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Dow First In Eighth Air Force For April Retention Program

In Case Of Fire Dial 2333 And Go, Man, Go!

In case of fire notify the fire department, then make yourself scarce if the fire happens to be on a building that has just blossomed out with one of the new Halloween-looking signs, that is a large black figure "1" on an orange background.

The sign, an ordinance fire class symbol, means that the building contains explosives. T-Sgt. Norman D. Knowles of the base fire department emphasized that the signs are not an invitation for innocent bystanders to make a max effort to get the ammunition out of a burning building.

"Just call us," he said. "You get a lot of people running in there trying to get the stuff out. Somebody's liable to get killed. Our people have been trained and they know what to do."



TSgt. JOSEPH A. MERTES, Organizational Supply Supervisor 71st ARS recently was responsible for the re-enlistment of his entire section. All personnel assigned to Sgt. Mertes decided to try the AF for another six years. Those re-enlisting were (left to right) SSgt. Robert Dube, A/2c Robert Acosta, TSgt. Joseph Mertes, A/1c Charles Cole, and A/SC Charles Perkins. For his part in re-enlisting his shop, Sgt. Mertes received a letter of Commendation from 820th AD Commander General James W. Wilson.

Only One Airman "Lost" This Reporting Period

According to information received from Major Thomas L. Carroll, Base Retention Officer, Dow was tops in the Air Force for the month of April in Retention.

Gen. LeMay's Former Aide Now At Dow

Lt. Col. Franklin D. Lane, former tactical unit commander and one-time aide to Gen. Curtis E. LeMay, has assumed duties as Chief of Maintenance here.

Prior to arriving at Dow some two weeks ago, Colonel Lane commanded the 348th Bomb Squadron at McCoy Air Force Base, Fla. After flying B-47s, the colonel says he looks forward to "seeing what it's like at the other end of the boom."

During World War II, he was deputy operations officer of the 15th Air Force's 464th Bomb Group in Italy. He logged some 200 hours of combat flying in 30 sorties, including "lone wolf" missions at night when the weather was too bad to send the entire group aloft.

The colonel was Aide de Camp to General LeMay from 1949 to 1950. He was accompanied to Dow by his wife, Maryonne.

Of 81 Dowmen eligible to re-enlist, 80 decided to sign on for more duty with the Air Force. Runnerup in the re-up race was Plattsburg which reenlisted 78 out of a possible 80. Third place honors went to McCoy AFB with 33 out of 34 staying for another hitch. In last place for the month was Hunter AFB, Ga., with 64 out of a possible 82.

At the end of April, a total of 310 had reenlisted at Dow, a record for this Air Force base. Three hundred and forty-one were eligible to reenlist during this period which indicates Dow "lost" only 31 to civilian life.

Those who joined the reenlistment honor roll this past week were:

S/Sgt. John J. Gerard of Centerville, Ia., Operations Squadron.

S/Sgt. Michael F. Smith of East Douglas, Mass., Transportation Squadron.

A/1C Amos E. Tupper of Potsdam, N. Y., Supply Squadron.

S/Sgt. John J. O'Neill III of New Haven, Conn., 71st ARS.

A/2C A. B. Thomas of Ft. Valley, Ga., Group Headquarters.

A/2C Santiago O. Barrera of Floresville, Tex., Group Headquarters.

S/Sgt. Roger K. Olsen of Madison, Ohio, Group Headquarters.

T-Sgt. Francis J. McTighe of Leavittown, N. Y., Wing Headquarters.



VISITING DOW, Maj. Gen. Hunter Harris, Jr., Eighth Air Force deputy commander, was greeted at the flight line by Col. George W. R. Zethren.

General Harris Not Afraid Of Onerous Tasks

Maj. Gen. Hunter Harris Jr., Eighth Air Force deputy commander, is just as capable of doing a hazardous job in an emergency as of performing the dignified prestige functions normally associated with a senior Air Force leader.

That was the comment of one

Dow officer when the general visited the base this week.

The local officer recalled an incident in which an aircraft in which he was helping fly the general from Randolph AFB to Walker AFB caught fire at the completion of the landing roll.

"We pulled off on a taxi strip," the Dowman reports, "and by the time we had stopped, the general already had a fire extinguisher in his hands. He was the first one out of the plane and he had the fire out long before the base fire fighters arrived."

Jet Age Must Be Developed On Ground Too

LAS VEGAS, Nev.—(SAC PS)—High aircraft speeds and increased aircraft population have crowded the usable airspace to the degree that air safety and traffic control have become our major limiting problems.

So stated General Curtis E. LeMay, USAF vice chief of staff, at the World Congress of Flight jet-age conference held here last month.

He said no matter what remarkable developments are achieved in newer and more modern aircraft, "our jet potential can advance only as fast as our air safety and traffic control measures will let it."

Pointing out that mid-air collisions and near misses in recent years "are grim and positive evidence of the existence of this critical problem," General LeMay remarked that recent mid-air accidents can be traced almost exclusively to the cumulative effect of higher speeds, higher traffic density, relatively slow human visual scanning capacities, and man-machine reaction time.

To emphasize his point, he said, "Today, closing speeds between two of our late model military aircraft are as high as 2000 miles per hour, and today's jet



Nation-Wide Drivesafe Program Set By SAC

Dow motorists will endeavor to reduce highway deaths during the Memorial Day-to-Labor Day period when heavy vacation traffic makes driving particularly hazardous by decorating the rear bumpers of their automobiles with decals asking "Can you stop in time?"

An unofficial announcement, received here through SAC Press Service, revealed that the stickers will be distributed in time to be displayed from May 30 until Sept. 7.

The headquarters advice quoted Col. Woodrow P. Swancutt, SAC chief of safety, as predicting that the stickers would appear on from 300 to 400 automobiles at every base in the command.

Neither the Provost Marshal's

office or the Wing Safety office here has yet received any official word through channels regarding when or how the stickers will be distributed.

At Offutt, however, Colonel Swancutt said all aspects of traffic safety will receive special attention. The staff safety officer emphasized that liaison with civil traffic authorities and community organizations as set forth in SAC's traffic safety program workbook will help reduce the causes responsible for the command's largest sources of deaths and injuries.

In addition to the bumper stickers, SAC will distribute bulletin board posters and table place mats to its bases, each asking "Can you stop in time?" (SAC-PS)

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Chief Of Staff Presents Awards To Base Editors

SAC-PS The Air Force's five top editors, three of whom directed SAC base newspapers, received tribute from Chief of Staff Gen. Thomas D. White in his pentagon office last week.

The five editors headed the best in their category—a division based upon base population.

Receiving plaques from the general were:

TSgt F. R. Gilbert, editor of Beal AFB's **SPACE SENTINEL** which was adjudged best in category 1—bases having under 1,000 population. (SAC)

Capt. William E. Fein, former Greenham ISO who accepted for SSgt. Joseph Krishack, editor of **GREENHAM HERALD**, category 2—base population of 1,000 to 5,000. (SAC)

A-1C Mark L. Nigberg, editor of the **RAMSTEIN RAMJET** of Ramstein AB, Germany, category 3—base population between 5,000 and 10,000. (USAFE)

TSgt. Frnak B. Santos, editor of Westover AFB's **YANKEE FLYER**, category 4—base population of more than 10,000.

Maj. H. Santa Ana, editor of ARDC's **NEWSREVIEW**, category 5—command paper serving more than one base.

Certain Airmen Eligible Degree And Commission

HQ. SAC (SAC PS) — Airmen with sufficient college credits may soon be eligible to earn both degrees and commissions under a new Airman Education and Commissioning Program, USAF headquarters announced.

An Air Force regulation establishing the program is now being drafted and should be issued to the field shortly. It will list the qualifications and outline the application procedures.

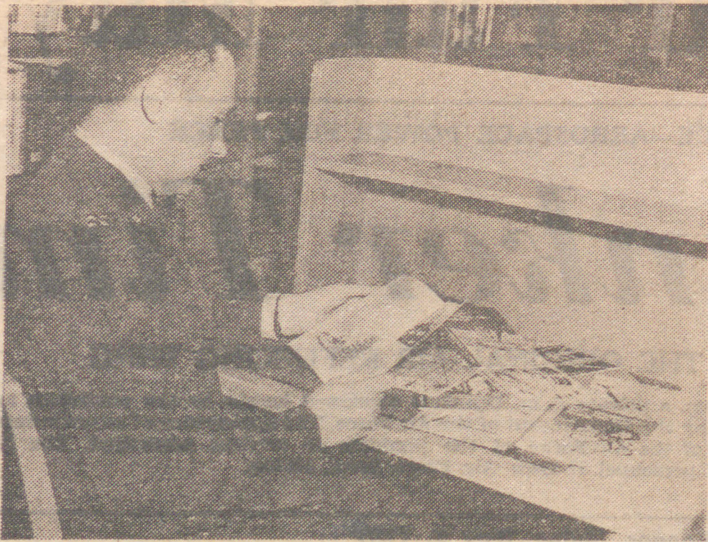
Applications will be restricted to active duty airmen who have sufficient college credits to enable them to complete the requirements for an Air Force designated baccalaureate degree in two years or less.

On a best qualified basis, the Air Force Institute of Technology will select students to undertake degree work in USAF needed fields such as meteorology, geodesy, nuclear physics, and the engineering fields. Students will be assigned to the AFIT and placed on duty at a civilian institution for the completion of their college work.

After receiving their degrees, they will attend officer training school and, upon completion, be commissioned and ordered to extended active duty in career reserve status for a minimum of four years.

Initial entries under this program will be at a rate of about 200 per year.

Minimum age limit for entrance is 18; the maximum will be such that the student will be able to complete the program and be commissioned prior to the age of 30.



CAPTAIN CHARLES R. RENFRO—Hqs. Sq. Wing, looks over the latest DOD pamphlets on Communism. These 10 booklets have been distributed to all day-rooms by the ISO and several sets are available at the base library. Other sets are on hand at the Office of Information Services.

Don't Fight In The Dark

The bleak face of Communism, with its mask of abiliabity ripped aside, is graphically shown in the latest series of pamphlets on Communism now being distributed throughout the Air Force.

The series describes the many conflicts that exist between our way of life and the Communist's. The 10 pamphlets were published by the Department of Defense's Office of Armed Forces Information and Education, and are being distributed to base ISOs.

Examples of falsehoods, fakery and phoniness are cited which indicate the Communist leaders' moral bankruptcy as they exploit their own people and the nations that fall under their domination.

One fantastic case of Red Duplicity occurred during the Korean conflict when the Chinese built up their "germ warfare" charge that managed to fool some gullible people—including some of our own

men who were prisoners of war at the time.

Lack of knowledge often makes people easy marks for the target-shooting propaganda bullets of the Communists. The easily duped should realize that the Communist world has a long history of producing "evidence" for any and all occasions—and on short notice, too.

In the pamphlet, "How Communists Gain and Keep Power," one incident is revealed showing how the Bolsheviks—after the Russian revolution—fixed up a fake constitution. This was to show other countries that the Soviets were "democratic." Actually, however, Lenin and his followers maintained a tight dictatorship control over the country through their party machine, the Politburo.

The fine art of USSR propaganda is described in another pamphlet in the series. Movies, books, music—everything has got to swing to the Kremlin tune.

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Top Photo Experts To Judge Contest

Four of the nation's top photographic and art experts have

agreed to serve as judges for the Eighth Interservice Photography Contest.

Judging the finals of the contest, which will be held June 9 at the Marine Barracks, Washington, D. C. will be:

Miss Louise Dahl Wolfe, Harper's Bazaar; Irving Desfor, Associated Press Newsfeatures; Ivan Dmitri, renowned color photography expert, and Jacob Kainen, Curator, Division of Graphic Arts, Smithsonian Institution.

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Huge Parade Scheduled For Dow-Bangor May 21

As it is anticipated that this will be one of the largest parades that Bangor has even seen, this will be one of the highlights of Bangor's 125th Anniversary celebration.

