modelling, ceramics and leathercraft for which there are facilities right in the club. For the coin collector's club, which meets there, books on numismatics.

Homebodies who don't ever go to the clubs have just as much need to be up to date as anyone else, Miss Dodge feels. She arranged for the base commissary



SWEET DREAMS — Vera Day, Columbia Pictures starlet, in the kind of nighttime wear that causes consternation.

to receive one thousand folders discussing the advantages of being well read and exhorting the reader to "Wake Up and Read."

These folders were to be dropped in the first thousand bags of groceries purchased at the commissary during the week-long event.

Books on the state of Maine, tomes on what to do if you go overseas, volumes on family life and the guidance of children, advice on how to be married to a serviceman, assistance in planning retirement and general information constituted the well-rounded display aimed at the heart of the family.

In addition to the books, Miss Dodge was quick to remind, the library has more than 500 records which are permitted to be circulated in the same fashion as books. There is also a radio-phonograph and a Hi-Fi set and records are permitted to be played right in the library.

Art is another thing on which the library is strong. Miss Dodge asserts that she constantly has an art display in the library. These works are the creation of local artists, frequently Dow residents, and they are changed from time to time to present variety.

New AF Book Slated For Distribution

"The Air Force Blue Book," a new publication devoted to the Air Force, will be published in late April, according to an announcement by Military Publishing Institute, Inc., of New York.

The Blue Book is really two books in one. The first part is comprised of forty-five chapters which tell today's Air Force story. The second part of the book is entitled "Air Force Facts," and contains basic information about the Air Force, in indexed ready reference form.

The book, which will be offered for sale in Base Exchanges, is the first work of its kind. It will be re-written and brought up-to-date annually. In addition, Blue Books devoted to the Army, Navy and Marine Corps will begin to be published during the coming year.

"The editors of 'The Air Force Blue Book' have been guided by a single purpose in writing the book," said Tom Compere, Presi-

Three New Units For Hall Of Fame

HQ. SAC (SAC PS) — Three units have been added to the Strategic Air Command's Hall of Fame, according to Col. Walter C. Stewart Jr., deputy chief of safety for SAC. In addition the 818th CSG, Lincoln AFB, Neb., moved into the two-year accident-free group on March 31.

The three newcomers, each of which completed one year of safe flying on that date, are the 55th SRW, Forbes AFB, Kan; 7th CSG Carswell AFB, Texas; and 379th BW, Homestead AFB, Fla.

The Hall of Fame is a roster of more than 50 units in SAC which have flown one or more years without an accident. The list is published monthly in COMBAT CREW, SAC flying safety magazine. The new list will appear in the May issue.

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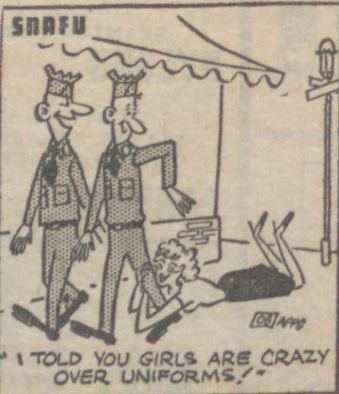
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Lieutenant David D. Hartman, Supply Squadron property accounting officer, has blossomed luxuriant heirsuite complete with Elvis-type side burns just so he can be called Curley.

It's the other side of his personality, the side he has kept hidden from the Air Force until now. The lieutenant has the lead role of Curly in the Savoyard-Quipus production of "Oklahoma" which will be presented at 8:15 p. m. April 30 and May 1 in the Bangor City Hall.

Although the lieutenant has a varied college, professional and

theatrical background, the lead role he managed to acquire in "Oklahoma" represents his first attempt to do anything on the stage since he entered the Air Force. It is in fact, his first attempt to go on the stage since 1956 when he had a role and was musical director of the DENVER POST's supper stock presentation of "Showboat."

A native of Denver, the lieutenant attended Duke University in North Carolina and was active as a soloist with a number of choral groups there. During this time he made a number of appearances on network shows. While in school, and afterwards, he worked as a radio and television announcer in Durham.

