

# Good Living Conditions Encourage Airmen to Stay in Service

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Recently, Gen. Curtis LeMay, commander of the strategic air command, told of the alarming number of technically-trained airmen who were being lured out of the service by private industry.

It is more difficult to replace the airmen than it is any other servicemen. In the operations room of the 656th AC&W squadron at Ketchum's Corners, it takes more than a year of training before an airman can become proficient enough to handle all of his work.

One of the best ways to encourage an airman to stay in the service is to keep him happy while he is in. This is accomplished by providing him with sufficient recreational facilities and good living conditions.

M/SGT. WILLIAM VENNEMAN, non-commissioned officer in charge of special services for the 656th AC&W, with the aid of several other airmen, has set up a recreational program which compares favorably with that of any base.

Among other facilities, the base has two boats with outboard motors on Saratoga Lake, an 800-book library, a volleyball court, a day room with pool and tennis tables, TV sets in each barracks, all types of sports equipment from golf clubs to shagbuns, a hobby shop, a small bar, and a picnic area.

The base also sponsors a softball team in a local league. Sgt. Vennemman provides guided tours of area plants—the next trip will be a tour of the General Electric plant in Schenectady.

One day each month is set aside



PLANNING RECREATION—M/SGT. William Vennemman and his assistant, A/1c Fontaine plan a guided tour for the airmen, in their information and education office, which also serves as a library.



SICK CALL—Medic S/Sgt. A. J. Zatowsky checks the blood pressure of A/3c Terry R. West in the base's neat little dispensary.



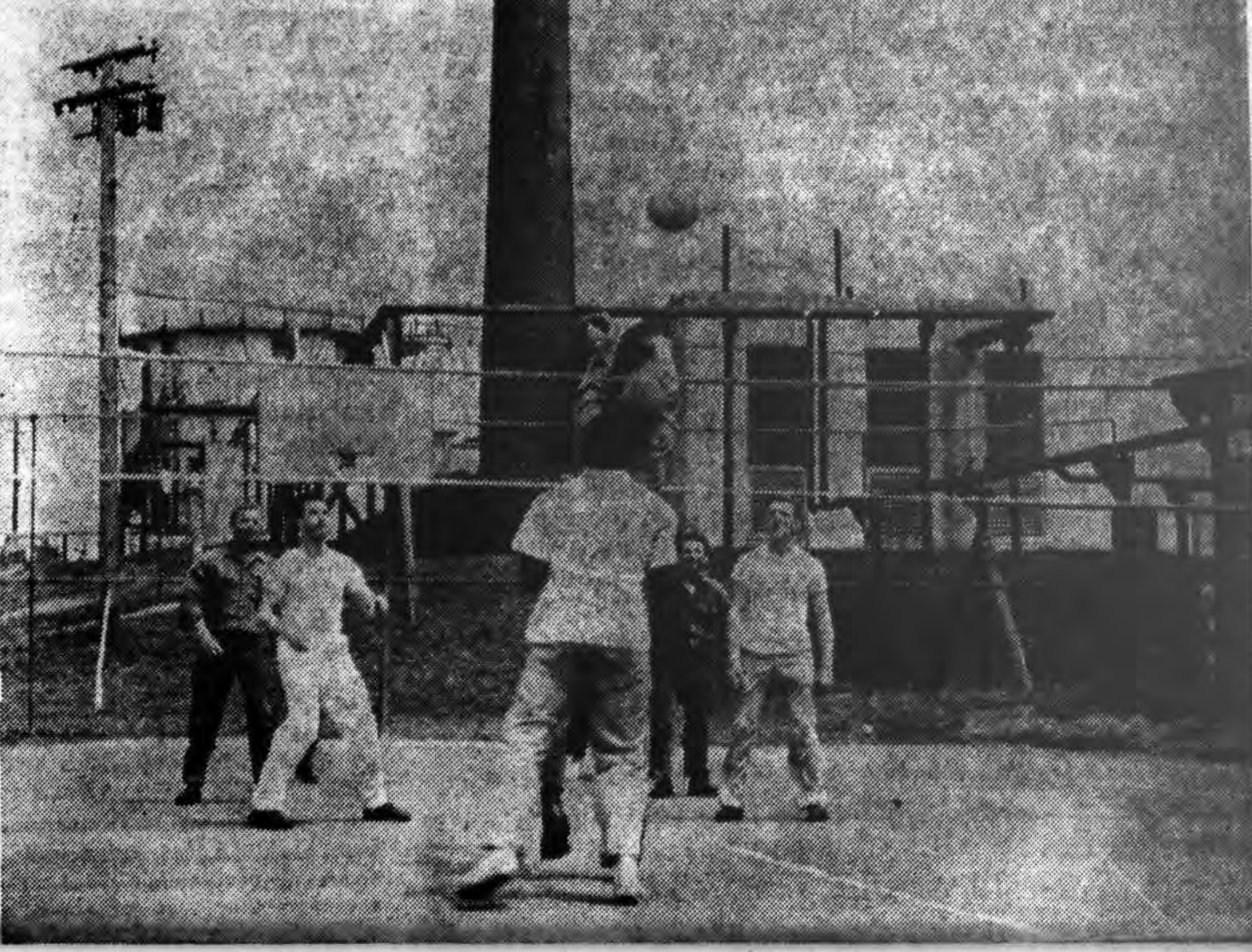
OFFICIAL INSPECTION—Brig. Gen. Thayer S. Olds, in civilian clothes who recently took over command of 28th Air Division, last week inspected the Saratoga Air Base, which is under his command. Maj. James A. Hester, base commander, walks with the general. In background, left to right, are Capt. James Head and First Sergeant Glenn Way.



