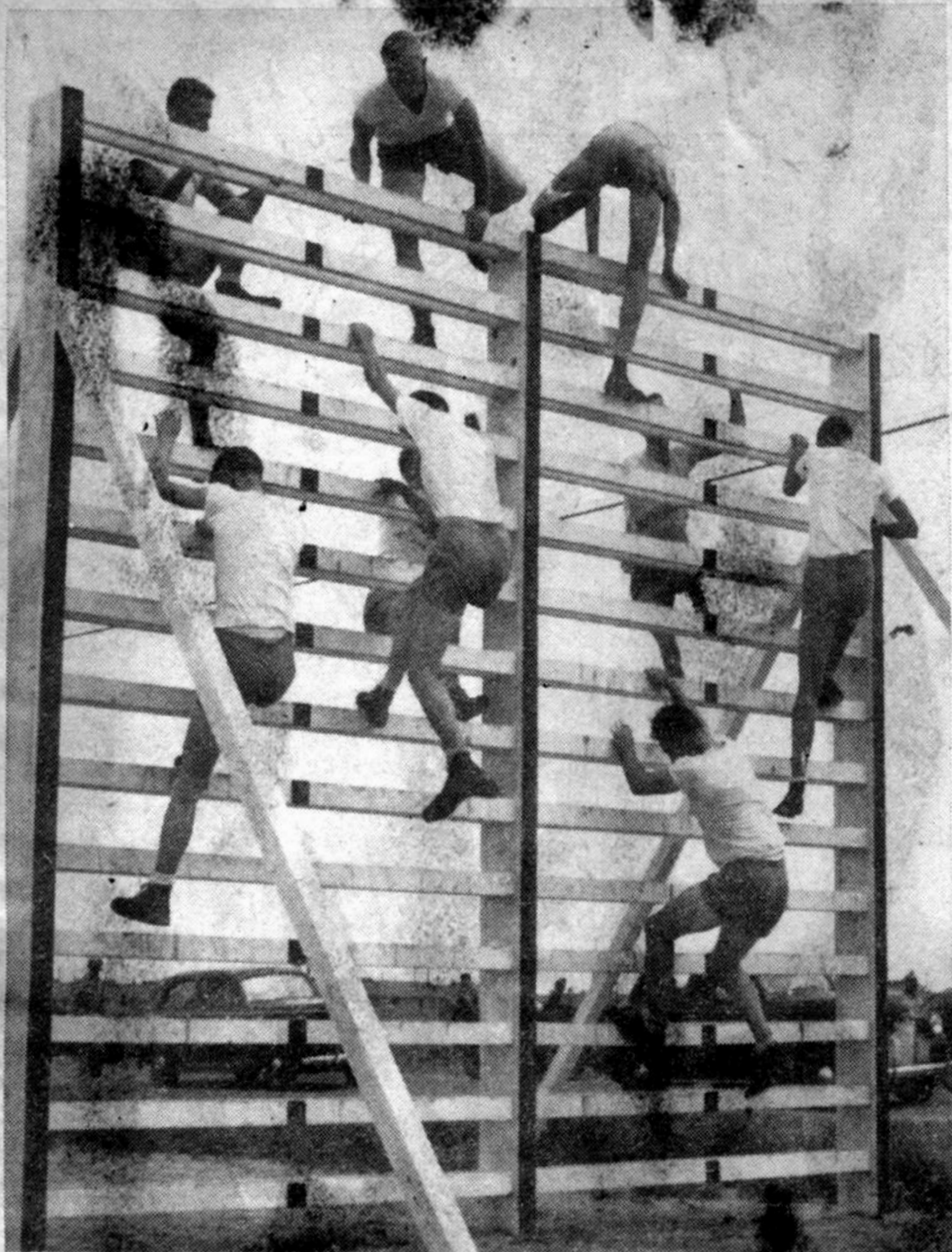


## Flyers Keep in Condition at Seymour Field



—United Air Force Photo

SEYMOUR, Ind., July 30 (Spl).—Perfect physical health is one of the reasons why American pilots are superior to Axis flyers. Shown here are aviation cadets at Freeman army air field who are keeping in condition by scaling the "ladder," one of the impediments of the gruelling obstacle course. These men will some day be among the pilots at the controls of the ships that help defeat the Axis powers. All of the military personnel at the field, including the WAC's, take regular periods of exercise.

# TALL CORN FOR SOLDIER



Official Army Air Forces Photo.

## Major Coxe Utilizes Spare Time.

Seymour, Ind., Aug. 2.—Victory gardening isn't necessarily confined to civilians, as Maj. William N. Coxe, post administrative inspector at Freeman Army Air Field, can testify. In his spare moments the major keeps busy in his corn patch with his 4-year-old daughter, Alice.

## Governor Speaks at Airfield Graduation



SEYMOUR, Ind., July 29. (Spl.)

—Henry F. Schricker, Governor of Indiana, told the fourth graduating class of aviation cadets completing their training at Freeman army airfield Wednesday that the period of peace immediately following the war is probably the most dangerous the nation must face.

"I see in you graduates, in the returning fighting men, the force to stabilize an unstabilized land," the state's chief executive, who was flown to the exercises in an army plane from Stout field, Indianapolis, said. He was accompanied by William Wiemar, acting state adjutant general.

Governor Schricker presented awards and pilot's wings to members of the graduating class following his address and was assisted by Major William B. Poe, director of training, Colonel E. T. Rundquist, commanding officer of the field, introduced the Governor and the oath of office was administered to the new officers by Major Albert E. Hughes, commandant of cadets.

In the picture, left to right, are Lieutenant Sigmund E. Bittner, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Bittner, East Chicago; Lieutenant Austin E. Brim, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Brim, Charlestown; Governor Schricker; Colonel Rundquist and Lieutenant Robert E. Wheeler, son of Dr. L. C. Wheeler, Clinton, and Mrs. Bertha E. Wheeler, Dana.

# Army Chaplain Is Speaker at Park Service

## "Lights in a Dark World" Is Subject Of Sermon Here Sunday Night

"Lights in a Dark World" was the subject of an inspiring sermon delivered at the weekly union worship service in the shelter house at Shields Park Sunday night by Chaplain Phillips Brooks Henderson, of Freeman Army Air Field. A large congregation attended the service, one of a series sponsored each Sunday night during July and August by the Seymour Ministerial Association.

The Rev. Edwin F. Shake, pastor of the First Methodist Church, presided at the service. He also gave the invocation, read the scripture and pronounced the benediction.

Cpl. Frances Boyer, a member of the Women's Army Corps at Freeman Field, sang "Ave Maria" as a solo, accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Henderson.

At the final union service next Sunday night, the Seymour A.M.E. Church will be in charge.

Chaplain Henderson, who was pastor of a Baptist Church at Damariscotta, Maine, prior to entering the army, said in part:

Lord Earl Grey at the beginning of World War I stood at his window and saw the street lights of London being extinguished. He remarked, "The lights are going out all over the world. Only God knows whether they shall be lit again in our generation."

The lights have gone out all over our world today—the lights of brotherhood and goodwill, of civilization and even Christianity. We live in a darkened world.

### Paul Was Persecuted.

The apostle Paul was living in dark times too, persecuted and driven by his enemies, and finally thrown into prison. From there he wrote to his church in Philippi, "In a crooked and perverse generation, ye shine as lights in a dark world." That is our task as Christians in a dark world—to

shine as lights. Jesus said to his disciples and to all Christians in all times: "Ye are the light of the world."

In the first place, our world is dark with uncertainty and fear. As Christians, we must be lights of confidence, courage, and certainty. Dr. Boynton Merrill has said, "The greatest single contribution that some of us can make to these distraught and dangerous times will be to live calmly and serenely as becomes those who really believe in God." That is the secret of courageous living—faith in God. It reminds us of what a great warrior of former days said, "In Him who strengthens me, I am ready for anything." Our responsibility as Christians is to be lights of confidence trusting God for anything that may happen to us.

### Hated Covers World.

Again, our world is dark with hatred, bloodshed, and division today. If the lights are to ever come on again, they must be kindled by the hands of brotherhood and not by incendiary bombs. Either we must set our hearts and minds to do away with war or else war will do away with us. The things for which we fight—freedom, justice, brotherhood—are not the things that separate us; they are the principles that unite us in our common humanity. The walls of hatred and prejudice must come down, and the roads of goodwill and freedom must go through binding us all together. Christ in his sacrifice upon the cross with his spirit of forgiveness and suffering love broke down the barriers that seemed to separate him from his enemies. It is that same spirit that must be nurtured in our hearts if this sacrifice of life today be not in vain.

Finally, our world is dark with paganism, and as Christians it is our task to be lights of Christian faith. There are pagans here in America—people who leave God out of life, who live for themselves alone, who do not care for the high and holy things of life. But our world is built on high and holy things. We cannot build a peaceful world on pagan principles anymore than we can build a skyscraper on bungalow foundations. God is working to build

for boned meat; seventy-five minutes require 120 minutes. Quarts require 120 minutes. Pints require eighty-five minutes for poultry. Pressure cooker processing. boiling liquid, and sealed for

## Expect 600 Blood Donors at Field

By late this afternoon well over 600 volunteers were expected to have given their blood to the Red Cross Blood donor unit which is at Freeman Army Air Field. The unit has been at the field three days, arriving Monday.

Officers and enlisted personnel, both men and women, volunteered their blood.

The unit was set up in a ward at the station hospital. Members of the station hospital and wives of army personnel have assisted with the donations.

