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'Stage 21' Invites All Base Personnel To Next Production

Each day brings us nearer to the Chambley Little Theatre Group's production of "My Three Angels." The Club would like to repeat its invitation to all base personnel, to attend what promises to be a very amusing play.

A late flash from the "Stage 21" office informs us, that due to circumstances beyond his control, Frank Giles will be unable to take part in this piece of Gallic whimsy. The part of Jules, formerly played by him, will be acted by James Kirkpatrick.

A play is much like an iceberg, in that one is only aware of one third of the effort it takes to produce it. One never sees the stage hands or those concerned with the mechanics of production. These people never get curtain calls or appear in front of the audience. They are like the two-thirds of the iceberg below the surface. They are the base upon which the whole thing rests.

The stage 21 group is indebted to the following people for their work in producing "My Three Angels": James Brunner, production manager, Claire Ragnow, Special Serv representative, Robert L. Mueller, stage manager, Harold Kahn, property man, Norwood R. Yates lighting, Jess Luna and Joel N. Reber, set artists.

Don't forget "My Three Angels", to be staged on the 4th, 5th, and 6th of April. The curtain goes up at 8:30 pm, and the audience is requested to be seated by 8:20 pm at the latest.

Short Story Contest Deadline Announced

Deadline for Chambley entries in the Sixth Annual Air Force Short Story Contest, now in progress, has been set for May 15, 1957.

This Air Force wide contest, open to all Air Force military personnel, is sponsored on the base level by the Special Services Library. Complete information on the contest is available at the library. Prizes and judges for the local contest will be announced later.

Among books available in the library of special interest to prospective contestants are: Bower's, How to write for Pleasure and Profit; Burack's, The Writers Handbook; Burack's, Writing Detective and Mystery Fiction; Flesch's, How to Make Sense; Lederer's, Spare Time Article Writing for Money; Hoffman's The Writing of Fiction. Others are: Munson's The Written Word; Bordeaux's, Writers, Try Short Stories; Smith's, Writing Fiction, the Techniques of the Craft; and Widdermer's Basic Principles of Fiction Writing.

Note of Thanks

S Sgt and Mrs. Curtis Parnell, wish to express their sincere and heartfelt appreciation to all those who so generously extended aid and sympathy during their recent bereavement.

'Stage 21' Players



Four of the central characters in the forthcoming Stage 21 production of "My Three Angels" are: (standing) Jerry Tyring, portraying Alferd. George Thorburn, Joseph James Kirkpatrick, Jules and Miss Jeanne Steis, plays Marie Ducotel.

Red Cross Drivers



Lt Col Harris L. Denton, Wing Project Officer and Mr. Kirb K. Luton, Red Cross Field Director at Chambley, have reported very satisfactory progress for the 1957 Red Cross Drive, at Chambley. Goal for '57 Drive is 100 % contribution from base personnel.

Financial Expert to Talk On Mutual Funds at CAB

The Class E allotment is almost as important an invention as the wheel for many USAF personnel. It is the key to most successful savings and retirement programs.

More and more officers and airmen are using this method to make monthly purchases of Mutual Fund shares, a relatively new device for investing in stocks and bonds. In all, more than two million Americans have investments valued at over \$10 billion in Mutual Funds. Their growth has been phenomenal. Since 1943, the number of investors has increased five times and the amount of their holdings has increased more than 15 times.

No one is certain of the reason for this sudden popularity, but many attribute it to the marked inflation in the past twenty years. Since 1941, prices have risen an average of 3.9 %.

Savings invested at less than 4% have been gradually losing their purchasing power. For example, a dollar invested at 3% for the past ten years has increased to about \$1.35; but this \$1.35 will only buy about 90% as much of the necessities of life as the original dollar would have.

On the other hand, it is a well known principle of economics that the price of common stocks follow the general price level, both up and down. Stocks were low during the last depression, but so were prices. During the past five years stocks have been increasing in price at an even faster rate than the cost of living.

Mutual Funds work like this. A group of people pool their money, and hire experts to invest it for them. By pooling their money, they can afford to diversify their investment into the stocks and bonds of many companies instead of risking it all in one. Also by pooling their money, they can afford to hire expert security analysts to watch their investments.

Anyone can invest his money in a Mutual Fund. A typical fund may have investments in 50 to 100 different companies; but its shares can be bought for as little as three to five dollars

Red Cross Drive Reaches Halfway Mark at Chambley

Lt Col Harris L. Denton, Project Officer for the 1957 Red Cross Fund Drive at Chambley Air Base, reports the present campaign progressing very satisfactory. In accordance with the Col's plans, each individual on Chambley, both military and civilian, will be given an envelope in which to put his contribution. He urges the full cooperation of everyone in returning these envelopes to the keymen as soon as possible to expedite completion of this drive without delay.

Major General John K. Gerhart, Commander 12th Air Force, has the following message for all personnel in the command.

"March 1 marked the opening of the annual fund-raising campaign of the American Red Cross, and I heartily commend this worthy cause to members of the Twelfth Air Force.

The splendid support by men and women of this command in 1956 indicates that most of us are aware of the importance and merit of the great work of this organization. During the past year the Red Cross extended help to nearly eight hundred in Twelfth Air Force in the form of loans, family assistance, and in the expediting of emergency and morale leaves.

The shadow of misfortune may be cast upon any one of us at any time, and it is a source of comfort and assurance that the Red Cross stands ready to help in time of emergency.

The record for 1956 reveals an overall participation of well over ninety percent; I am sure that the generosity of Twelfth Air Force will prove to be equally warm and spontaneous in 1957."

In view of the foregoing statement by Gen Gerhart, it is apparent that we in Twelfth Air Force have benefited much by having the services of the Red Cross available to us. Any club or organization wishing to make a contribution during this campaign should take it directly to the Office of the Field Director at the Base Hospital. Any such contributions will be greatly appreciated.

Remember there is only one Red Cross Fund Drive each year, so this is your only chance to help keep your Red Cross on the job when needed. If you have not been contacted, your unit commander can tell you who your keyman is, and will see to it that you have the opportunity to help the base reach its goal, which is 100% contribution by Chambley Air Base personnel.

The Red Cross annual fund campaign has been endorsed by the Secretary of Defense, and by all the service secretaries, chiefly because of the valuable services rendered to members of the Armed Forces. The 1957 campaign began March 1 and will continue into April.

each.

In the past, investment in Mutual Fund shares has been profitable, sometimes very profitable. No Mutual Fund has ever missed a dividend. The dollar invested at 3% increased to \$1.35 in ten years; during these same ten years a dollar in a conservative Mutual Fund increased to \$2.49. Future earnings may be the same, less or more.

On the other hand, Mutual Fund shares are not a short-term investment. There are certain sales charges which must be first earned back before your investment starts to become profitable.