Many military organizations will be represented as well as their auxiliaries and equipment.

Units of the 4060th Air Refueling Wing will participate by presenting more than 1000 men.

Units from Dow will form on Broadway between State and Somersets. After a 19-gun salute to the governor at 10 a.m., on May 23, the parade will move off punctually down State street past the post office and down Central street and pass the reviewing stand by the corner of Hammond and Main streets with an "eyes left."

The parade will continue on Main street, dispersing near the gas works. Persons expected to review the parade are Gov. Clinton

Clauson and his adjutant general, Brig. Gen. Edwin W. Heywood; the two U. S. senators, Margaret Chase Smith and Edmund S. Muskie; and also the three U. S. representatives from Maine as well as other dignitaries in the area.

Col. George W. R. Zethren, 4060th Air Refueling Wing commander, will be a member of the reviewing party. Lt. Col. James R. Wiley, deputy Dow commander, will be troop commander of the Dow unit.


In the afternoon, the day's celebration will proceed in full swing with Governor's Day at Dow Air Force Base and Dow's Downeast Air Fair.

After the dignitaries arrive sometime around 2:30 p.m., the show will begin with the aerial demonstration by the famed Thunderbirds with many other starring events on the program, including a carnival and evening variety show.

Net proceeds from the Dow Downeast Air Fair will be turned over to the Base Central Fund.



HANDSOME AND DISTINCTIVE—A duplicate of this new SAC flying safety trophy is now given permanently to the bases heading the command Flying Safety Totem Pole each month. The trophy goes this month to Chennault AFB, La., which topped the totem pole in March. First to receive it was Ellsworth AFB, S. D., which headed the totem pole in February. (SAC PS)



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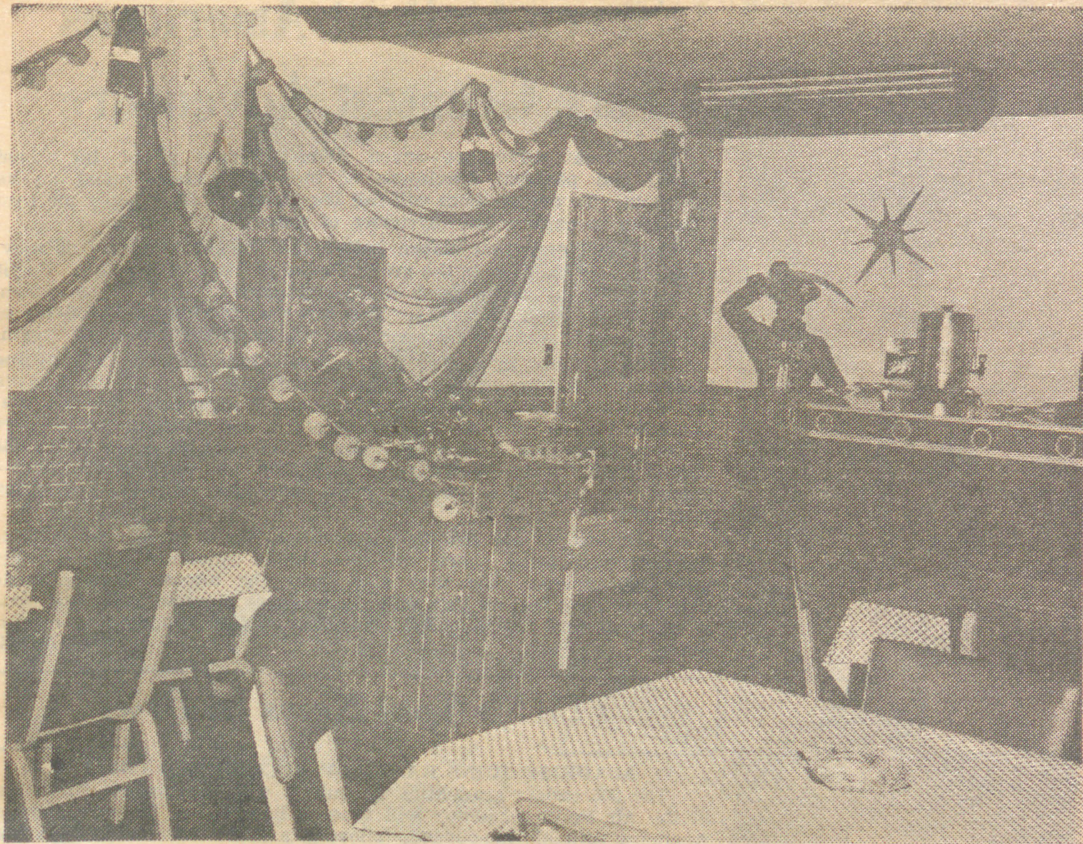
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AF Academy Meets Tulsa

Air Force Academy golfers will tee-off against Tulsa University on the Colorado Springs Country Club course at 7:30 p.m. Saturday. The Academy will take a 2-2 season record into the meet.

The Cadets divided a pair of meets last week, downing Regis, 21½-5½, on Wednesday, then falling before Arizona, 24½-2½, on Saturday at Tucson.

Chuck Croll's 75 was good for medal honors against Regis as the rest of the scores were well balanced with 79 tops. On Saturday the Cadets again fired well in most instances, but couldn't

match Arizona's spread of 74 to 78 among six players.

Capt. Bill Toney was low for the Academy in that one with 78, one stroke less than Bob Blake and Bill Blanchard. Blanchard sank a 35-foot putt on the 18th hole to highlight his play.

HQ. SAC (SAC PS) — Thirty-one NATO representatives, 16 of whom are ambassadors, were given a SAC briefing and conducted on a tour of the command post during a visit here in April.

Headed by NATO Secretary General Paul-Henri Spaak, who is also chairman of the North Atlantic Council, they were met and welcomed by General Thomas S. Power, CINCSAC, and were accorded full honors.

June 1-6 Designated Youth Fitness Week

HQ. SAC (SAC PS) — In support of the President's Council on Youth Fitness, the Strategic Air Command has officially designated June 1-6 as SAC Youth Fitness Week, and has requested all youth activities organizations to vigorously support the program.

Two major facets of the base fitness program are the Youth Testing and the SAC Junior Champs.

In the Fitness Program, boys and girls will be divided into groups, by age, and tested for their physical abilities in doing push-ups, sit-ups, pull-ups, standing broad jump, softball throw, and a 600-yard run and walk. Optional items include a bicycle ride, swimming, and hiking.

During this testing program, one day will be devoted to "dad and son" participation.

SAC will present a certificate of achievement to each base reporting 75 per cent of more of the total number of children living on the base as participating in the youth testing program.

The SAC Junior Champs program concerns track and field events. For the girls there will be the 50-yd. dash, 80-yd. hurdles, 440-yd. relay, 200-yd. shuttle relay, shot put, discus, high jump, and the broad jump. Boys will participate in those events as well as the 100-yd. dash, 440-yd. run, hop-step-jump, pole vault, and the 320-yd. shuttle relay.

Bases conducting the Junior Champs program will submit the out-standing records in each track

and field event to Hq. SAC. The results will be compared, and all-SAC youth team (a boys' team and a girls' team) will be selected and announced. Certificates of recognition will be issued to each boy or girl selected for the team.

Three kits outlining the programs and the equipment to be used have been prepared by the Wheaties Sports Federation and have been distributed to all SAC bases.

NATO Students Visit SAC Hqs.

HQ. SAC (SAC PS) — Seventy-eight faculty, staff members and students of the NATO Defense College visited this headquarters early this month for an unclassified briefing and a tour of the underground command post.

Thirteen of the 15 member nations of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization were represented—the United Kingdom, France, Turkey, West Germany, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Greece, Italy, Holland, Norway, Portugal and the United States.

Senior officer of the visiting group was Lt. Gen. T. Ariburun of the Turkish Air Force, commandant of the NATO Defense College, which is located in Paris.

The NATOmens were met at their aircraft by Maj. Gen. Edwin B. Broadhurst, SAC chief of staff. At headquarters they were welcomed and briefed by General Thomas S. Power, SAC command-in-chief.

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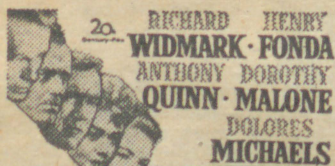
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Is There A Doctor In The Galaxy?

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Too Young To KnowBy COL. GEORGE W. R. ZETHREN
Wing Commander

Whenever you drive, watch out for children. Children often seem to appear right out of thin air — right in the motorist's path.

Be on the alert for them as they speed along on bikes or roller skates . . . as they dart out from behind parked cars . . . as they hesitate on the curb, then plunge across the street.

And be sure to watch for them at all crossings, marked or unmarked!

Even when you don't see them, they may be dangerously near. So watch carefully for that tell-tale sign that warns, "Youngsters Around".

Bikes, wagons, and other toys scattered about. Shouts of laughter and children at play. "School Slow" signs—permanent and temporary. Playgrounds. Parks.

Each tell-tale caution—"a little less speed . . . a little more alertness . . . a little more understanding of youthful impulsiveness."

Heed the tell-tales. A bit of extra caution on your part may mean the difference between life and death for some youngster.

Our children depend on YOU to protect them. Don't fail them!

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Are Two-Way BonusBY COLONEL WILLIAM A. CRAWFORD
BASE COMMANDER

The SAC-wide savings bond drive beginning this month offers a two-fold benefit to participants.

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We know it because we in SAC have been doing it for more than a decade, and we know we can keep on doing it. We also know that the nation we have dedicated our lives to preserve is a state with noble ideals and inherent integrity. It will never go back on an obligation. It will sustain those who sustain it.

No other form of investment, therefore, is as sure as the money placed in the hands of the noblest government ever devised by the minds of men.

The second point, and one that should not be overlooked—particularly by anyone whose entire productive career is committed to the preservation of an ideal and a way of life—is that the money invested in bonds is additional material to add strength to bulwarks.

Hence, when we buy savings bonds, we are not only insuring ourselves of the world's soundest investment for our money, we are also strengthening the position of our unequalled rights.



Col. Crawford

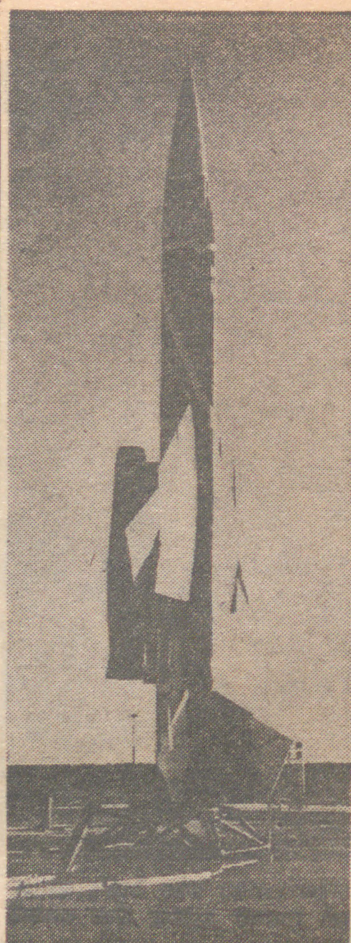
First Cone Found From ICBM Nose

For the first time an intercontinental ballistic missile nose cone has been recovered from the sea for physical verification of vital telemetry data.

An Air Force Thor-Able test missile, recently fired 5,000 miles

down range from Cape Canaveral, was spotted by aircraft and recovered near Ascension Island by ocean range vessels.

Data was being recorded all during flight and re-entry into the atmosphere, the AF said. (AFPS)

Bomarc Station
USA's Electronic
Ghost Towns

North America's first great electronic ghost towns, each a silent guardian of an area greater than 100,000 square miles, will be armed with from 30 to 60 BOMARC missiles each, it was disclosed today.

Two of the missile bases at Suffolk Air Force Base, Long Island, N.Y., and McGuire Air Force Base, New Jersey, will have 60 of the Boeing-built ground-to-air missiles and a complement of less than 300 men.

