## YOKOTA AIR FORCE BASE

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## REPORT FROM WASHINGTON

By Armed Forces Press Service

THE ARMY AND AIR FORCE have issued new regulations governing transportation of household goods on change of station and the travel of dependents to, from and between overseas stations. The dependent's travel reg is SR 55-765-5/AFR 75-26. Transportation of goods is governed by AR 55-160/AFR

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ALL RANKS, instead of first three graders and officers only, would be authorized up to three months pay advances in an amendment to a bill now before Congress. Under the proposed legislation all grades could be paid in advance on a permanent change of station or in cases where personnel might be stationed in remote posts where regular paydays might be impossible.

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AVIATION CADET training takes a long step forward Nov. 1 when an USAF A/C navigators school will start with a 100-man class, and hold monthly classes or approximately the same number thereafter. The cadet course is in addition to the officer navigation training previously announced. Both schools are at Ellington AFB Texas. Applicants must be citizens, between 20 and  $26\frac{1}{2}$ pass a special physical, and have two years of college or the ability to pass an equivalent examination.

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VETERAN AMPUTEES are authorized a year's extension,
until June 30, 1950, in
which to secure speciallyequipped automobiles. Under
consideration by Congress is
a provision which would make
the Government-paid cars available to blinded and armless vets. The present measure makes them available to
leg amputees only.

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MESSAGE CENTER personnel will be pleased with the announcement that a wartime warrant officer has invented a device to automatically time messages leaving the Communication Center at the Pentagon.



SQUADRON OF THE MONTH
HEADQUARTERS, YOKOTA AFB (PIO) (Official USAF Photo)
Squadron of the Month for the month of June is Head-

Squadron of the Month for the month of June is Headquarters and Flight "A", 3rd Rescue Squadron. Shown congratulating Capt. John W. Sims, CO of Flight "A", is Colonel Robert W. Witty, CO of Yokota. Holding the Squadron of the Month Banner is S/Sgt. Lyle Ray.



CHAPLAIN COBURN ON RADIO (Official USAF Photo)

HEADQUARTERS, YOKOTA AFB (PIO) (Official USAF Photo) Chaplain (Major) Jesse L. Coburn, Wing Chaplain at Yokota AFB, has been presenting the popular radio program "Morning Meditations" over Station WVTR for the week beginning August 1st. The program, from 0800 to 0815 daily took its theme from the spiritual, "Were You There?"

Chaplain Coburn donned his first Air Force uniform in 1941. He served a tour of duty during the war which took him to India and China, and wears the Air Medal among his other ribbons for combat Ilights with his outfit.

# REPORT FROM YOKOTA

THE AI&E OFFICE will continue to remain open from 1800 to 2100 for the purpose of giving GED tests to those unable to take them during duty hours, as long as there is a demand for this service.

Take advantage of this opportunity and raise your educational level for that promotion.

PROPER PERSONAL conduct for an airman means selling yourself, and your organization through your appearance and your personality. Proper appearance includes not only uniform, but also your bearing. An airman should stand erect; he should look sharp and alert. He should never slouch or stand with his hands in his pockets.

DEPENDENTS WILL NOT visit the out-patient clinic of the 5th Station Hospital without having first cleared through the Yokota Dispensary Out-Patient department. This does not, repeat, does not, apply to prenatal cases who may make their appointments direct with 5th Station Hospital.

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A FULL SELECTION OF SAMPLES
of all the USAFI courses is
now available at the Base
AI&E Office, with the exception of two courses. Such
languages as Malay and Hindustani are represented, along with a large variety on
every possible subject.

\* \* \* \* A RECENT TELEPHONE CALL from the FEAF Sanitary gineer indicates that some personnel are still utilizing the Muryama Reservoir in violation of current GHQ directives. This reservoir, being a source of water supply should not be contaminated by personnel swimming, boating, fishing or using the water as a deposit for trash and other refuse. is directed that all members of this command comply with the OFF LIMITS directives currently in effect. \* \* \* \* \*

CANDY'S DANDY, BUT A LETTER'S BETTER. LET THE FOLKS HEAR FROM YOU TODAY.

#### HOMESTATE

DETROIT (AFPS) - "Gimme your money," the stickup demanded of Beverly Harris in her theater cashier's booth.

