

Lubbock Pastor Addresses 55-L Graduation Class

Seventy new pilots were added to the United States Air Force today as Class 55-L was graduated from the Reese Air Force Base multi-engine pilot training program in exercises in the base theater. The class included 18 men who trained as student officers and 52 as aviation cadets.

The Rev. J. Chess Lovern, pastor of the First Methodist church, was graduation speaker, urging the new pilots to be men of character if they would serve their nation well.

"Ours is the responsibility to build men, not muscle," Rev. Lovern said. "It is more important that we have proper manpower behind the wheel than under the hood, better manpower piloting our aircraft than pushing the propeller. We need and must have character."

He also advised the graduates not to permit their superiors to think for them, not to accept a

philosophy of fatality, to accept only the truth, and to emphasize the philosophy of the spiritual, instead of the philosophy of power.

Rev. Lovern was presented by Col. Murray W. Crowder Jr., Reese AFB executive officer, who also awarded silver pilot wings to graduates. Maj. Tobias Schindler, Student Squadron commander, presided and administered the oath to newly commissioned second lieutenants, who trained as aviation cadets. Lt. Col. William K. Pfingst, commander of the 3501st Pilot Training squadron, assisted in wing presentation, and Chaplain (Major) Wilbur J. McDaniel gave the invocation and benediction, as well as awarding diplomas.

Volunteer Band Play

The Reese Volunteer band played for the exercises, directed by 1st Lt. Theodore Dahlfors, Student Squadron adjutant.

Two cadets, Robert G. Balderree

of Toledo, Ore., and Chester R. Elliott of Springfield, Tenn., were honored as Distinguished cadets, eligible for special consideration for regular Air Force commissions on the basis of high attainment in flying, academic, and military training. Honored as outstanding athletes of the class were 2nd Lt. Timothy A. Hickey of Mobile, Ala., former football and basketball letterman of Springhill college, Mobile, and 2nd Lt. Robert Fitzsimmons of Spokane, Wash., graduate of Washington State.

Family Present

Graduation marked a partial reunion for the Sizemore family of Lawrenceville, Ill. 1st Lt. James E. Sizemore was a member of the graduating class. His mother came by train from her home, while Lt. Gene Sizemore of Moffitt Naval Air station, San Jose, Cal., flew in by jet aircraft to attend the graduation of his brother. The Naval flier has been in service over ten years, while Lt. James Sizemore is in his fifth year in the Air Force. Another brother, Jerry, is an airman third class at Moody AFB, Ga., awaiting action on his application for pilot training. The father of the Sizemore boys, Boyd Sizemore, was a seaman first class in the Navy in World War II.

Texan graduates were 2nd Lts. Robert R. Lawson of Beeville, Tober B. Brown of Waco, and Joseph M. Stewart of Fort Worth.

Base Personnel Enjoy Concert Given By WAF Band Tuesday

It is the general opinion among music lovers of Reese AFB this weekend that the USAF WAF band is a right sharp musical organization. The band arrived on the base Monday afternoon and stayed until Thursday morning. During that time the bands-ladies gave a Tuesday night concert in the base theater, held a two-hour practice session with the Texas Tech band, attended a social given by the Tech band, and presented a Wednesday night concert which also included moves to increase Air Force enlistments.

The Reese concert was originally scheduled to be presented on the parade field, but spring winds and "light blowing dust" brought a shift to the theater. The building was almost packed for the concert.

The band opened with the Air Force Song by the band, with Capt. Marybelle Nissly directing. Then came When the Saints Come Marching Home and excerpts

from Rogers and Hammerstein's "Carousel". A/IC Roxane Spurger, the band's first sergeant who earlier in the day received a promotion, sang "Song of Songs," and later gave "Count Your Blessing". The band also played the Rhumba Syncopation, the First Swedish Rhapsody, In a Persian Market, and Semper Fidelis.

In addition, a trombone specialty, Shout Elija, was offered in a manner which "brought down the house." The bell-ringers presented Miss Sandman and the Bells of St. Mary's. Benni Dunn and her baton twirlers from Texas Tech offered a short demonstration. The band also presented a novelty number, Little Bop Riding Hood. Calls for encores followed presentation of a jam session, At the Gremlin's Ball.

The band varied its program in the Texas Tech program, in keeping with its policy of changing every program. First Lt. Audrey Thomas was master-of-ceremonies for both concerts.



PRETTY MELODY—Members of the U. S. WAF band, under the direction of Capt. Marybelle Nissly, are shown playing in the concert in the base theater, last Tuesday. The band played a variety of numbers which included a trombone novelty and the WAF Bellringers. The band, after making appearances at Texas Tech Wednesday, continued their tour of Air Force Bases in the Area. (Photo by Wilhite, Base Photo Lab.)



LUCKY JUDGE—Col. James F. Mears, Commander of the 3500th Pilot Training Group, congratulates Miss Joyce Tharp, Texas Tech junior from Littlefield, who was crowned "MISS TOPFLIGHT 1955" during an intermission at the U. S. WAF Band concert in the Tech gymnasium Wednesday night. Miss Tharp was chosen from a field of six finalists in the contest sponsored by the Lubbock Jr. Chamber of Commerce. Colonel Mears served as one of the judges for the contest. (Photo by Wilhite, Base Photo Lab.)

Red Cross Exceeds '55 Goal; Contributions Total \$3,111

The Red Cross Drive has far exceeded the 1955 goal of \$2500, with the total contributions amounting to \$3,111.60 at the completion of the drive, Maj. Tobias Schindler, base project officer, said this week. Net proceeds of \$2,945.70, will be presented to Frank Junel, Lubbock County drive chairman.

Donations were collected through solicitation by squadron project officers and through many special fund raising parties held at the clubs and messes of the base, the major said.

Top contributing organization was the 3500th Pilot Training

Group with \$859.29 being collected. Other contributions were, civilian workers, \$599.80; Maintenance and Supply, \$547.11; Air Base Group, \$250.85; Hq. Sq. 3500th Pilot Training Wing, \$181.15; 3500th USAF Hospital \$127.65 and Installations Group \$41.25. Officers Mess contributed \$198.75, NCO Mess, \$140.50, and Cadet Mess, \$83, in special fund-raising parties. Other collections came from base clubs, Grey Ladies, and contributions from outside the base.

Contributions were way over the \$1,855 collected in last year's drive.

New Duty Schedule; Khakis Worn Monday

The wearing of the summer uniform will start this coming Monday, April 18, with a change in the daily duty schedule to also be in effect that day.

The question of changing the regular duty schedule to start one-half hour earlier was put before the personnel of each squadron, with 90 per cent wanting the change to the earlier hour, Maj. Douglas R. Wood, base adjutant said recently. The new duty day starting Monday, will run from 7:30 a. m. to 4:15 p. m.

Base Helps To Better AF Safety Record

The Air Force has received an outstanding safety award for the fifth consecutive year, this time for reducing ground accidents by 25 percent during 1954, Joe Lopez ground safety technician, pointed out this week.

In a presentation in Washington this month, Gen. Thomas D. White, vice chief of staff, USAF, received the 'Award of Honor'

from the president of the National Safety council. The award is the highest recognition given by the council for outstanding safety achievement.

Lopez said the 25 percent reduction is accidents for USAF compared to an average ground accident rates and costs for 1952-53, the safety record covering both military and civilian personnel on duty and off duty. The reductions represented a savings of \$11.70 per person, when compared to the average per capita cost of ground accident for the two years previous to 1954.

Lopez cited that bases like Reese AFB enabled USAF to compile its record, since in 1954 this base reduced its ground accident cost by 88 percent, from \$176,112 to \$20,720, while the accident rate was reduced by about 40 percent, figures being based on the number of accidents per 100,000 man-days exposure.

Trap Shoot Tomorrow At The Local School

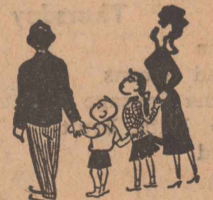
Plans are now complete for the Reese Elementary School PTA Turkey Shoot, M/Sgt. Peter J. O'Keefe, shoot chairman, said yesterday.

The shoot, to be held behind the school building, is sponsored by the PTA group in an effort to raise funds to complete landscaping of the school grounds, Sergeant O'Keefe said.

Traps are ready and a plentiful supply of guns and ammunition will be on hand for the shoot, which begins at 8:00 a.m. tomorrow, April 16, and will continue until darkness, the sergeant said. He emphasized that shooters may use their own guns or borrow those made available by the committee.

Prizes for the lucky winners in the shoot will be six-dollar hams and slab bacon, Sergeant O'Keefe said.

The Weather



SATURDAY

Partly cloudy and warm with light to moderate southwest winds. No dust expected.

SUNDAY

Partly cloudy and slightly warmer. Moderate southwest winds. Light blowing dust. (Courtesy Reese AFB Weather Station.)



