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CADETS RUSSELL CAAUWE AND EDWIN BURRELL
SELECTED FOR EXCHANGE VISITS IN AUGUST

10,000 PERSONS ATTEND NORFOLK SQUADRON
AIR SHOW AND MODEL CONTEST

Cadet Captain Russell Dean Cauwe, 17, of Norfolk, Nebraska and Cadet Captain Edwin J. Burrell, 17, of Omaha, Nebraska received word from National Headquarters, Civil Air Patrol this week that they have been selected to represent the United States Air Force and Civil Air Patrol on exchange programs with England and Canada respectively.

Cadet Cauwe, who recently received his private pilot's license, has been a member of the Norfolk Squadron for over two years. During this time he has served as Cadet Commander of the Norfolk Squadron, as well as at summer camp. Cadet Cauwe was an outstanding student at Norfolk Highschool. His hobbies are flying, model airplane building and radio communications.

Cadet Burrell is Commander of the Omaha Cadet Squadron. He has been one of the hardest working cadets in the Omaha unit, and has a record of excellent class-work and has missed only one meeting of any kind during his entire career as a cadet.

Cadet Cauwe will be flown to Bolling Air Force Base, Washington, D.C. by Captain Frank Bowman, Liaison Officer and will depart for England on 3 August 1949 by air. Date of return from England will be 26 August 1949. During his stay in England, Cadet Cauwe will visit RAF flying schools, naval stations, historic spots in London, Oxford University, and will inspect bomb damage in Germany and visit RAF summer camp in Wales.

Cadet Burrell will depart from Denver, Colorado, where he will be flown by Captain Bowman, on 28 July 1949. The date of return from Canada will be 14 August 1949.

Exchange visits between 61 CAP Cadets from the United States and an equal number of Air Cadets from Canada, United Kingdom, France and Switzerland was arranged by CAP National Headquarters.

An estimated crowd of 10,000 persons attended the Norfolk CAP Squadron's Air Show and Model Plane Contest on Sunday, 17 July 1949.

Over 100 light aircraft landed at the Norfolk Airport for the Breakfast Flight at 8:30 PM. Seventy three Navy planes from Naval Air Bases at Olathe, Kansas and Lincoln, Nebraska participated in the show and gave a forty five minute aerial demonstration. A flight of AT-6's from the Air Reserve Training Center at Offutt Air Force Base also took part, together with two F-80's from the Nebraska Air Guard.

Colonel Joe Foss and his Famous Foursome of F-51's thrilled the crowd with their twenty minute air show of precision flying and formation acrobatics.

Governor Vel Peterson, Dr. Frank Sorenson of the University of Nebraska and Major Frederick Mougey of CAP National Headquarters were guests who attended the show.

Despite high winds, which made it difficult for participants in the model plane contest, the Norfolk Squadron had a splendid show. Captain Howard Murphy and his hard working Squadron, together with the members of the Community who offered their assistance and cooperation, are to be commended for their fine job.

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KEARNEY, LEXINGTON AND AINSWORTH CAP MEMBERS RECEIVE "SNOWBOUND" AWARDS

STORM AIRMEN HONORED (cont from Col. 1

The Nebraska Wing Headquarters recently received a number of awards from National CAP Headquarters, which are to be presented to CAP members who performed outstanding service during "Operation Snowbound" and "Operation Haylift" last winter. Some of the awards are still pending; however, during the next several weeks you will undoubtedly be reading in your local press about presentation ceremonies which will be held in various CAP units throughout the state.

Major Frederick K. Mougey, from CAP National Headquarters in Washington presented Meritorious Service Awards to the following members of the Kearney and Lexington Flights at a ceremony held at Radio Station K G F W, Kearney Nebraska on Saturday, 16 July 1949:

- Lt. Arthur Feikert, Unit Commander
- Senior Member Theodore Benzler
- " " Robert D. Engler
- " " Elmer F. Hatch
- " " Keith K. Fredericks
- " " Wilfred C. Johnson
- " " Robert L. Longwell

Cadet Richard R. Bennett, Cadet Burdette R. Farn, Cadet Richard L. Graham, Cadet Kenneth A. Kolscheen, and Cadet Thomas Wren
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These twelve senior and cadet members of the Kearney Flight helped load bales of hay into Air Force planes in below zero temperatures and went along on 12 missions to toss out the forage.

Three Lexington Pilots Awarded

Lt. Herschel Amrine, Lexington Flight Commander, and senior members Clinton Nielsen and Gene Bird of Lexington were also awarded the Meritorious Service Award by Major Mougey. They flew rescue missions in "Operation Snowbound".