Twelve others which have been authorized for construction in the United States will have 30 of the 400 mile range missiles. Canadian bases, with an undisclosed number of the BOMARCs, will be located in eastern Canada.

The ghost town bases will be neat rows of air conditioned, humidity controlled concrete and ground cable to Air Force SAGE direction centers from 50 to 300 miles distant. The missiles also can be directed with local controls in areas outside the SAGE network.

The only continuous activity at a BOMARC base occurs in a support section adjacent to the missile area. Here are located the assembly and maintenance shops for periodic processing of the missiles and other support facilities which provide the utilities for the base.

An alert bell at the BOMARC base would sound, the shelters open automatically and the missiles, fueled and in a constant state of alert, would erect. Each missile would check itself and report its readiness to SAGE. At the push of a button it would fire — less than two minutes after the alarm sounded.

After the firing, the electronic devices would continue to feed target data to the BOMARCs while in flight. They also would assess the effectiveness of the BOMARC strike.

Construction at the Suffolk and McGuire bases is well along. Work has begun here at Dow Air Force Base and Otis Air Force Base, near Falmouth, Mass.

THE TANKER TIMES

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The two years that elapse before this epochal experiment may, of course, see changes in the grand design of Project Mercury. But it befits us now to say to these seven candidates: You are brave men. You have the stuff of heroes. You are true spiritual descendants of the pioneers who made a magnificent reality of the American dream.

What is there in a man that compels him to face the yawning blackness of infinity, questioning and unafraid? Each of these seven has dedicated himself to an audacious and hazardous mission that demands the sacrifice of creature comforts and domestic joys. There is no turning back from such a step. Yet each is eager to be the chosen man. Each is willing to sacrifice his worldly pleasures—indeed, his very life—for this great scientific probing of the unknowable.

They deserve our heartfelt admiration, these seven. So do their families who must share the inescapable loneliness that Project Mercury involves. But they also share the intense, blazing pride that these men feel as they embark on more rigorous tests and feats of physical and psychological endurance before the great choice is made. (AFPS)

TIMES Spot News In Brief

AF ACADEMY JOINS RANKS OF ACCREDITED COLLEGES:

The 205 cadets graduating on June 3 with the historic first class of the Air Force Academy will receive Bachelor of Science degrees, Academy officials announced, following a mid-month notification that the institution has won accreditation by the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

Ordinarily, the Association will not consider accrediting a school until it has graduated at least one class. However, it gave early consideration to the application of the Academy, because the law provided that the Academy could not award the B. S. degree until it was accredited.

HOMESTEAD DENTIST HAS "SHINGLE" ON CAR:

It is not unusual for a dentist to exercise a certain amount of pull in his profession and 1st Lt. William A. Dragan, Homestead AFB, Fla., is no exception. Noting his name and medical specialty, Connecticut motor registration officials obligingly issued him tags which read "ACHE."

PATRICK MISSILEERS TO SET UP SHOP IN MAINE:

The 556th Strategic Missile Sq., armed with the Snark, will move from Patrick AFB, Fla., to Presque Isle AFB, Me., in July, according to a USAF announcement. About 140 SAC officers and airmen will make the shift. The parent organization is the 702d Strategic Missile Wing.

AF SURGEON GENERAL, FOREIGN MEDICS TO TOUR BASES:

Approximately 25 visiting foreign surgeons generals will tour selected Air Force medical service facilities on a general orientation tour beginning April 30. Maj. Gen. Oliver K. Niess, Air Force Surgeon General, will accompany the visitors.

AF FIRES LIVE "HOUND DOG" FOR FIRST TIME:

For the first time under its own power the Air Force's "Hound Dog" (GAM-77) supersonic strategic missile was launched down the Atlantic Missile Range from a B-52 flown out of Eglin AFB, Fla., on April 23, 1959.

Prior to the live air launch, which introduced a series of such tests, training models without engine and guidance systems were used in preliminary development test flights with SAC bombers acting as mother ships and aerial test beds.

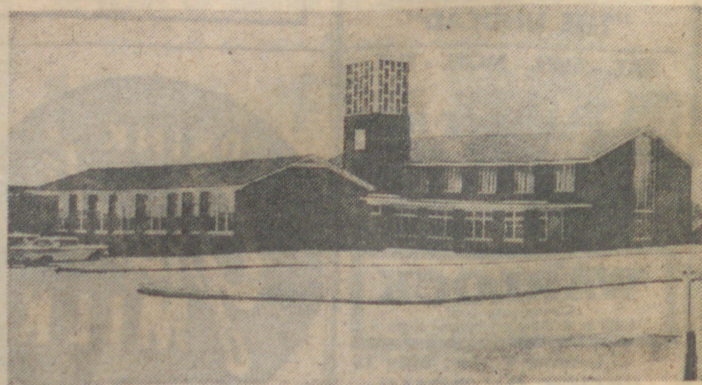
The distance the missile traveled was not disclosed, but a Department of Defense news release said that all test objectives were met successfully. Fully developed, the "Hound Dog" will be able to deliver a nuclear warhead several hundred miles after launch from a bomber.

"Hound Dog" is powered by a PW/J-52 jet engine and is directed to its target by an inertial guidance system.

SAFETY HEAD TO BE NAMED:

A Deputy Inspector General for Safety will be named soon to head the Air Force's centralization under one command of ground, flight, missile and nuclear safety.

The new set-up will absorb the present Assistant for Ground Safety. Flight safety, while continuing operations from Norton AFB, Calif., and within Hq USAF, will come under the new Deputy IG, who will probably be a two-star general. The Nuclear Weapon Systems Safety Group will operate as a field extension, as will the missile safety group when it's established.



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Sundays, 9:45 a. m.
Lutheran Communion
First Sunday of month, 8:30 a. m. in Education Wing
Midweek Bible Study and Prayer Service
Wednesdays, 7:30 p. m.
Choir Rehearsal
Thursdays, 7:30 p. m.

CATHOLIC

Masses
Sundays, 8:30 a. m. and 12 noon (Free Nursery)
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.
Confessions
Saturdays, 7:00 to 9:00 p. m.
Sundays, 8 a. m.
Children's Catechism Classes
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Pay Day Rich

By M-Sgt. JOSEPH M. SAGER
NCOIC Pay Branch

For your information Airman Pay Day Rich has been on leave for the past two weeks. Nevertheless he would like to bring you up to date, on a few of the recent changes, that have been observed in the regs. Do you know that, in the event you are in an excess leave status, and you go on leave, you will not draw one penny for leave rations? Further, if you are in an excess leave status, and should get discharged, we will have to deduct for rations for every day of your excess leave taken. In the near future the Air Force accounting center will contact members, who received leave rations, when they were in an excess leave status. In the future please watch your accrue leave, this will save you embarrassment at a later date.

There are seven types of leaves, ordinary leave, emergency leave, morale leave, reenlistment leave, graduation leave, sick or convalescent leave and delay en route, all of these leaves are charged against your accrue leave except your graduation leave and convalescent or sick leave, which are non-chargeable. The only time a member can be granted excess leave, is during an emergency situation, that is, legitimately. Nevertheless, your commander can authorize one advance leave, if or providing that individual has enough time left in the service to accrue the number of days so advanced him.

In the event you are on leave and ordered to Temporary Duty,

you will revert to a duty status, and no charge will be made against your leave for the period of such duty, upon completion of the TDY, the remainder of your leave may be taken, and you will only be charged for the leave actually taken.

Maximum accrued leave for Overseas Returnees may be granted, but not in excess of 30 days, unless the additional days are approved by the gaining organization within the zone of interior. Members in an isolate area may be granted morale leaves, provided he has only one sixth of the tour to complete.

When leave is granted in conjunction with TDY enroute to your TDY station, at your TDY station, or after completion of your TDY, this is left up to the discretion of the approving authority. Ordinarily, leave is granted to a member when he is traveling by private owned conveyance. When leave is taken while

at a TDY station, care should be taken to make sure that the leave is posted to the members leave record.

The following is a break down of an Airman's pay, in the event he is a T-Sgt. with a wife and dependents, and overseas. (With over 12 years service)

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Base pay	\$265.00
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Total	\$517.40

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FICA	6.63
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Plus Pro-Pay P-1	24.60
Grand total Rec.	\$506.97

Next week we shall attempt to bring you up to date on pro-pay.

HQ. SAC (SAC PS) — When added to the SAC arsenal, the Minute man, presently being developed by Boeing, can be delivered by air, rail or truck. It will use solid propellants whereas SAC's Atlas and Titan use liquid propellants.

Savings Bonds—Sound Safe, Sure Investment,

According to Major Sam Williams, Chief Management Analysis Division and this years Saving Bond Drive Chairman, the goal

for new bond purchasers and increased allotments for Dow is 25% in each squadron.

This goal was established as the minimum necessary for each squadron to become a winner of the Minute Man award, a large four color plaque signed by the Chief of Staff. If this goal is to be reached it will be necessary for 700 additional Downmen to establish or increase bond allotments.

Other members of the committee this year are Lt. William Cowles, Lt. Clarisse Decarre Lt. Victor Lewis, Lt. Wilbur Wright, and M-Sgt Wilbur Haver.

A fund raising project officer for each squadron will be named in the near future.

This SAC Crew Would Have Had Real War Story

HQ. SAC (SAC PS) — If only one plane had accounted for all the flying time SAC aircraft have spent in the air since the command was activated, its crew, in one continuous flight, could have personally witnessed the following:

The Civil War, Napoleon's rise and fall, the American Revolution, the landing of the Pilgrims at Plymouth Rock, the debut of Shakespeare's plays, the beheading of Henry VIII's wives, Joan of Arc's death at the stake, Marco Polo's travels, the battles of Genghis Khan, the signing of the Magna Carta, the Crusades, the conquest of England by William the Conqueror, and when Leif Ericson discovered the North American continent, the crew would already have been in the air for 249 years.

When would the crew have taken off? Well, if it had used a jet bomber the noise would have startled a baby named "Charlemagne," who was born in the year 742 A. D.

In the 13 years since its activation, SAC aircraft have flown a total of more than 10½ million hours—enough time to keep one aircraft aloft for more than 1216 years.

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Preteen Talk

By ANNE PAYNE
Last Friday night the Dow Preteen Club had a business meeting and it was decided to hold a roller skating party, Friday the 15th. We will all meet at the youth center no later than 6:30 p.m. You must have a permission slip signed by your parents. Also bring anywhere from a \$1.00 to a \$1.50. We will have a bus to take us over to the Brewer Roller Rink, and chaperones to supervise us.

New Dow Arrivals

- April 28**
Daughter born to 1st Lt. and Mrs. Robert Riegle.
Daughter born to T-Sgt. and Mrs. Richard Stockton.
Son born to T-Sgt. and Mrs. William Robbins.
- April 29**
Daughter born to A-2c and Mrs. Hugh Heil.
Son born to Capt. and Mrs. Norman G. Polkers.
- April 30**
Son born to 1st Lt. and Mrs. Donald Pfau.
- May 1**
Son born to S-Sgt. and Mrs. Maurice Martin.
Daughter born to A-1c and Mrs. Roy Haagenen.
Son born to T-Sgt. and Mrs. Allen Jackson.
- May 2**
Daughter born to T-Sgt. and Mrs. Bill W. Baker.
Daughter born to A-2C and Mrs. Leroy Allen.
- May 3**
Son born to A-3C and Mrs. Arthur Lizotte.

LOS ANGELES, Calif. (SAC PS) — Beech Aircraft Co. of Wichita, Kan., is the 12th company to join the industrial team producing SAC's B-70 intercontinental bomber. Beech will develop and manufacture a special classified power device for the B-70, on a subcontract from North American, weapon system contractor for the fleet bomber. Named Valkyrie in a SAC PS contest a year ago, the B-70 will fly three times the speed of sound at altitudes of 70,000 feet.