Probably the highest point of his experiences were the times he appeared on the Perry Como show.

The long hair bit? Oh yes. When the role as 'Curly loomed in the offing, he asked permission of the wing commander to grow the necessary equipment.

Col. George W. R. Zethren, knowing a good thing in community relations when he saw the opportunity for one of his junior officers to establish firmer relations with Bangor residents, readily consented.

Dow Off Duty

By JASPER E. BARBER

The two-day Central Division Talent contest beginning tonight at the Service Club will definitely highlight the week's entertainment bill at Dow. There will be a total of 36 acts, two of them WAF, and each will be giving his most to get a chance at the Eighth Air Force competition scheduled at Plattsburg.

FRIDAY, APRIL 17
OFFICERS' CLUB—341st ARS coffee; Lobsters are always a treat at the club

NCO CLUB—Dance night. Paul Dinsmore's orchestra will play from 9 p. m. to 1 a. m. The nursery will be open.

SERVICE CLUB—Talent contest, 8 p. m.

BASE MOVIE — "Fraulein," starring Mel Ferrer, Dana Wynter and Dolores Michaels. Cinema-scope and color (mature).

SATURDAY, APRIL 18

OFFICERS' CLUB — Steve Gould's band will play at 9 p. m.

NCO CLUB—Dance night. The Off-Beats will play from 9 p. m. to 1 a. m. There will be a floor show at 10:30 p. m. The nursery will be open.

SERVICE CLUB—Pool tournament at 1:30 p. m. Talent contest at 8 p. m.

BASE MOVIE—Saturday matinee. "Gun for a Coward," starring Fred MacMurray and Jeffrey Hunter. Also chapter No. 13 of the serial Wild Bill Hickok and a color cartoon. The matinee now starts at 1:30 p. m. Saturday evening, "Shane," starring Alan Ladd, Van Heflin and Jean Arthur. Technicolor, outdoor action drama (family).

SUNDAY, APRIL 19

OFFICERS' CLUB—Buffet dinner from 5 to 8 p. m. Kiddies movies from 4:30 to 8:30 p. m.

NCO CLUB—Sick call at 9 a. m. New England boiled dinner at 4 p. m. Kiddies games at 2 p. m. Ronnie Lord will play the organ from 4 to 8 p. m. Blend tunes at 8 p. m.

SERVICE CLUB—Coffee call at 9 a. m. The hobby shop will be open from 1 to 6 p. m. Pinochle tournament at 1:30 p. m. Talent contest, 8 p. m.

BASE MOVIE — "Alias Jesse James," starring Bob Hope, Rhonda Fleming and Wendell Corey. Comedy Western (family).

MONDAY, APRIL 20

OFFICERS' CLUB — Duplicate and party bridge at 7:45 p. m.

NCO CLUB—Pinochle tournament at 8 p. m.

SERVICE CLUB—Regular game night at 8 p. m.

BASE MOVIE—Same as Sunday.

TUESDAY, APRIL 21

OFFICERS' CLUB—OWC game day, 1 p. m.

NCO CLUB—Game night at 8 p. m. with free nursery.

SERVICE CLUB — The hobby shop and photo lab will be open from 6 to 10 p. m. Hi Fi Club—

7 to 10 p. m. Accordion lessons at 7:30 p. m.

BASE MOVIE—"The Gunfight at Dodge City," starring Joel McCrea and Julie Adams. Cinema-scope and color (family) western.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22

OFFICERS' CLUB—Alert force family night in the dining room.

NCO CLUB—Open for private parties.

SERVICE CLUB—Dance night with Curley O'Brien at 8 p. m.

BASE MOVIE—"Run Silent, Run Deep," starring Clark Gable and Burt Lancaster (family) Service Drama.

THURSDAY, APRIL 23

OFFICERS' CLUB—Game night at 8 p. m. Have dinner here first.

NCO CLUB—Open for private parties.

SERVICE CLUB — The hobby shop and the photo lab will be open from 6 to 10 p. m.

BASE MOVIE — "Compulsion," starring Dean Stockwell, Orson Wells and Diane Varsi. Cinema-scope. (nature) drama.