Women who have helped are: Mrs. E. T. Rundquist, Mrs. Norman Wood, Mrs. George Crum, Mrs. Henry Bailey, Mrs. Thomas Buckley, Mrs. William McLeod, Mrs. John Morwood, Mrs. J. M. Eccles, Mrs. William Lovas, Mrs. George Rose, Mrs. Phillips Henderson, Mrs. Albert Hughes, Mrs. Rudolph Brannan, Mrs. J. J. Keough, Mrs. Michael Wolf, Mrs. Charles Coulter, Mrs. Garold Buzard, Mrs. Louis Farmer, Mrs. Walter Egbert, Mrs. Edward White, Mrs. Charles Edgar and Mrs. Robert Davis.

August 4, 1943

## Pvt. Good to Get Special Training

Pvt. Jack Good of the 447th base headquarters and air base squadron at Freeman Field, has been selected for special training at Fort George Meade, Md.

Following a 25-day course he will be commissioned in the Army's special service branch. He is one of 12 men whom the Army has singled out for special entertainment education.

Pvt. Good learned of the honor while starring this week in "The Only Girl" at the National Theater in Louisville. A former Broadway musical comedy star, Good is the author-director of "Khaki Kapers," the olive drab extravaganza which was first produced at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind., Good's former station, and then taken on tour. Good brought the comedy success to Seymour for a two-night stand at Shields high school auditorium in May.

Good's real name is Irwin Whittridge. He is a former Columbus, O., resident and was inducted into the Army while playing in the musical comedy hit, "Full Speed Ahead," coming to Freeman in March.

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## ***Col., Mrs. Rundquist At Spring Mill Park***

Colonel E. T. Rundquist, commanding officer of Freeman Army Air Field, and Mrs. Rundquist left Wednesday afternoon for a few days rest at Spring Mill park, near Mitchell, Ind. They are expected to return either Saturday or Sunday. This is the first vacation Colonel and Mrs. Rundquist have had since coming to Seymour last October.

August 4, 1943

## Dental Officers Are Transferred

Transfer of two officers Major Lyle C. Hedman and Lt. William F. Decesare, attached to the dental corps at Freeman Field is being announced today by Col. E. T. Rundquist, commanding officer.

Major Hedman, chief dental surgeon, has been transferred to Napier Field, Dothan, Ala. He is a native of Spokane, Wash., and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer J. Hedman, Everett, Wash.

Major Hedman studied at the University of Washington at Seattle and received his D. M. D. degree at North Pacific College of Oregon at Portland. Prior to entering the Army March 15, 1941, he was a dentist in Prince William county, Manassas, Va. Mrs. Hedman and their young son, Lyle Donnell, will remain here for several days before joining the Major in Dothan.

Decesare, assistant dental surgeon, has been sent to Jackson Army Air Base, Jackson, Miss. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Decesare of Providence, R. I., and prior to entering the service was a dental surgeon in Providence. Lieutenant Decesare took pre-dental work at the University of Maryland, where later he received his D. D. S. degree.

# WACS MASTER RADIO RANGE FLYING



Official Air Force Photo.

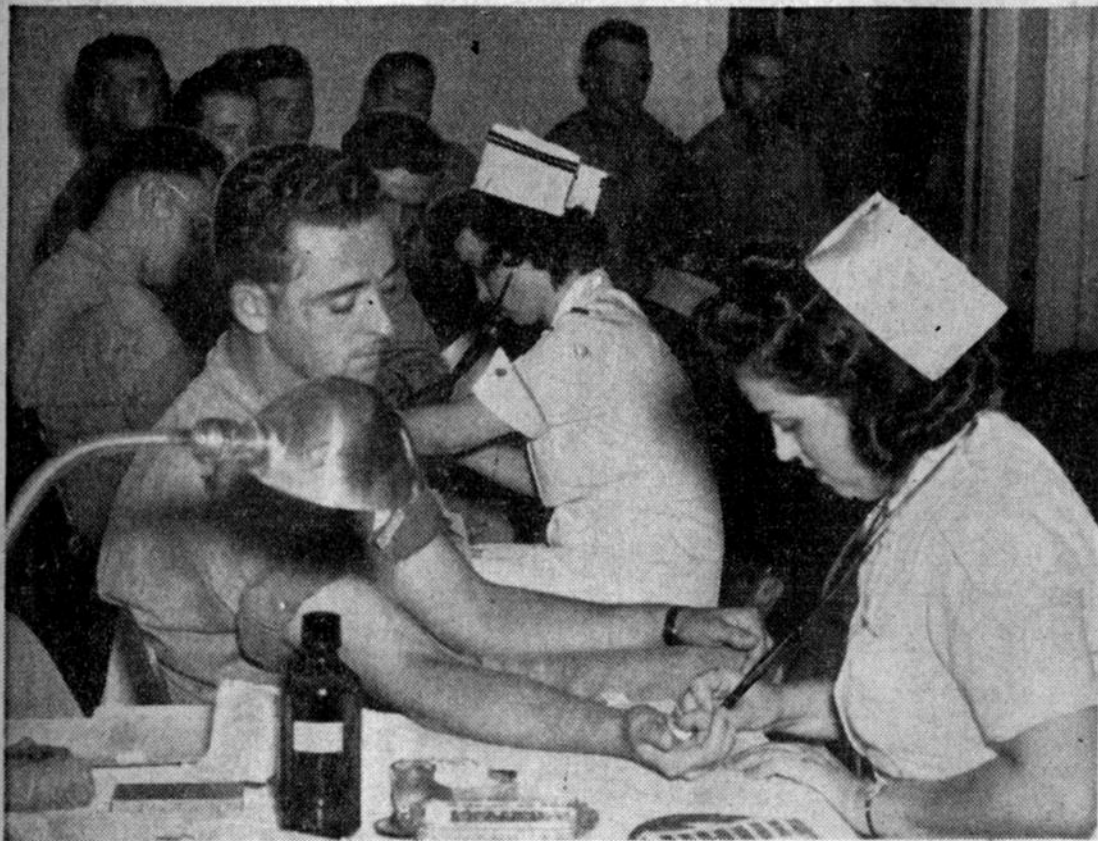
## Lieut. Frank Gullo Instructs Link Class At Freeman Field.

The Times Special Service.

Seymour, Ind., Aug. 2.—“Eager beavers,” feminine gender, are these Wacs who recently completed a course in instrument and radio range flying in the Link trainer department at Freeman Army Air Field, advanced twin-engine flying school. They are now qualified to teach Link trainer tactics to aviation cadets, thus releasing enlisted men for combat. Lieut. Frank Gullo, standing, is instructor

LOUISVILLE TIMES  
August 11, 1943

## FREEMAN CLAIMS BLOOD RECORD



Official Army Air Forces Photo.

### 727 Accepted for Donations At Army Air Field.

The Times Special Service.

Seymour, Ind., Aug. 11.—Men and women in the Army Air Forces know the need for blood donations. The men pictured here are stationed at Freeman Army Air Field and helped to establish what is believed to be an Indiana record. In a day 317 members of the field, officers, Wacs and enlisted men, donated their blood. In the three-day visit of the unit over 800 persons volunteered and 727 were accepted for donations. Col. E. T. Rundquist, commanding officer, was the first donor.

## Lovely Setting Arranged For Luncheon at Country Club

Soft shades of green, yellow, blue and pink were combined into a delightful setting for a luncheon-bridge Tuesday afternoon at the Seymour Country Club, invitations to which included wives of officers at Freeman Army Air Field and wives of Country Club members.

Guests were seated at thirty tables for four each, arranged throughout "The Barn." Luncheon sets and table service were in pastel shades as also were the nosegays of snapdragons, ageratum, tiny zennias and Shasta daisies which filled low center bowls.

Flowers also were used in profusion throughout the room.

Mrs. E. T. Rundquist, wife of Colonel Rundquist, commanding officer at Freeman Field, graciously welcomed the guests.

Following the luncheon hour twenty-one tables of progressive auction and contract were in play and a golf match was held.

High score winners were awarded War Savings Stamps. These, in contract, went to Mrs. Carl Bartelson, Mrs. Edgar Waybright, Jr., Mrs. J. Avis Hoadley and Mrs. Lynn Faulkconer, Jr. High scores in auction were given Mrs. Lawrence Kasting and Mrs. J. Edwin Fettig and Mrs. Gilbert Prothero was awarded the door prize.

Mrs. Leo Timperman and Mrs. Ralph Cline were golf winners.

The luncheon was planned by two committees, one composed of wives of officers and the other by wives of the County Club members. Members of the former group were Mrs. George Crum,

wife of Captain Crum, chief of medical services at the base hospital at Freeman Field; Mrs. William Hartman, wife of Lieutenant Hartman, public relations officer and Mrs. William Poe, wife of Major Poe, director of training at the field.

