

Weather Data Balloons Long Air Force Project

WASHINGTON (AFPS) — The weather balloons which brought complaints from Communist governments were part of a long-established project to chart the high-flying "jet stream", Air Force Secretary Donald A. Quarles said recently.

He pointed out that Communist protests had tried to confuse the high-altitude weather balloons with relatively low-altitude leaflet balloons launched near Russia and satellite countries by individuals and private groups.

Mr. Quarles said the AF has no connection with such individuals or groups.

Since Soviet and satellite countries have protested, the AF has suspended provisionally the launching of weather balloons that might cross these countries, the secretary stated.

The jet stream, a river of high velocity air that encircles the earth at high altitudes, has an important effect on the weather.

The AF has released thousands of balloons, set to float at 40,000 to 50,000 feet, to find out more about the jet stream and other meteorological facts.

Some balloons carry photographic equipment to indicate their rate

of speed as they are whipped along on air currents.

They record instrument readings and take pictures of underlying cloud formations and ground features.

The balloons carry safety features to keep them out of the air transportation lanes below 30,000 feet.

The AF Weather Service has been releasing balloons for many years—until recently, most of them in the U.S. Despite heavy air traffic here, there have been no accidents.

Other countries have also used the weather balloons to gather meteorological facts.

Mr. Quarles said complete knowledge of the jet stream would benefit weather prediction and air transportation for people all over the world. When this knowledge is available, he stated, it will be published freely.

Re-Up Plan Among Most Successful In AF

The Reese re-enlistment program has been among the most successful in the Air Force, a report just received from headquarters USAF in Washington discloses.

The USAF monthly personnel report of the headquarters indicates Reese was among the five leading bases, having a cumulative rate of 55 percent for the July-September period. The latter months of 1955 were better than the first six months of the year, records show, with 46.6 percent re-enlistments recorded for the last six months and an annual rate of 42 percent.

Maj. Homer L. Parsons, re-enlistment counselor for Reese, said the rates are based on the number of airmen eligible for re-enlistment compared to the total who re-enlist. He said the base record has been made possible by improved counseling on the part of NCO's and squadron commanders, as well as added effort in the base re-enlisting counseling office.

Second Swimming Pool Construction Planned

Reese Air Force Base should have its second swimming pool in operation this summer.

A contract is being awarded soon for construction of a new pool, 40 by 80 feet, located north of the hospital area near the east boundary of the base. It will be constructed of "Gunite", or blown concrete. A concrete block bathhouse is to be erected nearby and Installation group engineers plan landscaping as quickly as possible. The pool is to contain a re-circulation unit for the water, a filter and chlorinator.

Indications are that construction will be completed before the swimming season opens. Hours of operation of the new pool will be determined later, it was announced.

Reese Honor Guard Praised For Service

The Reese AFB honor guard, which is organized to assist at civilian functions, has drawn considerable praise, 2nd Lt. Harlan Steinbaum, personal affairs officer, pointed out this week. The guard is in charge of Air Base group officials, but frequently is assigned to brief duty through personal affairs.

The guard, in the main, is called upon to provide military honors at funeral services conducted for members of the armed services, but it also participates in other ceremonies.

The guard from Reese has, through conduct, appearance, and performance, reflected considerable credit on themselves, their organization, and the Air Force, the lieutenant said.

Members of the firing party have been A/3C D. R. Kane, J. Facino, G. D. Barnhill, D. W. Prentice, D. E. Herner, K. R. Johnson, and D. A. Youngdahl, all members of the pre-cadet detachment. The latter to have been re-assigned to pre-flight at Lackland AFB.

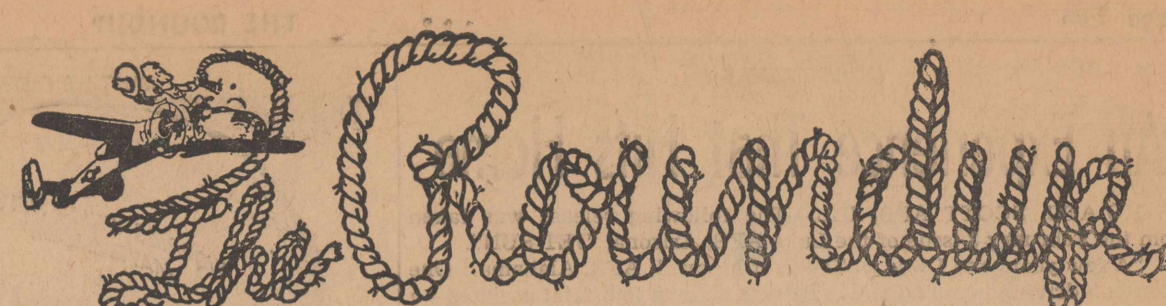
Body-bearers have been Fritz Bacam, D. R. Cribb, J. B. Wieland, J. C. Smith, M. M. Clauseon, and C. C. Prentis, all airmen third class and pre-cadets. The latter four have gone to Lackland.

Color-bearers are T/Sgt. Franklin Arnold, A/1C Royal Barnaby, A/2C B. R. O'Neill, and A/2C F. Rypysc. A/1C Bert Needham is bugler, while T/Sgt. J. L. Wasinger, S/Sgt. L. D. Clement, and A/1C B. H. Jordan have aided as commanders and organizers.

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READY TO SERVE — Reese's Honor Guard here stands ready to start another mission of service, as needed for special civilian events. The guard receives many calls.



Airman's Letter Places Third In Freedoms Foundation Contest

Airman third class William J. Comensky, 3500th Pilot Training group, has won a \$100 third place award in the Freedoms Foundation's third annual letter writing program for members of the armed forces.

The awards were announced Wednesday at Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge, Pa. A total of 132 servicemen won awards for their letters on the subject of "My Stake In The American Way." They also are to be presented with a George Washington honor metal as were 50 other servicemen who did not receive cash awards.

In his letter, Comensky reviewed some of the prominent leaders of our time, Jefferson, who helped write the Declaration of Independence, and the Pilgrims, who wrote the Thanksgiving Charter. He pointed out that these people were active in their ideals instead of just passive.

