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Change Of Command Set For Monday

Command of the 3500th Pilot Training Wing will be passed from Col. Carl L. Brunson to his successor, Col. Walter H. Baxter III, at 10 a.m. Monday in a ceremony in Hangar T-70 on the Reese flight line.

Shortly after the ceremony, Colonel Brunson is expected to leave for Lowry AFB, Colo., for a new assignment.

The ceremony is due to begin at 10 a.m. with three squadrons of 60

men each from Operations and Logistics Divisions and the 3500th Air Base Group forming the backdrop to the impressive ceremony.

The command will formally change when Colonels Brunson and Baxter change places with Colonel Baxter stating the formal words, "I assume command."

A reception will be held immediately following the ceremony at the Officers

Open Mess for Colonel Baxter and invited civic leaders of Lubbock and key staff members of the base.

Colonel Baxter was born at San Benito, Tex., and now calls Weslaco, Tex., his home. Like Colonel Brunson, he is a June 1950 graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y. Colonel Baxter took flying training at James Connolly AFB, Tex., and was awarded his pilot wings after final

training at Craig AFB, Ala., in 1951.

During the Korean war he flew F-51s with the 12th Fighter-Bomber Group. Upon his return from Korea he had assignments at Clovis AFB, N.M., and Langley AFB, Va., before another overseas tour in England with the 20th Fighter-Bomber Wing.

Colonel Baxter returned to the United States in 1958 and was assigned to the U.S. Air Force Academy as course director and executive officer in the Department of Military Studies. In 1961 he returned to the cockpit as an instructor pilot at Webb AFB, Tex. Two years later he was selected to attend the Air Command and Staff College, graduating in 1964. Next came assignments to Williams AFB, Ariz., and Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz. In 1966 he was given his third overseas assignment—with the 36th Fighter Wing, Bitburg, Germany.

In 1969, Colonel Baxter returned to the United States to attend the Army War College and upon graduation completed several USAF survival schools and the F-4 refresher course at George AFB, Calif. He arrived at Ubon Royal Thai AFB, Thailand in October 1970 with duty as deputy commander for Operations for the 8th Tactical Fighter Wing and was later named vice commander of that organization from which he came to Reese in August 1971. The following month—in September—he was named deputy commander for Operations at the base and has served as such ever since.

Colonel Baxter's decorations include the Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal and Air Force Commendation Medal. He is married to the former Lila Waldrop of Besmer, Ala. The Baxters have four children, two sons and two daughters.

Emergency Action Earns Distinction Award For Pilot

Second Lt. Dale C. Johnson, a student in Class 72-06, has received a Pilot of Distinction award from the 3500th Pilot Training Squadron for his skillful handling of a serious aircraft emergency during a solo training mission.

The emergency occurred Nov. 8 when, during an acrobatic maneuver in a Northrop T-38 Talon, the aircraft's canopy separated from the aircraft.

Lieutenant Johnson quickly rolled the aircraft to level flight after the separation and declared an emergency. The temperature at the altitude where the separation took place was approximately 25 degrees below zero and a 400 mile-per-hour wind made for an astronomical wind chill factor.

Despite the severe cold which numbed his tactile senses, the lieutenant made a successful emergency landing without further damage to the aircraft.

A native of Norwalk, Conn., the 25-year-old lieutenant received a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering from the University of Bridgeport in 1970 prior to entering the Air Force in July of that year.

Lieutenant Johnson is slated to receive his wings in February when Class 72-06 is scheduled to graduate from undergraduate pilot training.



PILOT OF DISTINCTION—Second Lt. Dale C. Johnson, Class 72-06, in cockpit, shows his instructor pilot, Capt. Ralph J. Anderson, 3500th Pilot Training Squadron, the emergency procedures he went through to safely return his Northrop T-38 Talon after the canopy separated during a solo mission. Lieutenant Johnson's actions earned him a Pilot of Distinction award from the 3500th PTS. See story at left. (U. S. Air Force Photo)

Grads Told Of ATC Advantages

"ATC is the place to be." This is the title of a briefing recently prepared by top management at Reese AFB and given to its graduating student pilots to increase their knowledge of the Air Training Command and assist them in choice of assignment upon graduation.

The brain child of Col. Carl L. Brunson, wing commander, the briefing forms the backbone of a concentrated recruiting effort to give ATC quality instructor pilots.

Colonel Brunson and Col. Walter H. Baxter III, deputy commander for Operations, had been giving the briefings personally to the student pilots. Now the project has been turned over to the four knowledgeable instructor pilots who originally collaborated in the pro-

duction of the briefing. They are Capt. Sergio Del Hoyo, 3501st Student Squadron, who is the project officer; Capt. Clifford Kaskie and 1st Lt. Bruce Casper of the 3501st Pilot Training Squadron; and 1st Lt. Frank Cooper, 3500th Pilot Training Squadron. It was felt that the briefings would be much more effective with instructor pilots conducting the program.

The briefing is given to student pilots before they select their future assignments in hopes that it will stimulate interest resulting in their volunteering for duty with ATC. The briefing stresses a "professional environment" that exists within ATC today and points out some salient facts of interest to young and budding pilots of the Air

Force. A few of these are maximum flying time, responsible jobs, the opportunity to produce other pilots, stable tours, importance to mission accomplishment, and opportunity for professional advancement to name but a few.

The briefing is accompanied by 43 color slides, ending up with the theme of the briefing, "ATC is the place to be."

The program has been very successful at Reese. So successful in fact that it has been submitted to Headquarters, Air Training Command and accepted by them as a standard to use at all undergraduate pilot training bases. The briefings are currently being prepared by ATC's Operations Division for distribution to the nine UPT bases throughout the command.

Talon Inn Plans Opening Jan. 27 At Mathis Center

Talon Inn, one of the first and most modern amusement centers in Air Training Command, will open at the Mathis Service Center Jan. 27 with an official ceremony set for 3:30 p.m. and which will be attended by officials of ATC, Lubbock and Reese AFB.

As an inducement to attend the opening ceremony, base exchange officials at Reese said that free beer and pizza will be served for a limited time.

Talon Inn, as the new facility is called, will offer all Reese personnel—military and civilian alike—food and amusement in a variety of ways. The pizza parlor will offer 10 and 12 inch pizzas at popular prices. Also being offered is draught beer, stack sandwiches (ham, roast beef, corned beef, Texas hot links, Polish sausage and snacks) and soft drinks.

The amusement area will have five pool tables and 10 assorted amusement machines.

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Commander Bids Reesites Farewell

By Col. Carl L. Brunson
Wing Commander

This is my final column in the Roundup as next Monday I turn over command of Reese AFB to Col. "Buz" Baxter, a fine officer and a long-time friend of 25 years.

During my nine-month stay at Reese as commander of the 3500th Pilot Training Wing I feel that much has been accomplished but not without plenty of help from a lot of fine people.

Quality production, economy and people have been our "busy" words and we have accomplished much. It is hard to single out a lone accomplishment during those nine months that stands out above the others. One that comes to mind is the remarkable flying safety record achieved over the past two years. The wing received the ATC Flying Hour Honor trophy for completing 100,000 flying hours without a major or minor accident during the period of Jan. 25, 1970 through Jan. 23, 1971 and with a little luck and a lot of diligence this remarkable feat will be repeated again this year. We presently have surpassed the 190,000 mark and both squadrons are eligible for the Unit Safety Award.



