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PATRICK AIR FORCE BASE, Florida

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THRU GLOBAL AIR POWER

Friday, May 25, 1956



A DILLY AND A DOLLY, the boat is a dilly, a fiberglass Thunderbay outboard speedster with a Mercury Mark 25 motor for flashing speed, and the dolly, no that's a trailer, all comprise one of neatest prize packages ever given away at Patrick. The dolly, perched prettily atop the boat, is Miss June Carr, an employee of the Air Force's Range Readiness section. The boat, featuring a convertible rear seat, a wrap-around windshield and naugahyde upholstery will be given away July 28 at a drawing for the winner. Also given away will be a Nash Rambler Cross-Country station wagon and an all-expense three-day trip to Nassau. Tickets are currently being sold for the benefit of the second annual Youth Welfare Fund. Each ticket entitles the buyer to a chance on the prizes. The fund is a base-sponsored welfare program for the children of Patrick employees, military and civilian, and will be spent for Little League, Teen Club, Summer Program and similar expenses.

Cancer Crusade Nets Patrick AFB Close To \$3,000

Donations and pledges received during the cancer drive which ended last Thursday totaled close to \$3,000, according to Lt. Burton Marks, project officer for the drive.

The support of all military and civilian personnel at AFMTC has helped make the drive a success and the contributions of the civilian contractors were greatly appreciated," Lt. Marks said. The top donation came from RCA who contributed \$2,000.

Several of the squadrons turned in 100 per cent contributions. The squadron with the highest donation was the Air Police Sq. which donated \$135. Key workers for the Air Police Squadron were 2-Lt. John Rinehart and S-Sgt. Ed Whidden. The second largest donation came from Hdg. Sq. Sec. ABGP and AFMTC in the amount of \$108. Key workers were 2-Lt. H. E. Longley and M-Sgt. F. J. Grimes.

Special key worker Mrs. Robert Bass turned in over \$150 representing donations from Civil Service personnel. Donations of \$50 were given each by the Officers Wives Club and the NCO Wives Club.

The support received from all assigned and attached units was very gratifying and will do a great deal towards helping the American Cancer Society realize its goal.

CAP Dance On June 2

The CIVIL AIR PATROL is an official auxiliary of the U. S. Air Force. Its members maintain equipment for use in Air Search and Rescue Missions and flight orientation and training of Cadets their own expense.

In order to build up their treasury, they are holding a dance at the Melbourne Country Club on Saturday evening, June 2nd, and tickets for this may be obtained from any member of the Civil Air Patrol or by donating \$1.

This will be an informal affair, with Paul Jones dances and Conga Lines featured, besides door prizes and floor show. Invitation is open to all Air Force personnel and employees at Patrick Air Force Base.

Pistol Team To Be Picked

Coinciding with the USAF World Wide Pistol Matches, an announcement from Lt. J. S. Rinehart of the Air Police Squadron stated that Patrick would be represented in competition with eliminations scheduled for this week.

The first round in the match will of course be an elimination match here at Patrick with the winners forming a South East Conference team.

The South East Conference competition will be held at Shaw AFB, S. C., in June. Winners there will proceed to USAF World Wide competition.

Practice and match eliminations have been held each afternoon this week.

Air Force 'Navigator' Back Again

The Air Force will return to the title of "navigator" for most of its aircraft observers next month, it was reported by the last issue of the Air Force Times.

The title will be applied to all new graduates of navigation training and to most of the present aircraft observers under changes to AFR 30-7 target dated for late June.

Of the present AOs, most trained as navigators and navigator-bombardiers will be officially navigators or senior navigators. Those with medical flight ratings will get new titles and wings. The rest of the present AOs (bombardiers, flight engineers, etc.) will remain observers or senior observers.

"Hatters Ball" At Eau Gallie Civic Center

The Top Hatters Association is sponsoring a dance at the Eau Gallie Civic Center on June 2 which is to be called the "Hatters Ball."

The association is offering tickets to service personnel of Patrick AFB at a reduced cost, according to the association chairman, Mr. D. J. Fields.

The dance will start at 9 p.m. and a floor show by a professional dance team, a dance contest with prizes for the winners, and a balloon treasure hunt will highlight the evening.

Music will be provided by the popular dance band of Sammy Gentile. Reservations may be made at the Civic Center office and will cost \$1.00 per ticket for service personnel and \$1.25 for regular buyers.

New Uniform Distribution July 1, 1956

First deliveries of the new Summer service uniform will reach AF Induction Centers at Lackland and Parks AFBs in time to begin distribution to new airmen on July 1.

Subsequent deliveries AF wide will be made first to bases in tropical areas and then to bases in cooler climates. Hq USAF expects initial distribution of the new uniforms to be completed AF wide by October.

Cost of the new uniform items be: bush jacket, \$6.25; short sleeve shirt, \$2.25; trousers, \$3.40; shorts, at AF Clothing Sales Stores will be \$2.80 and stockings, \$.65.

Current two piece khaki uniforms are to be replaced by the new Summer service uniforms as they become worn out. Replacement costs will be met by the airman's monthly clothing allowance. Cutoff date for wear of old style khakis will be September 30, 1959.

The breakdown of the new Summer uniform requirements when it has completely replaced khakis is planned as follows: two bush jackets, three short sleeve shirts, three pairs of trousers, two pairs of shorts and two pairs of stockings.

RCA Forms Boat Club

The RCA Missile Test Project at Patrick AFB has formed a Boat Club under the Auspices of its Recreation Association. They plan to conduct their first formal affair on Saturday, May 26 with a regatta at the Cocoa causeway.

The RCA Recreation Association is a non-profit organization and is maintained by contributions from members who are employees of Patrick AFB and the Missile Test project.

The Saturday program, commencing at 10:00 a.m. will feature sailboat and outboard regattas and races, water skiing and rowboat races. In addition, there will be novelty races and handicap races. Many boats will be displayed by their owners.

All persons interested in water sports and boating are invited to attend. Soft drinks will be available. Prizes and trophies will be awarded to the winners of the various scheduled events.

Interested boat owners or aquatic sportsmen may contact Mr. Ralph Paz at 33211. Mr. Paz is Vice Commodore of the RCA Boat Club.

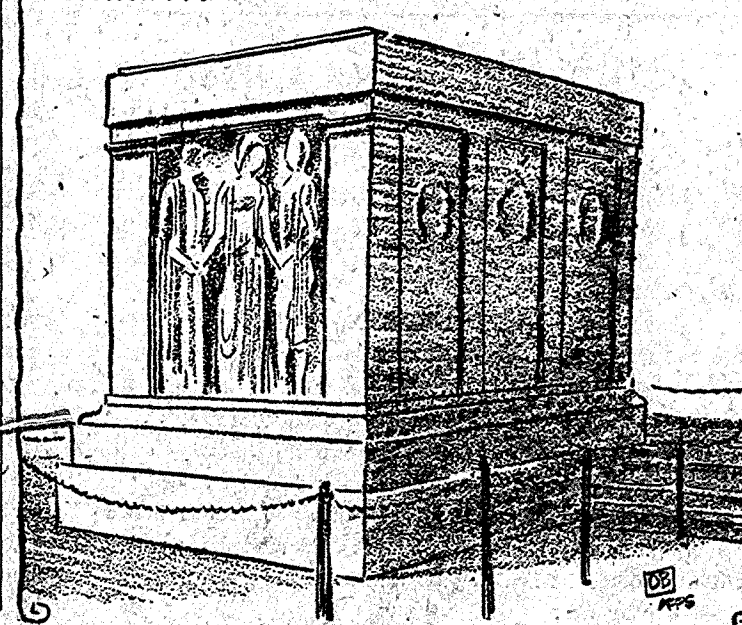
Convenient Convict Vet Can't Forget

San Francisco (AFPS)—No use in letting good talent go to waste. A policeman, getting off duty here, went to his car and found the ignition wires pulled loose. He hustled back to jail, selected a qualified car thief and had him repair the wires.

Big Bird Goes "Boom":

25,000 Spectators Witness Perfect Missile Launching

"... It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us—that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion..."



