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## Carnival Concessions will Highlight American Youth Association Festival Beginning Today in Base Trailer Park

This afternoon the American Youth Association Carnival will get underway at the Youth Center in the trailer park. The carnival, which commences at 3 o'clock will continue until 9 o'clock tomorrow night when it will be culminated by a fundraising dance in the service club.

For the squadrons that have scheduled amusement projects for the carnival, special areas have been allotted to them in the youth center. Stands of all types and varieties will be run and should prove interesting to people who patronize them.

Some of the concessions that have been scheduled are: TAC Hospital's fully stocked beer garden with a hillbilly band providing entertainment.

Headquarters Air Base Gp is featuring a photo stand, while Headquarters M&S Gp is sponsoring a "Wheel of Fortune".

Aspirant baseball pitchers can test their skill at the Motor Vehicle booth. There they can throw balls at a target that when hit releases a man suspended over a tank of water.

The Officers Wives Club is sponsoring a \$200.00 tour to Paris. (See story inside).

The NCO Wives Club will feature a cake walk, while 1270th AACCS will have a putting range, tennis-ball roll and car roulette. There will be a Boy Scout exhibit in the scout building.

At 9 o'clock tomorrow night the service club will be converted

ed into a community center. All officers, airmen and dependents are invited. Girls from the surrounding towns and Canadian WAFs from the base in Metz will attend.

The dance program is being handled by the Food Service Sq and the orchestra will be furnished by the NCO club. There will be cold beer, soft drinks and other refreshments on sale.

Admission will be \$1.00 stag or drag. All funds from this two day carnival will be donated to the American Youth Association fund.

## Air Police Capture Eight 'Saboteurs' During Base Alert

by A1/C Denny Myres

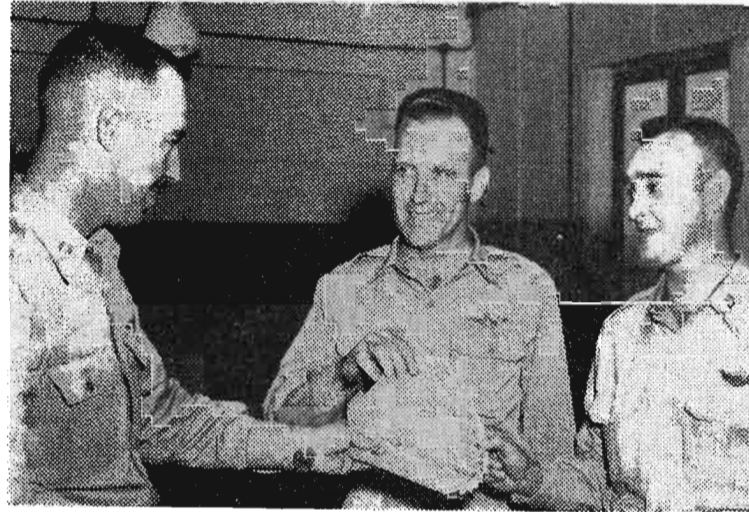
Shortly after the recent base alert, questions were asked concerning the outcome of the tests and the manner in which the tests were conducted. Maj Robert L. Cummings, Commander of the 21st AP Sq, and Capt Daniel W. Davis, Sq Operations Officer, were interviewed regarding these questions.

The two officers complemented Air Police personnel for their part during the alert, in which they contributed to the security mission of the Fighter-Bomber Group.

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## Chambley Air Base Dedication Ceremonies Set for June 12th

Bond Drive Kickoff



Capt Raymond L. Fortune (left), Bond Drive project officer for 1270th AACCS, holds \$2,400 worth of U.S. Savings Bonds that were purchased recently by two officers of his squadron. Capt Albert A. Tibbs (center), bought \$1,400 worth of the Series E. Bonds, while Capt James C. Plummer (right), invested \$1,000. It was an encouraging kickoff for the Chambley Bond Drive, which will continue until June 30. (USAF Photo by Williams)

## Captain Lee A. Rogers Appointed 1956 Bond Drive Project Officer

Captain Lee A. Rogers, Adjutant of Hq 21st M&S Group, has been appointed project officer for the 1956 U.S. Savings Bond Drive at Chambley Air Base. The drive began, Air Force wide, on May 30 and will continue until July 30.

Headquarters USAF has given more attention than usual to this years drive, reportedly because of a recent slow-down in Air Force sales.

Project officers and NCOs have also been appointed in individual squadrons at Chambley. Col Robert R. Rowland, Base Commander, has expressed a desire that all personnel give this years Drive their fullest support.

