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CIVIL AIR PATROL CELEBRATES EIGHTH ANNIVERSARY ON DECEMBER 1st

In a letter addressed to all members of the Civil Air Patrol, dated 16 November 1949, our National Commander, Major General Lucas V. Beau, USAF, advised that this year--the eighth anniversary of the founding of the Civil Air Patrol--we are going to set aside an entire week to do the job of celebrating and to draw the country's attention to the need for many new cadets to reach our goal of a national junior air reserve of 100,000.

Major Beau has requested that all wings, groups, squadrons and flights cooperate to make this WEEK a big success. The anniversary and "beating of tom-toms" for new cadets can be brought to the attention of the public through radio and television programs; speeches by local CAP members where possible, before service clubs, and in school assemblies (with cadets appearing, where possible, to plead their own cause); and through newspaper articles in local papers. National Headquarters is having prepared, by the Air Force, a set of transcription platters to be distributed to all wings, carrying a series of eleven spot recruiting appeals, each by a celebrity--stars such as Henry Fonda, and big name band leaders. These will be made available to the Nebraska units as soon as received.

Throughout the Nebraska Wing, dinners, programs and ceremonies will be held to commemorate the founding of Civil Air Patrol, to re-tell the story of how this historic "Minute-Men-of-the-Air" project was put across, what it did for national defense, and plans for the future. Mayors of the various communities should be requested to issue proclamations recommending public observance of CAP week.

General Beau stated that looking back over the past year he was gratified at the strides we have made, and asked that all CAP members join him in the determination to make the coming year the greatest in our history.

FIFTY EIGHT OFFICERS MEET AT KEARNEY

Fifty-eight officers, representing fourteen units of the Nebraska Wing attended the state conference at Kearney on Sunday, 20 November 1949.

Representatives from Ord, Grand Island, Norfolk, Crete, North Platte, Bayard, Scottsbluff, Lexington, Hastings, Lincoln, Kearney, Group 765, Kimball and Central City, as well as Wing staff and AF-CAP Liaison Office personnel were present.

CADET AND SCHOOL PROGRAM

After opening remarks by the Wing Commander, Colonel Rudy Mueller, Major Heinsen was asked to advise the group how to build their cadet quota, in the absence of Major Roy Highfield who was unable to attend.

Major Howard Murphy, Norfolk, Nebraska, told the group about the Norfolk Squadron's experiences with the CAP cadet program in the high-school and had many helpful pointers for other units who are also adopting the CAP-highschool coordinated course in their schools.

Later in the program Major Murphy, Wing Operations Officer, talked on the proper use and care of USAF aircraft. He outlined a number of procedures to be followed by CAP units using the aircraft.

PROCEDURE ON DRY RUNS

Capt. Jack Lewis, Commanding Officer of the Bayard Flight, gave an interesting and informative account of three search and rescue practice missions recently carried out. They were called "Operation Hoyt", "Operation Wildcat" and "Operation Blackout".

Capt. Lewis explained the procedure followed in conducting a successful twenty-four hour dry run. Cadets and senior members were used in the search. Use of SCR 511's enabled members to keep in contact with field headquarters. Capt. Lewis stressed the importance of careful planning and exact timing.

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L-5 USED FOR TWO MERCY MISSIONS BY GROUP 765

MEETINGS HELD AT PLATTSMOUTH AND BEATRICE FLIGHTS

Lt. R.R. Kelso Makes First Use of Ambulance Plane

A Rusebud, South Dakota Indian child, seriously ill with "brain fever" was flown from Kimball, Nebraska to a South Dakota reservation hospital on 3 November 1949.

Lt. R. R. Kelso, commanding officer of the Kimball Flight, called for the plane from the Scottsbluff Squadron after the doctor attending Henry Red Shirt, 20 months old, ordered the child to the reservation hospital for special medical care. Harry D. Ehrlich of Scottsbluff flew the ambulance plane to Kimball, and Lt. Kelso flew the child to Rosebud.