"Many people have these ideals

Base To Receive Texas Industrial Safety Citation

Reese Air Force Base on March 27 will receive the Texas Safety Conference award for the best safety record of the Air Force division, governmental agencies, during 1955.

The award will be made at a luncheon of the conference during its 17th annual meeting in Dallas, with Col. James F. Mears, wing executive officer, accepting in behalf of base personnel. The base's win is in the Texas Industrial Safety contest.

Have 1.45 Rate

The award resulted from the good 1955 safety record, Joe Lopez, ground safety director, said. During the year the base had an average employment of 600 civilians, who worked 1,184,673 hours with three disabling injuries, or 2.53 disabling injuries for each million man-hours. Military worked 4,825,000 man-hours with seven disabling injuries, or a 1.45 rate.

Capt. Bernie C. Mullins, ground safety officer, will accompany the colonel to the meeting and plans to attend some discussion sessions.

but they don't practice or live them" he wrote. "My stake in the American Way is to live and be active in these ideals instead of just passive."

Comensky is a native of Pittsburgh, Pa., and is a graduate of Duquesne college, receiving a bachelor of science degree.

Historical Articles Sought By Museum

Properties which will assist the Air Force museum program are being sought from individuals and organizations, Col. C. P. West, Reese Air Force Base commander, announced today. Accepted properties will be exhibited to show development of aeronautics and allied sciences.

The colonel asked that any persons having properties they desire to offer get in touch with the Reese museum property officer, Clark Schooley. He pointed out that each article offered will be screened for value to the museum.

Articles sought may include items of historical interest, personal items of equipment, works of art showing Air Force personnel or mission, trophies and relics donated to the Air Force or personnel, flags and similar items of sentimental or historical value, motion pictures or still photographs, and memorabilia of personal nature associated with Air Force history.

Air Force officials have announced they plan to open several museums at strategic points.



A/3C William Comensky

Auto Registration At Base Exchange

Reese AFB personnel may re-register their automobiles and receive their 1956 Texas license plates in the Base Exchange February 29 and March 1, 2 and 3 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., each day. Capt. Edgar W. Guy, provost marshal, said this week.

The re-registration will be conducted by the Lubbock county tax collector's office. Military and civilian personnel must have 1955 licenses, a Texas title or license payment receipt, and cash-in-hand, no checks accepted. Personnel with out-of-state licenses must secure 1956 Texas plates at the downtown office.

ARC Telecenter In Operation Every Hour Throughout Year

WASHINGTON (AFPS) — The lights never go off at the telecommunications nerve center of the American Red Cross headquarters here.

The telecenter operates every hour of the year to keep U.S. servicemen throughout the world in close touch with home in the event of emergency. Forty-one cents of every dollar collected by the ARC is used to maintain this and other services for the armed forces, the Red Cross has estimated.

An average of 108,000 messages a month flow over the 30,000 miles

of leased teletype lines of the nationwide AM-CROSS system to ARC field directors.

The system is owned and operated by ARC. More than 96 per cent of the messages concern servicemen and thousands of them are reports to men serving overseas.

Sometimes the news is tragic, but often the information traveling over the wires is of the joyful variety.

Many times when the wires clack here it is a signal to a serviceman overseas to pass out the cigars.

An overseas field director receives the information he requested the same day in 40 per cent of the cases. Nearly all other messages are answered within 36 or 48 hours. Emergency leave news is transmitted over AM-CROSS, although the actual decision on them is made by military authorities.

THE WEATHER

Saturday
Partly cloudy with northerly winds. High of 50 and low 28.

Sunday
Cloudy, moderate northerly winds. High temperatures of 45 and low of 25. (Courtesy of Reese AFB Weather Station).

Airman Found Pinned Under Car, Suffocates

A/3C James R. Hartman, 22-year-old Reese AFB airman, was killed accidentally Thursday evening while working underneath his automobile at 4709 Ave. C in Lubbock.

His wife had left the relative's residence to go to the couple's home at 1905 13th St. on an errand. When she returned at 7 p.m., she found her husband pinned under the car.

The body was taken to the Reese hospital where an autopsy was performed, which disclosed he had suffocated.

Hartman is survived by his wife, Doris, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred T. Hartman of 307 Jefferson, Morton, Ill.

(EDITORIALS)

An Experience That Hits Home

HQ ATC, SCOTT AFB, ILL.—The following release was taken from the February 3 issue of the Luke AFB, Arizona, "JET SUN".

"A few years ago I was stationed at Maxwell AFB, Alabama. One afternoon driving home from work I was witness to a fatal accident—a young child riding a bicycle ran in front of a truck driven by a young airman.

By the time I reached the scene of the accident, which, incidentally, was only one block from my quarters, the child's body had been covered but the twisted bicycle was identical to the one I had given one of my sons for Christmas.

Never before or since have I experienced such a feeling—no one could tell me the child's name and I did not possess the nerve or courage to raise the cover. Instead I went looking for my children and offered up a silent prayer when I found them.

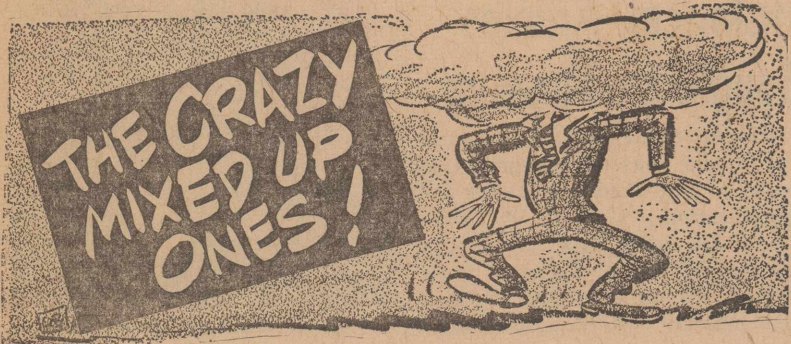
I know how the parents of that child felt. The young airman who drove the truck was prostrate with grief and remorse—my sympathy went out to him also.

I will never forget that experience and every time I see a child on a bicycle it comes back vividly—I automatically slow down.

The speed limit around our housing areas is 15 MPH. Not many people are observing that speed limit. There are many small children in the area who sometimes wander into the streets.

