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Fields Enters CISM Tryouts

Squad Plans Trip To Damascus, Syria

More Stars for His Crown

Jim Fields, winner of Chambley's Outstanding Athlete of the Year award, left here for Nuremberg, Germany late last week to fight for a berth on this year's CISM (Conseil International du Sport Militaire) basketball squad.

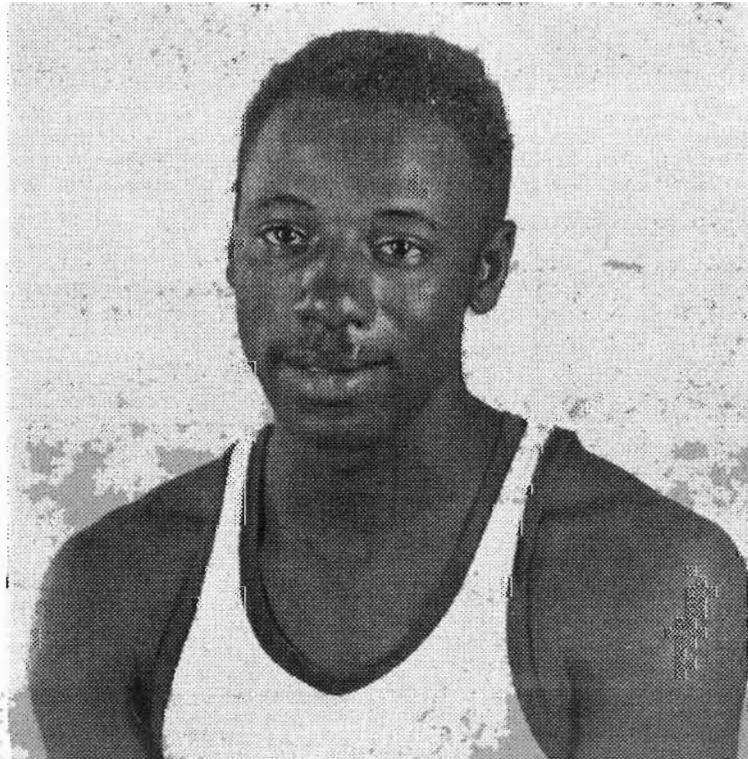
This year's CISM team will journey to Damascus, Syria, one of the worlds oldest cities, during the first week of September.

Fields actuated his trip to the Nuremberg tryouts, after seeing an entry blank in the Stars and Stripes. He wrote in and was invited to the tryouts by CISM officials.

If Fields displays the calibre of court action in Germany as he displayed so consistently during the recent cage season, he will have little trouble in making the grade.

After Chambley's final game in the USAFE Tournament, in which the Desert Rats placed an extremely close second, the record book brought out the following statistics concerning Little Jim:

In 36 conference, non-conference and tournament games, he wound up the season with 923 total points. He netted 386 field goals, 151 free throws and maintained a 25.63 points per game average.



Jim Fields, Chambley's Outstanding Athlete of the Year, hopes to add more stars to his already glittering crown of fame, by becoming a member of the CISM cage squad that is scheduled to tour Syria in September. Fields reported to the opening tryouts for the CISM team early this week. (USAF Photo by Andresen)

Base Will Observe 12th AF Anniversary With 'Family Day' Program on August 20

Monday, August 20, will be observed as a limited work day at Chambley Air Base in celebration of the 14th anniversary of the activation of 12th Air Force.

The day will be designated as "Family Day" with all sections and groups being open for inspection tours by dependents of the 21st Wing.

Families are cordially invited to take part in this program, which will give wives and children a chance to see where Dad works.

The open-house program, limited to dependent personnel only, will be conducted between 8 am and 12 noon. Static displays of aircraft will also be featured for the visiting guests at the base flightline ramp.

12th Air Force was originally activated on August 20, 1942 at Bolling Field, Washington D.C. Two weeks later its first unit, the Hq and Hq Sq was on its way to England where plans for the invasion of North Africa were then being completed.

After participating in all campaigns and five invasions in North Africa, Pantelleria, Sicily, the length of the boot of Italy and Southern France, the 12th Air Force was inactivated at Florence, Italy on August 31, 1945.

On May 17, 1946 the 12th was again activated, having been recalled to active duty at March Field, California, as a training command under TAC.

While performing training missions under TAC, 12th AF

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Education Center Announces Plans For French Classes on Duty Time

The Base Education Center will soon be offering two on-duty classes in French and Typing.

The French class, which will be a 30 hour course, will be designed to give students a small speaking vocabulary. This will help a person to introduce oneself, order a taxi, a glass of wine or to request directions.

In the past, students who have attended this class and have paid attention during the 30 hours, have attained an excellent background with which

they were able to help themselves when faced with the every day problems that confront them when "on-the town."

Anyone interested, should contact his First Sergeant, since each squadron will receive a quota for the opening class. The Education Center wants those students who require French in their work, who need it for social reasons, or those who are sincerely interested in the language.

Although every airman, NCO and officer will eventually have to take this course, preference will be given to those who want to learn French.

The second on-duty possibility is Typing. Without a doubt, typing has become one of the wheels on which the military runs.

Anyone interested in learning the proper fingering for the typewriter, increasing speed, or just learning general typing procedures, should request that his direct supervising officer phone Miss de Bouvier, who will gladly allot a space in the next on-duty course for military personnel.