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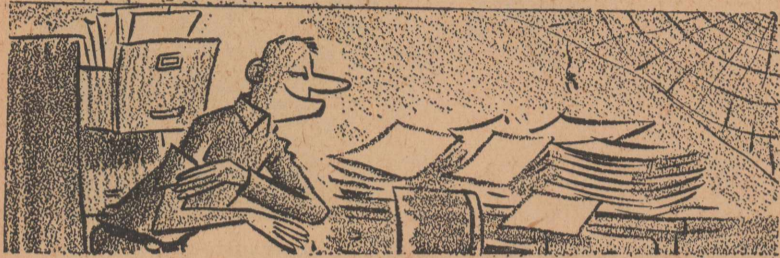
It's Up To You

(EDITORIAL)

Everyone has heard at one time or another that "this base" is a good billet for duty.

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they are 100 percent behind the "old man". Consequently, he leaves everyone alone because he knows from reports coming across his desk that things are running smoothly—just the way he directed they should.

Every base can be choice duty if the "old Man" gets the support and results he expects from his commands and decisions. Remember — do it his way and the pressure is off, tension relaxes and first thing you know you are sitting right in the middle of a choice billet. (AFPS)

"MEN AND PLANES" BOOK OF THE AIR FORCE

"Some books are to be tasted, others to be swallowed, and some few to be chewed and digested." So wrote Francis Bacon.

Off the presses in March and now in distribution to BX book counters and Air Force and public libraries is a book to be tasted by some — to be swallowed by others, and by some to be chewed and digested. It's called "Men and Planes."

Whether or not you like history, you probably will be interested in many parts of this fact-packed book about the Air Force in the ZI during World War II. You are likely to find in it many familiar names of places, people and planes. You are almost certain to find some interesting facts about how the kind of work you are doing right now was done a few years ago — and how new ways were developed from what may now look like primitive ways to do the Air Force job.

Look at the illustrations and chapter headings, and glance through the index looking for names. Look for names of your base (listed under airfields), your general job specialty, your major air command mission, and of men, planes, armament, and equipment.

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"MEN AND PLANES" is the sixth volume in the Army Air Forces in World War II series. Prepared by the USAF Historical Division under editorship of Wesley F. Craven and James L. Cate, it's published by the University of Chicago Press.



Chapel

Schedule

You are cordially invited to participate in the following services of worship:

CATHOLIC:

Sunday:

9:00 a.m. (Holy Name Society) and 12:15 Masses

Monday-Friday:

7:00 a.m. Masses

Monday:

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsals

Wednesday:

2:30 and 4:15 p.m. Children's Catechism Classes

Friday:

7:00 p.m. Religious Instruction Class

Saturday:

7:00 a.m. Mass
7:00-9:00 p.m. Confessions

JEWISH:

Friday:

8:00 p.m. Worship Services at Congregation Shaareth Israel, 1706 - 23rd St., Lubbock, Tex.

PROTESTANT:

Sunday:

9:45 a.m. Bible School Classes as follows:

Nursery for Crib Babies in T-1155; Nursery Class (ages 2, 3) in T-1155; Beginners Class (ages 4, 5) in T-31; Primary Class (ages 6, 7, 8) in T-31; Junior Class (ages 9, 10, 11) in T-31; Intermediate Class (ages 12-17 in T-35; Adult Class in T-35.

11:00 a.m. General Worship Services

Tuesday:

1:00 p.m. Ladies' Christian Fellowship Salad Luncheon

Thursday:

7:30 p.m. Protestant Choir Rehearsal

CHURCH WEDDING

Hartford, Conn. (AFPS)—Trinity Church is going to get married. In this case, Trinity is an 18-year-old girl who applied for a marriage license.

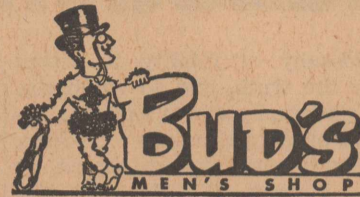
Sgt. Hicks Outlines Monthly PTA Program

By Mrs. R. W. Davis

Last Monday night the Executive Committee planned the program for the monthly RAFB-PTA meeting to be held at 8 p. m., 18 April in the school auditorium, under the direction of Major Homer Parsons, 2nd Vice President. M/Sgt. William Hicks, Program Chairman, announced the following program: The Reese Elementary Children's Band will open the program with a few short numbers under the direction of Betty Mowery; Mr. John White, Superintendent of Lubbock's Children's Home will provide a short

talk, "When Children Let Off Steam"; Mrs. Murray Crowder, Jr., and Mrs. Thomas Carroll will give a brief outline of what was accomplished at the 14th District PTA Conference held in Levelland; M/Sgt. Peter J. O'Keefe will report the results of the Turkey Shoot.

Mrs. Lilla Rosworn, Treasurer, has requested that parents who hold a membership in the RAFB-PTA and have not received their copy of the PTA Magazine, notify her at Monday's meeting so that necessary action may be taken to remedy the situation.



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Tuesday

Barbecued Weiners
Corn
English Peas
Banana Cream Pie
Bread
Milk

Wednesday

Roast Beef & Gravy
Buttered Potatoes
Broccoli
Hot Rolls
Butter & Honey
Milk

Thursday

Beans
Mixed Greens
Vienna Sausage & Sauer Kraut
Jello With Fruit
Bread
Milk

Friday

Salmon Croquettes
Whole Potatoes & Butter
Green Beans
Apple Sauce Cake
Bread
Milk



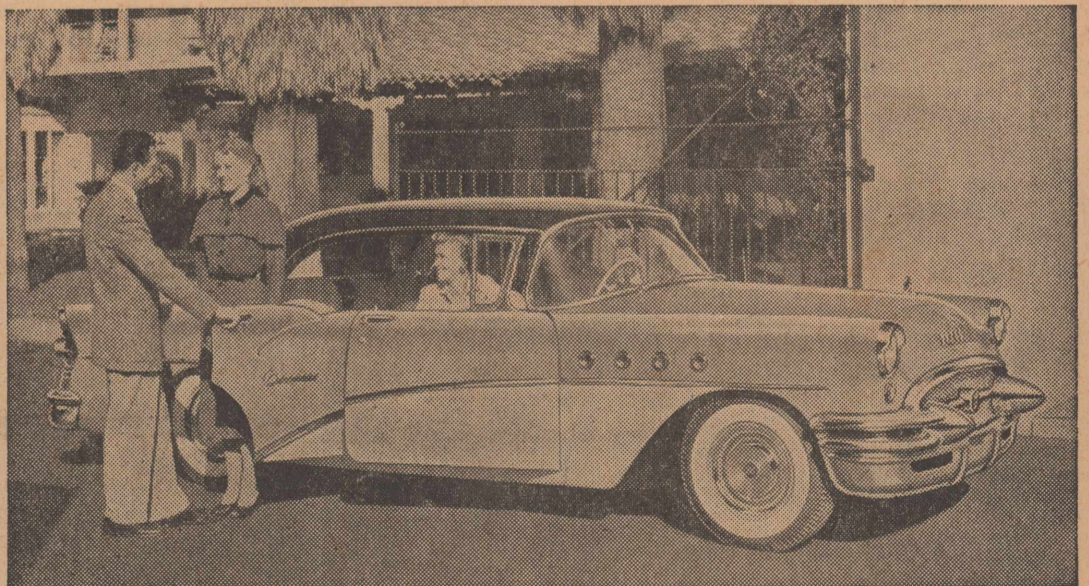
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WOMEN'S PAGE

Spring Style Show Theme Features ABC Of Fashion

By Mrs. Byrne P. Whalen

"The ABC of Fashion, 1955" will be the theme for the Spring Style Show to be presented on April 21st by the Officers Wives Club. The fashions will be from Dunlaps, and the hair styles will be done by Orene. Mrs. William K. Pfingst is the senior hostess for the occasion and the junior hostesses are Mmes. John S. Bonner, Jr., Barton E. Sailors, and Bob, G. Miller.

On April 7th the regular monthly business luncheon of the Officers Wives Club was held at the Club. Mrs. Richard L. Boulware, president of the Wives Club, presided.

The senior hostess was Mrs. Charles O. Smith and the junior hostesses for the luncheon were Mrs. Kenneth W. Wolgemuth, Mrs. Walter W. Bednarsky, Mrs. Paul J. Tolbert, Mrs. J. W. Pitney and Mrs. Carol Pierce.

Mrs. Gale E. Crawford, Mrs. John R. McEvoy, Mrs. Walter W. Bednarsky and Mrs. Barton E. Sailors were the door prize winners.

Mrs. Casper P. West entertained at the Officers Club on April 6th at a tea. The table was covered with a champagne satin cloth; centered with a delightful arrangement of spring flowers guarded by green tapers in silver candelabra. Assisting at the tea services were Mmes. Richard L. Boulware, Peter L. Coffield, Homer L. Parsons, Clyde H.

NCO Wives Meet; Elect Officer, Greet Newcomers

By Mrs. Charles Kurrelmeyer

The regular monthly business meeting of the Non-Commissioned Officers Wives club was held last Monday night, April 11, at 7:30 p. m. in the Bamboo Lounge of the NCO Open Mess.

Co-Hostesses were Mmes. H. McAllister and Peter J. O'Keefe. Two new members, Mrs. E. L. Horner and Mrs. E. L. Smith were welcomed into the club. Guests at the meeting were Mmes. C. P. West, R. L. Boulware and E. M. Baker.

