

CAA AERO CENTER



"BEACON"

*"Imparting knowledge is only lighting other men's candle at our lamp--
without depriving ourselves of any flame" - Jane Porter*

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CENTER INSTRUCTORS FINISH NINE WEEK TEACHER TRAINING COURSE

The nine-week special training course offered to Center instructors through the efforts of F. M. Lanter, Director of the Aeronautical Center, and conducted by Dr. O. W. Davidson of Oklahoma University was concluded Tuesday, July 31.

Despite summer leave schedules which interfered with attendance at every session for many of the 75 who initially enrolled, a majority satisfactorily completed the "How To Instruct" course and received certificates.

During the progress of the course Dr. Davidson arranged for a demonstration of the proper use of "visual aids" to instruction with a film and a lecture by W. R. Fulton, Director of the Department of Visual Education at the university.

Later, a one hour lecture on more effective speaking techniques was given by Dr. John Keltner of the Department of Speech.

It is planned to offer a course in Public Speaking for college credit in September to be conducted by Dr. Keltner.

AIRCRAFT BRANCH LOOKING SALTY WITH COAST GUARD MEN TAKING R5D TRAINING

The Aircraft Branch looks salty these days with 12 Coast Guard R5D trainees in attendance. These men, who arrived July 31 for a four-week period ending August 25, are all Aviation Machinist Mates with rates from Chief to Third Class and are the direct supervision of Lt. C. J. Hudder, Liaison Officer whose home station is Elizabeth City, N. C. The home stations of the enlisted men are Elizabeth City, South San Francisco, and Barbers Point, Hawaii.

The origin of this program was a result of the acquisition by the Coast Guard of several R5D aircraft (Douglas DC-4). In order to operate the R5D's trained ground maintenance and flight personnel were necessary. At the request of the Coast Guard, the Center assumed the responsibility of giving the necessary training. This involves repair and maintenance training which is in process at the Aircraft Branch with instruction by Ray Matthews and Bob Spear.

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COAST GUARD



"I GIVE MY LIFE FOR YOU"

I look at my watch in the darkness. The hands glow faintly at three o'clock, Korean time. God, I'm tired. Wonder why I can't sleep. Nervous, I guess. Joe over there in the next foxhole must be asleep. Don't hear him. Hasn't a nerve in his body.

Wonder if the Reds'll hit us hard in this sector tomorrow again. What a Hell it was yesterday up on that ridge before we fell back and got out of there. Poor Jack. Doesn't know yet what hit him. Won't know for a while that he'll never play baseball again. Both legs. Wonder if I'll get it like that tomorrow. Guess I'd rather be rubbed out—God! I'm too young to die—Please God, get me through this thing alive. I want to see Mom and Dad again. And Mary. There at the dock we said we'd get married when I get back. Hope I get a letter tomorrow. Want to be sure some other Joe back there safe at home isn't taking her away from me.

Wish I could sleep. It's sure uncomfortable here. Damp. Boy, what I wouldn't give right now for a bath and a good bed and clean sheets, back home.

My thoughts go on and on. Wish I didn't have to think. Wonder if the rest of those hundred and fifty million people back there think about me and the rest of us here. Some do, I guess. However, most of them don't, I'll bet. Only those that have fellows like me over here.

Right now over there — gosh, I can see them so plain — they're riding around in their new cars, making lots of money, going to shows, dances, night clubs, going fishing over the weekend. Not that I blame them. I would, too. As long as they pitch in and do what they can to help us over here. Wonder if they really care that in the morning I might stop one — give my life for them.

THEY can't be over here, far from home on the other side of the world and see how it is. Watch us work and kill. See the blood and horror when a buddy gets hit. Hear him groan — maybe whisper 'Goodbye' to someone.

I look at my watch again. Five o'clock. It won't be long now, getting light. We've got to stop them tomorrow. Somebody's got to stop them. And the Yanks are the only ones who can do it.

Still wonder why it has to be ME over here in this foxhole. My life for my country, for YOU over there. Maybe you'll say a prayer for me tonight.

..... A.W.S.

CAA AND AVIATION

by Edith Cupp (Beacon Staff)

If I had an inspiration
To write verse as others do,
My subject would be Aviation,
Where there's always something new.

This scope which has no boundaries,
Tireless men who make it so,
Every phase, including foundries,
Makes this form of travel grow.

There are miners and the diers,
Assembly men, and vendors,
The pilot and the crew, of course,
Responsible young wenders.

But C.A.A. deserves the praise,
At least in my opinion,
For successful operation
Of the U. S. air dominion.

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WHO WORK AT NIGHT

by James J. Metcalfe

Some people have to work at night... And they must struggle on... Until the world is getting up... To greet another dawn... And that is seldom pleasant or... An easy thing to do... No matter what the wages or... The goal they have in view... For while their neighbors slumber, they... Have hours they must keep... And when the others are awake... They have to be asleep... And usually they do not have... The vigor and the vim... Of those who labor in the light... And share the social swim... But they deserve a lot of thanks... And all the praise in sight... Because they keep the world alive... Throughout the weary night.

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GUEST EDITORIAL

SOMETHING FOR NOTHING

A large percentage of our employees are not members of the Employees' Association because their reasoning tells them that they get nothing in return for their dues.

Evidently this type of person has not even one friend working side by side with him and to whom he should like to send flowers in case of illness or a death in his family. Evidently he doesn't believe in the establishment of a fund with which to underwrite social activities until such time that money can be collected from ticket sales to those participating. Evidently he doesn't believe in the pooling of money with his fellow workers for an investment that would be beneficial to himself as well as to others. Evidently he is one of the few people born on this earth without his ration of gregarious instinct that makes him want to mingle with his co-workers and to share with them the responsibilities and chores necessary in organizing and in maintaining an Association of employees of which we can be proud.