Therefore, Mutual Funds should be considered for the big price tags in the future; a home after retirement, education for the children, to start a business, to provide income while you fish.

Mutual Funds are worth investigating. They may be suitable for you own retirement program.

Editor's Note. — The author of this article on mutual funds will deliver two talks on the base next week. His name is Stuart Koch, and he is a graduate of the Harvard Business School. He has also worked in the New York financial district.

The base Commander has allotted duty time for these talks and urges interested personnel, particularly career men, to attend. Officers - March 26, 4:30 pm in the Base Theater NCOs - March 28, 4:30 pm in the Base Theater.

In addition, Mr. Koch will be available for individual consultation on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings at the Officers Club and Thursday and Friday evenings at the NCO Club.

WATCH OUT when kids are Out!



NATIONAL SAFETY COUNCIL



Ever get to day dreaming, well once in awhile we do at the Service Club, especially since this nice Spring weather has been here. Our day dreams take on all sorts of fantasies such as: having a luxury coach at our disposal to take sightseeing trips every week-end; wishing that we could have two girls to every man at our dances; wishing that more men whom we know have talent would sign up for the Talent Contest; hoping that some day some one would devise a secure method of checking out equipment to detect the thoughtless ones, who destroy the club equipment to the loss of the other fellows; last on our day dreaming list would be a gift of an automatic counter to save our shoe leather as we make the rounds of the buildings counting the populace - not forgetting the ones under the pool table in fatigues!

Tomorrow night will be the monthly dance at the club. The theme of this dance will be a "Spring Hop", complete with gay decorations and lots of girls, we hope!

The Ping Pong team goes to Phalsbourg on Sunday for another inter-base tourney which will be held between Toul, Etain, Phalsbourg and Chambley. We have a good record of wins to maintain and we hope our average goes even higher after this meet. Two of the team standby's who have not missed a single meet, will be participating, S Sgt More and A/3C Glassman from the Supply Sq.

If the weather is good and the bus situation favorable, an all day tour to Luxembourg will go out on the 31st. of this month. This is a real interesting tour. The ramparts of the old city will be visited along with a visit to the American Military Cemetery where General George Patton is buried. Since a luncheon reservation is involved we must insist that only the ones who sign up before hand will go.

Saturday, the 30th is the date for the Base Talent Contest. This is your last chance men, to get in the running for the big USAF Talent Contest.

The registration for the contest will open today and continue thru 29th:

The doll you see pictured in the column will be appearing



Ellen Dale

on our stage April 1, in the Stateside Show "Chords and Capers." She is no April Myth men, so be sure to catch the show when the curtain goes up at 8:30 pm.

AF to Build F-105 As Fighter Bomber

WASHINGTON (AFPS) — The Air Force has announced that the new F-105 Tunderchief, developed by Republic Aviation Corp., has been selected for production as the next version of a fighter-bomber.

The swept-wing, supersonic F-105, designed to carry nuclear weapons and heavier loads of conventional bombs, will probably not be built until 1958, according to reports.

Present fighter-bombers operational with Tactical Air Command units are the F-84F Thunderstreak built by Republic, and the F-86F Sabre and F-100 Super Sabre, both produced by the North American Aviation Co.

Travel to Naples

The Visitor Bureau, AIRSOUTH, advises that hotel reservations will be extremely difficult to obtain in Naples during the period May 3 - 12, 1957. This is because of a scheduled convention of "World Association of Chambers of Commerce." Personnel visiting Naples during this period will probably have to be accommodated in Sorrento, Pompei, Caserta, or other locations not really accessible to Naples. It is therefore suggested that official or unofficial visits to Hq AIRSOUTH during this period be kept to a minimum.

Etain Invitation

The Officer's Wives Club of Etain Air Base are hostesses for a Spring fashion show on March 27, at 1:30 pm, in the Silver Wing Service Club. The fashions that will be shown will be direct from Paris and a tea will precede the show.

All NCO wives of Etain and all Officers and NCO wives from Chambley Air Base and Verdun are cordially invited as special guests.

Hospital Staff Expresses Thanks

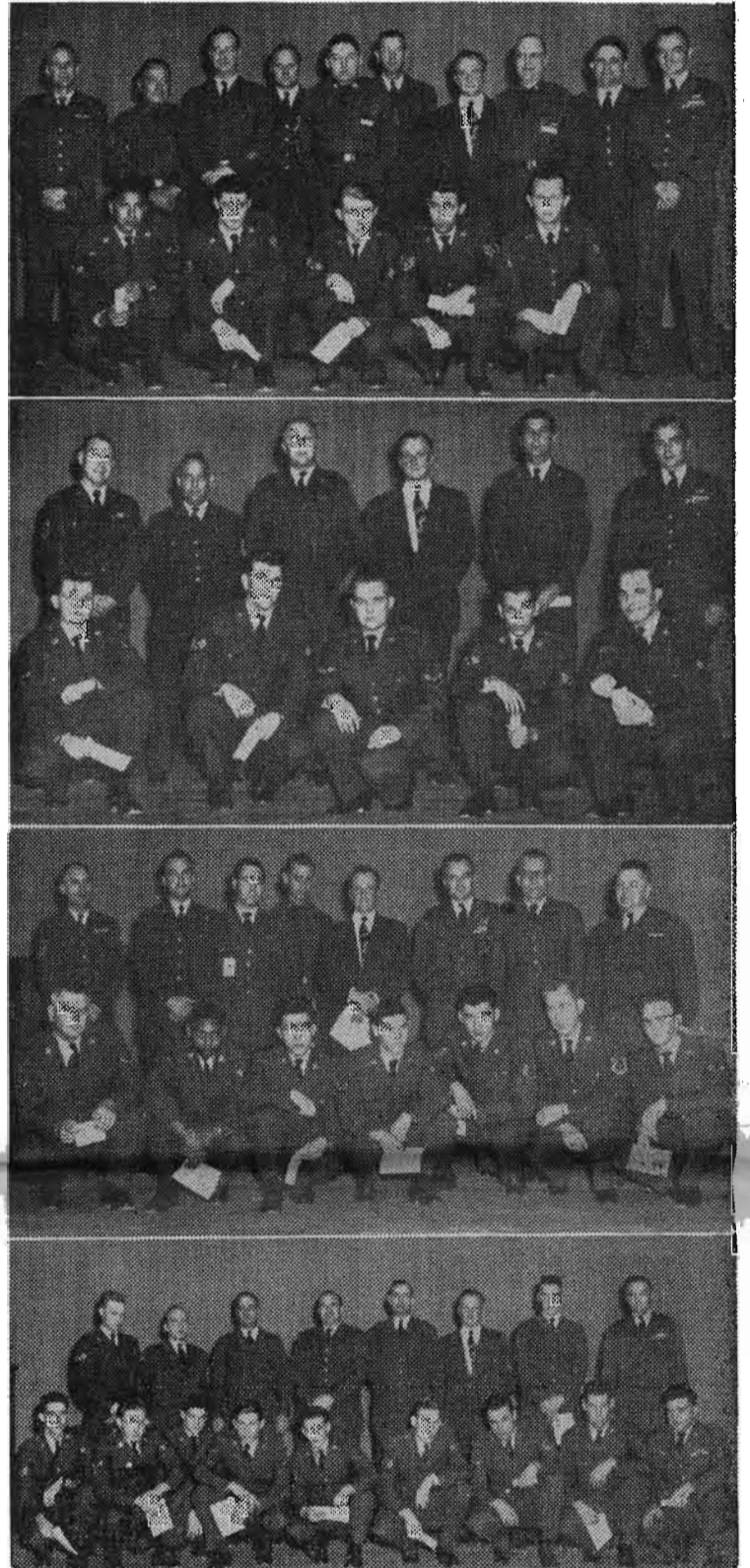
The Hospital staff wishes to express their sincere thanks for the generous response and cooperation we have received from Chambley personnel who have been called upon during recent emergencies to donate blood for a most worthy cause. To those who have made this sacrifice, we are most grateful.

