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Miss AWS Race Closes; Votes Due November 14

This month brought to a close the acceptance of entries in the world-wide search for a Miss Air Weather Service of 1956. Entries from Miss AWS candidates received at the **Observer** offices prior to the October 10 deadline totaled 43, all of whose pictures appear in this issue on pages 2, 4 and 5. A reader's ballot for selecting the finalists is also printed on page 5.

Readers are being asked to indicate their choice on the official ballot both by name and number. To be counted, votes must be received at AWS headquarters no later than November 14. Use of air mail is suggested.

No votes will be valid unless submitted on the official printed ballot, which may be removed from the paper without destroying any of the reading matter.

Judging To Follow

Finalists' pictures will be published in the November issue of the **Observer**. Original entry photographs of the finalists will be sent immediately to George Gobel, John Robert Powers and Mi[illegible] tion of Miss Air Weather Service of 1956.

Announcement of the winner is planned for the Christmas issue of the command newspaper. Further details of the presentation of the award will be given at that time.

Many Units Represented

Miss AWS hopefuls represent 22 units of the global Air Weather Service, including AWS headquarters and the Data Control division at Asheville, N. C.

Heading the list in participation is the 1st Weather group at Offutt AFB, Nebr., with six entries. Following closely are the Data Control division with five entries and the 11th Weather squadron and AWS headquarters with four each.

Ten overseas entries were received. Eight AWS employees submitted photographs and seven Wafs are candidates.

Single Girls Outnumbered

Despite the Miss AWS designation, more than twice as many entries have come in from married women as from true Misses —29 married to 14 unmarried.

Among the 43 candidates for the title, 36 different first names are represented. Betty leads in popularity, but not by much—three entries came from Bettys. Close runners-up are Alice, Barbara, Edith, Mary and Patricia, with two each, plus a Patricianne.

Only one last name is duplicated among the contestants—Johnson. Surprisingly enough, there are no Joneses or Smiths among the Miss AWS title-seekers.

Pictures of candidates in this issue have been arranged to facilitate use as a bulletin-board display. It has been suggested that, if time permits, voting be held within the unit to determine which candidate or candidates be given the vote on the official ballot.

Career News

Latest information from AWS headquarters on weather career field changes is that detailed instructions will soon be forwarded to AWS field units on the implementation of the changes.

AWS will soon send out a letter supplement to the USAF directions for conversion contained in Change 1E to AFM 35-1.

MOTHER TAKES A LOOK at what her son-in-law is up to. Mrs. Rosa Hay gets some weather pointers from son-in-law Lt. Col. Gene E. Drubek, forecast center director at Pepperrell AFB in Newfoundland. A group of visiting mothers recently toured the facilities of the 5th Weather group in a special off-season observance of Mother's Day.

Weather Blesses Gunnery Meet As USAF Pilots Joust at Nellis

The USAF Fighter Gunnery and Weapons meet held during the last week of September at Nellis AFB, Nev., had unusually good weather. Weather support for the meet was provided by Detachment 3 of the 24th Weather squadron at Nellis and a mobile upper-air unit from the 6th Weather squadron at Tinker AFB, Okla.

Conditions were considered ideal for firing—clear skies and virtually no turbulence aloft. Both air-to-air and air-to-ground phases of the meet were held under almost perfect atmospheric conditions, officials report.

Maj. William L. Dotson, AWS detachment commander at Nellis, acted as meet weather officer, assisted by 2d Lt. Dale A. Goudeau and A/1c Jack Wolfe.

From Tinker, the 6th squadron sent M/Sgt. J. H. Gann jr. and 11 other mobile weathermen to man the upper-wind section at the Indian Springs gunnery range. These men were commended for the excellent job they did.

Pibal runs to 25,000 feet were made every hour at each range during the meet, starting daily at 4 a.m. Participating teams expressed great appreciation for the accuracy with which upper winds were reported.

Participation in the meet by the very latest in aircraft and weapons brought forcibly to the fore, observers state, the need for weathermen to strive for constantly increasing proficiency and capability to provide proper support to an ever-improving national arsenal.

The **Observer** regretfully reports the deaths of the following Air Weather Service personnel:

Capt. William B. Lane and 2d Lt. Robert H. Gingles, Detachment 11, 6th Weather group, on September 19, in an aircraft accident near Erie, Pa.

A/1c Vincent C. Naumann, Detachment 5, 12th Weather squadron, on September 26, in an aircraft accident near Niagara Falls, N. Y.

Lt. Col. John E. Conley, formerly of AWS, on September 26, in an aircraft accident near Belton, Mo. Colonel Conley was assigned to the 1002d Inspector General group at Norton AFB, Calif.