The objectives of this program, both at this base and throughout the Air Force, is to stimulate and maintain active support of the Federal Payroll Savings Plan for the purchase of U.S. Savings Bonds.

Important things to remember are: Savings Bonds pay 3 per cent interest when held to

maturity; Saving 50c a day (the Bond way) will total more than \$1,000 in five years; and Savings Bonds can be held up to 19 years and eight months, while they keep growing—and they will return \$1.80 for each dollar invested.

See your squadron Savings Bond representative to learn how you can buy Bonds on the Payroll Savings Plan.

### AF Announces Quota For June Promotions

WASHINGTON (OIS - OSAF) — Headquarters USAF will end its fiscal year 1956 airman promotion program with a June quota of 55,850 stripes.

They include 800 for master sergeant, 1,650 for technical sergeant, 9,400 for staff sergeant, 21,000 for airman first class and 23,000 for airman second class. Promotions must be made by June 20.

## Commander Declares Base Wide Holiday

Tuesday, June 12, has been declared a holiday by Col Robert R. Rowland, Commander of the 21st Wing. On that date, the Dedication of Chambley Air Base will be conducted in ceremonies held in front of the Wing Headquarters building.

The 21st Wing, since its arrival in France 18 months ago, has seen Chambley Air Base change from a near empty mud flat into a completely operational jet base. "Old Glory" will be raised over Chambley, for the first time, next Tuesday, signifying the accomplishments of this past year and a half.

Many prominent personalities will attend the ceremonies, including Maj Gen Robert M. Lee, Commander of 12th Air Force; and Maj Gen Colby M. Meyers, from Headquarters USAF.

Other personalities will include Air Marshal T. N. McEvoy (RAF), Chief of Staff of Headquarters AIRCENT, Fontainebleau, France; Maj Gen Robert W. Colglazier Jr., Commanding General of COM Z; and Maj Gen W. P. Ennis, from Hq AIRCENT. McEvoy will be the main quest speaker of the day.

Col Rowland will introduce the guests and speakers. The invocation will be delivered by Chaplain Curtis M. Bean.

Major William C. Waller, Dedication Day project officer, has announced that both the 12th Air Force Band and a French band will perform during the ceremonies. There will also be an aerial demonstration by the world famous Skyblazers from Chaumont Air Base.

Following a parade, there will be a fly-by of F-86 and F-100 aircraft. An open-house program will be conducted at the Base Operations ramp from 11:30 am to 3 pm. Visitors will see static displays of aircraft and equipment, at that time, but no cameras will be allowed on the flightline.

Uniform of the day will be class "A" khakis with visor caps.

## Armed Forces Day Visitor



Mr. Jacques Samama (center), French Prefet of the Department of Meurthe and Moselle, was greeted at the Chambley base flightline on Armed Forces Day by an honor guard of the 21st Air Police Squadron. Accompanying the Prefet is 1st Lt James H. Hamby, Guard Commander. (USAF Photo by Haller)

## Gray Lady Graduation Exercises Held in Base Chapel

Chambley's second Gray Lady Capping Ceremony was held in the base chapel last Sunday, with 16 graduates receiving their certificates and pins.

Following addresses by Col Robert R. Rowland, Wing Commander, and Maj Garland A. Perry, Hospital Executive Officer, Capt Helen B. Lewis, Chief Nurse at the base hospital, administered the Gray Lady Pled-

ge. Capt Lewis also presented the ladies with their Gray Lady caps.

The Gray Lady pins were presented by Col Rowland and Mrs. Jane Beamer handed out the well earned certificates. American Red Cross representative, Mr. Jack Brady, gave service stripes to the ladies who have done extra work.

The 16 graduates were: Mmes Gloria Brown, Lessie Craft, Ella Craven, Laura Davenport, Shir-

ley Ivey, Grace Juedemann, Helen Junior and Ann McKay.

Others were: Mmes Sandra McKendree, Josephine Parker, Ann Peachy, June Pickett, Mildred Shaw, Beverly Tilley, Evelyn Wolf and Vicki Vaughn.

Several representatives of the French Red Cross attended the ceremony. Following the chapel services, a reception was held in the officers club.

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## Career Counseling Center Offers Information about GI Benefits

(Editors Note: This is the second of a series of articles dealing with an actual conversation between S/Sgt Robert N. Mayo, Career Counseling NCO, and an airman who is assigned to Chambley Air Base. Reserve obligations of personnel after discharge were discussed in the first installment.)

"When we started our conversation, John, you had another question, what was it again?"

"Yes, what GI benefits do I have if I want to go to school after completing my tour in the Air Force?"

