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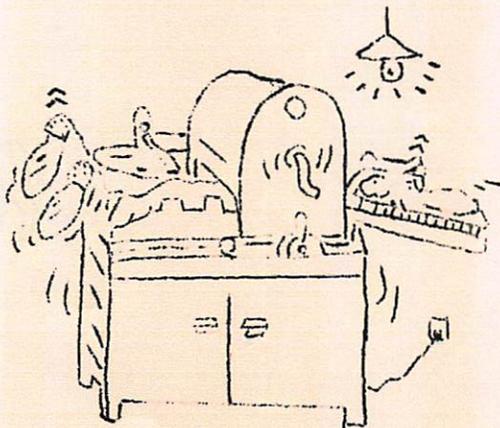
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KEARNEY FLT. ANNOUNCES PROMOTIONS

A number of promotions for members of the Kearney Flight of CAP have been announced. They include the following cadets: William Geisler, from second to first lieutenant; Kenneth A. Kohlscheen, sergeant to second lieutenant; Paul Mallowney, private to technical sergeant; James B. Prather, private to sergeant; Paul E. Farn, C. V. Lancaster and G. W. Mason, private to private first class.

Lt. Robert Longwell, communications officer, instructed CAP members in emergency rescue procedure, at their meeting on Wednesday evening.

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"HAP" HARRIS IS NEW COMMANDER OF PLATTSMOUTH CIVIL AIR PATROL FLIGHT

On February 23, the Plattsmouth Flight held election of officers in their meeting place, the basement of the Public Library.

Chester F. ("Hap") Harris, who resides at 923 Avenue "D", is the newly appointed local commander, replacing Lt. Burrell Evans who resigned because his residence is now in Omaha. Lt. Evans will continue his CAP activities with the Omaha Squadrons.

Present at the meeting were Major Roy L. Highfield, Cadet Commandant of the Nebraska Wing staff, and M/Sgt. R. V. Cryderman, assistant to the AF-CAP Liaison Officer.

Other staff members of the Plattsmouth Flight are 2nd Lt. John Straka, Adjutant; M/Sgt. Lane, Operations Officer; and R. S. Harris, and S/Sgt. Bayle. Pilots present were Arnold Weisinger, Elmer Helwig and Ray Bryant, as well as Ground Training instructor Fulton Harris. Five cadets who attended the meeting--Roy Patterson, Darrell Williamson, Art Enevoldsen, Wayne Dicke and Charles Favours--are to receive free airplane rides. Meetings of the Flight are now held on Thursdays instead of Wednesday.

PLATTSMOUTH FLT SPONSORS MODEL CONTEST

The Plattsmouth Flight is sponsoring a model airplane contest, and plane kits were distributed to the cadets attending the February 23 meeting. The cadets will assemble the model planes and when same are completed, the planes will be displayed in a local store window and will be judged according to workmanship, appearance, flying ability in spot landings and long distance flights. Prizes will be given to the best plane.

The Plattsmouth Flight has had an L-4 at its disposal, which was located at the R. S. Harris Airport located ten miles south of Plattsmouth on Highway 75. In spite of bad weather, CAP pilots have totaled 17 hours of flying time on the aircraft. The public has been invited to inspect the aircraft at the Harris Airport, where it will be located for approximately one more week.

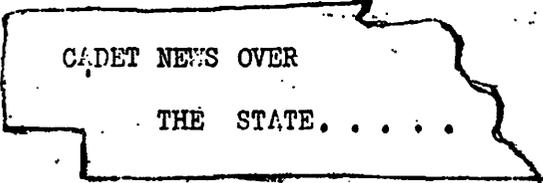
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CAPTAIN ARLT NEW LINCOLN COMMANDER

Captain Joseph Arlt has been appointed Commanding Officer of the Lincoln Squadron, replacing Major Orlo T. Powell who requested transfer to the CAP Reserve. Captain Arlt, a CAP member since 1944, has served as Adjutant of both the Lincoln Squadron and Group 762. He is Chief Aircraft Communicator, Civil Aeronautics Administration at the Lincoln Municipal Airport.