A blazing Florida sun gleamed

on polished aluminum and varicolored autos Sunday as citizens and armed forces met in a once a year show-day at Patrick. Long before the gates were officially opened to visitors, people were streaming into the Missile Test Center, some from as far away as neighboring states.

Alert Air Police, starched khaki and polished leather giving them a crisp military appearance, checked cars in and counted the number of visitors with hand counting machines. Young airmen at each gate handed out special souvenir editions of the MISSILEER containing highlight stories and features of the past year.

Down at the display area planes of all types ranging from pre-war B-17s to flashing jet bombers, fat air-sea rescue amphibians to faster-than-sound jet fighters, were drawn into a line of gleaming silver.

In the huge and shadowy hangar, dozens of complicated and expensive static displays showed interested visitors the workings of the giant Missile Test Center and its electronic wonders. Mr. Fredric's fine Air Force band added a note of martial gaiety with stirring marches and popular music.

Last year's figure of 10,000 visitors was exceeded before 2 p.m. and by approximately 3 p.m. 15,000 people had been counted through the gates. At 3:30 highway A1A was blocked off to further passage preceding the launching of a missile and an estimated 4,000 cars lined the roads and beaches with their passengers' eyes turned to the launching site.

The attraction of the day, and one which no doubt brought most of the vast crowds, finally estimated at more than 25,000, was the slender, drooped wing Matador poised on its launcher near hangar 900. Close by, officers and technicians of the center and the 655th Guided Missile Squadron waited behind a sandbagged control station to fire the Matador.

A verbal rundown of the missile and its uses briefed the crowd until the final count down. As the count down was intoned in measured syllables, a hush descended over the thousands of visitors lining the safety area. Nervousness and hours of hard work were forgotten as the count neared zero. And then...

With a roar and a cloud of acrid smoke, the Matador leaped from its cradle, purple marker smoke streamed from its fuselage and it slammed out over the Atlantic, its orange RATO (Ram assisted take off) bottle falling away like an autumn leaf. A tremendous roar arose from the crowd, rivaling that of the missile and heads snapped as a screaming F-86 fighter slashed across the field to trail the Matador far out to sea.

Thus the first public launching ever witnessed became history. The launching was perfect and the jubilation of the crowd at seeing the famous weapon was carnival-like in intensity. Although the "shoot" was a routine mission for the GM squadron and had merely been delayed until Armed Forces Day, it was hard to realize that it was not a carefully staged show. It was certainly a show that many people will never forget.

As evening shadows began making (Continued on page 3)

Service Club Notes

A Square Dance is scheduled for Tuesday, May 29, at 8:30 p.m. for all Airmen and their wives. Learn the latest in Square Dancing. Mr. Everett Bennett will be on hand to call and teach.

A Holiday Beach Party and Picnic will be the featured event of Wednesday May 30th. The fun will start at 2 p.m. when all airmen are invited to gather at the Patrick Picnic Grounds, just inside the North entrance on A1A, for an old-fashioned picnic and beach party. Young ladies will be present from Daytona Beach, Orlando, and the neighboring communities. The Comet Club staff will provide games, stunts, music, contests, and last but not least—a wicker roast at 5 p.m. Don't miss the fun!

Thrift Shop Operating On Friday

According to Mrs. T. M. Blanton, Thrift Shop chairman of the Officers Wives Club, there is a continuing need for play pens and baby beds. Mrs. Blanton stated that the demand far exceeds the supply on hand in the shop, and suggests that if you, youngster has outgrown his baby furniture, you bring it to the Thrift Shop Friday mornings. The commission for selling merchandise is used for the welfare projects of the Officers Wives and NCO Wives Clubs, who operate this base shop.

Mrs. Blanton also indicated that there are many calls for moderate priced electrical appliances of all kinds.

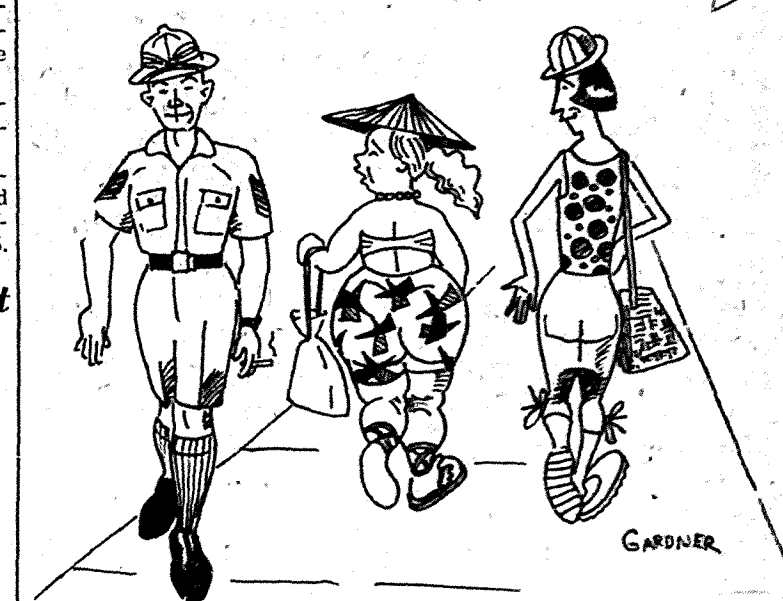
For persons leaving soon for assignments in the north, there are bargains in winter clothing. The Thrift Shop wants to sell this merchandise to make room for lighter weight dresses, uniforms, jackets, and other apparel more suitable for Florida climate.

Base personnel, both military and civilian, are offered the buying and selling facilities of the Thrift Shop, located in Bldg. 501. Hours are 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. every Friday.

New Mental Tests For Pilots Found

Dr. Saul B. Sells, a psychologist at the AF School of Aviation Medicine, has been given the Raymond C. Longacre Award of the Aero Medical Association—a top honor—for developing a battery of psychiatric tests that will reveal the future reactions of AF flyers to the stresses of combat missions. The tests are expected to eliminate the comparative few who—despite aptitude, intelligence and the desire to fly—might be expected to fail at a crucial moment in combat.

Ain't It The Truth!



"Silliest looking thing I ever saw."

Patrick North American Winner Of Safety Award

By completing nearly 779,000 man hours with a perfect safety record, North American Aviation's Missile Test Facility, Patrick Air Force Base, has been acclaimed winner of the 1955 Group B Aeronautical Industry's safety contest, it was announced recently.

Fifteen companies competed for the National Safety Council award, reported Facility Manager Orion Reed. Commending employees of the Patrick operation, Reed remarked, "this award is the most recent of a series resulting from the success of the safety efforts of every one of you."

The average accident frequency rate for participating companies was 2.81 contrasted to the perfect .00 mark of the North American Aviation group.

In a letter to Reed, Ned H. Dearborn, National Safety Council president, said, "I extend the hearty congratulations of the National Safety Council—with confidence that each award will help win another."

Vet Can't Forget

American Falls, Idaho (AFPS)—Tom Dille Jr. just can't get Kwajalein Island off his chest. When his father was stumped for the spelling of the Pacific island recently, Tom peeled off his shirt and revealed this bold tattoo: "Kwajalein." Tom had been there with the Air Force.

Gossip is like grapefruit, it has to be juicy to be good.

Double Header Slated May 30

With a season's total of six wins and only one loss, the Patrick Rockets team will be shooting for another win when they meet the Homestead AFB softball team in a double header on May 30, Memorial Day. The first game of the twin bill will start at 7 p.m. on the Patrick diamond, with the second game slated to start immediately after the first one is over.

The only loss suffered by the Rockets so far this season was to Orlando AFB.

Super Fabric Super Strong Super Light

A new and lightweight, synthetic coated fabric for use in the Air Force's air-supported radar shelters has been developed by the Air Research and Development Command.

The unique product, DACRALON, is a Dacron fabric coated with Hypalon. Structures using DACRALON will realize a com-

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Applications Ready For Boys Program

Application blanks will soon be available at the PAFB school, Officer's Club, NCO Club, Special Services, and the Base Gym, for the Summer Youth Program, it was announced by the Special Services Section this week.

