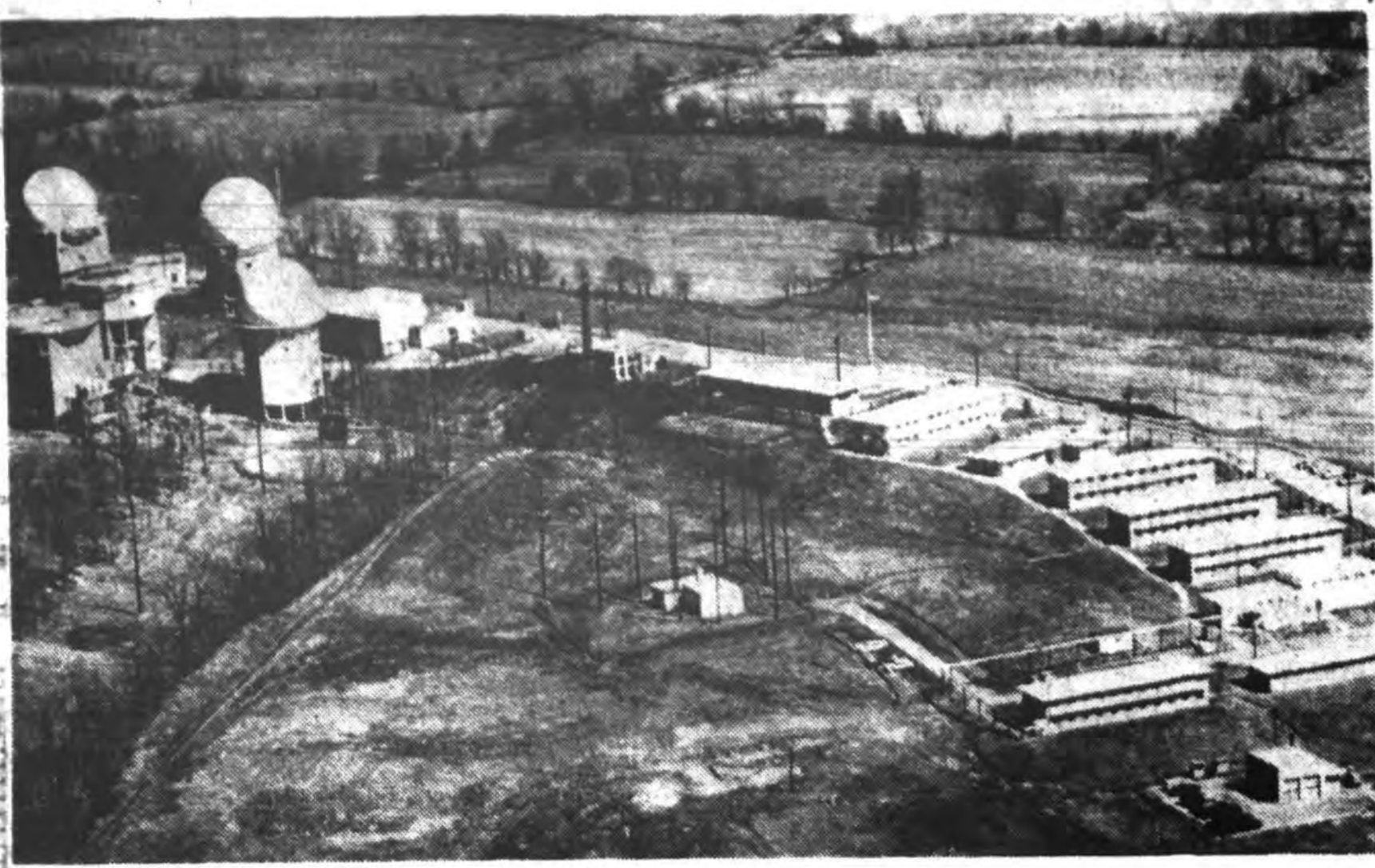


# Spa Radar Men on (in) the Ball



**GOLF BALL SKYLINE**—The plastic spheres to the left, housing radar equipment, are prominent markings of this community occupied by an Air Force Semi-Automatic Ground Environment System unit near Saratoga Springs.

## 'For a Single Man—Our Location Couldn't Be Better'

**Saratoga Springs** (AP)—A skyline of huge white balls introduces a tiny, self-sufficient community in the heart of Saratoga County.

This miniature city, occupying 44 acres at Ketchums Corners and populated by 250 men and women, is the Saratoga Air Force Station, home of the 656th Radar Squadron (SAGE) of the Air Force.

SAGE stands for "semi-automatic ground environment system," and the Saratoga unit is one of a network of stations established to flash a warning of an impending enemy attack to a direction center at Boston.

The big "golf balls" are fiberglass structures housing radar equipment used to scan an allocated air space, the scope of which is classified information.