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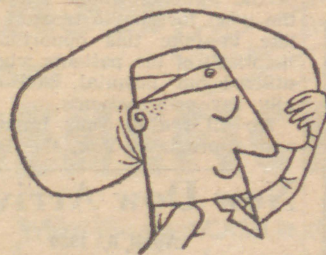
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Wood Hobby Shop News

By ROY L. TAYLOR

This week is boat week at the wood hobby shop. It's getting close to boating season now and you can sure feel it coming up on us watching these boats coming and going. Norman C. Cole is rebuilding a 14 foot, 6-inch plywood boat. He plans to fibre-glass it soon.

Being this was the first time Sgt. Cole had attempted this type of work, he did a fine job with minimum assistance. This project is a complete success so far and it should be finished this weekend if all goes well.

Other boats in the shop include an aluminum craft by Duane G. Adams being refinished. Howard W. Sumner and Ernest Wood have their boat in for repairs. All in all there are twelve boats here being repaired, refinished or built from scrap.

Earl E. Wright did a profes-

sional job on a Hi-Fi cabinet. It turned out beautifully. William H. Brae is going strong on his wood-working projects. So far he has completed a lamp and is now working on a chest of drawers. What's next Bill?

W. A. Robins from F.M.S. built some extra sides for a baby bed. It seems that baby wouldn't stay put. C. F. Bushey from 341st ARS loves tomatoes so he built some boxes to grow them in. Nobody is going to get those tomatoes!

Thomas F. Dozier from 71st ARS is improving his home with 10 new screens built at the Wood Hobby Shop. Last but not least is L. B. Remis of Operations who is getting ready to ride the waves on his surf board. The job is finished and it's ready to go.

That's about it for this week; keep the projects coming in, and we'll help you get 'em out.

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Family Services Volunteer Receives Praise

By LORNA NEEDHAM

Named as Family Services Volunteer of the Month for March was Mrs. James M. Stidham. At Wing Headquarters Colonel W. R. Zethren presented Mrs. Stidham with a letter of appreciation for her work.

As one of the most active volunteers in the program here at Dow, Mrs. Stidham invested a great many hours in Family Services work during the months of February and March. In his letter Colonel Zethren praised Mrs. Stidham for her work in these words, "your effort during the short period you have worked on the program, on the information and referral, welcoming, emergency services, and housing committees has been both a positive contribution to the Dow AFB com-



MRS. JAMES M. STIDHAM

munity, and an example to other volunteer workers." Colonel Zethren also expressed his appreciation of the time and effort Mrs. Stidham has devoted to the program.

In January of this year Mrs. Stidham took the Family Services orientation course, and following completion of this course she took specialized committee training. Since then she has worked untiringly to further the welfare of all those who have needed her services as Family Services volunteer. She is currently serving as chairman of the welcoming committee, and also works on the housing, emergency services, information and referral and casualty committees.

The wife of TSgt James M. Stidham of 4060th Installations Squadron, Mrs. Stidham leads the busy life with which all service wives are familiar. She finds time in her hectic schedule for the pursuit of her hobbies, which are painting, crochet work, and embroidery.

You, The Patient

By Dr. Elliott Mendenhall

Have you ever stopped to consider how important you are as a patient? A large portion of the rewards of a medical practice comes from the pleasure that is derived directly from the Doctor-Patient relationship. Hospitals must have patients in order to make a living. This makes you important, but this is not the primary importance of a patient. Some individuals make excellent patients. They understand their illness. They realize the limitations of medical knowledge and medical ability, and they face these facts maturely. Success in treating this type of patient comes easily. They cooperate, they are eager to carry out the doctor's instructions, and minor setbacks do not disturb them. When hospitalized, they can accept the necessary hospital rules and regulations and still maintain a pleasant attitude.

If every doctor's practice were composed of this type of patient, his success would not only be assured, but he would also be a well rewarded physician.

There are a few patients who have little confidence in their doctor, who are impatient with hospital routine and who fail to carry their share of the therapeutic burden. This article is not concerned with those people, for they are best forgotten.