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HAPPY FELLOW—Lt. Victor L. Lewis, custodian of the Dependents Youth Fund, smiles happily as he is presented with checks totaling \$916.20 by the NCO Wives Club. Checks are presented by Mrs. Grace Hallum, chairman of the Fund Raising Committee and Mrs. Fern Bell, president of the NCO Wives Club. Lt. Lewis is happy because this is the second time within two weeks that large donations from the Dow Wives Clubs have been received.

NCO Wives Club Notes

Our Benefit Dinner Dance for the Youth Center was a huge success and the work put into it was well rewarded.
Special guests for the evening were the Wing Commander, Col. and Mrs. George W. R. Zethren, Base Commander Lt. Col. and Mrs. William Crawford, M-Sgt. William Harms, President of the Board of Governors of the N.C.O. Club, and Mrs. Harms, Mrs. Edward Bell, President of the N.C.O. Wives Club, and T-Sgt. Edward Bell and Mr. and Mrs. Nat Diamond.
A floor show was presented with T-Sgt. Joseph McDermott as emcee.
Taking part in the show were James Jordan, Robert Noch, Ralph and Beverly Joy, Gene Fustos, Johnnie Mae Leadbetter, Sharon Torbert, Pete, Gabe and Ajax, Red Bell, Jim Beaver, Allen Sollien, Joe Carrigan and Mr. Ronnie Lord.
Music for the general dancing

was furnished by Nat Diamond's orchestra.
Many thanks to Johnnie Mae Leadbetter for her untiring effort



Leadbetter

on our Bake sale held Friday 1 May at Grants.
Did you girls enjoy our New-comers Coffee? We want to welcome our three new members that day — Emily Maxwell, Anne Waller, Katherine Wright. So glad you joined us. Bring one of your friends next time you come.
Don't forget our Welcome Tea for Mrs. Crawford on 14 May, 1959. All N.C.O. Wives are urged to attend and to make her feel welcome.

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New Division Set In June

HQ. SAC (SAC PS) — The 40th Division will be activated July 1 and assigned to SAC's Second Air Force, it was announced here. Division headquarters will be at Wurtsmith AFB, Mich.
The 4026th, 4042d, 4043d and 4239th Strategic Wings will be assigned to the 40th AD on July 1. The 4026th will be based at Wurtsmith, the 4042d at K. I. Sawyer Airport, Mich., the 4043d at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, and the 4329 at Kinross AFB, Mich.

Civilian Dinner Dance This Month

The Dow AFB annual Dinner-Dance for civilian personnel will be held Friday, May 15, at the NCO Club at 7:30 p.m. This event was held for the first time last year at the Pilots Grill and was so successful that it has been decided to make this an annual event. This is an opportunity for each civilian to become better acquainted with his co-workers. Husbands and wives of employees will be welcome.
Master of Ceremonies will be Mr. Manny Ferris, Base Athletic Director. Tickets for this event may be obtained from the following: Betty Billings, Civilian Personnel Office; Dorothy Pelkey, Budget and Accounting; Ruth Harris, Installations; Irene Laforme, Base Hospital; and Judy Collins, June Fitzgerald and Fred Clancy at Base Supply. Tickets are \$2.00 for each person.
The program will include a guest speaker and music for dancing will be by the Frank Anderson Orchestra. A great evening is being planned and all civilian personnel are urged to buy their tickets early.

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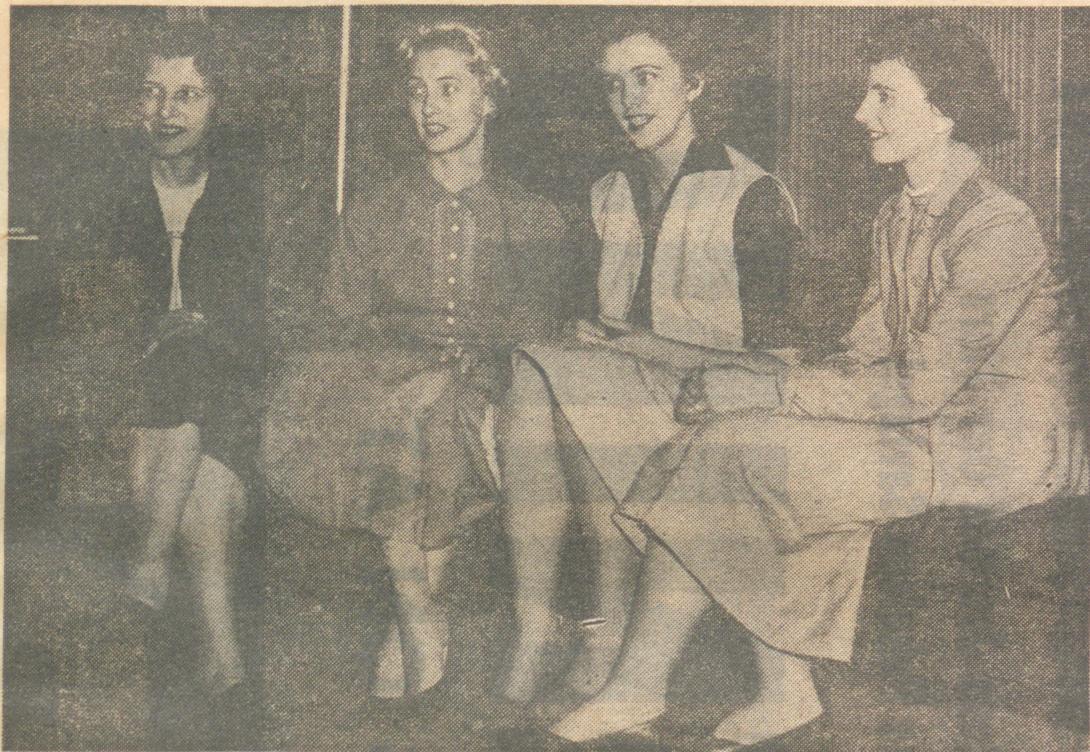
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News And Social Happenings

Officer Nominees Chosen



SECRETARIAL NOMINEES selected by the Dow OWC nominating committee are: Margaret Corkery, Jean Portelli, Emma Jean Shaner and Jan Tiffany.

By ANN MILLS

Before plunging deeply into the formality of introducing the candidates up for election we wish to extend our sincerest thanks for a job well done to Dorothy Renfro who kindly consented to take over for a week, and also to Marjorie Rogers who wrote last week's column * * * thank you.

Running on the OWC presidential slate this June election are two ladies, Ann Carroll and Nell Walker:

ANN CARROLL: Married to Maj. Thomas L. Carroll, mother of three daughters, graduate of North Carolina University, B. A. degree, actively interested in PTA, taught Sunday school, Brownie troop leader experience, acted as OWC hostess for various functions and member of the OWC calling committees.

NELL WALKER: Married to Capt. Thomas Walker, attended Centenary College in Shreveport, La., was employed as X-Ray technician at Confederate Memorial Medical center, is the mother of two girls, OWC experience includes an appointment to the vice presidency, elected secretary, elected president of the OWC at Gifre AFB in Japan.

Vice President

FERN COX: Married to Maj. Charles Cox, is a graduate of Smith College, master's degree in biology from Brown University, Ph.D. in cancer biology from Minnesota, worked 10 years as a teacher and in cancer physiology research, mother of three children, previous experience includes secretary of the nursery board and chairman of the medical wives, secretary and treasurer of the Delta Medical Auxiliary for three years.

GLORENE GRAHAM: Married to Capt. Harry Graham, attended San Luis Obispo Junior College in California, was employed by the Southern Pacific railroad for three years, is the mother of two girls.

FAITH NILES: Married to Lt. William Niles, attended Wells College in New York, actively connected with the playground commissioner's office for three years, was a children's librarian and assistant children's photographer. Previous experience with OWC was as a committee chairman and also elected secretary of Dow's OWC for this year.

Secretary

MARGARET CORKERY: Married to Capt. Lowell Corkery, mother of one son, graduate of Ursuline College in Cleveland, Ohio, trained at St. John's hospital, is a R. N., received certificate of anesthesia from Germantown, Philadelphia, Pa., was professional Air Force anesthetist, is a reserve AF captain.

JEAN PORTELLI: Married to Capt. Felix Portelli, mother of one son, nurse's training at Long Island College hospital in Brooklyn, N. Y., worked on OB and was OB-GYN night supervisor for three years; later at Long Island Jewish hospital for one year in OB work. Taught classes on "natural childbirth" for expectant mothers. In OWC work on special activities committee for one year.

EMMA JANE SHANER: Married to Lt. Carl Shaner, mother of one daughter, attended Pennsylvania State, majored in home economics, instructed Sunday school children, member of Luther League, active in OWC committee work at Dow prior to being elected treasurer this year.

JAN TIFFANY: Married to Lt. Herbert Tiffany, is the mother of two little girls, was a student at Iowa State University, has experience in publicity committee work (written for wives club newspapers), has been appointed chairman of many OWC committee activities.

Treasurer

MAKIE BIRD: Married to Capt. Donald Bird, mother of 11-year-old son, was employed as bank teller for five years before marriage, was chairman of the

OWC ways and means committee in Morocco and elected club treasurer, vice president of the PTA, elected secretary of the March AFB OWC in 1954-55.

LOIS CWICKLINSKI: Married to Lt. Casimer Cwicklinski, went to Philadelphia General Hospital School of Nursing, attended Villanova College, is a R. N., worked three years at Philadelphia General hospital, class vice president during junior and senior years at school in the hospital, president of the Newman Club in 1956 at the same hospital. At Dow, Lois is chairman of the Medical Wives publicity committee and was on the publicity committee of the OWC this year.

JEANETTE DRIVER: Married to Capt. William Driver, mother of four children, attended Brockport College in New York, chairman of many committees in the OWC, actively interested in PTA work, is a den mother, and member of the Couples Club at Stillwater Methodist Church.

VIVIAN PARKER: Married to Lt. Col. Julian Parker, mother of two daughters, ages 8 and 11, actively participated in Gray Lady work, PTA room mother for many years, was elected 2nd vice president of the Dow OWC, chairman of the welcoming committees at Dow and Lowry AF Bases, was elected vice president of the Lakenheath OWC in England.

That takes care of the candidates supported by the nominating committee. May we congratulate the committee for accomplishing a big job in the very best way possible. Every candidate is an excellent choice and every squadron on base seems to be represented.

A Summer Promenade will be held May 16 from 8:30 p. m. until midnight at the Pilot's Grille in the Roccoco Room. The dress will be "casual cottons" for the ladies. The Nat Diamond band will provide the music. If you're planning to attend, phone your reservations in to Harriet Cousins at Bangor 2-8534 before May 14. This is sponsored by the Junior Leaguers.

Bicycle Safety Class Set

A two hour course in bicycle safety will be conducted by Mr. Robert A. Gagne, Chief of Ground Safety, tomorrow morning at the old base theater from 9 till 11 a.m.

Subjects to be covered during the course will include rules of the road, bike riding on city streets, bicycle safety hazards to look for and the importance of only one boy or girl to a bike.

Before completion the class will be required to maneuver a bicycle through an obstacle course and bicycles will be safety inspected for sound steering devices and good brakes.

Each youngster who satisfactorily completes the course will be issued a safety decal which can be stuck to a bike mud guard.

Single members of the Dow Holy Name Society have invited Holy Name mothers and their families to breakfast at the NCO Club following the 8:30 a. m. Mass Sunday at the base Chapel. All Holy Name mothers are cordially invited to attend.

