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# Freeman Units to Aid Bond Drive

Freeman Field's band and a number of planes from there will help Columbus stage an all-day War Bond sales rally Saturday.

The Columbus Jaycees and Retail Merchants Association are combining to sponsor the event, and military units from Freeman Field and Camp Atterbury will provide some of the day's highlights.

The Freeman Field band will give a concert in downtown Columbus Saturday morning at 10 o'clock. A parade will be held at 2:30 o'clock, a War Bond auction will be held at 8:15 o'clock Saturday night, and a street dance will be held at 9:15 o'clock.

Planes from Freeman Field will fly over Columbus during the day.

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# Freeman Meets Peru Naval Nine

## Pesky, Williams May Be Fliers' Foes.

The Times Special Service.

Seymour, Ind., Sept. 17.—The baseball team of Freeman Army Air Field today was scheduled to meet the Peru Naval Training Station team at Bunker Hill.

Freeman and Peru have split a pair of games. The Navy men were expected to have two former big leaguers on their roster. They are Ted Williams and Johnny Pesky of the Boston Red Sox, who finished the 1942 season in one-two positions for batting honors.

Freeman played Stout Field at Indianapolis Thursday in the first game of their two-game road trip.

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Captain Paul H. Harrison has returned from a five days' leave in Morrilton, Ark., where he was the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Harrison. Captain Harrison is intelligence officer at Freeman Field.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Taylor, Miss Ruth Taylor, Harold Taylor, Miss Virginia Wissel and Sergeant Victor Woodard, of Freeman Field, spent Sunday in Indianapolis.

Mrs. Harold R. Blakeman arrived today from New York City to be with her husband, Lieutenant Blakeman, assistant statistical officer at Freeman Field. The couple will be at home at 402 Carter Boulevard.

Major and Mrs. John G. Morris and their young son, John, Jr., have returned from a visit in Geneva, Ala., their former home. Major Morris is S-4 and budget and fiscal officer at Freeman Field.

Miss Joan McDonald spent the week end in Muncie the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Edward McDonald. Miss McDonald is secretary to Captain Paul H. Harrison, intelligence officer at Freeman Field.

Lieut. and Mrs. Leland G. Jackson have as a guest in their home on West Second street, Mrs. Jackson's mother, Mrs. Alma Stewart, of Youngstown, O. Lieutenant Jackson is assistant post exchange officer at Freeman Field.

Mrs. Thaddeus J. Davis, Jr., has returned to the Davis' home in Selma, Ala., after a visit with her husband, Major Davis, sub-depot supply officer at Freeman Field.

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Lieutenant Harry L. Womeldorf, base photographic officer at Freeman Field, is in Wichita, Kansas, where he is spending a ten days' sick leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul E. Womeldorf.

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Corporals William Hawksby, left, and Anthony N. Gilla, are shown at work here in the quartermaster's shoe repair shop at Freeman Army Air Field, where shoes of service men get "remodeling." You can't tell these-fellows that an army travels on its stomach. They know better. (Freeman Field Photo).

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## Freemen Defeat Reds by 21 to 2

After having been spanked 21 to 2 in a game with Freeman Field's baseball team at Redland Park Sunday afternoon, the Seymour Reds have decided to try to do something about it before they meet the fliers again next Sunday.

Manager Alf Snyder said today he has signed "Boogey" Schupp, a Louisville Colonel hurler who once pitched for the Reds. Schupp will be on the mound for the Reds Sunday in their second scrap with the Freeman.

Gittens broke up the Reds' playhouse Sunday afternoon by blasting three home-runs which were good for a total of ten runs.

And after that there isn't much that could be said.

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## "CO" of WAC at Freeman Promoted

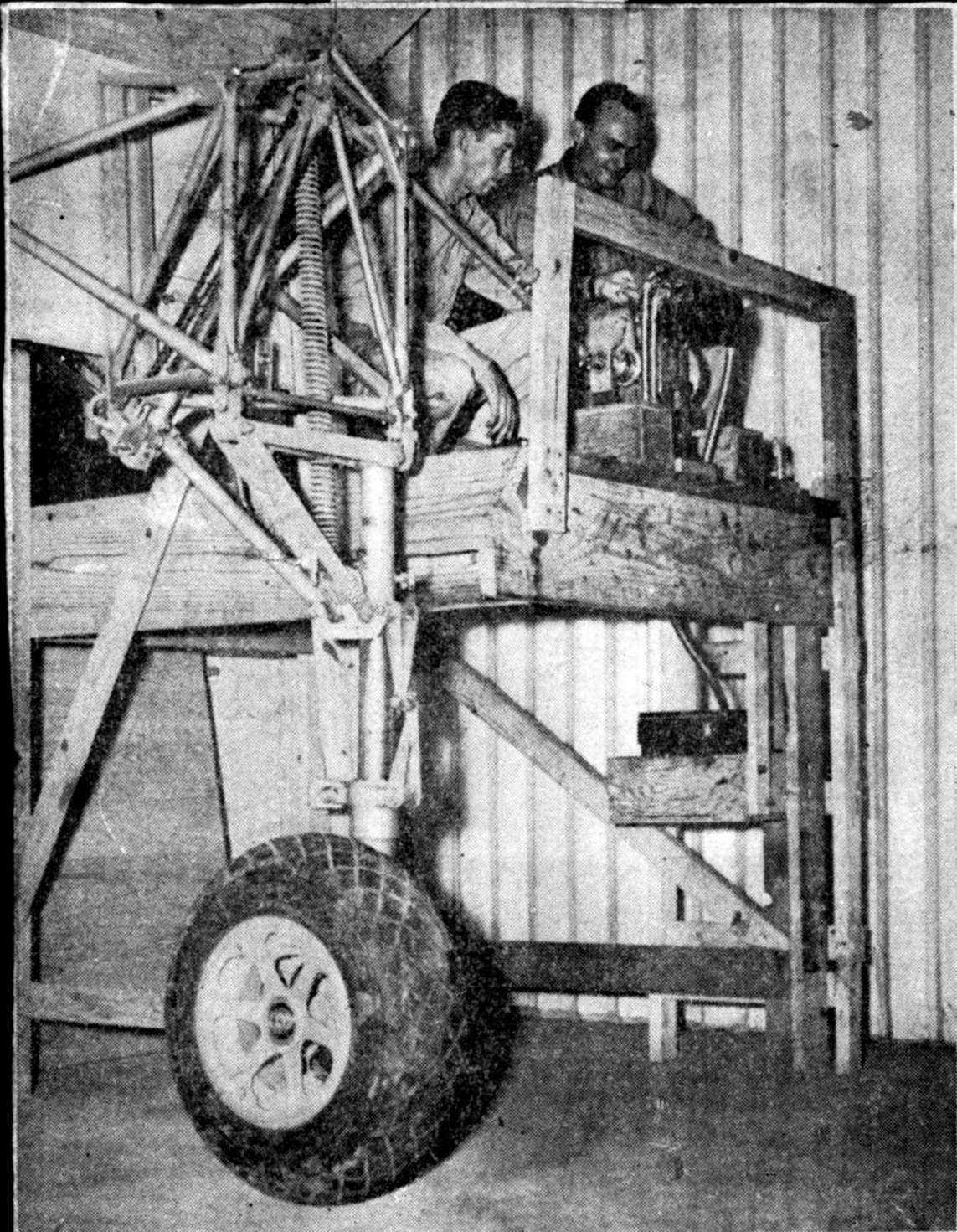
Lieut. Martha T. Riley, commanding officer of the 742nd WAC post headquarters company at Freeman Field, has exchanged her gold second lieutenant's bars for silver.

Her promotion to first lieutenant is being announced by Col. E. T. Rundquist, commanding officer of the field.

Lieutenant Riley's home is in Lexington, Ky., where she attended Henry Clay high school, later graduating with a B. S. degree from the University of Kentucky.

She has been in service since Sept. 5, 1942, and in civilian life was a member of the Versailles, Ky., high school faculty.

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This is a "mock up" of a landing gear on ships at Freeman Field, which enables cadets and others to familiarize themselves with the mechanics of the equipment. Two men are shown on the platform studying the mechanism. (Freeman Field Photo).

# Lieut. Wenzel Is Speaker at Rotary Meeting

## Importance of Com- munications to Modern Army Is Discussed By Officer

Importance of the division of communications to the modern army and particularly to the U. S. Army Air Corps was outlined to members of the Seymour Rotary Club at their weekly dinner meeting Monday night by Lieut. Russell A. Wenzel, who is attached to the communications division at Freeman Army Air Field.

Lt. Wenzel, who gave an interesting address, was introduced by E. S. Welch, chairman of Monday night's program. Dr. John L. Prentice, club president, was in charge of the meeting and guests included Stuart Blish, J. J. Kutch and his sons, Tom and Joe Kutch, William Prentice, all of Seymour, and Stanley J. Birge, of St. Louis.

Roy Applegate, club secretary, announced that club attendance has been steadily increasing during the past few meetings and that a perfect attendance next Monday night would place the Seymour Club high in the list of district clubs for this month. Officers urged a 100 percent attendance next Monday night. C. W. McClain will be in charge of the program.

### Drive Is Discussed.

Ernest N. Birge, a member of the club who also is secretary-treasurer of the Seymour Board of Recreation, spoke briefly on the financial drive of the board which now is underway and members of the club gave voluntary contributions during the meeting. It is expected that approximately \$200 will be turned over to the fund from the Rotary Club.

The need of furniture, reading lamps and similar furnishings for the new non-commissioned officers' club at Freeman Field was announced by Karl Nessler, who urged Rotarians to aid in the project which the boys at the field have undertaken.

Communications as developed at the present time make the speed and magnitude of present armies possible, Lt. Wenzel told the Rotarians. There are two branches of the army—service and supply, and armed, which includes the combat units, the speaker stated. Communications operate and maintain the radio equipment for the armed branch of the army, a function which is very essential and carries with it great responsibility in the warfare of today. Material used by communications is supplied by the signal corps, which is a part of the service and supply branch.

### Inspections Made.

Periodic inspection of all radios in airplanes is made and weakened parts replaced so that the instruments will be working properly at all times. Members of the WAC are doing much of this work at Freeman Field now and are doing it very satisfactorily, Lt. Wenzel revealed.

The speaker told of the function of the control tower at Freeman Field, how it controls all air traffic in and out of the field. He told of different frequencies on which the radios operate and how the tower checks the pilots to be sure they have their wheels down and locked before they make a landing. Contacts from the tower with the planes, which continue twenty-four hours a day, run into the thousands each week, Lt. Wenzel said. He also told of and illustrated effectively, how a radio beam operates and guides pilots to stay on their courses, and told also of the radio compass. He predicts that after the war is over, citizens will learn of many modern developments in this field which are now being utilized by the army but which are military secrets at the present time.