Believe it or not, there are those who, when discussing association membership, actually leave the impression they expect four dollars back for the two dollars paid in dues. So, it shouldn't be surprising when we say there are those who really want something for nothing.

The object of this is to show you how we can get SOMETHING FOR NOTHING. It can be figures like this (using 1949 figures):

Gross receipts from	
coke machines.....	2306.50
Cost of cokes.....	1779.05
Net profit from machines.....	527.45

Payments on coke machines (four each at fifteen dollars a month) amounts to 720.00 yearly. A total of 677. was paid on these machines in 1949 and 420. has been paid this year. The balance due on them is now less than 300. The number of our employees aggregates approximately 275. Why can't we all pitch in with our dues for this year and get these machines paid for. After that we should be able to reduce the dues (say 50%) and throw three or four good parties each year on our coke profits alone.

You may be inclined to say "Why pay a year's dues when only five months remain in this year?" The answer is: Someone has been carrying your association burden for you; there should be ample reward in knowing that no longer must you be dependent on your fellow worker.

Don't put it off another pay day. See your Branch secretary and pay up now.

"TOGETHER WE STICK; DIVIDED WE'RE STUCK."

R.O.

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"NEW LOOK" COMES TO AERO CENTER DC-3 WITH NEW EQUIPMENT INSTALLATION

Aeronautical Center DC-3 N-100 at Aircraft Services Branch gets a major inspection, installation of the Collins Parallel Course Line Computer, Sperry Electric Quick Erecting Gyro-Horizon, and a complete new instrument panel. The Flight Branch spent considerable time in making a new instrument arrangement which would meet the requirements of the varied flight courses offered at the Center. The new paint job is now to be standard for all CAA aircraft. Tests by Douglas Aircraft Company and some airlines have shown that by painting the top of the aircraft white, interior temperatures on the ground are reduced 10 to 20 degrees. During the week of August 21, N-100 will undergo flight test of the new equipment, including flight testing of some of the units of the PB-10 Electronic Auto-Pilot which is expected to bring final CAA engineering approval of the Auto-Pilot installation.

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CAA BEECH AIRCRAFT SPORT NEW PAINT JOBS AND POSE FOR PICTURES

Beech C-18-S aircraft assigned to the Aeronautical Center sporting their new paint jobs. On flights last week, considerable favorable comment was received from both local and other Regional personnel on the painting of the tops of the aircraft. It is proposed that in the near future these Beeches will receive some major modification by an outside contractor.

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INDOCTRINATION STARTS CLASS 13

Ten new CAA employees in Facilities maintenance arrived August 14 for Indoctrination training as Class 13, it was reported by A. D. Edgerton, Indoctrination head.

With the graduation of Class 10 on August 11 when eight CAA technicians returned to their assigned stations the Indoctrination School has trained 121 men in the 12-week course since its beginning September 12, 1949.

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SCHEDULES FOR ACCELERATED ILS/VOR TRAINING SETUP WILL BEGIN OCTOBER 2

Schedules of classes to meet the greatly expanded training program for Facilities Maintenance during the fiscal year 1951 have been drawn up for the Radio Aids ILS/VOR courses, according to a letter sent to all regional offices by the Center under date of August 4.

The expanded program, reported by the BEACON last month, provides for doubling the number of maintenance people in attendance at ILS/VOR at any one time and will get underway with Class 17 on October 2, 1950.

The ILS/VOR training will be on a continuous basis with a new class of a maximum 16 students starting each three or four weeks, depending upon the requirement of one week of administrative training.

Quoting from the letter, "Regional quotas will be two men for each class from Regions 1 to 7, inclusive, and one man for each class from Regions 8 and 9."

"Screening examinations will not be given for each class, but will be given to establish eligibility for a group of four classes. For example, Radio Aids Screening Examination No. 17 will be given for admission to classes 17, 18, 19, and 20.

"Previous practice regarding screening examinations will still be in effect; i.e., the successful passing grade (at least 70%) on any Radio Aids examination taken within one year prior to the start of any class, provided it was taken and graded before the class started for which it was written, will constitute satisfactory preparation for attending that class. However, we would like to stress again the necessity for adequate mathematical preparation of the student before he comes to the resident courses. We are gradually reducing time spent in mathematics review and definitely cannot teach the mathematics after the student enrolls for the course. All we can do is review the portion of mathematics that is needed in the course.

"At the request of the Washington Office, we will no longer return screening examinations to the regions. We will report all grades promptly and will also grade examinations for practice purposes.

ILS/VOR SCHEDULES (Continued on page 7)



VISITORS TO THE AERONAUTICAL CENTER

The following people visited the Aeronautical Center on the dates specified at the left of their names.

July 19 C. W. Larsen and W. S. Hardee, Region Seven, were conducted on a two-day tour of various branches in connection with the Executive Training Program.

July 24 Charles Pfrommer, Aircraft Control Division, Washington Office, visited the Aircraft Standardization Division.

July 26 J. P. Morris, Chief, Aircraft Control Division; L. N. Bayne, Director, Office of General Services, Don Schuler, Budget Officer, Jim Evans, Office of Federal Airways, conferred with various Branch Chiefs and the Director's Office.

July 26 Lt. C. J. Hudder, U. S. Coast Guard, arrived for several weeks' stay in connection with the Coast Guard class at the Aircraft Branch.

July 31 Scott Magness, International Region, visited the Flight Inspection Branch.

August 7 George Benzon, International Region (assigned to Civil Aviation Mission, Greece) arrived for instruction in the Flight Branch.

August 8 Al Horning, Sixth Region, arrived to pilot N-9 to Regional Office.

August 8 Messrs. Herner and Pearson, Technical Development & Evaluation Center, visited the Link Department in connection with the Slopeline Approach Mock-up.