The boys and girls who sign up for this program must be between the ages of seven (before June 1, 1956) through 15 (to Aug. 1, 1956). The deadline for registration will be June 4 1956, and the applications will be turned in to Special Services Section at the base gym.

Transportation for children living off base will be the responsibility of the parents.

Parents who wish to obtain insurance for their children should contact Mrs. Bowers, Youth Program Director, Cocoa Beach 3665.

AF Awards Contract For Supersonic Trainer

Washington (AFPS)—Northrop Aircraft Inc. has been awarded an air force contract to produce the first faster-than-sound jet trainer.

AF officials said the new trainer will have "a performance capability to match the characteristics of operational aircraft of the near future," including those in the Century series.

Arf! Arf!

Who Says It's A Dogs Life!

New York (AFPS)—If you're the type that constantly complains about living a dog's life, you're probably barking up the wrong tree.

Canine specialists agree that in some cases a dog's life might even be better than your own.

Today's pampered pooch gets vaccines, antibiotics and surgery, increasing his life span by 50 per cent. Theoretically, Fido is outliving his master.

According to Dr. Hardley C. Stephenson, professor of veterinary medicine at Cornell University, the average life expectancy for a dog is now about 12 years. He said he knows of 500 dogs

in this country that are 17 years or older. That's an average of 80 years living for humans.

And besides reaping medical and scientific benefits, our little friend has a dog house stocked with better dog food and is getting better care and attention from the family doctor.

But like man, he is hounded by more dogs bite the dust today because of glandular ailments and other malfunctions that come with advanced age.





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Consider A Moment —

How would you feel if YOU had been the one to crush the life from that little boy with the heavy wheels of your automobile? It is true that he shouldn't have dashed into the street; but he was too young to realize the danger. He was playing in the God-given innocence of childhood, happy, carefree—bubbling over with life that was suddenly snatched from him, leaving his broken and twisted little body lying in the street as Death placed a film over the unseeing eyes and drew a mask of horror over the once handsome face.

How would YOU feel?

Would it help soothe your conscience to say to yourself, "The brakes just wouldn't stop me in time," when you had known for days or weeks they weren't operating properly, but had put off having them checked and repaired until some more "convenient" time?

No, it didn't happen to you, but it could have happened. It still can! Inefficient brakes, bad tires, inoperative windshield wipers in inclement weather, faulty headlights at night, defective steering mechanism—any one or more of many things may sometime cause you to kill or maim some fellow being, or even yourself.

WHY TAKE A CHANCE? It isn't worth the possible result!

A vehicle safety check lane will be set up at Patrick AFB during the latter part of May 1956. Qualified personnel will check and inspect vehicles for mechanical inadequacies and will recommend corrective measures. This service is free to all base personnel and is purely voluntary. Take advantage of the opportunity! KNOW that your car is SAFE for YOU and for everyone else on the streets and highways.

My America

By S-Sgt. William Fowler

What symbolizes America depends on the individual. No true value and appreciation can be felt until this symbol appears from out of the blue. It hits a person with terrible impact.

Recently I stopped in front of a schoolhouse to chat with a fellow sergeant who had been a prisoner of the Chinese Reds. Children were playing noisily in the schoolyard. He interrupted me by grabbing my arm.

"Notice those happy kids," he said. "Healthy and safe. See that peewee trying to shinny up the flagpole? He hasn't got the slightest idea that millions of Reds would like to rip that flag down and destroy all that it symbolizes. That's good. Let the kids go on being what they are—American kids without a care in the world. Ain't nobody going to tear down that flag just as long as real Americans have what a colored boy in by outfit used to call 'a big feelin' for America way down deep inside. A sort of private feelin' you don't talk much about even when it's almost spillin' over!"

"He used to say some folks take a long time getting it, but sooner or later it hits them. Something like religion. A light snaps on, and all at once you have it."

It happened to me in 1945. Discharged from the service, I was returning home from overseas. The twisting mountain road to my backwoods home in Maine seemed endless. The car fairly flew up the last mountain. On top I parked, and stood looking down on the valley, while the wind slapped my back as if welcoming me home. Below, my beloved lake glittered in the morning sunlight; the waves beckoned with white tipped fingers. At the far end of the lake I could see the miniature town—my town! It looked smaller than it ever had—a frontier town, with the kind of folks who have sweated and toiled to push and build America to greatness.

I knew what the men in my town would be doing at this time of morning. As fishing guides to tourists they would be launching their rowboats. Soon they would be tossing on the waves with gnarled hands gripping their oars, and back straining.

The sportsmen for whom they labored would not regard them as servants, but more as companions. Nor would my people humble themselves or feel resentment toward the wealthy. Both guides and sportsmen would respect each other's way of life and knowledge. I asked myself: Where else but in America could this take place?

This was my symbol—my America! I breathed deeply of the mountain air, and full recognition of what America means to me took seed and grew in the deep hidden well of knowledge and maturity. A wild sense of freedom, opportunity and well-being overwhelmed me.

The wind whispered "Welcome home, boy!" and mentally I embraced my American heritage with new found gratitude.



THIS AND THAT, M-Sgt. Arthur Renaud of Special Services makes a final check on a jig-saw at the woodworking hobby shop. The saw, one of many pieces of shop equipment recently overhauled by Sgt. Renaud completes a very functional shop where almost anything can be built from rocking chairs to sailboats. The shop has been repainted, tools positioned for better efficiency and a tool crib installed. The shop will be open evenings 'til 9.

Letter 'to The Editor.....

Dear Sir:

During the time I have spent traveling with my husband all over the United States and in Alaska, I have looked with interest into the various bases' programs of helping dependents and service personnel in time of need.

I have seen many instances where the base personnel jumped into the thick of a disaster or in the time of need to help unfortunate fellow members of the Air Force. And this happened to my husband and me, when we were burned out.

I noted with interest the campaign which started on the heels of a fire where the family belongings were destroyed here recently. This Patrick service family had insurance to cover their house and their belongings to a point, and the money donated came when he needed it and probably he is doing, as well as anyone can expect after being wiped out by fire.

The base organized a campaign through the first sergeants of each squadron, and the community where this man lived also pitched in and really went all out. Surveying the situation, the local stores in a cooperative effort donated many new items, making sure that there were no duplicates. Then too — many items were given by other people and friends in the area. But, the effort had to organize on the spur of the moment, and perhaps things wouldn't have come out so well if they had not been well known.

I read in past issues of the Air Force Times and other service newspapers about SAC's Dependents' Mutual Assistance Program. I confess that I don't know too much about it, since we have never been stationed at a SAC base, but I do think that if they are able to do this for their people, WHY CAN'T PATRICK! Must the machinery for doing jobs such as this be organized as the disaster happens or after it happens?

It doesn't seem to me that it would take much time or effort on someone's part, or some club's part to do the same thing here, by borrowing SAC's idea. Then if my house burns again, or if any service family has difficulties, they would be assured of the safety and help they need. Not just money, but a program that would assure their well being in any emergency.

This is not a slam on the Red Cross nor the Air Force Aid Society, for they are both fine groups that do a magnificent job, but would it hurt to supplement the help the organizations can give?

SAC evidently thinks that it is necessary therefore they have a program organized. We in the service are handicapped because of the travel we make with our husband, and don't always get the opportunity to be leaders in the officer's club or NCO club where we can get acquainted fast. I'm sure that others like me, would like to know that we would be taken care of by the base through a well defined program if we must suffer hardships because we believe in the Air Force Career. I like to think that I am, too, helping do my husband's job, and I would like to think that the base also thinks of me, not my husband's serial number!

An Off-Base Housewife

House Okays \$ for Defense, B-52 Amendment Voted Down

Washington (AFPS)—The House has passed by a 377-0 vote the administration's \$33.6 billion defense appropriation bill for the 1957 fiscal year, which begins July 1.

Approval of the bill followed only two days of debate on the House floor.