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## Three Freeman Officers Are Sent to Replacement Centers

Three ground school officers at Freeman Field have been transferred to replacement centers. Officers and enlisted personnel who are sent to replacement centers are usually awarded overseas duty.

The men are Capt. Frank H. Lewis, commanding officer of the 1080th twin engine flying training squadron; Lieut. Thomas E. Buckley, a squadron officer, and Lieut. Louis B. Farmer, adjutant to Col. John J. Keough, commanding officer of the 366th sub-depot.

A former resident of Starksville, Miss., Captain Lewis has been in the Army since Jan. 9, 1917. He

saw action during World War 1 in the Somme defensive and offensive and after the conflict was stationed for 13 months at Schofield Barracks, Honolulu.

In peace time Captain Lewis was an infantry instructor at Mississippi State College, State College, Miss., where he taught freshman classes for 16 years. Mrs. Lewis and their daughter, Mary Jane and son, Wimberley, who with the captain, have resided at 652 North Walnut street, will remain in Seymour for the present.

Lieutenant Buckley's home is in Wausau, Wis. He attended high school in Seattle, Wash., and has been in military service for the last 15 years. At one period in his Army life he was stationed at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. Mrs. Buckley, who has been residing in Seymour with her husband, will return to Milwaukee, Wis., where she plans to teach school.

Lieutenant Farmer's home is at Lookout Mountain, Tenn. He is a graduate of McCallie Preparatory School, Chattanooga, Tenn., and later studied at the Webb school. A graduate of Officer Training School at Miami Beach, Fla., Lieutenant Farmer was a tobacco broker in Asheville, N. C., prior to entering the service. Mrs. Farmer will go to Washington, D. C. to live.

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A former resident of Chicago, Lieut. David M. Fairbairn, a flying instructor, is a graduate of Carl Schurz high school in Milwaukee and later studied at Northwestern University in Evanston. He has been in service since April 4, 1941, and in civilian life was a cashier at Goodbody and Co., Chicago.

Lieut. Steve A. Alford, Jr., a flying instructor, whose home is in Baton Rouge, La., attended C. E. Byrd high school in Shreveport, La., and Lake Charles high school, Lake Charles, La., receiving a B. A. degree at Southwestern Louisiana institute in Lafayette. He has been in service since Jan. 5, 1942.

Lieut. Herbert L. Brackney, finance officer, is a former resident of Wapakoneta, O., where he studied at Blume high school, later enrolling at Ohio State University at Columbus. At the time he entered the service Aug. 20, 1941, he was a cashier at the Ohio Union of Ohio State.

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## New Chief Nurse At Freeman Field

Lieut. Annelle Haralson has arrived at Freeman Field and has been assigned to the station hospital, where she will serve as chief nurse.

A former resident of LaGrange, Ga., Lieutenant Haralson is a graduate of Center high school at Gabbettville, Ga., where she was active in basketball. She is a member of the American Nurses' association and the American Red Cross and prior to joining the service Aug. 28, 1936 at Fort Benning, Ga., was a private duty nurse at Columbus, Ga.

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Walter Dreifus looks over a pile of O. D. clothing in the post tailor shop at Freeman Field. The clothes had been left there to be cleaned and pressed. The shop operates six pressers. (Freeman Field Photo)

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## ***Lt. Charles L. Knuth Weds Minnesota Girl***

At a candlelight ceremony solemnized Saturday, September 18, in the Freeman Field post chapel Miss Betty Anderson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Victor E. Anderson of Worthington, Minn., became the bride of Lieut. Charles L. Knuth, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Knuth, also of Worthington. Lieutenant Knuth is a flight instructor at Freeman Field.

Chaplain Phillips B. Henderson read the service at 8:30 o'clock in the evening, and Mrs. Henderson presented a program of organ music.

The charming bride chose for the occasion a white wool frock with which she wore a corsage of orchids.

Mrs. Wesley G. Kidwell, wife of Lieutenant Kidwell, also a flight instructor, was matron of honor and the bride's only attendant. She was gowned in green wool crepe and her flowers were pink roses.

Lieutenant Kidwell served as best man for Lieutenant Knuth.

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Official Air Force Photo.

**FREEMAN FIELD'S OFFICER TENNIS** team will invade Louisville this afternoon for a second match with the Louisville Boat Club. In the first match, Freeman won 5 to 3. Left to right are Lieut. Rex. Godwin, Lieut. Phillip Igou, Capt. Julian Wishik, Lieut. Lewis Hilley, Major Norman Wood, captain; Lieut. David Lovitt, Lieut. Paul Buskey and Lieut. Bert Close. The matches begin at 2:30 at the Boat Club.

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# Conservation Clubs To Hold Fish Fry

A fish fry for members of all the conservation clubs of the county will be held at the Jackson county State Forest Sunday afternoon, October 3, according to plans set up Tuesday night at Seymour.

Serving of fish, together with baked beans, slaw and coffee will start at 2 o'clock at the picnic area of the east forest.

Tickets for the event are priced at 50 cents each and may be purchased from Ish Beickman and A. L. Lucas of Brownstown, and from representatives of other clubs throughout the county.

Col. Rundquist, of the Freeman Army Airfield at Seymour, is chairman. The event is being sponsored by the Jackson county conservation club of Seymour.

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This kind of action is seen when Freeman Field's baseball team takes to the diamond. The Freeman meet the Seymour Reds next Sunday afternoon at Redland Park in the second of a three-game series. (Freeman Field Photo).

## Soldier Recalls Hoosier Buddies in World War I



SEYMOUR, Ind., April 3 (Spl.)— "This is the way we did it in World War I," Private Alexander J. Simmons, age fifty-three, who was an ambulance driver in France during the first world war, is telling Pvts. Wilton Smith (left), of Upper Marlboro, Md., and John Phillips (center), of Hunters Mill Road, Md., some of his experiences during the defense of the city of Verdun. The men are stationed at Freeman army air field here. Smith and Phillips are ambulance drivers at the field.

Simmons, a lawyer in New York City who recently re-enlisted in the service, served with three Indiana men in the ambulance corps in France in the first world war. He, Dana Vail, Madison; Cecil Ross, Wolcottville, and Joe Switzer, Ft. Wayne, volunteered for duty as field ambulance drivers in June of 1917 and were assigned to Section 593, United States army ambulance corps. They were attached to the French army and saw action in most of the major engagements.

After the war Simmons returned to his law practice in New York city, but has kept close contact with the men who made Section 593 famous. The members have had frequent get-togethers, meeting the last time in 1942 at Camp Crane, Pennsylvania, their embarkation point in 1917. This meeting commemorated the twenty-fifth anniversary of Section 593.

Simmons has made frequent trips to Europe to visit his French comrades, his last trip being in 1936.

## GREEN-THUMBED SOLDIER



**Pfc. Curtis Stripling Starts a Garden.**

Forming the nucleus of what will later become twenty acres of Victory gardens are the hot bed frames over which Pfc. Curtis Stripling, Freeman Air Field, Seymour, a former Georgia county agricultural agent, is casting an expert's eye.

## Airmen Self-feeding

**Freeman Field Acreage to Produce Vegetable Crops As Well As Pilots for Twin-Engine Planes.**

*The Times Special Service.*

Seymour, Ind., April 14.—Fresh from the post garden will be the vegetables which military personnel at Freeman Army Air Field will stow away when summer comes to Seymour.

The ground on which the field is located will serve double duty this spring; training flying cadets in the art of operating twin engine planes and furnishing food for soldiers, several of whom already have volunteered to work on the project.

Under the direction of Capt. Rudolph Brannon, post adjutant,

the project was launched last week, with the planting of an acre of Irish potatoes, which it is expected, will yield 300 to 400 bushels of top grade potatoes to the acre.

Also to be seeded will be six acres of corn, four acres of water-melons, two acres of cantaloupes, one acre each of tomatoes, cucumbers, peas, squash, butter beans, lima beans and string beans, and half-acres each of beets, radishes, lettuce and carrots. Present plans include the progressive planting of various types of vegetables to insure supply throughout the summer.

# Pilot Class at Freeman Field Is Graduated

## Ceremony Is Held In Post Theater— Address Is Given By Rep. Wilson

Freeman Army Air Field graduated Class 43-E its second class of advanced twin engine pilots, in a ceremony held in the post theater at 10 o'clock this morning.

Rep. Earl Wilson, Ninth Indiana District Congressman, delivered the graduation address, after being presented by Col. E. T. Rundquist, commanding officer of the field.

The 405th Army Air Forces Band opened the program by playing the national anthem, after which Chaplain Phillips B. Henderson gave the invocation.

### Wings Are Presented.

Following Congressman Wilson's address the fliers received their wings from Major William B. Poe, director of training, and Major Albert E. Hughes, commandant of cadets, administered the oath of office. Dr. A. A. Cohn, pastor of the First Baptist Church, gave the benediction, after which the band played "The Army Air Corps."

In addressing the members of the graduating class Congressman Wilson told them:

"You are not really just pilots of twin engine planes, you know you are the 'pitchers' in the greatest baseball game of all times.

"You are the key men, you flying men, and you are playing to the greatest gallery the world has ever seen. The cheering section for your side includes every man, woman and child who dares to lift his voice in the cause of liberty, freedom and justice. Confidentially, there are a lot of rooters in the stands on the other side who are praying our team will win, too.

"It is an old and established truth, in fact the statement is as old as baseball itself, that 'as the pitching goes, so goes the game.' As I said before, the ball is in your hands, you are ascending the pitcher's mound, ready to let go with all you have. The eyes of every spectator and every other player will be focused on you. You, the men who have learned to 'set her down' on a tablecloth, are the fellows who will 'call signals.' You will control the scoring of the other side, and most important of all, you are the boys who will 'strike 'em out!'"

"I know you are going to spread your wings eagerly. I know that you will take to the skies, confident that you are the best-equipped, best-trained, best-informed fliers in all the world. The courses you have just completed have equipped you in every way to 'dish it out,' and since you are American boys, of American stock, remember, you are born and bred of people who have always been able to 'take it.'"

"Your task as the nerve center of our Air Force, is not going to be an easy one, but if you had been frightened by hard assignments, you wouldn't be here today to graduate, therefore, I don't think that the difficulty of the job will worry you any.

"You do have one serious obligation upon your shoulders and that is to be worthy of the flying men who have blazed trailways in the air before you. They have covered themselves with honor and glory by their magnificent deeds of valor, so, theirs is a record for you to aim at. They have, at the same time, created a respect for their abilities which is shared alike by the Allies and enemies of the United States.

"To summarize the deeds of your predecessors, we may say that the fliers before you have proven to the world that American airmen can fly the paint off the fins of the best ships in the world and they can whip the pants off anything or anybody whom the enemy cares to put in the same sky with them.

