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# Director Dental Service Arrives

Major Jules L. Cahan, USAF, DC, recently joined the professional staff at the Base Hospital and will replace Major William E. Ayres, USAF, DC, as the Director of Dental Services. Major Cahan has just returned recently from a tour of duty in the Azores.

Major Cahan comes from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and is now residing in Bangor with his wife and two sons. Prior to being commissioned in 1952, Major Cahan served dental internships at Jefferson Hospital in Philadelphia, Pa. and with the Public Health Service, Staten Island, New York. During 1945 through 1946, he served with the United States Public Health Service in the Coast Guard and Maritime Service as a dentist. From 1946 through 1952, Major Cahan conducted a private practice in Pennsauken and Camden, New Jersey.

Since coming on active duty, he has served duty with the USAF at Gunter AFB, Alabama, Barksdale AFB, California, Lake Charles, La., Walker AFB, New Mexico, and the Azores.

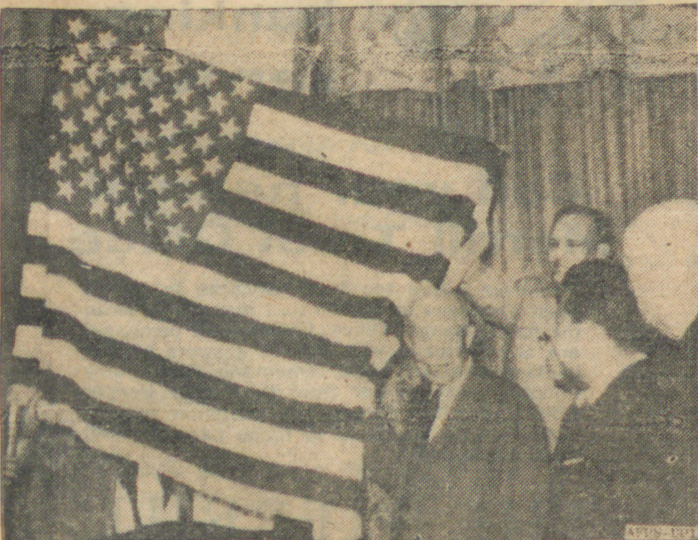
## Dow Logair Enjoys Three Perfect Weeks

Under the excellent supervision of S-Sgt Donald R. Conley, the Logair Section of the Transportation Squadron had three perfect weeks of teletype operation during August. This feat was lauded by Hq., Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio.

Basically, the Logair system was initiated in order to give the Air Force high-speed premium transportation for high-priority articles. Controlled by AMC and utilizing commercial aircraft, its two scheduled daily flights carry items to and from Dow within a fixed space allocation.

Successful teletype operation consists of meeting, unloading and reloading the aircraft within prescribed time limits as well as accurate teletype messages informing the next base, on the route, of the aircrafts load and itinerary. So it is that just as delays, inaccurate TWXs, etc. means points against Dow, the August performance of Sgt. Conley's section has won a new recognition for this base at Hq., AMC.

The Reenlistment telephone number is 2347.



**50 STARS MAKE A DEBUT**—President Eisenhower unfurls the new 50-star flag shortly after he signed the proclamation making Hawaii a state. Left to right, front, are: Pres. Eisenhower, Edward Johnston, Secretary of Hawaii; Rep. Daniel K. Inouye; and House Speaker Sam Rayburn. In rear, Lt. Col. James S. Cook, Jr., of the Quartermaster General's office, holds flag.

# General Power Is Named AFA Man Of The Year

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. (SAC PS) — Gen. Thomas S. Power, SAC Commander in Chief, was named Air Force Association "Man of the Year" and given the annual General H. H. Arnold Award during the 1959 AFA convention here.

The AFA named General Power its man of the year for demonstrating "unique ability in solving problems of the present while moving progressively toward the future" while serving as SAC's Commander in Chief.

The Arnold Award was established in 1948 by the AFA to be presented for "the most outstanding contributions towards the peace and security of the United States in the field of aviation."

It is the highest award of the AFA, a non-military organization of persons interested in airpower. Regular members of the AFA are veterans of the Air Force or its predecessor services.

General Power received the dual honor from AFA President Peter J. Schenk at the convention's Airpower Awards luncheon Sept. 5.

Since his selection as SAC Com- (Continued On Page 8)



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**CANADIAN VISITORS** receive correct directions from A/2C Joel Rudom, Base Police Flight. Mr. Wallace Marshall and family of Oranville, Ontario, had taken a wrong turn trying to get on Route 2. It happens about 30 times a day, says one gate guard.

## "Night In Harem" Planned By Dow Officers Club

Preparations are under way for the forthcoming "Night in a Harem," a fund raising event for the Dow Pines recreational area to be held at the Officers' Club on September 26. It will be jointly sponsored by the Officers' Club and the Officers' Wives Club.

The proceeds will be used to purchase playground and beach equipment, furnishings for cabins and additional hunting and fishing equipment.

Among the committee members (Continued On Page 6)

## Off Base Construction Confusing To Motorists

With all the new construction underway just outside of Gate one, a good many motorists simply follow their noses and wind up being turned around by Dow Air Policemen.

According to one gate guard, between 30 and 35 cars per day take the wrong turn and have to be given directions to continue on route two. Nearly half of these are Canadian visitors.

On several occasions, motorists have been known to drive up to the gate and offer the man on duty there a toll, mistaking the en-

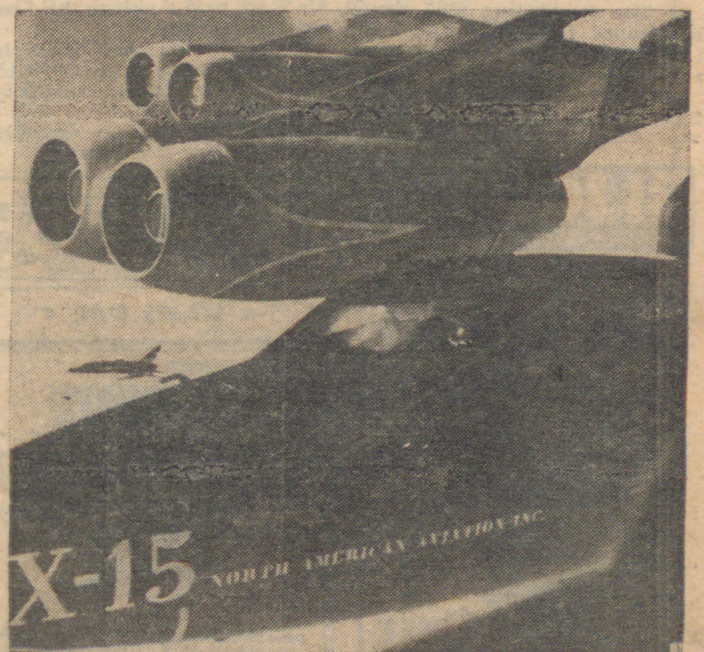
trance for a toll house. As one motorist put it, "We mistook your runways out there for a freeway. I couldn't figure out why so many cars were taking the old road with all that beautiful cement out there."

The Air Policemen handle all such cases swiftly and courteously. It's certain that many visitors both American and Canadian receive favorable impressions of SAC and Dow AFB by their friendly and efficient attitude.

## Dowman Chosen To Attend AF Softball Meet

Although Dow lost out in the recent Central Division Softball Tournament held at Loring AFB, Maine, one Dowman, MSgt. Robert H. Hively, First Sergeant of Supply Squadron, was chosen to enter the Eighth Air Force Tournament, the Strategic Air Command Tournament, and the Air Force Wide Tournament.

Yes, this sarge has sure been doing some traveling in the past three weeks. When Dow lost out in the Central Division Softball Tournament Sgt. Hively was picked by the winning team, which was Plattsburgh, to play in the Eighth Air Force Tournament held at Homestead AFB, Fla. Homestead won the Eighth Air Force tournament with Plattsburgh taking second place. This saw Sgt. Hively move to the Homestead team which represented Eighth Air Force in the SAC Tournament, held also at Homestead. Homestead lost to Chennault AFB (Continued on Page 10)



**MOTHER'S WING** — The experimental X-15 is shown just before it was dropped from the wing of a B-52 Stratofortress in a recent free-flight test over Edwards AFB, Calif. An F-100 chase plane can be seen in the background.



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# The Fire Chief Speaks

By James F. LaFountain  
Base Fire Chief

**Heating Hazards:** All stoves, boilers, furnaces and other heaters should be inspected by you during this month to assure yourself that the necessary fire in your heating plant will be kept in its proper place and not allowed to escape and threaten the lives of yourself and your loved ones along with destroying your property. The following defects are typical escape routes for the fire inside your heating plant. If such defects exist in your home or the building where you work you should cause them to be remedied before starting a fire in the heating or cooking unit concerned.

a. Steampipes in contact with combustible materials.

b. Stovepipes in contact with combustible materials.

c. Defective flues or heating stoves including roof jacks.

d. Lack of safety controls on heating equipment, including devices to take care of possible malfunction owing to temporary power failures.

e. Improper installation of fuel-oil supplies or heating apparatus.

f. Improper lighting equipment on heating devices.

g. Use of combustible containers for ashes.

h. Use of open flame or heaters with exposed electrical heating elements in areas where flammable vapors are present.

i. The oil heating unit should be cleaned frequently with special attention given to the flue, stove pipe and fire pot.

j. In case the burner floods: Shut off fuel supply, Open damp-



LaFountain

er, Open stove door.

k. Operate any type heating unit in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and request training on safe operation from the Dow Heating section.

At the end of each day all oil burning space heaters installed in buildings where no one is present after normal duty hours will be shut off.

**Heating Plant Housekeeping:** A high standard of cleanliness and the complete elimination of accumulations of waste and rubbish are primary factors in fire prevention. Waste materials and rubbish especially in contact with oils having spontaneous ignition characteristics, may not only be responsible for the spread of fire but be the sources of fire itself. At least daily at the end of work, wastepaper and other combustible material shall be moved from all buildings and other important areas and deposited in covered metal receptacles and detached from the building at least ten feet. Remember that the heating room is not a storage area and that combustible material should not be stored by you in this location. Let me remind you that a clean house seldom burns and that fire prevention is your business as well as mine so lets all work together as a professional team to keep all necessary fires in their proper place the cooking or heating plant. In the case of an uncontrolled fire call your local professional fire fighters immediately, get everyone out of the danger area and attack the fire while it is still small with the first aid fire extinguisher provided.