75 AWS Lieutenants Promoted To Captain

Pleasant word of selection for promotion to the temporary grade of captain came this month for the following 75 present and former AWS officers, with effective dates as indicated:

AWS Headquarters — Arthur G. Builta, Oct. 13; Arthur J. Brojer, Oct. 20; John A. Cooper, Oct. 24; and John D. Reitz, Jan. 6.

1st Wing — John W. Arnold, Oct. 10; Fred H. Bullard, Oct. 25; James L. Wilson, Nov. 3; Aubrey M. Brim, Nov. 22; Ralph C. Simmons, Dec. 6; Gerald K. Evans jr., Dec. 8; and Jordan W. Grant, Dec. 22.

Also James R. Liles, Dec. 26; Eugene R. Hoppe, Dec. 27; John J. Boyd, Dec. 30; Albert B. Hollinden, Jan. 2; Raymond A. Durr, Jan. 4; Robert R. Rambo, Jan. 12; Jack D. Cook, Jan. 31; Virgil M. Gibson, Feb. 16; and Hugh E. Boyer, Mar. 23.

2nd Wing—Albert W. Maden, Oct. 3; Howard O. Evans, Oct. 12; Howard L. R. Fager, Oct. 14; Richard G. Read, Oct. 26; William E. Cummins II, Nov. 1; and Robert H. Johnson, Feb. 2.

Also William E. Allen, Apr. 13; Myron K. Cox, Apr. 16; Harold L. Fox, Apr. 16; William D. Brockmeyer, Apr. 19; Eugene M. Fetner (separated), Apr. 20; and Blair M. Younkin, Apr. 27.

1st Group—Leo J. Innerbichler, Oct. 28; William C. Myer, Dec. 2; Milton H. Sipple jr., Dec. 15; William A. Barnes jr., Dec. 16; Ray T. Telfer, Mar. 27; Edmund W. Gray, Apr. 18; James D. Norton jr., Apr. 20; and Lloyd F. Dore jr. (separated), Apr. 23.

2d Group—Jay D. Pinson, Dec. 2; Howard L. McGuff, Jan. 27; Lelyn W. Nybo, Feb. 13; Humphrey J. Hancock, Apr. 11; and Clarence B. Elam, Apr. 23.

3d Group—Stuart D. Bremner, Oct. 10; Robert E. Matthews, Oct. 18; Edward L. Grooms, Nov. 10; Preston B. Sampson, Nov. 18; William A. Kalberer, Feb. 13; and Dean E. Roberts, Feb. 13.

4th Group and 6th Squadron—None.

5th Group—Ben H. Houston, Apr. 12; and Ralph W. Thomas, Apr. 17.

6th Group—Richard D. Evans, Nov. 8.

7th Group—Robert E. Parry, Oct. 7; Alfaroz P. Walton, Nov. 7; Gerald Stallings, Nov. 30; Samuel J. Templeton, Apr. 3; and Billy M. Vaughn, Apr. 13.

8th Group—Vera H. Fink, Oct. 17; Gordon Choy jr., Oct. 21; and Robert F. Plomb, Nov. 3.

9th Group—Arthur L. Laurin, Oct. 5; Wallace C. Seavey, Nov. 21; William N. Steshko, Nov. 28; Phillip F. Rice, Dec. 16; James D. Magargee, Feb. 20; and Walter T. Burchak, Apr. 13.

Formerly of AWS — Don N. Rogers, 3565th OTW, Oct. 11; James E. Shipman, 40th AD, Oct. 14; John P. Convey jr., 3535th OTW, Oct. 17; Lincoln D. Faurer, 3565th OTW, Oct. 18; Jacob F. Stowers, 99th ATS, Nov. 4; Robert E. Powell, 6966th Tech Trng sq, Dec. 27; and Thomas D. Potter, USAFIT Hq, Apr. 20.

AWS Launches New Radio Show Coast to Coast

Air Weather Service is on the air coast to coast.

Last month a series of 15-minute radio programs, featuring stories of the Air Force weathermen and backed up by the music of the USAF Dance Band, began on ten Clear-Channel network stations across the country.

Produced at AWS headquarters, the radio show titled "Sky High" carries special news reports and documentary and dramatic presentations of AWS weather operations. Music is provided by the Airmen of Note, official dance band component of the USAF Band.

Programs are currently scheduled for weekly broadcasting through June 1956 over the facilities of the Clear-Channel Broadcasting service, an association of 50,000-watt stations.

Local newspapers will carry listings of the scheduled time for the AWS program in various areas of the country.

Producer of the show is 2d Lt. Richard L. Spears of the AWS headquarters information services office. Prior to his recent entry on active duty, Lieutenant Spears worked on such network programs as NBC's "It Happens to You" and Morgan Beatty's "News of the World."

In the field of television, he was associated with NBC's Midwestern Hayride."