CHOW TIME—Hefty cook is living advertisement of the quality and quantity of the food at the base.



WHAT TO WEAR—A/2c William E. Gann looks longingly at sports shirt he wears on off duty hours. Meanwhile, he has his room in order for a military inspection.



VOLLEYBALL ANYONE?—Personnel at the base keep the volleyball court occupied almost continuously.

## Area Teachers Share in Recognition Day Monday; Qualifications Service Listed

Governor Averell Harriman has proclaimed Monday, May 21, as Teacher Recognition Day for the 120,000 public and non-public school teachers of the state.

The event was inaugurated in 1955 as a result of the Governor's desire to have a day set aside each year when all persons could express their appreciation for the many contributions school teachers

## Skidmore Sonneteers to Give St. Clement's Concert Tuesday

The Skidmore Sonneteers will present a concert of specialty numbers in St. Clement's auditorium Tuesday at 8 p.m. for the weekly audience of about 400.

Miss Margaret Steele is director and arranger of the Sonneteers. Miss Caryl Gatzert is the business agent.

The Sonneteers have just returned from making recordings for Columbia.

Members of the Sonneteers, who are giving the concert for the benefit of St. Clement's school

### OBITUARY

**Frank Sollosy**, 69, died yesterday at the Saratoga Hospital after an illness of three weeks. He was born in Czechoslovakia July 3, 1886 and had been a resident of Saratoga Springs 29 years, living at R.D. 1, near Hickey's Corners.

Mr. Sollosy was employed by the United Board and Carton Corp. paper mill at Thomson. He was a member of St. Clement's Church. Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Teresa Sollosy; two daughters, Mrs. Anthony Shomon, Meriden, Conn., and Miss Ann Sollosy, Saratoga Springs; two sons, John Sollosy, Argyle, and Frank Sollosy, Fort Edward, and five grandchildren.

The funeral will be held at the residence Monday at 8:45 a.m. and at St. Clement's Church at 9:30. Burial will be in the family plot in St. Peter's Cemetery.

**Mrs. Anna M. Gray**, widow of Mrs. Anna Marie Gray, widow of Arthur G. Gray, was held at 2 p.m. today at the Kark and Tunison Funeral Home. The Rev. W. Benjamin Holmes, rector of Bethesda Episcopal Church, officiated.

Burial was in Greenridge Cemetery. The honorary bearers were J. M. Cavanaugh, Lowell L. De Groot, C. Howard Blackley, Ward A. Cavanaugh and Ralph A. Shaw.

**William C. Cooper**  
The funeral of William C. Cooper was held at 2 p.m. today at the Burke Funeral Home. The Rev.

## Eagles Observe Mother's Day

Saratoga Aerie, Fraternal Order of Eagles, conducted a Mother's Day observance recently at the Home. In addition to the presentation of a citation to Mrs. Leslie Rodgers, Porter Corners, as mother of the year, a gift was presented to Mrs. Amelia Brooks Gansvoort, as the oldest mother present by Charles E. Morris, secretary.