### RAF Chief Visits SAC

HQ. SAC (SAC PS)—Air Chief Marshal Sir Thomas Pike, soon to become Royal Air Force Chief of Air Staff, paid a visit to this headquarters recently.

He and two members of his staff were briefed and taken on a tour through the underground command post.

ACM Pike has an equivalent rank of a four-star general.

# Undercover Stuff

By THE BOOK WORM  
M. K. KINNEY

The world seems to be getting to be a very small place nowadays. Eisenhower visits Khrushchev, Khrushchev visits Ike, and the traveling time necessary is so very brief, relatively speaking what does this mean? It means that your neighbor (the man next door) can be defined as anyone in the world today, for the dictionary definition of the word neighbor is "a person or thing near another."

We are today coming closer than ever before to recognizing that we truly belong to one world. Ways must be found to reach an understanding with those who dislike us, hard as that task may be. Name calling and bad manners in international relations gains us nothing, no more than do insults screamed over the back fence at the neighbor next door. We must also learn to understand our friends. Our goal is not to make the world over in our image, but to better understand how to live at peace on a friendlier, happier planet.

How to accomplish all this? Citizens of any society must be well informed on world affairs. One must read and keep - up - to-date! What then to read? Current events for one! (books and peri-

odicals.) The following list is my personal choice of publications which I feel are accurate and well written:

I recommend MAJOR PROBLEMS OF UNITED STATES FOREIGN POLICY — latest ed. published by the Brookings Inst., Washington, D.C. \$2.00 paper. This contains careful, thorough and clear discussions of the issues now before us. After this background guide come the daily newspapers, for keeping up with developments. THE CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR in Boston is one of the best and easiest to read but the NEW YORK TIMES is more complete. A good weekly summary magazine is U. S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT. For follow up of special subjects consult the READERS GUIDE TO PERIODICAL LITERATURE AT your local Public Library. The Guide provides references to numerous magazine articles on subjects of interest to you.

Remember, I do not say that you MUST read these publications I do say that reading, next to seeing for oneself, is the best way to find out about a neighbor. When we have learned more about him it is easier to get along with him.

## E-8 Exam Result Not Surprising, Says Hq. USAF

(AFNS) Of the 40,747 M-Sgts. who grappled with the revised USAF Supervisory Examination, administered in May and June, 28,000 found themselves in the "qual" column on orders published almost simultaneously (Aug. 14) throughout the Air Force world.

This represents 69 per cent of those who took the 150-question exam and Pentagon test officials say the result is "just about what they expected." A similar percentage score was reflected in the first two cycles using the old test.

In the ordinary course of events, those tested will never learn the exact score they made. As far as the record is concerned, the subjects are "qual" or "unqual" and this is the statement that will guide those making up promotion consideration folders.

In the opinion of NCOs trying for the "wishbone" stripe in the December 1, cycle, elimination of individual scores in the promotion folders is a step toward making selection a bit fairer since it eliminates the temptation to favor the man with the higher score—even if the score is higher by as little as one point.

With the test requirement out of the way, the SMSgt. and CMSgt selection machinery purred along with no major changes in the timetable announced in May.

Between August 31 and December 1, reassignment rules will be in effect covering those changing commands during that time. Gaining commands will consider

for promotion (or nomination to Hq USAF) all MSgts. and SMSgts. reassigned with an effective date of change of strength accountability (EDCSA) earlier than August 31.

Losing commands will consider those with EDCSA of August 31, or later. Gaining commands will issue promotion orders, upon notification and transfer of appropriate promotion quota, if EDCSA is on or before December 1.

Promotions to E-8 and E-9 will take place on December 1 and the new pay rate will turn up in mid-month checks.

**SACMAN ROLLS PERFECT 300**  
LITTLE ROCK AFB, Ark. (SAC PS)—TSgt Charlie Thompson of the 1924th AACS Squadron bowled his way to fame here recently when he turned in a perfect 300 game.

Got a hot news tip? Call Tanker Times, ext 2801.

## Quality Needed Planner Says

(AFNS) "The Air Force is not confronted with a recruiting problem. We have more applicants for openings than there are openings available."

This was the keynote struck by Maj. Gen. Elvin S. Lignon, Jr., director of personnel planning at Hq USAF, speaking before students of Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware, Ohio.

"Back in World War II we required about 40 per cent technicians and 60 per cent helpers. This trend has reversed itself — today we need about 60 per cent technical personnel and 40 per cent helpers and support personnel," he said.

The general said the effect of the trend is that the Air Force will be looking for more highly qualified personnel with greater skills and who have a desire to stay in uniform and make the service a career.

According to figures derived from the May Sample Survey, retention figures show a steady climb. Current reenlistments of first-termers is running at 60 out of 100. During the Korean war it was 26.5 per cent; last year, 54.7 per cent.

The demand for highly technical skills in the Air Force is tied directly to the expanding complexity of equipment coming into the Air Force inventory. "We have to have a combat capability ready to go at all times and immediately available. We cannot foresee that we will have the opportunity for any large scale mobilization after a war breaks out," General Lignon told the students.

"Today we must work with a smaller force but we must ask each man to do more and be more proficient," Lignon declared. "Each person in the Air Force has a bigger job; he has to be more highly qualified; and we expect more of him."

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## "Year Round Education Available For Dowmen

By COL. GEORGE W. R. ZETHREN  
Wing Commander

A trip through any of the shopping areas in the surrounding communities will graphically point out the recent opening of school. This would be a good time for military personnel to sit down and take stock of their educational requirements and the opportunities available for them to "go back to school."

Through the Base Education Office any serviceman can complete his education to any level he desires, with the government paying for a major part of the cost.

For personnel who do not have a high school diploma, there is the GED testing program and several high school level courses are taught on base.

For the officer or airman who would like to complete his work toward a college degree there are three courses open: USAFI courses, extension courses with universities through USAFI, and on-base college courses taught by instructors from Husson College.

These avenues of education, coupled with Operation Bootstrap which will allow you to complete your final semester of college on TDY, offer an excellent opportunity for military personnel to continue their education while in the Air Force.

Mr. Donal Alward, Base Education Officer, can show you how easily you can get needed additional education. Call him for an appointment at ext. 2395.



Col. Zethren

## Policy Changed For Dow AB Entrances

By LT. COL. WILLIAM A. CRAWFORD  
Base Commander

Effective last Monday, a new policy went into effect at all entrances to Dow. There is now a stop sign at each of the entrances. These signs govern both incoming and outgoing traffic. All motorists are required to come to a full stop and remain at a stop until waved on by the Air Policeman on duty. There will be one exception to the policy. At times, especially with heavy traffic, the Air Policeman may or may not be directly at his post. His hand signal can supercede or override the stop signs. The Air Policeman will do this in order to expedite the flow of traffic.

This policy is being placed in effect to eliminate the apparent confusion voiced by officers and airmen of this command as to what is expected of them at our base entrances. With this in mind, the following two points should be remembered.

1. Both incoming and outgoing motorists must come to a full stop at all perimeter gates. They must remain stopped until signaled to proceed.

2. The Air Policeman may, by hand signal, expedite the flow of traffic by waving motorists thru the stop sign.

Remember, driving an automobile, both on and off the base requires constant awareness of traffic rules and regulations. Failure to obey these will only result in loss of driving privileges and perhaps serious injury. Obey all traffic laws and above all, drive safely.



Col. Crawford

## Your Medical Team

By LT. COL. A. M. KURLAND  
Commander 860th Medical Group

Your base hospital is fully equipped and staffed to handle the medical problems of its military community. In order to perform this task most efficiently, a system of appointments is in effect. This means that the patient contacts the dispensary, briefly states the situation, and is given an appointment and the name of the physician specializing in that phase of medicine most concerned with the problem. The scheduling of patients in this manner enables the physicians to care for their patients on the wards, perform surgical procedures, and do the many little tasks necessary in a hospital of this size and still diagnose and treat the many individuals seen each day with as little wait as possible for the dispensary outpatient.

Since no one has yet determined how to schedule births or emergency surgical and medical procedures, there are at times delayed appointments or hasty exits on the part of the physicians. It should be recognized that these are unavoidable in a busy hospital. One cannot schedule emergencies.

It is important to remember that there is a physician on duty at all times to care for any emergencies. The only purpose of an advanced telephone call in a case of this nature would be to prepare any special materials needed for immediate use and to have them ready when the patient enters the dispensary.

In the case of a medical problem which arises in an off-duty hour and is not of an acute emergency nature, a preliminary phone call would aid the medical officer on duty in planning his scheduled rounds between the hospital wards and the dispensary.

It must be remembered that every physician on this hospital staff has been trained for many years in order to determine the course of action in any problem that may arise. This includes the decision to treat or to refer patients to a specialty clinic. Thus, a patient can discuss his problems with any physician here and be assured of the proper care.



Col. Kurland

## Your Question

(If you are overseas now, or expect to go overseas in the future, you should know the answer to questions of the kind asked in this week's Q & A column.)

Q. Wasn't the U. S. guilty of aggression in sending its troops into Lebanon?

A. The United States sent troops into Lebanon in July 1958, not as an act of war or aggression but at the urgent appeal of the Government of Lebanon for help in protecting its independence. All of our troops were withdrawn in October 1958, in agreement with the Lebanese Government. The withdrawal was made because relatively stable conditions returned to Lebanon following the inauguration of a new president.

Respect for the liberty and freedom of all nations has always been a guiding principle of the United States. As President Eisenhower has stated, we reserve the right -- within the spirit of the U. N. Charter -- to answer the legitimate appeal of any nation, particularly a small nation, unable to defend itself against direct or indirect aggression.

Lebanon is a small and peaceful country which has long had close ties of friendship with the United States. In landing troops there, the United States acted at the request of the Lebanese Government to prevent indirect aggression from succeeding -- and in keeping with what the United Nations Charter calls the "inherent right of collective self-defense."

## 'Flyer' Editor Interviewed By CINCSAC

By TSgt FRANK SANTOS  
Editor, Westover AFB, Mass.,  
YANKEE FLYER

While on temporary duty at SAC Headquarters recently, I was told General Power -- the Commander in Chief -- wanted to talk with me.

It was not an interview planned just for me, for he asked me basically the same questions he asks selected men of all ranks who visit the headquarters on TDY.

After I had entered his office and we had exchanged salutes, General Power asked me to be seated and began with the questions: "What do you think of SAC?" "Do you like the command? If not why not?" "What about the command's check-cashing policy?" "How do you feel about the NCO quality control program?"