Should there be sufficient demand, a course in on-duty military correspondence can also be formed. Miss de Bouvier should also be contacted by OIC's in order to have this group organized. A goodly number of individual enrollments would be needed for this particular course.

The decision is being left up to OIC's because they know

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Important Segment of a Vast Network

Motor Pool Keps Wheels Moving for 21st Wing

Running an air base smoothly and efficiently requires the cooperation of a network of operations — from cooking chow to repairing aircraft. Included in this vast network here at Chambley is a unit that performs one of the most necessary functions in any community — civilian or military. Of course, we're speaking of the 21st Motor Vehicle Squadron.

Upon the 21st Wing's arrival in France, nearly 20 months ago, numerous difficulties were encountered by the local Motor Vehicle outfit. Their

drivers were unfamiliar with the roads, their equipment had not arrived here completely, and the drivers had to become accustomed to the poorer condition of French roads compared to Stateside highways.

During the transitory period from late 1954 until the present time, the greater percentage of these problems have been overcome and things are presently operating at a normal level.

The squadron falls under the capable supervision of Capt Ward Catron, while 1st Lt Roy B. Grundeland serves as Transportation Officer. M/Sgt Eugene Perkins is Transportation Supervisor.

Sgt Perkins, incidently, has had quite an amount of experience in the transportation field and much of the responsibility in the operation of the Motor Pool falls on his shoulders.

Personnel of the dispatching office consist of A/1C Baltassar Borgas, A/2C Wayne Anderson and A/2C Joe Jackson. S/Sgt William Cone is NCOIC of this section and also Motor Pool Yard Master.

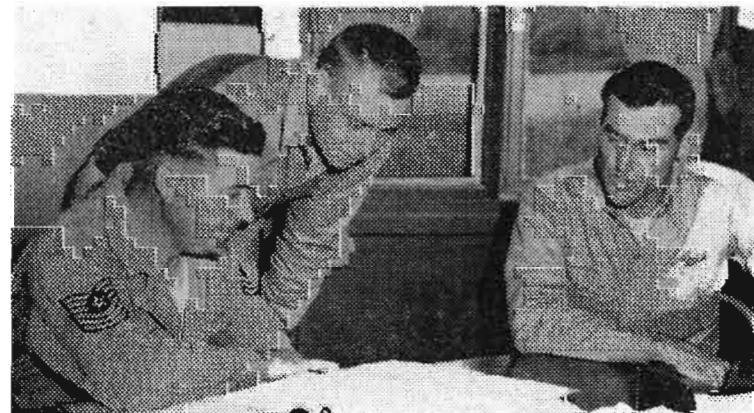
There are approximately 665 vehicle in the Motor Pool, and the average daily dispatch runs in the neighborhood of 128. Over the period of a month's time, these vehicles are driven about 121,932 miles — a distance equal to more than five trips around the world at the equator.

One of the most important segments of the Motor Pool is the Auto-Maintenance Section. T/Sgt Earl W. Boga, NCOIC, along with 40 military personnel and 12 civilians are responsible for keeping just about every motor vehicle on the base in operating condition.

This section also repairs MA-1s, tugs, cement mixers and graders — everything except the aircraft. Nearly every type of repair is performed by the Maintenance Section. Engine overhauls

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Overseers of the Motor Pool



Supervisor matters at the Base Motor Pool are capably handled by: (left to right) M/Sgt Eugene Perkins, Transportation Supervisor; 1st Lt Roy B. Grundeland, Transportation Officer; and Capt Ward Catron, Squadron Commander. (USAF Photo by Barnes)

Bargain Days at CAB

S/Sgt Joe Trusky, Chief Haberdasher at the Base Clothing Sales Store, announced recently that the local CSS has some genuine bargains available to customers on a first-come, first-served basis.

There are various sizes in combat serviceable cotton khakis for only \$1.46, while blue poplin shirts have been marked-down to \$1.25.

Trusky also stated that the Sales Store still provides shoe-repairing service, for both civilian and military shoes. All footwear, however, must be brought-in for repairs, washed and shined, with the soles and heels completely clean. Shoes are sent to Verdun for repairs on Fridays and are returned here the following Friday.

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The Base Bus - To and From

Echoes and Reflections

by D. F. Hassett

For those of us who aren't rich enough or fortunate enough to own a car and who have the desire to spend an evening in Metzville, there is no other alternative but to ride the "base bus." Riding the GI bus to and from town is about one of the most unpleasant tasks that a flyboy must contend with during his tour of duty.

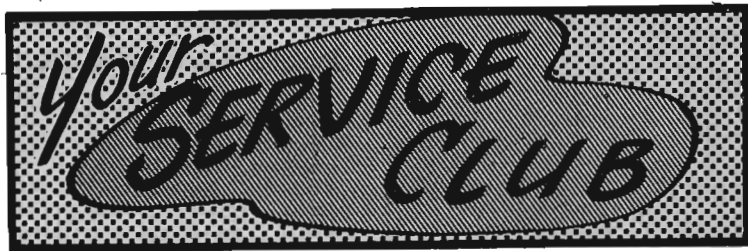
The ones that are really to be pitied are the "sad souls" that have to drive these buses each night. It seems plausible though, that the motor pool sergeant is a considerate fellow and therefore he rotates the drivers quite frequently in order to prevent them from having nervous breakdowns or else going stark, raving mad. A deal like this could very easily be used as extra duty by the CO's in every squadron. When a guy "goofs-up" make him drive the bus to town for a week. A rather unhuman and cruel torture but would more than likely prove effective.