Here is a quotation from an individual with tuberculosis. This is the type patient to whom I am referring:

"For fourteen years I have not had a day's real health; I have awakened sick and gone to bed weary; and I have done my work unflinchingly. I have written in bed, and written out of it, written in hemorrhages, written in sickness, written torn by coughing, written when my head swam for weakness; and for so long it seems to me I have won my wager and recovered my glove. I am better now, have been, rightly speaking, since first I came to the Pacific; and still, few are the days when I am not in some physical distress. And the battle goes on—ill or well, is a trifle; so it goes. I was made for a contest, and the Powers have so willed that my battlefield should be this dingy, inglorious one of the bed and the physic bottle. At least I have not failed, but I would have preferred a place of trumpeting and the open air over my head."

These words were written by a remarkable man, who in spite of his illness, became famous. His name is Robert Louis Stevenson.

Since I am leaving this Base in a few weeks and may not have the opportunity of seeing all of the patients whom I have had the good fortune to treat, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the patients who have utilized our hospital, and especially my own patients.

We all realize your importance and appreciate—You, the Patient.

New Dow Arrivals

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Daughter born to A-2c and Mrs. Arvil Lambert.

April 7, 1959

Daughter born to A-1c and Mrs. Stanley Harris.

Son born to S-Sgt and Mrs. Robert Krok.

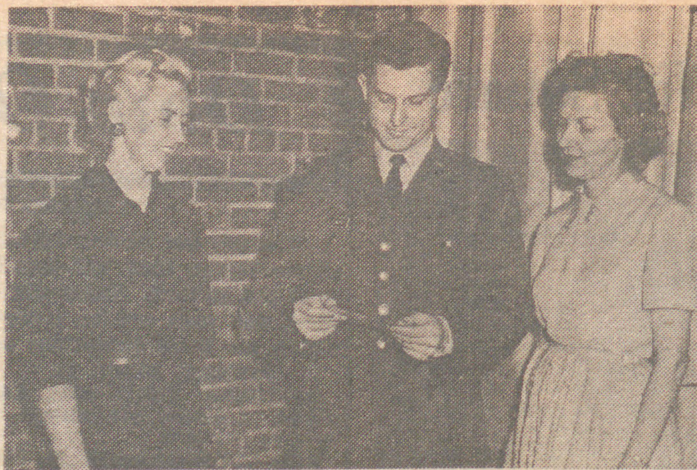
Son born to A1-c and Mrs. Joseph Eacmen.

April 10, 1959

Son born to S-Sgt and Mrs. Burton Tobey.

April 12, 1959

Daughter born to A-2c and Mrs. Robin Beal.



BONANZA FOR YOUTH program materialized in this \$2,160.25 check being presented to Lt. Victor L. Lewis of Family Services by Mrs. Henry J. Clerici, general Chairman of the Officers Wives Club's Roarin' Twenties Festival through which the money was raised. Besides being a windfall for a good cause, the affair was regarded as one of the year's top social events.

Officers Wives Club Notes

By ANN MILLS

Tuesdays' Luncheon was one of the most successful to date with well over 100 ladies attending, and participating in the "State of the Union" activities.

Winning the first prize for table decor was the TRI I (Ill., Iowa, and Ind.) complete with goal posts. Texas was awarded the first prize for having the best skit. Oklahoma should be mentioned for their clever skirt, too. Our thanks go to Elaine Umstead for presenting this idea in the beginning, and for doing such a fine job emceeing.

April 24 marks the day of the Fashion Show (and luncheon or dinner) sponsored jointly by the OWC and the Cerebral Palsey of Northeast Maine. Fashions will be shown from the Rose King Distinctive Apparel shop, and will be featured in two shows.

The first showing will begin at 1 p. m. during the luncheon for 3.00 and the second, to which our husbands are invited will be at 7 p. m. during dinner for 3.50.

Suzie Darnold has charge of the

tickets, so if you would like to help out selling them, please contact her at her home on base.

Louise Braun is chairman and Fran Schu is co-chairman of the May Luncheon's Art Show on the second Tuesday in May, at 1 p. m. at the club. This promises to be a most interesting affair. The ladies are concerned with finding more talent on base, so if you have a husband or children talented in painting in any respect, please call Mrs. Braun at Bangor 2-2488 or Mrs. Schu at Ext 2969.