Col. Carl L. Brunson

Other achievements that come readily to mind is the winning of the ATC and Air Force Resources Conservation Award (RECON) where we exceeded the million dollar mark in savings during fiscal year 1971. Airman retention and Reese have been synonomous in ATC. We set tough standards in 1971 and presently stand at 60 per cent for 1972—a commendable effort when compared to the ATC goal of 32 per cent. We met the onslaught of the most thorough IG inspection I have ever witnessed in November. We did well across the board and excellent in many areas.

These trophies and awards are good. They are tangible evidence of the hard work put forth by many people helping to make Reese AFB the number one UPT base in ATC. But the true value of an installation rests with the people who operate it. Here at Reese I feel that we have some of the finest people in the Air Force. They are industrious, diligent, loyal and patriotic—qualities we find rare in many segments of our society today. These people at Reese were always ready and willing to accept the challenge put to them. They often worked overtime hours in the furtherance of our mission and never complained. I have watched us become closer and closer to one mind and trust this trend will continue.

Beneath it all was a general morale that could be the envy of the Air Force. Commanders, supervisors and workers—military and civilian—were quick to grasp the concept of change that swept through the Air Force and ATC in 1971. New lines of communication were established; new areas of human understanding were probed; new concepts of equal opportunity opened—all with excellent results. I can say proudly that these changes met with constructive assistance and encountered a minimum amount of resistance at Reese as it became a leader in ATC in human relations and equal opportunity.

Leaving such people is always a sad occasion for me. It is tempered by the fact that the helm of this fine base will be taken over by Colonel Baxter, the deputy commander for Operations. You will find him an outstanding officer with whom you will be proud to serve. I am certain that he, with your help, will lead Reese to the number one spot in ATC during 1972. I expect you all to render him the same outstanding support that I have enjoyed.

Goodbyes are not easy in the service, but fate has a way of casting many of us together again—in different places at different times. Our paths will surely cross again in the not too distant future. If you are not a supervisor, I encourage you to take care of yourselves and your jobs; if you are a supervisor, take care of yourselves, your job and your PEOPLE.

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Psychedelic Search For Ultimate 'High' May Lead To Self Destruction

(An AFNS Editorial)

The word psychedelic is tossed around in many conversations today. Psychedelic means different things to different people. To some it is a class of drugs.

It includes LSD, mescaline, peyote, psilocybin, DMT, MDA and STP. Initially, LSD and mescaline were the most commonly used psychedelics. However, the "now generation's" love affair with LSD and mescaline seems to be on the decline.

The psychedelics are not physical depressants or stimulants, but rather they produce a changed mental state. This chemical change of a mental state appeals to those people who can't get along with their natural state.

The psychedelics produce a state of heightened awareness and increased mental activity. Thoughts of incredible complexity, color patterns and sounds fill the head of one who is on a trip. Hallucinations, when they occur, usually take the form of vibrating color patterns or mild visual distortions, rather than visions of nonexistent objects.

Should I Accept That Article 15?

By Capt. Timothy J. Dakin
Staff Judge Advocate

(This is the second in a series of editorials intended to provide personnel with information about punishment under Article 15 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ).)

At the same time a person is informed by his commander of the latter's intention to impose punishment under Article 15, the individual is also advised that he has the right to consult with a military lawyer, if reasonably available, to assist in making a decision as to whether to accept or refuse such punishment.

If the individual refuses such punishment, the matter normally is referred to trial by a summary or special court-martial. A summary court-martial is conducted very seldom and in the Air Force it may only be convened in a situation in which an individual has first been offered punishment under Article 15 and has refused such.

The summary court-martial consists of one officer who must be either a field grade or a judge advocate. In his capacity he calls witnesses against the accused and at the request of the accused will call defense witnesses. He renders findings of guilty or not guilty, and in the former case also pronounces sentence.

Under recent changes in the UCMJ an individual has the right to refuse trial by summary court-martial, in which case the matter would ordinarily be referred to a special court-martial.

If an individual elects to accept punishment under Article 15, at the time he makes this election he is given the right to present any matters he wishes in defense, mitigation or extenuation of the offense. By accepting

punishment under Article 15 an individual is not necessarily admitting guilt. He may certainly advise the commander of any facets which would constitute a defense.

For example, if it was alleged that he had wrongfully appropriated another person's automobile when in fact he had obtained the owner's consent, this would constitute a complete defense thereby rendering the commander's proposed action legally insufficient.

Matters which may be submitted in extenuation are facts and circumstances concerning the offense which while not constituting a defense do to some extent explain why the offense was committed. If the reason for wrongfully appropriating that other person's automobile was to attend an important meeting requiring one's presence would not be a defense but would serve to explain to some degree why the offense was committed.

Matters in mitigation are facts and circumstances which have no relation to the offense committed but which may serve to lessen the severity of the punishment. The fact that the individual had an outstanding prior record or that he was suffering under a great mental strain as the result of a sickness or death in his family would be examples of mitigating factors.

Punishment under Article 15 is temporary; it is not a matter which remains in a man's records indefinitely. If one elects to refuse punishment under Article 15 and is subsequently found guilty by a court-martial, this is a conviction which is permanent and does remain a part of one's record.

(Next week's article will explain the various types of punishment which a commander may impose under Article 15.)

Air Force Doesn't Play Numbers Game

The Wall Street Journal recently reported an estimated 540 million diapers are changed each week in this country. That's remarkable. But it's even more remarkable that someone has the time to keep up with it.

America, obviously, has become a nation of "counters." We produce X number of cars, grow X bushels of wheat, produce X gallons of milk, spend

X hours sitting in front of a television set.

If this counting trend continues, one day a eulogy will sound like an accountant's report.

"Here lies John Doe, 454-21-8853," the minister might say. "He earned a total of \$521,83.22 and spent it all. He consumed 2,107 pounds of beef and 7,332 pounds of vegetables."

Is that really John Doe? Have we really become a nation of numbers? Are people in the Air Force little more than beings identified by a social security number, an AFSC, and an OER/APR index?

The evidence of the past year says it just isn't so. The social actions program is off and flying, treating people like people. Project Volunteer is letting the "little guy" have his say in the future Air Force.

Airmen, NCOs and junior officers are now able to elect their respective council members.

People living in dorms are expected to keep their rooms reasonably clean, and no-notice inspections are held to a minimum.

Base newspapers have opinion columns and action lines.

The Air Force personnel system is increasingly able to fit the right guy into the right job at the right time.

Personnel people are giving airmen nine months notice of an overseas PCS move, in addition to notifying blue-suiters every six months whether or not they are eligible for a PCS overseas movement.

We aren't just a bunch of numbers. The Air Force isn't just 700,000 guys. It's one guy or gal—700,000 times. (ATPCS)



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First Group Of Teachers Visits Base Under Operation Insight

In coordination with Project Aware, Reese is sponsoring a new program, Operation Insight, designed to introduce small groups of local high school teachers to the present and future educational programs being offered at the base and throughout the Air Force.