Every so often some unsuspecting female will demurely step on the bus, sometimes with kids and sometimes without, either way she is usually in for the ride of her service life. About halfway through the journey it is almost possible to see the ears of these women turning a deep red as a result of some of the nastiest language that has been heard since "who knows when?" It would be interesting to see how you would react if by some misfortune you had to bring your mother or wife on the bus.

As per-usual, these disturbances don't come from the majority but just from the few individuals that insist on showing everyone how big an imbecile they are and also the small amount of alcohol they are incapable of consuming. The probable reason for all this irrational behavior is that this is the first time away from home for these individuals and they deem it necessary to let everyone know that they have

had five or six beers while wandering around town. In reality they are only letting everyone know what young teenagers they actually are.

There are four practical and possible ways to solve this irritating situation. Either walk or hitchhike to town; get a couple of those hard working Air Policemen to ride the bus after the sun goes down; or be a capitalist and travel by taxi.



by Claire, Rhoda and Patt

It's Vacation Time! Are you wishing you could take a trip? How would you like to spend four days touring the scenic wonderland that is Switzerland, enjoying the sights and fun in Lausanne, Geneva, Bern, Lake Lucerne, Zurich, along the Rhine River and the Black Forest?

Well, you may have your wish come true. The Service Club has arranged with the Hainzl Travel Agency a special Labor Day Weekend Tour which will leave from the Club on Friday, August 31, at 9 pm, and return in the late evening on Monday, September 3.

The tiny price of \$37.50 includes roundtrip in comfortable busses, services of experienced guide, service charges and tips. Also all meals from breakfast on the second day to lunch on the fourth day.

Plan now to make this fabulous trip which will be one of the highlights of your European Tour. Deadline date for sign-up is August 16. Reservations must be accompanied by \$10.00 deposit. For further information, contact

21st Wing's 'Wheels' Perform Important Tasks

Motor Pool Dispatching Office

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are not handled by this section only because they lack the necessary equipment to perform these tasks.

Finally, another important function of the Motor Vehicle Squadron is the Base Drivers School. This program is handled by S/Sgt Johnny Deese, while A/1C Larry Holliday and Mr. Rene Kieffer round out his staff.

The school comprises four separate classes - the regular military class, the diesel class dependents class and a class for French civilians. The school issues approximately 150 permits each month.

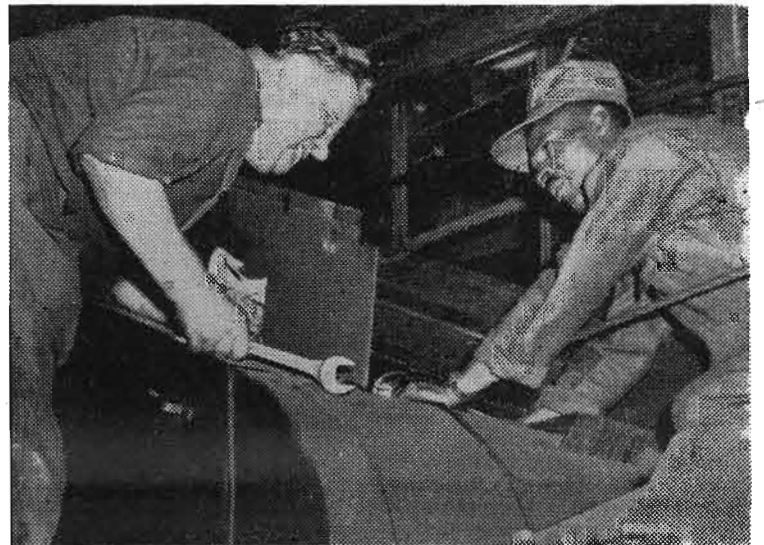
The men of the 21st Motor Vehicle Squadron are doing a tremendous job, and from all appearances, it is being performed with the highest rate of proficiency possible.

It is units such as this that are a crucial part in the accomplishment of the US Air Force's mission in Europe.



An average of 128 vehicles are dispatched daily from the 21st Wing Motor Pool. Personnel responsible for the smoothly run dispatching office are: (left to right) A/1C Baltassar Borgas and A/2C Joe Jackson. A/2C Wayne Anderson (not pictured) is also a member of the dispatching crew. (USAF Photo by Barnes)

Everything from Tugs to Cement Mixers



Sgt Earl W. Boga (right), NCOIC of the Motor Vehicle Auto-Maintenance Shop, instructs French employee, Mr. Marcel Receur, in the repair of a 20-ton crane. With the exception of aircraft, the Auto-Maintenance Section repairs practically everything that moves on wheels. (USAF Photo by Barnes)



An important part of the function of the 21st Wing Motor Pool is the Base Drivers School. NCOIC S/Sgt Johnny Deese (above), instructs both beginners and experienced drivers in the proper operation of government vehicles. (USAF Photo by Barnes)

Chaplain's Corner

The Greater Fool

A nobleman once gave his jester a wand, saying: "Keep this until you find a greater fool than yourself." The jester accepted the wand and flourished it on festive occasions.