Mrs. Grady Williams was elected vice president due to the vacancy caused by a reassignment.

After the meeting, club members enjoyed an evening of bridge and canasta with high prize going to Mrs. Kenneth Parker and low prize to Mrs. D. Matthews.

M-Sgt. and Mrs. Louie T. Evers will leave soon for Nouasseur, French Morocco.

T-Sgt. and Mrs. Roy Vreeland are on a leave prior to the sergeants reassignment to Japan.

Plemons, William C. Miller, Charles E. Wilson, Robert V. Weiland, Robert C. Shaw and Raymond A. Lawn.

Mrs. William C. Miller and Mrs. Charles Wilson were co-hostesses for a bridge and luncheon recently at the Miller residence in Reese Village. Mrs. Clyde H. Plemons scored high in bridge and Mrs. Casper P. West was second. The traveling prize was won by Mrs. Robert C. Anderson.

Mrs. Raymond A. Lawn and Mrs. William K. Pfingst gave a dessert bridge and canasta shower for Mrs. Lawrence W. Weber this week. The party was held in the TV room of the Officers Club. Mrs. David R. Dehaas won high in bridge, Mrs. Bob G. Miller, second and Mrs. Thomas P. Carroll, low. Mrs. Jay W. Pickering won high in canasta and Mrs. Gale E. Crawford, low.

Mrs. Bob G. Miller, bridge chairman, announces that there will be a bridge and canasta party on April 14th, at the Officers Club. Mrs. Dexter E. Martin will set as senior hostess and her assistants will be Mrs. Walter J. Shepherd, Mrs. Cyde L. Boyer, and Mrs. John F. Lippincott.

Mrs. Theodore Sievers, mother of Mrs. B. E. Sailors, is visiting from Laramie, Wyoming.

Capt. and Mrs. Marie L. Ventura had as their house guests, Lt Col. and Mrs. Porter from Waco, Texas.

Capt. and Mrs. John H. Lloyd and sons will spend the Easter weekend with Capt. Lloyd's sister, Mrs. W. R. Rise and family in Denver, Colorado.



SUN WORSHIPPER—Looking cool as ice on a summer day, this Gantner swimsuit is styled with half skirt and ruffled top in Dan River Wrinkled cotton, diamond shirred for texture interest. Swimmers pick cotton for its youthful looking appearance and for its comfort in and out of the water, National Cotton Council fashionists say.

Wives Of Airmen Plan Sunday Tea To Organize Club

An organizational tea will be held for all airmen's wives, at the Service club April 24, Miss Sue Phillips announced recently. The tea will be from 3-5 p. m. and is to promote an airmen's wives club on the base.

Interested wives are asked to contact or call Miss Phillips at the Service Club, Extension 722.

Air Force Secretary Cites Housing As Critical Item

Secretary Talbott told members of the Senate Appropriations Committee April 5 that housing is most critical personnel problem in the Air Force today. And he outlined what the AF proposes to do about it.

"Our people are now working on a housing program to present to Congress," the Air Force Secretary said, in his statement, and added: "I am personally in favor of any action that will permit us to get a considerable quantity of housing, say 50,000 units - in a hurry."

Secretary Talbott said the AF can get some of these houses from appropriated funds, and some on a rental basis - probably an extension or variation of the Wherry Act. He said: "These rental units must be of proper standards and at rental prices that our people can afford to pay."

In soliciting the support of the Congressmen for the AF's housing program when it is presented to Congress, the Secretary said there are two principal factors why there are thousands of AF families who are not properly housed today.

"The first is that we have activated many of our units on World War II bases which contained only operational facilities," he said. The second factor is that since we have built the Air Force from 48 wings in 1950 to the

present strength of 121 wings, maximum emphasis has been placed on operational facilities. We have neglected housing and personnel facilities. We must now correct this problem and get our family housing."

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Boy:

Randy Leroy, to A/1C and Mrs. Delbert L. West, April 5.

Girl:

Charlotte Willene, to A/2C and Mrs. Frankie Youngblood, April 4. Linda Jane, to A/3C and Mrs. Joseph E. Billingsley, April 6.

Theresa Joan, to A/2C and Mrs. Ronald W. Milels, April 8.

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- '54 Chevrolet '210' 4-Door. Neptune green finish, radio, heater, Powerglide, whitewall tires, EZ eye glass, new seat covers. Lic. BJ 5472 \$1340

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- '54 Chevrolet Bel Air 4-Door. Ivory over turquoise finish, radio, heater, Powerglide, all extras. Lic. BH 6475 \$1945
- '54 Chevrolet Bel Air 4-Door. Green and cream 2-tone finish, radio, heater, Powerglide, ARA Air Conditioned, ww tires, EZ eye glass Power steering. BJ 5476... \$1925

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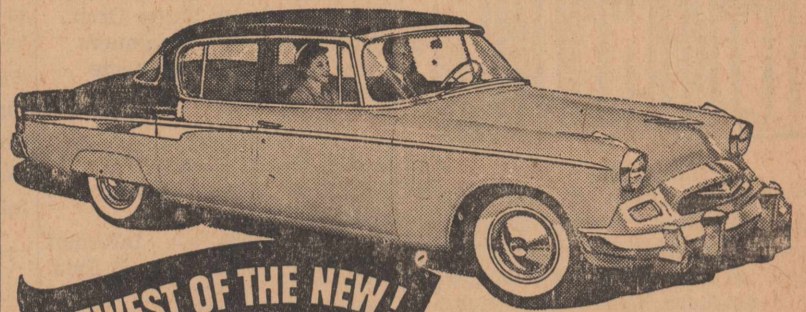
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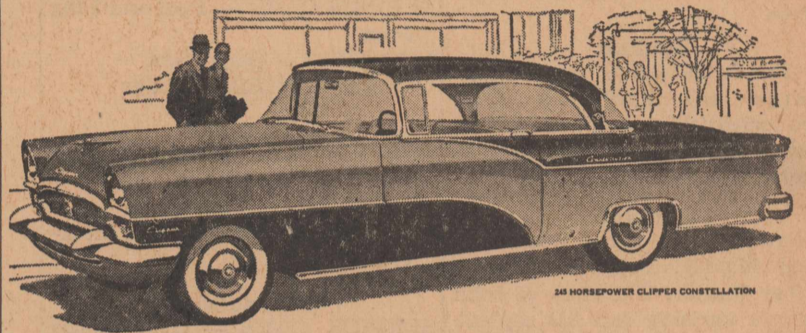


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Saturday

"Seminole Uprising" with George Montgomery and Karin Booth. A cavalry lieutenant is ordered to capture a Seminole Indian chief and destroy his savage forces.

Sunday

"This Island Earth" starring Jeff Morrow and Faith Domergue. Two scientists refuse to seek a new nuclear energy to help another planet in space destruction.

Monday

"Seven Angry Men" with Raymond Massey, Debra Paget and Jeffrey Hunter. The story of John Brown's uprising and his capture by Federal troops at Harper's Ferry, Va.

Tuesday

"Abbott & Costello Meet The Mummy" starring Bud Abbott, Lou Costello, Peggy King and Marie Windsor. Bud and Lou become involved in a search for the Sacred Medallion of the Mummy of Klaris.

Wednesday

"Young At Heart" featuring Doris Day, Frank Sinatra, Gig Young and Ethel Barrymore. The story of three sisters, each looking for her man, portrayed in a musical drama.

Thursday

"Desiree" with Marlon Brando, Jeane Simmons, Merle Oberon and Michael Rennie. Daughter of a silk merchant falls in love with a dashing young French officer and is destined to stand in the shadows of history in the making.

Protection Now Given To Civilian Employees

The Civil Service Commission has removed restrictions which prevented the Air Force from providing civilian employees with Z. I. employment protection after they had completed an overseas tour of duty. In the future reemployment rights will be given to all career workers who leave AF employment in the Z. I. to accept an overseas AF position. (Air Force News Service.)

Tonight
SERVICE CLUB—Easter Dance with Kay Carter Orch.
NCO MESS — Bingo; Informal dance with Chick Miller Orch.
OFFICERS MESS — Beginners bridge, 9:30 a.m.; Duplicate bridge, 1:30 p.m.

Saturday
SERVICE CLUB—Open
NCO MESS—Informal dance with Collegians Orch.
OFFICERS MESS — Informal dance with Bernie Howell Trio.

Sunday
SERVICE CLUB — Coffee and Spudnuts, 9-11 a.m.
NCO MESS — Open house, Juke box dance
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Monday
SERVICE CLUB — Pool and Ping Pong
NCO MESS — Stag night
OFFICERS MESS — Bridge

Tuesday
SERVICE CLUB—Pot Luck music night
NCO MESS — Guest Bingo
OFFICERS MESS — Bingo, Mexican dinner

Wednesday
SERVICE CLUB — Open house bingo
NCO MESS — Open house
OFFICERS MESS — Open house

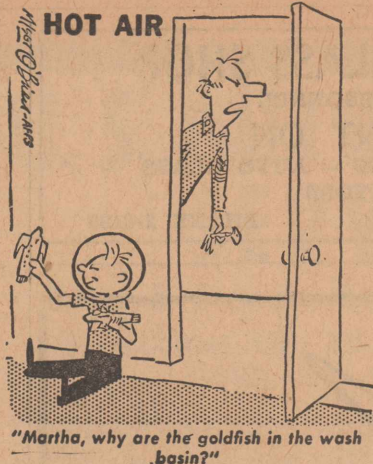
Thursday
SERVICE CLUB — Card night
NCO MESS — Open house
OFFICERS MESS — OWC Program tea, 1:30 p.m.