A special vote of thanks to the following airmen who contributed blood at a very critical time: Marvin Ritter, Maint Sq, James Barton, Tac Hosp, Robert McKendree and Byron Miller, Air Police Sq.

It is most gratifying to note that this fine spirit and cooperation exists at this station.

Up in Jackson, Mich., a stray dog fell through the ice. A fireman fell in and the chief had to pull both of them out. En route to the station the fire truck bogged down in the mud. A wrecker finally came to rescue firemen, fire truck and dog.

GED Graduates



Colonel Robert N. Baker, Base Commander, recently presented 29 students with high school level GED test certificates and high school equivalency certificates. These certificates all from the student's respective state, were obtained through the Base Education Center. Also attending the ceremony were the squadron commanders, group commanders and first sergeants who had squadron personnel participating.

Your Chapel Program

The Chapel Program of this Base is constantly growing in interest. More and more people are taking an active part in the many Services of the Chapel. We Chaplains are thrilled when we see the marvelous response of the people to the Program which we seek to offer.

Even though the attendance at the Services is usually large, we are deeply concerned over the lack of spiritual interest on the part of hundreds of our people. The Chapel is more than a place for weddings and funerals. It is a place of divine worship and service. When we see people seeking everything in life except God, we are concerned. There are many false ideas of religion which are caused by the lack of knowledge.

The Chaplains of this base invite you to "Come and See." Come to Chapel and you will soon learn that religion is not "just for women, children and the weak."

We are now in the Season of Lent which is a time of special meditation throughout the Christian Church. Anyone who fails to take advantage of worship and prayer will withhold from himself something which he really needs in the development of his character.

Gentlemen-anyone can lay on his bunk on Sunday morning. To remain in the barracks during the Service of your Faith is no revelation of strength as many think it is. The strong person is the one who can get up and walk down the road to Chapel! Your Chaplains wait to welcome you to your Chapel.

CURTIS M BEAN
Chaplain (Capt) USAF



Spring, fever, that insidious malady, will be threatening once again.

It's a tricky ailment, and will easily trap you if you don't watch out.

The worst thing about spring fever is that, while it seems most pleasant at first, it prevents you from fully enjoying the pleasures of spring.

Those enticing days when the air is warm, moist and fresh are best enjoyed when you know you've completed whatever it is you've had to accomplish.

As always, it just doesn't pay to let up. (AFPS).

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Fair 'n Foul

Sidelights of the All-Star Game

by Tee J. Eff

Love that long red hair! Miss France of 1955, the sweetest thing to happen to Chambley since... well just since. And then the announcer gave out with vital statistics of 26, 20, 34. It didn't take a telephoto lens to correct the 26 error.

Sgt Dunbar, the French conference official should have stayed in bed. He wrecked his car on the way up, had the whole crowd on him during the game, and then had to leave before he could enjoy all the post game celebrations. I hope he got paid.

Sgts Page and Rustad had the dubious distinction of being quieted by the Air Police for giving some unwanted advice and directions to the Germany squad and coach. The advice must have been good tho because something surely changed the complexion of the game.

Every man on the bench had his favorite team and player. Only impartial people at the game should have been the officials and the band who represent the Air Force in general. At times there seemed to be doubt in the minds of many about their absolute impartiality.

Newspaper reporters, especially ex marines, who do not like the Air Force should learn to be quiet about their dislikes when on an air base, or develop longer and faster arms to avoid "contusions and abrasions about the face from sources unknown."

Did you read the piece in The American Weekly about the game? Wasn't too good a description of the game but gave Major Waller a good shot in the arm for his publicity and coordinating.

Unsung hero in my book is Earl Redman. Big Red was right along side Fields all season long and deserved more credit than he sometimes was given.

Sgt Becraft, assigned to Installations Squadron sports a six digit serial number, wears a World War I Victory Medal, was decorated for Mexican Border Service, has a total active military service date of October 28, 1926 and ranks as a Master Sergeant since April 1, 1942. Reminiscing of his first inspection he says he was gigged for "having dinosaur blood on my war club."

Comm Squadron is talking advantage of a temporary overage in personnel to get their area leveled and seeded. Sgt Page threatens to take the "Grounds Beautiful" emblem away from Sgt Kardash and his 72nd boys who were self proclaimed champs last year.

Have you been out to watch the baseball team warm up. Sgt Cleveland is slow to brag about his men but if you twist his arm a little he will admit that Chambley is the team to beat this year. I just hope too many other managers don't feel the same way and go ahead and beat us.

The beautification program in the dining hall hasn't pleased everybody-nothing does. But at least it broke up the drab barnlike aspect of the gastronomic salon.

Major Steltzer knows now

who his friends are up at Wing Headquarters. He parked his bug in the wide open spaces, went in to transact his business and returned to his car. Two inches on one side was a yellow Mercury; four inches on the other a green Oldsmobile, both well locked. Four inches is slightly less than the clearance needed by the good major's robust waistline. Pushing and cussing were of no avail. Only a promise to respect assigned parking spaces bought a release.

Convertible owners are always talking of the experience of losing the top at high speed, up around 70 or 80 miles an hour. But they don't say a word around a Lt. who lost his canopy at Wheelus doing a mere 600.

Newest activity the NCO Club is trying to put on is a Tuesday Nite Smoker. Construction of a boxing ring that will fit on the dance floor will make it possible to have boxing and wrestling matches whenever talent is available.

An Old Timers Ball Club is being organized. Lacking the base blessing the old men are going to play under the auspices of the NCO Club. An organizational meeting is forecast for the near future. Other bases planning to play the Ancients are Etain, Bitburg, Hahn, and possibly Toul.