Please drive slowly and be alert for children."

T. C. ROGERS,
Brig. Gen., USAF



The United States must be defended against communists who imperil our way of life within our borders. Idealists comprise a segment of the party. To cope with the communist threat we must know why they joined.

Idealism can be an admirable quality. But the man with vision should maintain a tie with reality.

The communist idealists have no such tie. They operate with blinkers on. They refuse to see that communism in practice means enslavement, forced labor camps, and a total disregard for the well-being of the individual.

Idealists join the party because they want a "cause" and they accept the propaganda picture of communism as the real thing. They fail to see that the communist "utopia" can come only through bloodshed and the completes uppression and destruction of all dissenters.

Disillusionment leads many idealists to leave the party. Many of them who joined during the depression came to their senses when they watched communism in action. Others, however, stayed blindly on. They became part of the hard core. Their heads remain in the clouds while a pool of blood laps around their knees. (AFPS)

What Are You For?

The Communists would like to have us believe their ideas so that we will be glad to make their way of life our way of life. To protect ourselves we must know what ideas we are for as well as what ideas we are against.

What are you for in this war of ideas?

What is "the big truth" you must know in order to recognize "the big lie"? What is the "truth" that the current Crusade For Freedom campaign refers to in advertising for funds to fight Communist lies? What are the ideas that young Americans are asked to fight for and be ready to die for whenever our way of life is endangered by aggressors?

Freedom to believe what we want and to ask questions—freedom of religion, speech, and press—are probably the first things most of us think of when we are asked what we believe in.

And there are other things besides freedom of personal opinion that most of us agree on. They are written in the basic documents of our Nation and in the records of what our people have thought and done for more than 300 years. Among them are the ideas we believe to be true guides to building and maintaining the way of life that we have come to call "the American way".

The effect of these ideas on American history and on world history has been dynamic. The ideas in the Declaration of Independence were the foundation upon which was built the Constitution with its Bill of Rights and other amendments. Our Constitution became the safeguard of these "self-evident truths".

Here are the key ideas. Look at them separately.

We hold these truths to be self evident,

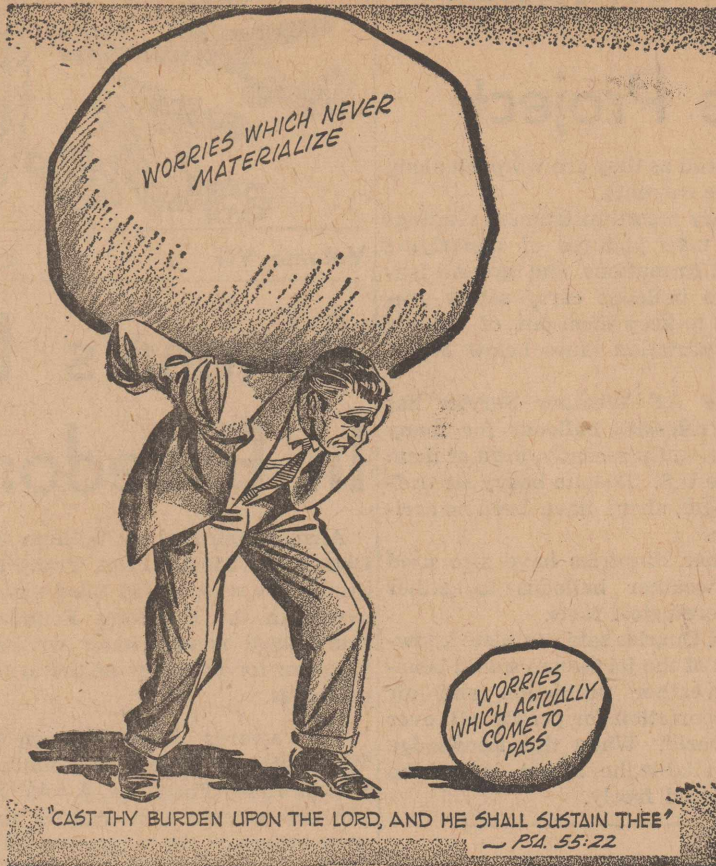
- that all men are created equal,
- that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights,
- that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness,
- That to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men,
- deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed.
- That whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or to abolish it and to institute new government,
- laying its foundations on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their safety and happiness.

These ideas form the political base for our whole way of life. In them is the core of American political theory.

At the same time, these ideas are universal—in the sense that any group of people anywhere on earth that undersands and believes in them, and can use them as a basis of government, can have freedom.

Because these ideas are the basis for our way of life—and because they can have world-wide appeal, if understood—we should find out more about them. We should be able to explain them to others.

MUST WE CARRY THE BIG ONE?



Chaplain's Chat

By Chaplain (1st Lt.) Robert E. Quigg

If we can be delivered from the central burden of self love the many types of lesser worries can be met with a minimum of anxious moments; but when we attempt to carry the burden of our existence, the full weight of our insolvable problems we are likely to be crushed under the load.

The individualism that has characterized our culture has tended to produce in some a self-reliance that is all out of proportion, that is fanciful to the extreme of egotism. We must recognize our dependency upon others and our need of God—that we are bound up together in common problems of life that must be seen and faced in a "togetherness".

The scripture says "bear one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ." Our friends, our families, our pastor can get under the load with us and relieve us of the anxiety of having to do it alone.

Lifted to the final degree to the big worry resulting from self love and a false sense of self sufficiency can be removed if we cast our burden on the Lord and learn of Him as He undergirds, supports and guides into that "peace which passeth all understanding".



Chapel Schedule

Catholic:

Mass: Sunday, 0900 & 1215; daily in the chapel at 1650.

Confessions: Sunday, 0800 and 1200; Saturday from 1900 to 2000.

Catechism Classes: Wednesday, 1445 and 1530.

Protestant:

Choir Rehearsal: Monday 1900.

Bible School: Sunday, 0945 for all ages.

Worship Services: Sunday 1100. Choir Rehearsal: Thursday 1930.

Jewish Meeting

The auxiliary Jewish Chaplain, Rabbi Adolph Phillippsborn of the Congregational Shaareth Israel, of Lubbock, has called a meeting of all Jewish personnel and their dependents to discuss Passover preparation, at the Base Chapel at 4 p.m. February 27.