Squadron works out "dry runs" with Lincoln Red Cross

The Lincoln Squadron has recently had two "dry runs" in conjunction with the American Red Cross. Five cadets and two seniors participated. Members with First Aid certificates took care of Boy Scout "victims" of a bicycle accident and an apartment fire. In the second "dry run", the CAP radio unit was called on to use its walkie talkie radios--for practice in event of communication cutoff in a disaster.



CADET NEWS OVER
THE STATE.

The GRAND ISLAND cadets have installed seats in the CAP truck assigned to that area, and will now have transportation for their weekly meetings.

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Three girls from OMAHA SQUADRON #3 now assist M/Sgt. Clara Spindler in the processing of cadet papers and 2nd Lt. Clarence Kuhney in the filing and typing of senior applications. They are Jean Math, Carolyn Dane and Marie Pace-- all very capable cadets, we might add. We appreciate your fine help, girls.

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Cadets and senior members of the LEXINGTON FLIGHT have just completed a course in aircraft engines, magnetos and carburetion. A course in meteorology will be started on March 27.

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Cadet 1st Lt. Harold Storm, PIO has submitted the following news items about the OMAHA SQUADRON 3 cadets:

Twelve cadets will receive orientation rides in C-46 aircraft flown by pilots of the 2473d AF Reserve Training Center on Saturday morning, March 25.

The four flights of cadets in Omaha are planning to have individual dry runs during Easter vacation.

Committees are being set up to plan the dance for Omaha cadets to be held on May 6. It is hoped that this dance, which will be informal, can be given at Fort Omaha.

The cadets have an ex-Marine instructor for drill, as well as several Air Force and Army Reservist instructors.

SENIOR PROMOTIONS - NEBR. WING

In accordance with Personnel Orders issued by National Headquarters, the following promotions have been announced by the Wing Commander:

TO CAPTAIN:

Leon B. Buckley, Communications Ofcr, Norfolk Squadron

Wayne F. Hilkemeier, Operations Ofcr, Norfolk Squadron

TO FIRST LIEUTENANT:

John J. Costello, Engineering Ofcr, Norfolk Squadron

TO SECOND LIEUTENANT:

Lawrence L. Bigler, Operations Ofcr, Bayard Flight

Patricia J. Frank, Adjutant, Grp 765 Scottsbluff, Nebraska

Ralph E. Townsend, Supply Officer Bayard Flight

John F. Davey, Operations Officer Omaha Squadron 1

Merton L. Ekwall, Commandant of Cadets, Norfolk Sqdn.

Billy R. Myers, Commanding Officer Gering Flight

William H. Raper, Operations Officer Kimball Flight

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WING MEMBERS MEET WITH GRAND ISLAND FLI

Lt. Col. L. J. Heinsen and Lt. Vern Fuller, Wing staff members flew to Grand Island with Captain Frank Bowman on Thursday evening, March 23, to meet with senior members of that Flight and with Captain H. L. Coleman, Commanding Officer and Lt. May Coleman. Also present were Sgt. John McAllister, Central City and Lt. Martin Helsing, Omaha Squadron #3.

STORM GIVES CAP RADIO STATION AT CENTRAL CITY ITS FIRST WORK - OUT

KEARNEY FLIGHT PLANS DANCE IN APRIL

When telephone toll lines connecting Central City with surrounding towns went out during the storm on Tuesday, March 7, the city still was not isolated communications-wise.

The Kearney Flight has invited the Nebraska Wing staff members and Omaha Squadron members to attend a CAP sponsored dance at Kearney on April 14, 1950.

Radio Station KGNU, established several months ago by John McAllister to operate on a frequency assigned to the CAP, was ready to broadcast immediately any message of emergency nature over a network embracing more than a dozen other Nebraska points stretching between Omaha and Scottsbluff.

The dance will be held in the Crystal Room of the Fort Kearney Hotel. There will be a good orchestra and vocalist, with additional entertainment during intermission.