One lady in the trailer park refers to her addition as an annex. She says that in her part of the country a lean-to is either a tool shed or animal shelter, and either way she would hardly invite company to it for an evening drink.

Attention all Officers

Officers desiring consecutive overseas tours are reminded that applications are required to be initiated not earlier than the ninth month nor later than the eighth month prior to rotation.

For example: an officer's DFROS is November 28, 1957. Application is required to be submitted during the period February 28 - March 28, 1957, only. Personnel desiring information on overseas tours are encouraged to contact their unit personal officers or the Officers Section, WDP, at extension 188.

OWC March Luncheon Sponsored by 416th

by Bettie Curry

The March Luncheon was a different kind, to say the least! "Tacky" was the theme and the sponsors, the 416th wives, carried the theme throughout with cocktails of beer and cokes served from a wash tub, tablecloths of newspaper, paper plates and toilet tissue napkins.

The members attending were undoubtedly the worst dressed ever to attend a luncheon. The judges awarded Margaret Hamfeldt first prize for being the tackiest Betty Curry, second tackiest and Janice Voils third.

The raffle prizes were won by Bobbie Cook, Betty Weed and Mildred Metzger.

It was announced that duplicate bridge will be played at the Officers Club on the third Thursday of the month. If you are interested contact Mildred Metzger.

The Etain Officers Club has invited us to attend a Paris fashion show at their service club on March 27, at 1:30pm.

Major Logan, spoke to the members on maids wages, social security and other legal problems concerning maids.

The 531st will sponsor the April luncheon. Cancellations must be made before 9 am on the Tuesday before the luncheon either at the Officers Club or with Fran Perry.

Ode to A Re-Up Bonus

Oh! you and I were meant for fun, and not for serious things. Let's go away for a couple of days. Who cares what tomorrow brings? I've toiled and slaved for many long days, in order to possess you. At last you're mine, let's dine and wine, before the Tax Man gets you. You're not so much, but you're all I've got. For you I've strived and lusted.

Let's live it up; come fill the cup-tomorrow I may be busted.

A Cheyenne, Wyo., radio announcer twisted his tongue around his teeth and came out with: "The 34th Wyoming Legislature is now in its final week of lawbreaking." After a short pause he backtracked: "Apparently that should be lawmaking."

Cinema-Scoops

Ambassador's Daughter, Tops Film Schedule

Clip this schedule for personnel use and for display on squadron bulletin board).

Saturday, March 23
WALK THE PROUD LAND, with Audie Murphy, Anne Bancroft and Pat Crowley. No synopsis available.

Sunday-Monday, March 24-25
BANDIDO, with Robert Mitchum, Ursula Thiess and Gilbert Roland. Robert Mitchum as an American soldier of fortune bests a gunrunner and stays to fight Mexican rebels. Filmed below "the border," this Western-type film will please action fans. (Adult-Youth).

Tuesday, March 26
HOLD BACK THE NIGHT, with John Payne and Mona Freeman. In this action filled drama of the Korean conflict, a bottle of Scotch becomes the symbol of sentiment of the heroics and reactions of a handful of fighting men to their captain, John Payne. (Adult-Youth).

Wednesday, March 27
THESE WILDER YEARS, with James Cagney, Barbara Stanwyck and Walter Pidgeon. No synopsis available.

Thursday-Friday, March 28-29
THE AMBASSADOR'S DAUGHTER, with Olivia DeHavilland, John Forsythe

and Myrna Loy. A US Senate committee, concerned over the conduct of American military personnel in Paris, sends a senator to look into things. The daughter of the American Ambassador to France sets out to prove to the Senator that a certain sodier, hence all American servicemen, are perfect gentlemen when let loose in gay Paris. A light romantic comedy suitable for the family.

Saturday, March 30
SONG OF THE SOUTH, with James Baskett, Bobby Driscoll, Ruth Warrick and Uncle Remus. A runaway little boy is attracted by the voice of "Uncle Remus" relating the fable of Brer Rabbit. He is sheltered by Uncle Remus, but they boy's mother misunderstands his motives and trouble looms before she realizes the good influence of the kindly old Negro. A Disney treat for the whole family.

Sunday-Monday, March 31-April 1
D-DAY, THE SIXTH OF JUNE, with Robert Taylor, Dana Wynter and Richard Todd. Two officers in the Allied Forces meet for the first time aboard an assault craft heading for Normandy Beach. The American and the Briton are in love with the same girl - an

English Red Cross worker - and D-Day proves a crucial point in their romantic entanglement. A love story recommended for adults and young people.

Tuesday, April 2
THE QUEEN OF BABYLON, with Rhonda Fleming and Ricardo Montalban. Set in Babylon in the 8th Century B.C., this spectacle tells of a beautiful slave girl who unwillingly becomes a queen in order to save her sweetheart. Best suited for an adult audience.

Wednesday, April 3
THE STRANGE INTRUDER, with Ida Lupino and Edmund Purdom. While on leave from a veteran's hospital, a Korean veteran who has become a mental case visits the family of his dead war buddy with a desire to love and kill! (Adult).

Thursday-Friday, April 4-5
PILLARS OF THE SKY, with Jeff Chandler, Dorothy Malone and Ward Bond. Oregon Indians in 1868 are a peaceful group until the government, by way of fine print in a treaty, sends troops to build a road and fort in their territory. A western for the family.

Shades of Halloween



Prizes for being the worst dressed women at the recent Officer's Wives Club luncheon went to (left to right) Mrs. Cecil Voils, 3rd prize; Mrs. William Curry, 2nd prize; and Mrs. Newton Hamfeldt, 1st prize.

Letter From A Father

Dear driver:

A few weeks ago, I saw a little girl struck by a car as she tried to cross the street. I saw a father race toward her and hold her to him as she struggled in the agony of death. I saw all the plans that had been made for her dashed, and I saw the look of despair that came over his face. I could only offer a prayer that such a thing might never happen again.

Today my daughter, who is six years old, started off to school. Her cocker spaniel, whose name is scoot, watched her leave and whined his belief in the folly of education.

Tonight we talked about school. She told me about the girl that sits in front of her, a girl with yellow curls, and about the boy across the aisle who makes faces; about the teacher who has eyes in the back of her head; about the trees in the school yard and the big girl who does not believe in Santa Claus.

We talked about a lot of things - tremendously vital and unimportant things.

Now, as this is written, she is sound asleep with her doll "paddy" in her arms.

When her doll gets broken or her finger gets cut or her head gets bumped, I can fix them. But when she starts across the street - then Mr. Driver, she is in your hands.

Much as I wish I could, it's not possible for me to be with her all the time. I have to pay for her home, her clothes, her education.

So, Mr. Driver, please help me look out for her. Please drive carefully. Please drive slowly past schools and at intersections. And please remember that sometimes children run from behind parked cars.

Please don't run over my little girl.