Amarillo AFB Saves Stranded Cattle In Operation Haylift

Cattle ranchers in the Amarillo area were grateful for their Air Force neighbors at Amarillo AFB for the help given after the recent blizzard.

A large number of marooned cattle faced starvation and civic leaders called upon the Air Force Base for help.

Soon after runways were cleared, a fleet of trucks arrived with hay. At first a C-119 and a C-47 were used to drop hay to the cattle and six of such were accomplished the first day. The second day three C-47s and the C-119 flying boxcar were used.

Ten ranchers were aided during the operation, and cattle in two locations had been without food for five days prior to the hay drops.

The project — patterned after the giant haylift to stranded herds in the Dakotas a few years ago — was coordinated by the Amarillo Agriculture Committee and Chamber of Commerce.



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Air Force Warrant Officer Status Is Clarified

Policies announced early in February by Hq USAF now clarify the position of warrant officers in the Air Force military structure.

A letter of policy sent to all major air commands February 8 states that AF warrant officers are a separate and distinct category of military personnel, rankin above all airmen and below all commissioned officers.

The letter announces that warrant officers will be placed on separate housing lists and assigned an equitable share of available housing. Warrant officers at present compete with commissioned personnel for housing.

Warrant officers will be entitled to membership in officers clubs only, under the new policy.

AF regulations putting these policies into effect are now being prepared.

In explaining the policy decisions strengthening the warrant officer program Hq USAF noted that promotion to warrant officer is the only means by which a senior non-commissioned officer may be ad-

vanced to a level of recognition beyond that of a master sergeant and close to that of a commissioned officer.

USAF decided against the alternate proposition that the warrant officer be considered the top level of noncommissioned officer because it was felt that such a posi-

tion would severely lower the prestige of the master sergeant.

USAF also feels that the relegation of the warrant officer to a super master sergeant status would not provide sufficient incentive for airmen to strive both for master sergeant and for warrant officer grades.



COMMANDER'S CALL — A talk on voting information and obtaining absentee ballots was given the airmen of Hq. Sq. PTW by 2nd Lt. Harlan Steinbaum in the squadron's monthly Commander's Call. Squadron Commander, 1st Lt. Harold E. Leahy is shown seated in rear. (Photo by Houchin)

Applications Open For Life Guards

Applications for life guard duty at the base swimming pool are now being accepted at the Personnel Services Office.

A number of life guards are needed each year for swimming instruction and general upkeep and maintenance at the base pool.

Personnel interested in being a life guard will attend classes in either Senior life saving, instructor, or both, Personnel Services officer said.

The classes will be held at the Lubbock Boys Club pool and are sponsored by the American Red Cross. Evening classes begin March 26 and continue through April 6.

Secretary Resigns Position

Mrs. Kay Whitaker, secretary to Col. C. P. West, base commander, has resigned to accept a position with a Lubbock firm, effective March 10. She will be private secretary to the president of the firm.

Mrs. Whitaker spent three years as secretary to the Pilot Training group commander, left Reese for a brief period, and returned three years ago as secretary in the base commander's office. Her successor has not been selected.

Library Big Business

Over three-fourths of the Reese AFB military personnel have borrowers' cards at the base library, it was pointed out. At present 1524 cards are being used.

During this past week a total of 724 books were in circulation at the library.

Talk On Ballots, Voting Given At Squadron Commander's Call

The need for 100 per cent participation of eligible voters in forthcoming elections was stressed this past week to NCO's and airmen of Hq. Sq. Pilot Training Wing by 2nd Lt. Harlan Steinbaum, Personal Affairs Officer at a monthly Commander's call meeting.

"Persons that do not exercise their voting privilege have no right to criticize public officials, because they did not care enough about what happened on election day to cast their votes," the lieutenant said.

In his talk Lieutenant Steinbaum stressed that members of the Air Force can vote in their home-state elections through absentee ballots. Ballots are sent to servicemen upon receipt of a card requesting the ballots. These cards are available at the Personal Affairs Office.

The lieutenant asked that if any questions or problems arise on voting personnel should contact the Personal Affairs Office.

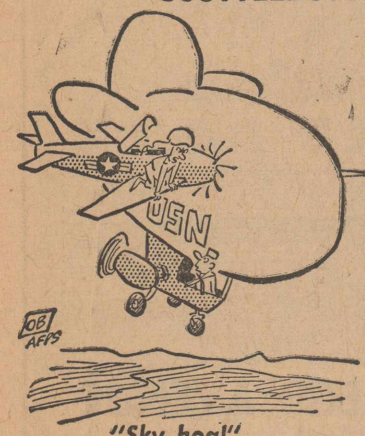
Talk On Ground Safety

S/Sgt. Frederick Lee, Ground Safety Technician gave a talk on safety during icy conditions and in the barracks and home. 1st Lt. Harold E. Leahy, Squadron Commander, explained the chain of command through the use of pictures.

Commander's Call is held monthly in each squadron to give commander's an opportunity to present policies, objectives and problems and to disseminate information.

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IN ORIENTAL STYLE—Four members of the Reese AFB Airmens Wives club are shown in Oriental costume at a recent meeting of the club. From left to right are Mrs. Sterling Burriss, Mrs. Joseph Abbott and son, Neal, Mrs. Peter Yuhas and daughter, Patsy, and Mrs. James W. Grica. Oriental decorations, menu, and colored slides on Japan were featured.

WOMEN'S PAGE

St. Patrick's Day Theme To Be Carried At OWC Annual Election Luncheon

By Evelyn Shaw

A St. Patrick's Day theme will prevail at the annual election luncheon of the RAFB Officers' Wives Club Thursday at 1:30 p.m. in the Officers' Mess. Mrs. George Salkeld, will have assisting her, Mmes, Paul L. Hall Jr., Howell E. Jones, Jack L. Arvidson, and Robert M. Keith Jr. Fried chicken will be served. Choral selections by a group of officers' wives, directed by Mrs. Wilbur J. McDaniel, will provide entertainment.

