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## SAC Announces Stripe Quota For Promotion In September



IN RECEIVING LINE—Lieut. General Walter C. Sweeney, Jr., commander of 8th Air Force, and Mrs. Sweeney were honored at a reception and buffet dinner Sunday evening at the Officers' Club. In the receiving line were (l to r) Mrs. Walter C. Sweeney, General Sweeney, Mrs. George W. R. Zethren, Colonel Zethren, Mrs. Lawson C. Horner and Colonel Horner.

## Nearly Nine Thousand SACmen Don New Rank

HQ SAC (SAC PS) — SAC's promotion machinery is now in gear to select 8,798 airmen for grade advancement in the September cycle. Although the subcommand allocations were not available at this time, the SAC-wide quota breaks down as follows: MSgt-162; TSgt-334; SSgt-601; A/1c-2,425 and A/2c-5,276.

### Honor Roll

Three more Dow men made good decisions recently when they signed their names to the lengthy reenlistment honor roll. They were:

SSgt. Kenneth R. George an inventory management specialist with Supply Sq. reenlisted for four years. He is a native of Brooklyn, N. Y.

SSgt. J. D. Bynum of Converse, La. reenlisted for six years. He is an aircraft maintenance technician with the Organizational Maintenance Sq.

SSgt. William H. DeVerna a data processing supervisor with Headquarters Squadron, Combat Support Group reenlisted for four years. He is a native of Jackson, Mich.

According to 1st. Lt. Norman Mecham, Chief Personnel Actions Branch, selection folders for non-commissioned grades have been forwarded to Hqs. 8th AF for five master sergeants, 10 Tech Sgts. and 16 staff sgt. Folders for the Dowmen will compete with selections from all other 8th AF bases for new ranks.

"Promotion quotas for A-1c and A-2c for this base have not as yet arrived," said Lt. Mecham. "They should be in within 10 days and will be announced in the next edition of the Tanker Times."

Promotion to the NCO grades will be made by stateside numbered air force boards (2nd, 8th, 15th) to fill quotas allocated to them on the basis of their per cent of the total airmen eligible in "open" career fields.

A SAC central board will use re-

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## AF Officer Training School To Be Co-ED

(AFNS) When the Officer Training School (OTS) opens its doors November 15 at Lackland AFB, Tex., classes will be co-educational. The previously all-male program, set up by the Air Force to obtain non-ROTC officers with college degrees for certain specialties, has recently been modified to include women for training as officers in the WAF. OTS will provide a source for officers in addition to OCS, ROTC and flying training.

According to Hq USAF, direct commissions for the WAF will no longer be given. However, the eligibility requirements for WAF officers will remain the same as before.

The first OTS class will have about 20 women in it. They will be taking the same curriculum as their male counterparts, except for some modifications in such courses as physical education and firearm instruction.

When the three-month training period is up, the women will receive their gold bars along with the men.

The OTS program is open to college graduates — airmen or civilians, between the ages of 20½ and 27½ at time of application. Men applying for the OTS commission route can be married or single. Women applicants must be single.

A men's group of 83 principals and 32 alternates has been picked from 940 applicants to start OTS training in mid-November.

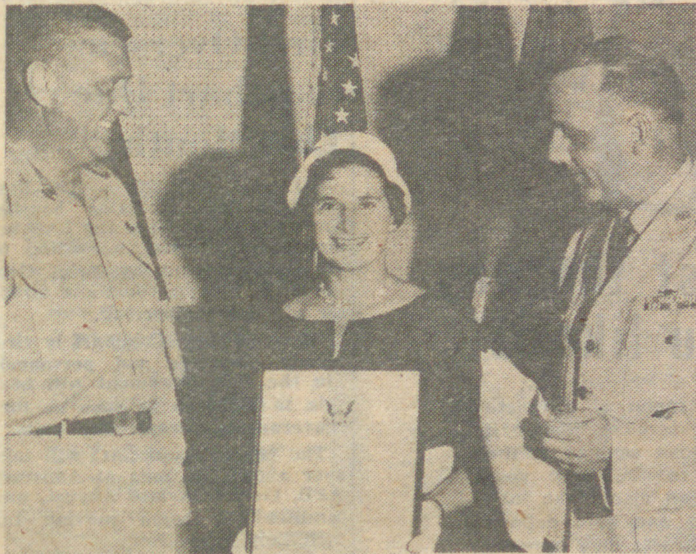
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## New At Dow AFB Family Services

M-Sgt. Arnold J. Heldt, recently of Itazuke Air Base, Japan, will assume the duties of Family Services NCO at Dow, while Lt. Victor L. Lewis, Personal Affairs Officer will drop the position of Family Services Officer as an additional duty. The past leadership of Lt. Lewis has won the cooperation and respect of all the volunteers in the program and in producing increased efforts in making Dow's Family Services a well-organized function.

M-Sgt. Heldt takes over his duties with a background of three years' experience in the Family Services Program.

Also new at the Center is A-3C H. D. Taylor who has begun duties as Airman-in-charge.



RETIREMENT CEREMONIES were held last week at Wing Headquarters for CWO Robert C. Nutt 4060th Combat Support Group and MSgt. Irvin Quillin, 860th Medical group. Colonel Lawson C. Horner, Vice Commander, presented letters of appreciation and certificates of retirement after a short talk by Lt. Col. Raymond Barnes, Director of Administrative Services. Mr. Nutt plans to rest for awhile at Salt Lake City, Utah, before attending a school on the west coast, while Sgt. Quillin plans to take it easy in Southern Pines, N. C., with no immediate future plans. Pictured above are (l to r) Colonel Horner, Mrs. Quillin and Sgt. Quillin.

## SAC Aero Clubs Meet Dec. 2-4

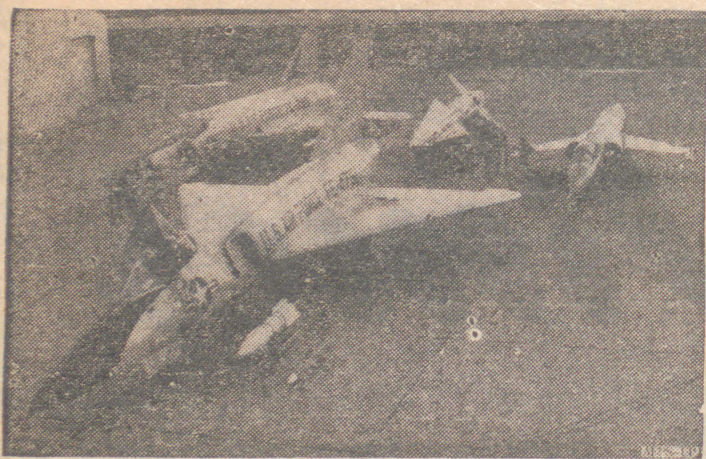
HQ SAC (SAC PS) — Invitations are now being mailed to the presidents and managers of all SAC Aero Clubs to attend the third annual association conference to be held at Barksdale AFB, La., Dec. 2-4.

One hundred conferees are expected to discuss club problems, flying safety, insurance, the purchasing of aircraft, and SAC directives.

Dow Aero Club President and Vice President Lt. Francis Almeter and Chief Warrant Officer John H. Sleight will attend this conference. They have promised the Tanker Times a complete rundown of the conference when they return.

According to the association president, Col. Maynard E. White, this year a trophy will be presented to the club with the best flying safety record, and another will be given to the club that has shown the most progress during the year.

Leading manufacturers of light aircraft have indicated they will be on hand to display their 1960 aircraft models and demonstrate them during the conclave. With the huge expansion program being undertaken by many SAC Aero Clubs, this display should be of interest.



**NO BARBERSHOP QUARTET**—The latest addition to the North American air defense team, the F-106 Delta Dart, foreground, joins a trio of air defense interceptors and missiles. In the background, from left, are the F-102 Delta Dagger, the Nike-Hercules and the F-104 Star-fighter. The F-106 carries the Genie nuclear rocket and Super Falcon missiles.

## Education Services

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A straight Liberal Arts student will have the opportunity to enroll in such courses as: English Composition, Biology, Spanish, U. S. History, Speech, Sociology, Psychology and many others.

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## AIRMAN'S BOOKSHELF

POPULAR AND PROFESSIONAL AEROSPACE BOOKS

(AFNS) Man has been catapulted into the "Aerospace Age" with the mighty thrust of IRBM and ICBM rocket engines and keeping up with the preliminaries to man's impending leap into space is enough to tax Mr. Average's brain.

But the Air Force member with an eye on the future must keep up with the accelerated technology and science of the late 1950s. "Man in Space" should be one of his primers, because this book is a not-too-complex explanation of the United States Air Force program for developing the spacecraft crew.

Edited by the Air University's Lt. Col. Kenneth F. Gantz, it contains 18 chapters by outstanding experts on aerospace medicine and on many of the engineering and military problems to be met "between here and the stars".

From Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Thomas D. White's "we are and have been operating in the

Aerospace Age", to Dr. Hubertus Strughold's "true space operators are conceivable only above the mechanical border of the atmosphere, ie., above 120 miles;" to Gen. Homer A. Boushey's "in 20 years, I believe both the moon and Mars will have permanent, manned outposts", this Air Force man-in-space primer is stimulating and instructive.