Ainsworth Airmen Honored

Pilots George Manes and Donald Higgins of Ainsworth, Nebraska received Meritorious Service Awards from Major Mougey at the Breakfast Flight at Norfolk on Sunday, 17 July 1949. Lt. Henry Miles, Ainsworth Flight Commander, was present at the ceremony.

Over 400 Missions Flown

Fifty Nebraska CAP pilots flew more than 400 drop, reconnaissance and evacuation missions during the storm. These pilots flew in all kinds of weather, with disregard for their own safety. It is impossible to ascertain the number of lives they saved and the hardships they relieved during this emergency. The CAP is proud to have men of this calibre in its organization.



WE'VE COME THE CONCLUSION THAT YOU BELONG IN THE ORDNANCE DEPT.

KEARNEY FLIGHT HAS SIMULATED SEARCH-
RESCUE MISSION AT NIGHT

Kearney Civil Air Patrol members participated in their first simulated search and rescue mission on Wednesday night, 15 June 1949. The mission consisted of a one-and-one half hour search of a nine square mile area five miles northwest of Kearney where a pilot was reported to have last been seen. Mission was set up at 2030 and a ground crew of two units was organized to cover the area. A fire was used as a guide for the units to find the "crash" in the large wooded area they were searching.

The mission was completed with the location of the simulated crashed plane and wounded pilot. Success of the mission was celebrated with a weiner roast by CAP members.

CAP MEMBERS IN FUTILE SEARCH FOR PILOT

Six members of the North Platte CAP Squadron were called out Tuesday, 21 June on a search mission for a missing California man. Major J. O. Jenkins, Squadron Commander, said the call was made by the Civil Aeronautics Administration in Kansas City, Missouri to the North Platte CAP unit. The unidentified pilot had taken off from the North Platte airport Monday with his destination listed as Des Moines, Iowa.

However, information was received late in the afternoon that the missing man had made his destination and had forgotten to report in to the airport officials in Des Moines. The man was reported to be somewhere in Indiana when located.

One plane from Lexington, two from Kearney and three from Grand Island also joined in the search.

NEBRASKA WING ASSIGNED ANOTHER L-4

The Nebraska Wing has been advised by National CAP Headquarters that an L-4 aircraft is available for this Wing at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. When this aircraft is picked up, the Nebraska Wing will have a total of four L-4's.

NEBRASKA
CADET
NEWS

The youngest pilot to register at the flight breakfast held at Omaha Municipal Airport on 26 June 1949 was Cadet Don Hide of Hastings, Nebraska. Cadet Hide, who was the Nebraska Cadet selected in 1948 for the exchange program with Canada, is the Cadet Captain of the Hastings Flight.

Cadet Lt. Allen Demorest of Omaha recently installed a two way radio in the automobile of Major L. J. Heinson, Wing Air Inspector. Cadet Demorest is one of the most active radio operators in the Omaha Sqdn.

We don't know the names of the Norfolk cadets who worked so diligently at the Air Show on the 17th, but they certainly deserve a lot of credit. Those who helped at the concession stands, which were swamped all day, REALLY had a workout -- and the girls and boys also helped direct traffic, registered model plane entries, maintained radio communication at various points throughout the field, etc.

The ranks of cadets in Group 765 in Western Nebraska continue to grow. Ten cadet applications were received today from the brand new Kimball Flight, and the Gering Flight has started a cadet membership drive. Scottsbluff now has approximately 20 cadets, with more applications pending. The Scottsbluff Squadron showed free movies, "The Fighting Lady" and "The Memphis Belle" during its cadet membership drive on 21 June 1949.

Lt. Arthur Feikert, Commanding Officer of the Kearney Flight flew three cadets to the Norfolk Air Show, and some of the Grand Island cadets drove to Norfolk with Lt. Coleman. The Omaha cadets who rode to the Air Show on an Air Force bus from Offutt Field enjoyed themselves -- those boys can really sing, as well as consume amazing amounts of hamburgers, hotdogs, etc! They had enough energy left to take in the Omaha Community Sing on returning.

MITCHELL FLIGHT HOLDS SCRAP DRIVE TO RAISE FUNDS FOR CAP BUILDING AT AIRPORT

On Sunday afternoon, 19 June 1949, Civil Air Patrol cadets of the Mitchell unit held a scrap drive from 1:00 to 7:00 PM to raise money to erect a building for use as a classroom and shop at the Mitchell airport.