Club members are asked to make reservations or cancellations by Tuesday noon with one of the following:

Mrs. James C. Watkins, Hurlwood 3851; Mrs. Wm. O. Miller,

Teenage Party Saturday

A teenage party will be held Saturday, February 25, in the new Lawson skating rink the wing chaplain announced Thursday.

He pointed out that all teenagers are requested to be at the base chapel at 1 p.m., as travel to the rink will be made by bus. Each individual will be responsible for their skating fee, he added. Refreshments are to be furnished by the club.

Hurlwood 2951; Mrs. Harry L. Parker, Hurlwood 2611; Mrs. Edgar W. Guy, Hurlwood 2871; Mrs. Guy A. Belzons, Jr., SH 4-1704.

A newcomers' coffee was given Tuesday morning in the Phantasy Room of the Officers' Mess as a courtesy to new members of the Officers' Wives Club. Mrs. Casper P. West welcomed the callers and Mrs. Peter L. Coffield introduced officers and committee chairmen. Mrs. Delwyn F. Ritzdorf, membership chairman, was assisted by Mrs. Tobias Schindler, Mrs. John G. Conklin, and Mrs. Edward J. Neilson.

The executive council of the Officers' Wives Club met in the TV room Thursday afternoon to make final preparations for turning over policies to the new officers and committee members. Mrs. Peter L. Coffield presided.

Alterations A Specialty

Children's clothes, uniforms and costumes, belts and buckles, and buttonholes. Phone PO 2-1295, 2501 22nd St., Lubbock.

Support Is Given To Career Actions

Secretary Quarles reaffirmed his support of career advantages for Air Force members in a major speech delivered February 4 before the Air Force Association's Jet Age Conference held in Washington, D. C.

"I am convinced that no weapon would contribute as much to the effectiveness of the Air Force as would a solution to our problem of attracting and keeping qualified people," Mr. Quarles told the group of more than 1,000 leaders of aviation.

The Air Force Secretary said the AF must be able to compete with the offers of industry. "To do this we must sponsor and support the very prosaic projects of housing, recreational facilities, medical care for dependents, and survivors' benefits, as well as the opportunity of earning pay closer to that a serviceman might earn in civilian life."

Secretary Quarles said: "We must get away from the concept that it is reasonable and proper for a serviceman's pay to be well below that which he might earn in civilian work." He said this concept might be all right in time of war, when the entire nation is mobilized for victory, but added:

"But we are engaged in the long pull, when we must maintain forces at the ready for an indefinite period. We cannot expect patriotism and pride of service to outweigh a significant disparity of compensation, particularly when it affects a man's ability to provide reasonable comforts for his family."

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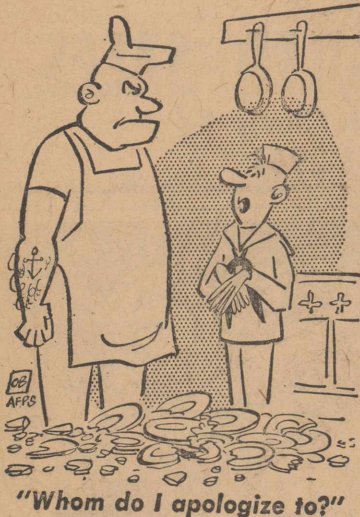
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(The book can be found in the Reese AFB Library)

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His story has all the hair-raising suspense and thrills of "the chase" as Millar plots and prays and sweats his way through the Korean countryside — subsisting on raw corn from the fields, sleeping under bushes, eluding Korean farmers and Communist soldiers.

Millar's book, "Valley of the Shadow", is a fast-reading adventure story—but factual and instructive. After his escape, Air Force officials wanted him to remain in the Far East for a few weeks to lecture other airmen on ways and means of conducting oneself behind enemy lines. He did brief some Australian pilots. However, as Millar says: "I suppose I should have stayed longer, but I just couldn't... I wanted to go home."

Now "Valley of the Shadow" will serve as his expert briefing on

escape and evasion. More than that, the book is certain to entertain, thrill, and inspire any readers.

General O. P. Weyland, Commander of TAC, says in the book's foreword: "It has always been the duty of Air Force men shot down over enemy territory to attempt to escape, and it will continue to be their duty. The experiences of the limited numbers who did reach U. N. lines in Korea will remain a

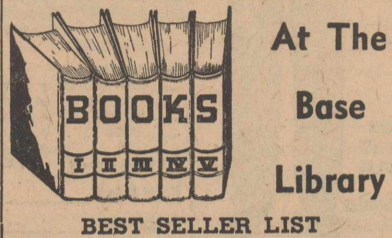
valuable lesson. Few of us realize our capacity for suffering, either mental or physical until faced with such a situation as told in this book."

Published by David McKay Co., Inc., New York, "Valley of the Shadow" is now available in libraries throughout the Air Force.

Captain Putt Gets Duties With Navy

Capt. Leo D. Putt, 3501st Pilot Training squadron adjutant, left this week for 18 months TDY with the Navy at Hutchinson, Kan. He expects to return to Reese AFB at the end of his Navy tour. He has been in the pilot training program here since 1952 and has been in service since 1942. Second Lt. Bobby J. Hayes, who has been assistant adjutant since January 9, has assumed the duties of squadron adjutant. He was an academic instructor prior to moving to the squadron office.

First Lt. James K. Terringo of the 3501st has been promoted to his new rank in recent days. He completed primary pilot training at Columbus Air Base, Miss., and basic pilot training at Goodfellow AFB. He is assigned to Flight 1.

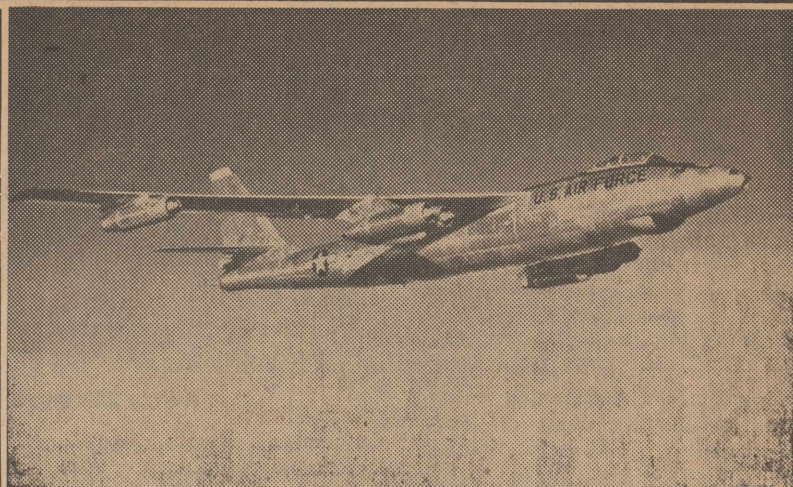


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 - MEMOIRS. VOL. I by Truman
- These popular titles may be found at your Base Library.