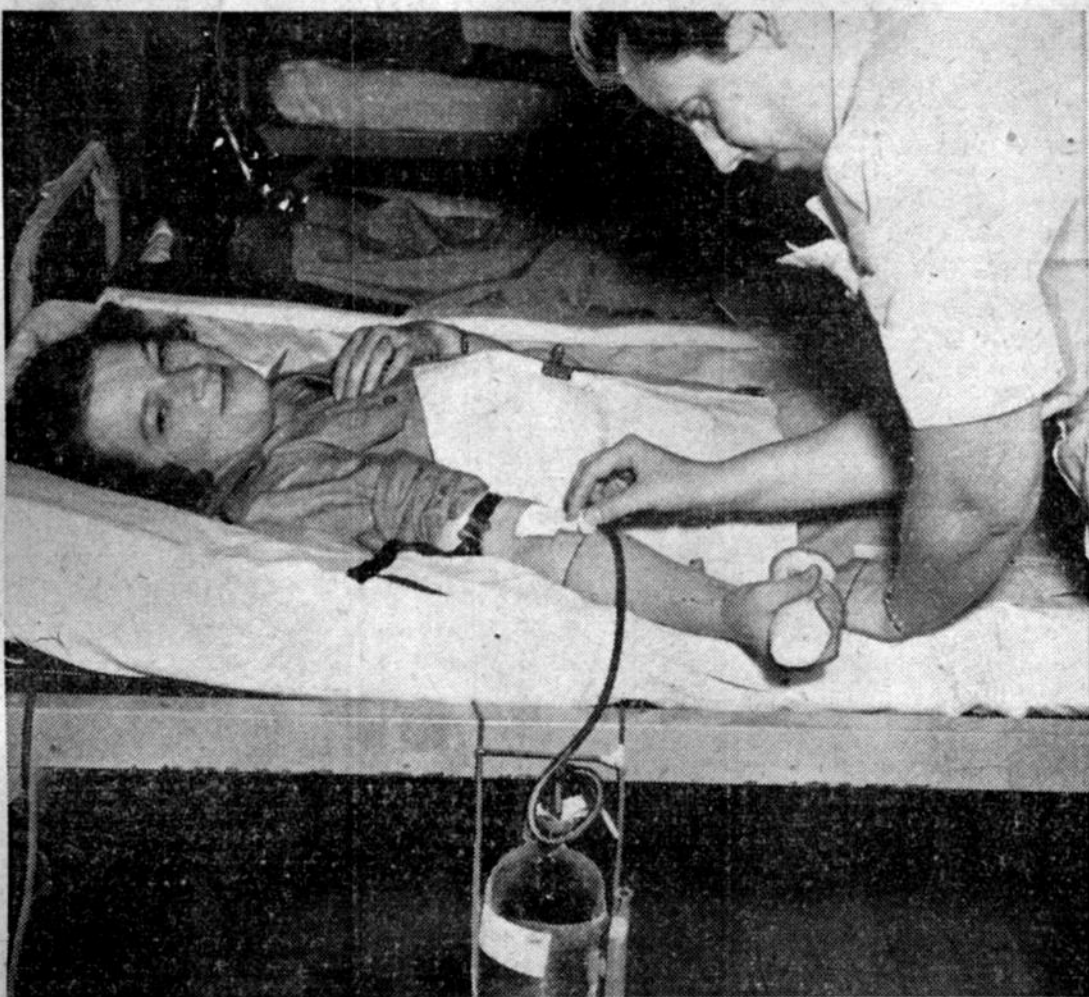
Serving on the other committee were Mrs. John H. Conner, Mrs. Paul Rainier, Mrs. Ralph Droege, Mrs. Virgil Steinker and Mrs. Guy Martin.

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August 11, 1943

## Dental Surgeon, Aids Named for Freeman

The Times Special Service.

Seymour, Ind., Aug. 11.—Maj. Marcus E. Miller has been named chief dental surgeon of Freeman Army Air Field Hospital, it has been announced by Col. E. T. Rundquist, commanding officer. Capt. Edwin W. Lipe has been assigned as first assistant and Lieut. Alexander Winick assigned as a dental assistant. All three have just arrived here.



FREEMAN ARMY AIRFIELD personnel probably set a record recently when 317 persons from the Seymour, Ind., field each gave a pint of blood to a Red Cross mobile unit. It is believed that the mass donation was the largest for any single day at any center—military post or city in Indiana. A Wac stationed at the field is shown “doing her bit” at the air base. Col. E. T. Rundquist, commanding officer of the field, was the first donor.

# Freeman Field WAACs Now WACs

## Col. Rundquist Ad- dresses Group at Impressive Ceremony

At impressive ceremonies held at Freeman Field parade grounds late Wednesday afternoon, members of the WAAC, Women's Army Corps were sworn into the WAC, Women's Army Corps, by Capt. Rudolph Brannan, post adjutant. The women will become members of the WAC officially September 1.

The ceremony, which was held just prior to the regular Wednesday afternoon parade and review, was highlighted by a talk Colonel E. T. Rundquist, commanding officer of the field, gave the WAC. He told them how valuable their service is to the army and assured them the work they are doing is instrumental to achieving victory.

Following the ceremony, the 742nd WAC detachment was honored by a review of officers, cadets and enlisted men of Freeman Field. The post band, under the direction of Warrant Officer Michel Chetel, played.

Many personnel, their families and civilian employees of the field were present.

# Freemen to Go on 3-Day Road Trip

The Freeman Field baseball team under the managership of Lt. Clarence D. Nichols, physical training director, will leave Friday for a three-day trip.

They will play Peru Naval Academy of Bunker Hill, Ind., Friday; Baer Field of Ft. Wayne, Ind., Saturday, and Notre Dame University at South Bend Sunday.

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## SOFTBALL

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Flying Officers	0	0	0	1	1	0	0		2	6	2
Ground Offic.	0	0	0	0	0	0	1		1	4	4

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	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	—	R	H	E
Boys' Club	.....	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	4	7
Jr. Ord. Mech.	2	0	0	0	0	0	3		5	5	1

For the Boys' Club, Montel made a double play single-handed and another was made, Kutch to Carpenter.

## FLIER-TAILOR FILLS GAP



Official Army Air Forces Photo.

### Past Master Opens Freeman Shop.

The Times Special Service.

Seymour, Ind., Aug. 19.—Necessity is the mother of invention, and when a shortage of help in Seymour tailor shops reached a critical stage recently Corp. Michael Terracino of the 35th Group at Freeman Army Air Field, left, came to the rescue. A past master of the art of sewing a fine seam, Terracino has opened up shop in the squadron orderly room and business is booming. Pvt. Joseph Crawford was one of the corporal's first customers.

# ARMY FLYING SCHOOL

## Hoosier Flier Who Died in Crash Honored

### Field Named for West Point Graduate Known as Outstanding American Pilot

The War Department, Washington, D. C., has just announced in General Order Number 10, dated March 3, that the advanced flying school, southwest of Seymour, will be named Freeman Army Air Field, honoring the memory of an Indianan, Capt. Richard S. Freeman, who was killed in a bomber crash in Nevada early in the war.

Colonel E. T. Rundquist, commanding officer of the field, said the announcement had just been received here.

Capt. Freeman, son of Ab Freeman of Winamac, Ind., became famous for his "mercy flights" when he flew with Red Cross supplies to relieve earthquake sufferers in Chile in 1939. He later led a mercy mission to the leper colony near Molokai in the Pacific.

#### Founded Air Field.

Capt. Freeman earned many honors. He was the founder of and at one time commandant of Ladd Field, Alaska.

He participated in the Good Will mass flight of B-17 Flying Fortresses to Buenos Aires, Argentina, in February, 1938, and later in the same year he piloted a similar ship from Langley Field to Bogota, Columbia.

He flew with General Henry H. Arnold on a mass flight of Martin bombers from Washington to Fairbanks, Alaska, and was a member of a crew flying a B-17 in filming the movie "Test Pilot."

# NAMED FREEMAN

Seymour Daily Tribune  
March 3, 1943

## First Cadets Arrive for Air Training

### Aviation Students Welcomed This Afternoon by Col. E. T. Rundquist

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### Safety Need Stressed.

Colonel Rundquist stressed the importance of safety in the training program, advising the cadets to follow carefully the teaching of their competent instructors.

The relationship between the people of Seymour and the personnel of the field is very good, Colonel Rundquist said, and told the cadets to observe their conduct when they have Open Post and to do everything they can to reciprocate for the kindness extended by the people and civic groups of Seymour.

Every minute of the day is utilized in the cadet training program. Reveille is sounded at 5:30 a. m., with breakfast at 6 o'clock. Taps will be sounded at 9:30 p. m. During the day cadets will be kept busy flying, attending ground school courses and meeting athletic formations.

Open Post, which permits the students to leave the field for town, will be held this Wednesday and Saturday from 7 p. m. to 11:30 p. m.

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## First Nurses

First nurses to arrive at Freeman Field confer with Capt. Julian Wishik, executive officer of Medical Corps here. Nurses, all second lieutenants, left to right: Mary Allen, Corbin, Ky.; Catherine Cahill, Chillicothe, O.; Evelyn Langdon, Cincinnati; Eugenia Kish, McDonald, O.; Mary Cochrane, Lansing, Ontario, Canada. — (Army Air Forces-Photo.

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April 3, 1943

## SECOND CADET CLASS ARRIVES AT SEYMOUR

SEYMOUR, Ind., April 3 (SpI) — The second class of aviation cadets has arrived at Freeman army airfield and was processed through the hospital, base photo and ground school classifications Friday.

Actual training began Saturday when the men reported to ground school and flight line. The class is known as 43-E. The first class 43-D, which arrived here the first week of March, will be graduated in

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# General Nowland Visits Airport

Brig. Genl. Bob E. Nowland, commanding general of the 28th Army Air Forces Flying Training Wing, with headquarters at George Field, was a Freeman Field visitor Tuesday.

General Nowland, who will speak at the dedication of the field Thursday morning at 10 o'clock, came here to confer with Col. E. T. Rundquist on final plans for the program, which will be held in conjunction with the first cadet graduation.

## Eases Tailor Shortage



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## Freeman Officers' Wives Busy With Many War Activities

The life of an army officer's wife is not one of leisure, at least it isn't in the case of the majority of the wives stationed at Freeman Field. In addition to taking care of their families, the wives participate in an active program to help win the war.

The women who are organized into the Officers' Wives club, head by Mrs. E. T. Rundquist, wife of Colonel Rundquist, commanding officer of the field, find there is no job too small or too big for them to do.

One of the major activities of the club is the preparation of surgical dressings, a part of the Red Cross program. Meeting Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons, and Tuesday nights, the women prepared 6200 bandages during the month of July. This number shatters the record set in June. Mrs. John Lucas, wife of Capt. Lucas, post engineer, is the chairman of the surgical dressing committee. Another active committee aiding in Red Cross work is the knitting committee headed by Mrs. Julian Lytle, wife of Captain Lytle, squadron commanding officer.