A last-minute amendment to tack on an additional \$1 billion for more B-52s was voted down after legislators heard testimony that present funds, coupled with those in the new bill, are sufficient to accelerate production of the big intercontinental jet bomber.

The measure now goes to the Senate where an appropriations subcommittee, headed by Sen. Dennis Chavez (D-NM), will conduct hearings on the needs of the armed forces.

Sunday Base Bus Schedule

Bus No. 1	Lv. So. Wherry	1145
Lv. Base Motor Pool	0735	1200
Arr. So. Wherry	0810	1245
Lv. So. Wherry	0810	1300
Arr. Chapel	0825	1015
Lv. Chapel	0820	1030
Arr. So. Wherry	0830	1030
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Arr. So. Wherry	1100	1200

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Social Highlights

Forty members of the Officers Wives Club gathered on May 14 to welcome the wives of newly assigned officers at a morning coffee at the club. Mrs. R. H. Reynolds, hostess, was assisted by Mrs. Ray W. Cullen in greeting the club members.

Attending the Coffee Chit-Chat for the first time were Meses. D. M. Davis, R. E. Griffith, M. E. Griffin, A. L. Cox, E. G. Brittain, R. T. Gill, Stanley Lane, W. H. Greif, S. S. Bird, Henry Waddell, and Chester Czepcha.

Pouring coffee was Mrs. Paul T. Cooper, and presiding at the punch bowl was Mrs. H. E. Longley. Mrs. Cooper was the winner of the floral centerpiece which was awarded as the door prize.

Mrs. Royce Honors

Mrs. Ralph S. Royce, outgoing president of the Officers Wives Club, entertained the members of the club's board of directors at a luncheon at the Officers Club on May 10. Her fellow officers and committee chairmen were her guests in appreciation for their cooperation during her term in office. Also invited was Mrs. Harry W. Generous, who was one of the honorary presidents during the first half year of Mrs. Royce's presidency.

Morning Bridge Popular

The Tuesday morning bridge parties at the Patrick Officers Club are proving popular with members of the Officers Wives Club. At the most recent morning event, Mrs. V. A. Bauman was the hostess, and ten tables participated.

First prize was won by Mrs. Frank Van Loo and Mrs. John B. Dakin Jr. Second prize went to Mrs. Free Calhoun and Mrs. Roy B. Leftstad, and in third place were Mrs. C. N. Pinson and Mrs. Ray W. Cullen. Door prizes were won by Mrs. Bauman, Mrs. Theodore George, and Mrs. J. L. Hill.

NCO Wives News

Members of the NCO Wives Club held a business meeting at the NCO Club on May 14. They welcomed two guests, Mrs. Marie Marko and Mrs. Winnie Waters. Lt. Col. Paul A. Kurek, NCO Club advisor, gave a talk on the importance of cooperation of NCO wives in operation of the NCO Club.

The door prize, a necklace, was won by Mrs. Christine Howe. It was announced that Mrs. Sayle Ferreira has taken over the chairmanship of the entertainment committee. Mrs. Wanda Pickel and Mrs. Betty Therjault will be co-chairmen of the ways and means committee. A donation of \$50 was made by the club to the cancer fund. They sponsored a bake sale at the club on Sunday, May 20, in conjunction with the NCO Club picnic.

Mrs. Fretwell Returns

Mrs. Ruth V. Fretwell of the inspector's office at Patrick AFB has returned recently from Germany where she visited her son-in-law and daughter, Airman First Class and Mrs. Bill Larson. Airman Larson, who has been stationed at Furstenfeldbruck for two and a half years, was with Special Services at Patrick before going overseas. While here, he directed



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He pushed his sleeve back, held his wrist close to the lighted speedometer, squinted to read the time. A little after nine. Five, ten minutes after. Ought to be home in half an hour.

If he'd known he had only ten seconds to live, he might have checked the time more closely. He might have done several things differently.

Nine Seconds To Live

He massaged his eyes with thumb and middle finger to rub out some of the sand.

He'd driven almost eight hours since lunch, and was beginning to feel it.

Eight Seconds To Live

Lousy driving in the rain. Light from your headlights just seems to soak in along with the water.

Seven Seconds To Live

Probably need a new windshield wiper blade. Old one just spreads the water around instead of wiping-clean. Get one tomorrow, or next time it rains.

Six Seconds To Live

Somebody threw a cigarette out of an oncoming car. The red glow dissolved almost before it hit the pavement.

Five Seconds To Live

He planted his heels on the floorboard, squirmed back in the seat, trying for comfort.

Four Seconds To Live

At 60 miles an hour, a car covers 88 feet of pavement every second. Four seconds, 352 feet.

Three Seconds To Live

Something looked wrong through the blurry windshield. A tentative dab at the brake stiffened into desperate pressure as he made out an old, unlighted, slow-moving truck ahead.

Two Seconds To Live

Panic moved in. Turn to the left. No, car coming. Headlights too close. Can't make it. Turn to the right.

One Second To Live

Horror numbed everything into slow motion. He was floating right into the near corner of the truck. He opened his mouth to scream.

No Seconds To Live

It's happened to lots of people. Drive too long, eyes get tired, reactions slow down. Rain, darkness, a windshield that's hard to see through. A car or truck ahead that you can't see. It's happened to lots of folks. IT COULD HAPPEN TO YOU!

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ing their way across the base, tired but happy visitors started leaving in a bumper to bumper line that extended for miles. The careful planning and policing of the base traffic routes was signally successful. Only one very minor accident was catalogged the entire day.

One little tyke summed the day up very well in a most pleasing way to the Air Force. Clutching his mother's hand, his free hand full of comic books, miniature airplanes, balloons and Matador pictures, he gazed up at a jet fighter as it flashed across the beach at rooftop level, then "pulled sky" in a dazzling straight-up climb, rolling in beautiful and precise movements.

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Commander's Letter

A Commander receives many letters and requests every day. However, letters like the following make me feel extremely proud of all the personnel at Patrick AFB, and particularly the ones who participated in our Armed Forces Day "Open House":

Dear Col. Williams:

May my husband and I offer our sincere thanks for the wonderful open house and show-on Armed Forces Day yesterday! We were so thrilled, amazed and awed by the Matador Missile Launching. There are no words to express that majestic sight.

We enjoyed the exhibits very much and were deeply interested in the aircraft displays. We were delighted with the courtesy extended by your men. When we asked for information, several times, it was quite a contrast to one time when we visited another base. There we were told only to "read the signs" or "what's wrong with your eyes?" You can be very proud of your wonderful base and its men.

We wanted you to know how much it all was appreciated.

Cordially yours,

We will continue to show the public that our work here is TEAMWORK every day.

Joseph B. Williams
Colonel USAF
Commander

Base Theatre

Tonight's Movie

—By A-1C DON SMITH

"THE RAWHIDE YEARS." In technicolor starring Tony Curtis, Coleen Miller and Arthur Kennedy, this is the story of a man who lived with his luck, and gambled with his life... for the love of the River Lady called "Zoe"! A mature picture, with a newsreel and Mr. Magoo cartoon, this picture is playing for the last time tonight.

"THE ANIMAL WORLD." Two billion years in the making, this is a Warner Brothers special. A family movie in technicolor with a Gold Medal Cartoon-Topper. Saturday only. At the Saturday matinee, "PRINCE VALIANT," with Robert Wagner, Janet Leigh, James Dean and Debra Paget. In CinemaScope and technicolor with a Mr. Magoo (revival) cartoon.

"THE SEARCHERS," with John Wayne, Jeffrey Hunter and Vera Miles, is a mature western in VistaVision and technicolor. Wayne portrays a hardbitten Texan who devotes five years of his life to a search for his nieces stolen by a Comanche raiding party in post Civil War days. A fair plot, with an old master in the starring role. Playing Sunday and Monday.

"STORM OVER THE NILE." A family service drama with Laurence Harvey and Anthony Steel. The son of a family proud of its military tradition, Steel resigns his officer commission feeling ill-fitted for a military career. His brother officers, branding him a coward, are eventually saved from torture and death in the Sudan through his bravery and courage. To add to the enjoyment of this picture it is in technicolor and CinemaScope. Tuesday only.