Also at the May Luncheon there will be nominations accepted from the floor for candidates for OWC officers for next year. Only please remember to have the approval of your candidate prior to the Luncheon. A nominating committee has been chosen, they are:

Advisor, Lois Zethren, chairman; Marge Clerici; Louise Braun, Kay Baker, Lucy Kurland, Dotty Alexander, Helen Otis, Barbara Thompson. Nominees will be announced at this time.

Again, during the May Luncheon, there will be a receiving line honoring our new Base Commander's wife, Mrs. William A. Crawford.

Baked goods are now accepted at the Thrift Shop on Thursdays and Fridays.

The Roarin' 20's cleared \$2,160.25. Sincere thanks to chairman Marge Clerici and her ladies who worked so very hard to make it the wonderful success it turned out to be.

Dot Brazil's Rummage Sale cleared \$308.72. Again the money maker really went to town. Thanks to you and your lady helpers, Dot.

NCO Wives Club Notes

By PEGGY LECKBAND

A Newcomers Coffee will be held April 23 at 1 p. m. at the NCO Open Mess. If you are suffering from stay at home-itis, why not join us for a friendly cup of coffee.

Bowl-Mor Lanes has donated 3 lines per week for one year as a door prize for the Youth Activities Benefit Dinner April 30. Our Bangor neighbors may purchase tickets at Sleepers Clothing Store, 105 Main Street.

Have you called Fern Bell and offered your help yet? Workers are needed to paint posters for the Bake Sale May 1. Volunteers are needed to work one afternoon every two months at the Thrift Shop. If you have taken the Family Services Orientation Course and are interested in Publicity, give Mrs. Bette Curran a call.

Chit Chat: Had a date with Sgt. G.W.L. last Saturday evening and we joined the crowd at the NCO Club to watch the floor show. Wonder how Veda Hebert divided one balloon "four young 'un ways?" Esther Alleman looked perk and pretty, all in brown and beige. Mickey Bradley and Dick seemed to be enjoying the music of Nat Diamond. Heard mischievous Lois Donaldson arranging a joke on her Sgt. D. at the front desk.

Reminders:

Youth Activities Benefit Dinner April 30. Bake Sale at W. T. Grants May 1. Newcomers Coffee at NCO Club April 23. Elections for six month term May 7.

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Teen Talk

By DALE MOSES

Let's give a much earned "well done" to the cast and all persons concerned with the play presented by the teen club last Friday night.

It was a wonderful production. The unexpected high attendance rocketed the club into a profit, which before hand was not expected.

At the conclusion of the play a cast party was held at the Pilots Grill. Here the cast had time to relax and talk over the finer points of the play. At about the middle of the party awards in the form of beautiful statues, were given, to Mrs. Alice Lenze and Lt. Clifford Rigby for their fine supervision of the production.

Just a word to the members of the teen club: there will be a business meeting this weekend at the youth center. It has been requested that all members be present to decide on the date and time of the formal-dress dance which will be held at the Service Club.

FOOTNOTE: Watch this space for information on the play "Nothing but the Truth" which may be again presented for your entertainment.

Family Services Graduates 99

Attesting the popularity of the one-session, all-day orientation course given by the family services program here was the largest class ever graduated at a single course. Last Wednesday, Lt. Col. James R. Wiley, deputy base commander presented diplomas to 99 dependents who attended that day.

Lt. Victor L. Lewis assisted by M-Sgt. Wilbur Haver presented this course. Visual aids assisted the narration and at frequent intervals question periods were opened to class participants.

Col. George W. R. Zethren welcomed all attending and gave the introductions. Major Herbert L. Fowle, Jr. gave the SAC mission briefing. Other guest speakers included Robert Rogers, American Red Cross representative and Major Robert F. Merfy, 4033 USAF Hospital Representative.