Rawin Record Challenged By 25th Squadron

Last month the **Observer** published a story on the 2,000th consecutive successful rawinsonde run by Detachment 10 of the 4th Weather group in which the unit challenged other units to beat their record. Following is the text of a reply to that challenge received from Capt. James C. Ohrman, commander of Detachment 19, 25th Weather squadron:

"Congratulations to Detachment 10, 4th Weather group, for placing second to Detachment 19, 25th Weather squadron, in the number of consecutive successful rawinsonde releases.

"As of July 19, 1955, when Detachment 10 sent up its 2,000th balloon, we had sent aloft number 2,136. Our last unsuccessful flight was the 0300Z run of January 31, 1954. Our mark stands at 20 consecutive months of 100% completion. Throughout this period, the average height for this detachment is a very respectable 79,505 feet.

"The rawinsonde section at Mitchel AFB, New York, operates on a four-run-a-day schedule and is still going strong, with hopes of extending their string for some time. The NCOIC of the rawinsonde section, T/Sgt. Richard T. O'Donnell, now issues the challenge to other stations to beat our record."

Save This Paper It Contains a Ballot For Miss AWS Vote Only Official Ballot May Be Used— Send Your Vote Today

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The Vote's the Payoff

This issue throws the ball to you—the readers.

Lovely ladies throughout Air Weather Service, 43 strong, have made the first phase of the Miss AWS contest a rousing success. Their entries are in.

But no contest is worth-while unless the voters go to the polls, figuratively speaking, and firmly proclaim their collective preferences.

When you receive this issue of the **Observer,** the polls are open for the title of Miss Air Weather Service of 1956. The polls close on November 14—the ballot is on page 5.

On behalf of the 43 contestants, this newspaper earnestly solicits your careful consideration and speedy vote. The choice will not be an easy one.

At this point, YOUR vote is needed to determine which of the entrants are to be presented for the decision of the three eminent judges.

Remember—the vote's the payoff. (JDR)

DREADING SUMMER'S END with a faraway look in her eyes—a common malady in the midst of October's bright blue weather—is the most uncommon Miss Marjorie Hellen, a 20th Century-Fox player who brings summer to the hearts of men.

It Ain't Easy — by Andy

Spare the Rod — But Keep It Loaded

The subject of hazard pay has always been hotter than a two-dollar shotgun. It seems to me that if guys are justified in getting extra pay for herding clouds in a Gooney Bird, bubbling around in a submarine or bailing out of airplanes with howitzers strapped on their backs, there is certainly one other profession which deserves a little of this extra-hazard cabbage.

I refer, of course, to the nursery schoolteacher.

I have always had a passion for female schoolteachers, so when one asked me to attend a nursery school party last week, I couldn't refuse. I thought it odd that her head was swathed in bandages and that she was carrying a burp gun, but nevertheless I accepted her kind invitation to the kiddies' party. Party—hah! Less blood was spilled in the Folsom prison break.

Having been in the same room with 20 four-year-old monsters, I now know what motivated Edgar Allan Poe to write "The Pit and the Pendulum." If the energy released by 20 little moppets could be harnessed, the H-bomb would be relegated to the firecracker class.

As the party got under way, I approached a cute little freckled tyke who was sitting quietly in the corner, eating out of the paste pot. "'Lo there, little fellow," I said. "Isn't this a nice party?"

The cute little tyke uttered a low growl, bared his teeth, grabbed his paste pot and hightailed it into the men's room and slammed the door.

Nonplussed, I walked over to a fun-loving lad who was busily installing a time bomb in his teacher's lunchbox. "Isn't this a nice party, little boy?" I said hesitantly.

"Stinks," he said. "Look at these dames. What a bunch of goons. Now, you take Forestville; they've got some queens over there." I patted him on the head and left him to his work.

Over by the window, three cute little four-year-olds were playing quietly together with their teacher. On closer scrutiny, I saw that the little angels were playing Joan of Arc and had the teacher lashed to the clothes tree. I went over just as they set fire to the wastebasket contents they had scattered around her.

"With all that fat, she'll burn real good," said a sweet little girl with long, golden curls. ". . . and crackle and pop keen," added a demure little freckled moppet.

Not wishing to disturb their creative play period, I went into the class taught by a Mrs. Livingston.

Things were much quieter in Mrs. Livingston's class. I noticed the bulge under her bulletproof vest where she carried her shoulder holster. As she read "Little Bo-Peep" to the children, she would punctuate each sentence with a crack of the long bullwhip that lay coiled at her feet.

As the class prepared to recite, I said to Mrs. L., "You certainly are a good teacher. You have complete mastery of the situation." She looked furtively around and said under her breath:

"Don't tell anyone, Sport, but I ain't no teacher. I used to be a guerilla leader for Tito." She winked and twanged the gaboon across the room with a well-aimed quid.