August 11 F. P. Schur, Washington Office, was a visitor at the Flight Inspection Branch.

August 14 Messrs. Evans and Bowser, Office of Federal Airways, Washington Office, visited the Flight Inspection Branch.

August 14 Mr. Watson, Aircraft Service, Hangar 6, Washington, arrived at the Center.

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Upon completion of this first phase another group of enlisted men will be trained as flight engineers by the Aircraft and Flight Branches, and a group of officers will be given transition pilot training by the Flight Branch. This program brings back memories to the older instructors of the Coast Guard program at Houston.

Names of the men in the Coast Guard class presently at the Center are as follows:

Booth, Harold V.
Burch, Frank R.
Garvin, Ralph G.
Harrison, George L.
Hodges, James N.
Pearce, George J.
Stevens, Lawrence R.
Small, Roland L.
Tanner, Julius C.
Underwood, Lee W.
White, Wendell
Worsham, John A., Jr.

AIR FORCE MEN FINISH TRAINING

Air Force Flight Inspection Class 50-G students, completing their instruction at Facilities Flight Inspection Branch included:

Lt. D. H. Barnes
Lt. L. B. Eddington
Lt. D. W. Roderick
Lt. E. A. Via

All students were from the 1856th AACS Squadron, Tinker Air Force Base.

VAN WALD AND KINCAID TOUR

R. E. Van Wald and M. E. Kincaid were in Washington and various regional offices to confer with personnel on a prototype of a Flight Inspection Beechcraft.

JOHN TEMTE JOINS AIRCRAFT BRANCH STAFF

John N. Temte has recently transferred from the Washington Office (W-305) to the Aeronautical Center to augment the staff of the Aircraft Branch as Air Carrier Maintenance Specialist.

Mr. Temte has been with CAA for the past five and one-half years. He has served in Region 1, Region 6, and the Washington Office. His most recent assignment in W-305 was in Performance-Evaluation Section of the Air Carrier Maintenance Branch under our old friend Al Notley.

Mr. Temte, with his wife and three children, reside at 327 S.W. 44.

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ILS/VOR SCHEDULES (continued from page 5)

"The starting dates of all classes do not start at three-week intervals in some cases due to the week of Administrative Training which is given to a group of four classes simultaneously. The course length will be thirteen weeks to allow for one week of Administrative Training and four groups of three weeks each for other subjects. With this plan fully implemented, there will be a total of 64 men in ILS/VOR training at all times. Since the technical training will be divided into sections of three weeks each, we will send progress reports at three-week intervals."

Long a gleam in the eyes of Radio Aids heads and instructors the system of continuously rotating classes with the benefits of better coordination between theory classes and the laboratory sessions is at last being realized.

A complete schedule for the fiscal year 1951 as prepared by C. W. Mueller, Radio Aids head, follows:

Class No.	Starting Date	Ending Date
17	Oct. 2, 1950	Dec. 29, 1950
18	Oct. 23, 1950	Jan. 19, 1951
19	Nov. 13, 1950	Feb. 9, 1951
20	Dec. 4, 1950	Mar. 2, 1951
21	Jan. 2, 1951	Mar. 30, 1951
22	Jan. 22, 1951	Apr. 20, 1951
23	Feb. 12, 1951	May 11, 1951
24	Mar. 5, 1951	June 1, 1951
25	Apr. 2, 1951	June 29, 1951
26	Apr. 23, 1951	July 20, 1951
27	May 14, 1951	Aug. 10, 1951
28	June 4, 1951	Aug. 31, 1951

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FIRST DME COURSE IS UNDERWAY AT FACILITIES

The first DME (Distance Measuring Equipment) training course began July 25 with 15 Facilities maintenance men reporting from Regions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 7. The class will be at the Center for ten weeks, graduating Sept. 29.

Initial installations of DME equipment at VOR stations will be along the New York-Chicago airways. Region 1 sent 7 technicians and Region 3 four technicians to the new class to assure proper maintenance at these facilities.

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CRAYMER AND EIKENBERRY WORKING IN 5TH AND 1ST REGIONS

Loring G. Craymer is in the Fifth Region for a period of five weeks to work with the Flight Inspection personnel of that Region.

W. E. Eikenberry is also in the First Region working with their Flight Inspection Branch for a period of seven weeks.

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RADAR AIDS BEGAN NEW CLASS AUG. 7

Fourteen Facilities Maintenance men arrived August 7 and began training in the 14-week course covering Airport Surveillance Radar-Precision Approach Radar (ASR-PAR).

The group compose the 7th Radar Aids Class at Facilities Branch and are listed by Region elsewhere in this issue.

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NEW BUILDING ADDED TO FACILITIES

An additional two-story building was moved into the Facilities area and is being converted into classroom and office space to accommodate the new DME course.

An adjacent shelter formerly used as equipment laboratory for the discontinued VAR course will be used for DME lab. sessions.

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NEW HOMES

C. W. Mueller, Facilities Branch, and family moved into their new home at 1401 SW 53rd on August 5. Mr. Mueller and his father-in-law, Charles Kantor, built the home themselves in 11 months from foundation to the attractive blue-green Ada stone exterior.

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AMATEUR RADIO CLUB NOTES

By Carl C. Drumeller

Two students are taking advantage of the facilities offered by the Aero Center Amateur Radio Club.. W. H. Rova, ILS/VOR Unit, Radio Aids Section; and Robert Singleton, Indoc-trination Unit Radio Aids Section, have taken a turn at operating the Club's station, W5PAA.

LIKE CALLS

W5PAA has been in contact with W4PAA, Warrington, Florida. Al Ashley, Directed Study Section, was operating the Club's station at the time of the contact.