Some time later the nobleman lay dying. Calling the jester to his bedside, he said: "I am going on a long journey." "Where are you going?" the jester asked. "I shall be gone forever," came the reply. "What provisions have you made for the trip?" asked the jester. The nobleman shrugged his shoulders and answered, "None at all."

"Then take this," said the jester, as he placed the wand in the nobleman's hands. "It

belongs to you."

If we fail to recognize the purpose of life, where we come from and where we are going, we run a foolish risk.

We might do well to frequently pray, "Lord, let me not fail to make provision for the long journey."

JOSEPH E. DAVY

Chaplain (Capt) USAF
Base Chaplain

Found

Hub-cap for a small European car, near M&S Group Headquarters. Owner may contact M/Sgt Furcon at the AIO Maintenance Shack near the Base Trailer Area.

the Service Club at Ext. 316.

For a preview of the wonderful things in store on this trip, come to the Club on Friday, August 10, when a travelogue Holiday in Switzerland will be presented at 8 pm.

"Calling All Pets!" - Dogs, cats, parakeets, turtles... there will be a big Pet Show at the Service Club this Sunday (August 5). Only one more day to register your pet for the grand competition. Blue Ribbons will be awarded to the best in each class. Judging begins at 2 pm. Sign-up now!

Wednesday, August 8, is Chambley Night at the Pops, featuring a concert orchestra from Luxembourg. And of course, sparkling Pops Punch. Come and bring the family for a night of fine entertainment.

Plan to spend Sunday afternoon, August 12, at the Service Club where Jam Session Time starts at 2 pm. You're sure to enjoy the fine toe-tapping rhythm of the guest combo.

On Tuesday nights in August, at 8 pm, there'll be a simple craft instruction in the Club Lounge. Come join us in making leather wallets and keycases, novelty earrings and cufflinks to send to those special people back home. First class will meet on Tuesday, August 7.

Don't forget our regularly scheduled events. There's always something planned at the Service Club... For You!

Sundays - Coffee Call at 9 am; Square Dancing at 8 pm.

Mondays - Bingo at 8 pm. Tuesdays - Dance Class and Craft Class both at 8 pm.

Wednesdays - Slimnastics for the ladies and Ballet Lessons for the children both at 2 pm.

Thursdays - Pool and Ping Pong Tournaments both at 8 pm.

Fridays - Square Dancing for the kiddies; TV Films and Travelogues at 1900.

Saturdays - Monte Carlo; Chess and Checkers at 8 pm.

'Red Tail' News Roundup, from the 72nd Squadron by 2nd Lt Albert D. Koehler

The squadron has had the welcome mat out lately for three newly arrived pilots; Lieutenants Gene Sexton, Dave Koehler and John Casada.

Koehler and Sexton came from Nellis where they recently finished the Advance Pilot Training Course. Casada has been stationed at Clovis, New Mexico, where he was flying the F-86H. We're glad to have all of these new troops aboard to help fill out the pilot's roster.

Lt Col and Mrs. Ross Beamer are now the proud parents of

18 month old Ross Jr., a fine, big boy from a German orphanage. Congratulations, Mom and Dad Beamer.

Congratulations are also in order for T/Sgt and Mrs. James W. Sampson for their new, 5 lbs, 2 oz., daughter, Katherine Sue.

Capt Curry and Lt Mike Collins returned from Tripoli with their hopes of spending a few weeks in Las Vegas nightclubs shattered.

Mike brought home a trophy, though, and both have real fine Tripoli-tans to show for their African sojourn.

The Sabre Salutes

M/Sgt William Schomer



M/Sgt William L. Schomer

Since 1937 M/Sgt William L. Schomer, First Sergeant of the 21st Instl Sq, has led a colorful service career, serving in both the US Navy and the USAF.

After completing his Navy Boot Camp at Newport, Rhode Island, his first assignment was aboard a destroyer, the USS Winslow. He remained with the Winslow for three and one half years.

Following the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, he was assigned to duties aboard a yard patrol boat. These YP boats, which were converted tuna clippers, were used as submarine decoys for the Navy's submarine control program, out of San Diego.

Later these boats were sent to the South Pacific and were used for hauling refrigerated supplies into combat areas.

In 1943 he returned to the States where he joined a minesweeper fleet. Two years later his duties took him to the Aleutian Islands where he helped train Russian sailors.

Sgt Schomer was discharged from the Navy in October 1945. For the next six months he worked as a civilian employee in the 11th Naval District, during which time he received a commendation for his part in helping to organize the Seabee units at San Diego.

The sergeant was also a pioneer in the organization of disaster control teams, a program which is now widely used by Civil Defense units.

Although he held the rank of Chief Petty Officer in the Navy, Sgt Schomer elected to transfer into the Air Force in 1949. He enlisted in the AF as a T/Sgt and was sent to Lackland, where he stayed for six months while working in the installations field.

From there he was sent to Kindley AFB, Bermuda — performing duties as NCOIC of Roads and Grounds. It was at Kindley that he received his sixth stripe, in 1951.

Sgt Schomer assumed duties as a First Sergeant for the first time upon his assignment to the 21st Instl Sq at George AFB in February 1953.

The sergeant manages to keep as busy during his off-duty hours as he is during the regular working day. He is an active member in both church and AYA activities here at Chambley. He is also director of the NATO Youth for Christ which includes Chambley, Toul, Etain and Marval Air Bases.