At 1:00 p.m. the cadets gathered at the City Hall, to receive their final briefing and to be assigned radio equipment. Capt. V. J. Pieper, Operations Officer of the Mitchell Flight, divided the group into four flights, and then assigned each flight to a truck. Each flight was equipped with a walkie-talkie radio, by which they gave their position each hour, and received instructions from Capt. Hal Black, Commanding Officer and Captain Pieper, through the headquarters radio, at the C.A.P. Communications Station in the City Hall. Lt. E. W. Todd, Communications Officer, kept close contact with each flight in order to check their equipment.

This operation was conducted from the roof of the building, and Lt. Todd seeing the need for additional communications from the room of the communications station, immediately set up a system of field telephones, complete with switchboard, for use within the headquarters. Cadet Myra Wheeler operated the switchboard and Cadet Leona Schultz monitored the radio conversation of the cadets who were scattered about the countryside. From the radio log, it was possible to trace the movements of the cadets and to direct their organized search for scrap iron.

At 6:00 the recall signal was given over the headquarters radio, and by 7:00 all of the cadets had returned to the City Hall.

In the building which the unit plans to erect, classes in navigation, aircraft maintenance, photography and various subjects directly connected with flying will begin. Near the building will be two army planes--which will be dismantled and assembled by the cadets under the supervision of Lt. Ted Pieper

CIVIL AIR PATROL WEATHER EXPERIMENTS

At a recent conference between the Civil Aeronautics Board, the Weather Bureau, the National Association of State Aviation Officials, and the Civil Air Patrol, plans were discussed for utilizing CAP personnel on an experimental basis in Pennsylvania and Indiana to determine whether such personnel could assist in closing some of the gaps in visual weather reporting presently existing.

The experiments would be designed to produce a network of visual reports to augment existing weather reporting stations. If proven successful and of assistance in more accurate forecasting of weather conditions, the plan would be extended to all of the 51 wings of the Civil Air Patrol.

350 PLANES AT OMAHA BREAKFAST FLIGHT

More than 350 planes were registered at the Breakfast Flight held at the Omaha Municipal Airport 26 June.

Officials estimated that eight or nine hundred persons sampled the pork sausages and pancakes menu. Girl members of the Omaha Squadron helped serve the breakfasts and registered the visitors. Fourteen Omaha cadets helped direct traffic through use of radio communication -- and pilots Clarence Kuhney, Dick Wagen, John Russo, Jim Rotella, Ralph Pendry, Frank Alexander, George Seibold, Richard Neilson, Joe Morris, Al Hoshier and Louis Cutler of Omaha Squadron 1 assisted on the gas trucks, provided limousine service and assisted in parking the planes.

Prizes were awarded for the oldest and smallest planes, youngest and oldest pilots and plane flying the longest distance. Out-of-town pilots inspected the control tower and Weather Bureau and saw exhibits of light planes.

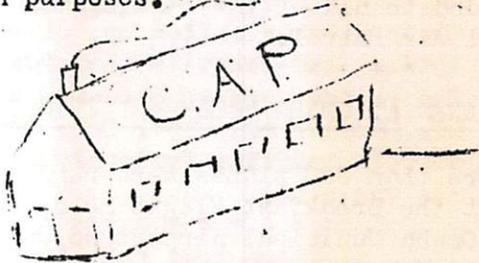
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to give the cadets practical experience in maintaining airplanes. Inside the building will be a classroom, shop, photo laboratory and operations office.

NEWS FROM GROUP 764 AT NORTH PLATTE

Major J. O. Jenkins has announced plans for the future development of the local CAP Squadron at North Platte, which now numbers approximately 60 members. Maj. Jenkins is Group Commander of Group 764, which includes units at Lexington, Ainsworth, Sidney and North Platte. Another unit is planned at either McCook or Cambridge. The North Platte Squadron has members from Maxwell, Brady, Sutherland and other towns in the immediate area.

The group hopes eventually to purchase its own L-4 Piper Cub training type aircraft. The unit has at present a BT-13, formerly owned by the U. S. Air Force, which is used for laboratory and demonstration purposes.



The North Platte Squadron has its own plot of land, 250 feet by 200 feet, at the Municipal Airport. On this plot they have already constructed one building 136 feet long and 20 feet wide. The interior of the building is not completed, but nearly all equipment has been obtained. The building, which was purchased by CAP from the Army, is an old barracks. The North Platte CAP members put the building up after pouring the foundations and laying the necessary piping. The building has its own propane heating and a gasoline powered light plant.

COL. MUELLER INSPECTS OMAHA CADETS

Colonel Rudy C. Mueller, Nebraska Wing Commander, inspected the Omaha Cadets of Squadron No. 1 at Offutt Air Force Base on 6 July 1949. Major L.J. Heinsen, Wing Air Inspector and Major Roy Highfield, Wing Cadet Commandant participated in the inspection.

There are now 65 male cadets in this Squadron.