Not all the articles in "Man-in-Space" are easy reading for everyone; but, being "science fact", most are more exciting than science fiction. A knowledge of mathematics will help the reader through the eight and a half pages on time dilation, the theory of relativity, and the space pilot. (Will the space pilot age at a different rate than Earth dwellers while he's on a long flight?)

While this book is concerned with the current Air Force program in the sciences of putting man into space, the roots of the know-how and successes it presents run deep into the pioneering

## ATC Dunks Rivals With 68 Points To Win Swim Title

(AFNS) Two Air Force swimmers won berths for next month's (August) Pan-American game trials, and Air Training Command walked off with top team honors at this year's Air Force worldwide swimming and diving championships, July 23-24, at Mitchell AFB, N.Y.

A1-C Lyman E. Morris, Jr., Sheppard AFB, Tex., representing ATC, toppled two AF records en route to earning a Pan-Am slot. He also won the meet's outstanding performer award.

Former Yale All-American 1st Lt. Joseph O. Robinson, Dreux AB, France, USAFE, scored first in three events and won the second Pan-Am berth.

ATC outdistanced the other squads by scoring 68 points to win the first place team award. Air Defense Command, with 38 points placed second, edging out Strategic Air Command, which was third with 37 points.

In the diving events, top place went to A-3C Michael Bronk, Fairchild AFB (SAC), who placed first in the three meter dive and second in the one meter event.

First place in the one meter dive went to A-3C John Piffath, Otis AFB (ADC).

In the swimming events, first place winners were A-3C Lyman E. Morris, Jr., Sheppard AFB (ATC) — 100 yd. freestyle and 200 meter butterfly; Lt. (jg) Patrick Shannon, McGuire AFB (MATS) — 100 yd. breaststroke orthodox; A-3C Stephen V. Schil-

lings, Homestead AFB, (SAC)—200 yd. breaststroke; A-2C Donald Hansen, Otis AFB (ADC)—100 yd. butterfly; 1st Lt. Joseph O. Robinson, Dreux AB (USAFE) — 400 yd. freestyle, 200 meter freestyle and 400 meter individual medley; A-2C Michael C. Osborn, Lowry AFB (ATC) — 200 meter breaststroke; and A-2C Peter A. Ghent, Dover AFB (MATS) — 100 meter backstroke.

## First Overseas Capehart Due This Month

HQ. SAC (SAC PS) — The first overseas Capehart-Rains housing units will be added to the SAC inventory in August, according to an announcement by Brig. Gen. James B. Knapp, command director of civil engineering.

Here at Dow, Capehart is virtually complete and personnel in the first increment will begin to move in as soon as the government accepts the units.

The general said SAC will take over about 150 units at Andersen AFB, Guam, in late August, and families will begin moving immediately thereafter.

In all, 1,050 Capehart - Rains units will be built at Andersen. Completion date will be June 1960.

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Air Force work in aviation medicine.

Editor Gantz points out that "as the Air Force has followed its vehicles ever higher, it has devised protective gear fantastically complex, proceeding step by step from the simple oxygen mask to the full pressure suit and the space capsule."

The book contains many useful charts and photographs; a glossary of man-in-space terms; reference notes of unusual value to serious students; a reading list of books on astronautics; an appendix on Project Mercury and the National Space Program; biographical notes on the contributors; and an adequate index.

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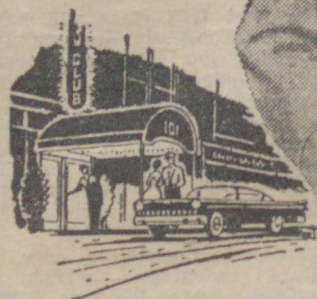
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## Strip Quotas

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maintaining NCO quotas to promote airmen assigned to all other SAC units. Selections for A-1c and A-2c will be made at base level.

As in the past, SAC will monitor NCO promotions through the use of its centralized promotion control system. Under this system, final selection lists from Hq. SAC and numbered air force boards are compared against SAC manning to insure that no airman is promoted unless a command vacancy exists for his grade and specialty.

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creation of new surpluses which would add career fields to the "freeze" list.

Promotions to all grades are made on a "best qualified" basis with promotion boards considering everything that is available in the airman's record. Weight is given to airman performance reports, service schools, job responsibility, test scores, education, attendance at NCO academies and prep schools, and other such factors.

In addition, weight is given to subcommand preference ratings so that airmen given top ratings by their squadron and base commanders have the best chance for promotion.

Both the SAC headquarters and numbered air force boards are permitted to use up to 10 per cent of promotion quotas to promote in "closed" fields.

## IBM Machines In OJT Specialists

HQ. SAC (SAC PS) — Early in September, porta-punches, porta-punch cards, styluses, and IBM machines will become common tools for the OJT specialists as SAC's OJT program becomes mechanized.

Primarily intended as a means of controlling the quality of the OJT program, mechanization will also save the command thousands of dollars annually by the reduction of personnel time and effort. Here at Dow IBM equipment is already in use at Wing personnel and each week saves many man hours for personnel assigned to certain sections.

In the future, machine cards will be prepared on airmen in OJT. The cards will contain such pertinent data as an airman's educational level, time in training, off-duty educational pursuits, phase testing and record maintenance.

Through the use of IBM machines, the OJT status of an airman, a base, or the command, can be reviewed and monitored quickly and efficiently.

**Glasgow Now Transferred**  
 HQ. SAC (SAC PS) — Headquarters USAF has announced that Glasgow AFB, Mont., presently assigned to the Air Defense Command, will be transferred to the Strategic Air Command effective April 1, 1960. Next summer the 4141st Strategic Wing, manned by 1800 personnel, will make Glasgow AFB its base of operation.

## OJT Upgrade Highest Yet

HQ. SAC (SAC PS) — SAC's percentage of OJT upgrade accomplishment for fiscal year 1959 was the highest in command history, officials here have announced. Final computations show that SAC reached 94 per cent of its upgrade goal for the past twelve months.

Dow's OJT Program was rated number one in the 820th Air Division for the last quarter ending June 30. During this period the 4060th Air Refueling Wing scored 100 percent in OJT and the 4060th Combat Support Group scored 95 percent.

Because of the command's emphasis on OJT, 42,615 SACmen were upgraded.

MCS-wise, SAC was 72 per cent OJT effective during the fiscal year. Eighth Air Force was the most effective subcommand with a 74 per cent average for FY '59. Next were Second and Fifteenth Air Forces with 72 and 70 per cent, respectively.

OJT effectiveness under the SAC MCS is determined by scoring the percentage of airmen in training, test passing and upgrading rates.

## Dow Pines

The new beach area at Dow Pines is complete with 9 new grills for picnics and a 14' diving board for diving enthusiasts.

Water skis and a new aqua water sled have been added to the water sports department for your use. Every day at 1600 hrs. free towing and instructions in water skiing are provided.

Bass fishing is excellent and a number of new spin cast rods and reels were added to the list of equipment that is available for your use at your recreation area.

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  7. Ventilate only after fire is out "But"—if fire gets large get out of course.
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another fire—(1) Lie down (2) Roll up in rug, coat or blanket, etc., (head outside) (3) Gently beat out (4) Give burn, shock first aid. There are electric fires (wire, motors, etc.) To extinguish—(1) Unplug appliance if possible (2) Use recommended extinguisher or throw common baking soda. Never use water on live wires or you may get an electric shock. There are outside fires (grass, leaves, brush) Fight flying sparks by wetting down nearby buildings, yard, close windows, doors, get rid of rubbish piles. Call the fire department and there are car fires: To attack an engine fire—(1) Shut off the engine and disconnect battery if possible (2) Use recommended extinguisher, beware of spilled gasoline. Be sure to report all fires to the fire department and remember the best way to put out a fire is NOT TO HAVE ONE.

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## Memorial Window Fund Increases

HQ. SAC (SAC PS) — With the bulk of the funds in, donations for the SAC Memorial Window had reached a total of \$13,886.10 as of July 28.

According to Chaplain (Capt.) Norman G. Folkers, base Protestant Chaplain, Dow Personnel contributed a total of \$282.73 during special collections for the SAC Memorial Window at the SAC Chapel at Offutt AFB, Neb. Final total will be announced shortly, stated Chaplain (Col.) George S. Wilson, SAC staff chaplain.

He said a preliminary meeting with stateside numbered air forces and SAC headquarters representatives was held here in mid-July for selection of the design.

The representatives reviewed the proposals from five stained glass studios, the chaplain said, and final selection of design will be announced about mid-August.

The memorial window will be installed in the SAC chapel here at Offutt AFB in the spring of 1960. It will be in memory of SAC crew members who gave their lives to help maintain peace in the world.

**Receives Academy Appointment**  
 RAMEY AFB, P. R. (SAC PS) — Morris Erickson, son of MSgt. and Mrs. Walter E. Erickson of this base, recently received an appointment to the United States Military Academy.