As I left, slightly dazed, I heard a tiny, squeaky voice reciting:

"I shot an arrow into the air;
It fell to earth I know not where—
Lose more gol-darned arrows that way."

And airplane drivers get hazard pay. Hah!

ON THE skew-T

AWS Global Report

At Scott AFB, Ill., students of the Officers Communication school are taken on conducted tours of the base weather station. Weather personnel explain the ZI weather communications system to students, emphasizing the dependence on adequate communications for the performance of the AWS mission.

Wives of the 2d Wea wg have banded together at Furstenfeldbruck, Germany, to form a local "Operation Helping Hand" club. The charitable organization will collect old clothes and toys from American personnel, repair the articles and deliver them to deserving families. Ki Cavender will direct the over-all activities of the club. Other committee heads are Evelyn Purdy, Sewing; Fran Baker, Distribution; and Tess Palermo and Poppy Williamson on the Collections committee.

Personnel of Det 1, 15th Wea sq, assisted the Thailand air force in ferrying six T-33-type aircraft from Tokyo to Bangkok by forecasting the weather for the portion of the route from Clark AFB to Bangkok.

Senator Henry M. Jackson recently visited the 58th WRS at Eielson AFB, Alaska, and flew on a Ptarmigan flight. He was briefed on all phases of the Ptmarigan mission. On completion of the flight, Senator Jackson was presented a membership certificate in "The Order of the Arctic Realm" for having flown north of the Arctic Circle.

CWO Harry H. Hoffman, Det 28, 3d Wea sq, provided the forecasting service for the Bendix Trophy air race from Victorville, Calif., to Philadelphia. Additional support was

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43 Shirley Christofferson
1st Weather Group

AWS Hopefuls For Miss Title Vie for Crown

1 Edith R. Adams
Detachment 2, 11th Squadron

2 Clarice J. Sorenson
Detachment 12, 9th Group

3 Patricianne Roberts
9th Weather Squadron

4 Dona I. Young
55th Reconnaissance Squadron

WEATHER BUREAU TEACHERS Jerome Namias (left in civilian clothes) and Harry Hawkins explains a fine point of extended-period forecasting to AWS weather officers attending a training program class near Washington, D. C. In uniform, left to right, are 1st Lt. Donald C. Wilfong, Maj. Franklin P. Hall, 1st Lt. Gerald Reck and Maj. Clarence O. Seaman, all of AWS.

Long-Range Forecasting Course Given 12 AWS Officers Yearly

Each year 12 AWS weather officers attend training sessions in extended-period forecasting held by the US Weather Bureau at Suitland, Md., just outside Washington, D. C.

Classes in the course begin in January, April and September of each year and continue for 13 weeks. Four USAF officers are assigned to each session, together with two Weather Bureau forecasters.

Students receive a comprehensive course in the latest methods for extended-period forecasting. Approximately 110 class hours are devoted to long-range forecasting theory and 400 hours to laboratory work and related studies.

The course is currently under the direct supervision of Jerome Namias and Harry Hawkins, both of the USWB.

Selection of enrollees for the study course is based on a specific job requirement, usually in a weather central or a forecast center. Most assignments to the course are in conjunction with a forthcoming overseas assignment on the part of the student officer.

Overseas

Not available for publication last month were the names of the following climatologists scheduled for overseas assignment during November:

M/Sgt. H. A. Pool, AWS Hq; M/Sgt. L. A. Tschupp, 4th Wea gp; T/Sgt. R. C. Cartwright, 25th Wea sq; T/Sgt. B. B. McCaffrey, 1st Wea gp; and T/Sgt. L. V. Huff, AWS Hq.

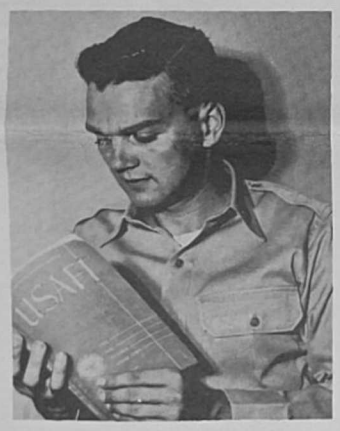
AWS Flyers Get Safety Awards

Certificates of the MATS Award for Safety in Military Aviation have been awarded to 31 flying members of the 56th Weather Reconnaissance squadron in Japan. The award is presented to personnel who have served at least one year in MATS and accrued at least 1,000 hours without an accident due to error in judgment.

Leading the list of awardees is Maj. Sidney P. Stubbs with more than 3,000 accident-free flying hours in MATS and AWS aircraft since June 1948.