Two officers' wives, Mrs. John Reid, wife of Capt. Reid, squadron commanding officer, and Mrs. John Dorer, wife of Capt. Dorer, assistant base engineering officer, almost have a full time job as members of the Army Emergency Relief board. They assist Lt. Donald W. Miller, AER officer, to give assistance where it is needed. There are two types of assistance—cash awards and assistance in kind. A woman's help is invaluable in a case of assistance in kind. Following is a typical case. The wife of a private is expecting a baby and it will be difficult to make all of the provisions on a private's pay. Mrs. Reid and Mrs. Dorer make arrangements for care of the baby, get a layette and crib and make cash grants necessary for the welfare of the mother and baby.

The sewing committee of the group, headed by Mrs. Ralph Hollister, wife of Major Hollister, mess supervisor, helps to provide

the "homey" touch for some of the buildings on the post, including recreation rooms and Red Cross rooms, by making curtains and drapes.

Other active groups are the welcoming and social committees headed respectively by Mrs. Michel Wolf, wife of Capt. Wolf, officers' mess officer, and Mrs. George Crum, wife of Capt. Crum, chief of medical services. These two groups see that all of the officers' wives get acquainted and that entertainment is provided for their leisure time.

One of the most valuable jobs officers' wives are doing is the help they are giving cadets' wives. Mrs. Albert Hughes, wife of Major Hughes, commandant of cadets, is the general chairman of this service.

Working on the premise that a satisfied cadet's wife will insure a happy cadet, the committee is divided into three phases—employment, housing and social. Mrs. Garold Buzzard, wife of Capt. Buzzard, flight commander, is chairman of committee to help find employment. The housing committee which works many long, tedious hours, is composed of Mrs. Robert DuChaine, wife of Capt. DuChaine, operations officer, Mrs. Hugh C. Jones, wife of Lt. Jones, flight instructor, and Mrs. John Morwood, wife of Lt. Morwood, flight commander.

Entertainment is provided for the cadet wives by the social committee headed by Mrs. Harry Kornrumph, wife of Capt. Kornrumph, air inspector.

Officers' wives have participated in unscheduled activities including assisting the Jackson County food and gasoline rationing boards and a blood donors unit which was at Freeman Field recently.

In addition to Mrs. Rundquist as president, other officers of the club are Mrs. J. J. Keough, vice president, wife of Colonel Keough, sub-depot commander; Mrs. Norman Wood, secretary, wife of Major Wood, group commander; Mrs. Charles Coulter, recording secretary, wife of Lt. Coulter, engineering officer, and Mrs. Frank Lewis, treasurer, wife of Capt. Lewis, squadron commander.

## FIFTH CLASS READY FOR GRADUATION AT FREEMAN

SEYMOUR, Ind., Aug. 28 (Spl.)—Colonel Welton M. Modisette, post commander of Camp Atterbury, will speak at the graduation exercises for Class 43-H of Freeman army air field aviation cadets, it has been announced by Colonel E. T. Rundquist, Freeman commander. The exercises will be held Monday at 11 a. m. in the post gymnasium.

Major William B. Poe, director of training, will introduce Colonel Modisette and Major Albert Hughes, commandant of cadets, will give the oath of office. Chaplain Daniel A. McGuire will give the invocation and Chaplain Phillip B. Henderson will pronounce the benediction.

The class will be the fifth to graduate from Freeman field.

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## Freeman Soldiers to Be Guests of RCA

The RCA plant at Bloomington will be host Sunday, Aug. 29 to sixty enlisted men from Freeman Field at a picnic at Cascades park near Bloomington.

A personal invitation has been extended to Col. E. T. Rundquist, commanding officer at the field, and Mrs. Rundquist, by Miss Mary Dealy, plant physical training instructor, C. H. Merideth and Gordon Shoulty of the RCA plant.

Busses will leave Freeman at 11:30 a. m. for the park. Games, swimming and dancing head the entertainment program, with a basket lunch at 5:30. An all-star softball team, composed of the best players from each of the squadrons at Freeman, will play the RCA team.

Officers at Freeman Field who plan to attend include Capt. Rudolph Brannan, adjutant; Lieut. Jack Elkan, assistant adjutant; Lieut. Roland O. Davis, special service officer; Lieut. Clarence D. Nichols, director of physical training, and Lieut. William F. Hartman, public relations officer.

# Freeman Class Warned of Long War; 7 Hoosiers Graduated



SEYMOUR, Ind., Aug. 30 (Spl.)

—The road to Berlin is still long, hard and bloody, Colonel Welton M. Modisette, post commander at Camp Atterbury, said in a graduation speech Monday before class 43-H aviation cadets at Freeman Army Air Field, advanced two-engine pilot school.

Seven men from Indiana were among the graduates. They are, left to right, Second Lieutenant Walter R. Dickerson, son of Mrs. Ada Dickerson, Rural Route No. 1, Cedar Lake; Second Lieutenant

Mark Medick, son of Mrs. Sophie Medick, of West Allis, Wis., formerly of South Bend; Flight Officer Homer F. Ausman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Ausman, Bloomfield; Second Lieutenant Robert T. Hall, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Hall, Rural Route 2, Waynetown; Second Lieutenant George D. Finkbner, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. George D. Finkbner, Indianapolis; Second Lieutenant Gerald Q. Banghart, son of Ira T. Banghart, Warsaw, and Mrs. Irma Banghart, Modesta, Cal., and husband of the former Norma J. Flah-

erty, Ashland, O.; Second Lieutenant William C. Edwards, son of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Edwards, and husband of the former Thelma M. Rodgers, all of Bedford.

From Freeman field the men will be assigned to transition schools where they will learn further refinements of flying.

Exercises were held at 11 a. m. in the post gymnasium. Many relatives and friends of the graduates attended the ceremonies.

Colonel Modisette, who was introduced by Major William B. Poe, director of training at Freeman,

cautioned his audience against being overoptimistic, adding that no Allied army has yet crossed the borders of Germany, and no full-scale offensive against Japan has started.

The program opened with the playing of the national anthem by the 405th Army Air Forces Band. Chaplain Daniel A. McGuire gave the invocation, and Major Poe presented awards and pilot wings to the graduates. The oath of office was administered by Major Albert E. Hughes, commandant of cadets, and Chaplain Phillips B. Henderson pronounced the benediction.

# Tribune

24 August 1943

Col. Ora M. Baldinger, assistant commandant of Freeman Army Air Field, was the speaker at the weekly luncheon meeting of the Columbus Rotary Club at the Chamber of Commerce at noon Monday. He warned club members about being too complacent and predicted a lot of fighting before Germany is through or until the Japanese are finished. Guests at the meeting included Col. Welton Modisette, post commander of Camp Atterbury, and Carson T. Kidwell, of Seymour.

# Tribune

24 August 1943

Cadet and Mrs. R. A. Vrenne have as their guests Mrs. Vrenna's mother, Mrs. P. Martorelli and granddaughter, Delores Martorelli and her aunt, Mrs. M. Parcarella, all of Pittsburg. They are here to attend graduation exercises at Freeman Army Air Field next Monday. Cadet Vrenna will receive his silver wings and his commission as second lieutenant. Cadet and Mrs. Vrenna are living in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kasper.

# Tribune

23 August 1943

Lieutenant Colonel Harry L. Leake, post quartermaster, and Captain Jacob Y. Eberly, purchasing and contracting officer at Freeman Field, were in Columbus, O., Tuesday where they attended a conference on quartermaster supply held at headquarters of the Fifth Service Command.

## Nine Promoted at Freeman Field

### Six Flight Officers, Three Ground Officers Advanced by Army

Six flight officers and three ground officers at Freeman Field have received promotions, according to an announcement by Col. E. T. Rundquist, commanding officer.

John E. Morwood, commanding officer of Flight One, was advanced from the rank of first lieutenant to captain. He formerly resided in Shreveport, La., where he attended Byrd high school and Centenary College. Prior to entering the service August 16, 1941 he was a salesman for the Building Service company in Shreveport.

Flight instructors promoted from second to first lieutenants, included Max G. Moody, James L. Hardesty, Donald W. Bowry, Claude M. Cely and Elliott W. Butts, Jr.

Lieutenant Moody, a former resident of Oneonta, Ala., is a graduate of Blount County high school in that city and later studied at Snead Junior college in Boaz, Ala. He has been in service since January 19, 1942 and in civilian life was employed by the Tennessee Coal and Iron company in Birmingham.

A native of Whitesville, Ky., Lieutenant Hardesty is an alumnus of St. Mary's high school, Whitesville, and the University of Kentucky at Lexington, where he received a B. S. degree. He entered the service January 8, 1942.

Lieutenant Bowry's home is in Sudbury, Mass., where he attended Sudbury high school and later enrolled at Northeastern University in Boston, leaving college to enter the service December 29, 1941.

A former resident of Easley, S. C., Lieutenant Cely attended Easley high school and Purdue University at Lafayette, Ind., later transferring to the University of South Carolina at Columbia. He entered the service January 23, 1942.

Lieutenant Butts' home is in Jacksonville, Fla. He attended Re-Lee high school in that city and later Washington and Lee University in Lexington, Va., where he was enrolled at the time of his enlistment Dec. 28, 1941.

Ground officers advanced are Lieut. Gaylen Archer, ordnance property officer. Lieut. Joseph R. Baltrush, assistant post automotive officer, and Lieut. Joseph F. Landers, quartermaster property officer.