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# Today's Watchword -

By COL. GEORGE W. R. ZETHREN, Wing Commander

Every member of the military has a solemn obligation to perform his duties to the very best of his ability, with devotion and undivided attention, free from outside interest. The effectiveness of our deterrent force is directly related to the integrity, the attitude and the efforts of the individual members of this command.

It would be fatal on a national scale for our deterrent forces to regress or become inactive. We must progress steadily day by day and continually plan to improve in the future.

In years past it was not uncommon to see an individual who had made some particular contribution or outstanding achievement resting on his laurels with the attitude, "I've done my part and I'm waiting for my reward." This is a thing of the past. Anyone who takes that attitude today may get his reward but it won't be an earthly one.

In today's Air Force past performance is as useless as runway behind you! It's today's performance and planning for tomorrow that counts.

Each of us must continually concentrate on performing today's duties to our utmost ability, on correcting today's mistakes tomorrow, and planning to do even better in the future. Anyone's failure to perform in this manner makes room at the top for those who have the will and the ability to perform. The day of the Prima Donna is gone and the watch word is Professional Performance.



Col. Zethren

# You're Part Of "Big Picture"

By LT. COL. WILLIAM A. CRAWFORD, Base Commander

The Commanders Call program makes every airman a part of the big picture. It gives every man a front seat at the commander's staff meeting. If proper use is made of this program, all of us will better understand the base, command and Air Force missions.

If we know what these missions are, then we will understand why we spend our time doing what we do, and will also better understand what is meant by such terms as airpower, cold war, deterrent forces and combat readiness. It all fits together like a puzzle; you are part of it and without you the picture isn't complete.

In some of our squadrons, the Commander's Call program is practically the only time a commander has the opportunity to talk directly to his men. He gets to know them and their individual problems better, with the end result an outfit in which everyone knows what he's doing and why he's doing it.

This program is an important tool in our drive to accomplish our mission here. Commander's Call is as much a part of our job in the day-to-day defense of our country as firing a missile or launching a B-52 since to do your best work you must know what you are doing is worthwhile and has a purpose. If used as intended, Commander's Call will do just that.



Col. Crawford

# Need For Polio Vaccination

By LT. COL. A. M. KURLAND, Commander 860th Medical Group  
A majority of the population of the United States, 98,000,000 persons, has not received a single injection of Salk vaccine, according to The National Foundation. A typical situation exists in the District of Columbia "and may be responsible for unnecessary recurrence of polio . . ."

The annual average of polio cases reported in 1950-1954, before the vaccine was introduced, was 39,000. It was below 6,000 at the end of 1957, some three years after the Salk vaccine went into use says Dr. John R. Pate. But in 1958 reported cases went above the 6,000 mark.

In 1958, paralytic cases, occurring chiefly in children under five years of age, jumped to 44 per cent above the number reported in 1957. The second highest incidence was in children five to nine.

The recent increase of paralytic polio chiefly occurred among the unvaccinated. However, "it may be difficult to determine just how much of the decline in cases since 1955 is due to immunization."

The younger age groups face the greater risk of paralytic polio. Nevertheless, Washington experience shows that "many thousands in all age groups have not yet received any vaccine" and the older groups of course also require protection.

For the first time in four years, the summer of 1958 showed an increase in paralytic polio. To prevent repetition of a rising incidence of paralytic polio, it is necessary to intensify all efforts to convince people to receive the Salk vaccine. "The danger we face today—neglecting the possibility of conquering a preventable disease—is unthinkable in a well-informed society."



Col. Kurland

# "Hidden Vision"

If you're one of the estimated 90,000,000 American eyeglass wearers, or have one in the family, it's almost certain that you're already wondering, or will soon, about contact lenses. Over the past 10 years, the growth and acceptance by the public of contact lenses has been tremendous. In fact, as recently as 5 years ago, there were 200,000 wearers, while now they number into the millions.

Let us first clear up a few misconceptions in this optometric specialty, by presenting a brief discussion. A contact lens is made of plastic being less than 1/2" in diameter, and 6-1000 of an inch in thickness. Contrary to belief, the lens doesn't rest on the eye itself, but floats on a layer of tears over the window of the eye, the cornea. This means that the lens affords greater protection from all varieties of eye injuries.

Because of its physical and optical characteristics, the lens nowadays is impossible to detect with the naked eye and is worn all day long after the initial period of adaptation. Another advantage is the fact that the lens prescription rarely changes. In special eye conditions, such as high astigmatism, near-sightedness, cataracts, and scarred corneas, contacts have unique, corrective value and provide better vision than spectacles.

The question often arises, how comfortable are contact lenses? There is a certain period of adapting to the lenses, but there isn't any pain involved. When all day wearing time has been achieved, the contact lens wearer is no longer aware of them. Just as a person becomes unaware he is wearing glasses.

Finally, the importance of sincere and regular professional care after the adaptation to the lenses cannot be over-emphasized, for vision, next to life itself, is man's most precious gift, and should be guarded as such.

# Small Wing Activiated

HQ. SAC (SAC PS)—The 4321st Strategic Wing, consisting of 34 people, will be activated at Offutt AFB, Neb., Oct. 1. It will supervise and control activities of the 34th Air Refueling Squadron and the 566th Strategic Missile Squadron.

The new organization is basically an operational unit, therefore it will be a part of SAC's Second Air Force, located at Barksdale AFB, La., and will be assigned to the 17th Air Division, White-man AFB, Mo.

Offutt's 3902d Air Base Wing will furnish the necessary house-keeping services and support for the new unit.

The Strategic Wing will have 18 officers, 13 airmen and three civilians authorized. The wing commander will be Col. Edwin H. Garrison, who is presently commanding the 806th Combat Support Group, Chennault AFB, La.

# AF Goes To Bat For Army

REDSTONE ARSENAL, Ala. (SAC PS)—The Air Force will "go to bat" for the Army in August.

At that time, SAC's 864th Technical Training Squadron here, one of the youngest missile squadrons in the USAF, will represent the Redstone Arsenal in the 3rd Army softball tournament slated for Ft. Jackson, S. C., beginning on Aug. 10.

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# Losing Surplus Weight Is Serviceman's Duty

EVERYBODY loves a fat man—true or false? By military thinking no popular saying ever carried less weight.

Why do the services campaign regularly for men to lose extra poundage by sensible diet and exercise? Many men against whom such urging is directed feel aggrieved and embarrassed as though they were the victims of unreasonable prejudice. But if they really think so, it is they who are unreasonable. The soundness of the service emphasis on this phase of physical fitness should be apparent to them.

For one thing, any doctor will tell you that a man overweight is prone to heart strain and other ills that may shorten his life. High blood pressure and diabetes are among them. And there are discomforts less serious such as foot troubles, fatigue and backaches.



From the service viewpoint, the overweight man is likely to be sluggish mentally as well as physically—a bad trait in a man trained and expected to react quickly at critical times. Appearance is another important factor—we've all seen and known individuals who looked downright grotesque in uniform and whose avoirdupois lowered the smartness of a parade or ceremonial formation. Civilians who take pride in the trim look and bearing of the serviceman get a poor impression of their country's defenders when they bulge at the seams.

That's why proper dieting and exercise under medical supervision is a man's plain duty to his service. If you're 15 pounds heavier than weight charts specify for you, you're overweight. If you're 30 or 40 pounds heavier, you're obese and should do something about it quick.

And oh, once you've lost that extra lard, brother you'll feel so much better! (AFPS)

## TIMES Spot News In Brief

### ATLAS OPERATIONAL PROTOTYPE GOES THE ROUTE

Another Atlas intercontinental ballistic missile—the second in as many weeks—made a successful flight, July 29 over the Atlantic Missile Range, the Air Force announced.

A previous successful Atlas firing was achieved July 21. The nose cone was recovered near Ascension Island.

The two missile flights reversed a trend which saw several of the Atlas missiles failing to make the course.

A Patrick AFB, Fla., release described the recent Atlas launching as "incorporating recent changes made as a result of information gained from malfunctions which occurred on previous test flights this year."

# Soviet Broken Promises

(AFNS) In its 40 year history, the Soviet Communist regime has entered into hundreds of international agreements. The following partial list of promises, and how they were kept, speaks for itself.

### The Agreement

December 17, 1925 — USSR designs non-aggression and neutrality pact with Turkey.

August 31, 1926 — Soviet Union concludes non-aggression pact with Afghanistan.

September 28, 1926 — Soviet Union makes non-aggression pact with Lithuania, later extending this agreement through 1945.

September 27, 1928 — Soviet Union adheres to Kellogg-Briand pact for renunciation of war.

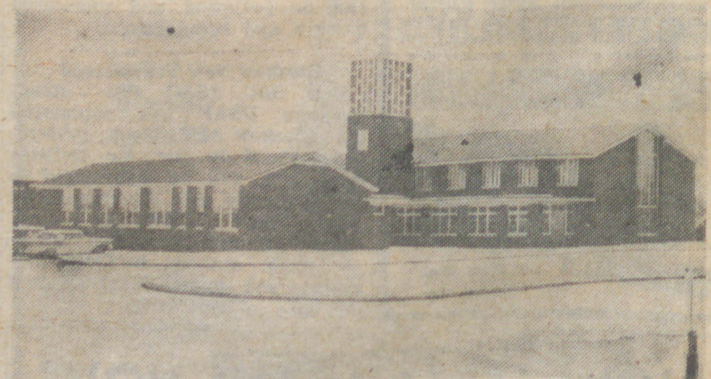
### The Result

March 20, 1945 — USSR denounces this pact, begins campaign to secure control of Black Sea straits.