"You are backed and supported by the best backers in the world. First of all, there is your own

Mom and Pop and your kid sister and your freckled faced brother who ranks you right along with Jimmy Doolittle or Eddie Rickenbacker. There is your girl, who wears your wings and maybe has learned to put rivets in those planes you have learned to fly. That's a winning combination for each of you individually right there, but that's not where en-

thusiasm stops in this country. In fact, that's only the beginnin', fellows, only the beginnin'.

"You've really got a cheering section on your side, there's the butcher, the baker, the candlestickmaker; the farmer, the bookkeeper, the clerk and the drug-gist; the housewife, the school teacher, the editor and hairdresser; the artist, the singer, the bartender and salesman; the lumberjack, the policeman, the preacher and barber. Misters, you have plenty of folks who believe in you and whose chests will be swelling with pride when you are 'givin' 'em hell' all over the world. Those folks know that in your sensitive hands and clever minds you hold the key to our kind of civilization and they'd do anything to provide you with the planes, guns and other equipment you may need to whip the yellow devils who started this fight.

"You men, as pilots of our ships of air and space have brought Europe and America as close as Indiana and Illinois. The space between continents all over the world is shrinking through your activities.

"Like busy little spiders you are leaving a web behind every flight you make and when enough of these aerial cables are woven, we will find that the land of the Earth has been tied forever together and that the water of the Earth has been spanned with indestructible bridges of fellowship, friendship, and a great spirit of community feeling.

"This is the beautiful picture which we hope to see come true after the war and after certain criminal tendencies of certain uncooperative nations have been controlled. But immediately, you must answer the cry of 'help' which is rising from the throats of thousands of your countrymen who search the skies for signs of deliverance. You are the angels of release for whom they are waiting. Before we can build aerial commerce for the enrichment of man's life, we must deal death to those who refuse to believe in freedom as the right of the common man. Before we can fly for the joy of flying, we must answer a call to duty, dirty duty, it's true, but the boys left on Bataan; our captured brothers of Corregidor and the men who tried to hold Java will rise up, both the dead and the living, and call you 'blessed.'"

"There's no doubt but that the stage is set, the baseball diamond gleams white and precise in the

# Looking Back



The Republic file photo

**Camp Atterbury commandant Col. Welton Modisette — shown at right in 1942 looking over a photo of Gen. William Atterbury (for whom Camp Atterbury was named) with Lou Henderson of the Pennsylvania Railroad — was willed more than \$2 million from the estate of an aunt in 1953.**

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## WAC Will Aid State Recruiting Drive



—Official Air Force Photo.

SEYMOUR, Ind., Oct. 18 (Spl.)—Members of the women's army corps are playing important roles in the army air forces, releasing men for vital jobs in theaters of operations. Shown here is Sergeant Marguerite Williams, of Detroit, Link trainer instructor, teaching aviation cadets at Freeman army airfield, two-engine advanced pilot school. Sergeant Williams will be a member of a recruiting team from Freeman field that will help inaugurate a nation-wide recruiting program beginning Tuesday. The Freeman team will open at Terre Haute. Other Indiana towns to be visited include Sullivan, Vincennes, Princeton, Evansville, Jasper, Bloomington, Bedford, Salem, Jeffersonville and Seymour.

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### Lt., Mrs. Lee Return Home After Visit Here

Lieut. and Mrs. Richard R. Lee of Fort Riley, Kansas, left Saturday morning following a several days' visit with Lieutenant Lee's father, Major Walter R. Lee, commanding officer of the 447th twin engine flying training squadron at Freeman Field.

The visitors stopped here en route east, where they will be guests of Mrs. Lee's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Pember in Delmar, suburb of Albany, N. Y., and Lieutenant Lee's mother and his sister, Miss Catherine Lee, who reside in Brooklyn.

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### Officers' Club to Have Official Opening

Official opening of the Officers' Club at Freeman Army Air Field will be held Saturday, according to an announcement made today by field officials. The event will be a formal dinner dance.

The program which will begin at seven o'clock will include in addition to the dinner and dancing, a floor show and reception.

## Freeman Field Given Services

### Hoosier Camp and Hospital Council Holds Meeting at Stout Field

An appropriation of \$300 for medical supplies for the hospital at Freeman Field was approved at the regular meeting of the Hoosier Camp And Hospital Council at Stout Field, Indianapolis, Sunday. Other needs at Freeman Field, including the furnishing of eight day rooms was discussed.

The Council is composed of representatives of twenty-six Indiana counties. The next meeting will be held at Camp Atterbury Sunday afternoon, December 5.

C. A. Roberts, Red Cross director at Stout Field, called attention to the increasing demands upon the Council. He introduced Capt. Polly, special officer at Stout Field, who welcomed the representatives and guests. Reports were presented by Assistant Director Lee, at Camp Atterbury, John Stewart, director at Camp Atterbury and secretary of the Council, Mrs. T. A. Spurgeon, of Muncie, Council Field Representative.

The Council was organized last December and was one of the first to be formed in the Midwest. The first officers were John H. Conner, Seymour, chairman, Kenneth Copes, Brookville, vice-chairman, and Richard L. LaGrange, Franklin, treasurer.

#### Officers for 1944.

Mrs. John Dollens, of North Vernon, as chairman of the nominating committee, submitted nominations for officers for next year. The report was accepted and Mr. Copes was named chairman, Lawrence E. Williams, of North Vernon, vice-chairman, and L. O. Young, of Martinsville, treasurer. Other members of the nominating committee were J. E. Watkins, of Muncie, and Robert Ellis, of Bloomington.

## District Postal Meeting Saturday

### More Than 400 Will Visit Freeman Field During Program

Final plans for the entertainment of postal employes of the Ninth congressional district and their wives at a district convention here Saturday have been completed by Walter H. Droege, Seymour postmaster, and members of committees from the local postoffice.

More than 400 are expected to attend the meeting, a crowd twice the number anticipated when holding the convention here was first discussed.

Freeman Army Air field will be a feature of the local convention's program.

Through arrangements with Col. E. T. Rundquist, field commanding officer, and Lt. Cecil F. Martin, post adjutant, the postal employes will be conducted on a guided tour of points of interest at Freeman Field when the convention opens at 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon. Lt. Phillip H. Wilton, assistant special service officer, will conduct the tour.

One of the training planes will be set up near the operations building on the line so the visitors may inspect it and they also will have an opportunity to tour the Link trainer building.

At 5 o'clock, the visiting postal employes and wives will review a retreat ceremony in front of post headquarters in which all the field squadrons will participate. After a dinner served at the post exchange cafeteria, the employes will return to Seymour where a program will be presented at the Shields High School gymnasium.

The Shields High School Band, under the direction of Paul W. Rigsbee, will play and other entertaining features, including the distribution of prizes contributed by local merchants, will be given at the gymnasium.

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25 October 1943

## Local WAC Team At Washington

An "Air WAC" recruitment team from Freeman Field is in Washington, Ind., today and will remain through Tuesday. The team established headquarters there Oct. 21. Members of the team are Lt. Jack Elkan, Captain; Lt. Verena Simpson, WAC officer; Sgt. Marguerite Williams, Link Trainer instructor; and Pvt. Janet Hunter of the classification office.

Lt. Elkan reports "There is a great deal of interest in the current drive to become a member of the select "Air WACs."

Mayor Sam Smith of Washington and civilian committees have been organized to help in the drive. The army air forces are seeking 46,000 "Air WACs" to supplement the men at air fields. The need for enlistments is urgent because of the man power needed at the fighting fronts.

Today recruitment team representatives will speak at several meetings in Washington including the high school, a womans club and before several hundred women parachute workers.

Later in the week the team will establish headquarters in Evansville. At a date to be announced later, the recruitment team will be in Seymour.

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October 22, 1943

## *Lt., Mrs. Willey to Be in Wedding Party*

Lieut. and Mrs. John D. Willey will have as their house guest next week, Mrs. Willey's father, Edward W. Miller, who will come from the Miller home in Springfield, Vt. Lieutenant Willey's mother, Mrs. Lillian H. Willey of Melrose, Mass., is visiting them at present.

The Willeys will leave Thursday, October 28 for Toledo, O., where they will be attendants at the wedding Saturday morning, October 30, of Miss Geraldine Curran, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerome P. Curran, and Lieut. Edward J. Welch, pilot, U. S. Army forces, both of Toledo.

Mrs. Willey, a former Smith College roommate of the bride-elect, will be one of the bridesmaids, and her husband will be an usher. During their stay in Toledo the young couple will be guests at the Park Lane. Lieutenant Willey is assistant post mess officer at Freeman Field.

## Eighth Cadet Class to Get Wings Sunday

**Major Paul H. Harrison, at Hickam Field During Jap Bombing, To Give Address**

Members of families and friends of the eighth class of aviation cadets to receive their silver wings at Freeman Army Air Field are arriving to attend the graduation exercises Sunday morning at 11 o'clock in hangar five on the flight line.

The cadets and others attending the ceremony will hear a first hand account of the bombing of Pearl Harbor given by Major Paul H. Harrison, intelligence officer at Freeman Field and former intelligence officer at the Hawaiian Air Depot, Hickam Field, at the time of the Jap attack. Incidents about the bombing will be related in his talk.

Col. E. T. Rundquist, commanding officer of the field, will introduce Major Harrison.

### Program Details Set.

The 405th Army Air Forces Band, under the direction of W/O Mitchel Chetel, will open the program and Chaplain Daniel A. McGuire will give the invocation. Major William B. Poe, director of training, will award silver wings to the graduates in Class 43-K and Major Albert E. Hughes, commandant of cadets, will administer the oath of office. Chaplain Phillips Brooks Henderson will pronounce the benediction.

The graduation dance, an invitational affair, will be held Saturday night from 9 until 1 o'clock in hangar five, with the post orchestra playing. The committee includes Edgar R. Elder, Hoyt M. Howard, Charles H. Alvord, Jr., and Warren T. Olde, class officers.

## Carols of All Nations To Be Sung at Center

Dr. Alvin A. Cohn, pastor of First Baptist Church and general director of the Baptist Hospitality Center for service men at Freeman Army Air Field, assisted by E. E. Walker, assistant director, and the corps of volunteer workers who cooperate each week in Center activities, are planning an elaborate program Sunday in commemoration of the Center's first anniversary.

From 2 until 3 o'clock there will be a concert by Freeman Field Band under the direction of Warrant Officer Mitchel Chetel and from 2 until 5 o'clock open house will be held and the general public is invited to visit the Center.