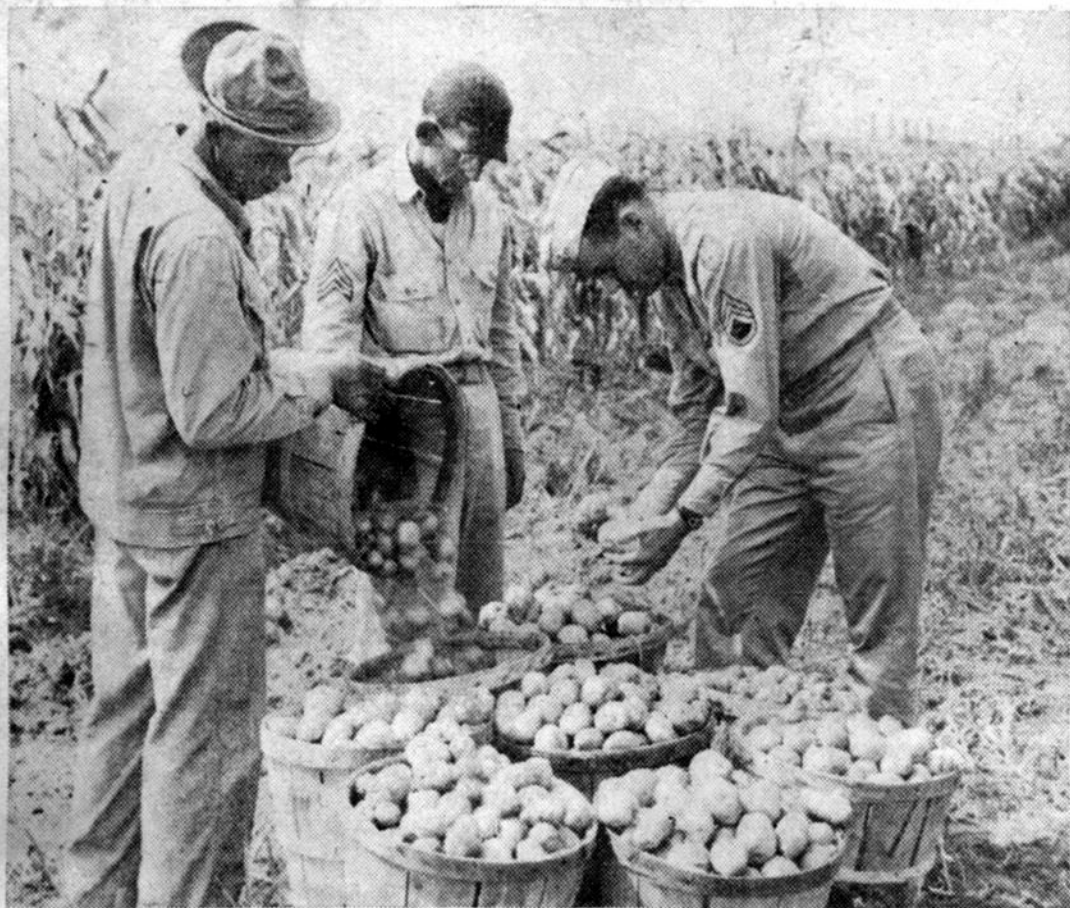
Lieutenant Archer's home is in Peoria, Ill. He was graduated from Yates City Township high school at Yates City, Ill., and has been in service since August 8, 1940.

Lieutenant Baltrush is attending bomb disposal school at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md. His home is in Waterbury, Conn., where he attended Crosby high school and later studied at New Haven Junior College at New Haven, Conn. Before entering the service Jan. 7, 1942 he was a salesman for J. E. Smith Lumber company in Waterbury.

Lieutenant Landers, whose home is in East Dedham, Mass., is a graduate of Dedham, Mass., high school and Quartermaster Officer Candidate School at Camp Lee, Va. In civilian life he was an accountant in Boston.

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## Airmen Get in a Little Ground Work



SEYMOUR, Ind., Aug. 17 (Spl.)—There's mighty good eating in these potatoes grown in the Freeman army airfield Victory Garden. The spuds are just one of the many vegetables planted and tended by soldier personnel at the field. Other fresh vegetables were raised and selped save many hundreds of dollars in the mess halls.

30 August 1943

## Lt. Peterson To Leave Freeman Field

Lieut. Lewis E. Peterson will leave Tuesday, for Berea, O., where he will be stationed in an administrative capacity at Baldwin-Wallace college.

Lieutenant Peterson has been adjutant of the 447th base headquarters and air base squadron at Freeman Field.

He is a native of Johnstown, Pa., where he was graduated from Johnstown high school, and was active in baseball and basketball.

Lieutenant Peterson was graduated Oct. 28, 1942 from Officer Candidate school at Miami Beach, Fla.

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Lieutenant and Mrs. David W. Foley left this afternoon for Boise, Idaho, where Lt. Foley has been assigned to duty. He was commissioned this morning at exercises held at Freeman Field.

Mrs. Myrtle Anglin, of Portland Ore., is the guest of her son, Lieut. Preston G. Anglin, in Brownstown. Lieutenant Anglin is assistant post administrative inspector at Freeman Field.

Lieut. and Mrs. Thomas O. Hunsucker left Friday evening, Aug. 27, for Baltimore, Md., where Lieutenant Hunsucker is stationed at Edgewood Arsenal. They were guests for several days of Lieutenant Hunsucker's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred L. Hunsucker. Mr. Hunsucker is employed at Freeman Field.

Warrant Officer, junior grade, Robert Gray Gerstung and Mrs. Gerstung have returned from a sojourn in Kenosha, Wis., where they were guests of Mrs. Gerstung's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur H. Bahr, on their farm. The Bahrs, who reside in Evanston, Ill., spend their summers in Kenosha. Mr. Gerstung is assistant commandant of cadets at Freeman Field.

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## Miss Madeline Findley Is Bride In Candlelight Church Rites

St. Paul's Congregational Church sanctuary was in candlelight Wednesday evening for the wedding of Miss Madeline Findley, daughter of Mr. Harry Findley, and Lieutenant James S. Holbrook, read at half after eight o'clock by Chaplain Phillips Brooks Henderson, of Freeman Army Air Field.

Lieutenant Holbrook, formerly of Birmingham, Ala., is a son of Mrs. John R. Holbrook, of Akron, Ala. and is commander of the 467th squadron at Freeman Field.

Ivory candles burning from seven-way standards against banked greenery formed the altar setting for the single ring rites which closed with a nuptial benediction by the Rev. Carl F. Baldwin, pastor of St. Paul's.

Preceding the wedding hour organ music by Mrs. Richard Robertson, of Brownstown, included "Berceuse" from Jocelyn by Godard, Liszt's "Liebestraum" and Schubert's "Serenade," changing to the Lohengrin "Bridal Chorus" to announce the wedding group. As the marriage vows were given Mrs. Robertson played Schubert's "Ave Maria" and Mendelssohn's wedding music was played for the recessional.

The bride, preceded to the altar by Mrs. Paul Ranier as matron-of-honor, chose traditional ivory taffeta for her gown in a fitted basque model with a low shoulder yoke of mousseline de soie outlined with taffeta leaves and a Chantilly lace frill. The leaf and lace motives were repeated on the bracelet-length sleeves and the bouffant skirt swept into a graceful train. Her veil, of English illusion, cascaded from a tiara of orange blossoms. She carried a white prayer book covered with white gardenias and stephanotis was knotted in the long, white satin markers. She

wore a small gold locket which had belonged to her mother.

Mrs. Ranier wore a frock of mist blue faille taffeta. Trapunto embroidery accented the Romance neckline and was repeated at the hem of the bouffant skirt and touch train. She wore a French bow of American Beauty velvet in her hair with waist-length streamers and ribbons in the same tone added a charming note to her lace-edged colonial nosegay of American Beauty rosebuds.

Major Albert E. Hughes, commandant of cadets at Freeman Field, was Lieutenant Holbrook's best man and Captain W. H. Harris and Lieutenant William Hartman ushered.

Mr. Findley gave his daughter in marriage.

Lieutenant and Mrs. Holbrook received the guests in the church parlors following the service.

Mrs. Holbrook, prominent in social, civic and cultural circles in Seymour is a graduate of Shields High School and attended DePauw University, Greencastle where she was a member of Alpha Omicron Pi. She has gained recognition for her interest and work among young people's groups in the city and for several years has been sponsor of The Personality Club, popular organization for high school girls. She is one of the advisors of the Seymour Girls' Club and a member of the advisory council of the Girls' Service Organization of the USO. A gifted pianist and organist, she is prominent in music circles and for several years has been organist at St. Paul's Church. She also is a member of Alpha Beta Chapter, Psi Iota Xi Sorority and has been instrumental in promoting its wide field of activities, serving as the chapter's president and in

many other capacities. Mrs. Holbrook has been secretary at the Seymour Clinic.

Lieutenant Holbrook is a graduate of Howard College, Birmingham, Ala., and a district manager of the Equitable Life Insurance Company with headquarters in Birmingham. He was graduated from Officers Training School in Miami, Fla., and before coming to Freeman Field was assistant commandant of cadets at Napier Field, Dothan, Ala.

Lieutenant and Mrs. Holbrook will be at home at 319 West Second street after a wedding trip. For traveling Mrs. Holbrook chose a smart two-piece costume in dusty rose and autumn brown with which she wore a brown

velvet, veiled toque and brown accessories.

Wedding guests from out of the city were Lieutenant Holbrook's sisters, Miss Eva Holbrook, of Mobile, Ala., and Miss Mary Holbrook, of Alexander City, Ala.; Mrs. George Massman and daughter, Lois, of Cincinnati; Mr. and Mrs. Clem Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. John Holmes and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stang, of Columbus and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Robertson, of Brownstown.

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## Chaplain Henderson Holds Vesper Service

Chaplain Phillips Brooks Henderson, of Freeman Army Air Field, was in charge of the weekly vesper hour conducted at the Seymour USO center, 205 Chestnut street, Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Henderson was pianist for the service.

A buffet supper followed the vesper hour. Featuring chicken was served by the Vallonia of the Mothers' Service organization, of which Mrs. R. Geyer is leader.

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A dance will be held at the center Tuesday night. It will be the first informal dance held at the center since it was remodeled and dedicated.