June 14, 1946 — USSR forces Afghanistan to cede border territory of Kushka.

June 15, 1940 — Soviet troops invade Lithuania. August 3, 1940 — Lithuania is annexed by Soviet Union.

Soviet Union violates this pledge by 1939-40 invasions of Poland, Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia and Rumania.



## CHAPEL SCHEDULE

### PROTESTANT

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Sundays, 10:40 a. m. (Holy Communion first Sunday of month (Free Nursery) Children's Chapel 10:45 a.m.)  
Sunday School and Bible Study  
Classes for all ages  
Sundays, 9:45 a. m.  
Lutheran Communion  
First Sunday of month, 8:30 a.m. in Education Wing.

### CATHOLIC

Masses  
Sundays, 8:30 a. m. and 12 noon (Free Nursery)  
Weekday Masses 6:45 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.  
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# USAF Summer "Blues" Still Being Studied

(AFNS)—The much discussed Air Force summer blue uniform is still being discussed, but officials at the Pentagon expect to publish the final word sometime late in October.

The feeling is that the new lightweight tropical worsted will become an item in the wardrobe of every well dressed member of the Air Force. However, the actual phase-in of the new outfit for those already fully equipped with uniforms will take place over a period of years and will not cause an immediate run on the individual clothing budget, Headquarters spokesmen emphasized.

The new uniform, described officially as Shade 84, will consist essentially of a coat (oldtimers still call it a blouse) and trousers of 10½ oz. tropical worsted material exactly the shade and cut of the present winter blue uniform. The blue oxford shirt (Shade 126) will round out the outfit. Unchanged are cap and shoes. The cost of the summer garb will approximate that of serge wool coat and trousers.

The summer uniform has been under test and evaluation for the past three years. About 600 uniforms are now being worn throughout the Air Force.

If adopted, the Air Force plans a generous wear-out period for summer uniforms now considered as standard items such as the various "tropical" and "silver tan" shirt and trouser combinations. A five year period, from date of adoption, is under consideration and this will more than likely be the time limit set.

Unaffected by the advent of the new summer blues are the various combinations of the "Shade 505" uniform, which officials say will be around for a long time.

Air Force uniform policy is set by five member Uniform Board headed by the Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff, Development, Maj. Gen. Ralph P. Swofford. Other board members are: Maj. Gen. Charles J. Bondley, Director of Supplies and Services; Brig. Gen. William B. Keese, Deputy Director, Military Personnel; Col. Franklin W. Horton, Director of Personnel Planning; and Col. Emma J. Riley, Director, WAF.

Recommendations for uniform changes, and for the creation of entirely new uniforms, come from many sources, from the lowest echelons to the very top. Regardless of their origin, all communications bearing on the subject are given careful consideration. Thus, an individual can voice his opinion, pro or con, on items already in

service or suggest new clothing and accessories.

(Editor's Note: Instructions on how to go about it are contained in AFM 35-10, "Service and Dress Uniforms for Air Force Personnel." No formal military letter required, but stick to accepted business style.)

Once the board has decided to go ahead with a project, description and specifications go to Wright - Patterson AFB, Ohio, where the uniform item undergoes technical scrutiny. Here, experts decide if and how it should be made, if it can be made economically, or if it can be improved.

A recent decision to eliminate certain pocket flaps resulted in a saving of a few cents per garment—definitely not small change when hundreds of thousands of garments are concerned.

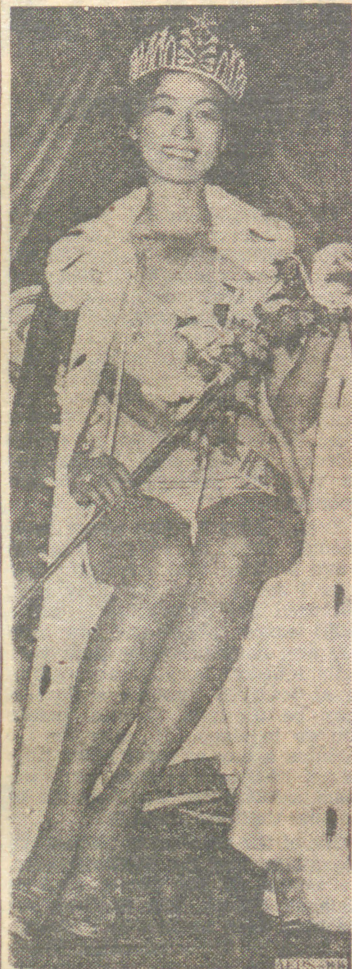
The Wright-Pat experts stay abreast of the times. Right now they are experimenting with a wash-and-wear version of the "505" uniform.

After technical details are worked out, design established, and specifications drawn up, the uniform moves to the "field test" stage where it will be worn for a year or more by persons engaged in a wide variety of Air Force jobs.

Testers are instructed to subject the garment to no unusual wear and tear, just treat it as an ordinary piece of clothing. When all reports are in, final manufacturer action starts with bids. A typical order will amount to some 500,000 pieces, but this vast number is distributed among a group of contractors.

Once manufacture has commenced, as estimated 18 months elapses before the new item makes its appearance in clothing sales stores and BXs.

# Tokyo Miss Reigns



LONG BEACH, CALIF. (AFPS) The title of Miss Universe was copped by a Tokyo fashion model, 22-year-old Akiko Kojima, at the finals here, making her the first Oriental to win the crown.

"I am oh, so very happy," said Akiko who stands a shapely five feet, six inches and has 37-23-38 measurements. "I had to pinch myself to be sure it was not a dream."

As Miss Universe she can look forward to \$10,000 in cash prizes in addition to other awards and a year-long world tour. She also is slated for Hollywood screen tests.

Akiko won the title against strong competition from Jorunn Kristiansen, Miss Norway. Terry Lynn Huntington, Miss United States, placed third among the five finalists.

She confessed demurely that her first reaction to winning the title was disbelief. "When it came down to five finalists, I eliminated myself and considered it a toss-up among the others."

Fourth and fifth places were taken, respectively, by Miss England, Pamela Anne Searle, and Miss Brazil, Vera Ribeiro.

As a Tokyo fashion model, the new Miss Universe has been earning between \$300 and \$700 a month. But two major Hollywood studios, Warner Bros. and 20th Century-Fox, lost no time in tabbing her as a potential movie find.

"I would like to make a movie or two . . . and then return to Japan for a visit," she said.

Akiko, who said she would like to live in the U. S., showed a linguistic affinity to its ways when she got the word.

"Oh, my gosh!" she said.

### New Member

HQ. SAC (SAC PS)—The newest member of SAC's Heads Up Flying Club is 1st Lt. Delmar E. Talley, 93d Combat Support Group, Castle AFB, Calif. His professional performance and distinguished airmanship saved a T-33 and two lives when his plane flamed-out after take off.

Lieutenant Talley is saluted in the August issue of COMBAT CREW, SAC's flying safety magazine.

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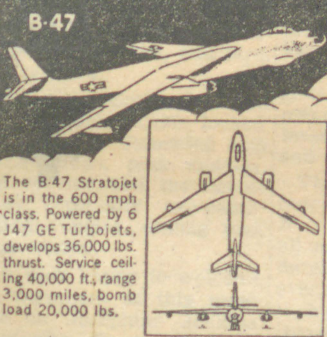
HQ. SAC (SAC PS)—USAF has announced that the following AFSCs will be authorized proficiency pay effective Sept. 1, 1959: 20250, 20270, 20280, 27270, 27280, 27350, 27370, 27380, 30250, 30270, 30280, 31580, 32380, 67330, 67370, 67380, and 68780.

In an all-commands message, USAF stated that AFR 39-45 is being amended to reflect these AFSCs.

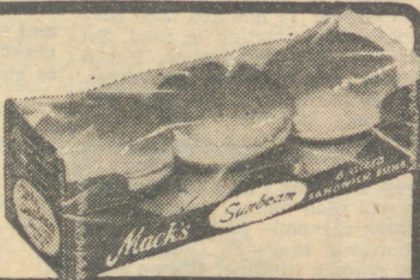
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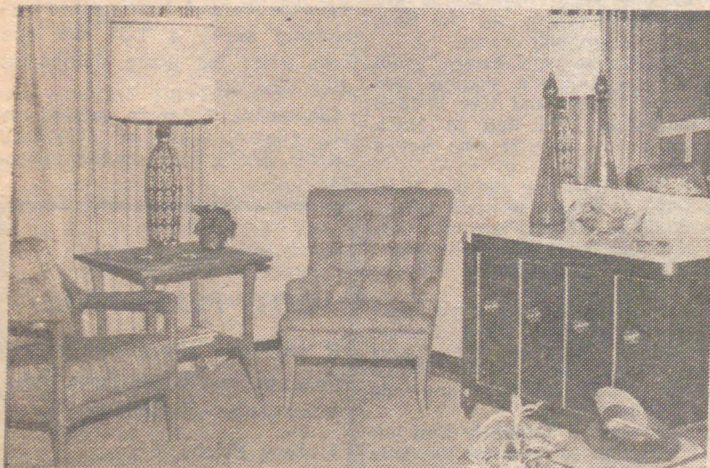
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# Dow Air Force Base Family



**JOB WELL DONE**—Family Services submitted a request for \$1,203.60 from Headquarters S. A. C. from their non-appropriated welfare fund for redecorating the Center. The grant was approved and above shows a portion of the results. Furniture was purchased primarily from Bangor Furniture Company; draperies from Bangor Window Shade Company, with the sewing being accomplished by many Family Services volunteers, led by Mrs. Nell Walker. In charge of decorating were Mrs. Lois Zethren and Mrs. Rue Horner.