The first of these visitations was made Tuesday and included welcoming remarks by Col. Carl L. Brunson, wing commander, an aerospace physiology briefing, a maintenance briefing, a simulator demonstration, a briefing on the Learning Center and tours of the 3500th Pilot Training Squadron and the 3501st Student Squadron. Another group of teachers is expected to visit Reese Tuesday.

Each visitation is to consist of from 12 to 15 teachers with the base Education Officer coordinating with all local high schools for the visitations.

The purpose of the program is to enhance the image of the Air Force and provide the visiting teachers and educators with a view of the Air Force educational methods and techniques.

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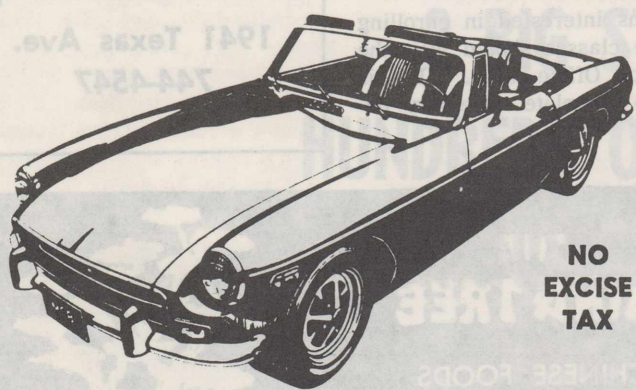
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CHECK PRESENTATION—Sgt. James Bunton, 3500th FMS, left, and Sgt. Frank W. Chapman, 3500th OMS, right, present a check for \$350 on behalf of the Black Cultural '72 Club to Mrs. Anna Ross of Coronado Children's Home of Lubbock for the future enrichment of the children. Sergeant Chapman is president of the club and Sergeant Bunton is treasurer. The club has expressed its thanks to Reesites for making the presentation to the children's home possible. (U. S. Air Force Photo)

AF Skill Center Eases Entry Requirements

HQ. ATC—Some of the ground rules have been changed for admission to the AF Skill Center which opened Jan. 10 at Forbes AFB, Kan.

Also, a few courses offered initially have been dropped, while many more are being considered for the future.

Eligibility was originally restricted to airmen whose military specialties were judged unmarketable in the current civilian labor market. It has now been broadened to include all eligible airmen wishing to apply for training in a different vocational skill.

Many applicants' qualifications remain the same. Any separating or retiring airman through the rank of technical sergeant may apply, provided he is eligible for discharge under honorable conditions and has enough time left in the Air Force to complete his chosen course.

This applies to those serving at bases within the United States where transition training is not readily available, as well as to any eligible airman serving overseas.

Air Force officials, working with the U. S. Department of Labor, are conducting continuing surveys to pinpoint additional courses which might be attractive to the airmen.

Vocations presently being considered include general sales manager, auto body repair, front end mechanic, combination welder, auto air conditioning, business machine repair, pre-apprentice plumbing, sheet metal worker, meat cutter, offset printing, construction equipment operator, furniture upholsterer, and auto transmission specialist.

Dropped courses were deleted because of insufficient interest. This is in line with the fundamental aim of the Skill Center — to coordinate civilian labor market needs with airmen's desires.

A few vacancies remain in the first two 20-student classes. Class-

es will be repeated every seven weeks.

It is anticipated that as more airmen become aware of the opportunity, more than 700 will complete the specialized skill training

in the first half of 1972 alone—a significant contribution to the national resource.

The Skill Center is operated by ATC and commanded by Lt. Col. W. F. Voight.

10 Schools Selected For New Air Force ROTC Detachments

WASHINGTON (AFNS) — Air Force has announced the selection of 10 colleges and universities to host new Air Force Reserve Officers Training Corps (AFROTC) units during the 1972-1973 school year. Detachments are being established at the invitation of the institutions concerned.

Schools selected, pending formal agreement, are: Fayetteville (N.C.) State University; Southeast Missouri College, Cape Girardeau; Pan American University, Edinburg, Tex.; Northern Ari-

zona University, Flagstaff; Wilkes College, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; Florida Technological University, Orlando; Lamar State University of Technology, Beaumont, Tex.; Embry Riddle Aeronautical University, Daytona Beach, Fla.; Livingston (Ala.) University and Samford University, Birmingham, Ala.

Establishment of the units will bring the total number of active AFROTC units to 183 by fall. The Air Force programs 4,500 officers annually from ROTC graduations.

Career Management Program Started For SP, OSI Officers

RANDOLPH AFB, Tex. (AFNS) —Air Force has implemented a program to improve officer career management and enhance opportunities for individual development and progression in Security Police and Office of Special Investigations career fields.

Palace Police is the result of combined efforts of Air Force Personnel, Security Police, Office of Special Investigations and the Inspector General. The program seeks to satisfy both Air Force and personal requirements by placing the right man in the right job at the right time.

The entire resource of officers will be considered in the management process. "We should do a

better job of matching officers' education, training, experience, and desires with specific job requirements," a spokesman said.

Shuttle Bus Service Slated To Return

The Transportation Division has announced the resumption of a shuttle bus schedule from Reese to Lubbock. The bus will run nightly except Sunday.

As of the Roundup's deadline complete details on the bus schedule were not available, but a full listing of the schedule and details of the operation will appear in next week's Roundup.



VOLUNTEER ASSISTANCE—Red Cross Volunteer Bonnie Roe performs a laboratory test in Reese's USAF Hospital as part of her chores as a volunteer at the hospital. Red Cross volunteers are utilized in many phases of the hospital's work. Persons interested in becoming volunteers should contact the Red Cross field director at ext. 2215. (U. S. Air Force Photo)

Base Theater Schedule

Hard-hitting action and tales of horror highlight this week's activities at the base theater. See the listings below for complete details.

Tonight and Late Show Tomorrow "Giant" evolves out of the giant

land of Texas full of raging love and brutal bigotry and is said to be more relevant today than when it was first acclaimed. It stars Rock Hudson, Elizabeth Taylor and the late James Dean and

has been rated G, general audiences.

Tomorrow's Matinee

"Angel in My Pocket" features an ex-Marine turned preacher in wacky and wonderful entertainment for the whole family. It stars Andy Griffith, Jerry Van Dyke, Kay Medford and Edgar Buchanan and has been rated G.

Tomorrow Night

"Bunny O'Hare" features Ernest Borgnine and Bette Davis as a couple of hippie-costumed bank robbers who baffle the police of a southwestern border community. The film is rated GP, all ages admitted, parental guidance suggested.

Sunday

"Chrome and Hot Leather" pits the jungle combat skills of a group of Green Berets against cycle-gang savagery. It stars William Smith and Tony Young and has been rated GP.

Tuesday

"Cauldron of Blood" is a horror shocker which finds a magazine writer in the midst of a murder plot. The movie stars Boris Karloff and Jean-Pierre Aumont and has been rated GP.

Wednesday

"Mad Dogs and Englishmen" is a chronicle of the traveling commune and the music that comprised the 1970 Joe Cocker rock and roll cross-country tour. The film has been rated GP.

Thursday

"Klute" is a haunting, intelligent and powerful suspense thriller that stars Jane Fonda as a high-priced call girl and Donald Sutherland as a small-town cop. It has been rated R, restricted, under 17 requires accompanying parent or adult guardian.