Sgt Schomer, his wife, Helen, and their three daughters, Cheryle - 11, Lynn - 9, and Valiera - 2 months, are residing in the Base Trailer Park.

After completing his service tour, he hopes to enter the Personnel Management field in civilian life. He is presently studying along these lines through USAFI courses.

You and the French Law

France - A Member of NATO; Our Traditional Ally

by Maj James W. Logan
Staff Judge Advocate

(Editor's Note: This is the first of a series of articles concerning the French laws and customs that are of particular interest to members of the United States Air Force stationed in France.)

France and the United States have been friends and allies for many years. Before you left the United States enroute to your present duty assignment in France, you probably made a particular effort to see the Statue of Liberty in the harbor of New York City. Over a hundred years ago that statue was presented to us by French people, and it is a

symbol of the long friendship that has existed between the two countries.

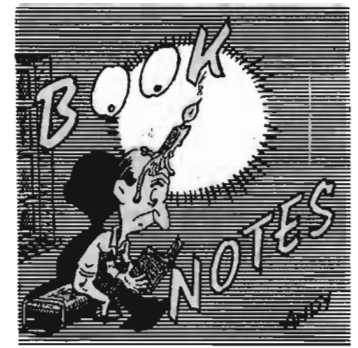
Actually this friendship began before the birth of the United States. In our war for independence, French warships and some 45,000 Frenchmen crossed the Atlantic to help us. French engineers designed and built our fortifications. French naval forces trapped the British from the rear at Yorktown to bring the war to a close. And soon thereafter, France was the first country to recognize the United States as a nation.

In World War I and II, American troops crossed the Atlantic to join the French and others as a common foe of the Germans. Slogans such as "Lafayette, we are here,"

shouted by our troops during World War I reassured the French that we had not forgotten the help they gave us when we were fighting for independence.

In 1944 the French people were overjoyed when our troops landed in Normandy. Today, France and the United States are member nations of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, a group of nations who have agreed to contribute arms and men as a common defense against international communism. This is the reason for your presence in France.

France will continue to be our ally as we work together under NATO for the mutual security of the free world.



by Miss Ruth Austin

Have you taken your vacation yet? Are you unfamiliar with the country of your choice? Then pay a visit to your Special Services Library where you will find many books dealing with the habits and traditions of numerous European countries.

If you plan to visit Germany, Austria or Switzerland, we have: *Germany*, by Fodor; *Austria*, by Nagel; and *All the Best in Switzerland*, by Clark.

For travelers into the Mediterranean countries we have: *Italy*, by Fodor; and *Spain and Portugal*, by Ogrizek. For a trip the North it's: *All the Best in Scandinavia*, by Clark; *Belgium and Luxembourg*, by Ogrizek; *Holland and Denmark*, by Nagel.

Also included in our Traveler's Section are: *Great Britain*; and *England, Scotland and Wales*, both by Ogrizek. And last, but never least, we have *All the Best in France*, by Clark.

Children Recieve First Holy Communion



Ten 21st Wing children received their First Holy Communion at the 9 am Mass on July 15. The class, pictured above, consisted of: (left to right) John Giacchi, Robert Trusky, Linda Smith, Laurren Walker, Kurt Smith. (Back Row): Ann Garfield, Carmen Saucedo, Daniel Thomas, Richard Garfield and Carolyn Schlipf. The Catechism Classes which prepared the children for their First Communion were conducted by Chaplain Joseph E. Davy with the assistance of Mrs. David Perry, Mrs. Ray Hamrich and Mrs. Richard Garfield. (USAF Photo by Barnes)

Education Center

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best who within their sections needs this training. Men who are interested in the course will naturally have better attendance records than those assigned to the classes by their squadrons.

An advanced course in French conversation can also be formed for individuals who supervise French personnel, or those who have constant dealings with French Nationals.

A Story Of 'The Air Force Wife'

(Reprinted from *The Talon* - The Cadet Magazine of the USAF Academy).

Who said, "Variety is the spice of life?"
No doubt 'twas first an AIR FORCE WIFE!
For the poor girl never knows just where she's at,
Her home is wherever he parks his hat.
She moves every two years into new sets of quarters,
During which time she births sons and daughters.
She packs up to move to the plains of Nebraska,
Then orders are changed, they move to Alaska.
"Home" may be a hut, with no room for expansion;
It may be a tent or perhaps it's a mansion.
She uncrates the furniture, in snow and in rains,
And lays the linoleum between labor pains.
She wrangles saw-horses, and builds all the beds,
Makes curtains of target-cloth (last used for spreads).
And during each move, now isn't it strange?
The brats invariably catch mumps, measles, or manage!

She no more gets settled, when she must dress up pretty,
And go to a party and be charming and witty.
She must know contract rules, mah-jong and chess,
And whether a straight or a flush is the best.
On every subject she must know how to discourse,
She must swim, ski and golf, and ride any troop horse.
She must know songs and traditions of the KAYDET Corps,
And she fast learns all the details how HE won the war.
She jitterbugs with Lieutenants, who are always glamorous,
Then waltzes with Colonels, who are usually amorous.
She must drink all concoctions: gin, wiskey and beer,
But of course moderately, or she'll wreck HIS career.