## Undercover Stuff

You know, I hope, that your base Library has a POCKET BOOK EXCHANGE Library? It's run on a very simple method. You bring one book and swap it for another. Sounds easy doesn't it? Well why don't you try it? These pocket books are of all kinds and for all tastes. They are the exact same book that was published last year, under perhaps a different title. We have westerns, mysteries, science fiction, and biographies as well as poetry and foreign languages.

Yes, I know! "You never have enough time to read." I'm always hearing that excuse, whenever I ask anyone why they have not used the library. It is not a valid excuse. No matter how busy you are, no matter how tight your daily schedule is, you can squeeze in at least 15 minutes a day. It may be the last 15 min. before you go to sleep. It may be 15 minutes a day at some other time. In my lifetime I've seen some curious solutions to the problem of finding time for reading.

One of the greatest of all modern physicians was Sir William Osler. He taught at the Johns Hopkins Medical School. He finished his teaching days at McGill University. Many of the outstanding physicians today were his students. He was a physician, a teacher of physicians and a medical research specialist. Osler arrived at his reading time solution early. He read the last 15 minutes before he went to sleep. Osler never broke that rule once he had established it. If bedtime was set for 1:00 p.m., he read from 11:00 to 11:15 p.m. If research kept him up until 2 a.m., then he read from 2:00 to 2:15 a.m. Osler's greatness is attributed by his biographers and critics not just to his profound medical knowledge, and insight, but to his broad general education, for he was a very cultured man.

No universal formula can be prescribed for all people. Each of us must find our own 15 minute period each day. It is better if it is regular. Then all additional spare minutes are so many bonuses. The only requirement is the will to read.

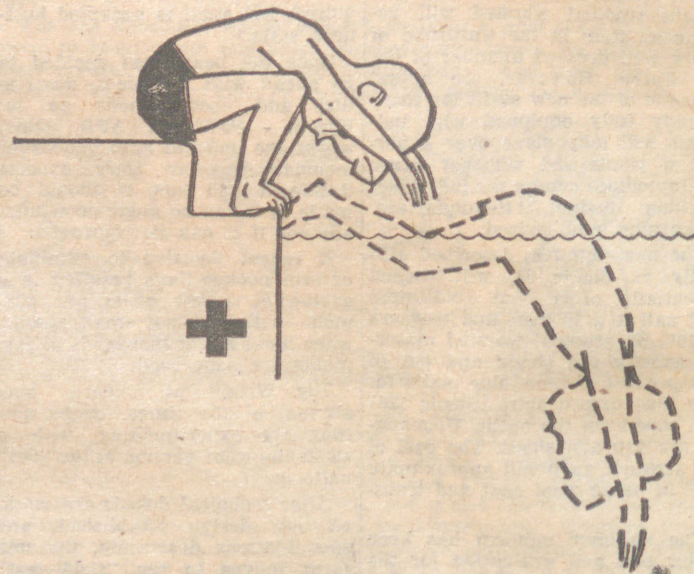
With this will to read you can find the 15 minutes no matter how busy the day. And you must have the books at hand. Not even seconds of your 15 minutes time may be wasted in starting to read. Set that book out in advance. Put it in your pocket when you dress. Put another book beside your bed. Place one in your bath room. Keep one near your dining table.

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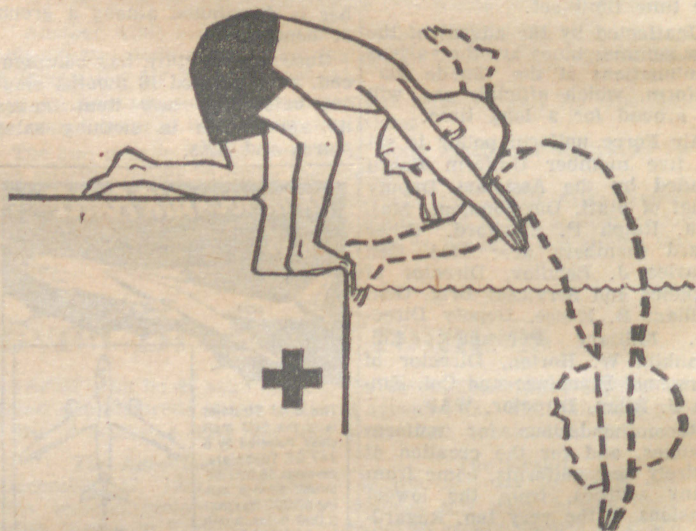
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## TEACHING JOHNNY TO SWIM

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This is the first step for Johnny to learn to dive. Have him sit on the pool deck with his feet on the overflow trough, above six-foot-deep water. From this position he bends forward, knees apart and arms extended, hands together. When he loses his balance, he should push with his feet and slide into the water. Turning his fingers up and looking up will help him come to the surface. In teaching Johnny to dive, there must be someone close by to help him if he gets in trouble.



Now he can try a dive kneeling on one knee, as in this illustration. He extends his arms, bends forward from the waist, and slides into the water. Tell him to keep his chin down on his chest as he goes into the water, and lift his chin when he wants to come to the surface.



At eight-foot-deep water, for the final stage in learning to dive, Johnny stands with his feet together, toes hooking the edge of the deck, and arms extended overhead. From this position he bends from the waist and leans forward until his balance is lost. Then he pushes hard from the deck and keeping his chin down, goes into the water, arms and head first.

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## Family Services Here Honored

Family Services was honored to have Mrs. Walter C. Sweeney, wife of Lieut. General Sweeney, Commander of 8th Air Force, in attendance at the August 3 meeting of Chairmen and Co-Chairmen. The meeting was conducted as usual by the Coordinator, Mrs. Hazel Rowland, with the monthly reports of the Committee Chairmen and old and new business. Then Mrs. Sweeney devoted more than an hour in giving a stimulating over-all picture of the various functions of Family Services and in answering questions. Giving her time to our group in a busily-crowded schedule will doubtless prove rewarding to Family Services as a whole, as Mrs. Sweeney's enthusiasm and interest in the Program gave each Committee new ideas in scope.

We were also pleased that Mrs. Sweeney commented very favorably on our newly redecorated Center.

## Rhymes of the Times

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# News And Social Happenings



"I'LL TAKE IT" says Mrs. Walter C. Sweeney, Jr., wife of Lt. Gen. Walter C. Sweeney, Jr., commander 8th AF, who recently visited Dow's Thrift Shop. Mrs. Sweeney was quite impressed with the shop and commented that it is the nicest she has seen. . . Mrs. Sweeney also visited the Youth Center, Family Services and was guest of both the NCO and Officers' Wives Clubs.

## Officers Wives Club Notes

An informal coke party was held Monday August 3rd, at the Officers Club honoring Mrs. Walter C. Sweeney, Jr., wife of Lieut. General Sweeney commander of 8th Air Force.

A chartreuse burlap tablecloth was accented by red and white potted geraniums against a background of red hurricane lamps.

Hostesses were Mrs. William A. Crawford, Mrs. Lawson C. Horner, Jr., Mrs. Henry J. Clerici and Mrs. Charles L. Cox, Jr.

Alice Lenz is conducting a speech clinic Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. Interested people should come to the club at 7:30 p. m. or call Alice at Ex. 2868.

Those participating in last Tuesday's class were Mille Crawford,

Cris Walker, Nell Walker and Betty Brown.

A fashion show is planned for Sunday, August 23rd preceding the buffet. Admittance will be \$1.00. All proceeds will benefit Air Force Aid Society.



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## NCO Wives Club Notes

By MARIE CULLY

Monday, August third, found us at the Club having a coffee for Mrs. Sweeney, wife of Lt. Gen. Sweeney. Special guests of the morning were Mrs. Walter Sweeney, Mrs. George Zethren, and Mrs. William Crawford.

Hostesses were Emily Maxwell and Alice Reynolds. Table looked lovely girls. It was decorated with silver candlesticks, pink candles, silver tea service and the center piece was especially eye-catching, floating candles, among pink and yellow roses.

We were very happy to welcome four new members at this meeting. Hello to Josephine Jenkins, Jean Hagstedt, Freda Stedham and Ruth Walk, from all of us. Hope to see our Guests, Celeste March, Pat Smith, Christine Robertson and Eunice Decesre come back to another meeting. How about it girls?