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CADET DONALD HIDE RECEIVES WINGS

The emergency service was available at no cost for any one, McAllister said, but the Northwestern Bell Telephone company became the first user. Manager Irvin P. Rasmussen told the Nonpareil that McAllister's facilities proved to be of "incalculable value" in maintaining connections with the telephone company office in Grand Island so that both offices could be kept informed of line breaks and emergency needs.

Cadet Donald Hide of the Hastings Flight received his aeronautical rating as Pilot in recent personnel orders received from National Headquarters. Cadet Hide, who represented the Nebraska Wing in the 1948 Exchange Program, is the second Nebraska cadet to receive pilot's wings. Cadet Russell Caauwe of Norfolk received his pilot aeronautical rating in June of 1949.

There are nine cadets in the Nebraska Wing who have the rating of Observer.

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At one time it appeared likely that a supply of batteries being used to power the Central City telephone lines would be exhausted before regular power service could be resumed. Rasmussen relayed the information via McAllister to Grand Island and a battery charger was started on its way toward Central City.

The station is licensed for 75 watts of power and uses equipment built for the signal corps during the war. Its tower, located atop McAllister's house, stands 50 feet, nine inches off the grounds.

"Fortunately", Rasmussen said, "power service was restored before the charger was needed here but it was hurried on to Silver Creek where it was needed as much as here."

Although the station is assigned only to the CAP frequency, it is privately owned and operated by McAllister. Since it is for emergency use only, there is no income from the operation and all operational expenses must be borne by him.

It is service of this nature for which his radio station is intended, McAllister said. With such equipment, McAllister has been able to converse easily with operators in Florida, California and Washington, indicating that he is able to cover the entire United States.

(Note: The above article, together with an 8 X 10 photograph of CAP member McAllister, appeared in the March 9th issue of the CENTRAL CITY NONPAREIL).

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NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS PRAISES DISASTER PLAN SET UP OF NEBRASKA WING

National Headquarters recently praised the Disaster Plan worked out by the Nebraska Wing and has requested that enough copies be made available, in order that a copy may be forwarded to each Wing throughout the country to use as a guide.

In a letter to this headquarters dated 9 March 1950, National Headquarters stated that "the disaster plan developed by the Nebraska Wing of CAP is considered to be one of the most comprehensive and complete plans to be forwarded to this headquarters."

A second supplement to the plan is to be issued in the near future, including changes in unit commanders, redesignation of two areas and changes in radio stations.

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OMAHA OFFICERS TO ATTEND LEXINGTON MEETING

Omaha Wing staff officers and members of the Lexington Flight staff have been invited to attend the Lions Club supper on Monday evening, March 27, and they have requested that the Wing staff representatives present short talks on the various phases of CAP activity.

After the dinner, a meeting with Lexington CAP personnel will be held at CAP headquarters at the airport. Plans have been made for the City Manager, representatives from the City Council and both Senior and Junior Chambers of Commerce, as well as highschool officials, to attend this meeting.

CAP training in connection with the original highschool aeronautical course was started the second semester at Lexington Highschool, under the instruction of Robert Dyke. Twenty-three students are taking the course at school and 20 cadets are taking the course at CAP Headquarters. A course in meteorology will be started on March 27 with Ed Robinson, Mid-west Airlines station manager and Captain Herschel Amrine as instructors.

AERONAUTICAL RATINGS - NEBR. WING

TO PILOT:

- Elmer J. Bayle, Plattsmouth
- Capt. H. O. Bergstrom, No. Platte
- Donald G. Boyer, Alliance
- Alexander J. Drozynski, Plattsmouth
- Ralph C. Enninger, Grand Island
- Chester F. Harris, Plattsmouth
- Robert S. Harris, Plattsmouth
- Donald L. Hide, Hastings
- Donald A. Magmson, Alliance
- David F. McMillian, Plattsmouth
- Arnold J. Meisinger, Plattsmouth
- Arno C. Miller, Grand Island
- James B. Myers, Alliance
- Floyd Rol, Hastings
- Raymond G. Wabel, Grand Island

TO OBSERVER:

- M/Sgt. Virgil Baker, Norfolk
- Harold D. Barnhart, Norfolk
- Cecil C. Dieatrick, Norfolk
- Clarence R. Iliff, Norfolk
- Glenn A. Klippfahn, Norfolk
- Harold E. Koeller, Norfolk
- Edward C. Johnson, Norfolk
- William T. Westerman, Norfolk

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CAP APPOINTS AIR CHAPLAIN AT NATL HQ.