OTHER CAA STATIONS CONTACTED

During the past month W5PAA has been in contact with the following stations operated by CAA employees:

W5EHC, Carl C. Drumeller, Warr Acres, Okla.
W5GYW, William Bettis, Wichita Falls, Texas
W0BNU, Len Hooper, Chanute, Kansas
W0CKR, Taft Nicholson, Kansas City, Mo.
W0GCL, Lon "Mac" McKnight, St. James, Mo.

CAA RAGCHEW

In case you haven't already heard about it, CAA personnel of the 5th Region (also the 4th Region and Aero Center) have a social talkfest on 3960 kcs. at 0800 hours every Saturday morning. Any employee is welcome to call in. Visitors and students often will find W5PAA in operation at that hour; use it to say "hello" to the 4th and 5th Region gang.

AMATEUR EMERGENCY CORPS

The Club's station, operated by Arthur Schmitt, Robert Gardner, and William Lucey, has been in regular attendance on the Oklahoma County Amateur Emergency Corps drills held approximately every fortnight. Being one of the most powerful stations in the local section of the AEC, W5PAA is in a position to serve the community well in case of an emergency that would interrupt normal lines of communication.

NOTICE TO ALL BRANCHES

Editors of The BEACON are anxious to print any and all news of ALL Branches, but lack of time prevents personal canvassing. We print what we hear about but cannot assume responsibility.

For full representation of your Branch please submit the information of write-up you desire printed to a staff member. Our staff photographer will be glad to arrange for pictures if they are applicable.

ENTHUSIASTIC STUDENTS PEN POEM TO INDOCTRINATION INSTRUCTORS

The attitude of new employees in the CAA is generally good, it is agreed among Facilities Indoc-trination instructors.

When Class 10 graduated last Friday they submitted a punched teletype tape to Bob Swinney, one of their instructors. When Mr. Swinney ran it through a T.D. and printer, he found that it was a "poem". Filled with zeal and inspiration, Swinney composed a reply.

There were even plans for a class song, class banner, class yell and class colors, but here are the poems:

We've had sharp instructors who knew what to say

And it was really with pleasure to go to school each day—

While the breaks we've had have at times been better,

We'd much rather look at Jane Russell in a sweater.

Things though as a rule haven't been too bad, And even if at times we did get mad,

We learned something. In spite of what we could do,

It has been to advantage for us to go through. Time will come when we look back on this place

And we'll be glad to say "There we occupied space".

Right now, though, things look rosy to us, For we are going home by plane, train, or bus.

Class 10

When class number ten came into this school
The instructors were sensible and more or less cool,

But Avant, Gonzalez and Largent and Long
And the rest of that crowd came bustling along.

We pulled our hair and shrieked with disgust
Whatever could make this happen to us.

Then time went on as it will often do,
And other classes came in to learn about skew.
AVC and bias and buzz to ten

The instructors began to settle again.

But now as the time is almost here

It wouldn't be honest not to say we fear
That in our memories of times now and then
There'll always be a spot for class number ten.

The Instructors

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GENERAL SERVICES BRANCH

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ITS ORGANIZATION AND FUNCTION

The General Services Branch was organized in April 1946 and was originally known as the Inspection and Storage Base, employing 61 people of various categories. At that time, the I&SB was composed of two divisions, namely, the Supply Division and the Maintenance Division.

The Supply Division is now known as Aircraft Materiel Section and the Maintenance Division is known as Replacement Aircraft and Engines Section. Also included are the General Maintenance Section and Motor Pool Unit.

AIRCRAFT MATERIEL SECTION

The Aircraft Materiel Section stocks approximately 40,000 separate and distinct aircraft aircraft items procured from Army and Navy surplus or local purchases. It is responsible for the distribution of aircraft parts to nine Regions, Washington National Airport, International Region and Aircraft Service Section of the Aeronautical Center for 85 aircraft of various types. Aircraft supplies have also been sent to Panama, Mexico City, London and Greece.

Under the capable management of Miss Juanita Ozment, the Property Accounting Section of the Aircraft Materiel Section has initiated approximately 25,000 Stock Control Cards and posts all receipts and issues of each item to the cards, a Stock Control Card being maintained for each item. Posting is the responsibility of Miss Vivian Wells and Mrs. Ann Martin, while Mrs. Ida Lee (Jake) Smith takes care of all requisitions for the outgoing property. The Aircraft Materiel Section recently inaugurated and put into action the Automatic Stock Replenishment System which will supply the various regions automatically, parts required for the maintenance of their particular type aircraft for one year's operation. Also, they have edited and compiled a Stock Catalog and Aircraft Parts Usage list which has been distributed to all regions.

The Supply Section posts, issues, stores, ships and accounts for all supplies and equipment of the Aeronautical Center with respect to aircraft.

Roy Olinghouse is the Chief of the Warehouse Section with Assistants in charge of the various classes. James T. Jones, Jr., and Glenn

Browning handle the Douglas, Beech, and Pratt & Whitney parts. E. W. Peterman handles radio, instruments, etc. George Bell handles heavy material and larger components, while Harvey Smith and Ernest T. Hill take care of the nuts and bolts and engine accessories. At the present time, 19 buildings are being used by the Aircraft Materiel Section for both bin and bulk storage of parts and equipment. The buildings have an estimated storage space of 103,189 square feet. All available storage space is now filled to capacity.

SHIPPING AND RECEIVING

One of the most interesting sections is Shipping and Receiving, as practically all property coming into the base other than PMD is processed through Miss Mary Ava Wells. This department very often handles shipments for students and other individuals or sections at the Aeronautical Center. Leonard A. Robertson and W. C. Ladd can pack and crate almost anything. Our truck driver, Alfred Bone, also engages in pick-up and delivery service for other sections of the Center.