The schedule for the Wives Club for August and September is full, and it looks like we're going to be pretty busy. August 6th will find most of us at a surprise luncheon and business meeting. A Newcomers Breakfast will be held on the thirteenth. Now that sounds like fun, if you get up early in the morning, its at nine A. M. they tell me.

For August 20th, there are plans being laid for either a steak dinner or a lobster dinner, to be held on the Patio of the Club.(weather permitting, that is.) Then, there's rumors of a Fashion Show, the evening of the twenty-seventh. Husbands too. In fact its open house. More of that next week, but keep it in mind.

A Dinner Dance is being held

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the eighth of August, and a tip to the new members, its a good time to get acquainted, for both you and your husband.

We are very sorry to see two resignations posted, for it means losing Betty Shimp and Johnnie Leadbetter, both to Texas. The girls aren't sorry though, for it means going home to both. At least, close enough to go home and visit on a weekend.

The kids are sure taking advantage of that playground equipment. If you haven't seen it yet, it's all set up at the Youth Center. A dozen or so small fry have tried everything out and recommend it highly. I think thats all the thank-you we require.

Hazel Rowland says they still need help in all departments of family services, and Alvina Little says the Thrift Shop needs resale items. See you all at the Newcomers Breakfast, pin-curls and all.

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## Stay Over Says USAF

Hq. SAC (SAC PS) Dow officers and airmen slated for overseas assignments will be encouraged by the Air Force to stay over for as long as they can. A USAF message - AFPMP 42780 - stated that to minimize PCS actions it is essential that all military personnel overseas be encouraged to voluntarily extend their tours (to the 48-month maximum). This action would also stabilize manning and reduce the annual cost of transferring personnel to and from overseas areas.

Some of the countries in which SAC has personnel who could take advantage of the "48-month maximum" are Morocco, Spain, Puerto Rico, Bermuda, and England.

## Gen. Hopwood Visits Mock-up

Maintenance of the triple-sonic F-108 long-range interceptor and the B-70 intercontinental bomber will make use of existing personnel skill levels, the director of Air Force Personnel Procurement and Training was told last week during a briefing on the two new weapon systems at North American Aviation's Los Angeles Division.

Major General Lloyd P. Hopwood with a party of top ranking Air Force personnel and training officers visited mock-ups of the two high performance manned aircraft of the future and then were given extensive briefings on the maintenance of the aircraft and training necessary for assigned personnel.

"Design of both the F-108 and B-70's operational capabilities as a main aerial war deterrent was accomplished by North American Aviation to utilize facilities and air fields now used by Strategic Air Command heavy bombers and Air Defense Command interceptors as well as the existing personnel of the commands," Harrison Storms, chief engineer at the company's Los Angeles Division pointed out.



T/SGT. LOUIS E. COFFET of the Base Police Flight points to the base Safety Bulletin and one of his favorite safety slogans.

## Congress Okays Stretchout For Duty-Free Gift Mail

Downmen alerted for overseas will be interested to learn that they will be able to send duty-free gifts to the folks back home until at least July first, 1961, provided the value does not exceed \$50 and items are bonafide presents.

But a general tightening up of customs control is in the wind. The idea is to protect the duty-free privilege, in effect as temporary legislation since 1942, by making sure that the monetary value limit is not exceeded and the gifts are really gifts, and not something else.

The new lease on life came July 17 when Congress, following a practice set up in 1949, put its stamp of approval on another two-year extension. Pentagon postal officials emphasized the point that the legislation is temporary and abuses could possibly result in termination of the privilege.

While a limit of \$50 is placed on duty-free entry of gifts, there is no limit on the number of gifts that can be sent. Thus, a serviceman on duty or in TDY status in an overseas area can send any number of presents to any number of persons provided he stays within the money ceiling and there is no funny business about the addressees.

This last has been a sore point

with both postal and customs officials. While they admit that detailed inspection of every package received in the U. S. is impossible, spot checks have indicated some attempts to circumvent the rules. Such tricks, they say, place the whole duty-free privilege in jeopardy.

Gifts costing more than \$50 may be sent but a customs fee is placed on the value in excess of this amount. Different scales prevail, depending on the nature of the item, but the front runner of all imports as far as duty charges are concerned is costume jewelry which can run as high as 55 per cent, followed by textiles with lace trim (to 45 per cent), and silver jewelry (to 35 per cent).

## NSLI Declares Special Dividend

(AFNS) Some 85,000 holders of National Service Life Insurance with the special total disability income clause will begin carving up a \$4 million surplus, with some checks in the mail in early August.

The average dividend will amount to about \$50, Veterans Administration officials in Washington, D. C., said, with a few running to quite a bit more than that. Refusing to state a high or low figure, they said such a computation would be impossible since many variables go into determining how much each policy holder will get.

Among the areas of consideration are age of policy holder, amount of insurance, and policy anniversary date. The most accurate estimate can be had at local field offices of the VA where insurance experts will evaluate each policy.

The total disability income provision is a relatively recent development of NSLI and is still undergoing refinements. The current dividend is one. As originally planned, policy holders were to receive \$5 per \$1,000 of insurance carried in the event of total incapacity. This rate was recently increased to \$10 per \$1,000.

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By Captain James R. Glaze Base Director Of Safety Worry Straight

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Worry about the kids getting proper nourishment—then leave household poisons lying around for them to snack on.

Worry about H-Bombs—then blow our heads off lighting a faulty stove.

Worry about the latest Russian submarine—then drown without a life preserver, 10 minutes from home.

Worry about polio—then get crippled up by a power lawnmower or home-shop power tool.

Worry about clothing the kids properly—then leave the plastic bag from the sweater you bought at the PX lying so the kid can suffocate himself easily.

Worry about who's going to catch the biggest fish—then get a fish hook caught in your eyeball while demonstrating the latest technique to junior.

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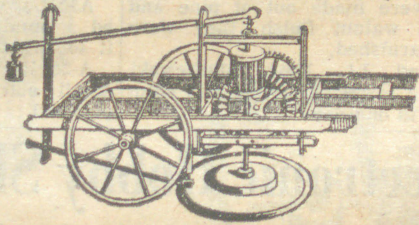
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# Teen Talk

By DALE MOSES

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There will only be two more games in this season however. But your presence will be greatly appreciated because it is the last two games of the year.

Our next game will be played against Cities Service on Wednesday. Game time is 6:00 p.m. And finally the last game to be played is scheduled for the following Monday at 6:00 p.m. at the Fifth Street baseball diamond. Let's see a big turnout for the teams last appearances.

## Billets Short In Hawaiian Area

Hq. SAC (SAC PS) Dow AFB personnel planning leaves or TDY in the Hawaiian area are advised by USAF all command message that billeting, both military and civilian is very scarce there and there is no relief in sight.

This condition exists due to the increased tourist activity since Hawaii attained statehood and — also — USAF's new policy of permitting personnel returning PCS from the Far East to take a five-day leave in Hawaii, providing they have accommodations.

# Godfrey Presents Copy Air Force Blue Book

Arthur Godfrey has just presented to Mrs. Henry H. Arnold a copy of "The Air Force Blue Book," a new-type book about today's world-wide operations of the Air Force, it was announced. The Blue Book, dedicated to the late General of the Air Force Henry H. Arnold, her husband, was sent to Mrs. Arnold at her home in Sonoma, California.

Mr. Godfrey, who is recovering from a cancer operation, wrote a personal note to Mrs. Arnold on the first page. In his letter of presentation, made as a member of the Governing Policy Board of Military Publishing Institute, he calls General Arnold "the great father of our present day Air Force." He refers to "historic contributions" made to the nation by General Arnold.

"The Air Force Blue Book" is the first publication of its kind since early in World War II, when General Arnold requested that a book — "The Army Air Forces Guide" — be written, which would portray an overall story of the service — its developments, poli-

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cies, purposes, organization. The new Blue Book contains 45 narrative chapters about the Air Force today, and 136 pages of facts, thoroughly indexed. Its primary purpose is to help bring about a better understanding of the Air Force. The soft cover edition is published by Military Publishing Institute, of New York City, and the deluxe edition by The Bobbs-Merrill Company, of Indianapolis, Indiana.

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# Retirees May Now Apply Three Months In Advance

(AFNS) The Air Force has stepped down from its previously announced stand that a member bent on retiring must wait until he has actually passed the 20-year service mark before he can submit his paperwork.

Under a new interpretation of the law, passed to the field in Headquarters message 47049, July 29, applications for voluntary retirement may be submitted not more than 90, nor less than 60 days, in advance of the desired retirement date.

This means, with a little luck and with all the necessary papers in foolproof order, some retirees will be able to terminate their service on the last day of the last month of the 20th year.

Applications for voluntary retirement are coming into the Pentagon now at a rate of about 350 airmen and officers each month. It is likely that the "early application" change will accelerate the traffic. An average over the first six months of 1959 saw something over 50 officers and more than 300 airmen receiving their final separation orders each month.