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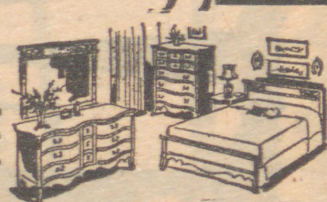
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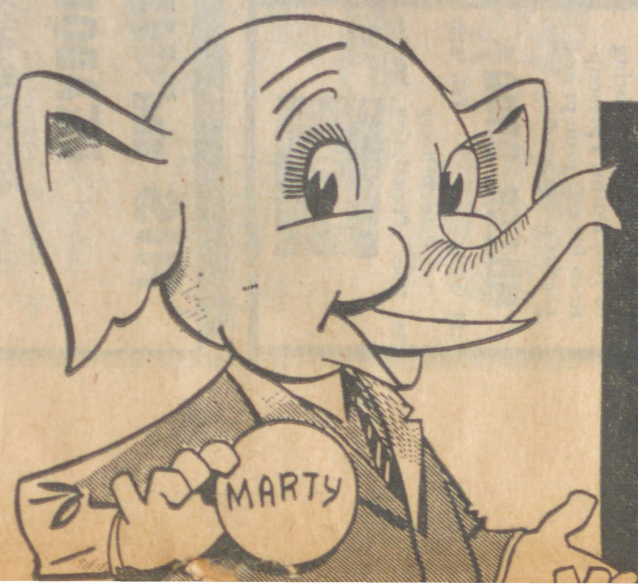
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Refuelling Complexities Illustrated

It would be startling to see 550 railroad tank cars flying through the air.

This is the equivalent amount of fuel that is consumed by SAC aircraft during one day's operation.

Although railroad cars aren't used, SAC has tankers in the form of KC-97 and KC-135 aircraft. Last year they aerially transferred almost 77 million gallons of fuel to SAC's bombers.

For every hook-up made to actually transfer fuel, there were four practice dry hook-ups. In 1948 SAC aircraft accomplished a total of 140,391 hook-ups, or one every three minutes. (SAC PS)

HQ. SAC (SAC PS) -- The power to preserve peace is what we all pray and hope for today. One way SACmen can prepare for it is to buy U. S. Savings Bonds systematically.

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DISTINGUISHED GUESTS—Lt. Colonel and Mrs. William Crawford were guests at the recent Disabled American Veterans convention held at the Bangor House in Bangor. Also pictured in the above photo are Mr. Robert Gosselin, Department Commander for the State of Maine and Maine's Governor Clinton Clauson. Governor Clauson was principal speaker of the evening.

Base Announces Collection For Memorial Window

Dates when specila contributions will be accepted at Dow to purchase a SAC memorial window for the Headquarters Chapel at Offutt AFB will be announced at regular services Sunday, Chaplain (Capt.) Norman Folkers, base chaplain revealed.

According to SAC Press Service, the window will be installed by June of 1960.

SAC Changes Safety Chiefs

HQ. SAC (SAC PS)—Col. Woodrow P. Swancutt, who commanded the air craft that dropped the atomic bomb in the Bikini tests in 1946, is the new chief of SAC's safety division.

The 43-year-old native of Edgar, Wis., was reassigned to this headquarters in April from Lockbourne AFB, Ohio, where he commanded the 376th Bomb Wing.

Colonel Swancutt replaced Col. Ralph W. Stanley, who is now commander of the 4228th Strategic Wing, Columbus AFB, Miss.

Beginning his military career in 1940, Colonel Swancutt won his wings in July, 1941. During World War II he served in the China-Burma-India theater of operations and participated in 49 bombing missions in B-29s.

The colonel served as director of operations for the 7th Air Division in England and as commander of the 42d Bomb Wing at Loring AFB, Maine, before going to Lockbourne.

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SAC B-52 Unit Gets AF Award

HQ. SAC (SAC PS) — The Air Force Outstanding Unit Award has been presented to SAC's 28th Bomb Wing, Ellsworth AFB, S. D., for meritorious achievement from Sept. 1, 1957 to June 30, 1958.

In part, Air Force General Order 15, dated March 27, 1959, reads, "... (the 28th BW) demonstrated its outstanding ability by achieving a remarkable degree of proficiency ... and by attaining a high state of combat readiness within a minimum period of time ... the conversion from B-36 to B-52 aircraft was accomplished in an unprecedented manner ..."

Personnel assigned to the 28th during the period covering the award may wear the ribbon permanently and others may wear it while assigned to the unit.

SAC Pilot Gets DFC

LITTLE ROCK AFB, Ark. (SAC PS)—A Little Rock AFB instructor pilot has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for saving himself and four crew members following an in-flight explosion and fire on his RB-47E.

He is Capt. Keith L. Thrash, 26th Strategic Squadron, 70th Reconnaissance Wing, who was IP on a training mission out of Little Rock when the emergency occurred at 25,000 feet, 60 miles from the base.

The number six engine exploded and was torn off the aircraft, taking part of the wing with it. Captain Thrash had the student pilots change seats so the more experienced of the two would be able to assist him, then ordered bailout.

The number four crew member had difficulty keeping the inner pressure door open and the captain directed him to bailout through the navigator's hatch. Captain Thrash was last to eject, making certain beforehand that the 47 would not crash in a populated area. Seconds later the craft exploded in mid-air, crashing near the estate of Winthrop Rockefeller.

Captain Thrash suffered a fractured vertebra during the bailout and was taken to the hospital at Carswell AFB, Texas, for treatment. Maj. Gen. John P. McConnell, commander of the Second Air Force, presented the DFC to Captain Thrash at the Carswell hospital.

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Treasury Awards Set For SAC

HQ. SAC (SAC PS) -- awards from the Treasury Department are being readied for SAC installations and sub-commands with the highest percent of participation in this year's Savings Bonds campaign scheduled for May.

Last year, Second Air Force led SAC's stateside sub-commands with 30 percent of its military and civilian personnel investing in saving bonds through the allotment plan.

The Seventh Air Division in England led the field with 33 percent.

Although the SAC-wide average for bonds investment was estimated at 25 percent, five bases ended their '58 campaigns with 40 percent participation. They were Altus AFB, Okla.; Columbus AFB, Miss.; Chennault AFB, La.; Laughlin AFB, Texas, and Lockbourne AFB, Ohio.

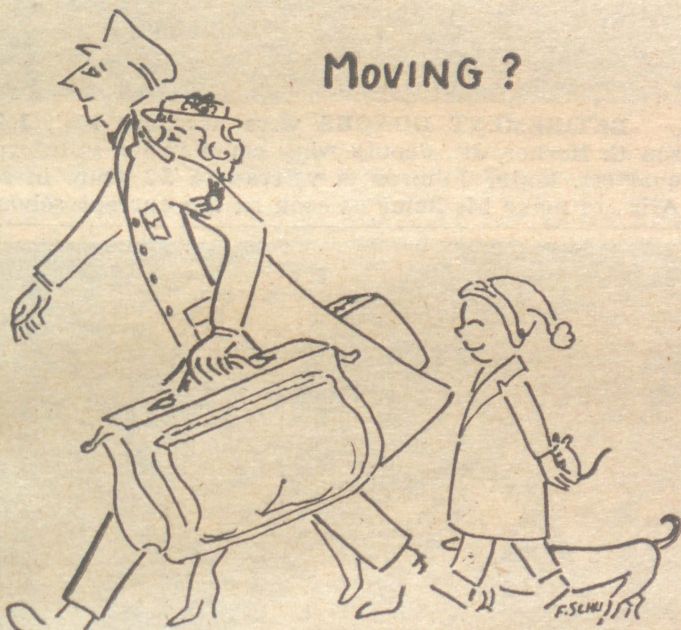
Overseas organizations that exceed the 40 percent limit were the 3920th ABG, Brize Norton, England; 3914th ABG, Chelveston, England; 3926th ABG, Benguerir, Morocco, and the 3911th (now a squadron) ABG, West Drayton, England.

Last year's Savings Bonds campaign in a sharp increase of 11 percent more participation by SACmen.

LAUGHLIN, AFB, Texas (SAC PS)—Thirty-four NCO families are scheduled to move into the base's 500-unit Capehart housing project in late May or early June.



WELCOME TEA at which Air Base Group officers' wives honored Mrs. William A. Crawford, wife of the new base commander, was scene of this chat. Mrs. James R. Wiley and Mrs. Lawson C. Horner are trading amenities with the new arrival and guest of honor.



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Bomber Crew Acclaimed By Fly Safe Magazine

HQ. SAC (SAC PS)—A Westover AFB B-52 crew overcame a series of in-flight malfunctions, power failures, and severe weather to land safely on a short runway. For so doing, it is cited as SAC crew of the month in the May issue of COMBAT CREW.

Assigned to the Massachusetts-based 347th Bomb Squadron, 99th Bomb Wing, the crew is headed by Lt. Col. George O. Joyce and includes Capt. Isaac T. Cook, pilot; Maj. Antolin Algorri Jr., radar navigator; Maj. Richard J. Smigielski, navigator; TSgt. John Nulty II, electronic warfareman, and MSgt. Eric G. Olsen, gunner.

While their B-52 was on a test flight of the bombing system the number-one engine flamed out. Due to lowering weather minimums at Westover, they were diverted to Carswell AFB, Tex., but enroute the crew discovered the drop tanks would not feed into the fuel transfer system.

Nearly 30,000 pounds of fuel was trapped in the drop tanks, which left insufficient fuel to continue to Carswell. Weather prevented airborne refueling.

Even though other difficulties were encountered, Colonel Joyce's crew made a safe landing. You can find out how they did it by reading the story in COMBAT CREW, SAC's flying safety magazine, now available at base flying safety offices and ready rooms.

MORON AB, Spain (SAC PS)—German aircraft designer and pioneer aviator Willie Messerschmitt took his first ride in an F-100 Supersabre here in April. Best known for his ME-109 of WW II, Messerschmitt has merged with Heinkel and Dornier to build the German model of the F-104.

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Jet-Age Must Be Developed

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airliners have a closure rate of over 1000 miles per hour."

The general said to initiate evasive action, pilots must know they are on a collision course while they are still miles apart, and that under certain light and sky conditions even this small margin is eliminated.

"Since there are practical limits to the expansion of usable airspace around the world," General LeMay explained, "other positive measures must be taken to improve . . . this type of air safety problem. Sole dependence upon human reaction is no longer

adequate and we will have to look to 'black boxes' to assist pilots in doing their jobs."

Some of the immediate needs he listed were warning devices to augment "eyeball" methods in alerting pilots to other aircraft in the vicinity, additional devices which will keep pilots from getting into "near miss" situations, and means of making aircraft more readily visible from greater distances, day and night.

Even then the main problem is effective air traffic control, the general said. A modernized system of control for handling high-speed and high-density traffic from takeoff to landing is needed.

Reserve Officer Recall Program Told By USAF

The Air Force reserve officer recall program for fiscal year 1960 will be limited mainly to navigators and a few specialists to fill highly critical jobs.

At this time less than 400 inactive duty reservists through the grade of major can be accepted for active duty during the 12-month period. However, this figure is subject to change depending on officer requirements and ceiling limitations.

Officers must be currently qualified in a needed skill and have a past record of duty which is better than average. None will be recalled for training into any critical skill.

Although emphasis will be placed on the recall of navigators and advanced navigator-bombardiers, a limited number of officers in highly critical skills may be accepted.

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Here, in this book, we find the stories of the great heroes of World War I and the planes they flew: Rickenbacker, Richthofen, Bishop—the Spads, the Camels, the Fokkers and the DeHavillands.

This book also offers a full analysis of early military flying. It explains how the development of fixed armament created an entirely new concept of war. Air fighting, which began with a few accidental contests, became an exact science, a calculated and vital part of tactics. Tight formations were the order of the day. Flights learned to go into action with planned methods of attack, using pre-arranged tactics much the same as any well-organized football team.

During the four years of World War I, great progress was made in aeronautics. Bamboo and linen were replaced by Duralumin and Firth armor plate; aircraft engines increased their speeds from 50 to 150 mph; armament increased from nothing to six machine guns, with some planes carrying 37-mm cannons.

The strategy and tactics developed during World War I served as a model for the wars of the future. Tactical reconnaissance was developed and pilots and observers established new principles of aerial scouting that have been little improved on over the ensuing years.

The section devoted to America's contribution to the air war in World War I, though brief, discloses many little known facts. For example, early in the war, Maj. William Mitchell presented to General Pershing a proposal for an Air Service composed of two distinct forces: one to support ground armies; the other for strategic operations against enemy material stored a great distance from the front line.