A NEW STATOJET MODEL, the RB-47K, is shown during its maiden flight from Boeing Airplane Company. The "K" model is equipped to perform its day or night photo and weather reconnaissance mission at high or low altitudes.

Brane System For B-25s Is Announced

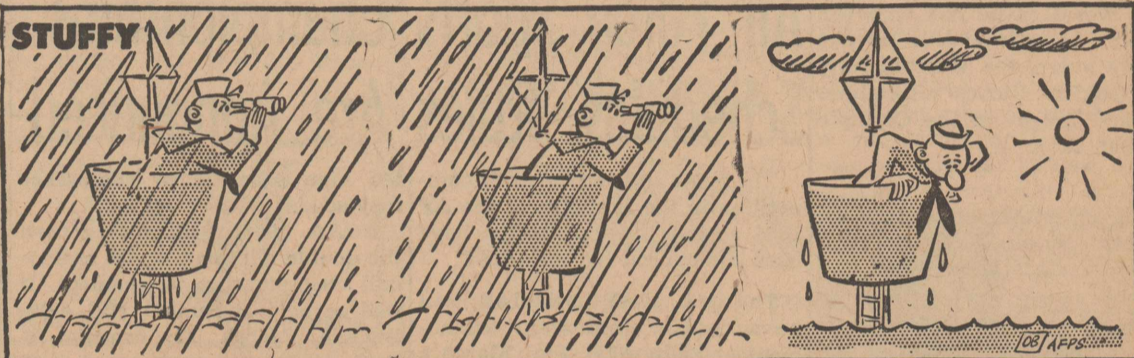
The Air Force and International Business Machine (IBM) Corporation announced on February 14 the development of a new bombing and navigation system for use on the Boeing B-52 Stratofortress.

The new system, known as BRANE (Bombing Radar Navigation Equipment), is used by the crew to guide the B-52 to its destination. Then the system automatically carries the plane through the bomb run, responding to corrections made by the bombardier-navigator, who controls the equip-

ment.

BRANE was originally conceived by the AF's Air Research and Development Command to provide a navigation and bombing system for today's bombers which fly higher and faster than those used in World War II.

AF personnel who will maintain and use the BRANE system are receiving instruction at the IBM Airborne Computer Laboratory at Vestal, N.Y. The training program will be continued at SAC bases.



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Bennett Wins SW Welterweight Boxing Title

Al Bennett, Motor Vehicle squadron boxer won the Air Force Southwest Conference welterweight title by a unanimous decision last Thursday night.

The bouts were held at Lackland AFB, and competition started last Tuesday night.

In his first fight, Bennett won by a three round decision and won his second bout the same way. For approximately the next two weeks Bennett will be at Lackland AFB training with the SW Conference team for competition in the AF wide tournament at Bowling AFB, Washington, D. C., March 12 through 16.

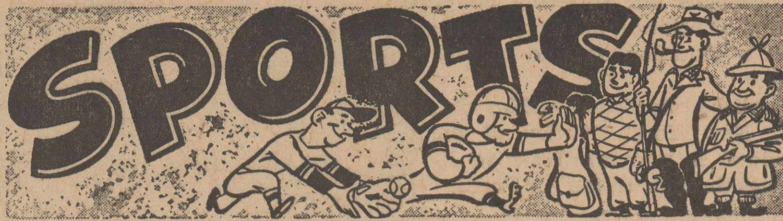
Ten bases in the conference have boxers competing for AF titles.

Other members of the RAFB boxing team had a harder time of it. A/1C Tommy Fuller drew a bye the first round and won his first fight by a technical knock-out in the third round. That put him into the finals. There Fuller lost by a three-round decision.

A/2C John Parker, bantamweight, drew a bye for the first round and then came up against the 1955 inter-service champion and lost by a close decision.

A/1C Kenneth Swanson lost his first bout on default due to illness.

Bennett is well acquainted in the boxing world as he has won the New Mexico regional title for the past two years, the Western New York Golden Gloves title three years and fought in the Olympic tryouts in 1952.



By A/2C Maurice B. Ziegler

The Reese Rattlers entered the West District Basketball tournament Tuesday at Amarillo AFB with a very low, win and loss record but with the spirit that might see them up with the big squads. As far as all the other bases are concerned, Reese hasn't a chance in tournament play. Here's hoping that the squad can make the grade.

Amarillo and Biggs AFBs are expected to be the top contenders for the titles, but never underestimate the power of a basketball team entered in any tournament.

Winning team and the runner-up of the district will go to Southwest conference competition.

As the ROUNDUP goes to press, the Hospital squadron has its work cut out for them in their final basketball game in League B. So far they are undefeated and a win over the Pre-Cadets would put them into a one-game playoff with the leader in League A, 3502nd Maintenance sq., to determine the league championship. The date of the game is not known yet as officials are waiting for the outcome of the Hospital-Pre-Cadet tilt. Pilot Training group faced Flights 6, 8 and 9 Thursday night.

A meeting of basketball managers is slated for Monday to selection of parings for a double-elimination tournament. Winner of the tourney will be named base champions and players will receive individual awards.

Air Force Sports Championships Schedules, Rules Are Announced

The rules and standards of competition in the first five of the AF 1956 athletic championships have been announced by Hq USAF.

The first, WAF basketball, will be a double elimination tournament at Eglin AFB, Fla., March 5 through 9. Each AF sport conference may enter a 12 player squad. The play will be governed by the rules of the National Section for Girls' and Women's Sports of the American Association for Health, Physical Education and Recreation.