He insists on economy, questions every check stub,
Yet her house must be run like a hotel or club.
For she entertains at all hours, both early and late,
For any number of guests, eighty or eight.
The first of the month, there is plenty of cash.
So she serves turkey and ham, but the last week it's hash.
She juggles the budget for a new tropical worsted,
Though the seams on her own best outfit have bursted.
When she just gets the uniform payments arranged,
Then the blouse is no good, regulations have changed.
One year she has servants and lives like a lady,
The next, she does her own work and has a new baby.
When there is a bank balance, she has no assurance
That it won't go for liquor or some darned insurance.

At an age to retire, HE's still hale and hearty,
Fit as a fiddle and life of the party;
While SHE's old and haggard, cranky and nervous,
Really a wreck after HIS thirty year's service.
But even then, when all's said and done,
She STILL believes that Air Force life's FUN.
She has loved every minute, and why, good grief,
She would have been bored with doctor or chief.
But there is one fancy medal, and all Air Force men wear it,
It's the WIVES that should have it, that's the LEGION OF MERIT!

New Board Sponsors July Bridge

by Helen L. Bell

The newly elected board of governors commenced their activities with a Bridge on July 19. We are happy to report that enough wives braved the elements of the day to complete six tables . . . the largest group to date.

The lucky (or skillful) players to take home the fine selection of prizes were: Mary Carlson, a silver creamer and sugar bowl; Carolyn Edgett, silver butter dish and Mary Margaret Koehler, two silver nut dishes. From that, you can all surmise that bridge is well worth your attendance effort. So let's see more girls at the August Bridge. That's on Thursday, the 16th; 1:30 pm at the Officers Club. Newcomers are more than welcome, and they'll find the bridge players a congenial group.

We are honored to welcome several more newcomers to Chambley this month. At the present, we would like to extend a hearty "Hello, and we hope to see you at all our events," but we shall offer our more social wishes at a Newcomer's Coffee to be held at the Officers Club on September 25

at 10 am. This will include all those who have come to our base since April.

Today the M&S Group held a Coffee for June Pruett, wife of the new Commander of M&S Group. Col and Mrs. Ernest Pruett came to Chambley during the latter part of July.

Other newcomers are: Billie Scattergood, whose husband, Maj Scattergood, is Liaison Officer to the French Air Force Base in Metz; Mrs. Aleck Prihar, wife of Capt Prihar, with the Finance Office; and Mrs. L. B. Tapp, whose husband, Capt Tapp, is in Supply. We'd like to see all of you at our August events, and don't forget the Coffee in September.

Those of us who have not had the opportunity to view a pageant in Europe will most certainly want to attend the one in Domremy, France. This year is the 500th anniversary of the retrieval of Joan of Arc, and a caravan-of-cars is planned in the near future. (Perhaps this week).

For your convenience and reference, why not clip-out the Wives Club schedule (on page 4) and tape it on your calendar? That way, you'll never be at a loss for the dates of our events.

Maintenance Captures 1956 Softball Title

Base Champions Will Travel To Fontainebleau For France Conference Squadron Level Tourney

21st Maint won the right to represent Chambley at the France Conference squadron level softball tournament at Fontainebleau next week, when they defeated Wing Hq, 7-0 and 12-8, in two out of three games played at the Wing Hq diamond early last week. Although Maint won the first game by virtue of a forfeit, they were forced to play the three game limit when Wing bounced back in the second contest with a 5-4 victory.

The series opener on July 23, which was eventually forfeited in favor of Maint after 4 and 2/3 innings, was one of the most bitterly fought contests of the season. The umpires called the game to a halt in the fifth inning when it was determined that the Wing nine had violated section 4 of rule 7 of the Official rules of Softball. (ie: A forfeited game shall be declared if a team employs tactics palpably designed to delay the game).

Maint actually held a 16-1 edge at the time, but according to softball rules, the game will go into the record book as a 7-0 Maint victory.

Here's how it all started — Maint jumped-off to a four run lead in the first inning as Dick Jesus walked, Ed De Clair singled and Gerry Duncan blasted one over the fence. Dick Manning followed with a walk and scored later on Willie Burnham's single.

In the second frame 13 Maint men batted and seven big runs crossed the plate, topped-off by Burnham's homer. Maint got two more in the third and a trio of runs in the fourth including a four-bagger by Frank Perisi.

During all this activity, Wing managed to score only once. Jerry Rhoades accounted for this run in the fourth when he was safe on an error, stole second and scored on two more Maint miscues.

By this time Maint was ahead, 16-1, and the Wing men decided their only hope was to wait for rain. Huge, black clouds were moving-in over the diamond and, of course, if the rains came before five innings were completed, the contest would have to be played over.

The Maint nine was bound and determined to finish the game before the anticipated downpour. Manning led off for Maint in the fifth and swung-out without even trying. Burnham, the next batter, bunted to the mound and started for first at a snail's pace.

Tom Fowle, on the mound for Wing, had no intention of retiring Burnham or anyone else until the rain clouds had their chance. Instead, Fowle fielded the bunt, took aim at the St. Julian church tower and his throw cleared first base by a good 40 feet.

Burnham, therefore, was compelled to take first. As Don Matthews

stepped to the plate, Fowle made an intentional balk, while Burnham intentionally led-off first base. Burnham was out, and the umpires decided the foolishness had gone far enough.

Marv Pence, Wing's starter, was charged with the loss, while Manning received credit for the win.

The second game was an altogether different contest, as Pence and Earl Redman tussled in a tight pitchers duel.