At 6 o'clock there is to be a luncheon for soldiers, their wives, WACs, house mothers, luncheon hostesses, "Wings" and special guests and at 7:30 o'clock, Colonel E. T. Rundquist, commanding officer at Freeman Field, will speak. Short talks and annual reports also will be given by Captain Phillips Brooks Henderson, Protestant chaplain at the Field, Captain J. W. Fuller and Mr. Bramwell Lundgren, director of the USO Center in this city.

Climaxing the anniversary program will be "Carols of Many Nations" sung by a girls' glee club from Hanover College.

A number of other special events are being planned during the remainder of the week. On Monday night William Emhuff, as squadron leader, will be in charge of a surprise entertainment program, assisted by Mrs. Arthur P. Carter, as captain and Mrs. Paul R. McGuire, luncheon hostess.

Tuesday night all service men, cadets and WACs who have birthday anniversaries during the week are invited to be guests of honor at the Center. Gifts will be presented each and a special program is being arranged. Miss Betsy Cohn has been chosen to serve as squadron leader. Mrs. Clifford Reinbold will serve as captain and Mrs. George W. Jones as luncheon hostess.

The three-fold program of friendship, faith and fellowship on Wednesday night will be directed by Miss Helen Peek, leader, Mrs. Howard Kaufman, captain and Miss Alice Monroe, luncheon hostess.

## Cadet Jumps To Safety as Another Dies

**Freeman Field Plane  
Burns After Crash  
Fourteen Miles  
South of Brownstown**

An aviation cadet who was fatally injured in the crash of a two-engine training plane from Freeman Field fourteen miles south of Brownstown Tuesday was Kenneth D. Campbell. He was a member of Class 43-K. His home was at Haward, Calif.

Aviation Cadet Hugh Green, the other occupant of the plane, parachuted to safety and was uninjured.

### Causes Timber Fire.

When the plane crashed it burned, causing a fire in a timbered area. Immediately following the accident officers from the Freeman Field were at the scene where a guard was posted.

Cause of the accident has not been determined but a board of qualified Army Air Forces officers has been appointed to investigate and determine the exact cause.

Campbell is survived by his parents who live at Haward.

The "Big Party Night" on Thursday evening will be sponsored by Monday's "Wings" including William Emhuff, who will serve as leader, Misses Holland Carter, Erma Story, Wilma Van-Hoy, Maxine Gregory and Anna Lee Elkins. Wednesday night's luncheon hostesses will serve refreshments and Mrs. L. D. Robertson has been named as captain.

Miss Ora Foster will assume charge of activities on Friday night. With her will be Mrs. Thomas E. Ross, in the role of captain, and Mrs. John Fox, as luncheon hostess.

Saturday's "Coffee Hours" from 6 until 11 o'clock that evening will have as leader Mrs. Lois Taulman. Mrs. C. E. Hankins again will serve as captain and the luncheon will be supervised by Miss Marie Adams.

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ARMY CHOW, SERVED IN A G. I. MESS HALL, was a feature of the recent postal convention of the Ninth District held at Freeman Army Air Field, advanced two-engine pilot school at Seymour. Enjoying a soldier's meal are, from left, Merton Hughbanks, Scottsburg, president of the Indiana Postmaster's Association, and Mrs. Hughbanks; Mrs. Walter H. Droege and Mr. Droege, Seymour postmaster, chairman of the meeting.

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21 October 1943

### Announce Rationing Plan At Ridgeview

All Freeman Army Air Field enlisted personnel, officers and civilians living at Ridgeview or on the post are to register for War Rationing Book 4 on Monday and Tuesday of next week, it was announced today.

Registration will be held in the Ridgeview Administration building from 9 o'clock in the morning to 7:30 o'clock at night, Mrs. Paul H. Harrison will be in charge of the registration.

Officers, enlisted personnel and civilians living off the post are to apply for War Ration Book 4 at the registration center of the township in which they live.

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20 October 1943

## Officer Changes At Freeman Field

**Major Coxe Execu-  
tive Officer, Capt.  
McLeod Adjutant.**

Several changes in officer personnel at Freeman Field are being announced by Col. E. T. Rundquist, commanding officer.

Major William N. Coxe, formerly post administrative inspector is the new executive officer. He replaces Major George Weiland, former executive officer, who will report shortly to a replacement center.

Lieut. Preston G. Anglin, who was assistant to Major Coxe, now becomes administrative inspector.

Capt. William H. McLeod, former personnel officer, has been named adjutant, replacing Lieut. Cecil F. Martin.

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## WAC To Speak to Brownstown Club

Lt. Gladys Gette, of the Women's Army Corps stationed at Freeman Army Air Field, will be the guest speaker at the October meeting of the Brownstown Business & Professional Women's Club to be held Monday evening at the home of Mrs. Clarence Turmail, in Vallonia. Miss Mattie Hess is the co-hostess for the evening.

Lieutenant Gette has chosen for her subject, "The WAC of the AAF." Her appearance before the county civic group coincides with a nation-wide campaign to enlist 63,000 women into the Army Air Force which opened this week and will continue through December 1.

Miss Edna Boyatt, as club president, will preside at the meeting and will introduce Lieutenant Gette. Miss Mabel Brewer is vice-president of the club; Miss Edna Robertson, secretary and Miss Roberta Davis, treasurer.

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## Major Lee Soon To Be Retired

### Headquarters Com- mander at Freeman Field Sees Review

After thirty-four years in the armed services of the United States, Major Walter R. Lee, energetic commanding officer of the 447th Headquarters Squadron, Freeman Army Air Field, soon will be retiring.

Major Lee plans to leave Freeman Field Wednesday for New York City and he will be on temporary leave status until about December 20, when he will officially retire.

Although most of the ranks now given army officers are for the duration only, Major Lee holds the permanent rank of major. In token of the esteem in which he is held by the members of his squadron, every member fell out voluntarily Friday afternoon and gave a voluntary review for Major Lee. He previously had been the guest at a farewell party at the Elks' Home here and had addressed the group briefly.

Starting as a kid sailor at the age of fourteen, Major Lee sailed with the merchant marine to South America and the British West Indies. In 1909, he enlisted in Brooklyn's crack national guard cavalry outfit, "Squadron C" and advanced rapidly through the non-commissioned grades. He was at the Mexican border in 1916 under Col. John J. Pershing, who later became a general.



Major Lee was commissioned a first lieutenant in 1917 and was promoted to captain in 1921 when his unit became designated 101st Cavalry. He served for twelve years as commanding officer of headquarters, troops, based in Brooklyn, and in 1935 he received his commission as major. He was with the cavalry during its change from horses to mechanized equipment and on January 1, 1942, he was transferred from the mechanized cavalry to the air forces.

In March of this year, he was on temporary duty in the department of tactics at the U. S. Military Academy at West Point, N. Y. and later was on duty at the Central Instructor's School at Randolph Field, Texas, before he came to Freeman Field as commander of the 447th.

His son, Lt. Richard R. Lee, is an instructor in communications at the cavalry replacement training center at Ft. Riley, Kansas, of which his father also was graduated.

A daughter, Catherine, is a medical assistant and laboratory technician at a New York hospital, in charge of the electroencephalography department. In civilian life, Major Lee was confidential investigator in the real estate and mortgage department of the Lincoln Savings Bank of Brooklyn.

He is proficient in horsemanship, including polo, and has appeared in several Madison Square Garden horse shows. He is a swimming, diving and ice-skating enthusiast and was a strong member of the New York Athletic Club's swimming and skating teams.

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## Program Planned For Graduation

### Wings to be Pre- sented to Class 43-J Next Wednesday

Graduation exercises for Class 43-J at Freeman Field will be held at 11 o'clock Wednesday morning. The graduation address will be given by Dr. John L. Prentice, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, of this city.

After the National Anthem by the 405th AAF Band, the invocation will be pronounced by Chaplain Daniel A. McGuire. Dr. Prentice will be introduced by Colonel Elmer T. Rundquist, commandant, and Major William B. Poe, director of training, will present awards and Pilot Wings. The oath of office will be administered by Major Albert E. Hughes, commandant of students. The benediction will be given by Chaplain Phillips B. Henderson.

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27 October 1943

### Pfc. Caesar Casali Honored at Party

Pfc. Caesar S. Casali, who is stationed at Freeman Army Air Field, was the honored guest at this week's "birthday party" at the Baptist Soldiers' Hospitality Center Tuesday evening.

Pfc. Casali was born on October 25 in Natick, Mass., and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Casali. Before entering the service in September, 1942, he was employed as a welder.

Dr. Alvin A. Cohn, pastor of the church and director of the Hospitality Center, extended birthday greetings to Pfc. Casali and presented him with the chevrons of the next rank. In the late evening an iced course was served by Mrs. Clifford Reinbold and Mrs. Durbin Day, housemothers in charge.

Guests for the evening were Pfc. Casali, Sgt. Robert S. Peters, T/Sgt. Mike Egan, Sgt. and Mrs. U. C. Bruciago, Pvt. James E. Reardon, Pvt. Andy Matosky, A/C Roy T. Cochcroft, Lt. D. L. Cushing, Cpl. Victor Walters, Cpl. Fred Jenkins, Miss Betsy Cohn, Miss Maxine Deputy, Miss Gladys Harris, Mrs. Lois Taulman, Miss Holland Carter and Dr. Cohn.

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29 October 1943

### Capt. Fuller to Speak At Uniontown Church

Capt. W. H. Fuller, of Freeman Army Air Field, will be the guest speaker at the Uniontown Baptist Church Sunday night at 7:30 o'clock, it has been announced by the Rev. Walter Moseley, pastor.

The Rev. Mr. Fuller is regarded as a forceful speaker and the Rev. Mr. Moseley has extended an invitation to the public to attend the service to "hear God's man deliver God's message."

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1 November 1943

### Freeman Field Singers Give Program at USO

A special program and musical matinee was presented for the entertainment of pastors and congregations of all churches of the city members of the Chestnut Street USO and friends Sunday afternoon at the Tipton Street USO extension.

The Rev. Charles E. K. Wright, director of the center and an authority on Negro music, speech and customs, and Corporal James A. Minnor, manager of the Freeman Army Air Field colored quartet, were in charge of the program, which impressed all who attended with the beauty of its numbers.

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26 October 1943

## WACS SEEK STATE RECRUITS



Official Air Force Photo.

### Drive Leaders With Washington Mayor.

Washington, Ind., Oct. 26.—“The women who join the ‘Air Wacs’ to supplement the men in the Army Air Force will fill many interesting jobs,” Sgt. Marguerite Williams, seated, explained to Mayor Sam Smith and Mrs. John McEvilly, Washington. Sergeant Williams, a Link Trainer instructor, and

Pvt. Janet Hunter, left, standing, of the classification office, Freeman Army Air Field, are members of an “Air Wac” recruitment team working in Southern Indiana. They will be in Washington until tomorrow, when they leave for Evansville to open the drive.