Selection Board Scheduled

DENVER (AFNS) — The Air Force Reserve Major Selection Board will convene Jan. 31 at the Air Reserve Personnel Center.

Officers Wives Club Schedules Bridge Day At Open Mess

By Mrs. John H. Stewart II
Publicity Chairman

Officers Wives Club Bridge Day is scheduled for Thursday in the Eagle Room of the Officers Open Mess. Play will begin promptly at 9:30 and players who sign in by 9:15 will receive 200 bonus points.

Advanced play is from 9:30 a.m. until 3 p.m. and the charge is 75 cents. Beginning and intermediate play is from 9:30 a.m. until noon and the charge is 50 cents. Reservations may be made by calling Mrs. James George at 792-1711, and all reservations must be in by Monday.

The Officers Wives Club will be offering bridge lessons weekly on Tuesday at 10 a.m. More information may be obtained by calling Mrs. James George at 792-1711.

At the last business meeting and luncheon of the Officers Wives Club, Mrs. John Williams was elected to fill the post of corresponding secretary.

The OWC is seeking volunteers to work in the Thrift Shop on Tuesdays and Fridays. Anyone who is interested should call Mrs. Bennie Manley at 795-795.

761st Band Seeking Musicians

HQ. ATC—The 761st Band of the Oil Belt at Sheppard AFB, Tex., has announced that several

vacancies exist for qualified musicians.

People interested in getting on the band wagon should contact SMSgt. Richard Lazarony, band first sergeant at AUTOVON extension 736-2966 for information or to arrange an audition.

The 45-piece band is among the busiest in the Air Force and travels extensively in support of other military installations, Air Force recruiting and community relations.

Recent band engagements have been welcoming astronauts back from space and participating in concerts and parades throughout the Southwest.

Entertainment Slated At NCO Open Mess

Entertainment for the coming weekend at the NCO Open Mess is to include the following:

Tonight—Country and Western music by Tommy Hancock and a special buffet from 6 p.m. until 10 p.m.

Tomorrow—Tommy Hancock
A reminder to those who have a limited lunch time that the Sandwich Bar is open every day at noon.

Live Entertainment Highlights Officers Open Mess Schedule

Good food and live entertainment cap this week's lineup at the Officers Open Mess. See the schedule below for complete details.

Tonight — Buffet featuring Steamship Round of Beef, baked pit ham, fried chicken and assorted salads for \$2.50 per person. Music will be provided by Oak Creek.

Tomorrow — A la Carte selections in the Eagle Room along

with the easy listening sounds of Frank LaGorce and Between the Generations.

Sunday — Two color television sets will be tuned in to the Super Bowl.

Wednesday — Fried Chicken Special for \$1.65.

Thursday— Officers Wives Club Bridge Day.

Everyone should keep in mind the Marty Allen Show coming Jan. 25.

Girl Scouts To Hear Author

Reese Girl Scouts have been invited to a program at the Reese Elementary School at 10:30 a.m. Jan. 22 to hear Mrs. James Walker tell some Turkish folk tales which she adapted for children's books.

Mrs. Walker has had 12 children's books and some 180 pieces for children's magazines and teachers' journals published. She was cited by the Turkish government for her efforts in acquainting American children with Turkish culture.

Additionally, her book "I Pack-

ed My Trunk" was filmed for showing on television's "Sesame Street".

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The USAF Hospital will hold four pre-natal classes for mother and baby care on successive Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning Jan. 18. The classes are to be held at 7:30 p.m. in the hospital classroom (Room 165), Flight Surgeon's Section.

Husbands are strongly urged to attend this program which is to be presented by the Reese AFB Registered Nurse Club. Anyone seeking further information may call Mrs. Arther T. Dardeau at 799-0678.

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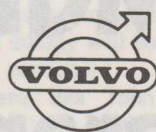
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On-Base College Registration Begins

Registration is now under way at the Education Office for classes to be offered on base during the spring semester by South Plains College.

Persons interested in enrolling in these classes should visit the Education Office, bldg. T-1, this week to complete necessary paperwork.

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Bosses' Night At NCO Open Mess Honors Supervisors

BOSSSES' NIGHT—(Below) CMSgt. Elmer C. Martin, wing senior airman advisor, left, presents the Commander's Recognition Plaque to Col. Carl L. Brunson, wing commander, during Bosses' Night ceremonies Monday at the NCO Open Mess. (Above right) Col. Charles D. Owens, 3500th Air Base Group commander, left, presents the Outstanding Senior NCO of the Quarter Award to MSgt. Richard J. Arbegast, Operations Division. (Below right) SSgt. Glen H. Peterson, 3500th OMS, right, receives his award for being selected Outstanding Junior NCO of the Quarter from Lt. Col. Charles K. Rose III, deputy commander for Logistics. (U. S. Air Force Photos)



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State Income Tax Information Given

By Capt. Timothy J. Dakin
 Staff Judge Advocate

With the coming of the new year any man's fancy certainly should turn to thoughts of paying income tax. While we all are subject to paying federal income tax, our obligations insofar as state income tax is concerned differ greatly. The purpose of this article is to give some general guidance regarding your liability for paying state income taxes.

The question of whether or not you must pay a state income tax is dependent upon whether the state in which you are domiciled has a state income tax and, if so, whether you as a serviceman are exempt from such tax. Your state of domicile is what the Air Force calls your home of record and is, generally speaking, the state you called home when you

entered the service. If this state has an income tax, you are liable to pay a tax on your service income unless there is some provision in the state law exempting those persons in the military from paying the tax. The fact that you may not have lived within your state of domicile will in most instances not affect your liability for the tax.

As you are probably aware, Texas does not have a state income tax. It is at this time of year that many servicemen realize what a distinct advantage being a Texas domiciliary could be. Unfortunately, while you certainly may change your domicile from one state to another, you can't do so retroactively so as to avoid paying last year's tax to your former domicile.

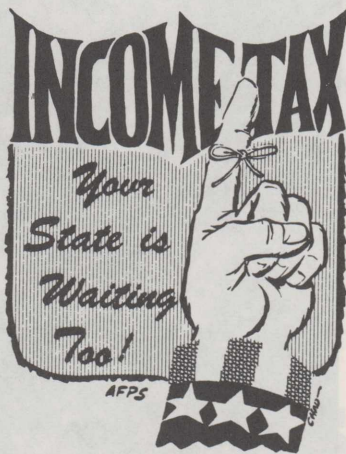
One matter of which many servicemen are unaware, and one which can be either a decided advantage or disadvantage at tax time, is that a wife has the same domicile as that of her husband. If the husband is a domiciliary of State A, at the time of the marriage his wife automatically acquires domicile in State A, even though she may never have left her former state of domicile. Therefore, if State A has a state income tax, she may be liable to pay a tax to State A even though all of her income may have been earned in State B.

By the same token, if the state in which she became automatically domiciled at the time of her marriage did not have a state income tax, she would be released from further tax obligations to her former state of domicile. She would, of course, remain liable to pay a tax in the state in which she earned income, provided that state had an income tax. Since Texas does not have such a tax, the previous statement would not apply here.