"Have you got a gun?" she

"Yes, but I'm not showing it," said the stickup.
"No gum, no money," said Beverly as she pressed an alarm.

The would-be stickup fled. \* \* \* \* \*

SPOKANE, WASH. (AFPS) - When James Bell went into court here recently, charged with robbing a cabby of \$40, he had an iron-clad alibi. He said he was in jail that day. He was.

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NEW ORLEANS (AFPS) - Get 'em drunk! That's the technique George Berg uses to collect his 15,000 odd butterflies. Berg sets out rotting food for bait. When the butterflies sample the fermenting juices they get too tipsy to fly away, he says.

\* \* \* \* BURBANK, CALIF. (AFPS) -He has no hands, but Carl Moody, 35, was sentenced to 30 days in jail here recently for writing a bad check.

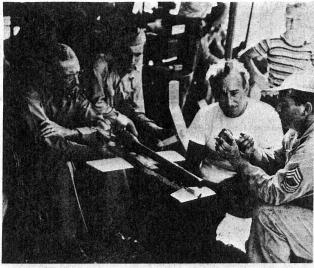
Moody demonstrated to arresting officers how he writes by holding a pen in his teeth.

\* \* \* \* MEMPHIS, TENN. (AFPS) - William Johnson was caught in the rain without hat, coat or protection. All he had was an umbrella. But he couldn't use it. It was gift-wrapped as a present to his sister.

\* \* \* \* SEATTLE, WASH. (AFPS) - In the middle of a tense session of the Boilermaker's Union here recently a speaker rose to the floor and demanded:

"Let's forget about the Boilermakers for a while and get down to our own business."

The membership card of the irked spokesman showed he was at the wrong meeting. He belonged to the Paperhanger's Union.



MODELS FLY

HEADQUARTERS, YOKOTA AFB (PIO) (Official USAF Photo)
Brig. Gen. Paul B. Kelly, Special Service Officer of the FEC, is shown with Maurice Buzzarte, Hobbycraft Director of SS as they examine the jet model of M/Sgt. Bernard W. Kelley, as Kelley explains the working of a jet engine.

Yokota completed 1h continuous days of Model airplane competition recently, to establish itself as the model base of the Orient.

The week-long All-Japan meet sputtered to a stop first as Col. Robert W. Witty, CO of Yokota, presented 48 gold trophies to the prizewinners of the hard-fought contest.

Col. Paul A. Pickhardt, SS recreational director, presented the awards to the top winners of the FEC meet the following week. Yokota won the team trophy for 5th Air Force, FEAMCOM AND JAMA took the FEAF team honors, and there was no team trophy in the FEC meet.

Admiration was expressed several times over the excellent sportsmanship shown by the contestants, and also for the smooth way the meet was run.
HOORAY!

HEADQUARTERS, YOKOTA AFB (PIO) - A promotion always makes one person happy, but a recent promotion at Yokota made everyone happy. Finance Officer George T. Lewis was recently promoted to the grade of Captain, but there's more to it than that.

It all started the day 1st Lt. George T. Lewis met his new assistant, 2nd Lt. George T. Lewis. After interviewing 2nd Lt. Lewis, 1st Lt. Lewis found out that the two had more than the same name in common. Both were flying officers, both were married, and both were former bank employees. And both were to work in the same office. It was a sure-fire trouble combination.

The two officers got their heads together and devised a system for their telephone calls. When the telephone rang and someone requested to speak to It. Lewis, the caller was asked if he wanted 1st or 2nd Lt. Lewis. then 2nd Lt. Lewis was promoted to 1st Lt., and things really got rough. But now the promotion of Finance Officer Lt. Lewis to Captain Lewis has finally ended the double-trouble at the Yokota Finance Office. until the new TO comes out.

BE WISE-USAFI-IZE

GO SAFELY-GO SLOWLY

## **CHUCKLES**

By Armed Forces Press Service

Salesman: "Tes, this is the best car on the market." Prospect: "Well, that's all well and good, but how is it on the road?" \*\*\*

Sgt.: (during cadre 'bull session) "These days, I think we can safely assume

that everything is going up!\*
Cpl.: "I don't think you can say that. For example; there's your opinion of me, my opinion of you, and the trainee's opinion of us both!