# Further Service Planned by USO

## Council Votes to Inaugurate Christmas Gift Wrapping Project

Plans for the annual election of officers, for a gift-wrapping service for soldiers at Freeman Army Air Field and for local representatives to attend a one-day state volunteers' training conference were made at the monthly meeting of the Seymour USO Council Monday night at the center, 205 South Chestnut street.

Eleven members were present for the session, at which Dr. John L. Prentice, chairman, presided.

The council held its first meeting on November 30, 1942, and it was decided by the group to hold its annual election of officers at next month's meeting. Dr. L. W. Elsner was named chairman of the nominating committee, to be assisted by Mrs. Harold Hall and Charles R. Brown.

Among those who will attend the state volunteers' training conference at Indianapolis, on November 12, will be Bramwell Lundgren, director of the Seymour center; Mrs. George Heins, hostess at the center; Mrs. George Henry, president of the Mother's Service Organization; the president who is to be elected; the Rev. Chaplain Charles E. K. Wright, director of the Tipton Street Center and a colored worker he will select.

Mrs. Arthur S. Kaufman, Mrs. Heins and Mr. Lundgren were named to a committee to organize and provide, through the USO, a Christmas gift wrapping service for soldiers at Freeman Army Air Field.

Director Lundgren reported that a total of 10,745 persons has visited the USO to date this month with a week yet to go. Four vesper services were held, four buffet suppers were given with an attendance of 500; four quizzes were held, three movies were presented and dances were held each Tuesday and Saturday night. Fifty dozen cookies per week have been provided at the center. A Halloween costume dance will be held at the center Saturday night.

Suggestions were made for conversion of a part of the second floor of the center so it will be suitable for showing movies and the suggestions were approved by the board.

## **Lt. Gette Speaks to Local Business Women**

Lieutenant Gladys Gette, recreation and supply officer with the Women's Army Corps at Freeman Army Air Field, was the guest speaker at the November business meeting of the Seymour Business & Professional Women's Club held Monday evening in the E. M. B. S. club rooms in the Vehslage building.

Lieut. Gette, who took her basic training at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia, and her officer's training at Des Moines, Iowa, spoke of the wide field of service open to women in the Army Corps and explained the various steps of training for WACs. She also told of the many duties which the WACs at Freeman Field are performing.

Mrs. Floyd McClure, Mrs. Hazel VonDielingen, Miss Grace Anderson and Miss Mina McHenry were members of the committee for the evening.

Miss Alice Seymour, who is directing the club's War Bond drive for the purchase of a hospital plane to bear wounded soldiers from the battlefronts to base hospitals, announced that to date a total of \$93,837.50 had been pledged toward the fund of \$110,000. She urged that every effort be made to reach the goal by the deadline date, which is November 30.

Miss Seymour, in discussing the progress made by other clubs in the Indiana Federation, said that to date nine planes had been purchased. Cities, whose clubs have reached their goals include Bedford, Indianapolis, New Castle, South Bend, Linton and Terre Haute. Each of these planes will bear the name of the city whose B.P.W. Club was responsible for subscribing the money.

On display at the meeting was an afghan which was knitted by the club members last winter. It was sent by Lieutenant Gette to Freeman Field to be presented to the station hospital as a gift from the club.

Tentative plans were made for the annual Christmas party which will be under the supervision of Miss Ann Zimmerman, general chairman.

During the evening the club dues for International membership were allowed.

Those present were Mrs. John A. Shields, Mrs. Laura Tuelker, Miss Grace Anderson, Mrs. Alice Walters, Miss Grace McGinty, Mrs. Mary Beatty, Miss Clara Massman, Mrs. Floyd McClure, Miss Mabel Dunker, Mrs. Frank

Brunow, Mrs. Nina Elmore, Miss Willa Swengel, Miss Pearl Shaffer, Mrs. Emma Maude Rhoades, Mrs. R. G. Wieder, Miss Grace Love, Miss Alice Seymour, Miss Bertha Meseke, Miss Harriett Roeger and Miss Mina McHenry.

## **Col., Mrs. Rundquist Entertain Informally**

Col. and Mrs. E. T. Rundquist entertained at an informal gathering Saturday evening in their home at Freeman Field, where Colonel Rundquist is commanding officer, honoring Mrs. Rundquist's mother, Mrs. F. A. Thompson, and Major Thompson, U. S. Army, retired, who are here from San Antonio, Texas.

Later the group attended a dance at the Officers' club.

Guests included Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Groub, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Blish, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Conner, Dr. and Mrs. Seth Shields and Mrs. Brancha Barnes from Seymour; Mrs. Valeria Harrell from Vallenia; Col. and Mrs. John J. Keough, Major and Mrs. William N. Coxe, Major and Mrs. Norman R. Wood, Capt. and Mrs. William H. McLeod, Capt. and Mrs. George E. Crum, Capt. and Mrs. Garold H. Buzzard, Capt. and Mrs. Wilmot L. Harris and Mrs. Harris' mother, Mrs. E. H. Block of Wheeling, W. Va. Captain Harris, former budget and fiscal officer, has been transferred to Wright Field, Dayton, O., where he will be an analyst.

## **Lt., Mrs. Shippee, Jr. Return to This City**

Lieut. and Mrs. George M. Shippee, Jr., and their young daughter, Dorothy Jean, have returned to Seymour and are occupying an apartment at 631 North Chestnut street. Mrs. Shippee and Dorothy Jean have been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Clarke, in Blue Mound, Kansas, and Lieutenant Shippee's father, George M. Shippee, and Mrs. Shippee in Kansas City, Mo., while Lieutenant Shippee, adjutant of the 1087th guard squadron at Freeman Field, was attending provost marshal school at Ft. Custer, Mich.

## NCO Club Holds Open House for Members of Psi Iota Xi Sorority

The Non-Commissioned Officers Club at Freeman Field observed Open House at its attractive new quarters Thursday night for members of the Seymour Chapter of Psi Iota Xi, their husbands and friends, in appreciation of the cooperation and assistance given by the Sorority in furnishing and decorating the rooms. The Psi Otes recently voted to work with the NCO Club as one of their projects for the year and provided funds for much of the furniture, draperies and other equipment.

Sgt. Laurence Sullivan, president of the NCO Club, was generous in his praise of the services of the Sorority of which Mrs. Walter Surface is president.

### Original Program Presented.

An original and entertaining program of miscellaneous acts was presented by the 467th Squadron of which Capt. James Holbrook is commanding officer. The pro-

gram was written and directed by Sgt. Lee Siciliano, assisted by S/Sgt. Haskell A. Smith.

A clever Military Courtesy act was given by Sgt. Charles Crowe and Sgt. George Owens. Sgt. Owens also appeared in a salesman skit which was enthusiastically received, and Sgt. Crowe sermonized the story of Old Mother Hubbard which was heartily applauded.

Pfc. Timothy Lawton, wearing a costume of "Rose, the Dancer," and Pfc. Thomas A. Wallace were presented in a jitterbug act which won general approval.

Cpl. Francis F. Pahl, trombonist, presented a comedy musical act with a series of imitations. He is a member of the 405th Band, and his part of the program won generous applause. The final act was a band leaders' contest with

first place being awarded to Mrs. Paul Ranier.

### Competitive Programs.

Several features of the program were given before an appreciative audience earlier in the evening at the Post Gymnasium. It was the first of a series of competitive entertainments to be presented by the squadrons during the next few weeks. Under the plan an entry fee is charged each squadron participating. The Special Service Office will augment this fund and the entire amount will be awarded to the winner of the series. The programs by the squadrons have been arranged to provide entertainment and recreation for the personnel of the field.

Refreshments of sandwiches and coffee were served and dancing program was enjoyed following the conclusion of the program.

## USO to Feature Popular Comedian

Featuring the weekend program at the Seymour USO Club, 205 South Chestnut street, will be Warren Lee Terry, foremost American exponent of the Gilbert and Sullivan comic operas, it was announced today by Bramwell Lundgren, director.

Saturday night, games will be held and a dance from 9 until 12 o'clock will be given for the entertainment of the soldiers.

Sunday's USO program will be featured by a buffet supper, quiz program and vesper services.

On Monday, Mr. Terry, who during the past summer was the principal comedian of the Metropolitan Comic Opera Company, New York City, will appear at 2 o'clock in the afternoon at the Freeman Army Air Field Hospital. At 8 o'clock Monday night, he will appear at the USO center on South Chestnut street and at 9 o'clock at the colored recreational building at Freeman Field. At 10 o'clock he will appear at a USO dance during intermission, to be held at the post gym through the cooperation of the special service

office at the field. All arrangements have been made in cooperation with Lt. Roland O. Davis, special service officer.

For fourteen years, Mr. Terry was leading comedian of the Chautauqua Opera Association, Chautauqua, N. Y., and this year he has given more than eighty performances at Army and Navy canteens and USO Clubs. He has prepared a streamlined program, educational, entertaining, witty, humorous, musical and redesigned to fill a needed place in the present emergency.

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5 November 1943

## ARMY PINCH-HITTER FOR COAST GUARD



Official Air Forces Photo.

The Times Special Service.

Seymour, Ind., Nov. 5.—Pinch-hitting for an absent son, and especially one in the Coast Guard, is a pretty large order for an Army man to fulfill, but Pfc. Maxime E. Ste. Marie, stationed at Freeman Army Air Field, is master of the situation. When Mrs. Ross Hinkle of Seymour, right,

sent out a call for a soldier whose birthday fell on the same day as her son's, Pfc. Ste. Marie turned out to be the lucky man. He is pictured here with his birthday cake, which Mrs. Hinkle baked for him. Her son, Seaman 1st C. Byron L. Hinkle, was cited for bravery in the Aleutians.

## Service Men Entertained At Lutheran Center

An evening of recreation, including ping pong, bowling and an hour of supervised games, had been planned for the Sunday evening fellowship hour at the Lutheran Service Center, for service men stationed at Freeman Field.

Prizes were given S/Sgt. Clarence Benitz and Mr. Arthur Schwartz and at the close of the hour a luncheon was served.

Miss Irma Nieman was hostess and chairman for the evening and was assisted by Miss Mary Toenjes, Mrs. Eleanor Brand, Miss Ruth Brunow, Miss Katherine Newkirk, Miss Lois Lambring, Mrs. Frank Brunow, Mrs. Esthe Schneider and Miss Doris Schmidt.

Plans were made for the fellowship hour next Sunday evening and the following committee was named: Miss Elda Spieker, Miss Florence Ring, Miss Matilda Wienhorst, Miss Marie Mundt, Miss Elsie Bergsiecker, Miss Verena Preuss, Miss Luella Mundt, Miss Marie Knoke, Miss Sylvia Zickler and Miss Pauline Nieman.