"You can attend a full time course and draw \$110 per month as a single man or attend part-time courses with reduced pay, at any VA approved school. One thing to remember is to be sure when you enroll in a course that it is VA approved and it is what you want, since you will only be allowed one change in your educational program."

"I may not go to school anyway, but you said you had some figures on how much I would earn, can you show them to me?"

"Sure, John, as a matter of fact, we get the Employment and Earnings book from the US Department of Labor each month. It has current figures on employment and earnings of employees working on an hourly basis in all industries in every state in the nation. I'm sure we can find your job in it."

"Say, this is a civilian publication, so I guess it won't be shaded to make me reenlist."

"That's right, we want you to get a true picture to help you make your own decision. Here we are, Hours and Gross earnings of production workers manufacturing, by major industry group, during January 1956, in fabricated metal products. A worker worked 41.1 hours, with a weekly wage of \$83.43 before taxes. That is the national average. In your state (Calif) it was \$87.32 for a 40.7 hour week, which is above the national average. Your home is in San Bernardino, right?"

"Yes."

"Here is a breakdown for that city area and it is \$84.76 for a 40.4 hour week, which is still above the national average. So lets just suppose you will earn \$85.00 a week prior to taxes."

"That's a pretty good pocket full of money, isn't it?"

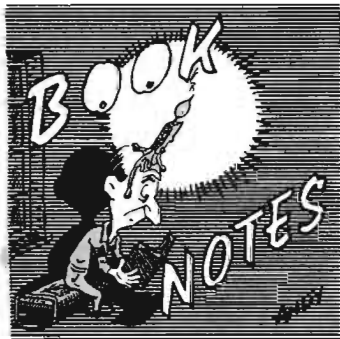
"It sure looks good, John, but have you considered what it is going to cost you to live?"

"No, I haven't, can you figure it up for me?"

"Let's do it this way, you figure it up and I'll write it down."

"Okay."

(Continued in the Next Sabre)



by Miss Ruth Austin

Following is a list of 14 new books that have recently been added to the shelves at your Special Services Library:

*Love or Perish* — A non-fiction Best Seller. Self-help book, by Blanton.

*Some Inner Fury* — A novel of modern India, by Markandaya.

*Roll Back the Sky* — WWII novel about a U.S. Army Air Force Captain, by Taylor.

*The Quiet American* — A novel, by Greene.

*Jubille* — A novel, by Brick.

*The Fall of a Sparrow* — A novel, by Balchin.

*Sketch for a Portrait* — Helen Keller's biography, by Brooks.

*Harry Black* — A novel, by Walker.

*Ambassador Extraordinary* — A biography of Clare Boothe Luce, by Hatch.

*Borrow the Night* — A mystery, by Nielson.

*The Man with Three Faces* — Story of a Soviet spy, by Meisener.

*Lone Gun* — A Western, by Brooker.

*HMS Ulysses* — A novel of action in the North Atlantic during WWII, by MacLean.

*Me - Papoose Sitter* — Experiences of a teacher among the Indians, by Hall.

## Air Police Capture Eight 'Saboteurs' During Base Alert

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planned sabotage attempt could be made against this base was carried out by a group of personnel from another installation. A C-47 aircraft, simulating engine trouble during a thunderstorm, landed at the Chambley flightline. Approximately six teams of two persons each emerged from the plane and attempted to sabotage jet aircraft of the 21st Wing.

The Air Police were not notified of the landing and the teams attempted to penetrate restricted areas. They did not succeed, however, due to the vigilance of AP guards, and eight of the "saboteurs" were captured.

Although some buildings and cargo aircraft were considered destroyed, the "saboteurs" did not succeed in their primary mission, which was to destroy the fighter aircraft and to prevent the 21st Wing from carrying out its mission.

## Grand Opening Refreshments



Cake and punch were served to guests at the grand opening ceremonies of the new Chambley Service Club on May 18. Mrs. Robert R. Rowland, wife of the 21st Wing Commander, had the honor of cutting the first piece of cake. Hundreds of base personnel, dependents and civilian guests attended the opening night ceremonies. (USAF Photo by Haller)

## NCO Wives Club Extends Welcome To Chambley Air Base Newcomers

by Laura Davenport

The NCO Wives Club wants to extend a welcome to all newcomers to Chambley Air Base. Here are a few facts, for you prospective members, concerning our club:

The club was organized in October 1955 with a charter membership of 52. With transfers and new assignments, this number has remained approximately the same.