This was the first time the CAP L-5 ambulance plane was used in an emergency.

Donald Boyer of Alliance Flies Mercy Mission in L-5 Aircraft

On November 10, Donald Boyer of the Alliance Flight flew the L-5 to Chadron, Nebraska to pick up a 61 year old man who had been injured in a fall. He was flown back to Alliance, but as the hospital there was unable to give him the necessary medical care Pilot Boyer flew all night and brought the injured man to an Omaha hospital.

Only stop on the approximately 570 mile trip was made at Grand Island, Nebraska, where CAP members had hot coffee ready for the pilot. The L-5 arrived at Omaha around 5:00 AM on 11 November 1949.

Bayard Cadets Receive Observation Rides in L-5 Aircraft

The October 27th issue of THE BAYARD TRANSCRIPT carried a picture of Lt. Virgil Plummer, Adjutant, and Cadets Deloma Karnes, Donald Moranville and James Stockwell, standing by the L-5 aircraft assigned to Group 765. The plane circulates among the units in that group
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Lt. Peter J. Stavneak, Wing Personnel Officer, represented the Wing at a meeting of the Plattsmouth Flight on Wednesday evening, 16 November 1949. Sixteen senior members and cadets were present. The meeting was held in one of the stores in Plattsmouth, however, arrangements are being made to secure a meeting place at the public library.

Approximately eighteen persons attended a reorganization meeting at Beatrice, Nebraska on Thursday evening, 17 November. Capt. Frank Bowman, AF-CAP Liaison Officer drove to Beatrice to attend the meeting and showed the group some films, including some colored film he took himself while stationed in Burma.

NEW APPOINTMENTS TO WING STAFF MADE

Colonel Rudy Mueller, Wing Commander recently announced two new assignments on the Wing Staff.

Major Howard Murphy of Norfolk, Nebraska has been assigned as Wing Operations Officer. Major Murphy has been the commanding officer of the Norfolk Squadron since November of 1947, and served as Camp Commander for both the 1948 and 1949 cadet summer encampments.

Lt. Peter J. Stavneak, former Omaha Squadron 3 commander, has been assigned as Wing Personnel Officer. A CAP member since 1943, Lt. Stavneak was instrumental in building up the cadet strength of Omaha Squadron 3. There are now three flights of cadets in Squadron 3, with a total cadet personnel of approximately 100.

and reached Bayard on October 21. The Bayard cadets have been receiving orientation rides in both the L-5 and L-4 aircraft. The Bayard cadets have started a 28 hour course in Morse Code, and recently saw the movie, "Enemy Booby Traps."

SQUADRON 3 PLANS DINNER PARTY

Omaha Squadron 3 officers, senior members and their friends will have a dinner party on Wednesday evening, 30 November 1949, from 6:00 to 8:00 P.M.

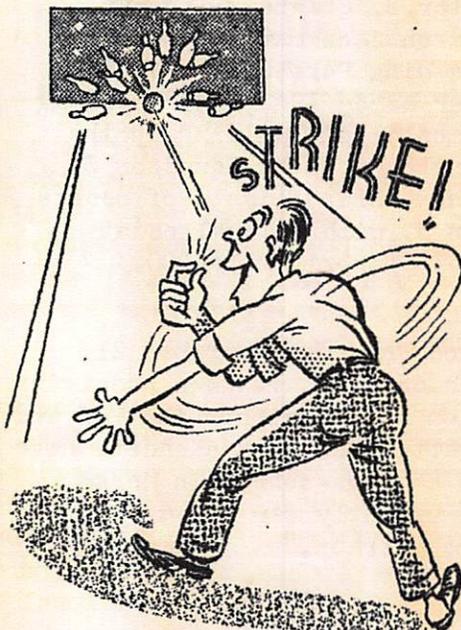
The dinner will be held in the Log Cabin Room of the YMCA building at 17th and Harney streets. For further information, contact Lt. Robert Fisk, Commanding Officer, at Ke. 1815 (home) or At. 2780 (business).