I could tell he wanted frank and concise answers and not gripes.

When there was a question about the answer to a problem, the general flipped an intercom switch and got quick professional advice from his top advisors.

Then General Power said, "Any questions you want to ask me, sergeant?"

My questions dealt primarily with frozen AFSCs, promotions, housing, and my career field (information services).

Afterward, there were a few more searching questions by the general, this time about my dependents: What they thought of SAC, my job, fringe benefits.

Though my answers were specific, there was no indication they were what he wanted to hear. Not even the lifting of an eyebrow.

Then, as if by command, I knew the interview was completed. A handshake, goodbyes, salutes and it was all over. General Power returned to the pressing business of commanding SAC.

The results of the interview? On mine, I don't know, but the briefing officer explained beforehand that over a period of time General Power hopes to uncover command irritants that may be hindering a man's service career. He is also seeking suggestions which could be the foundation for changes in SAC -- and possibly Air Force -- policies. (SAC PS)

## Soviet Broken Promises

### The Agreement

March 10, 1947 -- Council of Foreign Ministers, meeting in Moscow, agrees that all German prisoners of war should be repatriated by December 31, 1948.

### The Agreement

July 27, 1953 -- Military armistice established between United Nations Command and opposing Communist forces, assisted by USSR, of China and North Korea. Armistice agreement pledges signers to "cease introduction into Korea of reinforcing military personnel."

January 14, 1956 -- USSR signs agreement with Yugoslavia, pledging \$110,000,000 in credits for industrial construction. August 4, 1956 -- USSR pledges an additional grant of \$175,000,000 bringing total to \$285,000,000.

August 3, 1955 -- Soviet regime furnishes West German Red Cross with data on the health and whereabouts of only 20 of the approximately 14,000 Germans known to be still held in the USSR.

### The Result

July 11, 1955 -- UN Command details long list of armistice agreement violations by Communist parties. May 6, 1957 UN Command, in another of series of official complaints, charges that Communists have sent troops into Korea's demilitarized zone six times in period of less than four months.

May 28, 1958 -- Yugoslav sources disclosed that the Soviet Union had postponed for five years the grant to Yugoslavia amounting to \$285,000,000. This, it was charged, was an attempt to punish Yugoslavia for its refusal to accept the Soviet Communist Party's ideological leadership.

## TIMES Spot News In Brief

### REGULAR COMMISSIONS OPEN FOR AF DOCTORS

The Air Force has taken another look at its officer manning tables and will give "full consideration" to all physicians filing for regular commissions, who graduated from medical school in 1955 and 1956.

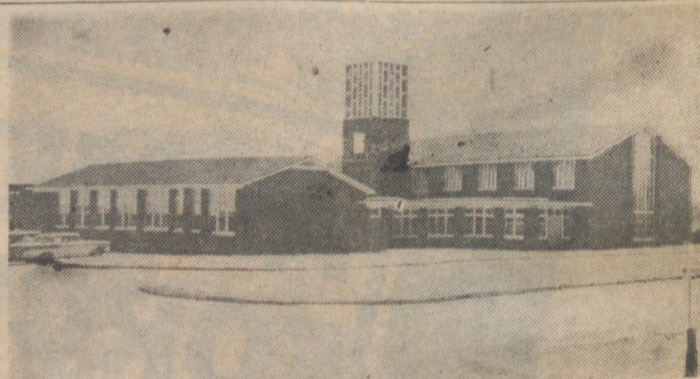
For the past two years applications for regular commissions submitted by doctors in this category were returned without action because of the establishment limitation on the number of physicians to be appointed in the Regular Air Force in any one Promotion List Service Group.

Unlike other regular officer groups, the promotion List Service Group in which a physician is placed in the Regular Air Force is determined by his date of graduation from medical school.

### PROJECT ORION

Project Orion, a feasibility study of space propulsion through controlled nuclear pulses, has been continued for another 12-month period, as of Sept. 1.

The project, in progress since July 1958, is being conducted by General Atomics Division of General Dynamics Corp., under contract with the Air Research and Development Command, as authorized by the Defense Department Advanced Research Projects Agency.



## CHAPEL SCHEDULE

### PROTESTANT

#### Worship Services

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.  
Sundays, 8 a. m.

### JEWISH

Beth Israel Synagogue  
A. H. Freedman, Rabbi

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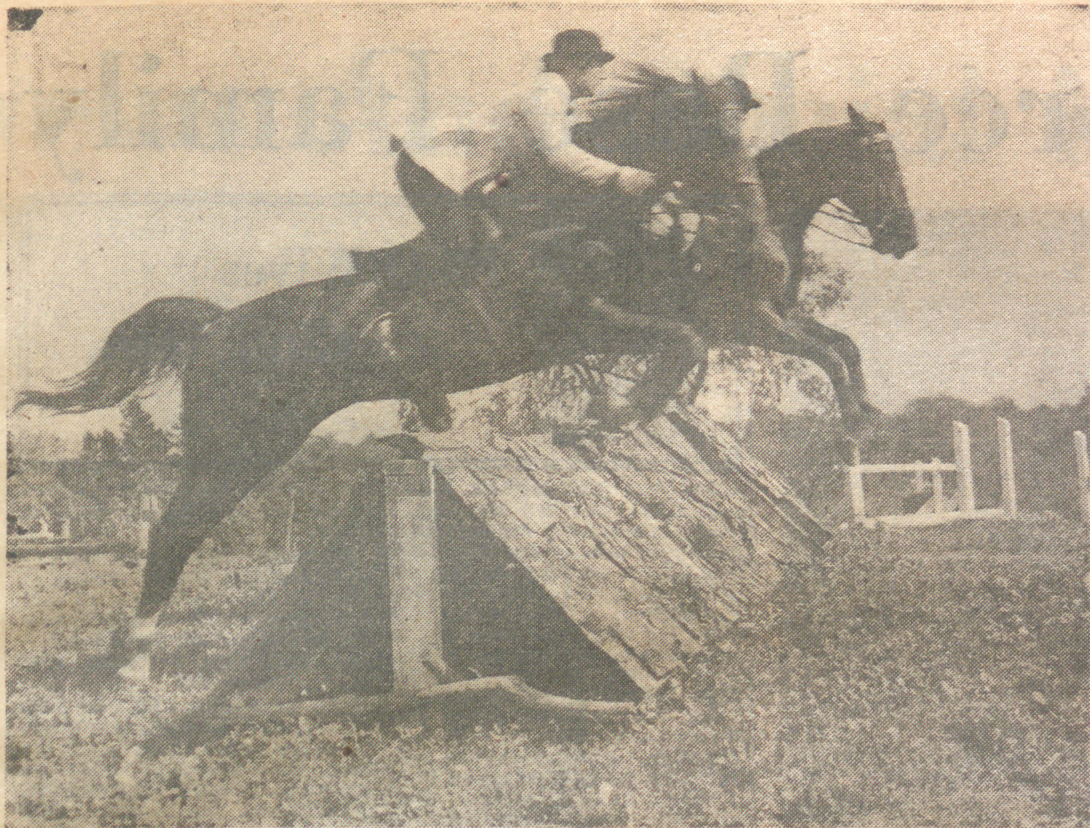
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**TWO ENTRANTS** in the coming Dow Downeast Horse Show to be held here September 19th. Here, two horses take a jump at the same time in practice for the coming event. The Downeast Horse Show is a class "C" event recognized by the Maine Horse Association.

## Dow Aero Club Now Boasts Five Airplane Inventory

The Aero Club now has five airplanes in its inventory. One T-34, two Cessna 172's, one Cessna 150 and one Aronca Champ on floats. Our float plane should be ready to fly within a week or so. As far as we know it will be based at the Down East Air Service on the Penobscot River. The float plane will be available for \$16 dollars per day. To check out in the float plane you will be required to have a private license and 50 hours total time. You will also be required to fly a minimum of four hours dual with a club instructor and then a check ride with an FAR examiner.

Airman Gary Gallupe took a cross country to Fort Fairfield, Maine this week end.

Mrs. Ann Mills, our newest female member, is ready to solo according to her instructor, Ray Welsh, (our hopeful for the Powder Puff Derby next year).

The race for a private license between Lt. Charles Monahan and Sgt. Bob Akers is still neck and neck. Sgt. Akers has estimated it will cost him about three

hundred dollars to get his private license.

CWO (W-2) John Sligh and Lt. Frank Almeter are planning to take a Cessna 172 to Barksdale AFB, La. to the Aero Club conference in December.

MSgt. Mat Dillion is performing all maintenance on the aircraft now and is doing a top notch job—Keep it up Mat.

Information regarding the Aero Club may be obtained by calling or seeing John Sligh, phone 2131 or 2-9592, Lt. Almeter 2607 or 2-5604. An information sheet will be available soon.

The Aero Club has had two aircraft accidents since it was organized in 1951. That's two accidents too many. Follow procedures and fly safe. It's fun.

## SAC Education Program Termed As "Fantastic"

HQ. SAC (SAC PS)—Participation in the SAC education services program during Fiscal Year 1959 was "fantastic," according to Mr. Ben M. Zeff, command director of Education.

A final tabulation of the year's activities, compiled in Mr. Zeff's office, shows that a total of 39,514 individuals enrolled in 174,451 academic and technical courses. In addition, 75,092 individual tests and examinations were administered.

Mr. Zeff credits SAC commanders for the upswing in educational pursuits. "They have emphasized the benefits of an education, encouraged it, and have been quick—as well as sincere—in helping airmen to better themselves," he said.

As a result, 38 percent of SAC military personnel participated in the program during FY '59. Even more impressive is the fact that this command accounted for 40 percent of the total participation in the AF education services program.



**JUST HATCHED**—An aerial view of the huge globe being built near Camden, N. J., gives the appearance of a giant egg which has just been hatched. The structure will be a full scale model of a tracking radar being built for the Air Force's Ballistic Missile Early Warning System.

**DEHYDRATED BLASTOFF**—A Polaris test rocket is off on a 700 mile trip from its Cape Canaveral launching site. It was the first launching from a dry land device that simulated the motion of an underwater sub.

**Telephone Directory Depicts SAC**  
HQ. SAC (SAC PS)—Omaha's new telephone directory features on its front cover a color picture of SAC Headquarters, including a close-up of a B-52 flying overhead. The Atlas, maintenance hangars and flight line also can be seen.

Northwestern Bell Telephone Co. officials said 230,000 of the new directories will be distributed to its Omaha patrons in September.