Officers are elected for a term of six months. The "new crew" began their duties on April 1. Since that date, the following women have joined our little circle: Mesdames Yvette Agnew, Mary Keaney, Gloria Larson, Rose MacDonald, Pearl Miller, Elsa Niemeyer, Ann Peachey, Millie Shaw, Suzanne Smith and Scottie Wood.

All wives of NCOs and airmen are invited to attend the meetings. The business meeting is held on the first Tuesday of each month at 8pm. The social meeting is on the third Tuesday at 8:30 pm. Both are held in the NCO Club ballroom.

Aside from all the fun we have playing Bingo, dancing and eating, we feel that we have done some serious work too — Such as our help to the kindergarten, the Grey Ladies fund and the donations of clothes to the needy.

So why don't you gals come on down and join the fun. Remember, the first and third Tuesday of every month.

Hostesses at our last meeting

were: Joan Oberdeen, Jolene Pierson and Marlene Russell. Plans were made at that time to sponsor a booth at the AYA Carnival today and tomorrow. Two concessions — a grab bag and a cake walk — will be featured by the NCO Wives.

## Diaper Derby

The "Diaper-Sel" at Chambley Air Base has been increased, with the announcement of five new arrivals during recent weeks. The proud parents are:

First Lt and Mrs. John G. Early, 416th Fighter-Bomber Sq, a son - John III, born at the Bitburg Air Base Hospital on April 20; 9 lb 7 oz.

S/Sgt and Mrs. Harold L. Dorsey, 21st Communications Sq, a daughter, Betty Jean, born at the Vedun Army Hospital on May 5; 8 lb 5 oz.

T/Sgt and Mrs. Charles E. Deeds, 416th Fighter-Bomber Sq, a daughter, Linda Kay, born at Chambley Air Base on May 10; 7 lb 10 1/2 oz.

First Lt and Mrs. Carl G. Erickson, 7002nd USAF Hospital, a daughter, Deborah Ann, born at Chambley Air Base on May 20; 5 lb.

First Lt and Mrs. Charles R. Campbell, 416th Fighter-Bomber Sq, a daughter, Denice Ann, born at Chambley Air Base on May 21; 5 lb 11 oz.

## Base 'Shutter-Bugs' Hold First Meeting

The first meeting of the newly organized Chambley Camera Club was held recently in the base service club. The attendance was small, but present members hope to expand, as local camera fans become aware of the club's existence.

There are several advantages connected with membership in the organization. First, through the club, tours will be made to various European camera factories. This will allow members to learn the intricate process required in manufacturing cameras.

Lessons will also be given to members on the use of individual cameras. This will, without a doubt, result in better pictures.

Anyone interested in joining the club may contact A/IC Haskell Sikes at Ext 246 (during duty hours) and Ext 119 (after duty hours).

## Coming Soon

The annual Chambley Fair will be held in the village on June 16 and 17 near the Cafe de la Gare. There will be a big dance at Berny's Place both nights.

**Guard Your Health  
Swim Only At  
Approved Facilities**



## STUFFY





by Claire, Rhoda and Patt

Your new Service Club is open and we'd like to say "Thank you" to all the men who helped us get ready for the big day. We're still receiving new equipment, which will include: Bingo cards for Monday nights, a roulette wheel for Monte Carlo nights, a toaster for Sunday morning's toast-and-coffee-call, and new monthly programs to keep you informed on the latest events.

We also have a new Enlisted Men's Council which meets once a month. The council will offer suggestions for new activities; suggest ways to improve the program and will bring complaints from the men in their respective squadrons.

Temporary officers were elected at the first meeting on May 23. A/1C Ken McComb was elected to act as secretary. Know your representatives and give them your suggestions for the next meeting on June 20.

**Squadron Representatives**

Wing Hq: A/1C Ken McComb and A/2C Dave Martin; Air Base Gp Hq: A/2C Al Sneed and A/2C Edward Spaid; Fighter Gp Hq: A/1C Bob Kirtley and A/1C Del Kosmalaki; M&S Gp Hq: A/2C Elmer Parkinson and A/2C Chuck Brown.

**Cinema-Scoops**

June 8

*The Virgin Queen*, with Bette Davis and Richard Todd; also Weekly News.

June 9

*Top Gun*, with Sterling Hayden and Karen Booth; also Tom and Jerry and Armed Forces Screen Magazine.

June 10-11

*The McConnell Story*, with June Allyson and Alan Ladd; also Weekly News.

June 12

*Seven Cities of Gold*, with Rita Moreno, Richard Egan and Anthony Quinn; also Terrytoon-No Sleep for Percy.

June 13

*An Inspector Calls*, with Olga Lindo and Alstair Sim; also Cartoon.