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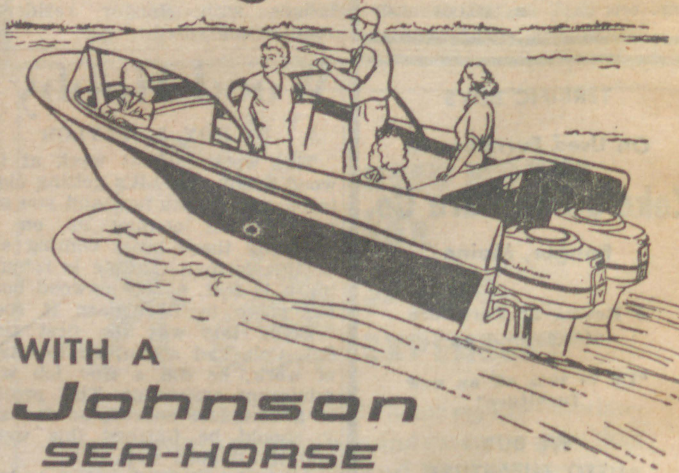
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Lower Four May Use Substandard Housing

HQ SAC (SAC PS) — Government housing declared substandard following a 1959 survey may be utilized as family quarters for married lower four grade airmen.

Some of the units declared "inadequate" by public law must be rehabilitated and brought up to acceptable standards for use as government quarters. This is uneconomical for others which are to be removed from the inventory by July 1961.

USAF has recently advised SAC that it will conduct a study to determine the feasibility of requesting a change of public law to allow utilization of this latter group for the lower grades.

"We feel this is a step in the right direction toward solving the housing problem of our lower grade married personnel," states Brig. Gen. James B. Knapp, SAC director of installations engineering.

General Knapp said 19 percent of the SAC enlisted personnel are married lower grade airmen—air-

men first class with less than seven years service, but USAF "can program housing for the married upper grades only. Our married lower grade airmen are totally dependent on community support. This problem is not too acute where community support housing is abundant, but there are SAC bases located in isolated areas where housing is nonexistent. At these installations "isolated from community support" the married lower grade airman faces a critical housing problem.

In such instances, "opening the substandard quarters—which are not to be rehabilitated—to the lower graders would be a great help," General Knapp concluded.

Obenauf Wins Cheney Award

HQ. SAC (SAC PS)—First Lt. James E. Obenauf, 24, already a national figure for a highly publicized, life-saving feat, was named this week as the recipient of the Air Force's annual Cheney Award.

Presented for an act of "valor, extreme fortitude, or self-sacrifice in a humanitarian interest in connection with aircraft," the award consists of a certificate, bronze plaque, and \$500. It will be presented by USAF Chief of Staff General Thomas D. White.

Lieutenant Obenauf, a member of the Strategic Air Command, has been the subject of many articles since his heroic flight April 29, 1958. Flying as a co-pilot aboard a B-47, Obenauf risked his life and suffered physical punishment to save a fellow crew member, after the plane had caught fire and became disabled.

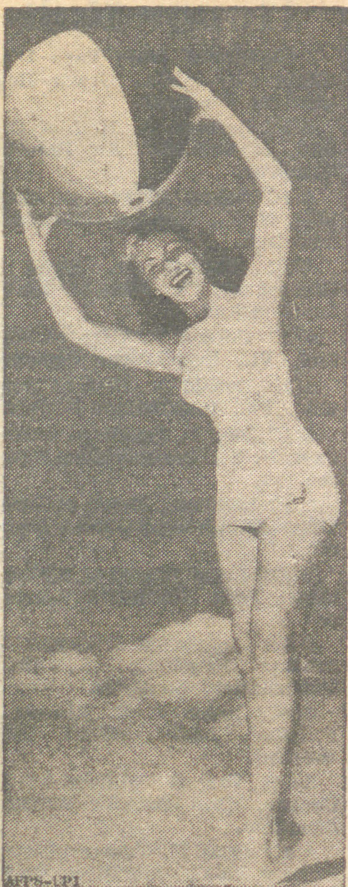
Unable to safely remove the unconscious instructor navigator from the plane by himself—the other two crew members having already bailed out—the lieutenant elected to attempt landing the plane.