Keep up to date on what your Air Force is doing by reading the Tanker Times.

## SAC Surgeon Is Presented Legion Of Merit

HQ. SAC (SAC PS) — Brig. Gen. Lloyd E. Griffis, SAC Surgeon for more than 10 years, retired Aug. 31 and was presented the Legion of Merit for exceptionally meritorious service by Gen. Thomas S. Power, SAC Commander in Chief.

A veteran of 29 years' service, General Griffis was cited for developing the military medicine tactical support concept to meet the medical requirements of strategic air operations.

General Power said, "General Griffis developed and maintained a medical service that is unrivaled in field command. His performance of duty has contributed to a medical service at ready

status, providing excellent service in hospitals at multiple dispersed bases, an outstanding environmental health program, and a capable medical war plan in support of SAC global operations."

General Griffis was born in Montana Aug. 14, 1905, received his M. D. degree from the University of Nebraska College of Medicine in 1930, then entered military service.

He became SAC surgeon in March 1949 and held that position until his retirement in August.

New SAC surgeon is Brig. Gen. Theodore C. Bedwell.



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# Dow Air Force Base Family



**DISCUSSING TRAVELERS AID**—A/3C Norman Vogt of the Wing Personnel section seeks information from Mrs. Nellie B. Banton, Bangor-Brewer Travelers Air Society representative. This service is made available to Dow personnel by the Bangor-Brewer United Fund. In 1958 assistance was provided to 177 servicemen and their families. Through its nationwide network, Travelers Aid assists Air Force wives traveling with families and has made arrangements for Air Force children traveling alone. Travelers Aid is only one of 20 local agencies supported by the Bangor-Brewer United Fund which offers assistance to Dow personnel.

## Manned Bombers Still Unique As Part Of Deterrent Force

(AFNS) The Air Force still sees itself as having manned aircraft for a number of years to come, in combination with its ballistic missiles and other systems.

Lt. Gen. Roscoe C. Wilson, USAF, Deputy Chief of Staff, Development, said there are several reasons for not counting out manned bomber crews. Only man, he said, can seek out targets which might not be "fixed"—such as mobile ICBMs, or attack targets of opportunity.

He also said that a manned bomber force can attack with an accuracy and reliability that missiles do not yet have. Further-

more, such crews can be recalled if an enemy attack warning turns out to be erroneous.

General Wilson spoke before the American Legion Security Commission meeting in Minneapolis, Minn. He described the Air Force's dispersal program for its bombers and ballistic missile sites, designed "to present the maximum number of targets which the enemy must attack if he is to destroy our offensive missile force."

This dispersal is in addition to the hardening of missile sites to withstand all but direct blows by nuclear weapons, General Wilson said.

The recent firing of the second stage of the solid-fuel Minuteman ICBM is a significant milestone in that high priority program, General Wilson said. Many of these missiles will be carried on railway cars, which will double as launch platforms, in order to present a shifting, unpredictable target.

He told his audience that work will continue on the development of the B-70 supersonic bomber and air-to-surface missile launches. The B-70 will be capable of cruising at 2,000 miles an hour over extended ranges and at great altitudes.

"It is our conviction," he said, "that the U. S. cannot have a reliable counterforce capability without a manned weapon system in our arsenal."

**RAMEY'S 1st B-52 CHRISTENED**  
RAMEY AFB, Puerto Rico (SAC PS)—Ramey's first Boeing B-52G "missile platform" bomber was christened "La Fortaleza" (The Fortress) during ceremonies here recently.

## Family Services Personal Affairs Meet At Hq SAC

**HQ. SAC (SAC PS)** — Personal affairs and family services representatives from the major air commands will attend a USAF conference here Sept. 9-11, according to Col. Hervey A. McDaniel Jr., SAC chief of personnel services.

Among the conferees will be Maj. Gen. Howard C. Davidson, USAF Retired, director of the Air Force Aid Society.

Major topics on the agenda will include: The Air Force Aid Society Program; The Savings Bond Program.

United States Contingency Option Act, Estate, and Retirement Planning; Separation Counseling-Importance to Retirees; Casualty Procedures; Background and Philosophy of the SAC Family Service Program; Organization of the Family Service Program; Command Support of the Family Service Program; Equipping the Family Service Center; Retention Aspects of the Family Service Program; Tenant Unit Support in Personal Affairs Area; Fund Raising in the Federal Services; Air Force Family in the People-to-People Program.

## Thrift Shop News

**ATTENTION**  
Starting September 14 the Thrift Shop will be open Monday through Friday from 11 o'clock to 3 o'clock each and every week. Because of the change the shop will not be open on Saturdays.

Due to the change in hours we are asking that large numbers of articles be brought to the shop before 2 o'clock. This policy is working very well and therefore will continue and be enforced.

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## NCO Wives Club Notes

By MARIE CULLY

How was that pot-luck luncheon? Good, they tell me. Yep, I finally missed one; We have been wandering around the New England States, hunting for the old shore roads, that were so well remembered. Remembered is right, for they have been lost to progress, and progress has plowed them under, making room for super highways and by-ways.

Our long awaited Paper Bag fashion show will be held next Thursday. If everyone has collected up the oddities that I have it should be quite a show. Shall we invite Peter? Coffee will be served.

There are tentative plans for a dinner-dance, will give you more details next week. Plans are also being made to combine the Rummage sale and the Bazaar. (Whoops, haven't made that apron yet, have you?). Once again, the addresses to store the rummage boxes: Hazel Rowland, Bldg. T-411 on base, and Nancy Hunt, 59 Machias Ave., G.I. Village.

You'll find the nursery open every night, except Monday. Open until 11:00 p.m. Tuesday, Wed., and Thursday, Friday and Saturday, open until 1:30 a.m. Sunday, open until 11:00 p.m.

The Thrift Shop is asking for more furniture and winter clothing for resale. Also don't forget Family Services, they still need volunteer workers, and your help would be very much appreciated. Welcome back to the Consauls.

how was the trip Judy? It's good to see you back in the swing of things.

September 16th, there will be an Orientation Course, starting at nine A. M. and ending at four P. M. If you plan to attend there will be free nursery upon reservation. Call 2579 to make your nursery reservation.

The NCO Club and the NCO Wives Club have joined forces to welcome all Newcomers to the Base. On September 23rd there will be an informal cocktail hour, from 7 P. M. to 9 P. M. All NCO husbands and wives are invited. Come up and get acquainted.

## New Dow Arrivals

- 31 Aug. 59  
Son born to 1st Lt. and Mrs. Donald C. Glosser.  
Daughter born to SSgt. and Mrs. Matthew C. Raimer.
- 1 Sept. 59  
Son born to SN and Mrs. James E. Weston.
- 3 Sept. 59  
Son born to 2d Lt. and Mrs. Paul R. O'Brien.  
Daughter born to SSgt. and Mrs. Avery K. Ramsey.
- 4 Sept. 59  
Son born to 1st. Lt. and Mrs. Anthony P. Petrofes.
- 5 Sept. 59  
Son born to A-2C and Mrs. William J. Gutschow.  
Son born to A-3C and Mrs. Charles L. Hunt.  
Son born to TSgt. and Mrs. Ralph E. Deane.
- 6 Sept. 59  
Son born to A-2C and Mrs. Junior D. Patton.
- 7 Sept. 59  
Daughter born to A-2C and Mrs. Larry Ward.

## SAC Orientation Course Is Set

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that to see behind a few doors that are usually off-limits to all except authorized personnel.

After the tour, which is optional, the balance of the course will be resumed and at the completion Certificates of Training will be awarded personally.

If you have taken an Orientation Course previously, be assured you will receive information new to you at this time, as changes are made as the need arises. Be informed—be there September 16.

## Night In Harem

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who discussed plans with Capt. Lowell Corkery, Dow Pines Project Officer, were Mrs. Thomas Walker, General Co-Chairman; Mrs. Samuel Barnes, Hqs. Sq. Chairman; Mrs. Harold I. Hill, 75th Fighter FIS Chairman; Mrs. Henry J. Clerici, General Chairman; and Capt. Lowell Corkery.

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# News And Social Happenings



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## Officers Wives Club Notes

**By ELAINE UMSTEAD**  
 The first OWC Game Day, held on Sept. 1 was a big success. It was well attended and all the girls present spent an enjoyable afternoon playing cards. High honors and first prize in bridge went to Mrs. William Brazil. Second prize was won by Mrs. James Hennigar and third prize by Mrs. W.A. Greer. Low for the day was Mrs. Roger Simmons. High in Canasta was won by Mrs. James Everett. Second place winner was Mrs. John M. George. The door prize was won by Mrs. Lowell R. Corkery.

The next Game Day will be held on Sept. 22 at the Officers Club. The time has been changed from 12:30 p.m. to 1 p.m., making it easier for those preparing lunch for their school youngsters.

There are going to be bridge lessons available for a nominal fee, however, they will probably be held separate from the regular

Game Day. There will be eight two hour lessons. The first hour for instruction, the second hour for playing. The instructors will be Mrs. W. A. Greer. Watch this column for further information as to the time and day the lessons will be held.

A reminder to the OWC Bowling League girls. . . Bowling will be held on Wednesday mornings, promptly at 9 a.m., and you will be bowling on base this year. However, the first meeting of bowlers has been changed from Wednesday, September 16th, to Thursday, September 17th, due to the Family Services Orientation Course being held on September 16th. The time will remain the same. If you have any questions concerning bowling, contact Mary Lou Haesecke at 4664.

Nursery reservations are a must. . . call yours in ahead of time.

**EDUCATIONAL FUNDS FOR AF CHILDREN**  
 The Gen. Henry H. Arnold Education Fund offers assistance in certain cases to dependent children of Air Force members, deceased or retired, as well as active members, who need assistance in meeting college or vocational school expenses. The education fund is part of the Air Force Aid Society.

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## Dow Reaches Top In OJT

Dow's OJT program was rated tops in Eighth Air Force for the month of July according to an announcement made this week by 1st Lt. Guy J. Bentivenga, Base OJT Officer. This is the second time this year Dow has topped all other Eighth Air Force Bases in the OJT program. Dow was tops in the quarter ending 30 June 1959.

Starting July 1st Eighth Air Force has been grading the OJT program on a monthly basis. For the month of July both the 4060th Air Refueling Wing and the 4060th Combat Support Group scored 100 per cent in the OJT program.

## Some Engineers Now Reassigned

HQ. SAC (SAC PS) — A realignment of functions in the Strategic Air Command's directorate of civil engineering "designed to increase the responsiveness to changes in the weapons, particularly missiles," has been completed.