14-15

*Man With the Gun*, with Jan Sterling and Robert Mitchum; also Weekly News and World of Sports.

June 16

*Dig That Uranium*, with Mary Beth Hughes and the Bowery Boys; also 1955 World Series.

**Chaplain Promoted**

Belated congratulations are extended to Chaplain Curtis M. Bean on the occasion of his recent promotion to Captain. Notification of his promotion was received from Headquarters USAF last month. His new rank became effective on April 2.

72nd Sq: A/1C Dave Bell and A/2C Jim Estes; 416th Sq: A/2C Charles Ditman and A/1C Theron Mullarney; 531st Sq: A/1C Lee Dedolph and A/1C Ken Fenton.

Air Police Sq: A/3C Rae Pickens and A/2C Bobby Kemp; Comm Sq: A/1C Bill Fullwood and A/3C Jim Kienig; Food Service Sq: S/Sgt Art Rawlins and A/3C George Janeicke. Instl Sq: A/3C Bob Burland and A/2C Dick Scammaca.

Supply Sq: A/2C Vernon Starks and A/3C Lawrence Card Jr.; Maintenance Sq: A/1C Francis Sullivan and A/3C Bob Evans; Motor Vehicle Sq: A/1C Tom Bell and A/2C Joey Jackson.

TAC Hospital: A/2C Louis Ledesma; AACS: A/2C Charles Van Cleve and A/2C Herb Greenham; Weather Det: A/2C Joe Carpenter and A/1C Norm Prokupek; Postal Det: A/2C Jess Dintleman and A/3C Jim Coleman.

**Calling All Thespians**

We have something new and exciting for the personnel at Chambley — a Little Theater Group. Imagine seeing the latest plays from Broadway on our stage, with your buddy playing the leading role. It's wonderful!

The group has elected Maj William C. Waller as president; S/Sgt Victor Grunfeld, secretary and A/1C Ken McComb, publicity chairman. Second Lt James Bruner will direct the first production. Lt Bruner has had several years experience at the Baylor Experimental Theater in Texas.

Costing for "Stalag 17" will begin real soon at the Service Club. Here's the opportunity you've been waiting for — a chance to act, work on scenery, lighting publicity or staging. That's 1900 hours Monday, June 11. It takes a lot of people to put on a good show and everyone is invited to join; airmen, officers, wives and girl friends.

**Family Night**

It has been said that the Service Club is like a "home away from home." The Enlisted Men's Council and the staff have agreed that it's more homey if the married men bring their wives and children to the club. We've set aside Sunday night as Family Night; starting off with some old fashioned square dancing.

Gerald Moore, with four years experience as a caller, will be on hand to instruct and tell you when to swing your partner. Don't forget to swing around to the Service Club at 2000 hours on Sunday.

Have you tried our hot, buttered toast and coffee before or after church on Sundays? U-m-m-m-m, it's good! We'll be looking for you.

**Wives Club Sponsors Trip to 'Gay Paree'**

by Ida Mizelle Joseph

The Officers Wives Club is sponsoring a raffle for the American Youth Activities Carnival on June 8 and 9. The prize — a three day, expense-paid trip to Paris for two or \$200.00 in cash.

Donations requested are: \$1.00 for each ticket or \$2.50 for three tickets. The drawing for the winning ticket will be held at the service club on June 9. You do not have to be present at the drawing to win.

Mr. David Shure, a representative of the Sheffield Vault in England, presented a short lecture on Sheffield Silver at the Wives Club tea on May 18. Approximately 30 wives attended the tea and admired the lovely silver display.

There will be a formal tea at the club on June 14, at 2 pm in honor of Mrs. Robert R. Rowland. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

**Chaplain's Corner**

**Exercise Your Freedom of Worship**

I have been very happy to see the large number of people at Chambley Air Base who attend chapel services. I have also been sad when I have seen a much larger number of people who do not attend chapel. Certainly we have the religious freedom to go to chapel or to stay in the barracks or at home during the chapel services. No person tells us whether we will or will not attend chapel. It is my conviction, however, that any person who fails to attend the services of his own faith in the chapel fails to receive much that he needs for his personal happiness and success.