Service men who were guests Sunday evening were: Pfc. Edward A. Nieneco, Pfc. Alfred Lucierie, Pvt. Paul Brubaker, Cpl. & Mrs. C. A. Gardner, A/C C. H. Crossley, A/C Carl R. Comolli, Cpl. Sal V. D'Andrea, Pfc. Cheung K. Dock, S/Sgt. Charles J. Amrto, Pfc. Rickey Damiano, Lt. John A. Gerriets, Pvt. Ormand L. Guyer, Pvt. John Spitz, Pfc. Raymond Simpson, S/Sgt. Clarence Benitz, Pfc. Robert Raulerson, Pfc. David Hatlee, Pfc. Louis L. Oca, Cpl. Edgar Bunsold, Pfc. Walter E. Lang, Pvt. E. F. Pagelsdorf, Cpl. Olen Chandler, Pvt. Ormand C. Thomas, Lt. Albert H. Halweg, Cpl. Robert A. Letindre, Cpl. Arthur Talamini, A/C Joseph Bingham, A/C Harold F. Boehm, A/C Wayne M. Borg, Pfc. Roy Costner, Cpl. William E. Schroeder.

## 13 HOOSIERS WITH CADET GRADUATES

### Seventh Aviation Class Gets Wings at Freeman Army Airfield

SEYMOUR, Ind., Nov. 4 (Spl.)—The seventh class of aviation cadets to be graduated from Freeman army airfield, Seymour, Wednesday, heard Dr. John L. Prentice, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, Seymour, and former pastor of the Sutherland Presbyterian church, Indianapolis, liken the modern warrior to knights of old. Thirteen Indiana men were among the graduates.

Speaking on "Modern Sir Galahads," Dr. Prentice said today's knight is charged not with the restoration of the mythical cup of the Holy Grail, but with restoring the essentials of democracy.

Dr. Prentice was introduced by Colonel E. T. Rundquist, commanding officer at Freeman. Major William B. Poe, director of training, presented awards and pilot wings and the oath of office was administered by Major Albert E. Hughes, commandant of cadets. The invocation was given by Chaplain Daniel A. McGuire and the benediction by Chaplain Phillips B. Henderson.

Hoosier graduates included Norman E. Miller, and Chester R. Casey, both of Indianapolis; Eugene G. Burton, Anderson; Harold W. Bolin, Bicknell; Herbert O. Knothe, Burl G. Campbell, Ft. Wayne; Merritt L. Fausnaugh, Goshen; James Hood, Jr., Greencastle; Richard I. Ayers, James I. Barrick, Martinsville; Leslie N. Hood, Jr., New Albany, and Kenneth W. Halgren, Porter. All received silver wings and commissions as second lieutenants.

Robert H. Downs, Bloomington, was graduated as a flight officer.

## "Gray Ladies" Go on Duty First Time At Freeman Air Field Base Hospital

Today the "Gray Ladies" go on duty for the first time in the base hospital at Freeman Field. Uniforms arrived Friday afternoon for the fifteen Seymour women who have volunteered their services, and who have completed their prescribed course of study under the Red Cross.

The intensive course included lectures by authorities in various subjects helpful to the workers. Among the topics on which lectures were given were Hospital Social Service, Military and Medical Procedures, Recreation, Hospital Ethics, Psychology of the Sick, Medical Surgical Supplies, Dietetics, Prevention of Disease, Chaplain Service, and Library Service.

Authorities giving the lectures included: Lieutenant Annelle Har-

alson, chief nurse at Freeman Field base hospital; Captain George Crum, Chaplain Daniel A. McGuire, Chaplain Phillips B. Henderson, Bernard J. Woods, Mrs. M. S. Blish, Mrs. Marjorie Cordes and Miss Perry, chief recreational worker at Camp Atterbury.

Following the completion of the course an examination was given the group by Bernard J. Woods, Red Cross field director at Freeman Field.

The white-veiled "Gray Ladies," who take their name from their gray uniforms, will be on duty each afternoon from 1 o'clock until 4 o'clock, with two being on duty at a time. One of these will be hostess in the recreation room

and the other will be on ward duty.

They will write letters for hospitalized soldiers, distribute books, magazines, cigarettes and candy, supervise group games, make telephone calls for bedfast patients, procure particular books which are desired, make purchases at the post exchange or in downtown stores for patients who ask for the service, and perform other services to help the soldiers.

"Gray Ladies" personnel consists of Mrs. Donald L. Coy, Mrs. James Hancock, Mrs. Edwin Blish, Mrs. Stuart Blish, Mrs. Harold R. Ringler, Mrs. Seth W. Shields, Mrs. Lawrence J. Kasting, Mrs. Louis H. Kroeger, Mrs. Talmage Cooper, Mrs. Harold G. Meyer, Mrs. George Laupus, Jr., Mrs. William R. Scott, Mrs. J. Avis Hoadley, Mrs. Winifrede B. Noffsinger and Mrs. Guy M. Cooper.

## Local Parade Unit Takes Show

### Freeman Field WACs, Band Seen by 15,000 People at Terre Haute

Terre Haute, Ind., Nov. 13—A contingent of Air WACs and the snappy 405th Army Air Forces band from Freeman Field, Seymour, stole the show at a gigantic parade here Armistice night witnessed by an estimated 15,000 people. The parade was the opening of the campaign here for women to enlist in the Women's Army Corps and become Air WACs.

In addition to the military aspect of the parade, local civic organizations and bands from various high schools participated in what was acclaimed the most impressive parade held in parade-conscious Terre Haute in many years.

Under the direction of Vernon R. McMillan, mayor, civilian committees and a special Air WAC recruitment team from Freeman Field are coordinating with Lieut. Helen Dayton, Terre Haute recruitment officer, to make the Terre Haute campaign successful.

A bridge and style show, displaying various types of WAC clothing was held in the swank Mayflower room of the Terre Haute House Friday night with Terre Haute mannequins displaying the clothing.

Newspapers, radios and theatres are devoting much time and space to the campaign to get Air WACs into the Women's Army Corps. Over seventy speeches will be given by members of the Air WAC recruitment team to civic groups and women's clubs. Members of the team are Lieuts. Veneta Simpson, WAC; Jack Elkan, team captain; Lieut. William Hartman, public relations officer; T/Sgt. Charles Orlando, photographer; Sgt. Marguerite Williams and Pvt. Janet Hunter, Air WACs.

For the first time qualified women who join the Women's Army Corps may enlist in the Air WAC. Many fascinating and vital jobs at air fields are open to women including Link Trainer instructors, radio control operators, photographers, radio code instructors and radio mechanics.

Louisville Times  
13 November 1943

## 625,000 Trees, Bushes Going to Freeman Field

The Times Special Service.

Seymour, Ind., Nov. 13.—One of the most extensive landscaping projects ever carried out in this area is expected soon when the territory of Freeman Army Air Field is "dressed up" with approximately 625,000 trees and bushes, donated by the Indiana State Forestry Commission. An announcement states the Vallonia nursery is being closed by December 1, and all shrubbery will be brought to the post.

Tribune  
13 November 1943

## Wife of Soldier From Freeman Field Dies

Mrs. Elmer Sallila, of Ridgeview, wife of Private First Class Elmer Sallila, who is stationed at Freeman Field, died at Schneck Memorial Hospital Friday night.

Mrs. Sallila had recently undergone an operation at the hospital.

12 November 1943

## Ladies Of Ridgeview Organize Elect Officers, Plan Activities

Officers were elected and activities for the next few months were outlined by members of the Ladies Club of Ridgeview, federal housing project adjoining Freeman Field, at a meeting Thursday afternoon in the auditorium of the community building on the project.

Mrs. J. W. Hickerson, whose husband is a cadet with the class of 44-A, was elected president. Mrs. James E. Channell, whose husband is a staff sergeant at the Field, was chosen secretary and Mrs. Emmett C. Burbrink, civilian resident, was named vice-president.

Mrs. Julian Wishik, wife of Captain Wishik, of the medical detachment at the Field, was elected treasurer.

This group will constitute a governing body for the Club and

assisted by Mrs. Paul Harrison, who is the senior tenant aid at Ridgeview, will supervise the activities program and various project which are to be undertaken by members of the club during the next few months. Mrs. Harrison is the wife of Captain Harrison, intelligence officer at Freeman Field.

The first in a series of social events being planned by the club will be an informal dance Saturday evening in the auditorium, to which all "Ridgeviewers" and their guests are invited. A small charge is to be made which will apply on a general fund to be used in various ways by the club during the coming months.

Tentative plans also are underway for a Thanksgiving Eve religious service to be held in the auditorium at 7:30 o'clock, to be followed by an informal hour of dancing, and for a Christmas party for the children of Ridgeview and their guests, the date for which is to be announced later.

The club is to meet each Thursday afternoon and in addition to the regular meetings there will be sewing and card parties at regular intervals, and plans are being made to present guest artists before the group throughout the winter months.

12 November 1943

## Assistant Red Cross Director at Freeman

Shermah Humason, of St. Paul, Minn., has assumed his new duties as assistant to Bernard J. Woods, Red Cross field director at Freeman Field.

Mr. Humason came here from Camp Davis, N. C., where he served in a similar capacity. He is a graduate of Chattuck Military academy at Faribault, Minn., and later studied at the University of Minnesota at Minneapolis. At American University in Washington, D. C., he attended a training school for Red Cross field directors, going to Camp Croft, S. C., for further instruction.

Mrs. Humason, the former Margaret Steinbring of St. Paul, whom he married Nov. 4 in Central Presbyterian Church in St. Paul, will arrive shortly to reside with her husband in Seymour.

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Mrs. Harry Rollinson, of Philadelphia, Pa., is making her home with Mr. and Mrs. Ray R. Keach,

while in Seymour. Her husband, Cadet Harry Rollinson, Jr., is stationed at Freeman Field. Mrs. Rollinson, whose maiden name was Smithson, is the great-great-granddaughter of James Smithson, founder of the Smithsonian Institute at Washington, D. C., and her father bears the same name as the founder.



Two men now stationed at Freeman Army Air Field were at Pearl Harbor during the unforgettable attack by the Japanese at Hickam Field to which Capt. Paul H. Harrison, post intelligence officer, is pointing on the map. Talking with him about the incident is T/Sgt. William W. Neal. Both were featured in the first Orientation Course presentation recently at the post theater at Freeman.

Lieut. and Mrs. Harold D. Johnson are announcing the birth of a son Wednesday afternoon in the station hospital at Freeman Field. They have named the baby Gerry Allen. Mrs. Johnson is the former Vanetta York of Vincennes, Ind. Lieutenant Johnson is a flight instructor in Flight 8 at Freeman.