Brig. Gen. James B. Knapp, SAC director of civil engineering, made the announcement and revealed the following assignments:

- Deputy director, Col. Robert I. Barrowclough;
- Development division, Col. James E. Altman, chief, and Col. George N. Payne, deputy chief;
- Engineering division, Col. Alpheus W. White, chief, and Mr. Edward O. Cooper, deputy chief;
- Operations division, Col. Richard L. Temple, chief, and Col. James A. Cowan, deputy chief.

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## Ground Safety Report

The nagging wife was blamed today for part of the traffic toll. "There may be a few people who will disagree with me," Harry Porter, Jr., manager of the National Safety Council's traffic department, conceded. "But I feel that a motorist who drives after a spat with the little woman has two strikes against him in traffic. "Nagging wives, burnt toast, oversleeping — all fall into the same category, as far as I'm concerned," said Porter. "They all tend to take the driver's mind off driving, to make him more susceptible to an accident."

Porter agrees that the wife who gently suggests her husband lift his heavy foot from the accelerator and who helps him watch out for road hazards can be a real benefit.

"Women can be life-savers if they'll help hubby copilot the family car," he said. "Take part of the driving job off his shoulders — help chart the course, watch out for road signs and turns, and relieve him every few hours behind the wheel," he advised. "But don't let him drive if he's a little

too hot under the collar. Try to save discussions that could become heated for a later time. You'll be surprised how many troubles a few hours can cure."

Husbands, too, came in for a bit of advice from Porter.

"It's not only the husband who's nagged into an accident," he asserted. "Sometimes the shoe's on the other foot — the husband irritates the little woman before she does out to do the weekly grocery shopping, for example.

"She's just as apt to let her irritation distract her into an accident after an argument as he is."

What advice does he have for drivers — both men and women?

"Keep tempers down before driving. Don't let a traffic accident spoil your life!"

Note: Congratulations of the accident free Labor Day weekend.

## Atlas ICBM Successfully Static Fired

VANDENBERG AFB, Calif. (SAC PS) — An Atlas intercontinental ballistic missile was recently successfully "static fired" at this West Coast SAC missile base.

The missile was anchored to the ground while its giant rocket engines were tested in the "flight readiness firing." A full firing of the Atlas at a fairly early date is now deemed possible at Vandenberg.

The Atlas, expected soon to become an operational missile, is the U. S.'s first intercontinental ballistic missile.

## TOP AIR GUARD, RESERVE TO MEET IN D. C.

Secretary of the Air Force James H. Douglas and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Thomas D. White head the list of top-level military and civilian leaders who will attend the second annual Seminar for the chiefs of staff of the reserve forces to be held in Washington, D. C. Sept. 24-25.

More than 250 key members of the Air National Guard and the Air Force Reserve from all over the U. S. are expected to attend the conference.

Among the topics to be discussed are international affairs, the threat of Communism, the military posture of Air Force power, and the present status of the Air Force as a deterrent to war and as an instrument of national policy.

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# Flight Status Review Of 3,500 Set For November

(AFNS)—The Air Force will soon begin sifting the records of about 3,500 rated officers to determine if they should be taken off flying status. Headquarters USAF notified major commands this week which officers will be considered by the Central Flight Status Selection Board for possible suspension from flying status. The board is scheduled to meet toward the end of November.

For the first time in recent years, Headquarters has compiled the list of officers considered marginal, insofar as rated potential is concerned. The major commands, in the past two cycles, drew up their own rosters of officers for board consideration.

The intensive review of the Air Force's 73,000 rated officers took place in the Pentagon and was based on a detailed and selective set of standards. Basic information was collected from the Officer Master Personnel Records (OMR) and following many statistical runs the final list of rated officers whose cases will be reviewed was drawn up.

Major commands can exercise a waiver authority on any officer listed, provided certain standards prevail. On the other hand, a major command may report an officer to the board if he is considered lacking in rated potential for assignment to a position needing current rated knowledge and experience.

In his letter to the major commands, Lt. Gen. Truman H. Landon, Deputy Chief of Staff, Personnel, said "each officer should be advised that retention of flying status is based primarily on ability, qualification and potential."

Headquarters officials point out that the board's review of the records does not mean automatic suspension of flying status.

Last year's board reviewed 1,525 cases and suspended 390 officers from flying status. A Pentagon officer, however, cautioned against using this as any basis for comparison of this year's cases.

Officials emphasize the Central Flight Status Selection Board passes only on an officer's rated potential; it does not reflect his military or officer potential. An officer's flying status will be suspended only if he lacks sufficient rated potential to be effectively used in a command, staff or operational position which would require a flying officer.

# Power Named

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mander in Chief in 1957, General Power has been responsible for integrating newly developed intercontinental ballistic missiles and intermediate range missiles into SAC's force of jet bombers and tankers.

The 54-year-old native of New York City served as General LeMay's Vice Commander at SAC Headquarters from 1948 through 1954, then took command of the Air Research and Development Command for three years before returning as SAC's Commander in Chief.

Now in his 31st year of active duty with the Air Force, General Power is the ninth recipient of the H. H. Arnold Award.

The citation accompanying General Power's award stated: "The most pressing problem facing the Free World today is the need to maintain its nuclear deterrent capability amid expanding technology and ever-changing weaponry."

"General Thomas S. Power, USAF, Commander in Chief of the Strategic Air Command, has distinguished himself through dynamic, resourceful leadership of this global deterrent force during a period of great technological change.

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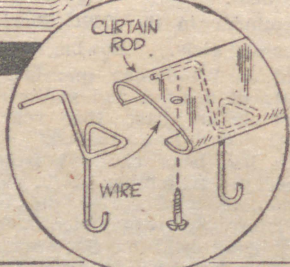
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# Quake Brings Quick Action From Fourth Rescue Center

(AFNS) The mountain-shaking quakes near West Yellowstone and Ennis, Montana, recently, brought quick reaction from Air Force bases in a four-state area. Helicopters and planes, with para-

medics aboard, flew to the disaster area, isolated by tons of rock and debris across the only access road to the remote canyon.

About 80 persons were rescued by the rescue groups sent from Hamilton AFB, Calif., Stead AFB, Nev., Malmstrom AFB, Great Falls, Mont., and Hill AFB, Utah.

Idaho Civil Air Patrol communication specialists flew in and assisted where needed. The 303rd Air Reserve Rescue Squadron, Long Beach, Calif., flew in with special rescue and radio equipment. Army helicopters also participated in the rescue efforts as did aircraft from the U. S. Forestry Service.

Frank W. Wiley, Montana State Director of Aeronautics, who was the rescue mission controller, contacted the Fourth Air Force at Hamilton, expressing "our deepest thanks for a tremendous task well done."

Since June 1957 when the 4th AF Search and Rescue Coordination Center was set up, it has averaged 35 rescue missions a month—the Montana earthquake being Number 268 for this year.

The National Search and Rescue plan came into being June, 1957 following a study by the President's Air Coordinating Committee. The U. S. Air Force has primary responsibility for search and rescue operations in the continental United States.

Continental Air Command is the prime operator for USAF and has five Search and Rescue (SAR) Coordination Centers. Besides the Hamilton unit, there are centers at Dallas, Tex., Macon, Ga., Detroit, Mich., and Long Island, N.Y.

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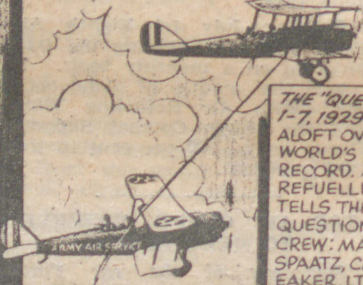
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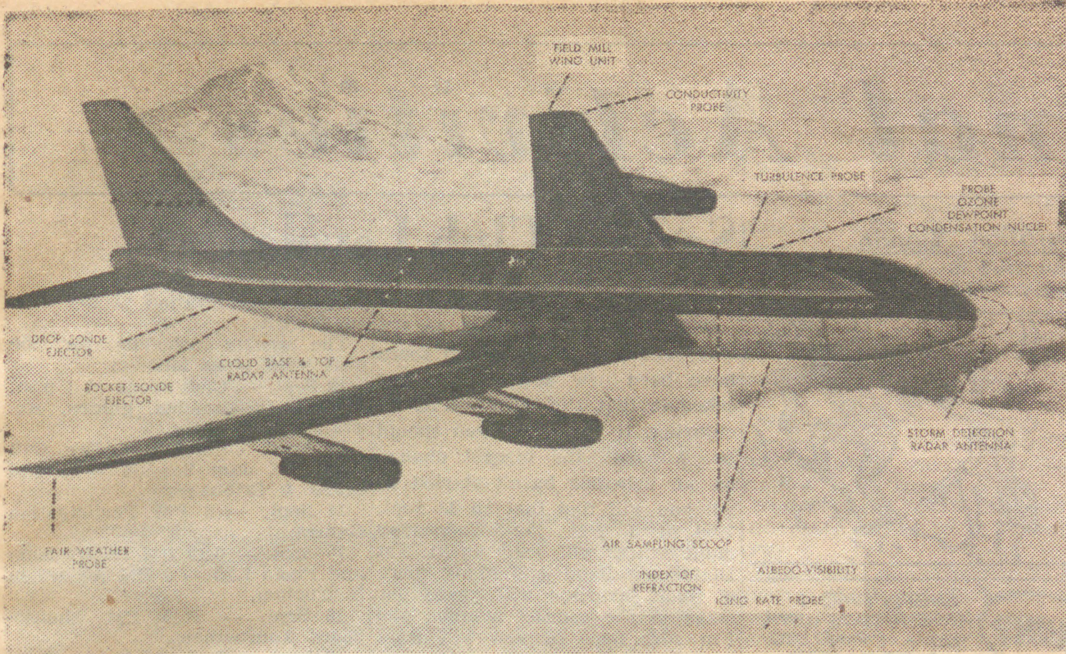
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## "Falcons" Plans Told In September "Airman"

(AFNS) Footballs, fire trucks, and a flying fish share the skies with birds, bees, biplanes, Bomarc's, and ballistic missiles in "The Airman" for September.

Flying fire trucks, actually H-

43 helicopters capable of carrying fire fighting equipment into otherwise inaccessible areas are the subject of a story titled "Rescue's New Look".

Football fans who follow the Air Force Academy Falcons will find a feature titled "What to Do for an Encore?" The story outlines some of the problems facing coach Ben Martin and includes the team's 1959 schedule.