If you have questions concerning your liability for state income taxes or how you would go about changing your domicile, you can have these questions answered free of charge at the base legal office by a qualified attorney.



FAMILY SERVICES—Mrs. Walter H. Baxter III receives her Family Services uniform from Lt. Col. James E. Page Jr., chief, Personnel Division, during a recent coffee at the Family Service Center. Mrs. Baxter is the newly appointed Family Services advisor. (U. S. Air Force Photo)



Tweety Topics

By Capt. Rowland H. Worrell III

As we all stumbled back from the holidays, old man weather welcomed us with his usual mixture of fog, snow, ice and winds. As I understand it, more than one IP was thankful for the extra break to help recover from his New Year's celebration. I hope that every one of you had an enjoyable holiday season.

In retrospect, during the year of 1971, several dubious honors were bestowed upon many members of the squadron. However, many of the deserving Tweet drivers never received their kudos. I feel that this oversight must not go uncorrected. Therefore within this issue, I will make these presentations. Also, it has come to my attention that several people awoke Christmas morning to find that Santa has left certain unmentionables in their stockings and long johns. I shall herein mention the unmentionables:

First the "Don't Rain on My Parade" award to Lieutenant Colonels Kyle S. Redwine and Melvin G. Swanson, who through constant harassment of the base weather facilities were able to keep the Tweets in their usual "Tops-in-the-Time-Line" status.

Speaking of status, the "Status Quo Award" goes to Maj. Dick Van Bibber for changing the status seven times in that many minutes.

The "Diller-Dollar Award" to Maj. Robert Genereaux to finance a new scheduling system.

The "Fixing the Baby Jet Award" to Capt. George Driscoll of check section whose fast feet ran from Poppet to a distressed solo student holding for takeoff with an unlatched gas cap. Fast fingers Driscoll replaced the runaway gas cap, gave the thumbs up, and kicked the studly into the blue thus saving an otherwise abortable sortie.

The "Goodyear Memorial Scholarship Award" to Capt. Gary Confer for an over-inflated blimp and under inflated tires.

Found stuffed in squadron member's stockings were the following gifts:

To Capt. Phil Marzolino, a standby light to keep him smiling throughout the new year.

To Mrs. Ruby Smith, the squadron secretary, a case of reprinted OER's to save wear and tear on her 10 tiny fingers which constantly trip gaily cross the keyboard of her antiquated electric typewriter.

An umbrella to the people in the personal equipment shop.

A snow blower to 1st Lt. Pete Rockett who found himself altimeter deep in white stuff during the recent snow removal exercise.

An army of ATC hybrid ants for local Stan/Eval to step on during their next inspection.

Finally, during this festive season of football in which we celebrate the Super Bowl, the Rose Bowl, the Orange Bowl, the Cotton Bowl and Lubbock's own The Weevil Bowl, we must recognize Captain Steffensen of the Spooks for the offensive play of the year. Captain Steffensen in a fourth and dual only play while taxiing to 17C threw a T-38 block on all Tweet drivers by cleverly positioning his white rocket in No. 1 position at Poppet's 17L. Word has it that Tom Landry is considering this smooth move as his ace-in-the-hole for the Super Bowl.

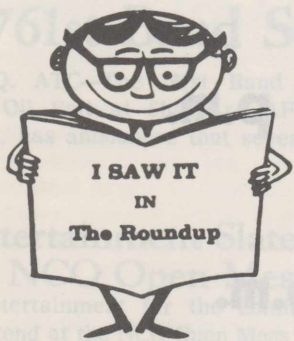
So there you have it folks, 1971's award winners. If you weren't a recipient don't despair there's always 1972. Undoubtedly we'll all still be here.

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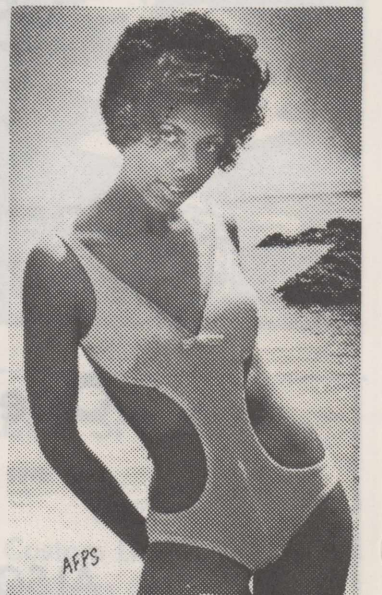
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UP TIGHT — Darling Darlene Bond loves the beach, but warns: "When swimming in unfamiliar waters, don't go in head first." (Photo courtesy Ebony)

Talon Talk

By Capt. Henry T. Johnson

The new year has started off kind of like the old one left off. More snow and the resumption of Saturday flying. We're starting to get a taste of what our contemporaries at Craig and Moody have accepted as a way of life for years now, so I guess we can't complain too much.

The latest word is that Class 72-06's battle with the time line is going to make the debacle endured by 72-05 look like no contest.

We all know about the Canadian Shuffle which we use in four-ship to insure that everybody flies all four positions. Well, we all witnessed something similar in the squadron last week. It's merely an extension of the old domino theory. First, Maj. Stuart Levy returned to the squadron as the Section II commander and Maj. Lou Nebel moved down to the Ops complex as special assistant to the DCO. Then, Maj. Carl Aglio was named as the wing executive officer and so Barney Clark left A Flight to take over Check Section and the "Lazy Eight".

This, of course, left an opening for an A Flight leader, and so Keith Huey came across the hall from H Flight to take it. And with two slots open in Stanboard, it's anybody's guess as to who else will move.

Somebody suggested that to keep the interest high and everybody flexible, that we have a complete reorganization every three months or so by putting everybody's name in a hat (majors in one, captains in another, etc.) and drawing for jobs. Then, on a given signal, everyone would proceed to his new flight or job without passing go, collecting \$200, or any of that other stuff.

Speaking of Major (Lieutenant Colonel to be) Levy, we would like to welcome him back to the land of the living. For you newcomers, he's been away off and on for quite some time now on Cinema Stau's Magical Mystery Tour heading up the filming for the new Learning Center and acting chief producer, director, and tap dancer at large. Known also for his wilderness forays (most notably to the Salt and Conejos River basins), his easy-going instructional approach with students, and his prowess at picking a winner (Stu the Greek), he is obviously a man of uncommon mettle and we're glad to have him back.

Congratulations go to Bruce Clark of D Flight, who got married over Christmas. We'd like to extend our best wishes to Bruce and Joanie.

We've had only a few reports of errors of omission and/or commission in the flying the past week or so. Of course there have been the usual predictable items such as solo formation pilots taxiing without bothering to check in their wingmen, students randomly picking areas to fly in other than the one which they were assigned and, of course, a

Students' Wives Educated

KEESLER AFB, Miss. (AFNS) —Wives of airmen students in Electronic Principles Department have an opportunity to learn what their husbands are doing from first-hand experience. The wives' orientation program was developed as an outgrowth of student critiques, departmental interest and a planning group.

token offering to the god of unintentional no-flaps.

Probably one of the best we've heard occurred to Dexter Dano of A Flight while flying in one of the four A Flight four-ships that turned into three-ships last Saturday.