"WHILE THE CITY SLEEPS," with Dana Andrews, Rhonda Fleming, Ida Lupino, Howard Duff, Sally Forrest, George Sanders, Vincent Price, Thomas Mitchell, John Barrymore, Jr., and James Craig, this is the story of the sensational Lipstick Murder Case. A mature picture, this is one that from all appearances is one to see this week. Also a Warner Brothers cartoon on Wednesday only.

"BHOWANI JUNCTION." Ava Gardner and Stewart Granger star in a film which was actually filmed in Pakistan. Miss Gardner plays an Anglo-Indian WAC who is involved in conflicting loyalties, clashing personalities, and the intrigue and violence of a revolution. A service drama it is filmed in CinemaScope and technicolor, and is playing on Thursday and Friday.

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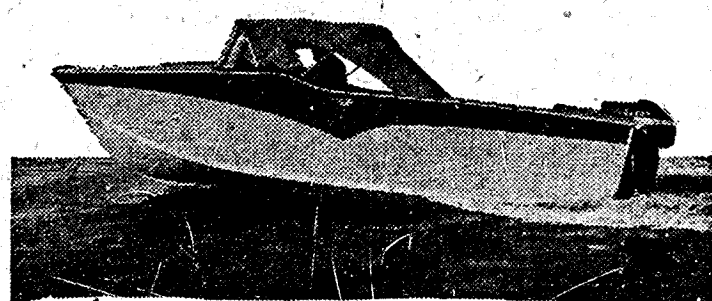
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About two months after he declared gravity, cake, potatoes and 19 other foods out of bounds, he was 40 pounds lighter. Now a respectable 253, the sergeant is aiming for the 213 mark considered normal for his build by the Army.

SFC Starck started his reducing while on Exercise Sagebrush last fall. He said he had done "very little" physical exercise, relying on diet to shed excess pounds. Right now his uniforms assume a sort of "drape shape" when he puts them on, but the streamlined sergeant plans to buy a complete, slim-sized wardrobe soon.

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Ramblin'

by A-1C KENT GARDNER

A meeting of the FPA (Future Pelicans of America) was held Saturday evening at the Catways Club near Melbourne on the South Dixie highway. Discussion of plans for a merger with Pelicans International and a charter for a Patrick Chapter of FPA dominated the meeting.

After a stirring rendition of "Entrance and March of the Pelicans" from Ioloath Thee, the meeting was called to order by chairman George C. Scroggie and minutes of the last meeting were read by the secretary, I. Throck-

morpus Dinwiddle. A short documentary film entitled "Fish Fighting From Altitude" was followed by a brief discourse on Lice Control by the eminent entomologist, T. Gromor Lard-blossom.

Two distinguished guests were formally introduced by Colonel Throgus M. Glotch, Ground Observer Corps, Ret. The guests were, Hans Josef Einbinder of Dusseldorf, former president of Grosser Deutsches Pelicans and present Gruppenfuerher of the Rheinlandisch Luft Korps. The second guest was W. C. M. Bustle-Batten of Scrawny-Arms, Abingdon-on-Thames, England. Mr. Bustle-Batten is the Author of "There Will Always Be a Pelican," "Pelican West" and "The Influence of the British Pelican on Western Civilization." He graciously autographed limited copies of his latest work, "United Pelicans, Can They Stop The Soviet Menace."

A digest of the Russian author Igor V. Klawdoff's work, "Socialistic Tendencies Among the Modern Pelican" was presented by Nobel Prize Winner and literary authority R. Flopover Bak-grabber. Additional light on the Soviet Pelican was provided by Sir Alistair V. Blook and Scannius M. Phurgle of Scientific Pelican.

Contributions were taken up toward the erecting of a monument on Pelican Island and a bronze plaque inscribed with the poem "The Ancient Pelican" by Edgar Allen Stumpthunker.

After the meeting, Director of Public Relations, X. Falmouth Bloater made arrangements for the meeting to adjourn to the Pelican Bar on A1A and signed a charter contract for the use of the fishing boat "Pelican" out of Cocoa for a cruise to Daytona Beach to watch the sports-car races week after next.

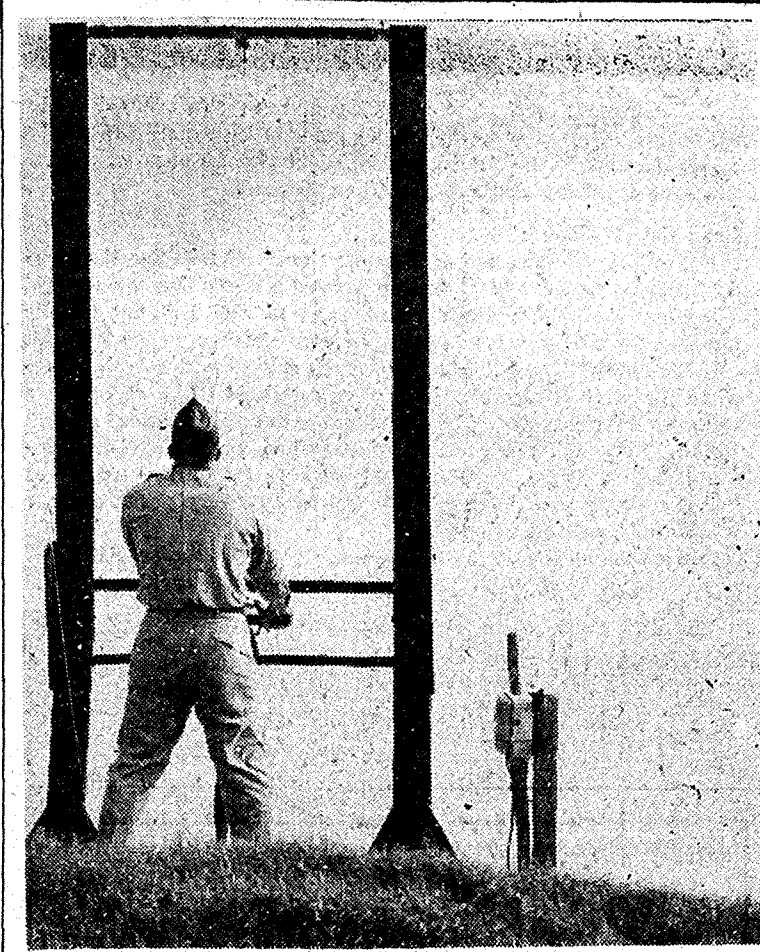
The boys in Barracks 731 are

showing a great amount of Squadron Espirite De Corps in the renovation of that building and especially in the care lavished on the grass and the white fence enclosing the yard. Anyone who things that building a fence and painting it is easy should try it sometime. The sharpening program extends inside the building too and it is certainly one of the most livable barracks on the base. All of this at little or no cost to Uncle Sam. A bouquet to Major Joe C. Johnson and M-Sgt. Harley Wingo and the 6550th Supply Squadron for a job well done. T-Sgt. William R. Keener has been the carpenter and chief fence builder. The base could use more enterprise of this kind in my opinion.

Several people have snickered at the new Safari-type uniform with sidelong glances at the shorts. The only answer to that is an old verbal brickbat I heard enough times to remember. "If you ain't tried it, don't knock it." Balanced against that hammock canvas we have had for a summer uniform, since the Spanish American War, the new 505 mesh is cool and man I do mean COOL. I'll take it, thank you, and you may peer at my knees as much as you please. Poets, please note.

The rising note of the weeper is beginning to penetrate the Air Force again. The same old refrain, "Us non-coms ain't got authority to get things done." An answer to that might be found in the notes of the late H. L. Menchen who wrote, "What most people want is privileges, not rights." A MAN and an OFFICER, non-commissioned or commissioned leads by example and force of experience, knowledge and ability. Anyone who lacks those things must of necessity use insignia of rank as a shield behind which he can rant, persecute and take refuge from responsibility. RHIP means rank has its privileges, but rank also has its responsibilities. I believe a true officer of any rank can lead as well in a t-shirt as in a full-dress uniform. The service can give you rank, but it can not give you guts or brains. If you lack those you are whipped from the start.