He suggested that bombardment and pursuit formations had an independent mission and could be used to carry the war well into the enemy's territory. Mr. White-

house makes it clear that America's original strategic air concept, which since has been proved valid, is a decided tribute to the wisdom of our early air officers.

Arch Whitehouse knew personally many outstanding allied aces and fought in the same combats with them. He has been writing World War I air adventures or preparing factual accounts of air actions for more than 30 years. His latest book represents a lively and informative tale of an era about which he is extremely well versed.—Reviewed by Harry Zubkoff, Research Analyst, HQ USAF.

(Published by Doubleday, "The Years of the Sky Kings" retails for \$4.95. It has been recommended by the USAF Book Program for sale on the "Airman's Bookshelf" at a popular BX price. It also can be obtained by members of the AIRPOWER BOOK CLUB at a reduced price.

Teen Talk

By DALE MOSES

Here we are, one day from the big event, the Recognition Ball. As soon as the snow leaves the ground we start looking forward to our Recognition Ball. Make sure you don't miss this event. Remember it is tomorrow, from eight thirty to midnight. Music is provided by Lew Pearson and his orchestra. In view of the fact that this is the acme of our entertainment for this year, I wish to extend to all members of the Ten Club and their friends a cordial invitation to attend the festivities.

Also let's not forget the Mother's Day Luncheon sponsored by the Teen Club to be held this Sunday at the Base Chapel Annex at 1:30 p.m. Be sure to be present, mothers, for your day at the Base Chapel on Sunday.

"Nothing But the Truth" that is the statement under question in the Dow Teen Club presentation of "Nothing But the Truth" by James Montgomery. Those of you who saw this captivating skit last month when it was presented at the Service Club can remember how good it was. This month it is to be presented again, but unfortunately not at Dow.

It is no surprise to us that this outstanding production should find its way out of state. Some of you are familiar with Pease A.F.B. in New Hampshire. On the 16 of this month so will the cast of our play become familiar with its interior. If you have any friends down there in New Hampshire be sure to tell them about the coming of theatrical spectacular.

The cast will leave Dow in an automobile convoy which will carry them to Pease A.F.B. where they will spend the night with families on the Base.

The next day they will don their costumes and present their work to the audience. After the play, they will again join their convoy for the return trip home. All in all it looks like a very exciting time is in store for our cast.



RETIREMENT HONORS were accorded Maj. John F. Johnson by Col. Lawson C. Horner, Jr., deputy wing commander, at informal ceremonies in wing headquarters. Major Johnson, a veteran of 22 years in service, will move to Tucson, Ariz., to make his home as soon as the current school year is completed.



SUPERSONIC SIX-GUN — Seven-year-old Billy Hedderich is awed by the Republic F-105 Thunderchief and its Vulcan 20mm cannon, a "six-shooter" capable of firing in 60 seconds the 6,000 rounds of ammunition that fill container. Republic aviation test pilot Dean Juhlin looks on.

Back-To-Cockpit Drive Slated For Navigators

HQ. SAC (SAC PS)—All navigators in the grade of lieutenant will be assigned to primary duties utilizing their navigator skills, USAF said this week, with action to be "immediate."

This restriction, being applied Air Force-wide to meet SAC's requirement for navigators, will also preclude entry into training leading to assignment in support skills.

This directive, however, will affect very few SAC navigators. The command, with only a few exceptions, already has its navigators in "cockpit jobs."

This extraordinary personnel action is being taken by USAF to breach an anticipated production shortage in its navigator training schools, SAC's primary source of crew members.

The shortage resulted from a change in USAF policy on training students. Previously, officers with a date of separation were allowed

to undergo navigator training and commit themselves later on their career status. The returns were not justifying the training cost, as too many graduates left the service when their terms expired. A subsequent policy that students would be required to be "indefinite" caused a cut-back in applications.

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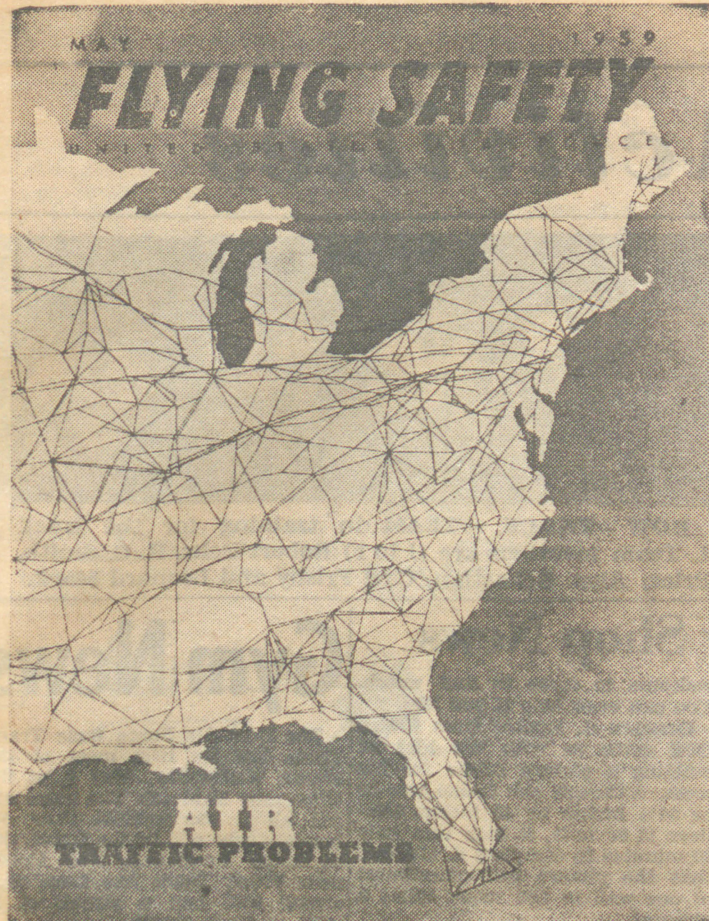
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Your Medical Team

A casual glance at almost any daily newspaper usually reveals at least one article on Poliomyelitis. The usual theme of these articles is a warning that the Polio Season is again approaching and all indications are that there will be an increase in the number of cases this year.

This could be due to the fact that diseases of this nature, besides having a seasonal incidence, frequently vary in their severity and number of cases from year to year. However, it is more likely due to the complacency which has for some unexplained reason arisen concerning this disease. This complacency has led a number of people to fail to complete, or even in some cases, ever start on their Polio immunizations. It is

these same individuals who would be most concerned and upset should a Polio epidemic start. If you or someone in your family should suffer permanent paralysis as a result of polio, all the important excuses which prevented you from completing your Polio immunizations will seem very trivial.

Medical authorities now recommend that a fourth polio "shot" be given if the third one was given more than one year ago. Your Air Force Hospital will follow this policy in the future and steps have been taken to increase the level of Polio vaccines available. So take advantage of this protection by coming to the Hospital Dispensary from 1500 to 1600 hours, Tuesday through Friday for your Polio Immunization.

THULE AB, Greenland (SAC PS) — Due for relocation before the May 15 thaw season are the building on Fletcher's Ice Island. During the past two thaw seasons the ice melted away from the building leaving some of them sitting on mounds as much as nine feet high. Island personnel tried spreading parachutes over the ice to reflect the sun's rays and keep the buildings' foundations solid, but this failed.

Rhymes of the Times

SUCCESS COMES TO HIM
WHO NEVER DESISTS,
AND AT HIS TASK
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By BOBBY J. SETNEY

With the re-enlisting of SSGT. John J. O'Neil, Flight Engineer, this past week the 71st tied the SAC re-enlistment record for a Tactical Unit. The record is twelve re-enlistments in a month. Our congratulations go to Sergeant O'Neil and to all the others that made this past month such a successful one for the 71st.

The number eleven man on the re-enlistment score sheet was MSGT. Frank P. Greene of the Wing Standboard Section. Sorry we didn't get your name in the paper last week but the column didn't make it either. Congratulations anyway.

During the past two weeks members of the squadron that have new additions to their family were: TSGT. Allen W. Elrod, Flight Engineers Section, who has a new baby girl; TSGT. Richard L. Stockton, Maintenance Section, who also is the proud father of a baby girl. Congratulations, Men.

During the past few days quite a few inquiries have been made about the condition of A/1C John Roman, who was involved in an accident on the 27th of March. MSGT. Andy Bugle informed me that Airman Roman has been moved to Walter Reed Army Hospital for further observation and treatment. During the time he was at the base hospital Airman Roman's parents visited him and the squadron. Col. James D. Otis, Squadron Commander, received a letter from them. The following is the contents of that letter.

My wife and I would like to express to you and to all the officers and airmen of your squadron our heartfelt sincerest

First Aid Course Simplified; New Kit Developed

The Air Force medical service has developed a new medical emergency care teaching kit that has been simplified to the point where "practically anyone who can read may now teach others emergency medical care in the field."

Map. Gen. Oliver K. Niess, Air Force surgeon general, voiced this opinion in announcing the development of the kit.

The 75-pound package, containing visual aids and instruction manuals, was developed as part of the Department of Defense's emergency medical care program.

This program is designed to provide the Armed Forces with medical support which would function under disaster conditions following a thermonuclear attack.

Specifically, the Air Force kit would support Phase I part of the program. The main treatment in this phase—the self aid, or buddy aid—would be given by other medical people. This would require, however, service members well-grounded in first aid treatment and practices. And that's where the new kit enters the picture. It will enable military and civilian non-medical people to teach such basic medical care in less time than previously required.

Contained in the kit are 300 color slides and four film strips, together with instructor and student manuals. With a complete index available, ready reference is provided to cover such fields as treatment methods for radiation exposure, shock, cuts, wounds, burns and movement of injured persons.

Developers of the kit are Maj. James D. Clark, of Montgomery, Ala., and B-Sgt. Lymen E. Pyle of Portsmouth, Ohio. The work was done at the Gunter AFB, Ala., branch of the Air University's School of Aviation Medicine under the endorsement of the Gunter branch commander, Col. Fratis L. Duff.

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Please inform the others in your squadron of our deep appreciation for their wonderful treatment. My wife and I shall always keep all of you in our prayers and in our hearts.

Capt. Richard I. Green and crew have moved across the street to the Wing Standboard Section. His crew will replace Capt. James Watkins' crew who recently left for the KC-135 program. Captain Green's crew consists of: 1/LT. Gerald F. King, Pilot, 1/LT. Charles F. Monahand, Navigator, MSGT. Joseph W. Szarejko, Flight Engineer, and TSGT. Donald T. Howell, Boom Operator. Good luck on your new line of work, men, and we certainly hope you like it.

New personnel reporting into the squadron during the past few weeks were: MSGT. Anthony Zukus, Flight Engineer, A/2C Donald S. Kearton, Boom Operator and A/2C Rodger McClaine, Form Five Clerk. We'd like to welcome you to the 71st and wish you a pleasant stay.

SSGT. Richard C. Gilray, Personnel Equipment Section, recently returned to the squadron after an exciting visit to the Base NCO Prep School. Very interested in what he had to say was SSGT. Clarence Lewis, Boom Section and SSGT. Frank M. Grant, Maintenance Section. The keen interest shown is due to the fact that they will be starting the school shortly. The best of luck to you, men, and we certainly hope your stay will be a pleasant one.

Eight of the crew were 100% complete on their 50-8 last week. They are: Maj. Haesecke, Capt. Everett, Capt. Umstead, Capt. Raeburn, 1/LT. Himebaugh, 1/LT. Dozier, 1/LT. Mills, 1/LT. Reichelt. Congratulations, men, for a job well done.

My closing thought for this week was written by George Eliot. "Nothing is so good as it seems beforehand."

Reserve Navigators To Compete:

Navigators from the Nation's 18 Air Force Reserve navigation squadrons will vie for honors in the third annual Reserve navigation competition to be held May 17-23 at Ellington AFB, Houston, Tex.