Air Force Theaters Nearly All Equipped With 'Wide-Screen'

The installation in AF theaters of wide-screen equipment for showing films produced in such new motion picture techniques as CinemaScope, Vista-Vision and SuperScope is nearing completion. Within the continental United States the required equipment has been installed in 126 of the 162 AF theaters included in the program for fiscal year 1955. The remaining 36 should be completed by 30 June 1955. The few theaters not included in the 1955 project will probably be scheduled for 1956. While the program for overseas areas is not as advanced as that of the continental United States, it is well underway with certain installations already completed in Bermuda, Northeast Air Command, Alaska, United States Air Forces in Europe and Far East Air Forces. Others will follow as fast as equipment and funds permit.

Former Roundup Editor Heads Texas Tech Paper

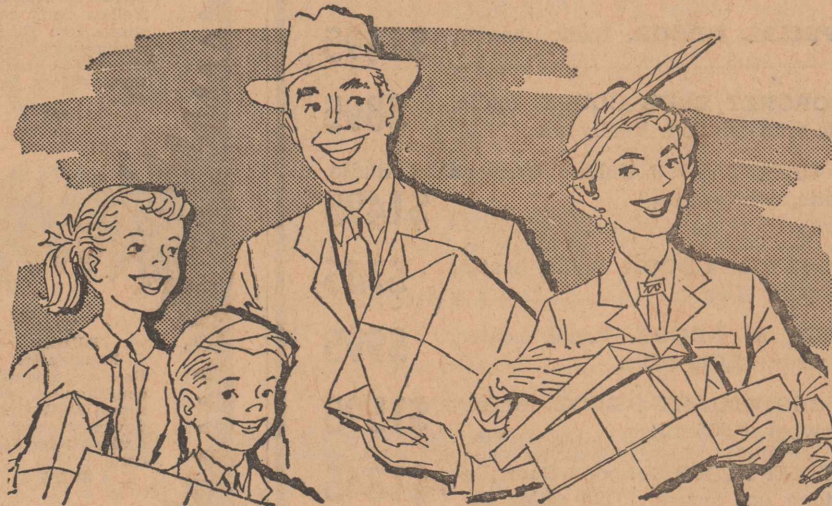
Robert A. Rooker, Junior journalism major at Texas Tech and former editor of The Round Up has been selected from four candidates to edit next year's college paper, The Toreador, Prof. Alfred Strehle, chairman of the Tech publications committee announced recently. Mr. Rooker will head the now twice-a-week publication beginning next fall.



"Martha, why are the goldfish in the wash basin?"

AF Academy Trains Upper Classmen

DENVER (AFPS) — A five-week course of instruction will begin on May 2 for 78 Air Force first and second lieutenants, hand-picked to act as upper classmen for the first class of students at the new Air Academy. The "upper classmen" will be called Air Training Officers. Most of them are rated and are recent graduates of either West Point or Annapolis. The training course will be held at nearby Lowry AFB, temporary site of the Academy.



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RANK CATCHES UP—Promotions to higher rank caught up with five members of the United State WAF band Tuesday on base where the group gave a concert that night. Wearing their new stripes and looking over promotion orders are, left to right: A/2C Sharon Harper, Kansas City, Mo.; A/1C Janet Wurst, Palmyra, N. J.; A/1C Roxane Spurber Los Angeles Cal.; A/2C Jean Beal, Quanah, Texas; and A/2C Willow Stockton, Willows, Cal. (Photo by Wilhite, Base Photo Lab.)

RAFB Airman Is Commended For Giving 'Helping Hand'

Praise for an individual airman and Reese AFB in general is contained in a letter to Maj. Thomas P. Carroll, commander of the 35-01st Periodic Maintenance squadron, from John T. O'Brien of 3012 Fourteenth St., Lubbock.

O'Brien wrote the major to commend A-1C Thomas Hogan of the '01st. He said that Mrs. O'Brien, enroute to work at the Reese AFB hospital, on a cold night in February had a flat tire on Highway 290 and was unable to make the necessary repair. He

said that Airman Hogan halted to aid, worked for sometime unsuccessfully to fix the tire, and then brought Mrs. O'Brien, a nurse, on time to her duties.

"I wish to commend Airman Hogan for his kind interest in the safety and welfare of my wife," the Lubbock man wrote. "His persistent efforts to repair the damaged tire, despite the non-ex-

istent light, and the bitter cold are all reflections, I believe, of his good character. I have been in this city for some time now and have been consistently impressed by the appearance and conduct of your fine command. I felt that this case should not go without mention. Please convey my deepest felt thanks to Airman Hogan."

55-L Second To Graduate Without A Flying Accident

Class 55-L which graduated yesterday, is the second consecutive class to complete multi-engine pilot training at the base without a flying accident, Col. C. P. West, base commander, said this week.

There were 70 members of the class, each of whom completed about 120 hours of flying during his five months on the base. That

means that the class flew about 1,470,000 miles, or 245 round-trips between New York and Los Angeles, in their Reese AFB training. Class 55-J, graduated March 14, also had no accidents in basic pilot training.

The last aircraft accident at Reese AFB was October 26, when an allied student was involved in a night mishap on a closed runway. There have been over 45,000 flying training hours and almost eight million accident-free miles flown by students since the October accident, Colonel West pointed out.

Base Personnel Are Invited To Home Ec Show

In a letter received recently from Texas Technological College, Mrs. Vivian J. Adams, faculty sponsor, extended an invitation to the personnel of the base and their families to attend the Eighteenth Annual Home Economics Open House, April 22 and 23.

Every effort is being made, the letter stated, to present the work offered by the Division of Home Economics in a way that is both entertaining and instructive, so that visitors may learn of the training provided and the opportunities open to those with training in Home Economics. Included in the program will be movies, demonstrations, style shows, exhibits, equipment and crafts. The open house is of interest to men, women and youth.

The open house is held the same dates as the Engineering Show, and will close Saturday, April 23, at 5 p. m., Mrs. Adams stated. The events in the past have had thousands of visitors with large numbers expected to view this year's show.

Former Airmen Get Complete Bonus Upon Re-Enlisting

Washington (AFPS)—The Comptroller General has ruled that former Air Force enlisted men who were once indefinite enlistees, but have since re-enlisted, are now eligible to receive the full re-enlistment bonus.

Instructions will be mailed to finance officers in the near future to make readjustments in the amounts paid former indefinites.

The decision handed down by the CG said that past indefinite anniversary payments and enlistment allowances will not be counted when finance officers compute an enlisted man's first re-enlistment bonus.

Those who were indefinites before October 1949 have received \$110 on the anniversary of their enlistment and \$60 each following year.

22 Civilian Openings At RAFB Available As Result Of New Policy

Twenty-two civilian job openings have been made available at Reese Air Force Base for the 1955 fiscal year as the result of new Air Force policies on assignment of military personnel, Col. C. P. West, base commander, said today.

Air Force officials in Washington have found, he pointed out, that enlistments of military personnel will not be enough to man all critical positions, making it necessary to civilianize 6,000 positions this year and 24,000 for the 1956 fiscal year.

Under the program, Reese AFB on April 1 was allotted the 22 civilian vacancies, the colonel said. The positions include 15 reciprocating engine mechanics, one aircraft propeller repairmen, two apprentice propeller repairmen, two apprentice duplicating device operators, one duplicating machine operator, and one medical clerk typist.

The program to increase civilian spaces and shift available military personnel to critical areas has been

called "Operation Home Front," Colonel West pointed out. He emphasized that the program resulted from an intensive study of personnel management and that further studies would be made as the United States Air Force seeks to fulfill its mission "in the best manner possible and at the lowest cost." The colonel also cited that more military will be needed and utilization must be watched closely in plans to expand the Air Force to more wings.

Teen-age Party

A party for military dependents on the base has been set for April 16, Chaplain Wilbur J. McDaniel, wing chaplain, announced. The party will consist of roller skating at a Lubbock rink and a picnic to follow.

Children are to meet at the base chapel at 4:15 p. m. on the 16th. Mrs. C. P. West and Mrs. Murray W. Crowder, Jr., are co-sponsors of the party with the base chapel.

Sergeant Hardesty, At RAFB Since '49, Is Re-assigned



SERGEANT HARDESTY

T-Sgt. Stanley E. Hardesty, who has been assigned to RAFB as an aircraft maintenance man since before the base was officially opened, left this week for a new assignment with the 56th Air Rescue Squadron in French Morocco.

The sergeant who came to help assist in re-activation of the base in September, 1949, has been in service since 1941 and at the base was a crew chief, quality control inspector, and weights and balance inspector.

He is a veteran of World War II Pacific service.