With deepest thanks for whatever you can do for her, I am, very sincerely yours.

(Signed) FATHER
 (Carbidea Courier)

The letter was written to the Elmira, N.Y. Advertiser, which observes:

"If any driver can resist its appeal, he has no business with a drivers license."

Ceux d'en face : Motor Pool

Ces deux mots suffisent à définir la mission de cette section : fournir à la Base les moyens de transport nécessaires. Pour éviter à chaque organisme d'avoir ses propres véhicules avec la responsabilité de leur conduite et de leur entretien, ce qui serait une source de complications infinies, le Motor Pool constitue un « fonds commun » de camions et de voitures qui sont fournies, avec chauffeur, suivant les besoins des sections. Cependant, en raison des engins spéciaux qu'ils utilisent : ambulances, bulldozers et camions-incendie, l'Hôpital, l'AIO et le Service des Pompiers ont un petit Sub-Motor Pool personnel qui dépend du grand.

Le matériel présente la plus grande variété puisqu'il comprend 43 types différents depuis le plus gros, la dépanneuse M-246 de 5 tonnes jusqu'à la Jeep, quart de tonne, en passant par les autobus, voitures d'état-major, grues, semi-remorques, « mille pattes », etc... Les chauffeurs de tous ces engins doivent faire preuve d'une parfaite connaissance de leur travail et d'un esprit d'adaptation remarquable car il y a une différence certaine de rayon de braquage quand on quitte un 4x4 pour monter sur le siège d'un tracteur Henschel-diesel, et les vitesses ne sont pas à la même place !!! En tout, plus de 300 engins qui roulent sept jours sur sept sur toutes les routes de France et d'Allemagne, de La Pallice à Francfort et de Châteauroux à Bitburg, et qui transportent tout ce qui est nécessaire au fonctionnement de notre base, depuis les moteurs d'avions jusqu'aux rubans de machines à écrire.

Quand vous saurez qu'une moyenne de 200 véhicules sortent du "Yard" chaque jour et que les chauffeurs sont responsables de la vérification préventive de leurs mécaniques, vous comprendrez qu'ils sont très occupés et qu'il ne faut pas leur en vouloir si vous n'obtenez pas immédiatement le transport que vous demandez.

Qui sont ceux qui donnent la vie à un tel ensemble ? Le capitaine CATTRON est le commandant du « Transportation Squadron » qui est formé à la fois par le Motor Pool et le Garage, et le Lieutenant GRUNDELAND est plus spécialement à la tête du Motor Pool. T/Sgt ABE, Superviseur, est la cheville ouvrière de la section et c'est le S/Sgt CONE qui dirige directement les chauffeurs. Mme Jacqueline RUBERT, seule femme parmi tout ce monde, se bat avec les piles de formulaires qu'on lui apporte de tous côtés et conserve sa bonne humeur dans ce petit

univers agité où les coups d'accélérateurs et les barrissements des klaxons créent une ambiance sonore des plus vivantes. Mr R. KIEFFER est, lui, l'instructeur et ses activités vont des cours de technique-auto aux examens de qualification pour l'obtention du permis. Un homme à fréquenter si, civil ou militaire, vous voulez obtenir la petite carte bleue DD 313 ! Vous voyez qu'il y a peu de "break-times" au Motor Pool car tout ce travail est fait par un effectif réduit puisqu'il compte 40 personnes au total, parmi lesquels les 9 civils français sont parfaitement intégrés.

Il est presque impossible de croire que ces hommes font un tour du monde tous les 12 jours, et pourtant les chiffres le disent : une moyenne de 112.000 km sont couverts chaque mois et ce, avec le maximum de compétence professionnelle, en effet, 3 accidents mineurs seulement ont été enregistrés dans les trois premiers mois de l'année.

Tout ceci se passe dans la bonne humeur et les petits événements du genre de celui que je vais vous conter n'y sont pas pour rien : Un chauffeur, nouveau dans la section, est envoyé à Bitburg et, arrivant là, s'aperçoit qu'il a oublié son chargement à Chambley ! Inutile de dire son embarras ! Heureusement, il avait un chargement à rapporter et son voyage ne fut pas complètement inutile. Précisons aussi qu'étant nouveau, on lui a pardonné sa bêtise et que ses camarades ont pu en rire tout à leur aise.

J'espère avoir réussi à vous faire saisir l'ambiance active d'une de nos sections où, jour après jour, dans les odeurs d'essence et le bruit des moteurs, 40 hommes unissent leurs efforts pour assurer le fonctionnement d'un service aussi essentiel à la base que ses jambes le sont à un homme.



Un chauffeur doit assurer avant chaque départ la vérification des organes essentiels de son véhicule : ici, Jacques Louis inspecte sa jauge d'huile avant de passer à la pompe à essence.

Necrologie

Notre camarade Claude LAMPERT, du Commissary, vient de perdre son grand-père à Ars-sur-Moselle. Condoléances de tous ses collègues.

Logements

Les collègues qui connaissent ou ont des chambres et appartements à louer sont invités à contacter le journal. Combien de fois, en effet, apprenons-nous, trop tard, qu'une chambre vient d'être louée, à quelqu'un de l'extérieur !

De même, les malheureux sans abri viendront nous voir.

Nous sommes plusieurs centaines sur cette base, formons un bloc et nous établirons une tribune qui permettra de mettre en rapport ceux qui cherchent et ceux qui ont un toit.

Une page du Statut

Régime de retraite des cadres

Les cadres de la base ont rempli en décembre des imprimés d'affiliation à une institution de retraite des cadres. Voici quelques renseignements sur ce régime dont on ne nous a pas dit grand-chose. Ce nouvel avantage est le résultat d'un long effort fourni par l'Intendance et le Bureau Central du Personnel Civil de Paris. Les écueils ont été nombreux, les objections renaissances et d'origines diverses mais le but est enfin atteint : il apporte aux cadres une garantie supplémentaire et aux autres une raison de plus d'aspirer à un poste plus important.

Le régime complémentaire de retraite des cadres a été institué par la Convention Collective du 14 mars 1947, résultant d'un accord entre le Conseil National du Patronat Français (CNPF) et les Syndicats de cadres. Cette Convention a créé, au profit des cadres de l'Industrie et du Commerce, une retraite complémentaire de celle de la Sécurité Sociale, fondée sur le principe de la répartition, c'est-à-dire que ce sont les cadres en activité qui constituent, chaque année, par leurs versements de cotisations, les fonds destinés au service des allocations attribuées aux cadres retraités. Ce nouveau mode de prévoyance élimine, pour une large part, les inconvénients inhérents aux fluctuations monétaires : en effet, la retraite ne risque pas d'être diminuée par une dépréciation du franc résultant d'une éventuelle inflation.