Another factor bearing on the expected increase in applications is that more and more of the group which entered the Armed Forces during the mushroom expansion of 1940-43 and stayed in will soon be completing 20 years of service.

Forecast against a background of rapidly increasing retirement experience, Pentagon personnel planners expect voluntary retirements to reach a peak during 1961-62. This is a purely speculative estimate and as such is subject to revision.

Normally, barring unusual circumstances, something under 60 days is required in which to process and complete a retirement request. A large share of this time is used in verifying service. For example, an applicant may

have National Guard time, which means correspondence with this state's adjutant general's office. He probably spent some of his time in the Army, and this necessitates a review of Army records in St. Louis. Add to this the possibility he may have a reserve commission, requiring a check of records at Denver, and the 60 days shrinks to a pretty small space of time. The rest of the paper work takes a comparatively short time.

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**THURSDAY & FRIDAY**  
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**SATURDAY**  
**"DANGEROUS YOUTH"** Starring Frankie Vaughn. Singer Frankie Vaughn portrays a rock n' roll king who is drafted into the Army and finds the Army life difficult to adjust too.

**SATURDAY (MATINEE)**  
**"SHOOTOUT AT MEDICINE BEND"** Starring Randolph Scott. Chapter 14 Captain Video.

**SUNDAY & MONDAY**  
**"ANATOMY OF A MURDER"** Starring James Stewart and Lee Remick. Based on the Best Seller of last year the screen brings you ANATOMY OF A MURDER. It stars James Stewart as the small town attorney involved in a murder case rampant with sex, vio-

lance, lust and hate. Also starred are Lee Remick as the attractive young woman whose allure sparks a criminal assault; Ben Gazzara as her husband who murders the man who had violated his wife. Arthur O'Connell as Stewart's associate wise in the ways of the law. Stewart brings forward the dramatic, and obscure, legal precedent which triumphs in the novel and, of course, in the film; the irresistible impulse argument which helps to free a man on trial for murder.

**TUESDAY**  
**"THE BAT"** Starring Vincent Price and Agnes Moorhead. The search for a million dollars in an old home haunted by a maniacal killer The Bat, is the center of interest in this tale of horror.

**WEDNESDAY**  
**"HOUSEBOAT"** Starring Cary Grant and Sophia Loren. The light hearted tale tells all about a lawyer's dilemma when he inherits his three children through the death of his wife.

**THURSDAY & FRIDAY**  
**"TEN SECONDS TO HELL"** Starring Jeff Chandler and Jack Palance.

## Auto Hobby Shop News

The Auto Hobby Shop had a total of 139 vehicles and their owners use the facilities here.

Major Maintenance is filled up which means the personnel utilizing our shop are becoming specialist in the trade.

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Last week the ammunition inspectors came and inspected our facilities.

## Gym News

The final 18 holes of golf to determine the base champ and the base runner-up will be held at Lucerne Golf Course August 8, the first foursome will tee off at 8:30 a. m. There are 13 players eligible for the play off, with Paine and Nichols leading with an 80 each.

The base champ and runner-up trophies will be awarded at the Sports Smoker the evening of August 8.

The Soft Ball tournament was completed last weekend, with Supply Sq. winning the base championship from AIO, by 8-2, making AIO base runner-up. Supply Sq. will be going to Loring August 10-14 for the Central Division Championship Tournament.

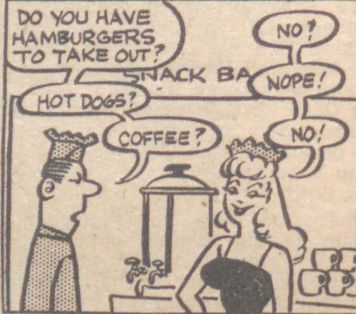
All squadrons planning to parti-

cipate in touch football should submit a roster of players and the managers name and phone number to the base gym, as soon as possible. A football clinic will be held by TSgt. Parr and TSgt. Woodward beginning sometime after August 10. The Clinic will be held Monday evenings at 7:30 pm at the base Service Club.

The Sports Smoker will be held at the NCO Dining Hall August 8, beginning at 8 p.m. All baseball, softball, track, tennis and golf players are invited. Dinner will be served followed by presentation of trophies for golf and softball. Refreshments will be served during the showing of sports films. No wives and, or girl friends.

On August 7, 1954 the USAF revealed that the School of Aviation Medicine had previously received the "first piece of experimental equipment ever built specifically for the study of living conditions in space" - a sealed cabin, to simulate the interior of a spaceship.

### Operation Blonde



## JAG Office To Revise Manual

(AFNS)—Air Force Judge Advocates will find the going smoother now when it comes to checking the facts on many legal questions. The Judge Advocate General's office is re-writing some of its manuals and adding new titles to its library for legal officers.

The manuals will also be helpful to commanders, adjutants and Air Force members who might need to look up certain information of a legal nature. Base and command libraries are on the distribution lists for the manuals.

In style, format and presentation, the new manuals will be an improvement over the previous publications. For the newly appointed Judge Advocate, especially, the legal reference bookshelf will provide an easy and convenient means of determining proper procedures.

The manuals have flexible covers and pages can be inserted or taken out when changes are required. A new distribution system will speed revisions or supplementary information to the field within two weeks' time.

Manuals already issued cover Legal Research, Military Justice (two volumes) and Civil Law. An authoritative manual on Contracts is due in early fall, covering procurement and government contracts. Other manuals to be issued will deal with Claims and Boards of Officers.

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A-1c Elwin Donaldson made a small reading table for his room, its made out of brick veneer. He made this in a day and a half.

Major William Price made a couple of book ends for his home, it took 1 day to complete.

A-2c Bobby Joe Green made four picture frames for his room, they were made out of pine and had a walnut finish, they were also varnished.

Second Lt. Dick Modzewski made a towel rack, this was completed in one day.

S-Sgt Henry Oliver made three NicNac shelves for his home.

A-3c Ken Wilson completed a small baby chair, he repaired it for a friend of his, it took two days to repair.

Capt. George Thomas made book shelves for his office.

First Lt. Vic Yaneshewski of the 341st ARS made some book shelves in three hours, with the help of shop personnel.

First Lt. Joe Mockom made emblem patterns. These will go on his spice cabinet at home.

A3c Lawrence Bodinski completed a small cabinet for his room it took him 5 hours.

A-2c Harry Bright is making a small end table out of marine plywood.

## Electronic Hobby Shop News

After a lasp of a week the Electronics Hobby Shop is back.

We are glad to see some of the boys from the 75th taking advantage of our shop. A-2C Arch has been one of our steady customers, if any of you fellows have a phonograph that won't work and you have a push pull out put, Arch can show you how to make it work.

MSgt. Goulding had his TV in fixing up an extra set for the kids. With school out and nothing to do, an extra set comes in handy.

Lt. Riordan was in and fixed

up his portable radio. Guess they come in handy up in the woods, huh, Lt.?

We have had several fellows in about their car radios. We don't fix radios. If you take them out of your car, we can test the tubes and help you in any way possible. If you don't want to work on it yourself, we can recommend someone to fix it for you.

Remember this is your facility. We are here to help you in any way possible. If we don't have a part you need, we can get it. Drop in and see us. We are open each day from 5:30 till 7 p.m. Saturdays 9 am till 1 p.m.

## Service Club Lowdown

The prize cabinet at the Service Club is bursting with wonderful things to be won on Wednesday nights. They're for the weekly pinochle champions. So, men, if you play the game and are looking for some competition, round up a partner and be here Wednesday. The bidding starts at 7:30 and the prizes are awarded by 10 P.M.

Some bridge enthusiasts have recently been looking for partners. If you play this game, please leave your name in the office and we'll try to get interested parties together.

Don't forget the new copper enameling class every Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m. A-2c Jack Ade who decently joined the staff is the instructor. In one evening and for just a few pennies you can make a pair of earrings or cuff links.

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**MONDAY**  
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**TUESDAY**  
 Ceramic class 1 p. m. Hobby Shop and Photo Lab. 6 to 10 p.m. Copper enameling class 7:30 p. m.

**WEDNESDAY**  
 Pinochle Tournament 7:30 p.m.

**THURSDAY**  
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## \$1500 Top Suggestion Prize Won By TAC's Maj. Reichman

(AFNS) An Air Force major and three sergeants have just been named winners in the Air Force-wide Military Suggestion Contest for 1959. They will share \$3,500

in prize money for suggestions which will save the Air Force an estimated \$958,379 during the first year of application.

The top prize of \$1,500 was won by Maj. Omer J. Reichman of Tactical Air Command. Another TAC man, SSgt. William H. Carlisle, took the second place prize of \$1,000.

SSgt. Jerome H. Canady and SSgt. Harold A. Busby, both of Pacific Air Forces, took third and fourth places in the suggestion competition. Sergeant Canady earned \$500 for his money-saving idea and Sergeant Busby was awarded \$350 for his entry.

Major air commands are expected to honor their winners with appropriate presentation ceremonies, according to Hq. USAF officials, in charge of the awards program.

The standards set for this first military suggestion contest were high. Entries had to have Air Force-wide application and a first year tangible saving of \$50,000 or more, or else have "an intangible benefit of extraordinary value and general application."