Appointment of Air Chaplain Lt. Col. Robert P. Taylor, a survivor of the Bataan Death March, as National Chaplain of the Civil Air Patrol has been announced by Major General Lucas V. Beau, National Commander of CAP, following approval recently by Chief of Chaplains Major General Charles I. Carpenter. This is the first time the Civil Air Patrol has had a regularly appointed chaplain. The appointment presages creation of a nation-wide organization of voluntary air chaplains throughout the Civil Air Patrol. One of Colonel Taylor's first projects will be to visit each of the 52 wings in Continental United States, Alaska, Hawaii and Puerto Rico to arrange for the selection of a chaplain at each wing, usually a pastor with wartime experience.

CAP AGAIN MERITS "ELL DONE" !

(excerpts from article in Air Reserve Forces Review, March 1950)

One of the best examples of efficient volunteer service rendered the Nation by the Civil Air Patrol is revealed in the official account of a search and rescue mission performed by the California CAP Wing.

On 8 December, the wing was called upon by the Air Rescue Service of MATS at Hamilton Air Force Base to participate in a search for a Culver aircraft which, with its pilot, had not been reported since its departure from Glendale the previous day en route to Hamilton.

Responding quickly to the call for aid, 240 members of the CAP utilized 118 aircraft in a detailed, systematic combing of the entire route of travel over a wide strip of territory 325 air miles long. On the third day, CAP pilot Frank D. Anderson and CAP observers Robert Lowman and Bert Martin, flying a Cessna twin-engine aircraft of the Ventura County Squadron 3 Oxnard, Calif, spotted the wreckage of the missing plane at an elevation of 6,000 feet on the snowcovered slope of Devil's Heart Peak, near Ojai, California. Next day, a flight surgeon was lowered from an IP helicopter to the wreckage. He found no sign of the missing pilot other than tracks leading away from the scene.

Ground and aerial search for the wandering man was accelerated. On the following day, 13 December, Pilot Anderson, one of the original finders in the case, located the injured flier floundering in waist deep snow several miles from the crash site. Anderson then used his radio to direct a ground party to the aid of the lost pilot. It was reported later that the rescued man was expected to make a full recovery, but that he probably could not have stood another day.

P R O P W A S H

NOTICE FROM THE ART DEPARTMENT

Or:

("March comes in like a lion and goes out like a ???")

To prevent a deluge of comments (we've had enuf of 'em already) special attention is called to the cover of this month's newsletter. W/Sgt. Cryderman, Art and Publication Dept, assures us that the animal in the lower righthand corner IS a lamb. However, the general opinion around these hyar parts is that it more closely resembles a goat or a cow. Anyway, it's different, and we know that you'll get a good laugh out of it as we did.

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We hope that Lt. May Coleman of Grand Island is feeling better. May was seriously ill last month, and had a temperature as high as 105°. Last report we had she was recovering nicely, and we hope completely by now.

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2nd Lt. Carl Wedel, CAP member since 1946, cadet instructor and CAP pilot, was one of the singers selected for the operetta, "The New Moon" to be presented this Spring in conjunction with the Omaha Symphony Orchestra. The two main leads will be professional singers from New York City, and the rest of the cast and the chorus was handpicked Omaha talent. Carl is a choir director, a practice teacher in the music department of one of Omaha's schools, and a fine pianist, as well as a singer.

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Sure and there was no hearing of the green here in Wing Hq. on St. Patrick's Day. There were some green complexions however. Sgt. Cryderman went home at noon, very sick with flu, and "Corporal" Graham finally had to desert the ship around 4:00 PM because of flu. Bunch of sissies in Room 710!