Others cited for their safety records were Capts. Calvin H. Hazley and Chester P. Jelesnianski; 1st Lts. Leon P. Barnett, William B. Butler, Joseph W. Cooper, Gerald K. Evans jr., Lincoln B. Faurer, Joseph M. Green, Andrew B. Hale, Kenneth L. Kaisler, Jun J. Kawakami, Russell A. Kee, Edwin L. Keitz, David L. Kreigh, Robert L. Morris, Robert R. Rambo, Robert M. Simpson and Paul G. Yochum.

Also honored were T/Sgts. Clarence E. Ellis, Charles B. Greer and Roy B. Harrison; S/Sgts. Teddy W. Downs, George Morris and William C. Walton; A/1c Erick O. Asplund, James L. Collins, Raymond F. Gair, William H. Gagne and Harold Lerner; and A/2c Charles A. Malcheski.



OFF-DUTY EDUCATION is the thing in AWS these days. Here A/1c David A. Yahnig scans his USAFI manual, wondering what extension course to take next. The 56th Weather Reconnaissance squadron airman recently completed 13 courses in as many weeks, ranging from beginning radio to abnormal psychology.

56th WRS Hits Sixty Thousand Safe Air Hours

A top flying safety record of 60,000 fatality-free flying hours has been racked up by the 56th Weather Reconnaissance squadron in Japan.

This safety record, encompassing the equivalent of 600 trips around the world, was marked on exactly the 3,900th fixed weather track flown by the 56th since it began operation in March 1950.

Last month the Observer reported the completion of 30,000 accident-free flying hours by the 54th and 57th WR squadrons.

In addition to the regular over-water weather tracks, many of the 60,000 hours were accrued during transition, test hops and plane-wracking typhoon flights.

Much of the record piled up on the fixed-track missions was during the Korean conflict, with the WB-29s operating within radar range and MIG distance of Communist-held territory.

HONORING THE PROGRAM of increased NCO responsibility and prestige, Detachment 1 of the 19th Weather squadron at Grandview AFB, Mo., has seen to it that its chief observer has a place to park. Standing at the newly installed signs are Capt. Frederick J. Adelman, detachment commander, and S/Sgt. Herbert K. Joseph, chief observer.

RECOGNIZE ANYONE? These facsimile conferees assembled at AWS headquarters last month to represent various AWS units at the recent world-wide communications symposium.

Experts Discuss Future of Fax

During the week of September 12, representatives of various AWS units, most of them communicators and operators, met at AWS headquarters to discuss problems relating to the present and future use of facsimile as a communication device.

Meeting with the AWS deputy chief of staff for operations, Col. Richard M. Gill, and Lt. Col. Alexander Kouts, chief of the standards division of operations, they attempted to set forth firm concepts for use of facsimile and the establishment of requirements for ZI and intertheater weather chart exchange.

A number of questions were considered. Is facsimile here to stay? To what extent will it be used? What is the dividing line between detachment and weather central workloads?

What should be expected in the way of assistance for weather controls? What part of the forecasting requirement should be assumed by the detachment forecaster? These were only a few of the questions raised.

All conferees participated in various designated working groups, each having several tasks as terms of reference. On the final day of the conference, recommendations of the working groups were presented for adoption.

Results of the conference will be made available to all AWS units in the near future for final recommendations and comment.

SHOWING THEIR HEELS to other units on Andrews AFB, Md., the AWS headquarters squadron takes possession of the base Morale Leadership trophy. Base Commander Col. Marshall A. Elkins (center) here presents to 1st Sgt. James G. Sneed and Maj. Arthur E. Oates, squadron commander, the trophy and pennant signifying its record as outstanding base squadron.

Poster Drawn By AWS Man Wins 2d Place

Second place in the 1955 MATS Flying Safety Poster contest has been awarded to A/2c Leonard L. Komblevicz of the 30th Weather squadron in Korea.

Airman Komblevicz's poster depicts a book on flying safety, citing it as "a good book to live by."

As a winner of one of the first three places, Komblevicz will soon be flown to MATS headquarters to receive a gold statuette from Lt. Gen. Joseph Smith, MATS commander.

Prints of the 12 best posters will be distributed throughout MATS, to be on view one each month wherever flying personnel are at work.

First place went to Maj. Edward P. Winslow jr. of the 1604th Air Base wing for his poster on the theme of "Their lives depend on MATS safety."

Judges for the MATS-wide contest were Maj. Gen. E. Moore, MATS chief of staff; Col. W. E. Beightol, flying safety chief; Col. Howard E. Kreidler, assistant chief of staff; Col. John E. Fitzgerald jr., chief pilot; and Col. James M Johnson, operations.

1st Wing To Receive USAF Safety Plaque Next Month in Tokyo

Among the recipients of the USAF Flying Safety award for the first six months of 1955 was the 1st Weather wing with headquarters at Tokyo, Japan.