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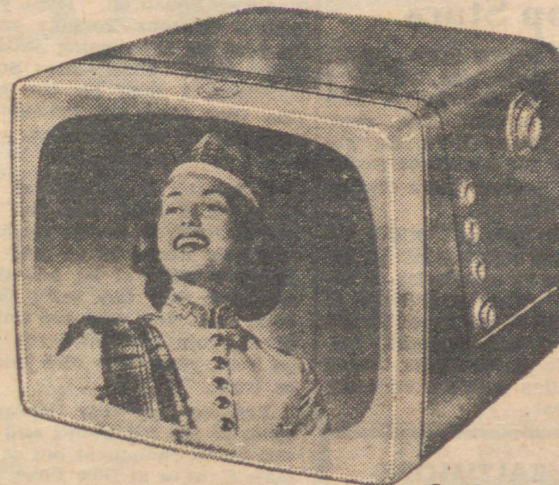
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battalion which is ordered to recapture a desolate hill top of little evident importance. How the company commander takes and holds the objective against seemingly impossible odds is undoubtedly the most stirring incident to come out of the Korean War. (Mature) Serious Drama.

TUESDAY

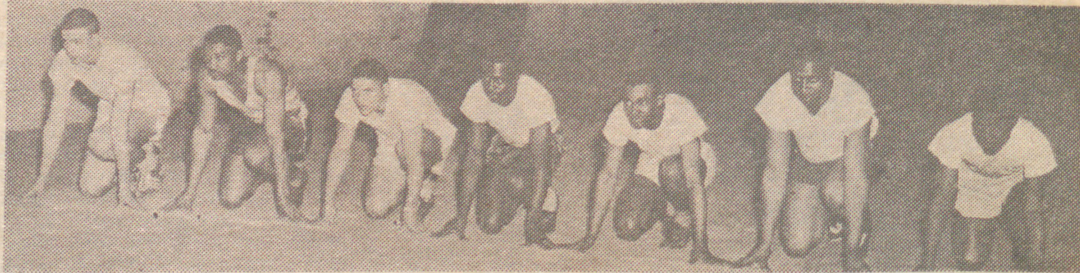
"TONKA" Starring Sal Mineo, Jerome Courtland and Philip Carey. An Indian brave captures and tames a wild stallion; later through a series of coincidences, they become part of the slaughter of Custer's 7th Cavalry at the Little Big Horn. (Family) Technicolor, Action Drama.

WEDNESDAY

"MAN IN THE SADDLE" Starring Randolph Scott, Joan Leslie and Alexander Knox. A no-holds-barred feud erupts between Scott and his neighbor which leads to a thrilling fight and ends in a flaming gun battle. (Family) Western Drama.

THURSDAY

"HOME BEFORE DARK" Starring Jean Simmons, Dan O'Herlihy and Rhonda Fleming. The screenplay from the novel concerns a young wife's struggle to hold her husband's love and regain her place in a normal society following her detention in a mental hospital. (Mature) Drama.



MEMBERS OF THE DOW TRACK TEAM in training for the track season around New England. Team members are (l to r) Robert Behr, R. C. Smith, Casiano Estrada, Graham Price, Alva Sebastian, Carl Frisby and Leonard Mack.

Wood Hobby Shop News

The shop has had five boats in and out in the past week. There's going to be five more and maybe six leave within the next week. We have four sitting up to build from scratch. If you would like to learn how to build and Fibreglass a boat, you are more than

welcome to come in and watch. You can even help if you like.

Denman A. Rucker from 4060th OPS came in with the idea of building a picture frame for his room. Although the frame was to be 64 inches by 45 inches (Believe it or not), it took him only 20 minutes to complete it. He says that the picture will cover most of one wall in the room. What a picture!

Clifton E. Bailey from Periodic Maintenance Squadron is making an outboard throttle and gear control bracket. It will take approximately 4 hours to completely install the unit.

Charles R. Anderson from 4060th OPS made a TV stand for his room. Ten hours work went into this project.

Auto Hobby Shop News

This week 139 Dow buggies puttered over in this area and joined in the Hobby program. We have been real busy especially with the discount slip business and parts, P. O. V. Program.

Today we are filled up with both the Major Maintenance and Minor Maintenance Areas. A-2c Chester R. Pitman, A-2c Gary W. Gullupe and A-3c William A. Burger of the Fighting 341st are all digging in on their respective autos. We were also visited by T-Sgt Fred Stumme of Hq. Gp. and T-Sgt J. L. Shawley of AACs; they used the Minor Maintenance Section on their projects.

The pitwork area has a sharp little "53" Nash Wagon and the A & D section is booked up for both Saturday and Sunday.

The Base Flight Air Police section has been giving us a run for space with A-1c Wilbur Guyton and his gang. A-2c Dwight Ottenbreit is over again today with his little Morris Minor convertible; He and 1st Lt. Victor Yanashekshi have been projecting at the Hobby Shop.

Don't forget to get your vehicle inspected before the 30th. Until then, See you!

Rod, Gun Club Meeting May 14

The Rod and Gun Club of Dow AFB will hold their next meeting on 14 May 1959 at 1900 hours at the club building T-415.6. An exciting meeting with many valuable prizes and surprises are in store. Interested parties who wish membership are encouraged to attend. Door prizes as well as club sponsored and financed fishing trips will be made available at this meeting.

New Star For Flag Next July Fourth

The American flag—soon to add two new stars, for the states of Alaska and Hawaii—has been a symbol of hope and freedom to millions of people throughout the world since its adoption. George Washington described this symbolism as follows:

"We take the stars from heaven, the red from our mother country, separating it by white stripes, thus showing that we have separated from her, and the white stripes shall go down to posterity representing liberty."

A resolution passed by this Continental Congress on June 14, 1777, established the Stars and Stripes but did not specify the arrangement of the 13 stars on the blue union.

After admission of Kentucky and Vermont to the Union a resolution was adopted making the flag one of 15 stars and 15 stripes. Realizing that the flag would become unwieldy with the addition of a stripe for each state, Congress—on July 4, 1818—passed a law limiting the number of stripes to 13, representing the original colonies, and adding a star for each additional state.

On July 4, 1959, the 49th star—signifying Alaska—will be added. In all probability the 50th star—for Hawaii—will be added July 4, 1960. (SAC PS).

Now Then Can Occupy Selves

GRIFFIS AFB, N. Y. (SAC PS) —SAC's 4039th Strategic Wing received its first aircraft, a giant Boeing KC-135 Stratotanker, in mid-April. The huge flying service station touched down here after a 4½-hour non-stop flight from Castle AFB, Calif.

It was officially dedicated "City of Rome" by Rome, N. Y., Mayor Philip Tosti. The mayor presented the key to the city to Col. Bryson R. Bailey, 4039th commander, for SAC personnel at Griffis.

Maj. Gen. Walter C. Sweeney, Jr., Eighth AF commander, said the KC-135's arrival signaled that the 4039th was "now in business."

Dow Tank Team Tryouts Told

Dow will sponsor a swimming team to compete in the Eighth Air Force meet at Loring AFB July 8 to 10.

There will be try-outs without charge for Downmen at the Bangor YMCA at 7:30 p. m. May 18, 19 and 20. Anyone interested in trying out may do so upon presenting their identification card. Regular practice sessions will begin May 27.

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By CARL BUSSEY
Little League Baseball

We are having some terrific turn outs for our youth baseball clinic. This past Saturday we had approximately 80 boys ranging in age from 7 to 18, out batting the old horsehide around. We are hoping to increase the number even more.

We definitely will have four little league teams and one group to enter into the down town Stan Musial League. If we have enough boys out we can expand a little bit more than that. Come on out and join the fun at 1:00 p.m. Saturday, May 9th.

We are still in need of older persons to officiate the games and there are still some coaching slots open. If you are interested in helping in any way, call Sgt.

AF-Wide Talent Contest Judges Are Top Stars

F. E. WARREN AFB, WYO. (SAC PS)—Movie and TV stars Linda Darnell, Ann Miller and George Montgomery, and composer-writer Elmer Bernstein will be judges for the Air Force world-wide talent contest here during the week of May 11.

Top talent from all major air commands will compete in this annual event in 10 categories of entertainment. This SAC base is to become one of the Free World's operational intercontinental ballistic missile installations, using Convair's Atlas missiles as a deterrent to war.

Swope at 3597 and leave your phone number.

Swimming

We are going to have a swimming team to send to the 8th Air Force Tournament at Loring the 8th to the 10th of July. If you are a swimmer or a diver and are interested in getting back into the swim, call E-Sgt. O'Bryan at 2477.

We have already found a coach and arrangements are being made to use the YMCA pool. All that we need now is the swimmers and divers to go out and bring back the trophies. Sign up now!!!

Softball

If you haven't already started your softball team, you are late. Most of the squadrons on base have checked out the equipment from the base gym and are holding practices. Let's get on the ball and start the old softball season off with a bang.

The new season begins on 18 May so you have a little better than one week to get your team in shape. There will be some good teams around this year to try to lift the crown from Fiehl Maintenance Squadron, last year's softball Champs. Possibly one of the best for the coming season is none other than the Supply Squadron. I hear by the grape vine that they are loaded with both hitting and pitching.

Fishing

I haven't been out yet, but from all I hear, the fish are biting. Needless to say, you have to know where to go and you have to work at it; but there are some nice fish being taken every day. Get your rod unlimbered, your reel oiled up, and go hook yourself a nice salmon or trout.

You can buy your fishing license at the PX annex and you can check equipment out at the Base Gym or at Dow Pines. The Dow Pines Recreation Area should be excellent fishing this year as King, Long and Riff Ponds were all stocked with trout last year. Why not give it a try?

Baseball Film

The film "High Lights of the Red Sox," will be shown at the Service Club at 8:00 p.m. on 12th May. This is a very good and enjoyable film for those of you who are interested in baseball. There is no charge, so come on out and see the movie.

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Service Club Lowdown

By Miss Claire Rangnow (2152)

The grass is getting green around the Service Club (had you noticed?), and that means only one thing—Ayeah, spring is here! It's time to put away the snow shovels, sharpen up the lawn-mower, let out your khaki's, and prepare to enjoy this wonderful "Vacationland."

If the weatherman will co-operate some, "get away from it all" tours will be scheduled. Have you been to Green Lake, Bar Harbor, or Dow Pines? (Just to mention a few of the more interesting spots in the area. Watch for announcements of these after DOW'S DOWN-EAST AIR FAIR.

Thursday, the 12th, all baseball fans should enjoy a film on the highlights of the Red Sox's recent games.

The 'OFF BEATS' will play at the Wednesday night dance. The gals usually get here at 8:00, the music starts at 8:00, so for gosh sake fellas, don't be late!

TODAY
Photo Lab & Hobby Shop 6-10
Pin-Pong Tournament 7:30

SATURDAY
Teen Club Dance 8:30-12:00 PM

SUNDAY
Coffee Call 9 AM

MONDAY
Regular Game Night 8:00

TUESDAY
Red Sox Film 8:00
Hobby Shop & Photo Lab 6-10
Pinochle Tourney

WEDNESDAY
Coin Club 7:00
Dance—Off Beats 8:00

THURSDAY
Hobby Shop 6-10
Pool Tournament 7:30

Undercover Stuff

By THE BOOK WORM

McKinley

HEAR YE! HEAR YE! All Short Story Writers on Dow Air Force Base. ATTENTION ! ! ! The end is drawing near. All short stories written by Air Force personnel here at Dow Air Force Base must be submitted for judging not later than Friday, May 29. (The winning prizes must be forwarded to reach 8th Air Force not later than 5 June '59).

Judges for the Dow Short Story Contest will be Associate Professor Cecil H. Reynolds and Associate Professor Walter R. Whitney from the English Department at the University of Maine.

Base level prizes will be \$25.00, \$15.00, and \$10.00. Prizes at 8th Air Force level will be \$75.00, \$50.00 and \$25.00 respectively, and the three winning stories will be forwarded to SAC for further judging where the prizes are \$100.00, \$75.00 and \$50.00 respectively.