The regular monthly meeting of the USO council will be held tonight at the center at 7:30 o'clock. T. A. Plunkett, council vice-chairman, will preside in the absence of Dr. John L. Prentice, chairman.

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29 August 1943

Pfc. Thomas Dodson, son of Mrs. Helen Dodson of Parker, now is stationed at Freeman army airfield, Seymour, Ind.

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Lieutenant and Mrs. James S. Holbrook have returned from a wedding trip and are at home at 309 West Second street.

26 August 1943

# Col. Modisette To Address Cadet Class

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## Atterbury Commander To Give Graduation Speech August 30 at Freeman Field

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Col. Welton M. Modisette, post commander, Camp Atterbury, Ind., will be the speaker at graduation exercises for class 43-H of aviation cadets at Freeman Field, according to an announcement being made by Col. E. T. Rundquist, commanding officer.

The exercises will be held Monday morning, August 30 at 11 o'clock in the post gymnasium. Invitations have been issued to relatives and friends of the graduates.

Major William B. Poe, director of training will introduce Colonel Modisette, and Major Albert Hughes, commandant of cadets will give the oath of office.

Chaplain Daniel A. McGuire will give the invocation, and Chaplain Phillips B. Henderson will pronounce the benediction.

Class 43-H will be the fifth class of aviation cadets to be graduated from Freeman Field. The first class was graduated April 29, when the field was also dedicated in honor of the late Captain Richard S. Freeman.

28 August 1943

# Four Qualify For Training

An enlisted man from Freeman Field and three civilians from neighboring Indiana towns have qualified for aviation cadet training, according to an announcement being made by the field Aviation Cadet Examining board.

Those who have qualified include Sgt. Oluf W. Wilson, Jr., who is attached to the 447th base headquarters and air base squadron, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oluf W. Wilson, Cranston, R. I.; Warren Hobson, son of Leathel J. Hobson, 317 South I street, Bedford; Robert C. Kohlmeier, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kohlmeier, Milan, and Robert G. Dowling, son of Albert R. Dowling, 415 Jennings street, North Vernon.

The men are awaiting orders to report to a field, where they will receive two months of basic training. They then will be sent to college for a five months' course, the academic portion of which will include mathematics, physics, geography, modern history and English. Upon completion of pre-flight training, the men will be sent to the Army Air Forces Classification center at Nashville, Tenn., where they will be given comprehensive psychological and physical examinations to determine in detail their aptitude for bombardier, navigator or pilot training.

Civilians as well as military personnel are eligible to apply for aviation cadet training, and may apply to the cadet examining board at Freeman Field. Married men are eligible to qualify, providing their dependents can be self-supporting during the training period.

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21 August 1943

# Freeman Field Nine on Road



—Official Air Forces Photo.

SEYMOUR, Ind., Aug. 21 (Spl.)—The Freeman army airfield baseball team is on the road this week-end. Defeating Peru naval academy Friday, the team was at Baer field, Ft. Wayne today and will go to Notre Dame Sunday. Rear row, left to right, are Lawrence Gittens, catcher; John Pfeffer, right fielder; Lieutenant Clarence D. Nichols, manager and director of physical training at Freeman. Middle row, Lieutenant William Mattes, pitcher; Lieutenant Robert Tiemann, first base; Lieutenant Lawrence Schwarz, left fielder; Rodney Yoder, fielder. Front row, Lieutenant Charles Crimmins, third base; Ray Wolan, center field; Alfred Schwartz, catcher; Alfred Albright, pitcher; Robert Leahy, second base, and Peter Rundquist, son of Colonel E. T. Rundquist, commanding officer, bat boy.

## Woodbury Man Gets Air Corps Commission

Woodbury, Tenn., Aug. 26—(Special)—Joe O. Paschal, 22-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Paschal,

was recently promoted to the rank of second lieutenant in the United States Army Air Corps at Freeman Field, Seymour, Ind.

Lieutenant Paschal received his high school education in Woodbury, and graduated from the American Television Institute in

Chicago in April. Before going to Freeman Field for nine weeks of intensive training he received 30 weeks of preflight training at another field.

The young officer is now stationed at Leckbourne Field, Columbus, O.



26 August 1943

## Change in Officers At Freeman Field

Lieut. William D. Sieck, of the Freeman Field sub-depot, has been selected to attend the School of Applied Tactics at Orlando, Fla. He will leave the latter part of the week.

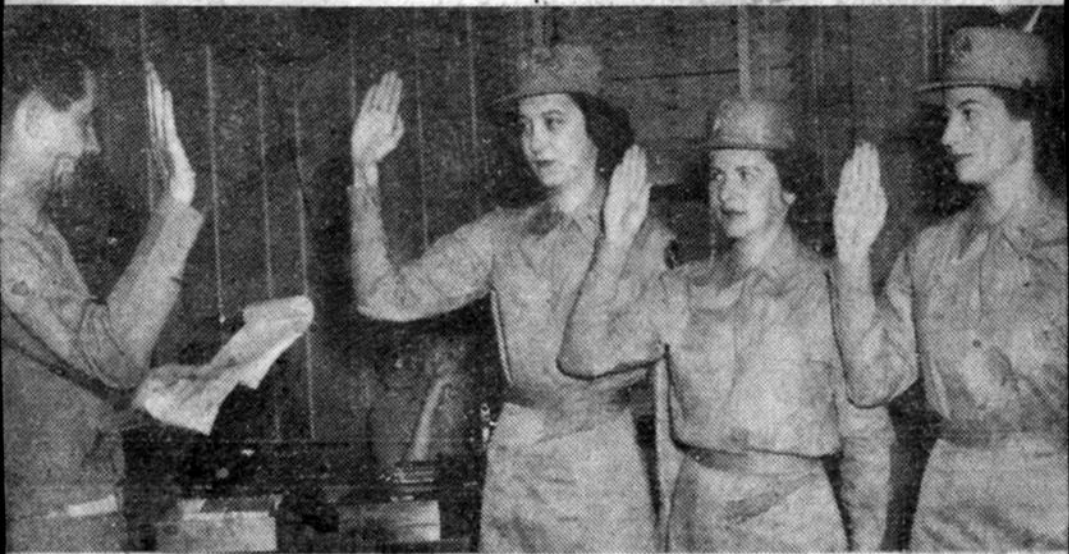
He has been replaced by Lieut. Walter A. Bair, who was transferred here from Baer Field, Fort Wayne, Ind. A former resident of Warfordsburg, Pa., Lieutenant Bair is a graduate of Hancock high school, Hancock, Md., and Bliss Electrical School, Washington, D. C. He has been in service since April 18, 1942. Mrs. Bair, the former Claire E. Ross, who is in Fort Wayne at present, will join her husband here shortly.

Lieutenant Sieck's home is in Chicago, where he attended Lake View high school. Prior to entering the service Nov. 25, 1940, he was employed as a laboratory assistant in Chicago.

... officer of the Wacs, and Lieut.  
pt. mess and supply officer.

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2 September 1943

## WACs Sworn Into Army at Seymour Field



—Official Air Forces Photo.

SEYMOUR, Ind., Sept. 2 (Spl.)—These three officers of the 742d WAC post headquarters company at Freeman army airfield, Seymour, were sworn into the army of the United States Wednesday in the office of Colonel E. T. Rundquist, commanding officer. Left to right are Captain Rudolph Brannan, post adjutant, who is shown giving the oath of office; Lieutenant Martha T. Riley, Lieutenant Elizabeth R. Houpt and Lieutenant Verena M. Simpson. Lieutenant Houpt, before entering the service, was a student secretary in Ft. Wayne.

# COMMISSIONS FOR 3 FREEMAN WACS



Official Air Forces Photo.

## Oath of Office Given Women Army Officers.

Seymour, Ind., Sept. 4.—Lieut. Martha T. Riley is shown being greeted by Col. E. T. Rundquist, commanding officer at Freeman Army Air Field, Seymour, after she took the oath of office as a member of the Army of the United States. Lieutenant Riley, commanding officer of the 742nd Wac post

headquarters company at Freeman, is a former resident of Lexington, Ky., and a former member of the Versailles, Ky., High School faculty. Others shown are Lieut. Verena M. Simpson, left, executive and recreation officer of the Wacs, and Lieut. Elizabeth R. Houpt, mess and supply officer.

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## New Assistant Red Cross Director Here

Otto Petrie of West Allis, Wis., arrived last week to assume his new duties as assistant to Bernard J. Woods, Red Cross director at Freeman Field.

Mr. Petrie recently completed a training course for Red Cross field directors at Camp Lee, Va. He is a veteran of World War I, and fought in five major engagements in France. He is a graduate of East Side high school in Milwaukee, and later attended the University of Wisconsin at Madison for two years.

Mrs. Petrie, who is residing in West Allis, arrived Friday for a short visit with her husband.

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## Four Guests Honored At Party Center

Pvt. and Mrs. Fred Hemmler, Jr., Cpl. John Gerber and Pvt. Charles Layman were the honor guests at this week's "birthday party" at the Baptist Soldiers' Hospitality Center, Tuesday evening.

Pvt. and Mrs. Hemmler are natives of Scranton, Pa. and before entering the army in January of this year, Pvt. Hemmler was a hydraulic engineer for United Aircraft.

Cpl. Gerber, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. C. H. Gerber, of St. Paul, Minn., is a former assistant bank cashier and Pvt. Layman, a native of Morgan, Ala., who has been in service a year come October was a coal miner in civilian life.

Birthday greetings were extended the quartet by Dr. A. A. Cohn, pastor of the church and director of the Center and to the service men he presented a chevron of their next rank and to Mrs. Hemmler, a gift.

T/Sgt. Forrest Breckenridge played the favorite song of each.

Mrs. Howard Kaufman, a house mother at the Center, presented the birthday cake for the evening which was served with an iced course.

Mrs. Clifford Reinbold was captain for the evening and was assisted by Miss Holland Carter, Miss Betsy Cohn, Mrs. Lois Taulman and Miss Jean Utterback.