Sergeant Hardesty's wife is the former Dorothy Clearman of Dothan, Ala.

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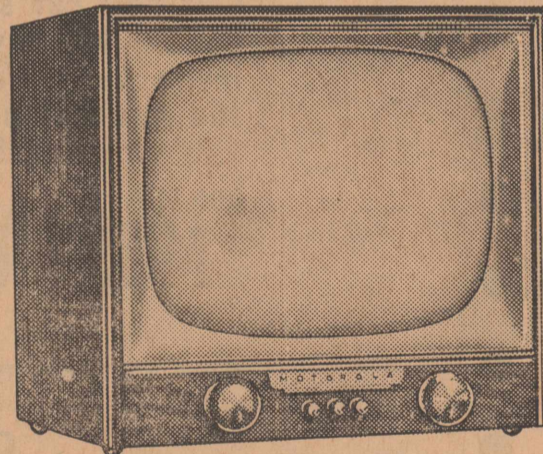
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AF Discloses New Guided Missile

WASHINGTON (AFPS)—The Air Force disclosed details of its airborne Falcon missile which, like a tenacious bulldog, latches into an enemy target and then races to destroy it at speeds faster than sound.

The Falcon's combined electronic brain and radar set guide the missile, with its explosive warhead, to the enemy airplane no matter what evasive action the aircraft might take.

Developed for the AF by the Hughes Aircraft Co., the Falcon is one of the most advanced missile types and soon will be installed in AF interceptor planes.

Assistant Secretary of the Air Force Trevor Gardner has pointed

out that the development of the Falcon pushes America's line of defense farther away from U. S. cities and increases the "kill" probability against attacking bombers.

The AF has been developing the Falcon since 1947. Hughes Aircraft launched the first test rocket in 1950 and the weapon since has been knocking target drones out of the air, even without explosive charges.

ASSIGNED TO GERMANY

A/2C James K. Vaughan of Hq. Sq. 3500th Pilot Training Wing has left for assignment in Germany. He will report to Camp Kilmer N. J. May 15 for overseas shipment.



VOLUNTEER BAND—Members of the Reese AFB volunteer band are shown playing for the Student Review, held last Saturday on the base parade field. This was the first appearance of the newly formed band at a review and they are to be seen at base parades in the future. Second Lt. Theodore E. Dahlfors is director of the band. (Photo by Wilhite, Base Photo Lab.)

New Allowance Given To Families On Permanent Change Of Station

A personnel policy covering conditions under which airmen and officers are eligible to receive the dislocation allowance provided in the new pay law has been sent to the field by Hqs USAF.

Under the law which became effective April 1, military personnel whose dependents are authorized to move with them on permanent change of station are entitled to an additional month's basic allowance for quarters. The military member must be grade E-4 with more than four years service, or a higher grade, and his dependents must have moved in connection with the PCS.

No airman or officer will be entitled to more than one dislocation allowance in a fiscal year, under the law, except under extreme situations. This stipulation should mean a decreased

number of moves for the average military member, since the AF normally won't order a PCS for an individual who has already received his dislocation allowance for the fiscal year. The Secretary of the Air Force may authorize additional dislocation payment if he determines that more than one PCS is required. Also, PCS movements to service schools are exempt from the one PCS move per fiscal year limitation.

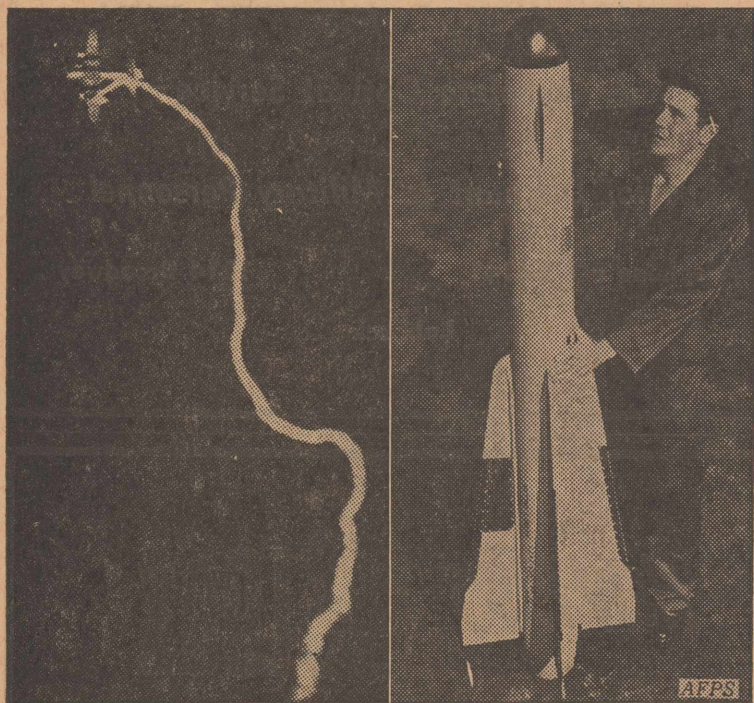
Provision for the dislocation allowance also is expected to reduce the number of moves which occur close to the time when military members are selected for overseas duty, and those in overseas scheduled to return to the Z. I. Personnel whose selection for overseas service is probable within the fiscal year normally will not be ordered on an intra-command PCS Z. I. move.

Those overseas will not be moved within the theater during the same FY in which their return to the Z. I. is scheduled, except when moving in units.

The dislocation allowance is not authorized for move to initial AF station upon entry into service or for moves in connection with separation.

USAF personnel officials are in the process of clarifying the section in the new pay law which allows AF military families living in trailers up to 20 cents a mile for moving their portable homes on change of station in the Z. I.

The local finance office has not as of yet received the authorization to pay the dependent travel, but all personnel that meet the new policy requirements will receive the money either at this base or at their next station as soon as official authorization is received.



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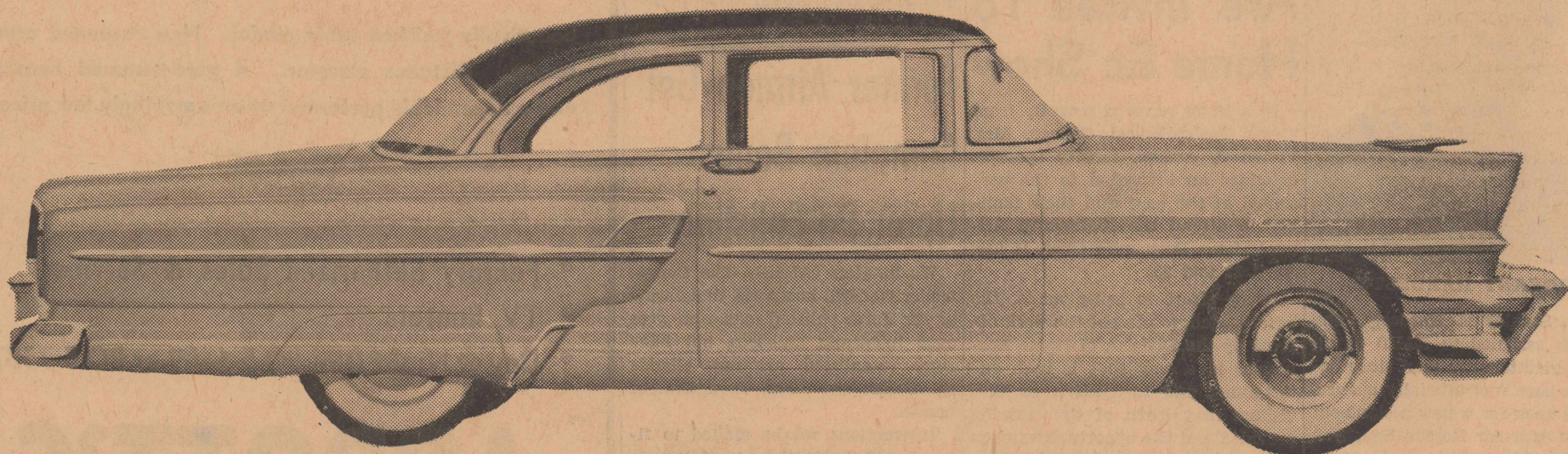
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The following requirements are needed: Be at least 17 years old and not have reached their 22nd birthday by July 1 of the year in which you enter the Academy; be a citizen of the United States; must not be married and never

have been married. Must have completed at least one year of active duty in the Air Force or Army. Special regulations have been made to apply for reserve members, commissioned officers, warrant officers and aviation cadets.

Here is what to expect if you apply. You will first be given a mental and physical preliminary screening test. If you pass you will then be considered for application to the Academy. If selected for application, you will be notified as to the date and place you are to report for final entrance examinations. Those who pass the final examinations and a security check will then be considered for appointment.

Persons interested in applying may obtain further information from their squadron commanders.

General Craigie Will Resign As Chief Of Southern European AF

Lieutenant General Laurence C. Craigie, Commander, Allied Air Force, Southern Europe, will retire this spring after more than 31 years of service, General Nathan F. Twining, Chief of Staff of USAF, announced March 25.