Wing drew first blood in the opening stanza, as Chuck Pierson singled, moved to second on a wild pitch and scored on an error. Pierson scored again in the third after he was safe on a fielder's choice and moved home on a single by Larry Larson.

Maint got back one run in the bottom of the third on a long homer by De Clair.

In the top of the fifth, Larson was safe at first on an error and he scored moments later when Pence sent a safety into leftfield. Burnham knocked a round-tripper in the bottom of the fifth, but Wing still led, 3-2.

Mac Maginness led off for Wing in

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was the first outfit to be equipped with jet propelled aircraft and the first to successfully complete a jet bail-out. On December 1, 1948 it was transferred to Brooks Field, Texas and was reassigned to CONAC.

On July 1, 1950, under the United States program to reduce the size of its armed forces, it was again deactivated. 12th was re-organized a short time later to assume its present position in the NATO defense plan for Western Europe.

the sixth with a bingo into left. Two runs crossed the plate, as Jerry Hunt followed with a homerun deep to center. Two Maint runs also scored in the sixth on successive hits by Marv Davenport, De Clair and Duncan, making the score 5-4 in favor of the Hq Squad. And that's the way it ended.

Pence, going all the way, was the winner; Redman, also pitching the entire game, was charged with the defeat.

In the final game, Wing once again scored first. Pierson, leading off in the bottom of the initial frame, blasted a homer over the centerfield fence.

Maint took a 4-1 lead in the second. Matthews started it with a four-bag clout, following Burnham's double. Bob Treasure was hit by a pitched ball and Perisi singled him to third.

Davenport walked, loading up the bags. Pence, going in his third straight game, couldn't find the target as he walked the next two batters, before getting Manning on a pop-up.

Hunt singled in Wing's half of the fourth and scored on Irv Broussard's two bagger.

Matthews made the score 5-2 in the fifth when he wacked-out his second homerun of the game for Maint. De Clair made it 6-2 in the top of the sixth with a single, followed by a passed ball and a Wing bobble.

Wing finally got to Manning in the last of the sixth. Fowle doubled, Hunt walked and Broussard singled — scoring Fowle. Sam Gillespie doubled as Hunt crossed the plate, while Broussard scored on Pierson's single. Gillespie tagged-up at third and scored when Ed Bargas sent a flyball to deep center. Larson followed with a homer, scoring Pierson ahead of him, and Wing led, 8-6.

The Hq men held the lead only for a matter of minutes as Pence once again suffered control troubles. He walked five of the first seven men to face him in the top of the seventh, and the ballgame was all tied-up, 8-8.

The tying runs had walked across the plate and the bases were loaded, with two out. Burnham stepped-in and sent a curve ball towering over the leftfield wall for a grand-slam homerun — his third circuit clout of the series.

Wing went down in order in the last of the seventh. Pence was the losing pitcher, while Manning took the win.

OWC August Events

AUG 8 — 72nd Coffee; 1:30 pm at the Club.

AUG 9 — Farewell Tea for Mrs. Bowers; 3 to 5 pm at the Service Club.

AUG 15 — Wing Coffee; 2 pm at the Club.

AUG 16 — Bridge for everyone; 1:30 pm at the Club.

AUG 21 — 416th Coffee; 1:30 pm at the Club.

AUG 23 — 531st Coffee; 1:30 pm at the Club.

AUG 31 — Board Meeting; 1:30 pm at the Club.

Sports on the Local Scene

by Ken Mc Comb

After attending the Change of Command Ceremonies here at Chambley on June 29, Maj Gen John K. Gerhart, Commander of 12th Air Force, dropped-in at Etain the following day for the 12th AF All-Star Baseball Game. The newly assigned general sent a letter of appreciation to Base Commander, Col Robert N. Baker, shortly afterwards. It read as follows:

"On Saturday, June 30th, I was privileged to attend the Second Annual Twelfth Air Force All-Star Game, at Etain. This was my first opportunity since assuming command of Twelfth Air Force to participate, even as a spectator, in one of our athletic events.

"Needless to say, I was profoundly impressed, not only by the performance of the players and the spirit of teamwork, which was in evidence on the part of all members, but by the superb display of sportsmanship throughout and after the game.

"Chambley Air Base was represented by Russ Hamlett, Allen Foreman, Cantrell Brown, John Harris and Donato Dapolito, who exhibited good sportsmanship, even though coming out second best in the contest.

"Please convey my personal thanks to each member of the France All-Stars from Chambley Air Base." (Signed): Sincerely, John K. Gerhart, Major General USAF — Commander.

Tempers were exploding like firecrackers at the Wing Hq diamond a week ago Monday as Maintenance and Wing Hq Sq tangled in the opening game of the Base Softball Championship Playoffs. (See story in column one on this page.) These explosions, however, were hardly audible when compared to the roar sent-up by the Maintenance men when the last edition of the Sabre hit-the-streets.

In that issue we reported that the "combined Maintenance and 416th" team had defeated 1270th AACS for the National League softball pennant. Technically speaking, the information was correct. But the papers were off the presses before we received a true picture of the situation.

It seems that the "Blue Tails" didn't field a team in league competition this year, so the Maintenance nine recruited hurler Dick Manning, of the 416th, to perform mound duties.

In theory, this constitutes a combination of two complete squadrons into one team. If we had known the situation as it existed, however the Sabre would have reported it in a more precise manner.