Byron Hatfield once wrote a helpful little poem in which he expresses a lot of truth:

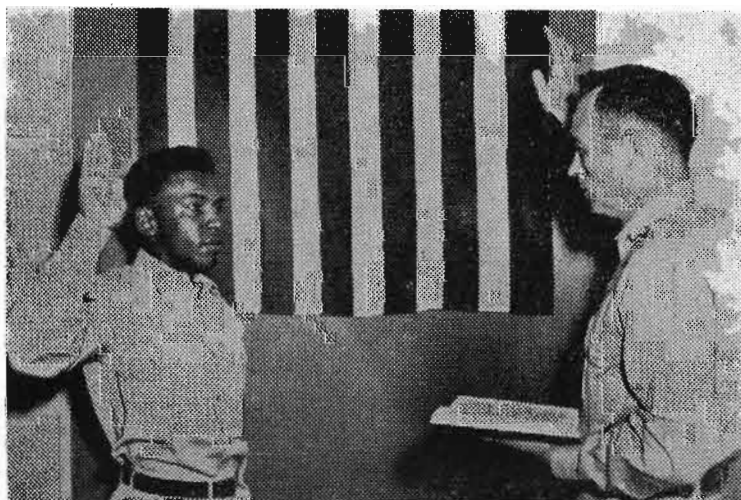
**My Church Helps Me**

To keep a sky in my life and to look up.  
To keep my hand in God's and hold on to Him.  
To see the eternal values above the material.  
To lift life above self to service for Christ.  
To see the good in others and praise it.  
To keep sweet and to keep busy for him.  
To have a seeing eye, feeling heart, helping hand.  
To test the motives of life and choose the best.  
To do justly, love mercifully, and walk humbly".

No person at this base will ever be required to attend chapel but all people are invited to attend. Worship with us next Sunday and every Sunday in your Chapel. Catholic Mass is celebrated at 0900 and 1000 hours. Protestant Services are conducted at 1100 and 1830 hours.

CURTIS M. BEAN  
Chaplain (Capt) USAF

**Planning for the Years Ahead**



A/1C Charlie A. Hobdy (left), of the 21st Supply Squadron, reenlisted recently for another six years of service in the USAF. 1st Lt Leon T. Campbell (right) administered the reenlistment oath to Amn Hobdy at the base career counseling center. Aside from the tidy sum collected in his re-up bonus, Amn Hobdy has chosen a career with security — as a member of the greatest air force in the world.

(USAF Photo by Barnes)

**Chapel Services**

**CATHOLIC**

Sunday Masses: 0900 & 1000 hours  
Confessions: Before Masses  
Catechism (Saturday): 1000 hours

**PROTESTANT**

Sunday Worship: 1100 & 1830 hours  
Sunday School: 0945 hours  
Sunday School (Base School): 0945 hours  
Junior Church (Sunday; Prefab): 1100 hours  
Protestant Fellowship (Thursdays): 1930 hours  
Episcopal Sunday School (Prefab): 0900 hours

**Squadron Roundup**

**Recent Happenings Around and About Chambley**

**531st 'Newscap'**

by 1st Joseph S. Ujobai

Lt Col Alan C. Edmunds switched from gold to silver oak leaves, upon receipt of his promotion orders recently. Capt Victor R. Hollandsworth was promoted from 1st Lt during the April-May promotion cycle.

A large number of 531st personnel will be departing for the States in the near future. They are: Tech Sgts Ray Combs, Elmer Read and Tom Bailey; Staff Sgts Jon Wood, and Elvin Feris; Airmen First Class Bernard Carey, Harold Frank Jr., Dale Herr, Charles Nadler, Leslie Quirk and Jim Wilson; and A/2C Roy Lawson Jr.

Activity on the 531st side of the base is quite limited. However, the new NCO club annex and the squadron day room are helping the morale of the troops.

A hardy welcome is extended to recent new arrivals: Tech Sgts Rodger Kurnik, Charles

Coesfled, Walter Pugh and Kenneth Schilerhoff; Airmen Seconds Clarence Matthews, Bob Nichols, Leon Rodgers, and Tom Takamiya; and Airmen Thirds Charles Doran, Charles Haight, Teddy Mayo, Bruce Patterson, and Herbert Zimmerman.

**72nd Chatter**

by 1st Lt John T. Conley

Two of the 72nd Squadron's favorite "old hands" departed for the ZI early this week. They were: Capt Don Brown and 1st Lt Dick Williams, who are returning to Stateside paradises at Luke and Chanute.

Capt Brown had been with the 72nd since the unit's reactivation at George AFB in 1952. While with the outfit, he served as Ops Officer and last year, as Squadron Commander. He expects to pilot F-84Fs at Luke.

Lt Williams also joined the squadron late in '52. He has performed duties as Assistant Maintenance Officer, and since

March, as Maintenance Officer. His new assignment is to the Maintenance Officers' School at Chanute.

**416th 'Blue Tales'**

by 1st Lt Paul F. McCoy  
New arrivals to the 416th have been topping the news during the past weeks.