Guests at the party included, in addition to the honored group, Sgt. Howard Carris, Sgt. Bob Jackson, T/Sgt. Forrest Breckenridge, Sgt. and Mrs. Alfred Clark, Cpl. and Mrs. Alfred Miller, Cpl. George Ansley, Cpl. Victor Walters, S/Sgt. John Milstead, S/Sgt. Ed Paciorek, Cpl. Harry E. Wilson, Cpl. Harry Rominger, T/Sgt. Mike Egan, Miss Gladys Harris, Miss Erma Story, Miss Roberta Barlow, Mrs. Lois Taulman, Miss Jean Utterback, Miss Betsy Cohn, Miss Holland Carter and Dr. Cohn.

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## Servicemen's Wives To Have Own Club

Recognizing an opportunity for making the stay of servicemen's wives in Seymour more pleasant, the USO center, 205 South Chestnut street, is announcing that a club will be formed for servicemen's wives.

A hearty invitation is being extended to all wives of servicemen in Seymour to use the facilities of the USO club in their spare time. A room has been set aside for them where they may meet and plan programs for the day and in general use it as a meeting place for all army wives.

The USO recognizes the need for this type of service in Seymour and all wives interested are asked to register at the hostess' desk. When a large enough group is registered, afternoon programs will begin for their entertainment and comfort.

Bramwell Lundgren, USO director, asks that servicemen's wives register as soon as possible so officials will have an idea of the number wishing to participate.

Registration should be between the hours of 4 o'clock in the afternoon and 11 o'clock at night during the next week.

# Col. Modisette Is Graduation Speaker Here

## Atterbury Post Commander Address- es Graduating Class At Freeman Field

Col. Welton M. Modisette, post commander at Camp Atterbury, delivered the graduation address today to the fifth class of pilots to complete their course at Freeman Army Air Field, advanced twin engine school here.

Some of the men who were graduated today received the rank of flight officers, while others receive commissions.

The graduation exercises were held in the post gymnasium.

### Program Is Listed.

The 405th Army Air Forces band opened the program by playing the national anthem. Chaplain Daniel A. McGuire gave the invocation. Major William B. Poe, director of training, introduced Col. Modisette, and after the graduation address Major Poe presented awards and pilot wings. Major Albert E. Hughes administered the oath of office and Chaplain Phillips Brooks Henderson pronounced the benediction.

Col. E. T. Rundquist, commandant at Freeman Field, was a guest at George Field, near Vincennes, today, for the graduation of the class there.

### Address In Part.

Col. Modisette said in part:

I want you to know, in all sincerity, that I envy you and your opportunities for active service. The Chief of Staff, General Marshall, has said: "It is to the young men that we must look for the energy and daring to lead the way in a great offensive". After all, this is a young man's war. The lightning pace of battle demands the swift reflexes—the burning zeal and effervescent drive of spirited youth. Our nation's destiny rides with you young men today.

Your chief, General Arnold, the commanding general of the Army Air Forces, declares: "In no other nation does the average young man have the natural ability and temperament so essential to aviation students. It is the heritage of all American boys." Our flyers are proving just that. Every day they penetrate deeper into the Axis defense, repaying with interest the long-awaited and over-due debt. And you can say it again, that debt will be paid in full.

### Work As A Team.

But above all, you have learned to work as a team. You've learned and will learn further, to operate as a team of teams. You've learned that good pilots must have good navigators and good bombardiers, as each one depends on the other. General Yount, commanding general of the Training Command, promised: "our responsibility is to give our young men the best training in the world". And you have received it. Nothing has been left undone to prepare you for the rigorous struggle ahead, where the only rule is "kill or be killed". From now on, you will be measured by your own personal courage, intelligence, judgment, observation, temperament and personality.

Manpower is the final and decisive factor in warfare. As General MacArthur puts it: "success in war depends upon men". Leaders are required to coordinate and work together. They must first "know their stuff" and then put it across. The qualities within a man which are necessary for good leadership, as summarized by General Stewart, comprise six outstanding characteristics. First, a dominant sense of duty; second, superior professional ability; third, an utmost sense of honesty and justice; fourth, unquestioned moral and physical courage; fifth, high moral character; and sixth, humanness. The foundation of leadership is respect—for yourself, for those superior to you and for and from those serving under you. You must also have the ability to make decisions and the energy to carry them out.

Just a little over a year ago, on August 17, 1942, General Ira G. Eaker led the first full-fledged,

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# Capt. Brannan Leaves Freeman

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## Lt. Jack Elkan Becomes Post Adju- tant at Field

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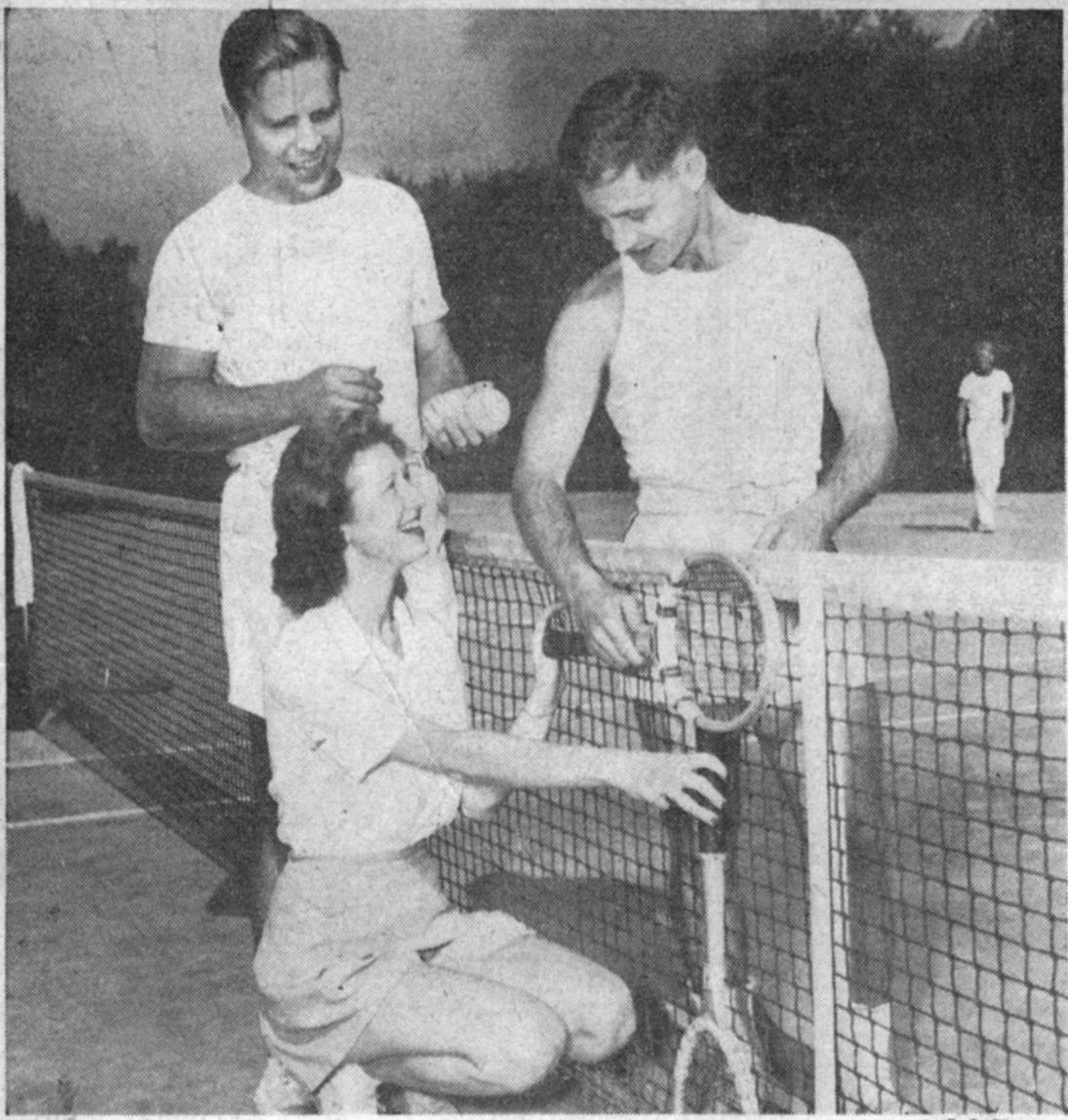
Capt Rudolph Brannan, adjutant at Freeman Field, has received orders to report to headquarters of the Eastern Flying Training Command, Montgomery, Ala., according to an announcement made today by Colonel E. T. Rundquist, commanding officer of Freeman Field.

Lt. Jack Elkan who has been the assistant adjutant, has become the adjutant of the field.

Arriving in Seymour October 4, 1942, Captain Brannan was an assist project officer and helped to activate Freeman Field. After the field was activated in December, he became adjutant. He came to Freeman Field from Lockbourne army air base, Columbus, Ohio, where he was adjutant. Prior to that assignment, he was stationed at Craig Field, Selma, Ala.

Captain Brannan has had a wealth of army experience, enlisting in 1929 and working his way up through the ranks. He has served at various stations in the United States and Hawaii.

The Brannans who have been living at 413 North Walnut street, have made many friends in Indiana.



C.-J. Photo.

**JUST RIGHT**, says Referee Mrs. Jane Smith, measuring the net before start of play between Pastime Boat Club's Monte Tiller and Freeman Field's Lieut. Rex Godwin at Pastime yesterday. Lieut. Godwin won the No. 1 singles test from Tiller by 6-3, 6-2.

## Pastime Again Tops Freeman Netters 5-4

The Pastime Boat Club's undefeated tennis team repeated its earlier 5-4 conquest of the Freeman Field Fliers yesterday afternoon at the Pastime courts.