This miniature city, perched on one of the highest points in the area, has a panoramic view of the Mohawk Valley and the Adirondacks.

Far from a vacation resort, however, is the installation nine miles southeast of the famed Saratoga Springs spa and horse racing center.

The station has been in operation since 1952, when a \$1 million construction project was completed. Nearly finished is an expansion program that will cost several million dollars

and add a 100-map underground fallout shelter, new equipment, a radar tower, stand-by generators, electricity substations—and a bowling alley.

Direction of the community is a formidable job requiring technical know-how plus ability as a restaurant and night club operator, landlord and other skills. This is the task of Lt. Col. Charles A. Meyer, commander of the 656th.

To support its important role in air defense, the community is self-sufficient in leisure-hour activities. It has facilities for seasonal sports and a combined officers and non-commissioned officers club (built by the men) that rivals many of the area's chic bistros.

All single men are housed at the base. Married personnel may live nearby. There are nine ranch-type homes on the base for families of officers and non-coms.

The single men agree that being stationed near Saratoga Springs has much merit. Their opinion may be influenced by the proximity of the all-girl Skidmore College.

Colonel Meyer observed: "Back when I was single, on most bases there was one girl to every thousand GIs. From a single man's point of view, our location couldn't be better."

# Court Overrules SLA

An Albany Supreme Court Justice has set aside an order by the State Liquor Authority suspending a Troy grocer's beer license, saying in effect that the basis for the suspension was too remote.

Caught in a squeeze between the U. S. Treasury Department and the SLA as a result of a raid by federal agents on April 14, 1962, was Leo J. Fitzsimmons, operator of a grocery at 311 Spring Street, Troy.

He was fined \$150 on a plea of guilty to failure to have the federal occupational tax stamp.

Mr. Fitzsimmons reported the arrest to the SLA in accordance with license requirements. Subsequently charges were preferred by the SLA that "he suffered or permitted gambling on his premises in violation" of the SLA law.

SLA hearings were conducted in Albany spread over five days in the months of January, February, March and April.

As a result on Aug. 1, 1963, his license was suspended for 60 days.

The Troy law firm of Connolly, Mirch & Murphy obtained an order from Supreme Court Justice Herbert D. Hamm staying all SLA proceedings pending a review of SLA's suspension order.

SLA licenses are renewed for one-year periods. The principal contention was that the alleged violation which was the basis for the SLA suspension occurred during a prior licensing period, and therefore was remote.

Supreme Court Justice Ellis J. Staley Jr. agreed with the "remote" contention and annulled the suspension order.

At the Albany hearings, the SLA produced Treasury agents who participated in the raid.

Mr. Fitzsimmons, a grocer since 1939, produced a parade of "character" witnesses, including William E. Fitzgerald Jr., former president of a Troy brewery; Arthur Stevens and William Dunne, both executives of insurance companies and John P. Ryan Jr., president of a furniture company. They testified that they had occasion to visit the grocery store daily. They said they never had seen any gambling on the premises.

## Albany Lieutenant Joins Missile Unit

George A. Schmitt of Albany has arrived at Patrick Air Force Base, Florida, for duty as a Minuteman missile project officer following his commission as a second lieutenant.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Schmitt, 201 Consaul Road, and a graduate of Union College in Schenectady.

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## Mrs. Laut's Kin to Share \$233,307 Estate

A gross estate of \$233,307.66 was left by Mrs. Katherine A. Laut, 91 Homestead Avenue, who died July 22, 1962, according to a tax report approval by Albany County Surrogate Harold E. Koreman.

She was the widow of Harry J. Laut.

The assets of the estate consisted of: Stocks, \$191,335.08; bank accounts, \$41,746.08 and others \$226.50.

Dr. Christopher Stahler Jr., 308 Providence Street, a nephew, is executor, and A. Dorothea Hansel, 12 Pinehurst Street, a niece, is executrix.

Bequests are made in Mrs. Laut's will to a grandnephew, a grandniece and the residue, comprising a major portion of the estate, goes to nieces and nephews M. Elizabeth Burger, A. Dorothea Hansel, Charles J.

Stahler Jr. and Paul J. Strenge.

In another tax report, the late John A. Adelska of 41 Van Schoek Avenue, is shown as leaving a gross estate of \$127,941.97.

He died Nov. 11, 1962.

The assets are listed as:

Stocks, \$68,814.51; bank accounts, \$5,380.72; insurance, \$2,079.51; jointly owned prop-

erty, \$51,467.16; and others \$200.

The widow, Mrs. Rose A. Adelska, received the major portion of the estate, about \$86,000 under her husband's will. The remainder, after expenses, goes to a sister, Mrs. Helen K. Hoffman, 59 Sherman Street; and a brother, Joseph A. Adelska, 41 John Street, Rensselaer.



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