\*\*\*\* Personnel Officer: "Now, if you want to work in this office, you must be a man of quick decisions. Do you think you can qualify?"

Recruit: "Well ... er ... that is ... maybe ... I'll ... think it over and let you know tomorrow."

There was once a girl named Neal,

Who went up in a Ferris wheel,

But half way around, She looked at the ground, And lost an eighty-cent meal.

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Tramp: "Do you have a nickel for a cup of coffee?" Soldier: (day before pay ay) "No, I don't, but day) "No, I don't, but thanks just the same, I'll make out somehow!"

\* \* \* \* \* Judge: "Come now, don't really think this man Man: "Well, I wouldn't exactly say he tried to put it out—but he sure tried to

\*\*\* Sailor: "I'm a better man every time I kiss you."

push it further ini"

Chick: "Boy, you must have been a low brow before we met last week!" \*\*\*\*

"What made you give your alarm clock away?"

"Oh, that thing! It kept going off when I was trying to sleep."

"Don't you have any social prestige left?"
"No, not a drop."



## SPORTS PARADE

By Cpl. Floyd Tyler Well folks, by the time this paper comes out the FE-AF Baseball tournament will be in full swing and some top-knotch baseball should be unreeled at our Wilkins Park from the 4th through the 11th of August. The Attackers will be represented by pitchers William Glenn and Johnny Thompson, lb Frank Bullius, 2h Walter Koziatek, 3b Ben Yoksa and lf Ed Calderone. Catcher Stewart Riles and shortstop Ed Sedivey were due to play with the All-Stars, but Riles was optioned to a team back in the States and Sedivey is in the hospital with a chipped ankle.

A new stateside floor is replacing the old 'warped floor in the base gym, and a better brand of basketball can be expected from the local quintet in the coming season. Football season is just around the corner, and the Yokota gridders working out daily in preparation for the Fifth Air Force League. I'll try to have you a story on football in the next issue of the paper. At this time writing, a head coach hadn't been definitely selected. Babe Ruth has been dead

for a year now, but his memory will remain as long as oaseball is played. Everyone remembers the "king of swat" for his record of 60 home runs in one season or his record of 714 4-ply clouts in his major league The "big bambina" career. also held another record which he didn't care too much to talk about. It was his record of 1,330 strikeouts in his career.

If you want to try something hard, try catching a baseball dropped off the Rupire State Building. The ball would hit your mitt with an impact of 320 lbs.

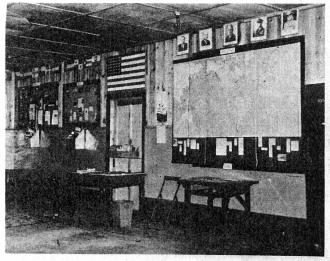
For beginners, we suggest that you try the Washington monument where the impact would only oe 120 pounds.

Here is a problem that can be solved very easily if you think it out, but if you can't, we will print the answer in the next issue of the Third Strike. This game only lasted nine innings, Joe Blow pitched a no-hit no-run ball game. He retired 27 batters in a row and no batter reached first or any base off him, yet, when the game was over, his team was the loser by the score of 2-0. It wasn't a forfeit game.

### Note to Secretaries: Be Compatible, But-

Chicago (AFPS)—Keep the boss's pills straight; be diplomatic when his wife calls; dress with decorum, not decollette; correct his grammer tactfully, and be compatible. But not too compatible.

That's the advice a spokesman gave 1,000 secretaries attending the National Secretaries' Association convention here recently.



IOTH RADAR SITUATION ROOM
The 10th R. C. D. recently completed a Situation Room

and Lounge at Yokota AFB. The room is used as a beneficial training aid in furthering the education of the Officers and Airmen. Lectures, critiques, briefings and AI&E programs are held there with ample room and unique surroundings.

The main features presented in the room are display boards, speaker s podium, blackboards, literature, pictures and flags.

The room was set up by Lt. James T. Binder, Intelligence and Training Officer, and his assistant S/Sgt. Alec Dunn, and is a fine example of the work that can be accomplished with thought and effort.