The Pastimers won four of the seven singles matches and broke even in the two doubles tests.

Scoring wins for Pastime were:  
Allen Schmitt with a 6-3, 6-4 victory over Lt. Paul Buskey.  
Jack Schultze with a 7-5, 6-1 win over Lt. David Lovitt.  
Al Comstock with a 6-2, 6-3 triumph over Lt. Phillip Igou.  
Art Eyl with a 6-3, 6-2 tally over Lt. C. D. Nichols.  
Comstock and Gordon Schultze with a 6-3, 6-0 count over Lt. Burt Close and Major Norman Wood.

Freeman Field winners were:  
Lt. Rex Godwin, who defeated Pastime's No. 1 player, Monte Tiller, 6-3, 6-2.

Lt. Lewis Hilley with a 6-1, 3-6, 6-1 triumph over Ed Buchar.  
Lt. Hilley and Lt. Igou with a 6-3, 3-6, 6-2 margin over J. Schultze and Eyl.

Tribune  
13 September 1945

### First Birth in New Hospital Unit

The first baby to be born in new maternity ward of the sta hospital at Freeman Army Field was born Thursday to T and Mrs. James R. Schneid.

The baby has been named Joseph Michael Schneid. Schneid formerly was Marg Bush, of Ramsey, Ind., and lived in Seymour about a T/Sgt. Schneid, whose home Albany, New York, is attached the 35th Training Group at Freeman Field.

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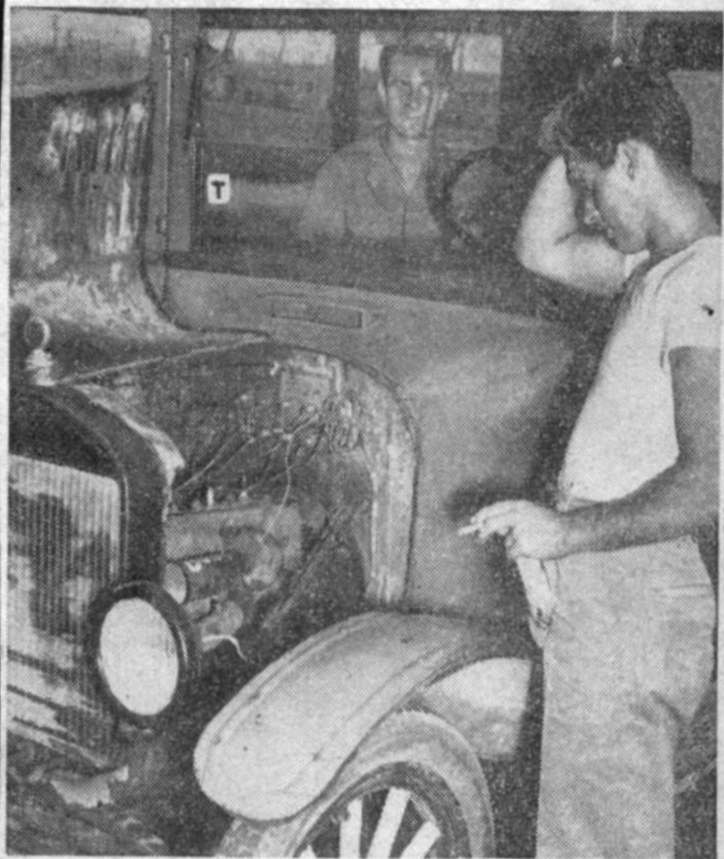
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The baby has been named Joseph Michael Schneid. Mrs. Schneid formerly was Margaret Bush, of Ramsey, Ind., and has lived in Seymour about a year. T/Sgt. Schneid, whose home is in Albany, New York, is attached to the 35th Training Group at Freeman Field.

Louisville Times  
9 September 1943

## 'LIZZIE' SOLDIER'S ACE



Official Air Forces Photo.

### Gas, Tire Rationing "Laughed Off" By Model T.

Seymour, Ind., Sept. 9.—Gasoline rationing holds no fears for Corp. Lemoyne Showers (by car fender), an airplane mechanic at Freeman Army Air Field. The proud possessor of a Model T Ford, 1917 vintage, he estimates that he should be able to squeeze twenty-two miles to a gallon of gas. Showers also can laugh off tire rationing, for "Lizzie's" wheels are an odd size. Because of the fact that there are enough tires of that size on the market and little demand for them, the O.P.A. hasn't included them on the "rationed" list.

Courier Journal  
11 September 1943



Army Air Forces Photo.

**WITH THE MONEY HE EARNS** repairing watches for his buddies at Freeman Air Field at Seymour, Corp. Russell Provencher buys War Bonds. He began repairing timepieces as a hobby and now has built up a thriving spare-time business at Freeman Field, which is a school for advanced training for pilots for twin-engine planes.

Tribune  
20 September 1943



S/Sgt. Samuel L. Clark, of the Tech Inspector's office at Freeman Field, likes to putter around with model airplanes in his spare time, and is shown here with a gasoline-powered model. (Freeman Field Photo).

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20 September 1943



Col. E. T. Rundquist, third from left, commanding officer of Freeman Army Air Field, and Lt. William Mattes, Freeman's ace hurler, lines up with two Navy officers just to give photographic proof that the Army and Navy are friendly enemies, even on the baseball diamond. The picture was made when Bunker Hill Naval Station's team played here recently. (Freeman Field Photo).



Mrs. Minerva Gruber, of Seymour, a civilian employe at Freeman Army Air Field, is wholly in step with the local "Dig Deep for Bonds to Bury the Axis" slogan. Mrs. Gruber, who works at the jewelry counter in the Freeman, "PX," is taking her entire government pay in War Bonds. She is shown here waiting on Pfc. Edward McDonald, left, and Sgt. Paul M. Cote, of the 1079th Squadron. (Freeman Field Photo).

18 September 1943

## Hall to Oppose Freemen Sunday

Lefty Hall veteran lefthanded twirler of the Seymour Reds will oppose the hard hitting Freeman Airfield baseball team at Redland Park Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock when the two local clubs square off in the first contest of a three game series for the baseball championship of Seymour.

Other players to see action in Seymour's lineup will include: Englehart, Burns, Henley, Cunningham, Martin, Manly, Vance, Snyder, Smith, and others.

Sgt. Al Albricht will probably be the starting pitcher for the Freeman nine, with Sgt. Swartz behind the bat.

# Tribune

18 September 1943

## Freeman Subdued.

Freeman Field's baseball team lost to Peru Naval Training Station at Bunker Hill Friday afternoon 8 to 3. The game was tied up at 3-all going into the lower berth of the eighth, when a Peruvian whopped a circuit-breaker with all bags loaded. Lt. Mattes, Freeman hurler, struck out Ted Williams, former big-time slugger, and held them hitless during the fracas.

## Lions (Domestic Variety) Find Link Trainers Complicated Gadgets

Members of the Seymour Lions Club learned through experience Thursday night that flying an airplane isn't one of those things you learn to do in one evening after a nice, satisfying meal.

Following a dinner at their regular weekly meeting time Thursday night the club members went to Freeman Army Air Field, where they were guests of Lieut. Peter Matteau, a flight in-

structor at the field and member of the club.

The visitors were taken to one of the Link trainer buildings, where they were given an opportunity to see and examine the Link trainers and hear an explanation of how they operate as an important phase of pilot training.

After that, some of the more venturesome souls got up enough nerve to try their hands at flying the contraptions. It all looked very simple as skilled men put the machines through their paces, but when the Lions climbed aboard some of the earth-bound craft, they found that piloting the family automobiles through Seymour traffic was nothing as compared with trying to keep one of those synthetic sky buggies on an even keel.

The varied and generous assortment of instruments, dials and gadgets staring coldly at the would-be pilots served primarily as agents of confusion rather than as something designed to help a pilot know what he's doing, where he is, and what's going on at all times.

While there were no actual casualties, the Link trainer department Thursday night probably recorded more crashes and smash-ups (theoretical, of course) than in all the time since they were installed months ago to help Uncle Sam's birdmen solve some of the problems of the sky.

The visit to the Link trainer building took the place of a regular entertainment program for the club members.

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## Albricht May be Freeman Hurler

Sgt. Al Albricht fireball artist of the Southern Association will probably be on the mound for Freeman Field Sunday when the Airmen meet the Seymour Reds in the first contest of a three-game series for the city championship, at Redland Park at 3 p. m.

The Freeman team will be in full strength for Sunday's important game and hoping to get the jump on the Reds in the series opener.

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Pvt. Helen M. Auger (pronounced oh-jay) has spoken to practically everyone on Freeman Army Air Field at one time or another. She's shown here on duty at the telephone switchboard in the post signal office building. She's from New Hampshire, and is a member of the WAC. (Freeman Field Photo).

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## Two More WAC Officers on Duty

Lieut. Gladys A. Gette and Lieut. Elizabeth Hickey have arrived at Freeman Field to augment the corps of officers now assigned to the 742nd WAC post headquarters company.

Lieut. Gette is a native of Philipsburg, Pa., where she attended Philipsburg high school, later studying at the Boston School of Physical Education. She entered the service Feb. 16, 1943 at Altoona, Pa., and was commissioned a second lieutenant May 23 at Officer Candidate school, Fort Des Moines, Ia. From Fort Des Moines she went to Fort Oglethorpe, Ga. where she attended Intermediate Officers' school, completing that course Aug. 7. She reported here from Maxwell Field, Ala.

A former resident of Modesto, Calif., Lieutenant Hickey is a graduate of Modesto Junior college, where she was active in sports. She is a member of the Modesto chapter, Business and Professional Women's club, and prior to entering the service Feb. 5, 1943 in San Francisco was a stock tracer at McClellan Field, Sacramento, Calif. She was commissioned a second lieutenant in the WACs May 23 at Fort Des Moines, coming here from Maxwell Field.