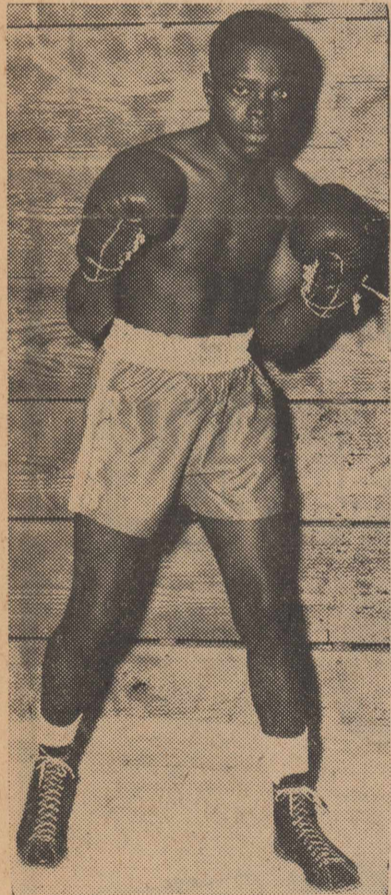
The AF boxing tournament at Bolling AFB, Washington, D. C., March 12 through 16, will determine the 1956 AF champion boxers and the AF squad to go to the National AAU championships in Boston April 9 and 10. AF competition will be in the 10 Olympic weight classes and AAU 1956 rules will apply. Headgear will be required. 1955 AF champions automatically qualify for the AF tourney, and may be entered in addition to the

ten man squad each conference may send.

NCAA 1956 rules will govern the double elimination AF basketball championship tournament. It will be held at Bunker Hill AFB, Indiana, March 12 through 16. Each conference may enter a 12 man squad.

The AF bowling championships will be governed by 1955-56 American Bowling Congress rules and will be rolled off at Sheppard AFB, Texas, April 9 and 10, in singles, doubles, team and all-events play. This competition also will determine the AF squad for the ABC championship at Rochester, N.Y., April 12 and 13. AF sport conferences may send six players to the AF tourney.

Each AF sports conference may enter a 12 player team in the AF volleyball championships to be held at Hamilton AFB, Calif., May 2 through 5. U. S. Volleyball Association rules will govern the double elimination tournament.

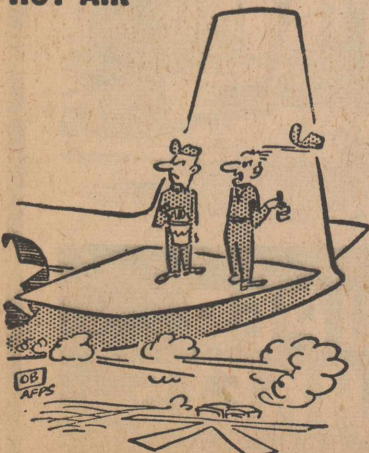


A/3C Al Bennett

Boxing Match

A boxing re-match between A/1C Joe Martino of Reese AFB and James Prichard of Lubbock will be held in the Lubbock Fair Prak coliseum Tuesday, February 28. Bouts are to start at 8 p.m.

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USAF's First C-123 Group To Be Assigned To France

TAC's 309th Troop Carrier Group, the first AF unit to be equipped with the new Fairchild C-123 fixed wing assault transport, will leave the United States for Europe this Spring, Hq USAF announced Feb. 16.

Assigned to TAC's 18th AF, the 309th Group is currently completing its operational training at Ardmore AFB, Okla. In Europe, the Group will be stationed at Dreux, France.

One C-123 has already been dispatched to France where it will be given an extensive field test in Air Logistics Service Operations between air bases in France and Germany. It will operate with the

USAFE 322nd Air Division (Combat Cargo) Air Logistics Service to determine its capabilities in that theater.

When the 309th Group becomes a part of the 322nd Air Division, it will take its place in the support structure of USAF. This will materially increase the combat effectiveness of the NATO forces.

Designed for tactical airlift assault landings on rough terrain, the C-123 can carry up to 60 combat troops or a 16,000 pound load of equipment and supplies, including vehicles and artillery pieces for their primary mission of assault delivery of troops and equipment into short, front-line air strips.

LAFFS

Definition of gossip: The best way in the world to make a mountain out of an anthill. Just keep digging up the dirt.

A teacher was training her class in proverbs. "Cleanliness is next to what?" she asked.

A little boy answered: "Impossible."

A bargain is usually something that's so reasonable they won't take it back when you find out what's wrong with it.

A drunk was standing on a corner, leaning helplessly against a telephone pole. Finally a cop came up and nudged him with his stick. "Why don't you go home?" the officer advised.

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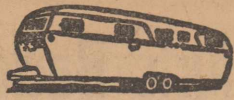
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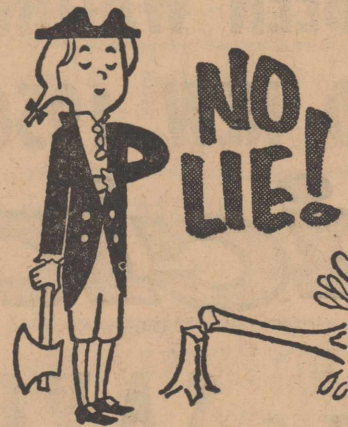
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Civilian Hurts Back In Fall

Seven airmen, three civilians, and one officer were involved in accidents last week, Joe Lopez, ground safety director, said Thursday. One civilian lost five days because of a fall, while the other ten mishaps were first aid cases. The civilian received an injured back when she slipped on the floor. Another civilian sprained an ankle when he slipped, while the third civilian injured an ear when he hit it on a B-25 aircraft door. The officer cut his head on a B-25. One airman mashed his finger

when a barrel fell on it; another sprained an ankle when he slipped in a dayroom; and a third sprained his wrist when he fell getting out of a vehicle. Another airman received a cut lip while cranking a pump; another received a cut eye in an accident in front of the BX at night; and another airman fell while skating in Lubbock, hurting his wrist. The tenth first aid case was an airman who received a cut eye fighting another airman in Lubbock, Lopez said.