GENERAL MAINTENANCE SECTION

C. J. (Pete) Adams is in charge of the complaint department, for it seems it is either too hot and the air-conditioning units are not working, or it is too cold and the heat is off. His Assistants in this Maintenance Unit are Buster Davidson, Albert Barker, and Bill (Whitey) Thompson.

In case you have noticed the pickup in our transportation, you should compliment Mr. W. H. Lynn and his hard working associates, John D. (Sarge) Davis and Vernon C. Wilson. No doubt you are acquainted with Bill Merrill who never ceases trying to make us realize the proper way to prepare our vehicle reports before sending them to him.

We couldn't leave unmentioned Russell Kiggins, the man who spends most of his time on the road bringing in equipment secured from the various Army and Navy Depots.

REPLACEMENT AIRCRAFT & ENGINES SECTION

The Maintenance Division, supervised by Mr. C. R. Lower, prepares all aircraft for stor-

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age and makes periodical inspections of them. They repair and preserve new or overhauled aircraft engines in stock. Jack Wells assists at the Page Aviation shops, Cimarron Field, where our R985 engines are now being overhauled in connection with the inspection of each one. This division supervises and inspects the overhaul of aircraft engines by private contractor and during the Fiscal Year of 1950, 125 engines of various types were contracted to be overhauled.

Ted DeWitte, with his crew, are now checking the preservation of our aircraft and engines at Will Rogers Field and Cimarron Field. He is ably assisted by Scotty Sell, Charles Phillips, W. T. Knight, George Foltete, and E. Ray Tice. In the event of transfer of a stored aircraft, it is their responsibility to remove it from storage, inspect and license the aircraft for flying to whatever region it is to be assigned.

AIRCRAFT PROCUREMENT SECTION

The Aircraft Procurement Section is under the direction of our World Traveler, C. D. McCabe. His is a most interesting job as he always seems to be going or coming to various Air Force and Navy offices and depots.

The person who handles all the comings and goings, letters and orders from the entire section is Miss Asia Krause. She is still wondering how you keep track of a dozen or so people who are always moving about the base.

The man responsible for the overall operation of all of these sections is Mr. Robert W. Ray.

NEW CENTER EMPLOYEES

The Center extends welcome to the following employees:

FRIED, John B., to Aircraft Standardization Project

WELDON, Freda O., to the Personnel Office

COTIRELL, Mary Ella, to Contracts

ELGIN, Alvin R., to Aircraft Standardization Project

EMPLOYEES LEAVING CENTER

WORSTELL, Betty J. - Medical (to live in Wichita, Kansas)

HIGHTOWER, Bob J. - Aircraft Service (to enlist in military service)

KELLY, C. W. - Mail & Files (to private industry)

SARGE DAVIS MAKES FLIGHT THROUGH RAINSTORM

July 30th, the day Mr. Davis was to fly to Frederick to breakfast with other flyers, dawned clear. During the flight to Frederick he had to fly blind and hope he would come out at the Frederick Airport. Apparently he has a marvelous sense of direction, because he came out exactly right. The breakfast Sarge attended was sponsored by the Frederick Flying Service for numerous flyers. There were seven from Keith Kahle Aviation, Inc. who attended the breakfast. Sarge flew a Cessna 140. He now has his Private Pilot's License and is working toward his Commercial. On the return trip from Frederick, he again flew through a rainstorm, flying blind a good portion of the flight, but arrived home intact.

Since his Frederick flight, Sarge has made two flights: one a cross-country flight to Little Rock in a Cessna 120, and another over cities between here and Pauls Valley in a P.T. Trainer. On the return trip from Pauls Valley, just over Tinker Field one motor left a stream of smoke and was burned out when he landed. Most said they would have bailed out, but Sarge thought he could make it to the airport. He did.

ROYALTY AT FACILITIES

Under the glass on Claude Gardner's desk in the Chief's office at Facilities Branch lies a large Washington Organization Reference sheet, dated Sept. 1, 1949.

That's not a bit unusual, is it. But, the first office listed in the upper left corner is the Office of the Administrator, the name of the CAA Administrator, Mr. Rentzel, and then his secretary.

Well, that, too, isn't a bit unusual. But then, directly, under that appears the Deputy Administrator for Operations, D. W. Nyrop, followed by his secretary, a Miss Bernice Walters!

Now, that may not appear at all unusual either — EXCEPT THAT, Miss Bernice Walters is now secretary to Mr. Gardner!!

Miss Walters is now Mrs. Ava B. Reed who only last month joined the Facilities staff. Her husband, Alfred C. Reed, transferred to Oklahoma City from Houston and is Aviation Safety Agent at Will Rogers Field.



Above is a group of the CAA Softball team. They are identified as follows: Top Row, left to right; George J. Dennis, Norman H. Salles, C. R. Skidmore, Clyde R. Elliott, Glen A. Kirk, Edgar J. Ruof. Second Row, left to right; Wilbert H. Busch, Harold D. Murphy (Manager), Joel A. Chennault and James E. Deaver.

SOFT BALL TEAMS OF CAA AND VA BATTLE IN FIVE GAME SERIES

by Ann Martin

Our soft ball team is still battling it out. This past month our team lost to the VA team 12-7. They are now scheduled to play a five game series with the VA team and the loser gives the winner a party. Their first game in this series was August 9th, and the VA won 10-8. The line-up for the team is as follows:

Eddie Ruof	- Short Stop
James Deaver	- Second Base & Field Captain
C. R. Skidmore	- Catcher
George Dennis	- First Baseman
Joel Chennault	- Third Baseman
Clyde R. Elliott	- Right Field
L. C. Boyles	- Center Field
Glen A. Kirk	- Left Field
Harold Murphy	- Pitcher & Manager

Alternates

Wilbert H. Busch
Johnny Holden
Norman Salles
Ira Taylor

SPORTS RAINED OUT

It appears July should have been a good month for hobbies since the amount of precipitation held our sports activities at a very low minimum.