Prior to takeoff the other dual ship announced that they were going to abort (smart fellow) leaving Dex alone with his student and the two solos, Second Lieutenants Mark Gerber and Kirk Silberman (72-06). Now they'd briefed three ship procedures pretty good and everything went okay until Dex got the lead. The solos just couldn't figure out who was who. So Dex decided to pitch them out and get them straightened out on the rejoin. "Meme two take the right wing three take the left," which was acknowledged. Sure enough, they made the rejoin as an element and then split up to the appropriate wings.

Somewhat exasperated at this point, Dex said, "Meme Flight, confirm positions." Silence. Looking at one of his wingmen, he said, "Aircraft 668, who are you?" Came the straight answer, "Silberman, sir."

This week the "Old Pro" would like to offer a comment on his longevity as an aviator. "A pilot needs to have a reasonable amount of hand-eye coordination to survive, but beyond this physical requirement, it basically comes down to dedicating yourself to knowing everything applicable to your aircraft and flying environment, having a little luck when needed, and constantly exercising good judgment.

"It is difficult to teach judgment, but rather it is a trait that improves with experience, whether it is one's first solo or his 2,000th sortie. However, experience can only improve one's judgment if he has a professional attitude. There are old pilots and bold pilots, but very few old, bold pilots. Think about it."

Recruiters Needed

RANDOLPH AFB, Tex. (AFNS) —The Air Force Recruiting Service is seeking airmen in grades of staff sergeant and technical sergeant for assignments within the New England and Mid-Atlantic states. Personnel in any Air Force skill may apply. Interested personnel can obtain additional information by contacting local recruiting and base personnel offices.

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MEMBER OF MONTH — Mrs. Raymond Stephens has been selected by the NCO Wives Club as Member of the Month for January. Mrs. Stephens has been a member of that organization for the past nine months and is currently serving as treasurer. (U. S. Air Force Photo)

AFIT Assumes Responsibility For Updating Education Data

RANDOLPH AFB, Tex. (AFNS) —The task of updating officer education data has been shifted from base personnel offices to the Air Force Institute of Technology (AFIT) at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio.

Officers finishing a degree program, picking up a 15-hour block of credits or completing a course that might bear on present or future AFIT eligibility must send transcripts to AFIT for posting to their personnel records.

AFIT will update records, via the standard personnel data system and maintain a file of the transcripts.

Officials cite improved control, standardized data interpretation, coding and reporting, and reduc-

Mathis Center Sets Schedule Of Activities

The Mathis Recreation Center has announced its activities for the coming week. See the schedule below for details.

Tonight — Dance to the music of Gnash beginning at 8:30 p.m. Refreshments will be provided.

Tomorrow—Dart Throw at 3 p.m.

Sunday—Doughnut and coffee call at 2 p.m.

Tuesday—Eight-Ball Tourney at 7 p.m.

Wednesday—Flicks at 6 p.m. and Eat In at 7 p.m.

Thursday—Table Tennis Tourney at 7 p.m.

A reminder that the base tournament in pool and table tennis will be coming up soon. Also, be on the lookout for the Dating Game next week along with the Navicos Jan. 28.

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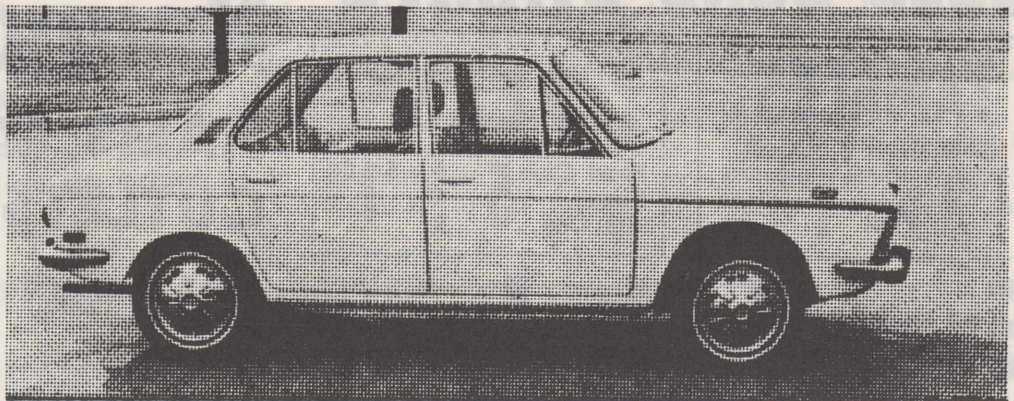
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FUNTIME IN SUNLAND—Pert and pretty Margaret White pauses briefly before taking a dip in the pool. Margaret is a Las Vegas showgirl.

Air Force, Interservice

Sheppard AFB To Host Basketball Tournaments

RANDOLPH AFB, Tex. (AFNS) —Air Training Command, defending Air Force basketball champion, will host this year's Air Force and interservice championship competition at Sheppard AFB, Tex.

An estimated 12 major commands are expected to enter the Air Force tournament Feb. 13-17. The event has almost turned into a dual meet with ATC and Military Airlift Command gaining the final round in each of the last five years. MAC won in 1967, 1969 and 1970.

An all-star team selected from the Air Force tournament will be entered in the interservice finals at Sheppard AFB March 6-10. Army is the defending champion.

Air Force has announced that Lt. Col. Floyd Davis, an instructor at the Air Force Academy

Prep School will coach this year's interservice team. For the past five years he has coached Prep School basketball teams to an 81-15 record.

Winner of the interservice title forms the nucleus of an armed forces team for entry in the Amateur Athletic Union tournament. This year's AAU meet will

be held in London, Ky., March 24-28. The armed forces have won the last four AAU titles.

Colonel Davis said that members of the armed forces team also will be considered for berths on the U. S. team in the Conseil du Sport Militaire championships at Udine, Italy, June 8-20 and the U. S. Olympic team.

Change In VA Rules Provides For Greater Education Benefits

WASHINGTON (AFNS) — Revised Veterans Administration rules permit Air Force education officers to certify a serviceman's need for remedial or deficiency courses in the basic skills of mathematics and English language.

This action streamlines the Defense Department's Pre-discharge Education Program (PREP) which is designed to help servicemen obtain a high school diploma or prepare deficient high school graduates for college courses.

PREP benefits are not chargeable to an individual's normal 36-month VA education entitlements. The education officer has several established guidelines to follow, including the General Aptitude Index and past academic performances.

Until recently VA required that an individual's need for deficiency or remedial courses be determined only by the school offering the course which the serviceman hoped to enter.

If a serviceman wished to en-

ter a college engineering program and needed deficiency or remedial courses as a condition for entering, the college would certify which courses he needed. VA would then reimburse the serviceman for the cost of the courses. The serviceman would in many cases enroll at an institution near his installation.

Although courses on the elementary level are allowed if the serviceman needs them, PREP is primarily intended for the essential skills of reading, writing and mathematics that an individual needs to continue his education or training.

A serviceman pursuing engineering, might be deficient in that he has only two credits in high school mathematics whereas he needs three for entrance to college. Another individual entering training to become an auto mechanic may need remedial work because his test scores in math are low, even though he has had the appropriate math courses in high school.