### "Get Acquainted" Party Planned for Cadet Wives

A "get acquainted" party for wives of all cadets in Classes 44-A and 43-K at Freeman Field will be given by the Cadet Wives' club Tuesday from 2 to 5 p. m. in the Cadet club, 105 South Chestnut street.

Wives of all cadets are cordially invited to attend.

Mrs. Myron J. Miller is chairman of the club's social committee and is in charge of arrangements for the party, with Mrs. J. L. Wing and Mrs. L. A. Waterman assisting. Mrs. Albert E. Hughes, wife of Major Hughes, commandant of cadets, is chairman of the club.

Among the guests will be Mrs. E. T. Rundquist, wife of Colonel Rundquist, commanding officer at Freeman, and Mrs. John J. Keough, whose husband, Colonel Keough, is commanding officer of the sub-depot.

No planned entertainment is scheduled, although tables will be arranged for bridge and gin rummy for those wishing to play cards. Coffee and doughnuts will be served.

### Volunteer to be Freeman Air Field

These "angels of mercy" are Donald L. Coy, Mrs. James Cock, Mrs. Edwin Blish, Mrs. Hart Blish, Mrs. Harold R. Miller, Mrs. Seth W. Shields, Lawrence J. Kasting, Mrs. H. Kroeger, Mrs. Talmage, Mrs. Harold G. Meyer, George Laupus, Jr., Mrs. Sam R. Scott, Mrs. J. Avis Wiley, Mrs. Winifrede B. Noffler and Mrs. Guy M. Cooper. Bernard J. Woods is Red Cross director at Freeman Field.

## Many Accepted For Cadet Course

### Youth From Seymour, Ten Soldiers At Freeman Included

Ten soldiers from Freeman Field, two from Camp Atterbury, and civilians from Seymour, Bedford and North Vernon have passed physical and mental examinations qualifying them for aviation cadet training.

They now await orders to report to a field where they will receive two months of basic training. From there they will be sent to college for a five months course, which will include such academic studies as mathematics, physics, geography, modern history and English.

Men from Freeman who have qualified are S/Sgt. Clarence E. Dayton, husband of Mrs. Jeanette Dayton, Montgomery, Ala., and son of Lewis Dayton, Blanchester, O.; S/Sgt. Eugene F. Moseley, husband of Mrs. Hildridge B. Moseley, Selma, Ala., and son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer F. Moseley, Wellboren, Fla.; S/Sgt. Lewis A. Cunningham, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Cunningham, Carbon Hill, Ala.; Sgt. Melvin J. Yohman, husband of Mrs. Ann L. Yohman, and son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Yohman, Cleveland, O.; Sgt. Martin V. Turner, Jr., husband of Mrs. Turner, Bilgi, Miss., and son of Mr. and Mrs. M. V. Turner, Montgomery, Ala.; Cpl. Robert H. Graff, son of Mr. and Mrs. William T. Graff, Upper Stepney, Conn.; Cpl. Norman F. Bagley, son of Mrs. W. W. Bagley, Thomasville, Ala.; Cpl. Allen G. Barry, son of Mrs. T. H. Olsen, San Anselmo, Calif.; Pvt. Allvin. D. McKenzie, West Birmingham, Ala., and Pvt. William E. Gentry, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Gentry, Searcy, Ark.

Ewing White, son of Mr. and Mrs. Perry White, Seymour R2. Herbert A. Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert E. Williams. James G. Baer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl R. Baer, both of Bedford

and Harry K. Picklesimer, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Picklesimer, North Vernon, also have qualified.

Qualifying from Camp Atterbury, Ind., are Pfc. Stephen J. Burzynski, husband of Mrs. Burzynski and son of Mrs. Francis Baranek, Toledo, O., and Pvt. Waverly W. Moore, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Moore, Tuscaloosa, Ala. T/5 Eugene C. Wood, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth B. Wood, Ida Grove, Iowa, stationed at the Columbus, Ind., Army Air base, also passed examinations for air crew training.

Others in the Seymour area who have qualified include John W. McHenry, son of Mrs. Ethel A. McHenry, Aurora; Eddie K. Banker, son of Mr. and Mrs. John K. Banker, Edward Harris, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Harris, James W. Thompson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Orville W. Thompson, Columbus; Floyd Harlow, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Harlow, Flatrock; Gilmore C. Abplanalp, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph N. Abplanalp, and Tilford L. Brunner, son of Mrs. Esther M. Kunz, Osgood.

Civilians as well as military personnel are eligible to apply for aviation cadet training, and may apply to the Aviation 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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Tribune  
9 November 1943

## Fifteen Local Women Volunteer to be "Gray Ladies" at Freeman Air Field

Fifteen Seymour women have volunteered their services as Gray Ladies, a Red Cross organization which serves in the base hospital at Freeman Field.

The gray frocked, white veiled women visit in the wards, writing letters for soldiers, distributing books and magazines, cigars and candy, supervise group games and a variety of other services which tend to make patients' stay in the hospital a pleasant one.

These "angels of mercy" are Mrs. Donald L. Coy, Mrs. James Hancock, Mrs. Edwin Blish, Mrs. Stewart Blish, Mrs. Harold R. Ringler, Mrs. Seth W. Shields, Mrs. Lawrence J. Kasting, Mrs. Louis H. Kroeger, Mrs. Talmage Cooper, Mrs. Harold G. Meyer, Mrs. George Laupus, Jr., Mrs. William R. Scott, Mrs. J. Avis Hoadley, Mrs. Winifrede B. Noffsinger and Mrs. Guy M. Cooper. Bernard J. Woods is Red Cross field director at Freeman Field.

# Ridgeview Is Now Occupied To Capacity

## 346 Families Live in Units—Rent Readjust- ment to Take Place On December 1

Ridgeview formerly referred to as a housing project located southwest of Seymour, which has now become almost a miniature city in itself, is now occupied to capacity, it was learned from Irwin Morris, manager of the housing unit.

Of the 350 units, 325 of them have been rented furnished and the other twenty-five were rented unfurnished.

About 346 or 347 families were occupying the units today, Mr. Morris said. All of the units will not be kept filled all the time because of the fact that civilian personnel employed at nearby Freeman Army Air Field have the preference and it will be necessary to have some vacancies for them.

Some rents will go up and some will be reduced on December 1, Mr. Morris said, when a readjustment in the rent scale is made. When the new rents take effect, some will be raised as much as \$3.25 a month in order to balance the rent scale.

### Coal Not Problem.

The coal shortage has not presented a problem to military personnel living at Ridgeview as they have been able to get coal from Freeman Field. Civilians have been able to obtain necessary coal so far it is stated.

### May Form Council.

Another meeting will be held Monday night for the purpose of discussing the probable formation of a tenant council for governing Ridgeview and bringing about things which will be of aid to them.

Most of the children of families at Ridgeview in the grades are taken by bus to Clara D. Carter school southeast of Seymour while a few transfer to the city schools. Junior High and Senior High. School students attend Shields High School here.

The Louisville Times  
2 December 1943

## Freeman Holds Birthday Party

### Col. Rundquist Speaks At Anniversary.

The Times Special Service.

Seymour, Ind., Dec. 2.—The first anniversary of the activation of Freeman Army Air Field was observed yesterday. The working day at the post was terminated at 4 o'clock and all military personnel on the field, including enlisted men, cadets and Wacs, participated in a formal retreat on the cadet parade ground while the civilian personnel watched.

Col. E. T. Rundquist, commanding officer, one of nine officers present at the December 1, 1942, flag-raising ceremony who are still at the field, addressed the combined group.

At night a birthday dance was held in one of the hangars, brilliantly decorated. A feature was auction of a huge birthday cake for war bonds. Col. Rundquist purchased the first slice for \$100.

25 November 1943



When L. J. Kasting, treasurer of Jackson county's Community and War Fund Drive, received and signed for the sackful of money being held by Major William N. Coxe, of Freeman Army Air Field, he didn't get quite all of it. Although the original appeal resulted in contributions of \$5,072.62 from soldiers and civilians at the post toward the county's \$28,000 quota, those who missed contributing at the field will have another opportunity on Nov. 30. County drive officials are greatly pleased with the field's excellent response. Looking on as the receipt for the money was signed is Col. E. T. Rundquist, commanding officer at Freeman.

29 November 1943

## Freeman Net Team Defeats Atterbury

Atterbury Army Air field's net five bowed Friday night to the Freeman field quintet, 47 to 30, in a game played at Freeman field.

It was the second loss for the Columbus base in two regularly scheduled starts. The air base lost to Dell Bros. of Columbus earlier this week, 38 to 24.

The Atterbury airmen started fast against Freeman and held a 11 to 3 advantage at the end of the first quarter. Freeman reversed the score board in the second quarter and led at half-time, 24 to 11.

Seymour Daily Tribune  
25 November 1943

## Two New Majors At Air Field

### Cpts. Harrison and Skyrmes Receive Pro- motions at Freeman

The promotion of Paul H. Harrison, intelligence officer, and Russell R. Skyrmes, technical inspector at Freeman Field, from the rank of captain to major is being announced by Col. E. T. Rundquist, commanding officer.

Major Harrison, who was intelligence officer at the Hawaiian Air Depot at Hickam Field, Hawaii, at the time of the Jap attack December 7, 1942, is a former resident of Morrilton, Ark. He received a B. A. degree at the Arkansas State Teachers' College at Conway and later studied at the University of Missouri at Columbia. Prior to entering the service, Major Harrison was engaged in private law practice in Morrilton.

Major Skyrmes, whose home is in Homestead Park, Pa., is a graduate of Homestead High School and from 1928 to 1931 was stationed at Luke Field, Hawaii.

Seymour Daily Tribune  
18 November 1943

## War Fund Drive Needs \$18,500

### Generous Contribution From Freeman Field Boosts County Total

Campaign Quota .....	\$28,000.00
Received to Date .....	\$9,436.66
Amount to be Raised ....	\$18,563.34

With additional time having been granted to make solicitations in Jackson County's Community and War Fund Drive for \$28,000, more than \$18,500 is yet to be raised throughout the county before drive leaders will be able to announce that the county has "gone over the top," it was revealed today.

With \$5,069.66 contributed generously by enlisted men, officers and personnel of Freeman Army Air Field already figured into the amount received, a total of only \$9,436.66 has been received to date in the drive, it was learned by L. J. Kasting, of this city. He is counting only money that has been turned over to him. The total would be slightly higher if several reported contributions, which have not yet been turned in, would be included.

Tribune  
27 November 1943

### Maj. Morris' Brother Expires in Alabama

Major John G. Morris, S-4 officer at Freeman Army Air Field, left Friday night for Geneva, Alabama, where he was called because of the serious illness of his brother, Hamp Morris, president of the Alabama Cotton Association.