Major General Patrick W. Timberlake, Commander, Air Proving Ground Command, has been named to succeed General Craigie. Major

General Robert W. Burns, Assistant Vice Chief of Staff, USAF, will replace General Timberlake.

During World War II General Craigie commanded the Twelfth Air Force's 63rd Fighter Wing in the North African Theater. During the Korean conflict he was Vice Commander of the Far East Air Forces. Back in October 1942 he became the first pilot of the U. S. Armed Services to fly a jet-propelled airplane when he piloted the XP-59 on its initial flight at Muroc Dry Lake, California.

General Timberlake, also with more than 30 years military service, commanded the Ninth Bomber Command in North Africa in the early months of World War II. Later he served as Chief of Staff to Air Chief Marshal Tedder for the Mediterranean Air Command. After the war in Europe ceased, he moved to Okinawa in the Pacific and became Chief of Staff and finally Commander of the Eighth Air Force. He has commanded Air Proving Ground Command since June 1952.

General Burns has been an air officer since 1929. He served with the Eighth Fighter Command and the Eighth Air Force in Great Britain during World War II, chiefly in operations assignments, and later went to Okinawa when the Eighth Air Force was transferred there. General Burns has been Assistant Vice Chief of Staff since May 1953.



At The Base Library

SOMETHING IS MISSING
By Arthur Goodfriend

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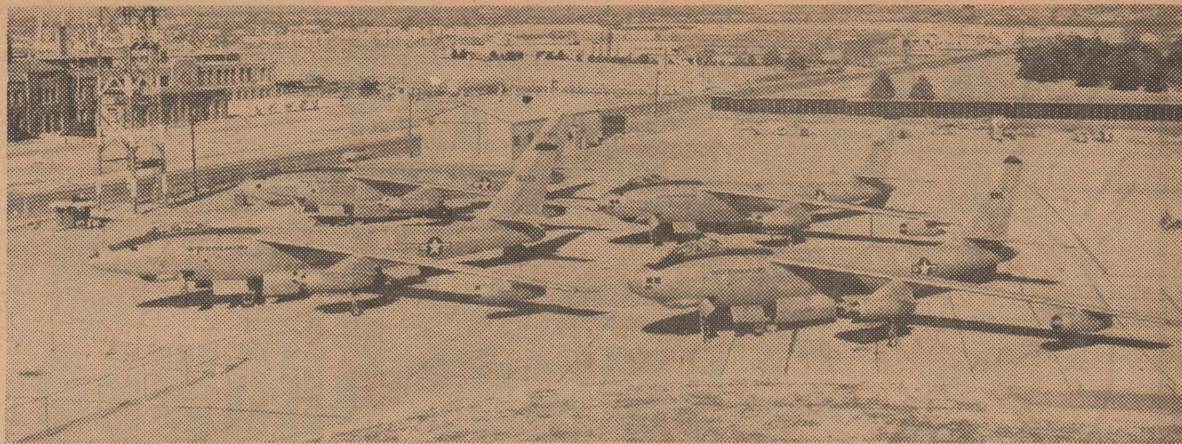
ATOMS FOR PEACE
By David O. Woodbury

We have been reading a lot about the terror of the A-bomb. This author has gathered information about the possibilities of the peaceful atom and what it can do for mankind. We know its potentialities must be great because all nations are setting up facilities to explore them. This book will bring you up-to-date on what is new, startling, and imaginative. It is certainly an exciting insight on things that are to come.

THE BOY SCOUT STORY
By Will Ousler

The author tells the story of the amazing growth of the Scouting Movement. It begins with the dramatic story of the Scout in London who helped a stranger find his way and unwittingly helped to start the B. S. A. and traces the countless achievements through the heroic account of Scouts under fire in Korea.

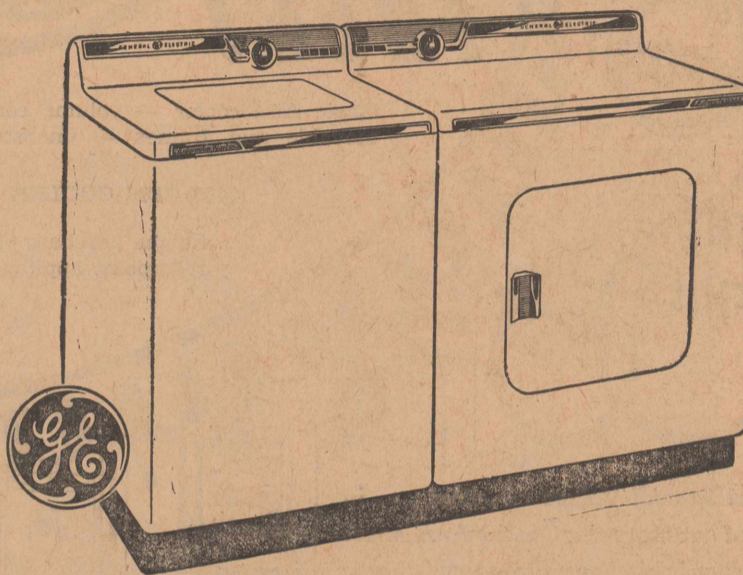
It is interesting to realize that the lone London Scout has helped to shape the destiny of 150,000,000 Americans and through them the whole pattern of our times.



FAMILY PORTRAIT—Shown above are four of Boeing's new sleek B-47 medium bombers produced for the U. S. Air Force. Newest of the Stratojet series is the long-nosed RB-47E photo reconnaissance plane at the far right. Beyond it is its running mate, the B-47A, while beyond it is its successor, the B-47B.

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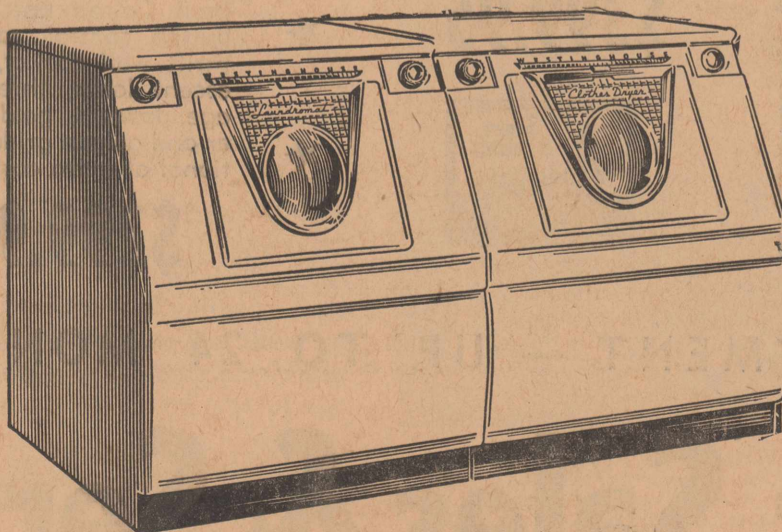
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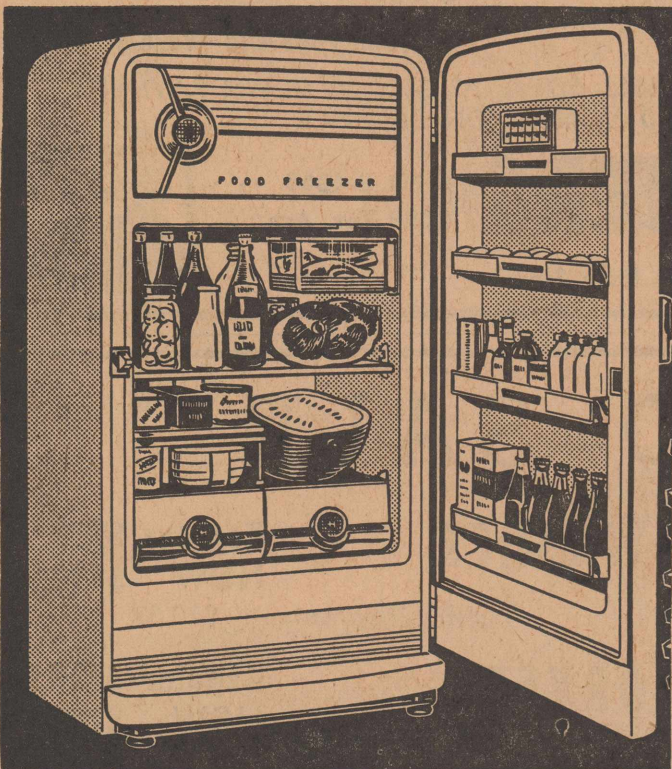
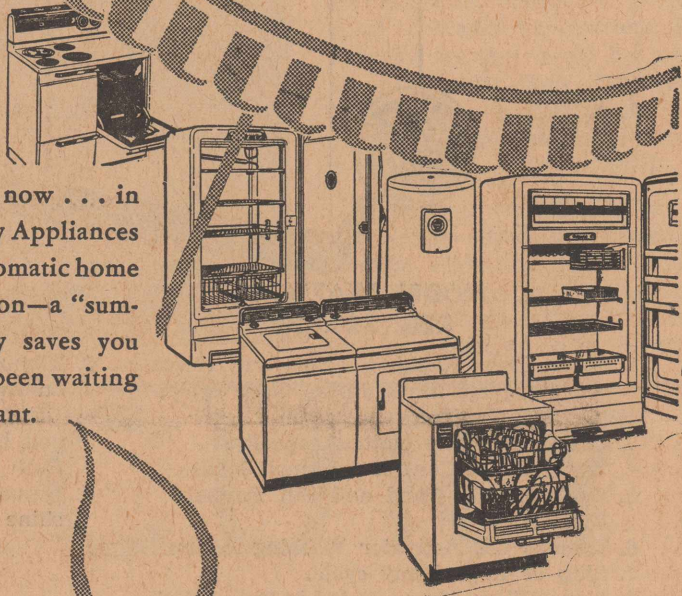
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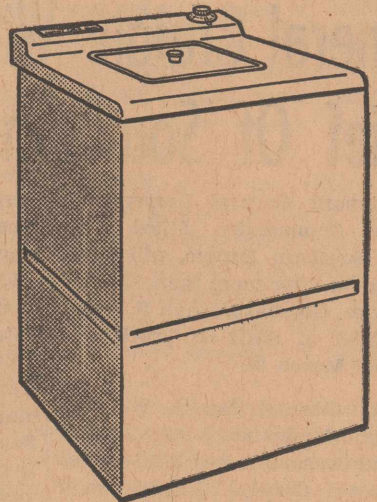
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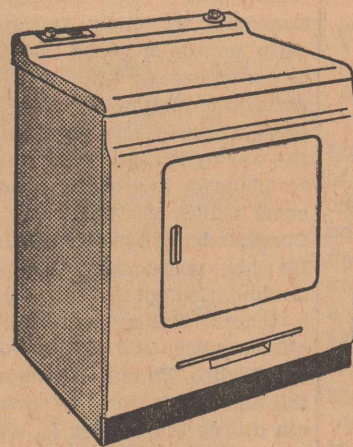
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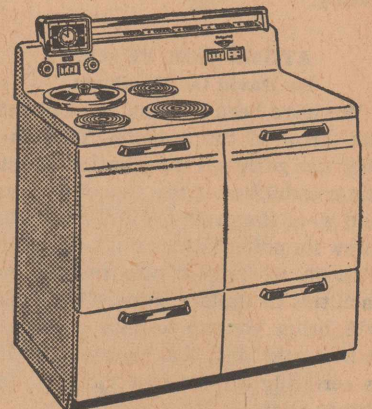
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New Weapons System Changes AF Needs