Sitting in an ejection seat that was armed to fire and with his head and eyes exposed to the cold, biting air-flow of a canopy-less plane, Obenauf overcame staggering obstacles and brought the plane safely back to Dyess AFB, Texas.

The next day he was personally presented the Distinguished Flying Cross by General Thomas S. Power, SAC command in chief, and has since been the subject of many articles in national magazines, as well as the main character in a TV presentation of his flight, titled "The Obenauf Story."

Last month he was selected as the recipient of the Aviator's Valor Award by American Legion Post 743 in New York.

A native of Grayslake, Ill., Obenauf is assigned to the 10th Bomb Squadron, 341st Bomb Wing, Dyess AFB. Last October he received an appointment in the Regular Air Force, and is presently undergoing upgrade training, following which he will become one of SAC's youngest B-47 aircraft commanders.



HAVIN' A BALL — One of the Cypress Garden's Aquamaids is ready for a game of "catch". Any volunteers?

Cadet Sons Of Eight SACmen At AF Academy

HQ SAC (SAC PS)—Eight SACmen, ranging in grade from major general to master sergeant, have something in common. They are the fathers of cadets at the Air Force Academy.

Cadet Eugene L. Vosika is the son of MSgt. Laddie Vosika, assigned to SAC's headquarters directorate of intelligence at Offutt AFB, Neb. A classmate, Robert L. Hurley, is the son of Col. Robert B. Hurley, also at SAC. Both cadets share the distinction of being members of the first Academy class which will graduate in June.

Other sons are Cadet David H. Roe, son of Major Jo D. Roe of Forbes AFB, Kan.; Cadet Albert E. Johansen, son of Lt. Col. Ernest W. Johansen of Altus AFB, Okla.; and Cadet William F. Lane Jr., whose father is a major assigned to MacDill AFB, Fla.

Carswell AFB, Texas, boasts two entries. Cadet Lyman W. Marshall is the son of Lt. Col. Prevost Marshall and Cadet Nils B. Ohman is the son of the 19th Air Division commander, Brig. Gen Nils O. Ohman.

Cadet Walter C. Sweeney III is the son of Maj. Gen. W. C. Sweeney Jr., commander of SAC's Eighth Air Force at Westover AFB, Mass.

SACmen who have not reached age 22 are eligible to attend the Air Force Academy. Twenty-three vacancies are reserved for members of the Air Force and Army who have completed one full year of active regular service by July 1 of the year in which they would be admitted.

In addition, 22 vacancies are allocated to the President of the United States who reserves them for sons of service members.

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Seven Dowmen At 8th Academy

Seven Dow Master Sergeants are enrolled in class 59C of the Noncommissioned Officers Academy at Westover AFB, Mass. The class started on March 29, and will graduate May 2.

Dowmen attending are Master Sergeants Robert Campbell, Norman E. Henderson, George W. Leckband, Marion D. Mask, Phillip M. Reynolds, Jack O. C. Rowe, and Malcom G. Smith.

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AF Cautions Check Airmen Pro Pay Close

The Air Force has cautioned commanders to be sure of an airman's eligibility before advancing him to proficiency pay status.

A review and analysis of reports indicate, the AF explained in a message, that a few airmen are receiving proficiency pay who may not be eligible.

Headquarters pointed out that of 445 possible ineligible reflected in the January, 1959, report, 320 airmen were definitely not eligible for the pay because they did not have an AFSC authorized during the period covered by the analysis.

Reporting errors and misinterpretations of existing regulations were listed as the main reasons for the unauthorized payments.

All units were requested to conduct a comprehensive review of records and make doubly sure airmen now receiving the pay are eligible.

Airmen found to be ineligible for the pro must be removed from the pro pay status immediately, commanders were told.

John Vincent Named Tops In Personnel

A-2c John Vincent Jr., airman in charge of the officer records section, was named outstanding personnel man of the month for March.

Technical knowledge and supervisory capacities far above what is normally expected of his rank

were the dominant traits reflected in the letter through which Lt. Col. James R. Wiley, deputy base commander, expressed recognition of Airman Vincent's achievement.