The members of the Veterans Administration (Hospital) Softball team are identified as: Top Row, left to right; Jack Bryant, Wallace Iron, Frank (Dusty) Rhodes, Victor W. Miranov, Johnnie C. Tolleson and Cecil W. Ford (Manager). Second Row, left to right; Robert (Red) Feigley, Alfred L. Perkins, Walter V. Wiley and John E. Travis.

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BOWLERS NEAR FOUL LINE AS PLANS ARE MADE FOR NEW SEASON

It is almost time to dig out the shoes and polish up the ball.

Bowling season begins 8:30 Monday evening, September 11, at Brantley's Alleys.

An organization meeting will be held some time during the week of August 21 for the purpose of forming teams and adopting rules for the coming season.

The schedule is now limited to 12 teams, and we hope to be able to have a team to represent each department, or section.

CALLING ALL BOWLERS!!!

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GAME AND FISH NEWS

by C. L. Daniels

It appears that our friend Howard Wilson has become quite a fisherman having taken a nice string home from a recent trip to Lake Canton. What is your secret Howard?

Luther Russell of PMD after 5 years of abstaining from chasing finny tribe decided to try his luck at fishing. Borrowing equipment which consisted of a cane pole and bobber he set forth for Okarche, returning a few hours later with a 5 lb. channel catfish and pictures to prove it.

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HARRY DONCEEL ATTENDS SCHOOL WITH 45TH NATIONAL GUARD

Harry Donceel, a member of the recently activated 45th Division of the Oklahoma National Guard, is now on military leave. He is attending a school pertaining to the duties and headaches of post exchange management. Unless the Great White Father can intercede, Harry will be leaving for Camp Polk, La., the first of September along with the rest of the Division. Best of luck, Harry.

FLOWERS ADORN FACILITIES

Over and above his duties in building and grounds maintenance, Charles Evans found time during the Spring and Summer to plant trees and flower beds here, there, and everywhere in the Facilities Branch area.

The trees are doing well now, and as for the posies, the blooming things are almost daily gathered into bouquets to adorn secretarial desks. So here's a bouquet for you, Mr. Evans.

ILLNESSES

Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Ebner returned the latter part of July from Seguien, Texas, where they attended the bedside of Mrs. Ebner's mother, who had suffered a stroke. She is now reported to be getting along as well as could be expected.

Esther Woods has been able to work only part time during the last several days due to the illness of her mother. She is now somewhat improved. Esther informs us that she is still in debt to the hospital blood bank and should like to receive offers from donors to contribute a pint. Any type blood is acceptable. If you should like to help, please contact Esther and get details.

Odessa Hughes is back on the job after spending several days at the hospital attending to her two-year-old baby, Cheryl. Cheryl is now at home but is still under treatment for a condition that causes her to run an occasional and extremely high fever.

WHO'S WHO HERE

E. W. PETERMAN

General Services Branch

Mr. Peterman, better known as Pete, is a Storekeeper in the Aircraft Materiel Section. He has been here at Will Rogers Field nine years; the first five years he was associated with the Quartermaster, and the past four years with the CAA. We find Pete always willing to help wherever he can in addition to keeping up his own work.

Pete is another one of our many fishermen and derives great pleasure from fishing and hunting as well. We'll tell you all about his next deer hunt in a later issue. He is also fond of football and baseball; however, he derives his greatest pleasure from his outdoor sports.

As a very small boy Pete heard a song which he has never forgotten, "Millionaire Tramp" song. It's doubtful that very many people have heard it, but if you can catch Pete in the right mood, get him to sing it for you. You'll not forget it.

In concluding our interview with Pete, his last statement was, "I'm the wealthiest man in the world." Upon asking why, he said, "I have the sweetest wife, two swell children, and four wonderful grandchildren."

SLONE ON MILITARY LEAVE

Melvin S. Slone, Facilities Flight Inspection Branch, is at camp for the Air National Guard. He will be at Kelly Field, San Antonio, Texas, for a period of two weeks.

STORK FLIES

Mr. and Mrs. Howard J. Barnett are beaming over their new daughter, whom they named Marsha Leah. Mr. Barnett reports that all is going well — Marsha just about has them trained.

NEW HOMES

Cecil Skidmore has purchased a new home on SW 47th just west of Western. He and his family hope to be moving in very soon.

Rayford Orren has negotiated for a new home at 1624 Reding in Rancho Village. Completion date of the house and moving date very uncertain.

Vacation Days



FLIGHT INSPECTION

Elwyn Rowe, Facilities Flight Inspection Branch, is on a four-weeks vacation visiting relatives and just enjoying life in general in sunny California. Latest reports are that Mr. and Mrs. "Stew" Fraker are also with him. We are now wondering if Mr. Rowe is going to remember to take time off to rest up from his vacation before returning to work.

Muriel Moss, Facilities Flight Inspection Branch, has headed for Ohio and Indiana on a two-weeks vacation.

FACILITIES

Claude E. Gardner and family vacationed in Louisiana the week of Aug. 6-12 and comments from Mr. Gardner, upon his return, ranged through such such things as "40 bass and trout the first day"; "Pulling the jeep through a slough with its winch"; "Chiggers"; "Sunburn"; "Car door damaged by two trees"; "Broke my glasses the first day"; "Happy to be back"; "A week is long enough".

A. D. Edgerton and family leave Friday for a two week vacation in Idaho. They will join the family celebration of the Golden Wedding anniversary of Mrs. Edgerton's parents.

AIRCRAFT SERVICE

Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey F. McNally returned last week from a vacation trip that took them through the Ozarks in Arkansas and Missouri. According to Mac, it was more of a trip to break in his new Dodge than to take a vacation.