A new doctrine is having far-reaching effects throughout the Air Force. It's concerned, among other things, with changing requirements of Air Force jobs.

The doctrine holds that you are a mighty important part of a weapon system. You're either in a position that helps operate the system, or you're in a vital supporting job. As new weapon systems are developed and others are modernized, many Air Force jobs take on a new look.

Instrument Of Combat

A weapon system is "an instrument of combat, such as an air vehicle, together with all related equipment, both airborne and ground based, the skills necessary to operate the equipment, and the supporting facilities and services required to enable the instrument of combat to be a single unit of striking power in its operational environment."

The term "instrument of combat" covers both piloted aircraft and guided missiles.

The Air Force is a combination of weapon systems, each geared to its role in the overall mission of gaining and maintaining general air supremacy. It takes top performance from each part of all systems, plus effective support from training, supply and other services to carry out the USAF mission.

As new inventions are developed to meet the need for faster and more effective aircraft, many airmen find their duties changing. Technicians, particularly, must learn new job techniques to fit demands of changing aircraft and of guided missiles.

Master New Tasks

Some airmen in supporting jobs also have to master new tasks to keep their work in line with advances. This ever-changing process is a must in keeping our Air Force superior to any other.

Here's how your job fits into the weapon system picture. If your skill is necessary to operate either an airplane or a guided missile, you're a definite part of that

weapon system. If you're doing some other type of work, you're indirectly supporting one or several air weapon systems.

New Jobs Formed

These are a few of the more than 200 Air Force jobs needed to operate weapon systems: pilot, aircraft mechanic, guidance system technician, air electronics superintendent, fire control systems mechanic and jet engine mechanic.

Jobs indirectly supporting weapon systems include technical training specialist, firefighter, ac-

counting specialist, personnel supervisor, passenger traffic specialist, cook, air policeman and other service-type jobs.

Born Two Years Ago

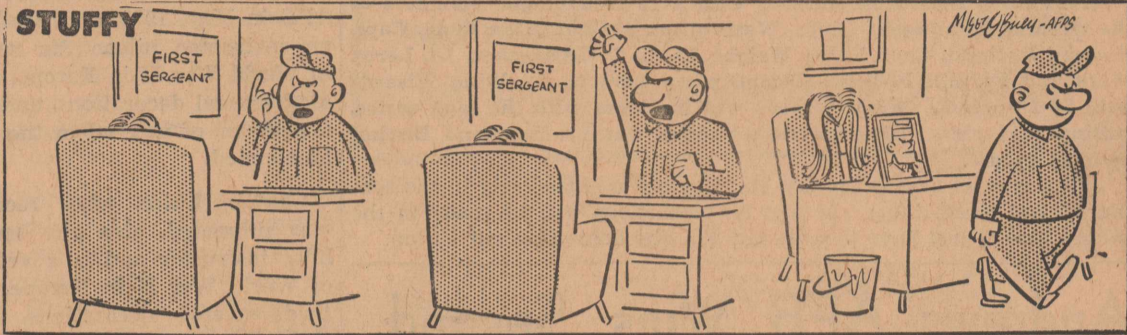
The weapon system concept was born about two years ago as an outgrowth of our increasingly technical Air Force. More intricate, automatic gear was developed to make aircraft go faster and perform with precision accuracy in combat.

As a result of these advances, operation of one part of the air-

craft came more and more to depend upon performance of another part. Poor maintenance of a seemingly minor part of the aircraft sometimes caused disaster.

It became increasingly apparent that combat effectiveness of an air vehicle and the technique of its operation had to be considered as a complete system—called a weapon system.

Because every part and every person counts in a weapon system, the importance of the role played by every Air Force member is obvious.



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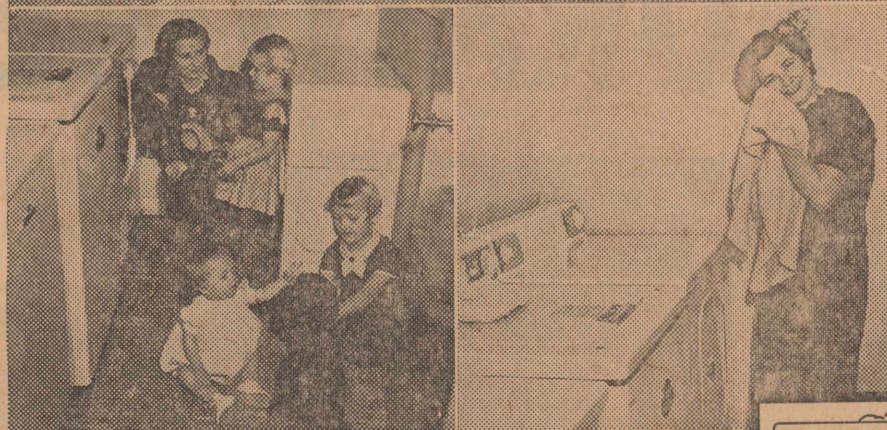
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SPORTS

By A/3C MAURICE ZIEGLER

Base double-elimination volleyball tournament has moved along rapidly and as of Wednesday, only two teams, PTW and PTG, remained in the winners bracket. In the losers bracket Motor Vehicle, 01st Maintenance, 2nd Maintenance, and the Pre-Cadets remain.

All of the remaining teams played Wednesday night and the champion will be named Thursday or in tonight's play.

Ping Pong tourney is running this week, and has eight left in the winners bracket. Play was halted Wednesday, and will be completed next week. To see top-notch playing, go see the final games in the tourney.

Officers bowling league was completed with the Nifty Nine of the Pilot Training Squadron winning with a 78-26 average. Members of the winning team were: Capt. Warren Lewis, Capt. Alex Nagy, Capt. Howard Eveland, Capt. Ralph Wright, Lt. B. C. Gaizauskas, Lt. Leroy Marx and La. Bill Powell. Second place went to the Wing Wizards with 76-28 points. Wing Wizards was the team with the high series, getting 3010 pins. High individual series was Lt. Raymond Bischof with 585 pins.

Professional baseball is just starting and it is too early in the season for any predictions. In fact no predictions will be made in the column—we'll just have to wait and see who does come out on top.

Andrews AFB Wins Second World-Wide Basketball Tourney

Andrews AFB Rockets, defeated Sheppard AFB, twice in the finals of the 1955 AF world-wide, double-elimination tourney to win the championship for the second straight year.

The Rockets edged the Senators, 47-44, in a matinee match and won again in the nightcap, 81-56. Sheppard, sparked by the return of star A/1C Bob Williams from the Pan-An Games, upset the Andrews quin-

tet, 76-64, earlier in the tourney.

During the regular cage season the Rockets paced by former Kentucky All-American 2nd Lt. Cliff Hagan, went undefeated in 43 games.