There are 19 job areas in the country that have job seekers substantially in excess of job openings, according to the U. S. Department of Labor.



SOMETHING NEW FOR A HANGMAN? No, and not a guillotine, either. But silhouetted against the sky on the windswept stretches of Cape Canaveral, Florida, where guided missiles are launched, this optical sky screen does look ominous. Used as an aid to flight safety, the device presents a display at the Range Safety Officer's console of the position of the missile with respect to its intended flight.

N.C.O. Club News

Short Snorts

by T-Sgt. B. A. Fasolas

There will be a General Meeting for all active members of the N. C. O. Open Mess at 1400 hours on 21 June 1956 in the Base Theater. The purpose of this meeting is to elect five (5) members to the Board of Governors. Consideration of your selection should be done in advance in order to assure that competent and interested members will be elected. Mark this date on your calendar.

The people who ate the Bar-B-Q chicken dinner at the Club on

Armed Forces Day are still talking about how delicious it was. Charlie Moore and his staff did a great job. While we're on the subject we would like to commend M-Sgt. White and all the members who helped him for the wonderful job they did on the Bar-B-Q Pit. That's something we have needed for a long time. Keep up with next month's schedule because we're going to have a couple of "SPECIALS" from the outdoor pit.

The Missileer would like to apologize for its mistake in the caption under the picture of the new bar in last week's issue. The bar was designed by M-Sgt. Cummings and not M-Sgt. Gregory.

Many, many, thanks to the ladies who donated their services as cashiers on Armed Forces Day. We sure did appreciate your efforts.

There's a special Memorial Day dance coming up on Tuesday the 29th of May. Come down and enjoy yourself by dancing to the music of the "Esquires." The next day is a holiday so you can stay late.

Saturday the 26th is a dance night too, with music by Sammy Gentile and his orchestra. Dancing from 2100 hours until ??? Midnight breakfast will be available for those desiring it.

Don't forget the card party on Monday night. Pinochle, bridge and canasta with plenty of prizes for all.

Memorial Day, the N. C. O. Club will be open all day to members and guests with a SPECIAL BUFFET DINNER being served from 1730 to 1930. Bring the family and enjoy the day at the Club. The suds are always good and cold.

TGIF is getting bigger and better every week and there's still quite a few of you that we haven't seen down there yet.

M-Sgt. Combs has returned from the N. C. O. Academy and is back in the old habit of enjoying a few cool ones with the Mrs. Glad to see you back Harry.

If you're looking for a very good lunch at a reasonable price, the place to go is the N. C. O. Club. Lunch is served from 1100 until 1400 hours.

"Charlie" has two or three specials everyday for \$75.

Game night again on the 31st with lots of fun for all. Everybody has a good time on this night. Come down early and enjoy your evening meal before the games begin.

When you get the feeling that you are arguing with a fool, be sure he isn't doing the same thing. If you want to be sure you're dressed on time, by your clothes on the installment plan.

Notes On A Tablecloth

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Mustard Call

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To head of lettuce, mayonnaise, Ice tea, fresh bread, so forth, ice cream,

But still permit us all to scream And curse the "surplus" of it all When menu time means "mustard call".

I gather now, the point is missed. It has to do with re-enlist, It goes beyond the toast and jelly And calls for top flight cast iron belly.

Along with acid strong enough To handle sileage in the rough. The service man is not to mix His voice in form of politics So why then place upon his table Weiners with a "surplus" label.

Strong and smelly, nauseating, Old as hills and awful tasting. Important to austerity As Pharaoh's weiners seem to be Observe the mustard they require To set the blessed few on fire.

Th rest of us sit back and toast Their constitution built for roast. So now to crown and compliment The mustard's value, gallons spent, To lubricate the passage of The weiner from the mouth above Lets add the sausage to the list Of why men fail to reenlist.

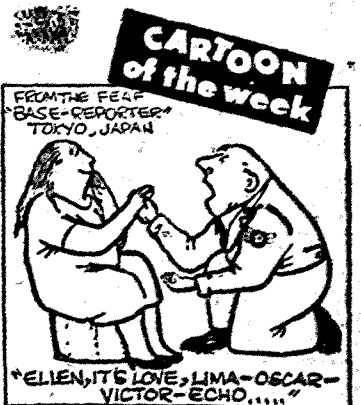
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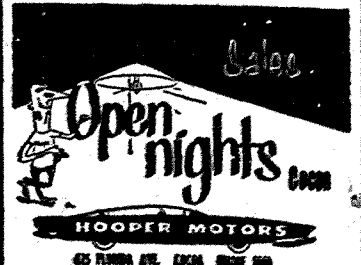


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AB Rockets Rock EG Kiwanis Nine

The Patrick Rockets and the Eau Gallie Kiwanis opened the South Brevard County League season with a smashing 15 to 1 victory for the Air Force Base Little League nine.

The game, played Tuesday 22 at Patrick started right out after an initial pitchout by Colonel Joseph B. Williams, base commander and top Little League fan.

Pitcher Theiss of the Rockets was in command all the way with his fast ball nipping the corner of the plate. He struck out twelve batters and was on the verge of a no-hit until the last inning.

He lost his no-hitter when Russell of the Kiwanis slammed out a booming homer and trotted around the bases for the only score of the opposing team.

The Patrick infield played perfect ball in completing two fast double plays eliminating any threat of the Eau Gallie nine.

The entire team showed exceptional hitting ability and racked up an impressive 17 hits in the game.

Your reporter overheard a comment from the Eau Gallie coach, "My how they can hit that ball." This is the form of congratulating the winning Rockets.

The final tally showed up as follows: Line Score — Patrick, 15 runs, 17 hits, 1 error. EG Kiwanis 1 run, 2 hits, 2 errors.

Winning pitcher, Theiss. Losing pitcher, Hill. Strikeouts — Theiss, 12. Hill, 4. Watrous 2.

Weeks Intramural Results

Ten games were played in the intramural leagues this week, as the softball players jockeyed for new positions.

The Guided Missiles meeting Air Base Group 1 on Monday, May 14, took the game 11-3 in a thrilling comeback, and Supply put Northrop on the spot to the tune of 21-5.