OMAHA GIRLS ATTEND CADET RADIO CLASS

Seven girl cadets in Omaha Squadron No. 3 are taking radio instruction classes on Wednesday nights at the Municipal Airport. Sixteen Omaha boys are also in the class. Cadet Lt. Dewaine Sporer is instructor.

ATTENTION: OMAHA BOULERS

WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT HAVING A CIVIL AIR PATROL BOWLING LEAGUE FOR OMAHA CAP MEMBERS? IT COULD BE A LOT OF FUN, AS WELL AS GOOD PUBLICITY. ANYWAY, TALK IT OVER WITH YOUR SQUADRON MEMBERS AND LET US KNOW YOUR REACTION AT THE MEETING HEAD-QUARTERS--SO WE CAN GET THE BALL ROLLING.



GRAND ISLAND AND HASTINGS NEWS ITEMS

Early this month the Hastings and Grand Island cadets had a weiner roast along the Platte River, halfway between the two cities. Cadet Captain Donald Hide and three other cadets from Hastings picked the site and built the fire. The Grand Island cadets fixed up the CAP truck with hay and made a "hayrack" ride out of the trip to the camp site. After the weiner roast, the cadets used the 511 radios for a radio demonstration. About thirty cadets and senior members were present.

Some of the Hastings cadets have visited the Grand Island Flight on their meeting nights. Cadet Donald Hide brought along his colored slides taken at last year's Cadet Exchange Program in Canada, as well as slides taken at the summer camp at Rapid City Air Base and the 1949 Cleveland Air Races. Donald and two other Hastings cadets hitch hiked to the Cleveland Air Races this year. They assisted the Cleveland CAP Squadron in handling traffic at the races and received special letters of commendation from Cleveland Squadron 5 for the fine job they did.

Lt. H. L. Coleman, Lt. May Coleman, Lt. William A. Barrett, Lt. Dale K. Holub and Stephen Fleharty -- all of the Grand Island Flight -- recently each donated a pint of blood to the American Red Cross at Grand Island. Lt. May Coleman also assisted the Red Cross at the registration desk.

The Cornhusker Cafe at Grand Island was the scene for a final gathering of the "clan" on Sunday night, Nov. 20th. The Norfolk group was just leaving when Captain Bowman and his five passengers--Maj. Wendell George, Lt. Dorothy Cathers, Sgts. Pat Sires and Clara Spindler--drove up in the staff car. Shortly afterwards, Lt. Stavneak drove up with Maj. Heinsen, Lt. Fuller, W/O Beck, Edwin Burrell and Lts. Louis and May Coleman. Over that "last cup of coffee" the Kearney meeting was finally closed.

P R O P W A S H

If you ask us, some of the CAP members who were meandering around Kearney on Saturday night (representatives from Omaha, Norfolk, Scottsbluff, Bayard and Grand Island) need to be briefed on navigation! The gang got separated into two groups, each of which spent hours searching for the other. (No emergency search procedure available either.) Then we finally all got together everything had closed up tighter than a drum! Oh well, we tried.

M/Sgt. R. V. Cryderman ("Hiawatha" Cryderman, that is) was one of the missing persons at Kearney. He went duck hunting instead and is rather proud of the fact that he bagged four ducks!

The Omaha staff car didn't exactly break down on the return trip, but Captain Bowman was mighty worried for a few miles. We "flew low" at about 12 mph until we reached Central City, where Capt. B. performed an emergency maintenance inspection and corrected the defect (something about the carburetor) with the help of a fingernail file loaned by Sgt. Pat Sires. Close to Omaha we ran into heavy snow and it was "instrument flying" for the last fifty miles or so.

Guess who meandered into the Wing office today -- Lt. (Doc) Ekwald of the Norfolk Squadron. He wanted the address of Station KUILR--for besides being an L.D. by profession and a pilot, Lt. Ekwald is a radio enthusiast. His trip back to Norfolk from Kearney with Lt. Wayne Hilke-meier, in the L-5, was quick -- but CGLD.