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Thursday
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Tokyo Raider Traffic Trophy To Be First Awarded In April

The Tokyo Raiders — USAF Traffic Safety trophy will be awarded for the first time to a Z. I. major air command in April. The presentation will be made during the annual reunion of the veterans of the Doolittle Tokyo Raid in Tampa, Fla. The trophy has been donated to the USAF by the survivors of Lt. Gen. Doolittle's 1942 raid on Tokyo.

Hq USAF ground safety officials in late February began evaluating the traffic safety programs of the Z. I. commands to determine which had the best record for 1955.

The winning command will be named by the USAF Traffic Committee, representing the Air Provost Marshal, Director of Transportation, Surgeon General, Assistant Chief of Staff for Installations and the Assistant for Ground Safety.

The trophy will remain in the possession of the winning command for one year.

The newly established Tokyo Raiders trophy is a large bronze cup decorated with symbolic winged wheels and capped with a spread-winged eagle. A band of shields on the bronze base pro-

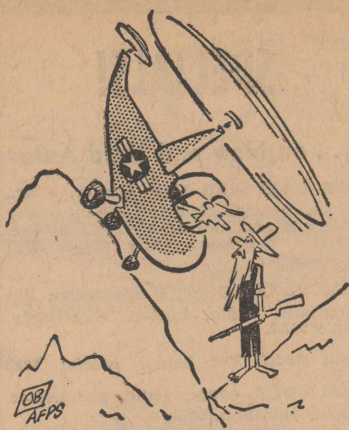
vides space for the names of the commands chosen annual winners of the award.

The accident prevention efforts of the competing Z. I. major commands will be judged on five factors. They are the accident rate for AF owned vehicles, cost rate of AF owned vehicle accidents, private vehicle injury and fatality rates, cost rate of private vehicle accidents and outstanding accomplishments in the promotion of traffic safety programs.

TOPS IN BLUE '55

Members of the Tops in Blue '55 troupe of AF entertainers will be awarded silver AF entertainer achievement awards, known as "Rogers", during a banquet at Bolling AFB, Washington, D.C., February 27. The awards will be made for the troupe's outstanding success during 220 performances at 155 Air Force bases. The eight-month-long worldwide tour covered 43,000 miles.

The Tops in Blue '56 talent show will be picked from the finalists in the AF-wide Talent Contest of 1956, to be held May 19 at Nellis AFB, Nevada.



"Is there any place to park around here?"

RAFB Now Permanent

Air Force Headquarters has announced that Reese Air Force Base, along with 97 other AF bases in the United States, has been designated as permanent, the AIR FORCE TIMES disclosed.

The bases were designated as permanent sites when certain qualifications were met.

Bond Savings Increase

Savings bond purchases by AF personnel in 1955 ran more than \$1,000,000 higher each month than in 1954, Hq USAF personnel services officials revealed in mid-February. Almost 20 per cent of AF personnel was participating in the bond purchasing program by December, 1955.

ATC Commander Gives Emphasis To Stress Aviation Awareness

Hq. ATC, Scott AFB, Ill. — In a Command Policy Letter dated 10 February 1956, Lt. General Charles T. Myers has placed emphasis on the need for ATC commanders to stress aviation awareness.

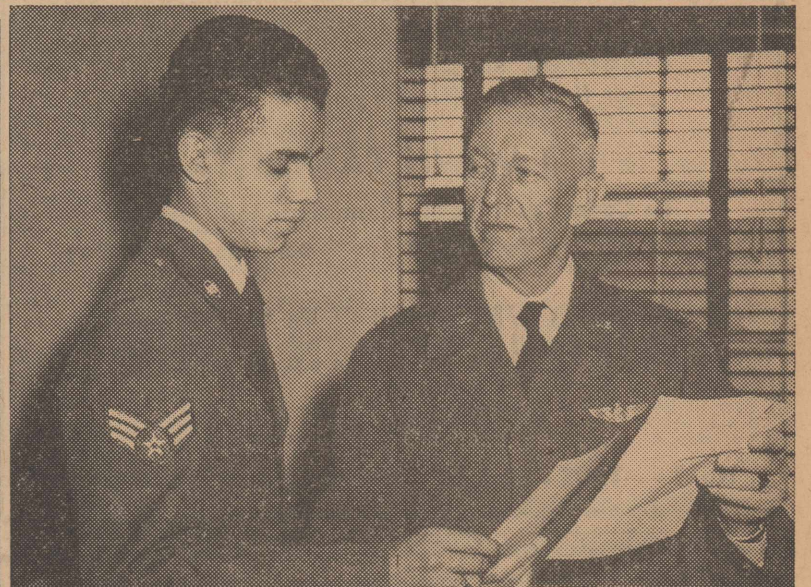
The policy letter begins: "Airmen and nonrated officers must be assisted with all means available to fully understand air power as an instrument of national policy and a means for national preservation."

Continuing, the policy letter reads, "Commanders should aid in creating an understanding of air power by discussing aviation subjects peculiar to the Air Force as part of the Commander's Call program. The subjects discussed should highlight all of the individual elements that have been combined to produce the offensive and defensive power inherent in air

forces." Subjects emphasizing the type of material considered appropriate are: air weapons systems, types of aircraft and their uses, air logistics and basic military doctrine governing the employment of air power.

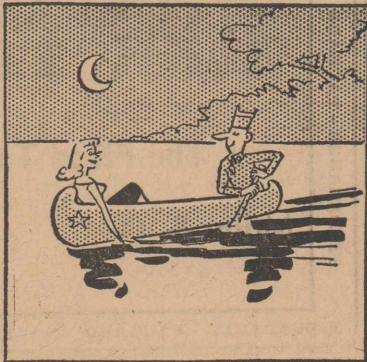
General Myers told the three Training Air Force commanders, "Individual enthusiasm and a personal appreciation for air power can be developed most realistically through air indoctrination rides." However, General Myers pointed out that "these rides should be offered on a space available basis not to interfere with the command training mission."

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CONTEST WINNER—A/1C Rupert Ross, NCOIC Base Photo Hobby Shop, received a \$20 check, presented by Col. Clayton A. Scott, Air Base group commander, after placing third and receiving honorable mention for two photographs in the FTAF contest.

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