The George Hudsons and the Monroe Ebners are not visiting one another so much any more even though they still live next door. Each has a new television set to keep them at home.

AIRWAYS OPERATIONS

Herbert Bridges, Airways Operations, left August 7 for Seattle for a month of annual leave

SAFETY OPERATIONS

Our Airman Standards Section has had practically all of its instructors on field duty or vacations lately, with Leland Covert on duty in Fort Worth, Texas; Paul Young in Denver, Colorado; T. K. Archer in Kansas City, Missouri; and Thomas Hutchins in Houston, Texas.

The Flight Operations Section also has sent its instructors into the field for proficiency maintenance training, with Alden Barnard combining duty with pleasure in Los Angeles, California; Virgil Holden vacationing in Upland, California, and John Hann relaxing and taking it easy visiting in Alabama and St. Louis.

David Baker and Nicholas Rudasill of the Engineering Flight Test Section have both stayed close to home on their vacations, undoubtedly doing more work around the house than relaxing.

The instructors of the Simulated Flight Training Section seem to have gotten the bug of new houses in their blood, as witness Roy Speakes' new home at S. W. 50th and Robert Linn's new home at 4700 N. Norman. Guess they've been using their vacation time to get settled and rested up after moving. Gordon Post, too, has been vacationing, in Texas, no doubt driving there in his new 1950 Mercury.

June Donceel, Safety Operations Office, decided it was time she too took her vacation, so she is in Little Rock, Arkansas, with her young daughter, Diane, visiting June's sister and husband.

Just about the only one left to take a vacation is Marion Abshere, who will start her vacation on August 21.

Last, but not least, Doris Hartley is vacationing out in Los Angeles and Long Beach, California.

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GENERAL SERVICES BRANCH

Mr. & Mrs. C. R. Lower left on a two weeks vacation around July 22nd and returned with some very interesting stories of places they had visited.

First stop was Herrington, Kansas to visit with Mr. Lower's brother. From there, they drove to Denver, their old hometown, visiting with friends and acquaintances. While at Denver, they drove to Estes Park, a very restful and picturesque spot in the mountains. The town itself is small and kept up mostly by tourist trade. During some months of the year, Estes Park is covered with snow, mountain passes are closed, and at times, it is a skier's paradise. However, this time of year, it's a beautiful sight and is a fisherman's paradise. Passes are open, and the rider's trail is well worn by Mother Nature lovers. With all this sight-seeing Mrs. Lower found time to prepare a Mexican dinner for 14 persons one evening while in Denver. Our friend, Mr. Lower, picked up a good suntan.

Oklahoma City friends met the Lowers at Denver driving with them to Central City. Bars flourish in Central City; however, after a brief stop they drove on through Bertoud Pass, next stop being Idaho Springs where the two couples separated.

Awakening one morning after spending a night in Frisco, Colorado, they found the car covered with ice. They drove through Wolf Creek Pass and on to Durango where the inhabitants were having their 13th Annual Fiesta Celebration and MGM was on location filming "Across the Wide Missouri" starring Clark Gable. The actors wore beards and the Indians to be filmed were staging tribal dances.

At Mesa Verde, they saw the one time homes of the Cliff Dwellers said to have lived in the caves there some 3000 years ago. The Lowers were fortunate enough to see "Esther", a mummified body found in one of the caves there, believed to be the only complete body of a mummy ever found in that part of the country. The girl was believed to have been about 29 at the time of her death.

Heading home through Albuquerque, N. M., they stopped at Long Horn Ranch, Long Horn, N. M., finding quite a Western style bar and museum on the ranch. In his collection, the owner has the gold plates once owned by Diamond Jim

Brady, a collection of guns of all descriptions used in the olden days, and many other articles of various descriptions. Mrs. Lower paused to look at the various collections and upon turning around, was startled to find the bar tender with a Van Dyke haircut and mustache. Later the Deputy Sheriff, also, with a Van Dyke Haircut, took them riding in a stage coach. He turned off the music on his speaker and spoke into it saying, "Just got word the Indians are on the war path. Should meet up with them at the next pass. Riders will find guns under the front seat". (What happened? Were the Indians more interested in the bartender? Editor)

Since the last issue of the paper, Ava Wells has been to Missouri for a short visit with relatives. It would seem her trips always agree with her.

NEW CARS

Have you noticed all the new automobiles that Facilities Branch personnel have been sporting? Just listen to this:

Kenneth Jenkins has acquired a new four-door Buick, no less.

Charles Mueller is the proud possessor of a new Plymouth club coupe, purchased August 11. (The name plate on the front of the car is distinctive in its unique spelling, as noted above).

William E. Lucey has been sporting a sleek new Mercury sedan since July 26.

Ask Hattie Reeder, alias Paul Revere of the midnight ride, if she has lost her handbag lately?

OUR SYMPATHIES

Norma Trogdon's grandfather passed away early this morning. Miss Trigdon is a Facilities secretary and BEACON staff member.

**TRAINING ARRIVALS
FACILITIES ASR-PAR CLASS 7
Arrived August 7**

<u>REGION 1</u>	<u>REGION 2</u>
Brady, W.	Anderson, W. P.
Cross, R.	Norman, R. E.
Morrison, M.	
Stark, M.	<u>REGION 4</u>
Wheeler, S.	Weber, Marvin E.
Wright, M. C.	
<u>REGION 7</u>	<u>REGION 5</u>
Brandt, Wm. A.	Frashier, Alva L.
Dyke, Harold D.	
Schmitt, Gordon W.	<u>REGION 6</u>
	Matthews, H. R.