Second Lt Russell Kartrude joined the squadron recently, coming from Nellis AFB, Nevada. His home is in West Palm Beach, Florida. Also reporting here from Nellis were 1st Lt and Mrs. William Matheny. Their civilian home is in Clarksdale, Miss.

Another recent arrival was aircraft N°. 197, which has finally caught up to us after being left at BW 1 on the flight from Victorville, Calif, to Europe. One-niner-seven was sadly left behind when its nose wheel was damaged during a ground run-up.

# Desert Rats Drop Doubleheader to Chaumont; Chance Trims Etain Twice

The Chaumont Mudhens soared into first place in the Eastern France Conference baseball standings last weekend by defeating the Chambley Desert Rats, 9-2 and 11-4, in a pair of contests played on Chaumont's home grounds.

Chambley had gained an undisputed lead in the league standings one week earlier when Bob "Iron-Man" Chance won both ends of a doubleheader, 2-1 and 8-6, from the Etain Pioneers. The double victory at Etain gave the Rats a 4 - 0 won and loss record in conference activity.

Last weekend's twin shellacking at Chaumont pushed Chambley into a second place tie with the Pioneers, since both

clubs now have a 4 - 2 record. The Mudhens have suffered a single defeat, while winning five.

Big John Martin, southpaw hurler of the Mudhens, turned in a magnificent mound performance in last Saturday's series opener. He struck out 18 Chambley batters and allowed only two hits. Between the third and seventh innings, Martin whiffed 11 out of 12 Desert Rats in succession.

Chambley drew first blood in the game, when Donato Dapolito walked, on four pitches in the initial frame, after Al Foreman had gone down swinging. "Dap" moved to second on a passed ball and scored when Cantrell Brown sent a sizzling



Harris

Chance

double to right. The threat died, however, as Lynn Heintz flew to center and Tom Wilks was called out on strikes.

The Hens pushed across two runs in their half of the first on one hit, a walk, and a pair of Chambley errors.

Chambley tied the score in the third when Foreman led off with a walk, stole second and scored

on an error. The Chaumont nine went ahead again in the bottom of the third, scoring one run on three hits — topped-off by Chuck Jones' double.

For all practical purposes, that was the ballgame. Only two Chambley runners reached base after the third inning and both died on first.

John Harris started on the mound for Chambley and was charged with the loss. His record stands at 0 - 1. Chance relieved Harris in the sixth and gave up three runs in the seventh and three more in the eighth.

Chambley's toughest break of the day came in the third inning when Dapolito had to be helped from the field, after he suffered a recurring knee injury, dur-

ing an attempted steal of home. He will be out of the lineup for at least a week.

Player-manager, Russ Hamlett, has also been placed on the disabled list with a serious foot injury. Foreman is serving as the team's acting manager.

In Sunday's game, Chaumont jumped off to a 9-0 lead in the first four innings. Chambley's starting pitcher, Brown, gave up one run in the first, five in the second and three more in the fourth.

The Desert Rats didn't score until the fifth, when Chance sent a pinch-hit single to right after two were out. Foreman followed with a single, scoring Chance, and Wilks doubled to left, sending Foreman across the plate. The rally died a moment later when Wilks was nailed at home while trying to score from second on Brown's hit into left field.

Harris relieved Brown in the bottom of the fifth and performed exceptionally well. In the top of the sixth, Harris accounted for Chambley's final two runs with a 340 foot blast over the right field fence, after Dick Ewers had walked. Harris' clout was the only four-bagger of the series.

The Hens annexed two more runs on three successive singles in the bottom of the eighth. Brown was charged with the loss, his first against no wins, and Schoolboy Folsom got credit for the victory.

Chance's doubleheader victory over Etain, on May 27, gave him a 3-0 won and loss record for the season. Big Bob allowed only five hits in the first game, missing a shutout when the Pioneers scored on an error in the second frame.

Sylvester Ford started on the mound for Chambley in the nightcap. He was relieved by Chance, with the score tied, 1-1, after two and 2/3 innings. Etain scored one run in the fourth and three in the sixth to grab a 6-2 lead. The Rats knotted the score again, with four runs, in their half of the sixth when Wilks, Luis Salcido, Chance and Foreman all hit safely.

In the seventh, Deakle singled, stole second and scored when Wilks sent a single to left. Chambley added an insurance run in the eighth, while Chance held Etain hitless in the final two frames.

This weekend, if weather permits, the Desert Rats will play a pair of home games against Fontainebleau.