The tournament's Most Valuable Player award went to Williams. Best sportsmen awards were presented to A/2C Bill McCullum of Lockbourne AFB, Ohio, and 2nd Lt. Dick Knostman of Andrews.

Three Captains Are Re-assigned To The Far East

Three Reese Air Force Base captains - Warren E. Lewis, Robert D. Lutes, and Robert V. Weiland - were notified today to report not later than June 15 to Parks AFB, Cal., for shipment to the Far East, Col. C. P. West, base commander, said.

Captain Lewis came to Reese AFB in May, 1953, and has been an instructor pilot. He served in World War II in Europe, winning several decorations, and was a prisoner of war when the conflict ended.

Captain Lutes, who recently was promoted, also has been a pilot instructor and is a veteran of World War II in Europe. He holds several decorations, also, and was the Reese AFB flight line "Instructor-of-the-Quarters" for closing months of 1954.

Captain Weiland has been an instructor at Reese for the past three years. He served a short time in the Far East in the World War II period.

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AF Latin-American School Offers Training To Airmen Of 18 Nations

After a recent visit to the U. S. Air Force School for Latin America at Albrook Air Force Base in the Panama Canal Zone, where men of 18 Central and South American nations are provided technical aeronautical training, Secretary Talbott said:

"This is one of the finest things our Air Force is doing anywhere in the world. We are fostering the sort of teamwork and comradeship that will help to weld our hemisphere into a bulwark of democracy. At the same time, are spreading the knowledge of modern air techniques to a new generation of air power enthusiasts in all the Americas."

The USAF School for Latin America is a part of the Caribbean Air Command. Its primary mission is to train airmen and officers of Latin American Air Forces in the technical use of USAF equipment, including jet engines, and in other aeronautical fields such as weather and airways communications.

Spanish Language Used

The Spanish language is used in all training classes and on the flight line. USAF manuals also are translated into Spanish.

The School operates at Albrook the year round, with classes of six months duration starting each January and July. The class

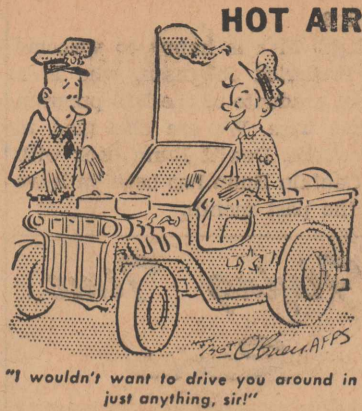
scheduled to graduate June 17, 1955, consists of 255 airmen and 29 officers from twelve countries, Chile, Colombia, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru and Venezuela. In addition, Bolivia, Rice, Haiti, Honduras, Mexico and Uruguay have had students in previous classes. Invitations to send students have been extended to Brazil and Argentina.

18 Courses Taught

Eighteen courses are taught in the School, besides instruction in basic English which was added recently. General courses are in aircraft armament, electrical systems, instruments, propellers, radio, sheet metal and maintenance. Specialist courses include control tower-radio operator, survival equipment, supply, Link trainer, weather, aero-medical and communications.

NEW AIR TRANSPORT

A new military Air Transport plan, which the Air Force classes as a "medium combat transport," has a clear cargo compartment longer and wider than a standard railroad freight car. It can carry a 20-ton payload and its engines develop enough horsepower to pull four 40-car railroad trains.



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AF Recruiting Program Exceeds Monthly Quotas

WASHINGTON (AFPS)—The Air Force's independent recruiting program is paying off. As proof, AF authorities point out that recruiting quotas have been exceeded in recent months.

AF recruiting was made separate from the Army last July. Although enlistments as a whole fell off for the overall period from July to February, the months of November and December accounted for the entire deficit.

But in January enlistments topped the monthly quota by almost 4,000 even though recruiting was discontinued after the 21st of the month. The February goal was exceeded by 350.

TAC Starts Airlift To Arctic Islands

A Tactical Air Command airlift operation began April 6 to re-supply weather bases in the Arctic Islands jointly operated by U. S. and Canadian meteorological services. Nearly 750,000 pounds of equipment, food supplies and fuels will be flown to the far northern sites by TAC and RCAF aircraft. Almost 24 hours of daylight will enable around-the-clock operations for a period of two weeks required to complete the job.

RAFB Volunteer Band Appears At Student Squadron Review

By A/C Mike C. Grinnel

Last Saturday, for the first time in approximately three years, the Cadets and Pre-cadets participated in a Student Review. The complete parade was run and supervised by cadet officers of N-class. All ran relatively smoothly and much was learned through practicing the theories taught in the classroom. It can be expected that there will be other Student Reviews in the weeks to come.

Another first at the Review was the appearance of the Reese AFB volunteer band. No longer will the base have to depend on the Webb AFB Band to furnish marching music. Congratulations to all the members of the newly formed band.

In preparation for a track meet April 30, at Bryan AFB, cadets are learning that running builds up a firm constitution. It is hoped that RAFB will put up a good showing against cadets from other training bases in the coming competition.

Since the first of this month, all cadets on the base have been faced with a perplexing problem.

GOES TO ENGLAND

T/Sgt. Veryl E. Benjamin of 3500th USAF hospital has been re-assigned to further duties in England. He will report to Camp Kilmer N. J. for overseas shipment May 24.

How can flight pay be used more constructively, and to the best advantage? There are solutions to all problems, and certainly one will be found by all concerned.

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FLIGHT 1

Capt. Guy A. Belzons
By 1st Lt. Paul E. Pohl

This flight was very happy to learn last week that our own Capt. Bennie Jew was selected as the "Instructor of the Quarter". We really feel that Captain Jew is a Flight One man. He has been in the flight ever since his assignment to Reese in August of 1953, which is longer than any other man in the flight with the exception of the Flight Commander. During this time he has done an exceptional job in every position he has occupied; from instructor to element leader and as assistant Flight Commander in the absence of the regular assistant. Capt. Jew has brought honor to himself and to his flight.

More happy news from Flight One is the birth of Bruce Emory Nelson to Lt. and Mrs. Ronald E. Nelson. The baby was born on March 18 in the Reese Hospital. He weighed 9 pounds and 3 3-4 ounces at birth but this big boy is wasting no time at getting a good start in life. The mother and — oh yes, can't forget—the father, too, are doing well.

Flight One has lost two of its instructors to the Wing Instrument Section. Lt. Harold C. Gloeckler and Lt. Richard W. Wright were selected to fill positions vacant in the Instrument Section. Although we hated to lose their ability and ex-

perience from the flight, we are certain that they will fill their new positions well. Our congratulations to them on their selection for this job.

FLIGHT 2

Capt. Sam W. Lackley
By Lt. Robert C. Huber

Capt. John Nelson, recently returning from instrument school at Moody AFB, has been permanently assigned to Flight Two. Returning with him is his new bride —Happy Wedding Bells.

Lieutenant Harding has left the flight to attend instrument school Moody AFB.

We of the flight thank Flight Five for their help in lending while three of our instructors were at instrument school.

FLIGHT 5

CAPT. REEDIS N. MORRIS
By Lt. Robert L. Sallee

The past week has been one of celebration and graduation parties with the graduation of Class 55-L, yesterday. Members of the class will soon be scattered through the country on their assignments.

We of the flight have now a few days rest before picking up our next class, 55-V.

Wedding bells have been ringing for Lt. David Vehling and Miss Pat Eaton of Yakima, Wash. The big event took place in the base chapel

April 3.

Flight Five is happy to welcome Lt. Frederick Johansen, who is a recent graduate of the BIS program of the base. We are also glad to have Capt. Dewitt Bunn back with us. Captain Bunn has been on leave for the past month.

Flying Time
Review



Although two flying days were lost due to weather, all of the flights still were in the blue as of April 12, 1955.

Class standings are: Class 55-N, plus 9:03; Class 55-P, plus 8:08; Class 55-R, plus 2:30; and Class 55-T, plus 3:07.

FLIGHT 8

Capt. Fuson
By Jay W. Picking, Jr.

The flight is getting into the final phase of training, with repeated emphasis on instrument reading. The students are rapidly approaching their final instrument rides and their instrument check rides.

Easter weekend was no vacation for a number of students and instructors. During that week-end five planes were out on 3-day cross countries, most of them somewhere in the eastern part of the country.

The student average for the class is approximately 57 hours which still leaves us about 7 1/2

hours in the blue, with 1 month of training left.

Capt. Lutes has received orders for his new assignment. He is to report to Parks AFB before June 15 for shipment to the Far East. Lots of luck to you on your new assignment.

FLIGHT 9

Capt. John G. Conklin
By Lt. Bill Powell

Flight Nine is having a struggle to build up a blue line with "tango" class. We have a very slight blue line at this date and

are looking for "Blue Skies" to help in attaining this "Blue Line".

Lt. Beck has been away from us for several weeks due to having an appendectomy. We are glad to see him up and about and are looking forward to having him back at the work bench.

Capt. Conklin is away for supervisor's school and will be back about the middle of May.

Lt. Gaizauskas has been alerted to report to California not later than May 19 and to join him will be Capt. Lewis who is to report not later than June 15. We will surely be sorry to lose these two "work horses".

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