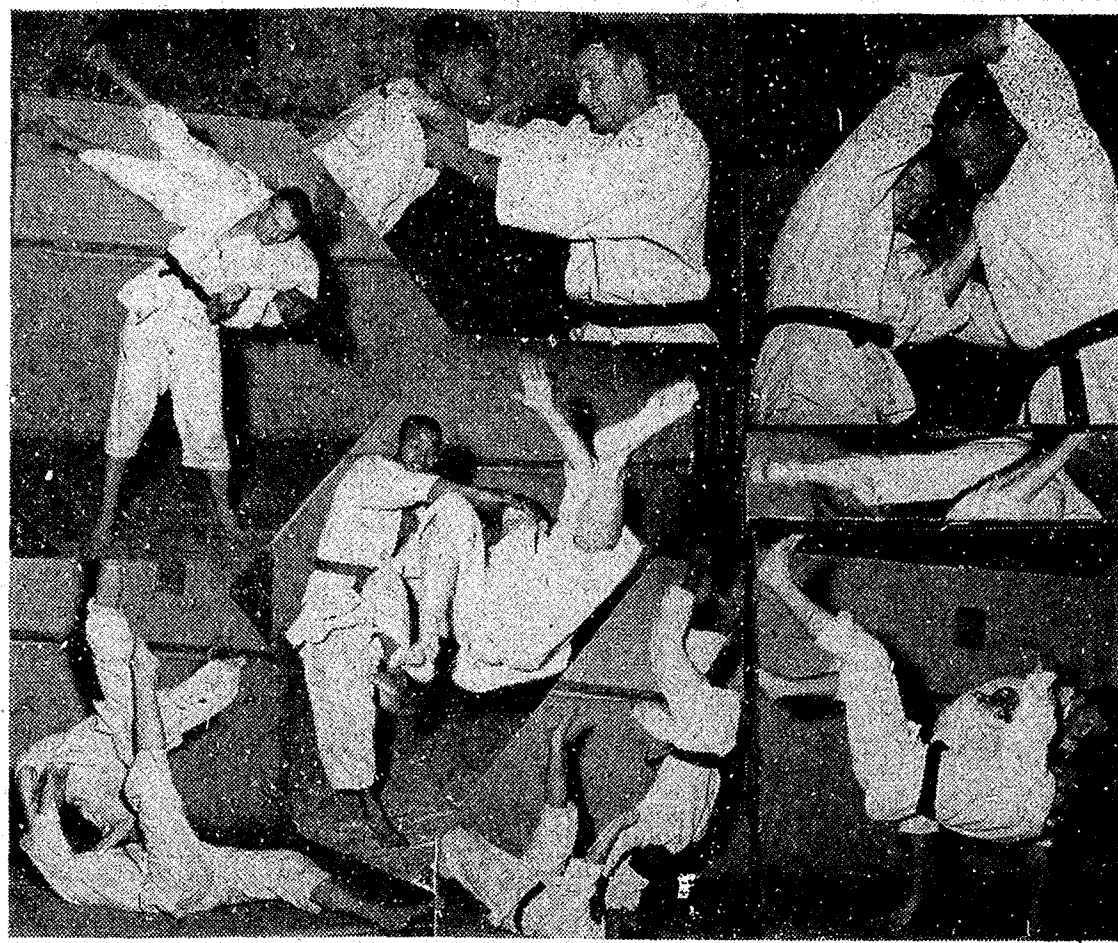
Only one game was played on Tuesday with Operations taking this one from the Crash Boat team by another large score, 20-6.

Wednesday, Air Base Group eaked out a win over Motor Vehicle in a 2-1 thriller, and then came back to beat RCA 7-3.

Thursday the Medics and Boeing took wins beating Motor Vehicle and Pan American respectively. Medics 8, Motor Vehicle 3 and Boeing 7, Pan Am 0.

Field Maintenance walloped the Drone Squadron 12-1 in the only game to be played on Friday.

Starting the action this week, Air Base Group pounded out 9 runs to the Medics' 1 to take the first game, and the Guided Missiles squeaked by Pan American 7-6, to end action for this week.



KING OF FLIPS! Members of the Patrick Judo Team, and judo classes demonstrate some of the falls and throws they use in their work. Coach Henry Hedge has quite a few new members in his classes, and they are interesting to watch. Anyone who is interested in this sport could find out more about it from Coach Hedge at the Base Gym.

Bomarc Nip Snarks In Little League Play

Action continued in the base little league exhibition circuit last Monday, as the Snarks lost their first game of the season, to the Bomarc 10-9.

Lefty Rogers, of the Snarks, suffered control trouble, and sandwiched with a few base hits, the Bomarc came up with a big seven run inning to outlast the Snarks. Winning pitcher was Slugger Gilbert. Derby went in relief for the Snarks and after tying up the game, Derby gave up two hits in the final inning to be charged with the loss. Friday, the final exhibition game will be played between the larks and the Matadors.

The season will officially open on Friday, June 1, at 3:30 when the Bomarc and Larks battle it out. There will be opening game ceremonies.

Each team will play three rounds of 12 games each, and the league will end on August 10. Games will be played every day Monday thru Friday of each week. On Tuesdays and Thursdays, the Missiles and Rockets will play in the county leagues at Patrick's

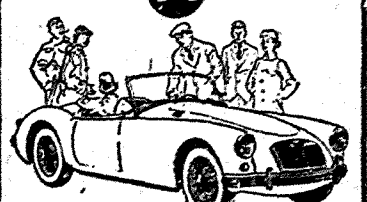
little league diamond. The county league start at 5 p.m. Exhibition standings as of May 22:

Team	W	L
Snarks	3	1
Navahos	3	1
Bomarc	2	2
Larks	1	2
Matadors	0	3

Leading Hitters as of May 22:

Name	AB	Hits	Aver.
Gilbert	7	6	.857
Purga	10	8	.800
Melton	5	4	.800
Bryan	7	5	.714
Donaldson	7	5	.714
Berryman	6	3	.500
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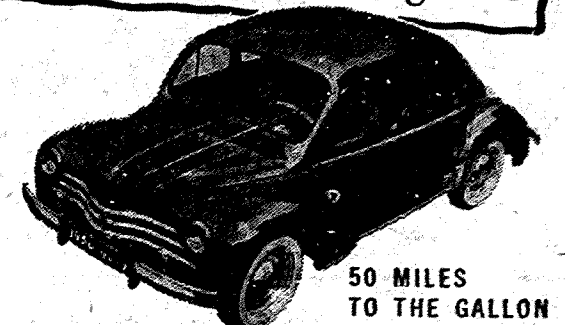
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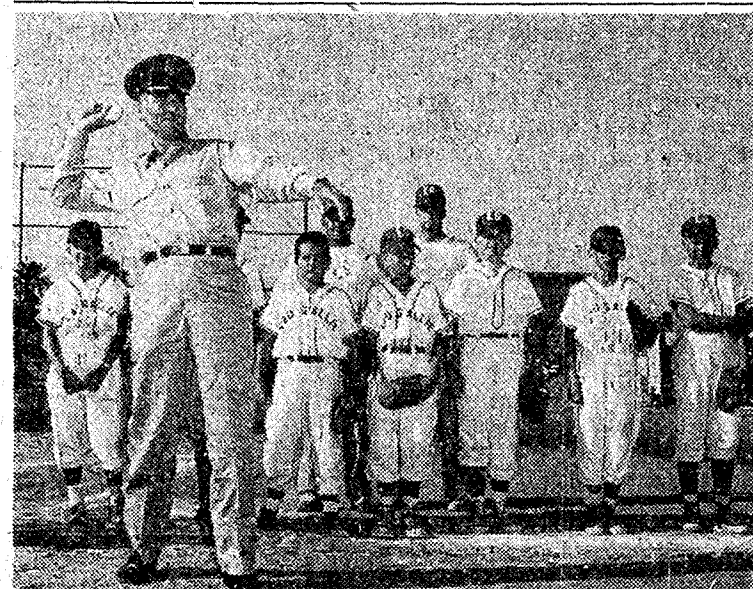
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Fordyce Team Wins In Pony League

Patrick's Pony Leaguers lost their second game of league play giving them a 1-1 record. Patrick was defeated by the Fordyce team.

Ted Whiting came up with a no-hitter and helped his team mates with skillful use of the bat in defeating Patrick 12-2 in a night game at Wells Park.

Whiting struck out 12 men and the losing pitcher Clyde Hill (Patrick) struck out 13 batters, gave up eight hits and scored both of Patrick's runs.



TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME! Colonel Joseph B. Williams, base commander, smiles as he tosses out the first ball marking the opening of the official South Brevard County League play. Ranged behind Colonel Williams is the Eau Gallie Kiwanis team which opposed the Rockets in the first game. The Patrick team took the game 15 to 1.

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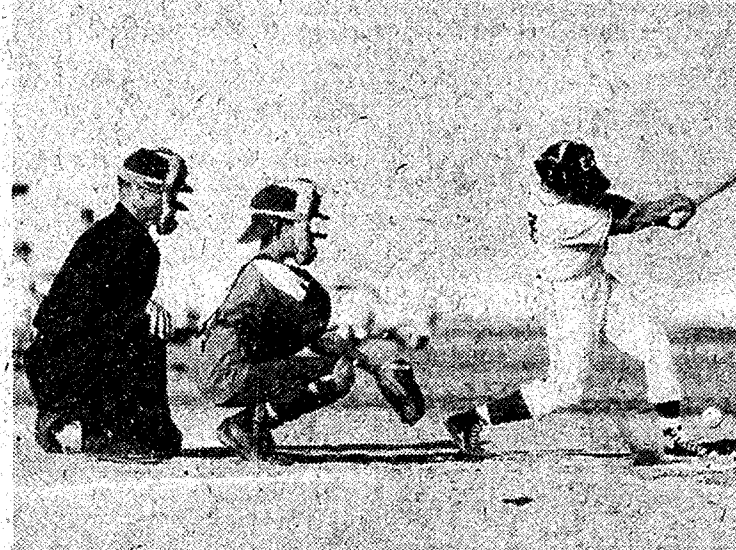
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ATTA BOY, SLUGGER! These kids really put their heart in their game. This scene was repeated often Tuesday as the Patrick Rockets swamped the Eau Gallie Kiwanis in a near no-hit game. Winning Pitcher Theiss missed a hitless game when Russell of the Kiwanis smacked out a homer in the last inning of the Little League game.