"Like the touchdown that thrills the crowd, the blast-off of a mighty Titan ICBM draws national applause." Thus begins the article "Tests of the Titans" which pays tribute to the research, development, and testing personnel who make missile launchings possible. Another ballistic missile story, "Window of the Missile World," describes the testing of rocket engines in an area once used for filming horse operas.

"Perils and Plights of Pilots" tells tales of challenges flung to the flyboys by birds, bees, pelicans, snakes, opossums, and even tuna fish.

High flying morale and reenlistment rates at Plattsburgh AFB, N.Y., are featured in the lead article, "A Two-Way Street".

### 50,000 SACmen Expected In Off Duty Education

HQ. SAC (SAC PS)—Nearly 50,000 SACmen are expected to sign up for off-duty education courses this month.

More than 20,000 will be enrolling in ECI extension courses, 12,000 will sign up for group study course 13,000 will take courses at civilian high schools, colleges and universities, and another 4,500 will begin USAFI courses.

Ben M. Zeff, command chief of education, said 160 high schools, colleges and universities are presently cooperating with Strategic Air Command bases in offering off-duty courses to SACmen.

"See your base education officer for a list of courses available to you," Mr. Zeff said. "You can study at any level in just about any course you want."

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### New Wings Added To Hall Of Fame

HQ. SAC (SAC PS) — Two new wings have been added to the SAC Flying Safety Hall of Fame for completing one year of accident-free flying. Four other units moved up a notch for completing another year of safe flying.

The two newcomers to the Hall of Fame are the 307th Bomb Wing, Lincoln AFB, Neb., and the 4083d Strategic Wing, Goose AB, Labrador. Each completed one year of safe flying in August.

Dow AFB has been a member of the Hall of Fame for the past three years.

During the same month, the 7th Air Division, United Kingdom, moved into the over-six-year category, and the 99th Bomb Wing, Westover AFB, Mass., moved into the over-four-year slot.

The 340th Combat Support Group, Whiteman AFB, Mo., and the 406st Combat Support Group, Malstrom AFB, Mont., climbed into the over-three-year category.

Still leading the command is the 4061st Combat Support Group, Castle AFB, Calif., which has flown for more than eight years without an accident. The 93d is nearing the nine-year mark, which it will reach in November if it continues its present, accident-free rate.

**LUCKY THIRTEEN?**  
BARKSDALE AFB, La. (SAC PS)—A-1c Elmer M. Wilhelm is one of 13 brothers who have served on active duty in the armed forces. Airman Wilhelm, who enlisted in the Air Force in 1955, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Wilhelm of Sullivan, Ill.

## Fifteen SAC Officers Attend Service Schools

HQ. SAC (SAC PS) — Fifteen SAC officers have been tapped for attendance at the 1960-61 classes of senior service schools.

USAF named 76 colonels, plus 20 alternates, for the next school year at the National War College, the Industrial College of the Armed Forces, the Imperial Defense College (London), and the Canadian Defense College.

Twelve of the SAC officers were primary assignments while three were listed as alternates. Col. Roland A. Campbell, Hq. SAC, was listed twice, as a primary to the National War College and an alternate to the Imperial Defense College.

Other SAC selections:  
National War College: Col. Na-

than J. Adams, Hq. SAC; Col. Warren E. Vinzant, Hq. SAC; Col. Maynard E. White, Hq. SAC; Col. Virgil M. Cloyd Jr., 1st Missile Division; and Col. Joseph N. Donovan, Columbus AFB, Miss. In addition, Col. Guy M. Townsend, Hq. SAC, was an alternate to the NWC.

Industrial College of the Armed Forces: Col. Kent J. Prim, Hq. SAC; Col. Raymond A. Syptak, Hq. SAC; Col. William W. Wisman, Hq. SAC; Col. Kenneth W. Schultz, 7th AD; Col. George W. Von Arb Jr., Plattsburgh AFB, N. Y.; and Col. James E. Welch, Schilling AFB, Kan.

Two alternates named to the ICAF were Col. Pete C. Sianis, 1st Missile Division, and Col. James M. Graybeal, Senior Representative, SAC X-RAY.

### Speeding Sleds Damaged By Birds On Track

(AFNS)—Birds choosing to rest on the sled track at Holloman AFB, N. M., may find out—too late—that they've picked their final resting place.

Damage to sleds traveling at supersonic speeds has been termed as "unbelievable" when striking birds perched along the seven-mile track.

The ARDC Air Force Missile Development Center has placed loud speakers up and down the track, and before a sled run will broadcast machine gun fire, thunder and hawk cries in an effort to alert the birds and scatter them.

The base has not yet determined if this method is effective.

One result of a high velocity impact was seen recently when a 212-pound monorail sled, zipping along at 3,000 mph, completed its run with a ten-inch jagged hole ripped completely through the one-quarter inch steel of its nose cone.

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# Recreational Activities

## Base Movies:

Normal Show Time 6 and 8 p. m.

### Thursday - "Timbuktu"

**THURSDAY & FRIDAY**  
**"COUNTERPLOT"** Starring Alison Hayes and Forrest Tucker. Also Patterson - Johansson Fight. A young American, wrongly accused of murder, seeks refuge in Puerto Rico to escape the real murder gang.

**SATURDAY**  
**"A TIME TO LOVE AND A TIME TO DIE"** Starring John Gavin. Based on the Best-Seller, the picture concerns two ill-fated young lovers who were caught up in the path of World War II.

**SATURDAY (MATINEE)**  
**"THE RESTLESS BREED"** Starring Scott Brady and Anne Bancroft. Chap. No. 4 Hop Harrigan.

**SUNDAY & MONDAY**  
**"BUT NOT FOR ME"** Starring Clark Gable and Lee J. Cobb. Here is a picture so packed with laughs that a lot of the dialogue is lost in the roars that carry over. **BUT NOT FOR ME** is a modern comedy-romance. It tells the story of an aging theatrical producer whose head is turned when his young and lovely secretary unexpectedly declares her love for him. The var-

ious story ingredients are scrambled in a most ingenious way, resulting in a fast paced, racy dialogued fun film that is bound to be thoroughly enjoyed by all.

**TUESDAY**  
**"THE MAN WHO UNDERSTOOD WOMEN"** Starring Henry Fonda and Leslie Caron. Against the beautiful back drops of the California Gold-coast and the French Riviera, the age old triangle of the wife, the husband and the lover, is enacted by three fictional characters from the world of show business and cafe society.

**WEDNESDAY**  
**"THE SEVENTH VOYAGE OF CINBAD"** Starring Kerwin Mathews and Kathryn Grant.

**THURSDAY AND FRIDAY**  
**"Timbuktu"** Starring Victor Mature and Yvonne DeCarlo. In this exciting drama of intrigue in French Equatorial Africa, during World War II, Yvonne DeCarlo is cast in the role of a tempestuous wife of a French outpost commandant. She finds romance and excitement in an other-wise lacklustre life with gun-running Victor Mature.

### Operation Blonde



## Service Club Lowdown

By S-SGT. A. J. RAMALHO  
 Well, September is well on it's way, and like we promised there have been new activities on our schedule that I'm sure you're all enjoying. If you aren't you should be. Although the biggest change on our schedule hasn't started as yet you will find that on 23 Sept. 1959 at 8 PM the Wednesday night dances will begin again. Nat Diamond's Band and many more of your favorites will grace our stage in the coming months, and I'm sure none of you will want to miss a single dance.  
 The Junior Hostess program has been resumed and all girls between the ages of 18 and 30 years of age are urged to register for

this fine organization at the Bangor YWCA.  
 The weekly schedule for the next week is as follows:  
 12 Sept. - Club opens at 1 p.m. Musical instruments, games, etc. available.  
 13 Sept. - 9 PM Coffee Call - 1 PM Jam Session - 6 PM Chess & Cribbage.  
 14 Sept. - 8 PM Participation Games.  
 15 Sept. - 6-10 PM Hobby Shop and Photo Lab - 6 PM Accordion Instruction.  
 16 Sept. - 7:30 PM Shuffleboard Tournament.  
 17 Sept. - 6-10 PM Hobby Shop.  
 18 Sept. - 6-10 PM Hobby Shop & Photo Lab. Capable instructors will be here to aid you in any way possible.

## Shoot Fest Announced By Rod And Gun Club

The Dow Rod and Gun Club this week announced plans for a Turkey-Chicken Shoot to be held on Sunday 4 October.

Preliminary committee meetings have promised one of the most exciting club sponsored programs to date.

The shoot will be held at the small arms range opposite the Bangor Drive-In Theater.

Fun for the family will be the theme with many events planned to suit the tastes of the anticipated crowd of men, women and children.

Admission tickets are available through club members and will be available at the BX Annex. Door prizes for the event include a 30-30 lever action rifle and a pair of binoculars. Event prizes will include frozen turkeys and chickens.

Bangor-wide publicity is scheduled in the hope that many interested people from the local area will attend. Plan now to come.

Bring your family, friends and neighbors. A continuous program is scheduled to run from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM. Specific events listings will be covered in future releases. Tickets will also be available at the gate.

Those individuals interested in "practicing up for the shoot" will be interested to know that the Dow Rod and Gun Club's Skeet Range is now in operating order. Club members are encouraged to use the range. Details may be obtained by calling Club President, Capt. Felix R. Portelli, ext 2515; Major Ronald Mills, ext 2653; or Lt. Peter Maffei, ext 2602.

Personnel interested in club membership are reminded that the club meets on the first Thursday of each month, 1930 hrs. in the clubhouse, Bldg. T-415.

Shot shell loading tools are now available for use in the clubhouse and handle 12, 16 and 20 gauge loads. Loading components are available through the club store at a substantial saving. Estimated cost of loading 25 rounds of 12 gauge shells is \$1.25.

**SACMAN MAY QUALIFY AS FOOTBALL OFFICIAL**  
**SEYMOUR - JOHNSON AFB, N. C. (SAC PS)** TSgt Larry Page, Hq. Sq. 4241st Strategic Wing, is undergoing examinations which may qualify him as a football official in the Atlantic Coast Conference.

While stationed at Carswell AFB, Tex., the former University of Tennessee athlete was a member of the Southwest Football Officials' Association and worked in the Cotton Bowl and other Southwest Conference games.