Presentation of the flying safety plaque to Col. Anthony T. Shtogren, wing commander, will be made by Brig. Gen. Thomas S. Moorman jr. early in November, when the AWS commander visits the Far East weather wing.

To win the award, the wing flew 16,050 hours without an accident. During the award period, 100 per cent of assigned missions were completed, as well as 35 special missions which included 42 typhoon penetrations.

Units of the 1st Wing include the 15th, 20th and 30th Weather squadrons and the 54th, 56th and 57th Weather Reconnaissance squadrons.

Major factors considered in making the awards are the number of hours flown, the type of aircraft, the mission and the flying hazards encountered.

The lawyer got his client a suspended sentence—they hung him.

Then there was the illegitimate Rice Krispie. He had snap and krackle, but no Pop.

AIRMAN OF THE MONTH at the 56th Weather Reconnaissance squadron, Yokota AB, Japan, is A/2c Cornelius A. Demarest III, here glancing up from his job as engine mechanic. A three-day pass and $15 went with his award.

Miss AWS Hopefuls

5 Betty J. McCarthy
AWS Heaquarters

6 Peggy L. Christie
Detachment 6, 24th Squadron

7 Lucy Wolfe
Detachment 36, 29th Squadron

8 Barbara Anne Heggenberger
Detachment 6, 4th Squadron

9 Wanda Raibourn
Detachment 1, 11th Squadron

10 Gloria McNicoll
Detachment 1, 11th Squadron

11 Paula Loritz
Detachment 1, 11th Squadron

12 Inga H. Lord
Detachment 6, 6th Group

13 Mildred C. Kessler
Detachment 11, 6th Group

14 Diana Dodge
1st Weather Group

15 Beverly J. Skarda
1st Weather Group

16 Jenny Pedersen
Detachment 1, 1st Group

17 Edith L. Wilton
Detachment 2, 1st Group

18 Carole A. Hunger
Detachment 2, 1st Group

19 Alyce Johnson
3d Weather Group

20 Mary McCully
AWS Headquarters

21 Patricia J. Schlein
Detachment 59, 18th Squadron

22 Adele Hope
Detachment 6, 24th Squadron

23 Jewel Kolb
3d Weather Group

24 Barbara Butler
Data Control Division

Miss AWS Photo Credits—2, Bolling AFB Photo Lab; 3, Rhea Fossum, San Bernardino, Calif.; 5, Lorstan Studios, Washington, D. C.; 7, Foto-Paap, Salzburg, Austria; 14, 15, 17 & 18, E. W. Arnold, Omaha, Nebr.; 16, Bauer Portraits, Honolulu, T. H.; 19, Whit's Studio, Colorado Springs, Colo.; 22, Tyndall AFB Photo Lab; 24, Juanita Shope, Asheville, N. C.; 27, Portraits by Carl, Scott AFB; 32, Mandel Bros., Chicago, Ill.; 38, Monte Studio, Washington, D. C.

Pose for Your Votes

25 Mary Ann Joiner
Data Control Division

26 Jean Riggins
Data Control Division

27 Patricia L. Childs
8th Weather Group

28 Betty Johnson
5th Weather Group

29 Martha C. Knudtson
58th Reconnaissance Squadron

30 Faye Hamlin
Data Control Division

31 Virginia Sanford
AWS Headquarters

32 Polly Taylor
59th Reconnaissance Flight

33 Alice Sheffield
2d Weather Group

34 Topsy Tate
Data Control Division

35 Dolores Roppolo
Detachment 19, 26th Squadron

36 Joan D. Marleau
Detachment 28, 3d Squadron

37 Rita Walker
Detachment 3, 3d Group

38 Terry Sweeney
AWS Headquarters

39 Heather Korpics
53d Reconnaissance Squadron

40 Betty Brunner
Detachment 5, 28th Squadron

41 Carolyn Fitch
59th Reconnaissance Flight

42 Magdalena Diehl
Detachment 10, 9th Group

Only This Ballot Is Valid

Miss AWS Contest Ballot

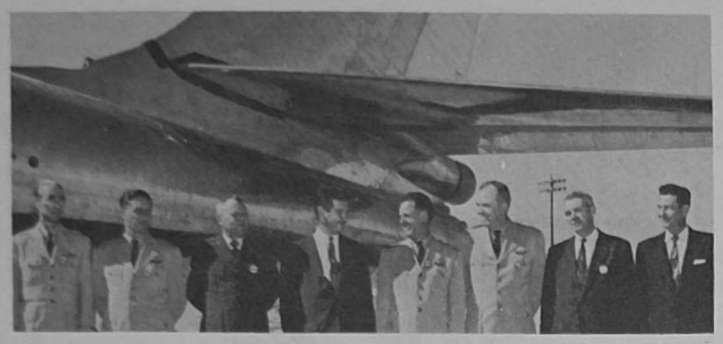
WRITE ENTRANT'S NO. ABOVE

Please enter my vote for:

CONTESTANT'S Name _____

YOUR Organization _____

Ballots are to be mailed to the OBSERVER office at AWS headquarters and must be received there by November 14.