(Official USAF Photo) HEADQUARTERS, YOKOTA AFB (PIO) The Yokota AFB track and field team proudly exhibit the many trophies they were awarded recently as they won the Fifth Air Force track meet held at Tachikawa AFB. All the boys in the picture, with the exception of Coach Gordon Smith, won first or second places in this meet. Seated, left to right are: Lt. Smith, Lt. Knowlton, Pfc. Hunsinger, S/Sgt. Smith, and Cpl. McClanaham. The back row consists of Pfc. Hindman, Sgt. McClananam. The back row consists of Pfc. Hindman, Sgt. McCarthy, Lt. Leffler, Lt. Lobdel, Sgt. Perrow, and Sgt. Gilliland. Hunsinger was the top individual point maker for Yokota with a first in the 110-meter high hurdles, second in the 200-meter low hurdles, and a member of the second place 400-meter relay quartet quartet.

## SKEET MEET REET

HDQRS, YOKOTA AFB (PIO) Final preparations for the coming FEAF Skeet Meet to be held at Yokota AFB Aug. 11 and 12 have been completed with the ten high scorers in the recent Fifth Air Force tourney due to arrive two days prior to the opening gun to fire in one final elimination match.

Representatives from the 20th, 13th and Fifth Air Forces will compete in the coming meet as well as teams from the 19th Bomb Wing and a combined team from FEAMCOM FEAF and 1503 Air Transport Wing. (MATS). All commands have been notified of the time, date, place and facilities available for the Five thousand rounds of ammunition and seven thousand birds have been set aside for the needs of the tournament.

Representing Yokota are It. Col. J. E. Payne, It. Col. G. A. Prodanovich and 1st It. E. C. Holland all of whom were among the top ten scorers in the recent Fifth Air Force Meet. Major Joe M. Tyler of the 8th Tactical Recon. Sq. will be the project officer of the meet with trophies being furnished by FEAF.

Dallas (AFPS)—Outfielder Pete Gray, baseball's most celebrated one-armed player, has been re-leased unconditionally by the Dallas Eagles. Gray who is 32 said he is through with profes-sional ball, and plans to return to his home in Nanticoke. Pa.

## **SPORT SHORTS**

Cat Cay, Bahamas (AFPS)— Aksel Wichfeld of Palm Beach, Florida, set a new world record Florida, set a new world record while fishing near here recently, hauling in a 742-pound blue marlin. It took Wichfeld 47 minutes of careful battling to land the fish on a 39-thread line.

Washington (AFPS)—The second inter-service golf tournament will be played at Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama, during the period August 17-20, 1949. Golf teams representing the Army, Navy, and Air Force will compete for the Forrestal Cup donated by the then Secretary of Defense James A. Forrestal when the tourney was originated a year ago.

New York (AFPS)—The New York Yanks of the All-American Football Conference have added Jim Finks, the Tulsa passing star, to their roster. Finks tossed 214 passes last season, hitting the receiver with 115 for 1,376 yards. He will join the grid squad August 1.

New York (AFPS) — After missing 65 garres, Joe DiMaggio picked up his heavy bat right where he left it. Playing against the Red Sox in Boston in the last league game of the 1948 season, the Yankee Clipper collected two doubles and two singles to stretch a hitting streak to 13 games. Then, in his first official appearance of the 1949 season, against the Red Sox and in Fenway Park, he singled and got a home run to help the Yanks nose out the Bostonians. In the next two games at Boston Joe clouted three more home runs as the Yanks swept the series.

AF to Help Agriculture

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Store Big Grain Crop

Washington (AFPS)—The Air

Force has offered much needed
granary space to the Department
of Agriculture for use in storing
the nation's bumper crops.

A recent Air Force directive
to its eight commands in the
United States authorized the
Agriculture Department to
make use of all available storage facilities at AF bases
throughout the country.

## MOVIES

Tue. & Wed.

Aug 9-10

\*\*\*\*\*NORTHWEST STAMPEDE\*\*\*\*starring Joan
Leslie and Jack Oakie. The Wildest of all
the Northwest's great rodeos, is actually
shown. (F)

Thur. & Fri.