## Gym News

Tuesday at 8 of Sept. was the opening day for the 1959 Dow Air Force Base intramural football season. There are 11 teams playing this year with six in the National and five in the American League. The schedule will end on the 16 Oct. with both leagues playing combined total of 85 games. The first game will start at 1730, the second game at 1845, and the third game at 2000. There will be a 15-minute grace period only before the first game starts.

The schedules are made out and ready to be handed out. Instead of calling the base gym every day and asking who plays that night or the next, get yourself a schedule and find out for yourself.

The base gym staff does not know when the new gym will open up. We ask you not to call us and ask for this information. Thank you very much.

## Dowman Chosen

(Continued From Page 1)  
 La., Again Sgt. Hively was chosen to go with the Chennault Team which represented SAC in the Air Force Wide Tournament to be held at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio. But due to last minute injury he was unable to make the trip. An airman from Castle AFB, Calif. took his place.

The sergeant is surely no newcomer to softball, as he has been to four world wide tournaments and has made the World All Star team for the past three years, 56-57-58.

In 1957 he managed the World Wide Dover AFB, Delaware team which won the world wide tournament. In 1958 he managed the PAC AF which took third place in the world wide tournament.

"Although I've only played in softball tournaments," says Sgt. Hively, "I'm a baseball man at heart."

As a matter of fact Sgt. Hively is first baseman with the New England Pipers, the only undefeated baseball team in northeastern Maine.

STAY SAC REENLIST

## Dow Football Schedule

Here is the 1959 Dow Air Force Base Intra Mural Football Schedule.

**National League**  
 1 Operations Sq.  
 2 Transportation Sq.  
 3 Wing Hq. Sq.  
 4 860th Med. Gp.  
 5 Food Service Sq.  
 6 Hq. Sq. Gp.

**American League**  
 1 75th PIS  
 2 Field Maint. Sq.  
 3 Installation Sq.

4 Supply Sq.  
 5 Organizational Maint. Sq.

1st game 1730  
 2nd game 1845  
 3rd game 2000

There will be 15 minute grace period only before the first game starts.

September '59

8 Tue	2-5 (A)	1-6 (N)	3-4 (A)
9 Wed	2-5 (N)	1-4 (A)	3-4 (N)
10 Thurs	2-3 (A)	1-5 (N)	5-3 (A)
11 Fri	6-4 (N)	1-2 (A)	2-3 (N)
14 Mon	4-2 (A)	1-4 (N)	5-1 (A)
15 Tue	5-3 (N)	3-1 (A)	6-2 (N)
16 Wed	4-5 (A)	1-3 (N)	2-5 (A)
18 Fri	1-4 (A)	1-2 (N)	2-3 (A)
21 Mon	3-6 (N)	5-3 (A)	4-5 (N)
22 Tue	1-2 (A)	1-6 (N)	4-2 (A)
23 Wed	2-5 (N)	5-1 (A)	3-4 (N)
24 Thurs	3-1 (A)	1-5 (N)	4-5 (A)
25 Fri	6-4 (N)	2-5 (A)	2-3 (N)
28 Mon	3-4 (A)	1-4 (N)	1-4 (A)
29 Tue	5-3 (N)	2-3 (A)	6-2 (N)
30 Wed	5-3 (A)	1-3 (N)	1-2 (A)
October '59	1 Thurs	4-2 (N)	5-6 (N)
2 Fri	5-1 (A)	1-2 (N)	3-1 (A)
5 Mon	3-5 (N)	4-5 (A)	4-5 (N)
6 Tue	2-5 (A)	1-6 (N)	3-4 (A)
7 Wed	2-5 (N)	1-4 (A)	3-4 (N)
8 Thurs	2-3 (A)	1-5 (N)	5-3 (A)
9 Fri	6-4 (N)	1-2 (A)	2-3 (N)
12 Mon	4-2 (A)	1-4 (N)	5-1 (A)
13 Tue	5-3 (N)	3-1 (A)	6-2 (N)
14 Wed	4-5 (A)	1-3 (N)	4-2 (N)
15 Thurs	5-5 (N)	1-6 (N)	3-6 (N)
16 Fri	4-5 (N)		

## Wood Hobby Shop News

A/2C Burgett completed a very nice Hi-Fi set. He also is making a bookcase and planter. 1st Lt. Robert Riegle completed a combination bookcase-record cabinet in the style of a hutch cupboard. He is finishing it in an Old Salem maple finish. A/3C George Tonkert completed two picture frames. They will be hung in his room in the barracks.

A/1C Louis Martiz completed a small "in and out" box for his office. A/2C Daniel Martin completed a small table made out of pine and it will be stained with walnut stain. A/2C Ruane Crummett is sanding and refinishing an antique butter churner. He plans to make a lamp out of it. MSgt. Roland Crumpe completed six picture frames.

## Auto Hobby Shop News

Last week we had 145 vehicles use the Hobby Shop. The major maintenance stalls are full at the present time. A-3C Hulse of Supply Sq. is rebuilding his 1953 Plymouth.

The minor maintenance stalls are doing good. Everyone seems to be working their buggys over before winter sets in. We have a complete line of oil and a assortment of oil filters, gas lines, and oil lines.

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## Westover Wing And Group Gets 'Golden Hour' Award

The 99th Bombardment Wing, Westover AFB, Mass., and the 820th Combat Support Group, Plattsburgh AFB, N. Y., have received "Golden Hour Tango" awards for scoring the highest mark in Eighth Air Force combat readiness and combat support, respectively, during the period May 1-Aug. 31, 1959.

Westover's 99th received the "Golden Hour Tango" pennant and the 820th was awarded the "Golden Hour Tango" plaque.

Presentations to the two units were made August 28, at Westover AFB.

The plaque was presented by Lt. General Walter C. Sweeney, Jr., Eighth Air Force commander, to Colonel George Von Arb, 820th Combat Support Group commander.

Later, on the same day, General Sweeney presented the pennant to the 99th at a 9th Bomb Wing review.

The citation, which accompanied the pennant award, read in part: "This exceptional demonstration of (the 99th's) ability to meet the requirements... reflects devotion to duty and true professionalism on the part of all members of the organization."

Citation, which accompanied the plaque, read in part: "The exceptional preparation of (the 820th) for the execution of its combat support responsibilities; its outstanding leadership and determination and spirit of its personnel produced a winning combination and resulted in attainment

of first place among all Combat Support Groups within Eighth Air Force."

The competition which tested all competing bases was especially designed to reduce reaction time of combat units to go to full combat potential.

The banner is blue and gold, edged in blue, with a large letter "R" in the center. The "R" signifies "readiness."

It will be flown from the flag staff of the 99th Bomb Wing.

### AIRMAN'S BOOKSHELF

POPULAR AND PROFESSIONAL BOOKS

(AFNS)—Missile and rocket firings are becoming almost routine affairs, with such words as Atlas, Thor, space capsule, polar orbit and perigee appearing frequently in the newspapers.

Yet for the average citizen, these accounts may be too scientific, whereas the knowledgeable airman may find them not detailed enough. Three books on the market now can certainly help both groups. As reference books, they can be kept on the shelf or at the elbow in much the same way a dictionary or grammar book is kept on hand when you are learning a new language.

The "Illustrated Guide to U. S. Missiles and Rockets," by Stanley Ulanoff (Doubleday & Co., \$3.95), is a slim volume that compiles all the Services' weapons, systems and power plants will help clear the air for many who are unfamiliar with these aspects.

The book concerns itself mainly with current missiles and rockets, but also looks into the "immediate future," discussing the Air Force's Dyna-Soar and Minuteman, among others.

The more serious student of rocketry will find that the "Rocket Encyclopedia Illustrated," (Aero Publishers, Inc., \$12.50) is his meat. Here is the technology behind the blast-off; the engineering, assemblies, components, processing and production methods. The encyclopedia also covers the human side including biographical sketches and historical events connected with the rocketry field.

Many full-page diagrams are in-

cluded in this large encyclopedia, and nearly every page has one or more pictures. Of interest to the layman, this book can be invaluable to the scientific-minded man who desires more than just light browsing.

In a similar vein, the "Dictionary of Guided Missiles" (Van Nostrand Co., \$17.50) is a book that can be extremely useful to those who want to, or need to, know more about rockets and missiles than is usually contained in the popular magazines or daily paper.

Although it is a reference book, random reading can reward you with many interesting facets about the research, design and operation of spacecraft. Pictures graphically illustrate the definitions, and there is much the intelligent reader can learn about aerodynamics, electronics, propellants and numerous other subjects that play important roles in the missile world.

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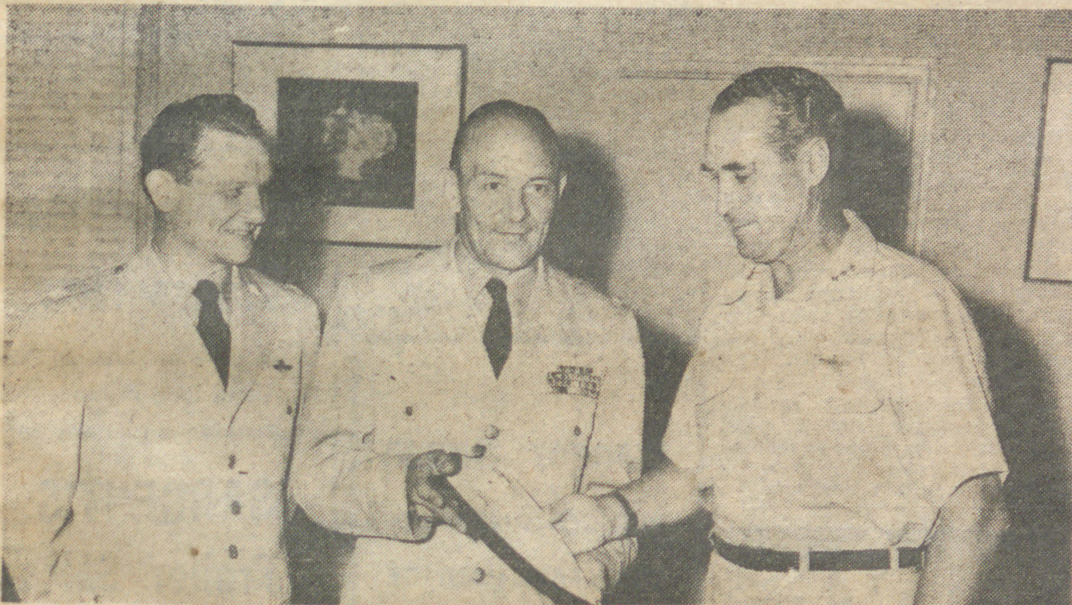
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LIEUTENANT GENERAL Walter C. Sweeney, Jr., Eighth Air Force commander, attaches the "Golden Hour Tango" pennant to the guidon of the 99th Bombardment Wing at a 99th review. The 99th Bomb Wing scored the highest mark among Eighth Air Force combat units participating in the competition.