**TRAINING ARRIVALS
FACILITIES INDOCTRINATION CLASS 13
Arrived August 14**

<u>REGION 1</u>	
Cosman, Alvin	Richmond, Va.
Gerchak, Joseph J.	Pittsburgh, Pa.
<u>REGION 3</u>	
Ebbeler, Donald H.	Evansville, Ind.
Kurth, Clifford C.	Bowlinggreen, Ky.
Reynolds, Homer, Jr.	Dayton, Ohio
<u>REGION 4</u>	
Booker, James L.	Houston, Texas
<u>REGION 5</u>	
Cottle, Elmer C.	Eagle, Colo.
<u>REGION 8</u>	
Beals, Ethan L.	Corvallis, Ore.
Haskin, Richard H.	to Alaska
Lairmore, Wilber J.	to Alaska

**TRAINING ARRIVALS
FACILITIES DME CLASS #1
Arrived July 24**

<u>REGION 1</u>	
Granickas, V.	Teterboro, N. J.
Hackerty, H. M.	Allentown, Pa.
Heckman, N. M.	Philadelphia, Pa.
Hyatt, C. E.	Selinsgrove, Pa.
Paledes, T. P.	Jamaica, N. Y.
Savickas, J. M.	Philipsburg, Pa.
Shulsinger, M.	Jamaica, N. Y.

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**TRAINING ARRIVALS
FACILITIES DME CLASS #1
Arrived July 24**

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<u>REGION 2</u>	
Mitchell, Charles S.	Atlanta, Ga.
<u>REGION 3</u>	
Borgeldt, K. G.	Toledo, Ohio
Garrett, W. E.	Chicago Hts., Ill.
Kahn, R. V.	Cleveland, Ohio
Westfall, W. D.	Youngstown, Ohio
<u>REGION 4</u>	
Lenox, J.	Ft. Worth, Texas
<u>REGION 5</u>	
Emanuel, Floyd C.	Kansas City, Mo.
<u>REGION 7</u>	
Watson, Charles W.	Seattle, Wash.

**TRAINING DEPARTURES
FACILITIES INDOCTRINATION CLASS 10
Departed August 11**

<u>REGION 2</u>	
Avant, Vernon	Atlanta, Ga.
Ratzlaff, Raynold H.	Atlanta, Ga.
<u>REGION 3</u>	
Graham, Harold R.	Indianapolis, Ind.
Mesenbring, Charles A.	Minneapolis, Minn.
Thompson, Ernest E.	Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.
<u>REGION 8</u>	
Largent, John T.	Anchorage, Alaska
Long, Merle J.	Fairbanks, Alaska

INTERNATIONAL REGION

Gonzales, Jorge A.	Panama City, Panama
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EISENBACH RETURNS FROM BUSINESS TRIP

M. E. Eisenback, Facilities Radio Aids Chief, returned Monday evening, August 14, from an extended business trip in the East. He conferred with officials in Washington, with the engineers of Federal Radio and Telegraph in Nuteley, N. J., and Hazeltine Corp. in regard to DME equipment, and with General Electric people in Syracuse, N. Y., concerning radar equipment.



Procrastination

A merchant took out a fire insurance policy, and the same day his store burned to the ground. The insurance company suspected fraud, but couldn't prove anything. It had to content itself with writing the following letter: Dear Sir: You took out an insurance policy at 10:00 A.M. and your fire did not break out until 3:30 P.M. Will you kindly explain the delay?"

The Reckoning

Two men worked side by side in a large office. They never spoke, but each watched the other. One man quit work daily at 4:00 o'clock. The other toiled until 6:00, or later. Some weeks passed. Then the harder working of the two approached the other. "I beg your pardon", he said. "Do you mind telling me how you can clean up your work every day at 4:00 o'clock?" "Not at all", said the other man. "When I come to a tough piece of detail, I mark it. 'Refer to Smith'. I figure that in an outfit as large as this, there is sure to be a man named Smith. And I must be right; none of those papers comes back to me." The harder worker started to remove his coat. "Brother," he said "prepare for action. I'm Smith."

"Mary, aren't you getting too big to play with boys?"

"No, mother, the bigger I get the better I like 'em!"

Lawyer (defending pretty client) "Shall this lovely young woman be thrown into a lonely cell, or shall she return to her cozy little apartment at 69 Rocknell Street, Telephone Main 42377-J?"

The driver is safer when the roads are dry;
the roads are safer when the driver is dry.

One very angry skunk to another: "So do you"!

Notice in Illinois Paper: "P.T.A. Rummage Sale Friday in High School. Good chance to get rid of anything not worth keeping, but too good to throw away. Bring your husband"!

Among those books that have unhappy ends is the family check book.

Fat little bankroll before we part,
Let me press you to my heart.
I've scrimped and saved through the year,
Cut down on cigars, gambling, and beer.
Faithfully I've added to your weight,
But alas, little bankroll, here's your fate,
Wifie and you tomorrow will start
Off to an expensive furrier's mart;
You'll meet a furrier, she'll drape a sable,
She'll come back, but you'll not be able.

Editor: "Say, this story can't be printed. It says here ~~that~~ the heroine was nude".
Author: "That's all right. I cover her with remorse in the next paragraph"!

Ain't it the Truth?

"Now boys", said the teacher "after what I have explained of the lion's fierceness, strength, and daring, can any of you name a single animal that the king of beasts stands in awe of"? Up shot little Billy's hand. "Well", the teacher asked, "which is the animal"? Billy: "Please, teacher, the lioness"!

Perfect Peace

Little Georgie received a new drum for Christmas, and shortly thereafter, when Father came home from work one evening, mother said: "I don't think that man upstairs likes to hear Georgie play his drums, but he's certainly subtle about it".

Father: "Why"?

Mother: "Well, this afternoon he gave Georgie a knife, and asked him if he knew what was inside the drum".

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