Peter Baxter Jr., vice-president, presented a gift to Mrs. Julius Koper, Wilton, the youngest mother present, and Harry F. Mills, president, gave a present to Mrs. Rodgers.

Background music was played by Myron Carr.

Peter Baxter Jr. and Mr. Morris were co-chairmen, and the flood committee included Carl Baxter, Harry Bowen Martin Lynch Harold Royer and Peter Baxter.

A roast beef dinner was served under the direction of Don Sharpe. Joe Pasiole Jr. was the chef.

**THROUGH THE LIBRARY DOOR**  
Miss Lillian Berlin of this city will speak on "Adventures in Upholstery" on the program, Through the Library Door tomorrow from 12:05-12:15 p.m. over WSPN. The series is presented by the Saratoga Springs Public Library.

**Lewis M. Brehaut**, pastor of the First Baptist Church, officiated. Burial was in the Rock City Falls Cemetery. The bearers were Ted Senecal, Edward Senecal, John Cole, William Gailor, Pearley Benson Jr. and Albert Jordan.

## Spadettes Win Trophy

The Spadettes, all-girl drum and bugle corps, won a trophy for an appearance in a recent parade in Gloversville, which opened a five-day civic exposition. The group received third place trophy, first and second places going to the Mayfield Central School Band and the Vagabonds, senior corps of Fort Edward, respectively.

This was the first appearance of the season of the Spadettes, and their instructors expressed satisfaction with their performance. It was also the first parade in which the girls had used their new valve bugles and drums.

The local public will have an opportunity to see the group with the new equipment on Memorial Day. There are 46 members in the corps.

Charles Clough is chief director of the Spadettes; Mrs. Howard P. Cook, councillor; Richard Pearson, bugle instructor, and Paul Vogt, drum instructor. A/2c Robert Witthoff of the 656th A.C. & W. Squadron is in charge of the color guard and rifle squad.

The Gloversville parade was headed by Police Lt. Loren Baker and a color guard, followed by Mayor Roger B. Haviland and members of the Common Council. A squadron of foreign convertibles was featured.

## Army Group To Explain Reserve Plan

Army personnel will visit Saratoga Springs and Ballston Spa Monday to explain details of the Reserve program with six months active duty.

Four officers and seven enlisted men of the Military Obligation Information Team will be here under the direction of Col. St. E. P. Tyner representing the commanding general of the First Army in Reserve affairs in the Upstate area. These officers and men, who are experts on the military obligations of young men, will set up an information center in front of the McGiffir Specialty Shop and will call on parents.

The group will be in Saratoga Springs, starting at 9 a.m. Monday, and will be in Front St., Ballston Spa, from 2:30 to 5 p.m.

A meeting will be held in the auditorium of the Saratoga Springs High School Monday at 8 p.m. This is for both Saratoga Springs and Ballston Spa residents. The meeting has been arranged through John J. Sexton, high school principal.

Through the Reserve Forces Act of 1955 this program of six months active duty with Reserve training weekly is open to young men from 17 to 18½.

Questions will be answered at the meeting Monday night.

## Methodists Ask Retention Of Bishop Newell in Post

Schenectady (AP) — The Troy Methodist Conference asked yesterday that Bishop Frederick B. Newell be retained as presiding bishop of the New York area.

The request was forwarded to the northeastern jurisdictional conference, which will meet in Ocean City, N.J., in June. The bishop has indicated a similar desire.

The Troy conference in its third session yesterday voted also to be continued as a part of the New York area. It has been proposed that a new bishop's area, which might call for changing of boundary lines, be considered at the northeastern jurisdictional meeting.

The retirement of nine ministers was approved yesterday. They include the Rev. Anton

## Indictments Due Monday

Ballston Spa—The Grand Jury is expected to return indictments here Monday, start of the second week of the May term of Supreme Court. It is anticipated that the number of indictments will be fewer than that normally expected for the term, relatively few cases having to be decided.

Justice Andrew W. Ryan adjourned court until 10 a.m. Monday after hearing initial arguments in companion lawsuits totaling \$111,000 yesterday afternoon. The actions have been brought by Mr. and Mrs. John W. Strohl, 23½ George, Saratoga Springs.

The Strohls are seeking the amount in connection with a five-car automobile accident on the Thruway, near Herkimer, Mar. 27, 1955. The actions are against all four of the other drivers.