Intramural Softball Schedule

MAY 28 — 6:30 p. m.	Field Maint. vs. North American
8:30 p. m.	Communications vs. Crash Boats
MAY 29 — 6:30 p. m.	Motor Vehicle vs. Northrop
8:30 p. m.	Medics vs. Operations
MAY 31 — 6:30 p. m.	Drone vs. Air Police
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Chef Fortunato, as he likes to be called, is not the harried, temperamental type that you usually connect with a good chef. He is a jovial, slightly graying 48 year old Italian who became a United States citizen 20 years ago. He likes to keep what he calls "a happy kitchen". He was born in Savella in southern Italy and came to America in 1921. Since then he has graduated from being a cook in a small restaurant in Charleston, W. Va., in 1924, to being a renowned chef after serving food ranging from hot dogs to scampi, which is one of his present specialties.

Chef Fortunato has run kitchens from a one man operation to large ones with almost 100 people working for him and serving over 30,000 each meal where he prepared not two or three quarts of beans,

but cooked them in 35 gallon steam drums.

You will probably notice some changes in the food at the club, and Chef Fortunato says he still has many changes to make in specialties to be served. Scampi, his present favorite, he prepares by importing the largest shrimp he can find, baking them in a hot oven to a degree of golden crispness, and served on a half shell with his own secret preparation, scampi sauce.

Chef Fortunato says that while indulging in his favorite hobbies of swimming, fishing, and hunting, he still thinks of delicate dishes to prepare for his customers. He says he is always willing to listen to suggestions, and swap "most" recipes.

It is a strange thing, but true: men are never any bigger than their motives. Men are never higher than their ideals. A man's character always mirrors the ideals which guide his plans and the motives which prompt his actions.

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NCO Club Scene Of Benefit Dance

A dance Saturday night, June 2, at the NCO club will furnish additional funds for the newly formed Brevard County Association for Retarded Children.

The dance, sponsored jointly by the NCO Wives Club and the Newcomers Club will feature a buffet supper and music for dancing by Gil Fay and his orchestra. Dancing will begin at 8 p. m. and continue until 1 a. m.

Welcome hostesses will be comprised of members of the NCO Wives Club and the Newcomers Club.

The Brevard County Association for Retarded Children is a non-profit organization formed to found a school for the care of retarded children of Brevard County and the employees of Patrick Air Force Base, the Missile Test Center and the surrounding area. The program will be in answer to a need for such a school as those recently formed in California and other states where much defense

work is being done. Many engineers and specialists have refused employment here because of a lack of such a school.

There will be no refusal to children of anyone in the area, whether they are financially able to pay or not. Retarded children are not limited to any income bracket. They are merely children who need special care and schooling.

The retarded child is perhaps one of the most neglected classes of young American citizens. Failing into the "hush hush" category, the child is often kept at home with loving but inadequate care and eventually becomes a forgotten human. With modern physiological and psychological care and training, retarded children can in many cases become useful and happy citizens. There are at least 30 to 40 cases of retardance in Brevard County and perhaps more.

Dr. Paul M. Kessler, a man of considerable experience with this type of work has agreed to assist in organizing the program. A benefit baseball game in the Cocoa League has already donated money to the program and individuals have donated. Many business firms connected with the Newcomers Club have also donated. The dance will supplement the growing "nest egg" with which the school is to be started.

A steering committee has been formed to elect a board of governors. The committee includes Karl Hunziker, chairman; Ralph Stanley, assistant chairman; Cecil Rumley, recording secretary; Jane Riedel, Willie Cain, Jean Kiser, Jack McDowell, Marion Durden. Meetings have been held for the forming of a charter and by laws.

This is an ambitious program and one that will take a lot of "doing". With a well-launched public relations program, a competent committee and several interested backers this program for a school for retarded children seems to be off to a fine start.

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All cadets must take physical training including instruction in boxing and judo. The academy operates on the principle that courage and self-control are strengthened in these activities.

All the while, the cadet gets full measure of military training, including reveille inspections during the Summer, care of his weapon and guard duty.

In all service academies, upper classmen play an important role in guiding and disciplining the younger men. Because the Air Force Academy is new, 66 rated junior AF officers have been trained to perform this function in the interim.

Known as Air Training Officers, they help shape the academy's tradition and transmit it to the cadets. They reside in the same dormitories and go through the same drills, exercises, routines and schedules as the cadets.

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He is not too busy, also, for social activities. The cadet club—Arnold Hall—has a ballroom, snack bar, lounge, reception room to meet guests and a game room. The cadets are permitted to date on Wednesday afternoons and week ends—the highlight of which is the Saturday night juke box dance—but dates must meet them at the academy. There also is a formal dance once each month, with music by the academy orchestra. Nearby

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Slow Down

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that the Slow Down and Live campaigns have proved effective because they have been concentrated on a single basic factor in the traffic tool—dangerous haste.

The campaigns have been credited with helping to reduce the number of deaths and injuries due to vehicle accidents, despite a national increase in traffic volume.

Other things which are being done to help the program are:

1. Letters outlining the purpose and scope of the Slow Down and Live campaign will be prepared by the Ground Safety Division and forwarded to all units on the base.

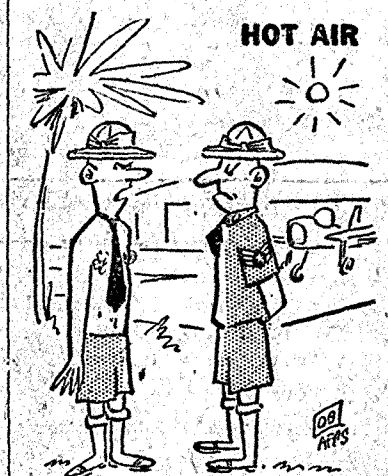
2. Safety slogans and reminders will be carried in the Daily Bulletin.

3. Lectures on safe operation of vehicles and movies on traffic safety will be presented to groups of personnel, both military and civilian at every opportunity.

4. A series of articles on traffic safety will be carried in the MISSILEER.

5. Liaison will be maintained between Patrick and the State coordinator for mutual assistance in making the campaign an area-wide program.

6. The Ground Safety Division will procure materials from the National Safety Council for use during the campaign.



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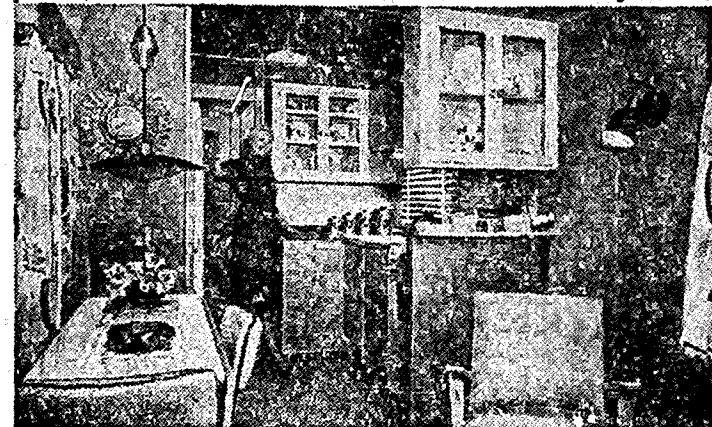
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