Speaking of the cold weather, Sgt. Cryderman will head "foah the deep South" on Monday, the 28th. To Lexington, Kentucky, in fact--but not to see the Southern belles. He's taking the K-60 truck to pick up equipment.

CAP CONFERENCE AT KEARNEY (cont).

Lt. R. R. Kelso of Kimball told of a mercy mission flown by his unit recently, when a sick Indian child was flown from Kimball to a reservation hospital in Rosebud, South Dakota.

Lt. Vern Fuller, Wing Communications Officer, presented a Nebraska Wing Communications Program bulletin to every conference member. The bulletin contains an area map, a complete roster of Nebraska CAP radio stations and other information regarding the Wing communications network. Lt. Fuller explained procedures in the care and maintenance of radio equipment and told the group about the newly organized Nebraska Wing Communications Flight.

Lt. Col. Earle Reynolds, Deputy Wing Commander, addressed the conference after the official dinner. He told the group of the service performed by Civil Air Patrol nationally since its organization eight years ago. He complimented the members on their achievements in cadet training and mercy missions.

Lt. Jack Stavneak, Wing Personnel Officer, explained the application and record system used at Wing Headquarters. He urged the unit commanders to check all applications sent in.

NEBRASKA WING DISASTER PLAN

Capt. Frank Bowman distributed the Nebraska Wing Disaster Plan to the members present and explained the procedure unit commanders are to follow in event of local or state emergency, and the coordination that is necessary between CAP, the Air Rescue Service and the Red Cross.

The state has been divided into twenty-six areas. The plan lists the following information: CAP personnel in charge of area, names of counties, American Red Cross headquarters address, aircraft available, radio station call letters, and possible operational headquarters.

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COL. MUELLER IS AWARDED BLUE RIBBON

Colonel Rudy C. Mueller, Wing Commander has been awarded the Blue Service Ribbon by National Headquarters, Civil Air Patrol for completion of the minimum of six years faithful service to the Civil Air Patrol.

NORTH PLATTE SQDN. VISITS LEXINGTON

On 31 October 1949, Major Jenkins, Commanding Officer of the North Platte Squadron and a few of the members of his squadron, visited the Lexington Flight on their regular meeting night.

Capt. Herschel Amrine, Lexington Flight Commander, has extended an invitation to anyone interested in flying, radio, link trainer or in the aviation course which is to be taught in the Lexington Highschool the second semester to attend their meetings on Monday nights.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Group 765 Headquarters has requested that their mailing address be changed from Post Office Box 536, Scottsbluff, Nebraska, to the following:

Patricia Frank, Adjutant
Group 765, Civil Air Patrol
221C - 5th Avenue
Scottsbluff, Nebraska

A HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO ALL CAP MEMBERS



CAP CONFERENCE AT KEARNEY (concluded)

Also found in the state plan bulletin are forms for reports on emergencies, operational instructions for air search and rescue, and a Nebraska map showing the twenty-six areas.

CONCLUSION

The conference program was concluded with a general discussion period. Major Leonard Heinsen presented the subject of a proposed national dues.

Major Wendall George asked for an expression of opinion on the distribution of a limited number of cadet uniforms.

NEBRASKA WING STAFF MEMBERS

- Wing Commander - Col. Rudy Mueller
- Deputy Wing Commander - Lt. Col. E. C. Reynolds
- Adjutant - Lt. Dorothy Cathers
- Personnel Officer - Lt. P. J. Stavneak
- Operations Officer - Maj. Howard Murphy
- Cadet Commandant - Maj. Roy Highfield
- PIO - Major Soren Munkhof
- Asst. PIO - W/O Cecil Williams
- Supply & Maint. - Maj. W. W. George
- Engr. Officer - Capt. H. O. Bergstrom
- Air Inspector - Maj. L. J. Heinsen
- Communications Officer - Lt. Vern Fuller
- Medical Officer - Maj. A. D. Cloyd
- Training Officer - Maj. Charles E. Taylor

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