Champ d'application de la convention

Pour les amateurs de précisions, la Convention Collective Nationale du 14 Mars 1947 a été agréée le 31 Mars 1947 par le Ministre du Travail et de la Sécurité Sociale et son texte a été publié aux J.O. du 24 Février et du 13 Mars 1949, ce qui rend son application obligatoire.

Pour nous, employés des installations alliées, c'est l'amendement N° 19 au Statut qui étend, à partir du 1^{er} Janvier



Le 9 Mars la base a été le théâtre d'une importante manifestation sportive : le 1^{er} tournoi de basket-ball des équipes sélectionnées représentant les bases de France et d'Allemagne. Après un match chaudement discuté surtout dans la 2^e mi-temps c'est l'équipe de France qui l'a emporté par 85 à 81. De nombreuses personnalités françaises, dont M. le Sous-Préfet de Briey, avaient bien voulu venir applaudir les champions. Le clou de la manifestation cependant, était le couronnement à la 1^{re} mi-temps, de Miss France 1955, Monique Lambert que l'on voit sur notre photo entre le général Gerhart à sa droite et un revenant, le Colonel Hartwig, à sa gauche. A la droite du Général on reconnaît Marie-Thérèse Barré, Miss Metz 1956. Doris Strumer assise à côté de Marie-Thérèse Barré était (Miss Chambley 1957).

Jeux et Distractions

Trois colles

- 1 - Un Parisien peut-il sauter aussi haut que la Tour Eiffel ?
- 2 - Peut-on manger une demi-douzaine d'œufs durs à jeun ?
- 3 - Deux hommes partent du même point d'une ville traversée par un fleuve ; l'un remonte le cours de Se rencontreront-ils ?

(Solution dans le prochain numéro)

Probleme

Un arabe meurt laissant 99 chameaux. Il 5 enfants à qui il donne respectivement 1/3, 1/4, 1/5, 1/9 et 1/10 de ses chameaux.

99 n'étant pas divisible par 4 ou par 10, que faire ? Couper un chameau en morceaux ? Non, alors comment faut-il faire pour procéder au partage ?

voici le détail, y compris les frais qui incombent à l'USAF.

	USAF	Cadre
Retraite : (tranche de salaire de 44.000 à 215.000)	5,1%	1,7%
Décès : (tranche de salaire de 0 à 44.000)	1,5%	
Droit d'entrée : Cotisation annuelle :	100	30
Frais de gestion :	1,25%	100

Le salaire sur lequel sont calculés les cotisations comprend : base, heures supplémentaires, indemnités de remboursement, anglais, 3^e langue, panier, transport, éloignement, prime de fin d'année et différents autres éléments de salaire.

1957, au personnel cadre les bénéficiaires du régime. Le Ministère de la Défense Nationale et des Forces Armées, notre employeur, est affilié à l'IRRAPRI (Institut de Retraites par Répartition de l'Association Pour la Retraite des Ingénieurs) 2, Rue de Gribeauval, Paris, 7^e. L'IRRAPRI est une des institutions dépendant de l'AGIRC (Association Générale Interprofessionnelle de Retraite des Cadres) dont le conseil d'administration est paritaire : il est composé en nombre égal de représentants des cadres et des employeurs.

Précisons, aussi, qu'à partir du moment où le régime est accordé à une entreprise, il devient obligatoire pour tous les cadres de cette entreprise.

Bénéficiaires

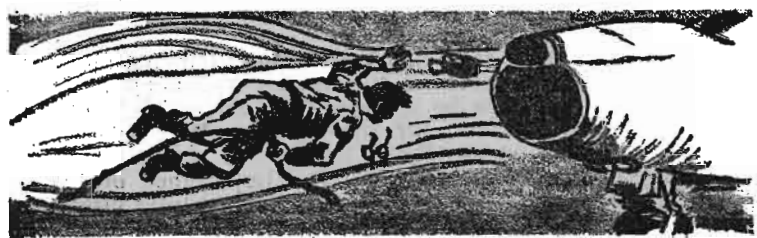
Sont bénéficiaires tous les employés ayant un coefficient égal ou supérieur à 300. Les cadres en activité doivent être assurés sociaux et travailler dans une entreprise liée par la Convention Collective, ce qui est maintenant notre cas, car ce sont les cotisations versées par eux et leurs employeurs qui serviront au calcul de leur retraite future. Les cadres retraités ont droit à la perception d'arrérages calculés en fonction de leur carrière passée, même, sous certaines conditions, si elle est antérieure à 1947.

Signalons que, bien que la date de notre affiliation soit le 1^{er} janvier 1957, les cadres bénéficient de cette affiliation, en regard de la retraite, depuis la date de leur recrutement pour un poste cadre ou de leur promotion à un grade cadre, et ce, sans pour cela payer de cotisations pour cette période antérieure au 1^{er} janvier 1957.

Cotisations

Dépliez vos bulletins de paye de Janvier et Février, vous y trouverez votre cotisation, en

"Swallowed by a Jet"



by A/3C FRED E. HIGINBOTHAM as told to Lt. Byron Liggett
Condensed from
The American Weekly

My job in the Air Force is refueling aircraft on Okinawa.

On May 14, 1956, my crew was standing by to refuel a flight of F-86F Sabre jets. We were all working fast. I was holding the static line cable and waiting for one of the jets to come to a halt.

Having three year's service behind me I wasn't unfamiliar with the terrific suction power around the nose of an operating jet engine. I also knew of the unfortunate airman who had been sucked into a Sabre and killed on Okinawa just three months previously.

Capt Ed Klosterman taxied his Sabre up near me; as soon as the wheels stopped moving I gave the static cable a yank and leaped to attach it to the nose gear.

Post flight procedure in a Sabre calls for advancing the throttle to 65 per cent power

for a two-minute period. I was two or three feet from the right side of the air intake duct when the power was suddenly increased.

I felt fingers or air plucking at the back of my fatigue jacket as I wrestled with the cable. Then I felt my hat leave my head. Suddenly I was poised in mid-air, spread-eagled and totally helpless, and facing the yawning intake duct.

So far as I know, I went through that opening without touching the sides, sucked up like a wet noodle.

Suddenly something struck me in the side of the face and I felt a hard object pushing against my chest. There is a coneshaped projection on the front center of a jet engine called a power take-off case cover. I found myself sitting against its apex.

With knees, chest and hands I exerted all my strength against the cone to hold myself away from the whirling rotor blades of the air-compressing mechanism

ism just six inches from my body. I felt the power of the engine decrease sharply, and saw the rotor blades beginning to slow. My strength was ebbing fast.

I learned later the pilot had felt a bump in the engine operation about 30 seconds after advancing the throttle. Then he saw Airman Loren D. Close, a mechanic who was nearby, frantically waving.

When the rotor blades had slowed enough to enable me to overcome the suction pressure, I started backing out of the nose of the jet, but fast!