Colonel Wiley noted that "the splendid manner in which you have undertaken and accomplished in a most thorough manner the responsibilities normally delegated to those in non-commissioned officer ranks is most commendable."

"Your spirit of willing helpfulness, your ability to handle the technical problems associated with officer classification and your ability to supervise your section with little outside influence," Colonel Wiley continued, "are all the ideal abilities which are expected of non-commissioned officers occupying your position."

"I hope this will be but one of many awards to come," the colonel concluded.

SAC To Ask For Expanded Recall Program Soon

HQ SAC (SAC PS) — Presently the only command with a recall program, SAC will soon press for an expanded program to USAF which will authorize the return to active duty of additional officers.

SAC's authority to recall officers is now limited to certain crew types, but will be asked to include carefully selected officers in other specialties as well.

The program has many strong points but its keynote is "selectivity." Instead of a four-year wait for future inputs from AF ROTC, whose career potential is still unknown, the need for installations officers, armament and electronic officers, maintenance officers, pilots, navigators, and others, could be met immediately by recalling to active duty carefully selected officers who are anxious to return to duty.

One of the first returns of the officer recall is the saving in training costs. A B-47 pilot, for example, has undergone a quarter of a million dollars worth of training. A B-52 pilot's training is estimated at half a million.

Other factors involved are motivation and retention. It is felt that experienced officers have more career motivation and, consequently, SAC would benefit by a higher retention rate from the recallees, and through their influence on present "non-career" members.

In identifying the candidates for recall, the program uses three primary sources: applications from reserve officers; recommendations by commanders and nominations by other officers now on active duty; and those selected by reviewing records in the reserve center.

Whenever possible, those approved by USAF and SAC for recall will be given their choice of area assignment.

Honor Roll

(Continued from Page 1)

Canon City, Colo., Group Headquarters Squadron.

A/IC Bernard A. Huff of Guilford, Maine, 341st Air Refueling Squadron.

A/IC Robert Blowers of Northville, N. Y., Periodic Maintenance Squadron.

A/2C Thomas D. Mertz of Greensburg, Pa., 341st Air Refueling Squadron.

A/IC Gordon P. Carr of Hartford, Vt., Installations Squadron.

A/IC Ronald R. Rist of Pottsville, Pa., Installations Squadron.

A/IC John F. Fraker of Amsterdam, N. Y., Transportation Squadron.

A/IC Raymond Roach of Dwire, Texas, Group Headquarters Squadron.

M/Sgt Leroy Magee of McComb, Mass., Wing Headquarters Squadron.

S/Sgt Angelo M. Raymond of Jenkin Township, Pa., Group Headquarters Squadron.

A/2C Joseph F. C. Kirovac of Rumford, Maine, 4033rd USAF Hospital.

S/Sgt Van M. Wallace of LaGrange, Ky., 341st Air Refueling Squadron.

A/2C Jesse E. Turner of Montgomery, Ala., Operations Squadron.

M/Sgt Richard H. Cabeen of Monmouth, Ill., 341st Air Refueling Squadron.

S/Sgt Hiawatha S. Thompson of Knoxville, Ky., Operations Squadron.

S/Sgt Charles B. Smith of Philipsburg, Pa., Field Maintenance Squadron.

A/IC Walter E. Currier, Jr., of Dexter, Maine, Food Service Squadron.

S/Sgt Stanley N. Brown of Brunswick, Md., Installations Squadron.

A/IC James J. Enos of Cotuit, Mass., Field Maintenance Squadron.

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The picture in color was filmed during Graham's Crusade in Houston, Texas where the attendance was as high as 60,000 for a single meeting. The meetings were held in the Rice Stadium.

The picture will be shown at the Base Chapel on Sunday the 19th of April at 7:30 p.m. The doors of the Chapel will be open at 7 p.m. and the general public is invited. There will be no admission charge.

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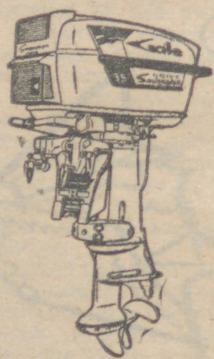
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