ATC Basketball Tourney Slated

HQ. ATC—Inter-base command basketball competition will tip-off at Sheppard AFB Jan. 31 and continue through Feb. 4.

Each ATC base is expected to send a coach, 10-man team and a manager to the 1972 round ball contest.

An all-star team will be selected from the double elimination confrontations to represent the command in AF World-Wide

Championship play—also at Sheppard—Feb. 13-17.

Team awards will go to first and second place squads. Individual awards will go to members of the team emerging as tournament champion and runner-up.

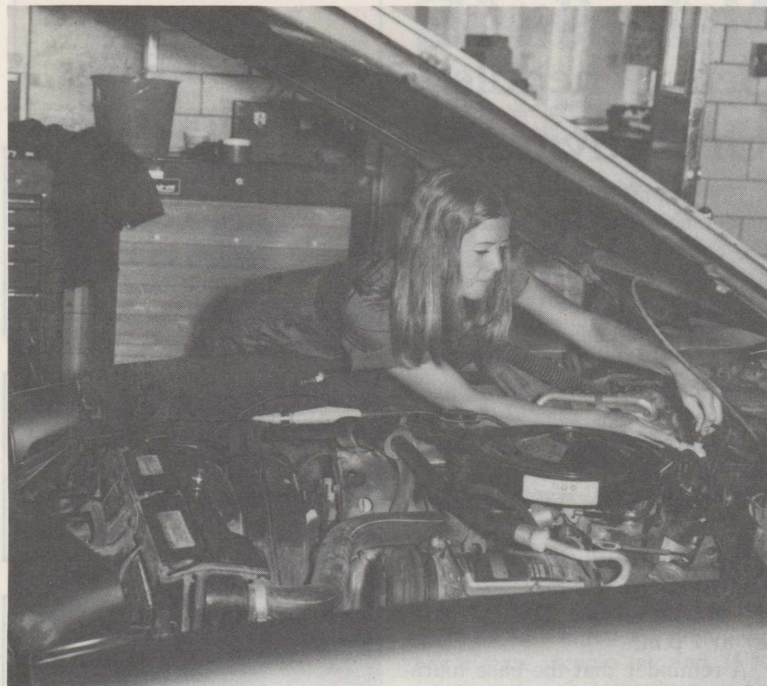
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"A LITTLE RIBBON right here would be real cute," attests pretty Mary Bignoli, an employee at the Keesler AFB, Miss., base exchange service station. Mary is more accustomed to sales work in the parts store than mechanic work in the pits. The daughter of SMSgt. (USAF Ret.) and Mrs. John Bignoli of Biloxi, took the job for the "experience it affords in selling and public relations." (U. S. Air Force Photo By Amn. Mark Lenihan)

Dial CBPO

Customer Service Center To Be Established Feb. 1

Reese AFB has been designated by Air Training Command as a UPT test base for the establishment of a CBPO Customer Service Center from Feb. 1 through July 31, 1972.

Purpose of the test will be to determine if such a concept is adaptable to normal CBPO operation and feasible for Air Force-wide implementation.

According to Lt Col. James E. Page Jr., chief of Personnel Division, the center will serve as the information hub of the CBPO, providing military personnel customers a single point of contact to quickly and efficiently answer and handle any personnel problem, question or complaint. The colonel said the center would be staffed by highly qualified personnel. "I have instructed the center chief," said Colonel Page, "that he is to represent his customers, and will have immediate access to all personnel and records of this division to assure accurate and responsible responses are provided."

Customers may be served in any of three ways—in person, by telephone and in writing. Separate office space has been arranged within CBPO, located in building T-815, to receive customers. The inertia of making telephone and mail inquiries is being simplified as much as possible. Arrangements are in progress to obtain the telephone number 2276, which on the telephone dial can be read as CBPO. There-

fore a customer may dial—in rotation—those letters and reach the center. Pre-addressed inquiry forms are currently being reproduced for distribution to all work centers. Personnel may use these, fold them and mail them with a minimum of writing.

Colonel Page said of the new concept, "This concept has unlimited potential toward improving our service and, through research conducted by center personnel, toward improving the quality of our CBPO operations."

Air Force Names 1,630 Officers For Major's Leaves In 1972

WASHINGTON (AFNS) — The Air Force has identified 1,630 officers for promotion to major under the fiscal year 1972 temporary promotion program. The selections include 1,555 primary-zone selections, 1,000 of whom are line officers.

Promotions will be effected in monthly increments as vacancies occur. Promotion of 192 officers to major on Jan. 1 exhausted the FY 1971 list. First promotions from the FY 1972 list will be effected Feb. 1.

The central selection board considered 2,422 officers in the primary zone and 1,418 in the secondary zone. Included in those considered in the secondary zone were 636 officers nominated from 12,087 line officers screened by boards at major commands.

Officers in primary-zone consideration carried dates of rank of June 30, 1966, or earlier. In the secondary zone were those with

dates of rank of July 1, 1966, through May 12, 1968.

Primary Zone

	Considered	Selected
Line	2,121	1,300
Chaplain	44	33
Dental	117	116
Nurse	78	57
Medical Service ..	24	19
Veterinary	5	5
Biomedical Science	33	25
	<u>2,422</u>	<u>1,555</u>

Secondary Zone

	Considered	Selected
Line	636	68
Chaplain	109	2
Dental	0	0
Nurse	379	3
Medical Service ..	152	1
Veterinary	44	0
Biomedical Science	98	1
	<u>1,418</u>	<u>75</u>

VA Outlines Widow Benefits

Widows of veterans who remarried and were widowed a second time are eligible to have their VA widows' pension or compensation payments restored, but the Veterans Administration reports that there has been no great rush of applications.

Pensions, VA explained, are paid to needy widows of veterans who die of causes not related to military service. The amount of the monthly payment varies with the income of the widow and her number of dependents.

Compensation, known officially as dependency and indemnity compensation or DIC, is paid to widows of veterans who were killed in service or who died of service-connected causes.

If a widow drawing either pension or DIC should remarry, the VA payments are discontinued. Under a law enacted in August 1970 (Public Law 91-376), the payments can be restored if the subsequent marriage is dissolved by divorce or death.