I owe my survival to so many factors that it now appears nothing short of a miracle I'm alive. When pulled from the jet I still had the static line cable clasped in my hand. There were four wraps of the cable around my body, two around my waist and two around my legs.

Nor can I discount the quick action of Airman Close who signaled the pilot and later pulled me out of the jet—and the reflexes of Captain Klosterman who cut the power in the nick of time.

I spent one day in the hospital being treated for cable burns, minor abrasions and undergoing observation. Next day I was back on duty—refueling jet aircraft.

Three Chambley Men Graduate NCO Academy

The USAFE Academy at Freising, Germany announces the recent graduation of three Chambley NCOs. The graduates of Class 57-A are, T Sgt Frank Urbanitch Hq ABGp, T Sgt Delmar Ulrich, 416 Fighter-Bomber Sq, and T Sgt William H. Morse, Det 11, 12th Air Postal Sq.

The graduates were addressed by Brig Gen Daniel C. Double-



T Sgt Delmar Ulrich

day, Wing Commander, 1807th AACS. General Doubleday told the class: "You are the men with the know how, who must tie together the raw recruits and the specialized jobs, the untrained and the highly skilled,



T Sgt William H. Morse

into an effective combat force". He pointed out that "We have made gigantic strides in the technological aspect of Air Power. Through the medium of NCO Academies such as this, we are matching those advances with similar strides in developing our manpower."

The General was introduced by Lt Col Merle A. Wagaman, Academy Commandant.

The Cab Driver

(For cab fare call 174)

Popular Mess Sgt Rotates—"Andy" Anderson, Mess Sgt for the Officers Mess, and Mrs Anderson Clerk for the NCO Club, were wined, dined, and hankle showered prior to leaving this month.

If Special Services is looking for talent all they have to do is go to the mess hall and sign up some of those magicians who've been making the silverware disappear. Who knows, they may even make it show up again.

Transferred- Sgts Hess, and Cooper have been transferred to 12th Air Force Sgt Hess was M&S Personnel Sgt. Major. Sgt Cooper has been Ground Safety NCO for the past 10 months. Sgt Butts is transferred to Ramstein. Sgt Dash takes over as Officers Club custodian.

A short while ago in Brussels, we saw a GI munching on some of those steamed snails they sell on street corners. He allowed as how they didn't have clams like that down Texas way. We broke it to him gently that he was eating a sort of modified garden slug. How many shades of green are there anyway?

Capt Halbrook, Base Supply Officer, has been joined overseas by his nephew Relman D. Halbrook) an A/2C, he has been assigned to the 21st Trans Sq as a dispatcher. The palm trees in the mess hall remind us of Nice or the Italian Coast. Now if the girls working there would only wear bikinis.

Of interest to all those who begin every conversation with "Back at George"... There is available on Chambley about thirty pounds of genuine California DIRT. See your newsboy for delivery. Sgt Whitehead returned to the United States from Tripoli gunnery practice, due to the serious illness of his mother.

The free dinners at the NCO Club have proven popular with troops and families alike. One of the new men on the base says he thought Mirabelle was some kind of a plant. After drinking some for the first time last week he's sure of it. He never had green moss on his tongue before. Now he's scared to stand in one spot too long. He's afraid he'll take root.

12th Air Force CG Visits Chambley



Major General John K. Gerhart, 12th Air Force Commander, inspected an honor guard of the 21st Air Police Sq, upon his arrival here March 9. The 12th Air Force CG was one of the main figures during half-time ceremonies at the All-Star Game.

Five CAB Officers Get Regular Status

Five officers from Chambley Air Base have been appointed to the Regular Air Force. The five, who previously made application, are 1st Lt John Rumph 416th Fighter-Bomber Sq, 1st Lt Charles E. McCartney Jr. Hq 21st Fighter-Bomber Gp, 1st Lt William G. Higgenbotham Jr, 72nd Fighter-Bomber Sq, 1st Lt Thomas J. Humphrey, 416th Fighter-Bomber Sq, and 1st Lt Brian K. McCallum 531st Fighter-Bomber Sq. It is noteworthy that all five men who made application during the 1956 selection cycle were selected for the Regular Air-Force.

About 2,050 second and first lieutenants have been named for integration into the Regular Air Force under the new Officer Augmentation Act. This represents phase one in the regular augmentation program and commissioning of these individuals will start in June. These appointments are subject to Presidential nomination, Senate confirmation, and medical qualifications. Names have been released to major commands.

Phase two of the program began last October and continued through March 14 for applications to all grades up to, and including Lt Col. Hq USAF expects in excess of 20,000 officers to be accepted in this phase.

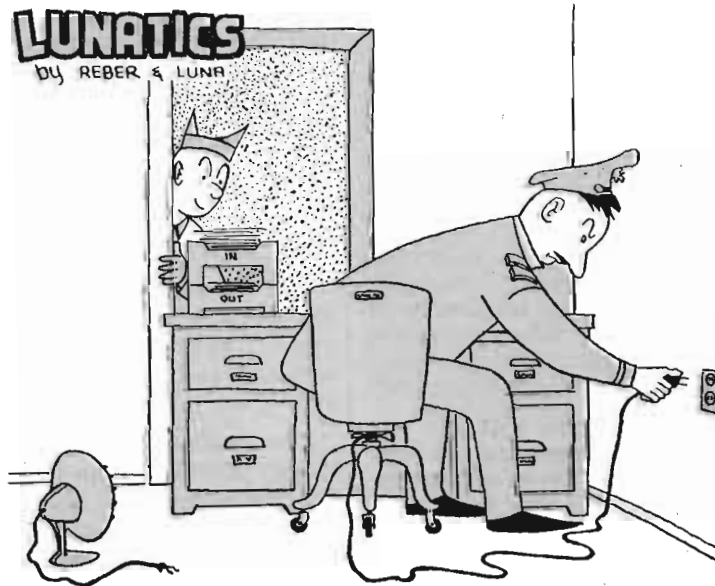
A motorist in Scarborough, Maine, returned to his car to find a big package missing from the back seat. He told police that if they caught the thief to thank him for taking the parcel of rubbish.

Cordiner Provision Protects EM Moving to Officer Status

WASHINGTON (AFPS) — A provision of the Cordiner Committee recommendations would protect enlisted personnel from pay cuts in moving from the ranks to commissions.

The committee proposal for revising the military pay structure carry a "savings" clause which would permit those in grade E-6 to draw the base pay of a first lieutenant where commissioning as a second lieutenant would entail a monetary sacrifice.

In grade E-7 and the suggested new grades E-8 and E-9, enlisted personnel commissioned as second lieutenants could receive the pay of first lieutenants with four years service to prevent officers advanced from enlisted status from taking pay reductions.