The rules for this year's contest are as follows:

1. Stories are limited to six thousand words.
2. Only stories written by military personnel assigned or attached to the Air Force will be considered.
3. Only original unpublished stories may be submitted by the author who is the sole owner and proprietor of its publishing rights.
4. Warmed over stories trotted out in previous Air Force short story contests and tales containing libelous material will not be considered.
5. All manuscripts are to be typed, double spaced on 8 x 10 1/2 paper, securely fastened and covered with protective paper, preferably a manila folder. Author's name must not appear anywhere, on manuscript or cover.

Complete rules of the contest and entry blanks are available at your Base Library, sooo . . . get busy and write! !

The whole purpose of this contest is to encourage creative thinking and writing.

Zebra Bonanza Due For SAC

Commanders world-wide were told this week that SAC has hundreds of vacancies for MSGts in the aircraft engine maintenance and air police fields.

All overseas returnees in this grade and in these career areas returning to the ZI during the months of September through December, 1959, will be tagged for assignment to SAC.

The word also went to the Commander, 3500th USAF Recruiting Wing, to assign all E-7 reenlistees, with these specialties to SAC bases only, beginning April 15 and continuing for 120 days.

In the maintenance field SAC needs: AFSCs 43171A—reciprocating (1 or 2 engine) technicians; 43171B—reciprocating (over 2 engine) technicians; 43171C—jet fighter technician; 43171E—jet (over 2 engine) technician; and 43271—reciprocating engine technician.

In the police career area the shortages are in AFSC 77170 — air police supervisor, and 77171 — correction supervisor.

The dragnet order, called "Operation Even Steven" by Pentagon planners, is not aimed entirely at overseas returnees. Major air commanders were told that E-7 airmen in these AFSCs who reenlist at ZI bases for base of choice must reenlist within their present commands or SAC.

This restriction is also effective April 15 and will continue for 120 days.

Personnel officials at Hq USAF pointed out that inclusion of the "recip-men" in the needed AFSCs list does not mean a pressing need exists for these specialists per se. No conflict exists between this order and directives authorizing voluntary "training-out" of reciprocating engine mechanics, they said.

According to the message directing the action (AFPM-2A-37-226), "It is anticipated that a large number of airmen in the 43 career field will be crossed-trained into jet aircraft specialties upon arrival at SAC duty stations."

MAY 10th

Mothers' Day

AFPS

It's Not Always Lonely; It Just Looks That Way

Occasionally, an Air Force family thinks of itself as a little lost when moving.

The majority of people in town understand and appreciate why the Air Force is in the neighborhood; but it's something they don't get a chance to express very often.

The truth of this was discovered recently by one young Air Force wife in the midst of a deep personal tragedy. It happened shortly after she and her husband, a staff sergeant, and two children moved to Jackson, Miss. The sergeant, attached to an AF recruiting station in Jackson, died in a traffic accident — an accident which was not his fault.

The mother and her children seemed quite alone. They had moved into the new neighborhood only two months before, and they were far from their own home town in South Dakota. The events that followed were recalled later in an editorial by the Jackson Clarion Ledger and News.

The Air Force, the paper pointed out, quite capably provides for its own. But in this case, with no air base nearby, the wife needed the immediate "comfort and help from a minister and neighbors." This came fast, according to the newspaper's account.

The Jackson paper, in recounting the story, added the thoughtful comment that "there are no strangers — ever — in this fine city."

We believe this holds true in many, if not all, of our cities. (AFNS)

HQ. SAC (SAC PS)—Dr. Franz Joseph Strauss, West Germany defense minister, visited this headquarters for a briefing and tour of the command post in late April.

RAMEY AFE, P.R. (SAC PS)—This base's only tactical squadron, the 915th Air Refueling Squadron became "combat ready" as of last month. As a final test for the eight crews involved in the upgrading, the squadron took part in a mass refueling operation, simulating actual combat requirements.

SAC Suggestion Program Changed

HQ. SAC (SAC PS) — A SAC manual outlining the policies and procedures for a new military suggestion program has just been released to the field. The manual, 35-2, supersedes SAC Reg. 25-1 and implements the program as of June 1.

In a recent message clarifying the change-over, the special services division here stated all suggestions entered in the program from Jan. 1—June 30 of this year will be included in the June SAC U-72 report. Suggestions entered prior to Jan. 1, however, will not be included in the '59 program.

SAC's military suggestion program is designed to recognize and reward individuals for their contributions to effective management.

PEASE AFB, N. H. (SAC PS)—Plans are under way to include the names of the B-47 and KC-97 Crews of the Month and the Maintenance NCO and Airman of the Month on a totem pole near the base's main gate.

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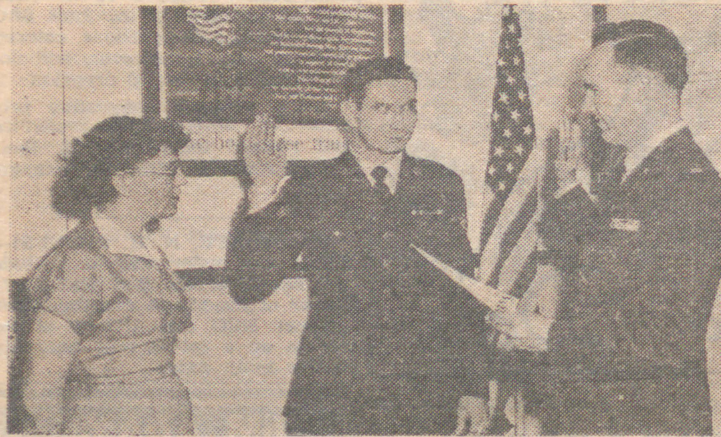
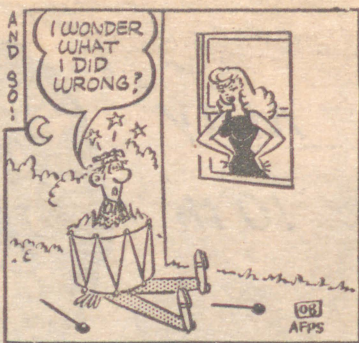
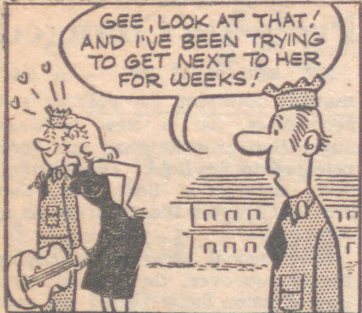
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OPERATION BLONDE



IT'S A FAMILY AFFAIR: A/1C Joseph Ham, baker at the 4033 USAF Hospital, recently took a short discharge and re-enlisted for another six years. Airman Ham hails from the State of Missouri. Some of the reasons he took a short discharge are: security for his family, good pay and retirement at an early age. His wife, Jeannette, present at the swearing-in ceremonies, stated after it was over, "I'm sure glad he decided to stay." But Airman Ham got in the last word as the Re-enlistment Officer, 1st Lt. Brown, heard him say to his wife as they left the office, "We'll go down to Finance now and get my slice of Ham."

SAC Flysafe Magazine For May Has Feature Variety

HQ. SAC (SAC PS)—Top story in the May issue of *Combat Crew* is "The Traffic Tangle," a staff-written article concerning air traffic, USAF flying safety subject for the month. The cover of the SAC flying safety magazine depicts a traffic light flashing amber for "caution."

In "Mission Accomplished," Col. John S. Samuel, commander of the 316th Air Division at Altus AFB, Okla., discussed the problem

in converting his outfit to B-52s and of making a PCS move.

Boeing Test Pilot James H. Goodell describes the modifications in the B-52G over previous models of the B-52 in "There've Been Some Changes Made."

"Take a Good Look" means just what it says. It's staff written and covers the problems of misreading altimeters.

Taking off and landing in fog is covered extensively by Capt. Clyde B. Routt, 3d Weather Wing, Hq. SAC, in "In the Clear."

"Runaway Propellers," by Transworld Airlines, relates the hazards and considerations of overspeeding props, and "You Can't Get There from Here" deals with the problems of a pair of experienced SAC pilots flying into and out of an Air Force base.

COMBAT CREW is "must" reading for SAC crews and is of interest to all personnel. The May issue is crammed with electrifying articles dealing in the lifeline of the crewman, FLYING SAFETY. It will be available at SAC

MADRID, Spain (SAC PS)—Top speller in the Sixteenth Air Force dependent schools is Helen Robin, 11, daughter of a 3977th Support Group DAFC. Sixthgrader Helen spelled down all her competitors to qualify for entry in the European Area spelling finals in Paris, France, on May 9.

CAR TOPICS

By WILLIAM R. JENKINSON

If you had to call your local auto repairman for emergency service at any time during the past year, you're just one of 60,497,000 motorists who were faced with the same dilemma in 1958. According to AAA, there were 8,367,000 calls on ignition system complaints. This accounted for 13.83 per cent of all service calls.

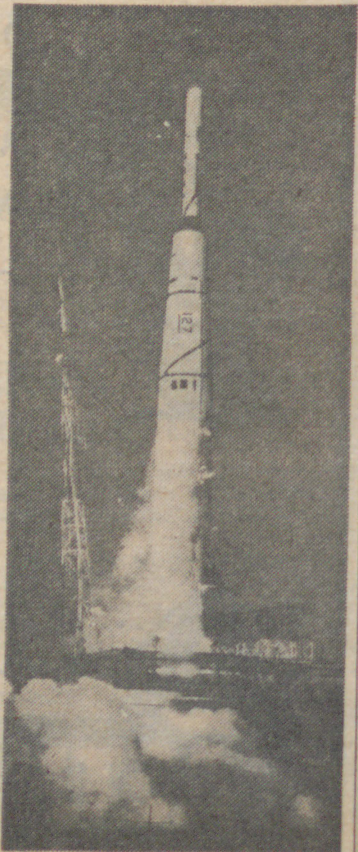
Commenting upon the significance of these statistics, which increased by nearly one million since 1957, George M. Galster, service manager for a major spark plug company, said: "Although battery and electrical troubles topped the list of service calls, followed by tires in a close second, ignition system trouble undoubtedly accounted for the greatest inconvenience on the part of the customer. In a number of cases it was probably necessary to take the car back to the garage to get the engine running properly. This represents time and money for the car owner and it's usually something which could have been avoided with proper care at the right time."

"Most of the motorists whose cars suffered ignition system failure were undoubtedly experiencing poor engine performance long before their cars finally quit altogether. They were probably wasting gas, too. This, along with the cost of emergency service, makes the lack of attention to the ignition system doubly expensive."

"To help minimize this problem in the future we repeat our recommendations on ignition system service: (1) Have the engine tuned periodically; (2) Have the spark plugs serviced at least every 5,000 miles and (3) Have the spark plugs replaced every 10,000 miles."

"This preventive maintenance can more than pay for itself in the long run."

FAIRCHILD AFB, Wash. (SAC PS)—Fishermen here are contributing part of their "big" catches to a monthly fish breakfast which is held following the Anglers' Special Protestant communion service. The fishfrys and anglers' services will continue throughout the fishing season.



THOR ABLE—Poised for take-off the mighty Thor Able.

Field Trials For Hound Dog

ELGIN AFB, Fla. (SAC PS)—The Air Force's Hound Dog (GAM 77), a supersonic strategic missile, was test launched for the first time in late April and successfully met its test objectives.

A Boeing B-25 bomber, flown out of this base, air-launched it down the Atlantic missile range to mark the beginning of a test series.

No warhead was carried, and the range the missile traveled was not disclosed.

Hound Dog is being developed by North American for use with SAC's long-range bombers, from which they will be launched to deliver nuclear warheads for a distance of several hundred miles.

Training models have been used previously in preliminary test flights with SAC bombers, but they did not contain engine and guide systems.

Powered by a Pratt and Whitney J-52 jet engine, Hound Dog is directed to a target area by an inertial guidance system. Its production is proceeding under an accelerated program.

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