Aug. 11-12

\*\*\*A WOMAN'S SECRET\*\*\*starring Maureen O'Hara and Melvyn Douglas. A suspense drama, with Maureen becoming dangerous in more than one way. (M)

Saturday

Aug. 13

\*\*\*THE LOST TRIBE\*\*\*starring Johnny Weismuller and Myrna Dell. Fat but still trying...Johnny in another trying role. (F)

Sun. & Mon.

Aug. 14-15

\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*JOHN LOVES MARY\*\*\*\*\*starring Ronald Reagan and Jack Carson. A harum-scarum farce that has returning soldier Reagan tangled in a pack of lies that almost cost him his gal. (F)

\*\*\*\*\*Excellent \*\*\*Good \*\*Fair \*Poor

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VICTORY IN PULITZER AND SCHNEIDER SPEED RACES



THIRD STRIKE

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Indians Want Wampum
Duluth, Minn. (AFPS) —
Chippewa Indians have threatened to place a toll gate across
one of Minnesota's most scenic
highways unless the state pays
\$5,000 for the use of Indian
land.

Indians of the Grand Portage Reservation claim that part of highway 61, running along Lake Superior and connecting Duluth with Canada, crosses Reservation property. A Federal Court hearing has been set for July 2.

## EM CLUB

Tuesday August 9 Band and Floor Show

> Wednesday August 10 Band-Afternoon Band & Show-Evening

Thursday August 11 Band

Friday August 12 Band and Floor Show

Saturday August 13
Band-Afternoon
Band & Show-Evening

Sunday August 14 Band-Afternoon Band & Vocalist-Eve.

Monday August 15 Hillbilly Band

## CLOBBER INN

Tuesday August 9 Hillbilly Band-1930

> Wednesday August 10 Movies-2015

Thursday August 11 Mount Fuji Climb

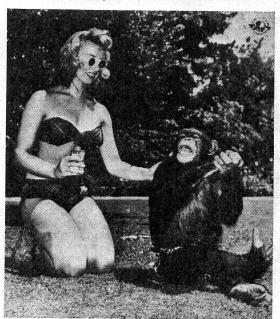
> Friday August 12 Ping-Pong Tourney-2000

Saturday August 13 Variety Show-2000

> Sunday August 14 Swing Band-1900

Monday August 15 Bingo-2000

## Beauty and the Beast



Mat No. 360—2958

Cheta, the Monk, fairly bubbles over in sheer joy as Pat Hall pats on suntan lotion—of all things—for a nice golden tan in preparation for a new Tarzan picture. Pat is featured as the Tartan Girl, Tarzan's latest jungle queen.

## NCO CLUB

Tuesday August 9 Barn Dance-Hillbilly Band

Wednesday August 10
Band-Afternoon
Band & Show-Evening

Thursday August 11 Band

> Friday August 12 Bingo

Saturday August 13 Band-Afternoon & Evening

> Sunday August 14 Band-Afternoon & Eve.

Monday August 15 Stag Nite-Free Beer-Show

## OFFICERS CLUB

Wednesday August 10 Dance

> Thursday August 11 Bridge Tournament

Friday August 12 Bingo

> Saturday August 13 Dance

Sunday August 14 Coffee Hour-0900-1015

### CHAPEL

PROTESTANT SERVICES Sunday School 0930 Worship Service 1100 Evening Discussion 1930 (Chapel Lounge)

CATHOLIC SERVICES
Saturday Confession
1900 to 2030
Sunday Mass-0700 and 0900
Weekday Services:
Mon., Tue.,
Thur., and Fri.-1645
Wed. and Sat.-0645
Thursday Novena-1915

## YOKOTA

## PERSONALS

Capt. George T. Lewis has been relieved of his duties as Finance Officer for return to the ZI.

S/Sgt. Charles E. Shanholts of Hq. Sq., 3d ABG, is on his way to Conzad, Neb to spend a 30-day emergency leave with his sick father.

Pfc. Patrick J. O'Kane, 3d Comm. Sq., is on DS to Magoya AFB for 12 weeks to attend the radio operators course.

Ferran D. Piper, 6th Photo Sq., was recently promoted to the grade of T/SGt.

Waj. Richard J. White, Hq. Sq., 3rd Bomb Wing, has been placed TDY to Tokyo to attend the AF reserve officers program conference.