BACK TO SCHOOL went the AWS commander, Brig. Gen. Thomas S. Moorman jr., who is now attending a two-week B-47 familiarization course at McConnell AFB, Kan. Climax of the course for each of the participants will be an operational-type flight in the swept-wing, 600-mile-an-hour Boeing B-47 bomber. Here General Moorman (fourth from right) looks over one of the big bombers with other USAF officers, Pan American World Airways officials and Boeing Airplane company representatives.

Pibal in the Corner Pocket

It is the feeling of the staff that the Observer takes a significant step forward this month in finally giving its readers a sports column. It is fortunate that S/Sgt. Winston "Mack" Risner, who recently joined the staff, is so well qualified in his field. A strapping six-foot-two Arkansas boy, Mack is a registered basketball official and has been active in sports throughout his eight-year Air Force career—Editor.

DIFFICULT as it may be to produce a timely sports column for a monthly publication, requests from you readers have pushed us headlong into trying to give you the latest on weathermen in the sporting world.

However, the success of "Pibal in the Corner Pocket" depends on you. We can't put sports stories in the paper if we don't know about them, and we are depending on you to keep us informed. We realize that usually only the larger units have teams represented in base leagues, but remember that we are also interested in carrying news about how weathermen are doing in individual sports.

So, you give us the dope, including pictures if possible (which we will use if space permits) and we'll be sure that the AWS sports news gets into the **Observer.**

OVER IN PRESTWICK, Scotland, the third annual 2d Wea wg golf tournament was played on the Old Prestwick course in August. Nearly 30 golfing weathermen converged on the course from Germany, France, England and the hinterlands of USAFE, and were guests of Det 62, 18th Wea sq, during their five-day stay.

Scores were close throughout the tourney, and going to the 18th hole on the final day of play were Bob Allen and Lloyd Vanderman, with the score all tied up. Allen, a drawling weather forecaster from Orly field at Paris, France, edged out Vanderman, from 2d Wg hq, by one stroke. Allen slammed a total of 312 strokes to cover the difficult 6,571-yard course to take top honors in the 72-hole medal play tournament.

Vanderman came second with 313. Third place was taken by Horace Meredith, 18th Wea sq, with 318. John Kodis, 18th Sq, and Jerry Ren, 28th Sq, tied for fourth with 321 each.

The 18th Wea sq, Wiesbaden, Germany, took first place in the four-man team play for the third straight year. Coming in second was the 28th Wea sq, Bushy Park, England. Third place went to the 31st Wea sq, Ramstein, Germany, and the 2d Wg hq quartet finished up in fourth place.

All-star individual trophies went to Thomas Naughton and George Detrick of the 18th Sq, to Lawrence Berry and Robert Kinnear of the 28th Sq and to Robert Newhall and T/Sgt. Sanders of the 31st Sq. Project officers for the tourney were Lt. Col. Archie McFarland and Capt. W. C. Fitzpatrick.

WITH THE WEATHER HOT and humid, and temperatures in the mid-90s, the 8th Wea gp opened its football season at Scott AFB, Ill., with an 18-0 loss. According to the latest info, the loss didn't dampen the team spirit and they are showing marked improvement in practice.

THE SOFTBALL SEASON has ended for the 58th WRS, Eielson AFB, Alaska, with the Flight Engineers in first place. With softball play for 1955 over, the 58th squadron bowling league season got under way with a full turnout. The different sections are busy getting their teams together and prepping for the season. All indications point to successful season for the Thursday-night keglers.

AT PATRICK AFB, Fla., the softball team of Det 11, 4th Wea gp, took fourth place in the base intramural league and were ready to go in the base championship playoffs.

THE AWS HQ GOLF TOURNEY is currently being played, with some 41 golfing weathermen trying to break par at the Andrews AFB golf course. It's match play competition, with four flights competing, arranged by handicap groupings.

Lowest handicap is held by Jarrold Lilliedoll, Climatology, with a handicap of four. Handicaps range all the way up to 36, which is the maximum for the tourney. Final results are not yet in, as rounds are played on off-duty time; but the following golfers have climbed the ladder to the quarterfinals:

Surviving in the championship flight are General Moorman, Jarrold Lilliedoll, Robert Ross and J. M. Meserve. First flight quarterfinalists are Nicholas Chavasse, Leland Rath, Thomas Scanlon and Robert Weich.