Our information came from a member of AACS. He made a special phone call to let us know that it was "only fair" to mention that the two outfits were "combined." For our lack of exactness, the Sabre extends a sincere apology to the 21st Maintenance Squadron — Chambley's 1956 Softball Champions.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: (From the American Weekend, July 28, under the by-line of Lew McAfee) — "Anybody who has ever played in France conference games in any sport undoubtedly will remember the name of Herb Hartwig, an Air Force colonel who makes it his business to see that any base were he's serving puts out top-caliber athletic squads.

"Well, Hartwig's now at Ramstein and those who know the colonel's fire and enthusiasm for athletics are willing to give odds that the Rams will make their best showing in history this year after his influence has taken hold."

Like Lew, we're giving the odds!

Cinema-Scoops

'Rebel Without a Cause' Ends Tonight

Friday, August 3

Rebel Without a Cause, with James Dean and Natalie Wood. After moving to a new neighborhood, a teen-age boy, because his self centered parents have never been able to settle down in one community, seeks to earn his classmates friendship by joining their hoodlum activities. (Adult).

Saturday, August 4

Forever Darling, with Lucille Ball, Desi Arnaz and James Mason. A scientist and his "poor little rich girl" wife who have been married for five depressingly sublime years are about to part ways when her Guardian Angel (James Mason) appears in the role of a marriage counsellor. It's one big hilarious comedy with your "I Love Lucy" sweethearts... A hundred times funnier. A hundred times wackier! (Adult-Youth-Children).

Sunday-Monday, August 5-6

Ain't Misbehavin', with Rory Calhoun, Piper Laurie and Jack Carson. In this light musical comedy, wealthy young executive Rory Calhoun falls for chorus girl Piper Laurie and marries her after a hectic courtship. His public relations man, Carson, tries to dissuade Calhoun in the marriage — believing that Miss Laurie is only another gold-digger. (Adult-Youth).

Tuesday, August 7

Cell 2455 - Death Row, with William Campbell, Robert Campbell, and Marion Carr. This is a dramatization of the best-selling autobiography by Caryl Chessman, a Death Row criminal whose study of law in prison helped him to gain three stays of execution. Chessman's criminal career began as a boy when he stole food for his impoverished family. This crime of necessity soon

turned to one of thrills and the more he matured, the more daring his crimes became. He was committed to reform schools, jails and eventually prisons for hardened criminals. While awaiting the results of his fourth appeal, Chessman expresses hope that others will not imitate him and blames only himself for his predicament. (Adult).

Wednesday, August 8

Operation Diplomat, with Guy Rolfe, Lisa Daniely and Patricia Dainton. A British thriller, this is a fast-moving tale of the kidnapping of a high-ranking diplomat. When the statesman falls ill on the gang acting for a foreign power, a brilliant young surgeon is kidnapped to perform an operation. The surgeon recognizes the statesman, but when he tries to tell his story to Scotland Yard, it is received with scepticism. (Adult-Youth).

Thursday-Friday, August 9-10

The Eternal Sea, with Sterling Hayden and Alexis Smith. Filled with dynamic action and suspense, this very human story is based on the heroic career of Rear Admiral John M. Hoskins who returned to active service after losing a leg when his aircraft carrier was bombed by Jap planes. (Adult-Youth-Children).

Saturday, August 11

Kentucky Rifle, with Chill Wells and Lance Fuller. A lone wagon train rolls across an open stretch of the west in 1827 — through the Comanche country. An accident forces one of the wagons to drop out of the train. The Comanches learn that this wagon is carrying valuable cargo, Kentucky rifles, and attempt to ambush the settlers who remained behind to protect their goods. (Adult-Youth).

Softball Tourney Composite Box Score

(These totals include the 4 and 2/3 innings played in the forfeited contest)

Maintenance					Wing Headquarters				
AB	R	H	Pct.	AB	R	H	Pct.		
Burnham	12	4	5	.417	Bargas	10	0	1	.100
Davenport	7	1	1	.143	Broussard	5	1	2	.400
De Clair	11	7	7	.636	Fowle	6	1	1	.167
Duncan	7	3	2	.286	Gillespie	5	1	2	.400
Jesus	4	2	0	.000	Hunt	5	3	3	.600
Manning	7	4	2	.286	Larson	10	2	2	.200
Matthews	11	3	5	.455	Lumley	1	0	0	.000
Perisi	9	3	5	.556	Maginness	3	1	2	.667
Redman	4	0	2	.500	Melton	1	0	0	.000
Rowe	6	3	3	.500	Pence	9	0	1	.111
Spencer	3	0	0	.000	Pierson	9	4	6	.667
Treasure	9	2	1	.111	Rhoades	9	1	0	.000
TOTALS	90	32	33	.367	TOTALS	73	14	20	.274

HOME RUNS: Burnham (3), De Clair, Hunt, Larson, Matthews (2), Perisi, Pierson. THREE BASE HITS: None. TWO BASE HITS: Broussard, Burnham, Davenport, De Clair, Duncan, Fowle, Gillespie, Perisi, Redman, Rowe. PITCHER'S RECORDS: Manning - Won 2; Lost 0; Walked 4; Struck-out 10. Pence - Won 1; Lost 2; Walked 18; Struck-out 13. Redman - Won 0; Lost 1; Walked 3; Struck-out 6. Fowle - Struck-out 1.