Attorneys for the defense moved for dismissal of the actions at the conclusion of yesterday's hearings, but Justice Ryan denied the motions.

Carroll, Amyot and Doling of Saratoga Springs are attorneys for Mrs. Strohl, who is seeking \$100,000. Carleton King is representing her husband, who seeks \$11,000.

Defendants are Miss Ruth Dels, Troy, represented by Patrick Keniry of Mechanicville; Malcolm E. Simons, Troy, driver of a truck owned by Pillsbury Mills Corp., both represented by Alfred L. Simon of Ballston Spa; Louis Binns of Loudonville, represented by Thomas Tracy of Albany; and John H. Taylor of New York City, represented by John J. Carusone of Saratoga Springs.

**LAWRENCE BIBLE CLASS**  
A social program is planned for the meeting of the Lawrence Bible Class Wednesday at 8 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Edward C. Blair, 155 Division. Mrs. Howard E. Baker will be assistant hostess.

## Barbershop Singers to Meet Monday Night

Although the local Barbershop choral group has made good progress—now having about 15 members—the leadership has decided to change the meeting nights from Thursdays to Mondays in an effort to increase the membership.

At least 20 men are needed to form a chapter of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barbershop Quartet Singing in America Inc., and it is hoped to obtain more than that.

With three sessions already under their vocal chords, the group will meet next Monday at 7:45 p.m. at the Presbyterian Church for more close harmony.

Outside leaders have been present at the previous meetings to get the group started and it is expected they will continue to give assistance for an indefinite period.

## Dads, Sons to Hear Game Protector

William Frasier, game protector, will speak on Fish and Game Protection at the annual father-son banquet of the Methodist Men Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. at the First Methodist Church.

Reservations should be made by Monday with the Rev. T. Snowden Thomas, 2896-R, or Martin A. Sadler, 1408.

**VFW Members Plan Work at Cemetery**  
Plans have been made for working at the VFW memorial plot in Maplewood Cemetery Monday night. Members of Gurtler Brothers Post who are able to be present are to meet at the Veterans Memorial Home by 6:30. They are asked to take rakes to prepare the plot for seeding.

## The Saratogian Day Book

**The Weather**  
Northern New York, Western Mohawk Area and South-Central New York—Mostly cloudy and cool with scattered areas of light rain this morning, followed by gradual clearing, high in upper 50s to low 60s. Fair and cooler with scattered frost tonight, low 32-38 generally and 25-32 in mountainous areas. Sunday Considerable sunshine and continued cool, high 55-60. Wind southerly 15-30 becoming westerly by afternoon, light and variable by late tonight and light southwest by Sunday afternoon. Outlook for Monday, cloudy with scattered areas of light rain likely.

**The Sun** Rises Sets  
Today 5:39 8:15  
Tomorrow 5:38 8:16

**Coming Events**  
Tonight  
Sports Day, Saratoga Springs Recreation Field.  
Ladies Night dinner and installation of officers, Saratoga Springs Lions Club, Ash Grove Inn, 7:30.  
Knights of Columbus Ladies Night dinner, Newman's Lake House, 7:30.  
Senior-Junior Prom, Saratoga High School, Casino, 9.  
Spring luncheon of Northern New York Vassar Club, Newman's Lakehouse.  
Veterans Poppy Day by auxiliaries to VFW and Legion.  
Tomorrow  
Reubena Hyde Walworth Auxiliary meeting with Mrs. G. W. Ainsworth, 15 Esat Harrison, 2:30.  
Monday  
Drill of Co. B, 27th QM. Bn., State Armory, 7:30.  
Rising Sun Lodge 103, F. & A. M. Masonic Temple, 7:30.  
Saratoga Council 246, Knights of Columbus, K. of C. Home, 8:30.  
Saratoga Hadassah Chapter, Jewish Community Center, 8:30.  
Ambassador Drum Corps buglers, City Hall, 7.  
Troop 21, BSA, New England Congregational Church, 7:30.  
Troop 44, BSA, St. Peter's auditorium, 7.

## Funeral Notices

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**ATTENTION K. of C.**  
Regular Meeting Monday Night, May 21st  
at the  
K of C HOME, LAKE AVENUE  
AT 8:30 P.M.  
This is the Social Meeting for May  
RICHARD H. McCARTY,  
Grand Knight.