In the second flight are John Abbott, John Blain, Henry Averill and Victor Cram. Third flight has Leonard Hutchinson, Frederick Stinson, Howard Stevens and Carl Johnson fighting it out.

Prizes will be awarded to the winner and runner-up in each flight, the final results to be carried in the November issue of the Observer.

Itinerary Given For Fall Tour By Commander

Later this month the AWS commander, Brig. Gen. Thomas S. Moorman jr., and members of his staff will leave Washington, D. C., for the annual command visit to the 1st Weather wing.

Itinerary for the headquarters party will be as follows:

Leave Washington, October 28; arrive Hickam AFB Hawaii, October 29.

Leave Hickam, October 30; arrive Guam, November 1.

Leave Guam and arrive Okinawa, November 3.

Leave Okinawa and arrive K-55, November 5.

Leave K-55 and arrive Nagoya, Japan, November 6.

Leave Nagoya and arrive Tokyo, November 7.

Visit Shiroi, November 10.

Leave Tokyo and arrive Yokota, November 11.

Leave Yokota to visit Johnson AB and return to Tokyo, November 12.

Leave Tokyo and arrive Hickam, November 14.

Leave Hickam, November 18; arrive McClellan AFB, Calif., November 19.

Leave McClellan, November 20; arrive Washington, D. C., November 21.

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given by AWS detachments at Smoky Hill, Lincoln, Sedalia, Newcastle and McConnell AFB's.

At Ernest Harmon AFB, Newfoundland, A/2c William Bates of Det 5, 5th Wea gp, was named on the U. of Maryland's N. Atlantic Dean's list.

M/Sgt. William R. Weddle, sergeant major of the 5th Wea gp, graduated from the primary management course at Pepperrell AFB with the highest grade ever attained at that school.

At McClellan AFB, Calif., Det 8, 6th Wea gp, was awarded the Base Commander's Trophy for military excellence. Det 8 has won the trophy three times in the last four quarters. The trophy is awarded on a quarterly basis.

In Baltimore, Capt. Michael J. Cleary, 4th Wea gp climatologist attached to Hq ARDC, was recently awarded a bachelor of science degree by John Hopkins univ. Captain Cleary earned the degree by completing 52 hours of college credit during his off-duty time.

HARDLY DRESSED for the wintry winds of autumn is Miss USA of the 1954 Miss Universe pageant, provocative Myrna Hansen of Universal-International.

NEW ENGINE TIME RECORD at the 53d Weather Reconnaissance squadron is the pride of this crew. The 801 hours logged by this WB-29's R-3350 engine are hard to beat. Regulations restrict the use of this engine to 800 hours, but the last Falcon Alpha weather track flown with this engine was an hour and a half over ETA. The crew are, left to right, A/1c Herbert A. Lumpkin, S/Sgt. James E. Lynch, Lt. Col. Richard D. Stowell, unit commander, and A/2c Kenneth R. Coffee. Note: In August the Observer reported a high of 795 hours for this type of engine from the 56th Weather Reconnaissance squadron at Yokota, Japan.

AWS Reenlistment Rate Is Tops, Exceeds AF Rate by Eight Percent

Exceeding any month in fiscal year 55, the initial AWS reenlistment rate for July 1955 was a resounding 39 percent.

Just computed, the USAF-wide rate for March 1955 shows weathermen in the lead with a 40% reenlistment rate.

For five of the last six months, the AWS reenlistment rate for all career fields has equalled or exceeded the over-all MATS rate.

In each of the past two months for which final date has been compiled, the AWS rate for weather airmen has exceeded the Air Force rate for all career fields by 8 percent.

Relatively higher reenlistment ratios for first-term weather airmen offset the relatively lower rates for career weather airmen.

IT READS 797, representing the high for engine time on the WB-29s of the Japan-based 56th Weather Reconnaissance squadron. Despite the work of these men in keeping the R-3350 long in the air, they were narrowly squeezed out by the crew above.

At Scott AFB, Ill., forecasts for the 6th Armored division at Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo., are provided daily, Monday through Friday, by the Scott weather station. This service is nearing the end of its second year in operation.

At Kadena AFB, Okinawa, A/2c Robert L. Bly was selected as Airman of the Month for the 15th Wea sq for the month of September.

M/Sgt. Vernon C. Kinser of the 12th Wea sq and M/Sgt. Charles A. McIntyre of the 25th Wea sq have been selected to attend the first class of the MATS NCO academy convening October 17 at Orlando AFB, Fla.

At Grandview AFB, Mo., the 19th Wea sq hq and Det 1 held a squadron picnic September 10, partaking of tasty charcoal-broiled hamburgers, mass-produced by the Chief Chef, Lt. Col. Everett J. Cartwright.

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