EIGHTH AIR FORCE commander presents the "Golden Hour Tango" plaque to Colonel George Von Arb, 820th Combat Support Group commander, Plattsburgh AFB, N. Y., while Colonel A. J. Beck, Eighth Air Force chief of staff, looks on. The 820th CSG topped all combat support units in Eighth Air Force from May 1 to August 31, 1959.

## Driver Course Can Mean Car Insurance Savings

(AFNS) Good driving habits not only add up to good sense, they can also add up to dollars saved for the airman under 25 who buys auto insurance.

Traffic safety experts are finding that driver education courses are cutting down the traditionally high accident rate of this group.

Noting this improvement, many insurance companies are giving

reduced rates to the under-25 driver who completes such a course.

As a consequence, airmen are benefiting from the Air Force's driver education program started in June 1957. Since that time, about 360,000 airmen, under 25, have completed the 10-hour mandatory course. And today, statistics show that fewer of these drivers are banging up their cars—and themselves—than in previous years.

Ground safety officials in Washington are urging insurance advisors at Air Force bases to contact approved companies to see if money-saving policies can be written for the local airmen who have completed the driver course. According to latest reports, rates

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For the first five months of this year (January-May), figures show the Air Force suffered 187 traffic fatalities. During the same period of 1958 there were 203 deaths. The five-month tally for 1959 on those injured severely enough to require hospitalization shows 1,395 as opposed to 1,593 for January-May 1958. A reduction in deaths and accidents was also achieved in 1958 over the previous year's record.

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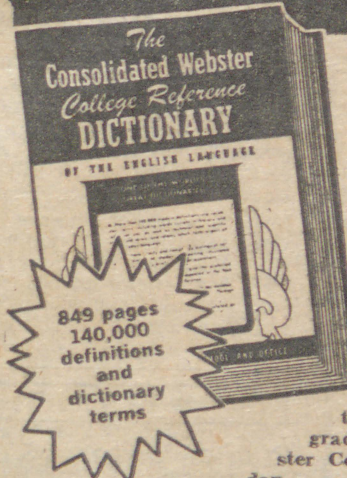
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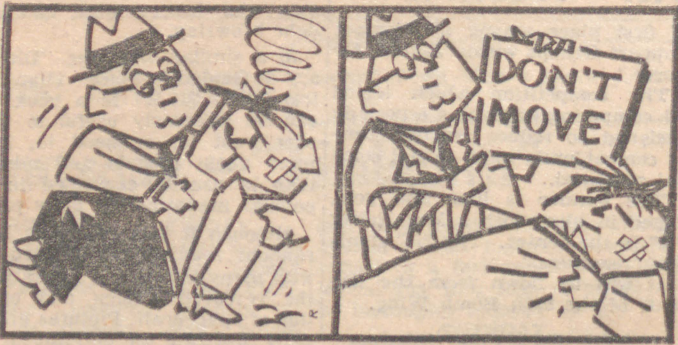
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## Gen. Schriever Describes Space Uses Of Dyna-Soar

(AFNS)—Dyna-Soar is a project not too familiar to many people, yet in the future it promises to provide the technology for the Air Force's first useful military space vehicle.

Currently in the study phase, Dyna-Soar is one of the Air Research and Development Command's more advanced military space projects.

In a recent speech, General Schriever said Dyna-Soar will consist of a manned glider that will be boosted out of the Earth's heavier atmosphere by ICBM rocket engines. The glider, in the vacuum conditions of space, will encounter no atmospheric resistance.

General Schriever outlined a typical mission of such a boost-glide vehicle. It could be launched from Cape Canaveral, circle the Earth and come to a controlled landing at an air base anywhere in the U. S.

"The re-entry vehicle," he said, "will be designed so that its pilot retains full control of his maneuvers once he has re-entered the atmosphere at a speed of around 15,000 miles per hour. . . . He would be able to make visual observations, operate instruments and communicate with associates on the ground."

A vehicle of this kind, the ARDC Commander said, could operate at lower altitudes than satellites and yet be less vulnerable to enemy tracking and destruction.

"Later versions of the Dyna-Soar vehicle," General Schriever added, "can be made to orbit the Earth many times and then re-enter the atmosphere for a specific mission. Such a vehicle could

be used as a satellite interceptor to inspect, board, disable, and possibly destroy hostile satellites."

Looking to the future, General Schriever also suggested that the boost-glide space vehicle would have civilian applications. He foresaw a pattern similar to that which fashioned the commercial jet airliners from a long line of military jets.

## SAC Crews Fly 4 Million Hours Since Activation

HQ. SAC (SAC PS)—Strategic Air Command crewmen have flown more than four million hours in jet aircraft since SAC was activated in 1946.

Gen. Thomas S. Power, Commander in Chief, revealed that SAC is well on its way to setting a new command flying safety record, despite problems encountered by increased flying in high-performance jet aircraft.

Through the end of July, SAC—now an all jet bomber-tanker force with the exception of the propeller driven KC-97 Stratotanker—had posted a flying safety rate of 3.3 major aircraft accidents per 100,000 hours flown.

This 1959 rate is 34 per cent lower than SAC's 1957 and 1958 rates of five accidents per 100,000 hours and the record-breaking Air Force-wide figure of 10 accidents per 100,000 hours set during 1958.

The bulk of SAC's four million jet flying hours were logged in B-47 Stratojet medium bombers and KC-135 Jet Stratotankers. Not included in the figure were an estimated 750,000 flying hours SAC crewmen amassed in the giant B-36 Peacemaker, which had four jet engines and six conventional.

Lumped together in one continuous flight at an average speed of 500 miles per hour, the four-million hours flown would stretch to a distance of two billion miles—approximately 11 round trips to the sun.

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## "Sky Speed" Under Way At 10 SAC Bases

WICHITA, Kan. (SAC PS)—Now under way at 10 SAC bases is an important program for keeping B-52 Stratofortresses and KC-135 Stratotankers modernized with minimum time loss. Title of the project is Sky Speed.

In the three years since Boeing began modifying the mighty jet bombers without taking them from the Air Force flight lines, Sky Speed has proved itself a highly effective technique for assuring continuing combat-readiness of SAC's most potent weapon system.

Manned by more than 1,100 skilled personnel drawn principally from production and flight lines of Boeing Airplane Co.'s Wichita division, Sky Speed involves the installation of new parts and equipment. Here's how it operates:

Time required for the work is scheduled according to what kits are to be installed in each airplane. Since all work is done at the base, "down" time is limited to days instead of weeks or months. Combat Wings can remain at peak strength with fewer bombers, another gain in the maximum use of Air Force dollars.

Each kit advances the capabilities of the bomber or tanker, keeps it as modern as the latest changes can make it, and adds to the airplane's value as a key weapon system in SAC's deterrent force. Usually, several kits are installed during one down-time period.

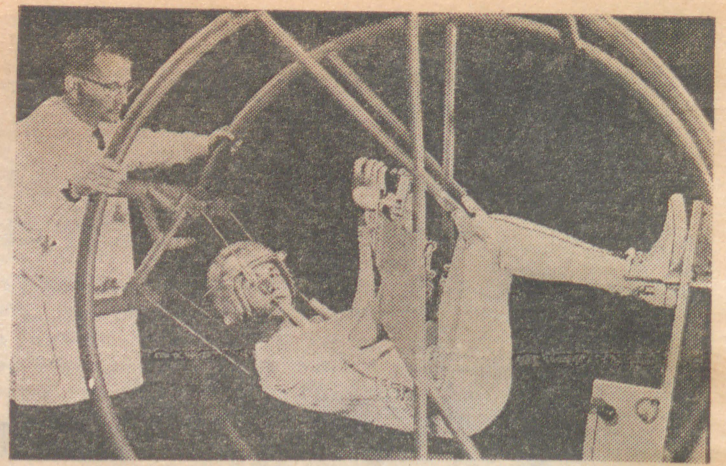
The first B-52 Sky Speed modification operation was set up in September 1956 at Castle AFB, Calif. Sky Speed has since spread to Westover, Loring, Altus, Carswell, Walker, Ellsworth, Fairchild, Travis and Briggs. It is presently inactive at Loring.

Five bases—Fairchild, Westover, Walker, Castle and Goose—have KC-135 Sky Speed in effect.

Because these bases are located a great distance from Boeing's Wichita plant, most of the specialists who perform Sky Speed changes take their families with them.

Just as Air Force men make themselves and their families part of the communities in which they live, so Boeing men and their families have established new households.

Both this large-scale resettlement of employees and the teamwork between base and Sky Speed personnel represent high levels of Air Force industry teamwork.



SUSPENDED IN BOOST or blastoff position, Boeing associate engineer Gary Graham models the "hammock-seat" restraint system which he designed for tomorrow's space pilots. The seat-within-a-suit is made of nylon net with steel cables sewn into its seams. Operating the revolving cabin simulator in which Graham is suspended is Peter Downey, also an engineer in Boeing's Aero-Space Division.

## Winning Group Crews Will Get On The Spot Promotions

HQ. SAC (SAC PS)—Following a tradition established two years ago, the ground maintenance crews supporting the winners of the 1959 Bombing, Navigation and Air Refueling Competition will receive "on-the-spot" promotions.

A quota of 20 promotions has been reserved for this purpose, and will be awarded to qualified airmen who make the greatest contribution to the maintenance effort in the winning units. Commanders of the winning units will determine who get the promotions and announce the winners at the end of the competition.

As of this writing, four crews, two in each of the Refueling Squadrons, are battling to represent Dow at the Meet. Winners will be announced about the middle of September.

The quota will be evenly divided with five each going to the winners of the Fairchild Trophy (best bomber unit), best tanker unit, best bomber crew, and best tanker crew awards.

The airmen will be advanced

one grade without regard to "frozen" career fields, time in grade or time in service. They must, however, have the AFSC skill level for the grade to which they are promoted, e.g., "7" level AFSC for promotion to MSgt. and TSgt, "5" level to SSgt. and A-1c, and "3" level to A-2c. Promotions will not be made to chief or senior master sergeant.

Promotions will be announced on Headquarters SAC orders and the airmen will rank from the date they are announced as winners.

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