# Fields Captures International MVP Cage Title; Nats Dump Chambley, 112-72, in Exhibition Tilt

## Little Jim Selected Best at Alfortville

Jim Fields, star pointmaker of Coach H. C. Hartwig's Desert Rat cagers, was voted the most valuable player in the international basketball tournament at Alfortville, France two weeks ago.

Fields was selected for the award by a popular vote among the tourney's participating team members.

Teams from France, Belgium, Switzerland, Spain and Poland participated along with Chambley.

The Desert Rats finished fifth in the two day competition, after losing the opening contest, 50-38, on May 26, to Warsaw, Poland. Winning teams in the first round of play competed for first thru fourth places in games played the following morning. Chambley defeated Geneva, Switzerland, 50-43, in the consolation brackets that afternoon, for fifth place honors.

According to the international rules used in the tournament, the first team to score 50 points in each respective game, was declared the winner.

Chambley trailed by 10 points throughout most of the first day's game. On Sunday, the Desert Rats jumped off to an 8 - 0 lead, and Geneva never managed to close the gap.

Fields was high point man for Chambley in both games, with 19

### Team's Debut

## Chambley Tankmen 3rd in Conference Meet

The Chambley swimming team participated in a two-day France Conference swimming meet held at Nancy, France last weekend. Despite little previous practice, the team wound up in third place. This was the squads initial debut in conference activity.

Chateauroux grabbed first place honors in the competition, while Toul Rosiere finished a close second. Etain, Orly, Evreux, Fontainebleau, Dreux and Loan followed Chambley, in that order.

Among the Chambley team members, individual honors went to:

Max Uber - third in the 50

### Rats Host Nats



The Pro-Basketball Syracuse Nats arrived at Chambley via a C-47 aircraft on May 21 for an exhibition contest with the Desert Rats. Col H. C. Hartwig (center), Chambley coach, greeted the lofty team at the base flightline. The team members are: (left to right): Eddy Conlin; Art Van Auken (in the light colored suit), team trainer; Earl Lloyd; Johnny Kerr; Jim Tucker; Dolph Schayes; Georges King and Larry Killick.

(USAF Photo by Barnes)

tallies on Saturday and 15 on Sunday. Jerry Kincheloe, who was playing his final game for the Rats before returning to civilian life, gathered 14 markers in the second tilt.

The MVP award is the third honorary title captured by Fields this year. He was also a first string choice on both the France Conference and USAFE tournament all-star teams.

### Jumping Jims



Jim Fields, Chambley's 5'7" sparkplug, and Jim Tucker, 6'7" Syracuse star, presented a contrasting sight during this jump shot in the 416th hangar on May 21.

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## Professional Height Stymies Desert Rats

The Syracuse Nationals, 1955 National Basketball Association Champions, downed the Desert Rats, 112-72, in an exhibition tilt played in the 416th hangar on May 21.

It was the Nats' final game of a State Department sponsored tour that had stretched 24,000 miles — from Iceland to Egypt.

Jim Fields, Chambley's 5'7" star forward, registered 30 points in the game to capture individual high scoring honors of the evening. Dolph Schayes, 6'8" Syracuse giant, tallied 29 points for runnerup scoring honors.

In the second half, Syracuse put a team on the floor that averaged 6'7", and Coach H. C. Hartwig's little guys didn't have a chance.

Prior to their appearance here, the Nats had played 26 exhibition contests throughout Iceland, Austria, Iran, Egypt, Italy, Spain and France. Chambley was the only American team encountered during the tour.

## Base Leagues Begin Intramural Softball

At a recent meeting in the base theater, topics concerning the rules and regulations of this season's intramural softball activity were discussed and agreed upon by the majority of the team managers.

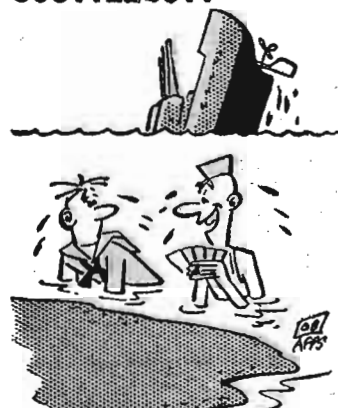
During the week of July 23, the respective champions of the American and National Leagues will compete in a best-two-out-of-three series to determine the base champion.

The base champs will travel to Fontainebleau for the France Conference, Squadron level playoffs early in August.

The softball season will be extended beyond the normal league time this year with the initiation of a consolation league. The consolation league will start on July 30 and continue until September 14.

The base championship team and the runner-up squad may participate in the consolation league, but neither will be considered in the consolation, playoff finals. Trophies will be awarded the championship squads at the end of the season.

### SCUTTLEBUTT



"I've got a full house—what were you holding?"