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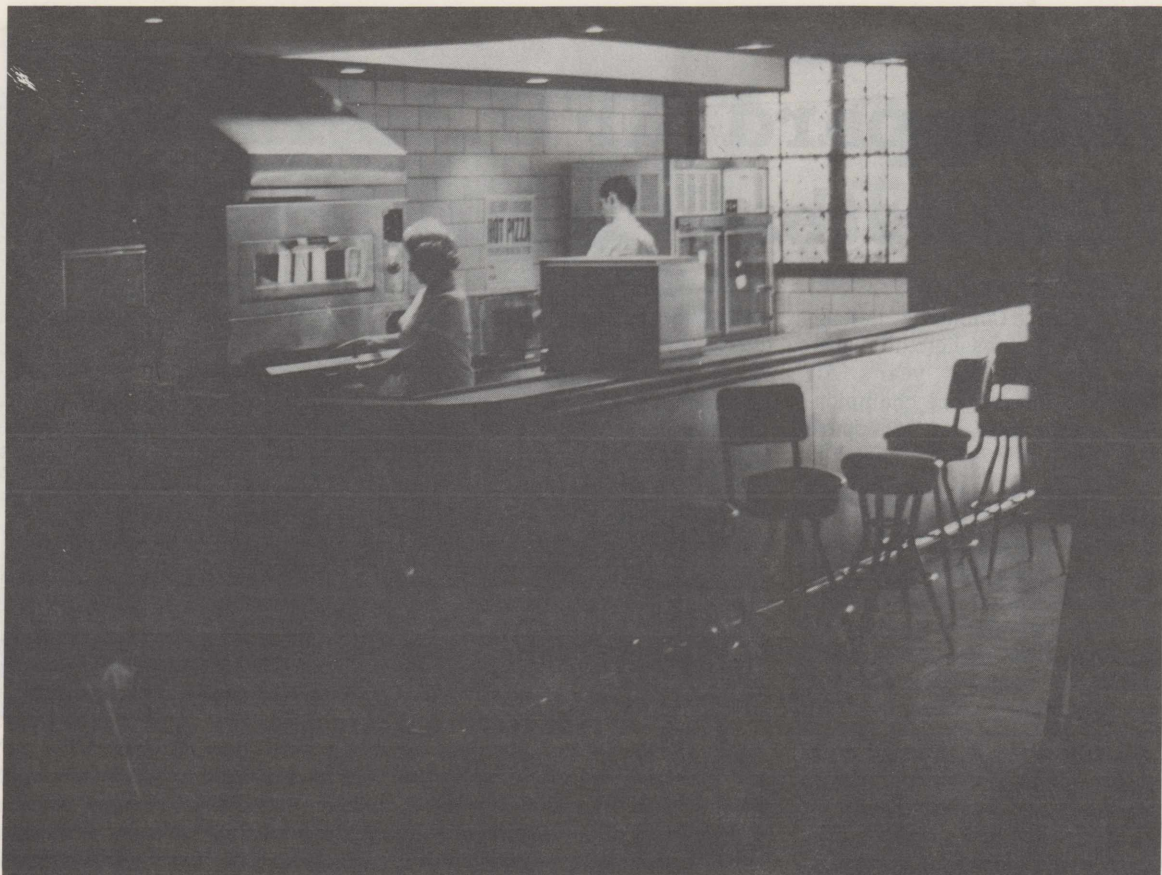
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TALON INN—Workers in the new Talon Inn at the Mathis Recreation Center add the finishing touches to the project in preparation for the scheduled Jan. 27 opening. The new facility is designed to serve pizza and beer to airmen and civilian workers alike. See story on page one. (U. S. Air Force Photo)

CHAMPUS Gives Policy Regarding Dental Care

During 1971, officials of the Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services (CHAMPUS) announced that expectant mothers eligible for CHAMPUS benefits are authorized dental care if, in the opinion of the attending physician and dentist, the dental care is necessary during the pregnancy to protect the health of the expectant mother and the unborn child. In response to numerous inquiries that have been received by OCHAMPUS regarding the scope of dental care which is authorized, OCHAMPUS officials have announced the following guidelines.

- Dental care required to eliminate infection which might prove detrimental to the health of the expectant mother or unborn child is authorized to include extraction of teeth, endodontics, periodontics, restoration of carious teeth, oral hygiene treatment and those diagnostic procedures necessary to provide the aforementioned care.

- Gold restorations are authorized, but only if the doctor is unable to adequately restore the tooth by means of amalgam or another accepted dental material other than gold.

- If a tooth is extracted during the pregnancy, OCHAMPUS will also authorize the replacement, by means of a prosthetic appliance, (a dental plate or bridge). However, the replacement of teeth that were missing prior to the pregnancy is not authorized unless the absence of the teeth will result in nutritional deficiencies through an inability to chew properly which could seriously compromise the pregnancy. If a prosthetic appliance is provided to replace teeth not extracted during the pregnancy, written justification for this care from the physician and dentist must be submitted with the claim. Replacement of teeth, when authorized, must, of course, be accomplished by the most economical means that will adequately restore the dentition.

- Statements of charges for authorized dental care must be submitted to OCHAMPUS, upon completion of treatment, on DA Form 1863-2 and must be accompanied by a statement from the patient's obstetrician verifying the pregnancy and giving the estimated or actual date of delivery. Preauthorization for dental care is not required. Authorization for dental care ends with the termination of the pregnancy, with the exception that those teeth extracted during the later stages of pregnancy may be replaced within a reasonable time subsequent to the termination of the pregnancy.

Keesler Technical School Gains Affiliate Membership In SACS

HQ. ATC—The 3380th Technical School at Keesler AFB, Miss., was approved for affiliate membership with the Commission on Occupational Education Institutions of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) at its 16th annual meeting in Miami, Fla., Nov. 28-Dec. 1, 1971.

The membership certificate was officially presented by Dr. Lawrence W. Cunningham, commission chairman, to Maj. Thomas E. Hood, representing the tech school.

The affiliation membership is the initial effort currently under way to accredit all training programs being conducted by the 3380th Technical School through the Southern Association.

The accreditation program is part of overall ATC and USAF objectives to enhance educational opportunities which will comple-

ment formal studies available through civilian colleges and universities that maintain resident centers on base or in the nearby community.

The next step is to conduct an institutional self study to determine how well the tech school meets the standards of accreditation.

At the conclusion of the self study, which usually takes from six to 12 months, the school will host a visiting team of educators which serves as a fact-finding group to substantiate that the school measures up to the SACS standards.

The self study documentation and the team visit report are reviewed by the executive committee of the Commission on Occupational Education Institutions, which recommends action to the delegate assembly.

Accidents Claim 360 During 1971

WASHINGTON (AFNS) — Air Force members died at the rate of almost one per day in private motor vehicle accidents during 1971, the highest number of fatalities since 1968.

Preliminary figures compiled by the Air Force Inspection and Safety Center at Norton AFB, Calif., revealed 360 lives lost in private motor vehicle accidents, an increase of 70 over the record low 290 killed in 1970. Fatalities included 48 in two-wheeled vehicle accidents, 14 more than in 1970.

The 1971 figure negates commendable safety records in two previous years. The Air Force figure in 1970 was the first time the toll had been less than 300 after a record low 309 in 1969. Other recent statistics were 388 deaths from private motor vehicle accidents in 1968; 350 in 1967; and 442 in 1966.

In seeking to pinpoint the cause for the sharp increase early in 1971, safety officials said there was evidence that commanders and supervisors had relaxed their vigil over command and control of problem drivers.

The majority of persons involved in private motor vehicle fatalities had not completed the Air Force's traffic safety education course for advanced drivers. The four-hour course, which is required for all members between their 18th and 30th month of service, supplements the basic driving safety course.

Other accident factors were attributed to alcohol, fatigue and driver judgment.

Four major commands reported decreases in deaths from private motor vehicle accidents during 1971. Alaskan Air Command was down from 3 to 1; Aerospace Defense Command, 19 to 17; Air Force Systems Command, 10 to

9; and Headquarters Command, 6 to 5.

Two of the larger organizations, Military Airlift Command and Strategic Air Command, each reported two additional deaths over 1971 figures. SAC lost 69 people and MAC 37.

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