The Slant on Sports:

Army Trains Men, Horses For Pentathlon Competition

Cavalry outpost... All the horses in the Army have not yet been traded in for tanks. Quite a few of them, and their riders, will be under the supervision of Maj J. W. Russell at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas, for some months. The major's job will be as officer in charge, of the Modern Pentathlon Training Squad, and it will be his responsibility to whip into shape a group of "superman" service athletes for international pentathlon competition in November at Mexico City.

The sport comprises grueling tests in cross-country running, swimming, pistol shooting, epee fencing and steeplechase horsemanship, and in the words of Maj Russell, "It's a good thing

Kick-Off Dinner Opens '57 Season For Desert Mice

The Chambley Desert Mice, last year's local representative in the Eastern Division Little League were awarded engraved baseballs at a banquet held in the NCO Club Feb 26. All boys of baseball age, and their fathers, were guests of the Club at a sizzling fried chicken dinner. Ninety-six fathers and sons attended and enjoyed the festivities. Nineteen veterans were given an award for having played in at least one league contest.

Sgt Tom Fowle acted as master of ceremonies, Chaplain Bean gave the invocation, and Col Guy was the guest of honor, representing the American Youth Activities, of which he is the project officer. Sgt. Floyd Driggers, last year's coach, congratulated the boys for the completed season. He urged all dads to get the boys out, and if possible to get out with them, and help in every way to develop ability and sportsmanship.

A display of little league equipment was spread out on the dance floor. Full uniforms for seventeen boys, bases and safety equipment have all been obtained for the coming season. After dinner the dads huddled and formed an organizational council.

Spotlighted at the head table for dinner, and much in the thick of the business meeting, were Sgts Hopkins, Silver, Scky, and Driggers, with Airman Eaton, who will form the coaching staff.

Present plans call for two little league teams, and one Babe Ruth League Team, construction of a ball field next to the base softball field, purchase of two more sets of uniforms and plenty of publicity.

I'm not trying out for the team. It would kill me." The major was coach of last year's Olympic riding team, gold medal winner at Melbourne.

Yankee-Doodlings... New rules calling for a cut-down to 28 players by opening day have no terror for astute Casey Stengel. Due to three returning servicemen, who don't count, the Yankees will be able to carry 31 players... Frank Crosetti has been wearing a Bomber uniform for 25 years... Slugging star Mickey Mantle did his worst batting in Baltimore last year, hitting only .219 in the Oriole park. Mickey hit over .400 against the A's and Red Sox, and his batting average in night games slumped to .316.

Million Dollar Baby... Over the years, bat-happy Ted Williams has drawn better than a million dollars in salary from the Boston Red Sox. But, according to ex-internal revenue commissioner T. Coleman Andrews, slugging Ted would have to take down that much in one year to equal the take-home pay of Babe Ruth, who drew his record \$80,000 before the high-tax era.

Back - board Rebounds... There are no "basketball widows" at Ft. George Meade, Md. Five members of the "Generals" cagers are married, and every game, fair weather or foul, win or lose, their five copartners in home life have attended in a body to urge hubby on... K. C. Jones, University of San Francisco All-American cager, has been assigned to Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo., in time for Fifth Army cage battles.

"Never mind me. Get the guy that's in the car," said the youth, running from the wrecked and burning stolen car.

The South Windsor, Conn., deputy sheriff stopped chasing the youth and ran back to the car. It was empty. When he turned back, the fellow was gone.

Trout No Doubt



Fishing enthusiasts now have access to a lake, fully stocked with trout, operated by the Chambley Rod and Gun Club. Conservation Officer, M Sgt Thomas Blake, (right) and Mr. Hottin, hatchery employee, did the stocking job at the lake near Hanonville.

Rod and Gun Club Stocks Hanonville Lake with Trout

The Chambley Rod and Gun Club announces that it has recently stocked one of its lakes. The club has lakes, located at Hanonville, under lease at the present time. All military personnel on Chambley are eligible to join the club and make use of these lakes.

M Sgt Blake, Hq Fighter-Bomber Gp, reported that on March 14 he bought 480 trout from the hatchery at Longuyon. Sgt Blake stated that when he stocked them all the fish were in good condition, and that the smallest was eight inches long with many averaging longer.

The importance of the recreational facilities offered by the Air Force Rod and Gun Clubs is emphasized by General Thomas D. White, Vice Chief of Staff, U.S. Air Force. In a speech before the American Wild Life Conference in Washington D.C. March 6; Gen White said that many organizations have spent their own money to improve wild life conditions, as an aid to relieving tension, built up trying to maintain a 24 hour alert Air Force. He stated that the wild life activities of the Air Force enthusiasts also help build a closer relationship between service personnel and their civilian neighbors.

Citing the agreement signed last December by the Air Force and the U.S. Fish and Wild Life Service, the Vice Chief of Staff named areas where the Air Force is cooperating in the enforcement of hunting and fishing regulations.

Gen White said this Air Force interest in wildlife, represents a sincere desire to do our part in the national conservation effort.

The Chambley Rod and Gun Club extends an invitation to all military personnel on the base to join the organization, and help in the work of providing outdoor recreational facilities during the coming months.

Commissaries

Commissaries on Air Force installations in the United States and overseas are now authorized to accept personal checks for the exact amount of purchases and allotment (or other government checks) for amounts equal or larger than purchases. The details on this improvement of commissary services to Air Force members are contained in AFR 145-3 published in February.

Committeemen Awarded Pins At Cub Scout Den Meeting

Judging from reports of the last meeting, the Cub Scouts here on Chambley certainly show enthusiasm for their organization. During the meeting on the fifth of March, they really filled the evening with activities. The parents who attended the meeting at the service club registered at 7 pm. The registration was to determine which Den would receive the attendance award.

Following a meeting by the parents, committeemen, and Den Mothers, the youngsters put on a series of skits. The theme of the pageants was "Golden Treasures". Den1 reminded us of golden treasures in the month of February. Den2 acted out Francis Scott Key writing the Star Spangled Banner. Den3 presented historical characters such as George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, and other characters from our early history. Den4 portrayed the hard bitter days at Valley Forge.

Assistant Cubmaster A/IC Kenneth Downey then presented a Scouters pin to Newton Hamfeldt, the scout representative for Chambley. Mr. Hamfeldt in turn, presented pins to the Cub Scout Committeemen and Den Fathers. Awards were then given to Den2 for having the

best attendance, and Den3 for presenting the best skit.

The Cub Scouts need the cooperation of all parents. Why not attend the next pack meeting and help your Cub Scouts grow.

Commander at Sports Banquet



At a sports banquet, held in the NCO Club ballroom, for All-Star Game participants, Col Robert N. Baker, Base Commander, (standing) addressed the group. Col Baker, complimented the players on their superior display of sportsmanship. A representative from the American Weekly presented SHAPE's Jim Singleton, with the Most Valuable Player Trophy. Individual trophies were also awarded to each player.