BLAIR AIRPORT TO HAVE NEW ADMINISTRATION BUILDING AND CAP BUILDING

Lt. Bennard M. Reeh, Commanding Officer of the Blair Flight advises that the City Council and Mayor of Blair have obtained approval from the Civil Aeronautics Administration and the State Department of Aeronautics to start construction of a \$26,000 administration and CAP building at the Blair airport on July 24th.

The building, which is to be constructed under the government matching program, will have a full basement finished and will include a restaurant. This will provide the members of the newly reorganized Blair Flight with meeting space and a place to carry out their programs of study and activity.

AERONAUTICAL RATINGS

The following CAP personnel have received Aeronautical Ratings, as indicated, in accordance with the provisions of CAP Regulation 50-1:

- Harold F. Black - PILOT
Mitchell, Nebraska
- Victor J. Pieper - PILOT
Mitchell, Nebraska
- 2nd Lt. Joseph T. Morris - PILOT
Omaha, Nebraska
- 2nd Lt. P. J. Carlentini - PILOT
Omaha, Nebraska
- Captain Louis A. Cutler - PILOT
Omaha, Nebraska
- 1st Lt. Robert C. Fisk - PILOT
Omaha, Nebraska
- John M. Russo - PILOT
Omaha, Nebraska
- Sgt. William G. Hibberd - PILOT
Lexington, Nebraska
- 2nd Lt. Harold W. Cook - SENIOR PILOT
Lincoln, Nebraska

OMAHA CADETS HAVE NEW INSTRUCTORS

PROP WASH

The Omaha Cadets have two additional instructors for their Wednesday night meetings -- Lt. Carl Wedel of Omaha Sqdn. 1 and Mr. Edward Donahue of the United Air Lines.

W/O Lawrence Dutton is carrying on his fine work as instructor in various aeronautical subjects.

PLATTSMOUTH FLIGHT HOLDS MEETING

Captain Frank M. Bowman, AF-CAP Liaison Officer, attended the meeting of the Plattsouth Flight held on Thursday, 14 July 1949. Approximately thirty senior members and cadets were present, including the new members of the flight who are stationed at Offutt Air Force Base. An L-4 aircraft is to be stationed at Plattsouth during the next week.

NEBRASKA CAP WING STAFF MEMBERS

- Col. Rudy C. Mueller - Wing Commander
Lt. Col. Earle C. Reynolds - Deputy Adjutant - Lt. Dorothy H. Cathers Personnel Officer - Major Paul S. Read Air Inspector - Major L. J. Heinsen Cadet Commandant - Maj. Roy Highfield Operations Officer - Maj. Vic Schroeder Public Information Officer -
Maj. Soren Hunkhof Supply and Maintenance - Capt. WW George Engineering Officer - Capt. H. O. Bergstrom Communications Ofcr - Maj. O.T. Powell Asst. Communications Ofcr. - Lt. Vern Fullor Medical Officer - Maj. A. D. Cloyd

AF-CAP LIAISON STAFF:

- Captain Frank M. Bowman, Liaison Officer
M/Sgt. R. V. Cryderman, Asst.
Kathryn Graham, Wing Secretary

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There was a gathering of the clan at Kearney, Nebraska on 10 July 1949. CAP members from Lexington, Grand Island, Kearney and North Platte drove their trucks there to pick up equipment allocated to their units. "Pilot" Cryderman was at the controls of the K-60 truck from Omaha (and "Co-Pilot" Wendell George is still recuperating from the rough ride).

The people at the Norfolk Air Show were lined up six deep around the concession stands. At one time during the day, we spotted Major L. J. Heinsen, Lt. Louis Coleman and Airman Cryderman, their sleeves rolled up, dishing out hotdogs and cokes to the crowd like mad. The person working hardest, though, was Lt. (excuse me) Capt. Gene Asmus of Norfolk, puffing furiously on a cigar all the time.

Eighteen boys from the Omaha Cadet Squadron had a big weekend, driving up to Norfolk on Saturday and camping at the Norfolk Airport. The cadets were accompanied by Lt. Vern Fuller and Flight Officer Richard Nielsen.

Wing Headquarters is fairly humming with activity these days, and into the wee small hours of the night -- well, nine or ten o'clock anyway. Captain George and Major Heinsen have been poring over the supply records, preparing the semi-annual inventory report. Pat Sires and Goldie Stephens have been coming in regularly to help with the typing and filing -- and, incidently, THANKS, gals!

The Omaha cadets have volunteered to assist in sorting the 500 additional uniforms recently received by the Wing. Storage is the big problem, and the boys have offered to help build bins for this purpose.

HELP WANTED

(Units - send in your news !!!)