Other factors besides the strictly monetary savings were considered by the five-man board which judged the suggestions entered in the competition. Among other things, the board weighed each entry as to degree of improvement if offered, originality of idea, amount of effort required to fully develop and submit suggestion, and whether the idea was related to the man's primary duty assignment.

Also considered was the suggestion's contribution to improving flight safety.

All suggestions that won awards were of the practical, "flight line" type.

Major Reichman, 479th Tactical Fighter Wing, George AFB, Calif., specified a means for modifying a jet engine pilot burner to improve afterburner performance and at the same time cut

## Senate Committee OK's "White Charger" Bill

(AFNS) The Department of Defense's "White Charger" bill, designed to provide a vital energetic, and flexible regular officer corps through the involuntary retirement of certain field grade officers, was reported favorably by the Full Senate Armed Services Committee on 23 July.

In testimony before the Senate Armed Services subcommittee in mid-June Gen. Curtis E. LeMay, Air Force Vice Chief of Staff, said the bill had the unqualified support of the Air Force.

"White Charger" will have no effect on the careers of the thousands of "career" Reserve officers serving on active duty.

The bill (formal title: S. 1795, A Bill "To Amend Title 10, U. S. Code, To Revise Certain Provisions Relating to the Promotion and Involuntary Retirement of Officers of the Regular Components of the Armed Forces") has three essential features calculated to provide authority needed to get the officer quality control measure operational. These features would:

Require the use of the "best qualified" selection procedure for regular officer promotion to all grades above captain.

Permit a limited number of promotions for officers who prove to have outstanding ability and competence.

Provide a quality selection method for applying forced retirement of certain permanent colonels and lieutenant colonels.

Adoption of the Air Force's recommendations would see the forced retirement in Fiscal Year 1960 of between 100 and 200 lieutenant colonels and about 25 colonels, all in permanent grade, who have been passed over several times.

Another important feature of "Charger" is the accelerated permanent promotion of outstanding officers from "below the zone of selection" (BTZ). The proposed law would allow the Secretary of the Air Force to promote from below the primary zone of consideration a number of captains, majors, and lieutenant colonels, the number not to exceed five per cent of the number specified by him for promotion from within the "primary zone."

The Air Force plans to consider for promotion those below-the-zoners who:

Have served on active duty in or above the grade of captain, major, or lieutenant colonel, whichever is appropriate, for at least four years.

Have not less than 10, 14, and 18 years of promotion list service for promotion to the grades of major, lieutenant colonel, and colonel, respectively.

Have been nominated for accelerated permanent promotion

down coking of the pilot burner liner. Maintenance experts estimate this suggestion will result in a first year's saving of \$336,770, and will also enhance flight safety.

Now with the U. S. Air Forces in Europe, SSgt. William H. Carlisle, then of the 429th Air Refueling Squadron, Langley AFB, Va., won second prize with his plan for modifying a prar-drogue canopy, used in air refueling operations, for greater durability and ease of refueling. First year savings will amount to about \$98,820.

Sergeant Canady, 67th Field Maintenance Squadron, Yokota AB, Japan, devised an improved mounting bracket for the upper deck reference solinoid of B-50 engine. The year's saving from this will be about \$152,461.

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by a nomination board convened at USAF Headquarters, or at a major command.

Maj. Gen. Joseph J. Nazzaro, Director of Personnel Planning, who also went to the "Hill" at the same time as General LeMay, explained that the five per cent BTZ promotions would be at the expense of officers in the primary zone of consideration.

Regarding the involuntary retirement feature of "Charger" General Nazzaro said the Air Force now has about 1,200 permanent lieutenant colonels who had been passed over at least twice, and some as many as 11 times, and they have been in permanent grade from nine to 11 years.

General Nazzaro said the Air Force would consider for involuntary retirement in 1959, if Congress goes along with Air Force thinking, those lieutenant colonels who have been considered but not selected for permanent colonel from 11 times down to five inclusive. This means anywhere from 100 to 200 permanent lieutenant colonels would be retired the first year.

However, once an officer is considered for early involuntary retirement but retained, he will not be considered again for three years unless specifically cited.

On June 30 the Air Force had some 600 permanent colonels, serving in that grade, who have been considered at least twice for promotion to brigadier. Officers in this group have served in their present permanent grade from six to 11 years.

Involuntary retirement for colonels in this category would be established in numerical increments of 200 starting with those officers promoted to permanent colonel in 1948 and 1949, and extending to some selected in 1950.

Since the proposed law provides for involuntary retirement of only 20 per cent of those considered, 40 would be the maximum that could be eliminated in any one year. About 25 would be retired the first year.

Once considered and retained on active duty, a permanent colonel could not be considered again unless specifically nominate in effect, he could probably serve his full 30 years.

In his presentation, General Naz-

zaro pointed out that the Air Force recognizes that only a select few permanent colonels may be promoted to general rank. "As a result, no stigma is or should be attached to non-selection," he added.

In closing, the general said: "I would like to emphasize the fact that the Air Force desires this legislation for use as a quality control feature in its overall management program. None of the elimination features will be utilized as a means to provide greater opportunity for promotion, but rather as a means of maintaining the type of high quality officer force necessary in today's increasingly complex environment."

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### "Space Available" Chancey Says AF

(AFNS) There is no definite way to estimate chances of getting aboard a MATS aircraft on a "space available" basis, transportation officials in the Pentagon emphasized this week in warning travelers to think twice before counting on spending a leave abroad.

Possession of ordinary leave orders and permission to travel to a foreign country does not automatically guarantee that space will be available aboard a MATS aircraft when the urge comes to hit the high road.

As the tag implies, space becomes available in MATS planes only after all military requirements are met, and "bumping" of passengers already logged on the manifest is not an uncommon happening if a greater military need for the space arises.

Over the years a pattern has developed which finds most permanent changes of station taking place during the summer months when dependent children can be moved without disrupting their education. Unfortunately, for "space" travelers, this is also the traditional season for vacations. When the two come in conflict, the travelers in PCS status will always get a seat.

The Headquarters warning was prompted by a MATS message which spoke of a "tremendous volume" of traffic clogging aerial ports.

### SACmen Urged To Volunteer Short Tour Area

H.Q. SAC (SAC-PS)—Airmen and warrant officers who are vulnerable for overseas, but cannot be accompanied by dependents because of physical, economical or other considerations, are being encouraged by SAC to voluntarily apply for an overseas assignment to a short-tour area.

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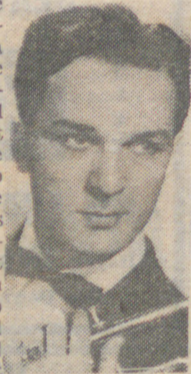
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**RETREAT CEREMONY**—The first formal retreat ceremony this year at Dow was held by men of the 4060th Combat Defense Squadron in front of Group Headquarters building. Major Lloyd R. Bishop, Commander of the Combat Defense Squadron and Dow's Provost Marshall, took the first step in hopes that other squadrons will follow. The squadron held a retreat ceremony Monday and Wednesday and they will hold another one today.

### Dorsey Orchestra To Perform At Dow AFB

On Friday, 21 August, "Those Fabulous Dorseys" orchestra, now led by Lee Castle, will perform at the Dow AFB Officer's Club. This dance will be sponsored by the 341st Air Refueling Squadron. Tickets for the event are available from a member of the 341st and a limited number will be on sale at the door of the Officer's Club the night of the dance. It has long been an established fact that if and when someone had to get up and lead a Dorsey Band (that was not named Dorsey), that someone would be a musician by the name of Lee Castle. For Lee, one of the best trumpet players in the country, has been more than just



a member of the Dorsey Band for many years, he has been considered the "third son" of the Dorsey family.

Lee started playing when he was very young, accepting every opportunity to play that he could get, spending a great deal of his time playing at the local Italian street festivals but still not quite sure that this was to be his career.

It wasn't long after Lee decided to play the trumpet professionally that he started with Joe Hyam's Band, and from there to the better known bands of the day, such as Artie Shaw, Glen Miller and Tommy Dorsey. Dorsey immediately noticed the potential talent that Lee possessed and insisted that he leave Pennsylvania to study with Mr. Dorsey Senior.

Upon completing his training, Lee joined the Benny Goodman Band, but soon left to form his own group, which became one of the most popular in the country.

Finally the call came from the "Dorsey" boys to once again join forces. Tommy and Lee both disbanded their organizations and joined with Jimmy to create the new group to be known as "the Fabulous Dorsey Orchestra".

Lee's artistic feeling also shows itself in his personal life, as he is married to Jean Valero, formerly with the Xavier Cugat Orchestra. Jean, who started to paint as a hobby, has had many prominent exhibits throughout the country and has actually sold many of her paintings.

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man with a 12-month compassionate deferment, which has since expired, who is vulnerable for overseas but still can't move his dependents. Such a person would benefit from a short-tour overseas assignment because of the minimum period of family separation. Due to fluctuating requirements and mission changes, however SAC has cautioned its commands that a positive prediction of when such a volunteer will be selected for overseas cannot be made.

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