His brother died before his arrival.

## Chaplain Named Captain at Field

### Lts. Henderson, Woehr Advanced in Rank, Colonel Announces

Promotion of two officers at Freeman Field is being announced by Col. E. T. Rundquist, commanding officer.

Chaplain Phillips B. Henderson was advanced from the rank of first lieutenant to Captain and Lieut. Charles F. Woehr, chemical warfare officer, was promoted from a second to first lieutenant.

Chaplain Henderson, Protestant chaplain at Freeman, was the first chaplain to be assigned to the field. He is a graduate of the school for chaplains at Harvard university, Cambridge, and in civilian life was pastor of the Damariscotta Baptist church, Damariscotta, Me.

After being graduated from Lowell, Mass., high school in 1934, he attended Colby college, Waterville, Me., and Andover Newton Theological school, Newton Center, Mass.

Lieutenant Woehr, a former resident of New York City, is a graduate of Newtown high school, Newtown, L. I. In civilian life he was with the government postal service in Flushing, Long Island.

## Freeman Band to Play Sunday

### To Have Featured Role In Legion Air Corps Program at N. Vernon

Freeman Army Air Field's military band will travel to North Vernon Sunday to play a featured role in a program honoring the army air corps arranged by the Myron Bertman Post No. 91 of the American Legion there. Frank McConnell is the post commander.

Following a parade at 2:15 o'clock Sunday afternoon by various civic groups and veterans, a program will be held in the high school auditorium, with the special service office from Freeman Field in charge.

Lieutenant Phillip Willon will give the opening speech of the program, which is similar to the eight shows given by the group at Freeman Field earlier this week, for the purpose of stimulating war bond subscriptions by enlisted men.

The band, under the direction of Warrant Officer Mitchell Chetel, commanding officer of the 405th Army Air Field Band, will play, and Corporals Joe Boardman and George Goodman will sing "I Am An American", "Grand Old Flag," and "God Bless America".

"Tale of Two Cities," a clever reading concerning Berlin and Tokyo, will be given by Private First Class Thaddeus Ashby, and the band will present its special arrangement of war songs entitled the "Over There Fantasy."

A number of other speakers from the Legion are expected to appear on the program.

# lights of Observed

**Father of Freeman.** Brig. Gen. Bob E. Nowland, former commanding general of 28th Wing, warmly welcomed Mr. Ab Freeman, father of Capt. Richard Freeman, to whom field was dedicated. Mr. Freeman was honor guest at formal ceremonies on April 29.



**General Chow.** Mess No. 1 played host to Maj. Gen. Ralph Royce on inspection tour, Jan. 25. In early days of Freeman both officers, enlisted men dined at same mess.



# Pictures Record Highlights As First Anniversary is Observed



## Greater Achievements Are Seen By Colonel

Developments at Freeman Field during its first year, many of them instituted by him, have been seen by Col. E. T. Rundquist, left, commanding officer who came here in 1942 as project officer before its activation and has since directed its activities.

The commanding officer, in commenting on his year at Freeman, expressed his appreciation for the splendid cooperation given him both by civilian and military personnel at the field. "It makes me feel proud," said Col. Rundquist, "of our accomplishments during the past year and I am prompted to anticipate even greater achievements during the coming year."

The local army twin-engine pilot training post, named in honor of Capt. Richard S. Freeman, of Winamac, Ind., who was killed in the crash of his "flying laboratory" on an Alaska flight, has made excellent progress in every department during the past twelve months.

Nine officers and two enlisted men remain at the post who participated in the activation ceremony one year ago today.

Col. Rundquist and his family now live in "the white house on the hill" near headquarters building on the post and two sons attend the Seymour schools.

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## Service Men Honored At Party at Center

Sergeant Fred O. Stephenson and Corporal George Ansley, who are stationed at Freeman Army Air Field, and who are observing their birthday anniversaries this week, were the guests of honor at a birthday party Tuesday evening at the Baptist Soldiers' Hospitality Center.

Sergeant Stephenson's birthday anniversary was Sunday and Corporal Ansley will observe his anniversary Thursday.

Sergeant Stephenson is a native of Charleston, W. Va., and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Stephenson. He is in the quartermaster corps at Freeman Field and before entering the service was employed with the railroads.

Corporal Ansley, who is in the commissary at Freeman Field, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Ansley, of Fort Worth, Texas, and in civilian life was employed in the quartermaster depot, in Fort Worth.

Dr. A. A. Cohn, general director of the Center, brought birthday greetings from the group to the guests and presented each with the chevrons of his next rank. In the late evening an iced course and a large birthday cake were served by Mrs. Clifford Reinbold and Mrs. Durbin Day, house mothers, assisted by "Wings" Betsy Cohn, Lois Taulman and Erma Story.

Guests for the evening were Sgt. Stephenson, Cpl. Ansley, Pvt. and Mrs. Marvin Inselman, T/Sgt. Mike Egan, Sgt. Robert Peters, Cpl. Victor Walters, Pfc. Joseph Kelch, Pvt. Jack Williamson, Dr. and Mrs. Cohn, Misses Holland Carter, Jean Utterback, Roberta Bariow, Gladys Harris, Betsy Cohn, Erma Story, Helen Peek, Mrs. Agnes Warren, Mrs. Lois Taulman and M. R. DeVoe. //

# Freeman Field To Mark First Anniversary

## Special Program, Re- treat, Dance, Bond Auction Arranged For Activation Ceremony

Military and civilian personnel of Freeman Field will combine forces Wednesday in celebration of the first anniversary of the field's activation.

The working day will terminate at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, military personnel and civilians will assemble on the parade grounds opposite the cadet area for a short program, which will include a brief talk over the public address system by Col. E. T. Rundquist, commanding officer of the field.

### Bonds For Birthday Cake.

Retreat ceremonies, with a formal parade, will be held at 4:30 o'clock, and in the evening a birthday dance from 8 to 11:30 will be staged in hangar 5 on the flight line. The hangar will be decorated in a birthday motif, and at 10 o'clock slices of cake from a huge birthday cake will be auctioned off for the price of a War Bond, with Colonel Rundquist buying the first slice for \$100. Those purchasing cake may sign pledge slips for the amount of the bond they plan to purchase.

Coffee, doughnuts and soft drinks will be served at no cost to guests.

# Freeman Field Commemorates Anniversary

## Work Ceases at 4 O'clock So That All May Attend Formal Retreat—Dance Tonight

Just one year ago today a small group of officers and men gathered outside post headquarters at Freeman Army Air Field to participate in its activation ceremonies. At 4 o'clock this afternoon the first anniversary of that activation ceremony was to be held with several times that group, the entire military and civilian personnel of the field, attending a formal retreat parade at the cadet area in commemoration of the year's achievements.

All work at the post was to cease at 4 o'clock in order that everyone could attend. A public address system was installed to carry an address by Col. E. T. Rundquist, commanding officer, on the occasion of the conclusion of the auspicious first year.

At 8 o'clock tonight, a dance will be held at hangar five at the field to open the evening festivities. Everyone at the field, officers, WACs, enlisted men, civilians and cadets have been urged to attend. The post orchestra will provide the music.

Coffee and doughnuts, prepared by the mess hall staff, will be served to those attending and the big event of the night's program will be the presentation of a giant birthday cake, centered with a large single candle to signify the age of the field.

### Bonds For Birthday Cake.

Pieces of this large iced and decorated cake will be auctioned off for war bonds and Col. Rundquist already has announced he wants to purchase the first piece with a bid of \$100.

Birthday placards and other decorations are in place to aid in the festivity of the year-old field.

With a separate celebration, the 320th Aviation Squadron will enjoy a dance in their squadron area with WACs of Camp Atterbury as guests.

### Activated One Year.

Of the group at the original activation ceremonies a year ago, nine officers and two enlisted men still remain at the field. M/Sgt. Claude Dorman and W/O Edward P. Sundberg, then master sergeant, and Sgt. William C. Burns acted as color bearers and raised the flag at the ceremony, which took place in front of headquarters as they were surrounded by a sea of mud.

On Oct. 14, 1942, Col. Rundquist was assigned here as project officer and on December 8, seven days after the field was activated, the first group of enlisted men moved into their new barracks. On Feb. 22, 1943, planes arrived and a few days later the first class, 43-D, moved in to begin training.

On April 29, the field was designated officially as Freeman Army Air Field and "open house" was held.

Since the beginning of Freeman's training program, more than 1,800 cadets have received their wings and have amassed a grand total of approximately 135,000 hours, with only two fatal accidents.

## Program Set For Baptist Center

The Soldiers' Hospitality Center, which opened its doors on December 8, 1942, a week after Freeman Field was activated will observe its first anniversary of service to service men and women Sunday. A very unique and unusual program has been prepared for the day. Lt. Roland O. Davis, special service officer of Freeman Field, will bring the first greetings at the morning worship service of the First Baptist Church. He'll be accompanied by a male quartet of soldiers who will sing at the morning worship service.

The center will be open at 1:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon. The Freeman Field Band, under the direction of W/O Mitchell Chetel will give a band concert in the center from 2:00 until 3:00 o'clock. The center will hold open house from 2:00 until 6 o'clock. There will be an anniversary luncheon at 6:00 o'clock in the center. The guests for this luncheon are soldiers, cadets, officers, WACs, wives, house mothers, "Wings", luncheon hostesses and special talent guests. The evening program, will open at 7:30 in the center, a devotional service and the annual report of the director. Talks will be given by Col. E. T. Rundquist, Chaplain Phillips Brooks Henderson, Captain J. W. Fuller, all of Freeman Field and by Bramwell Lundgren, director of the local USO. At 8:45 o'clock a special program which has been arranged for the anniversary will be presented by young women of the music department of Hanover College. Their program will be "Carols of the Nations" and other special features. At 10:00 o'clock Sunday night there will be a special fellowship service with delicious refreshments for everybody.

The entire staff of the Soldiers' Hospitality Center, consisting of the house mothers, the luncheon hostesses, the "Wings" and general committee and the director, Dr. A. A. Cohn, extend a most cordial and welcome invitation to the public to visit the center on Sunday, to see it and to enjoy any of the programs of the day.

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December 3, 1943

## "Cecelian Singers" to Appear at Baptist Center

The "Cecelian Singers", of the Music Department of Hanover College, under the direction of Miss Ruth Graham, will present a program of "Carols of the Nations", Sunday evening as a feature of the first anniversary observance at the Baptist Soldiers' Hospitality Center.

Members of the chorus are Evelyn Hughes, Carolyn Meledy, Anna Miller, Jean Hassler, Marjorie Hungate, Jean Pavy, Mary Jane Barnett, Virginia Abrams, Billie Pollock and Joan Ebersole, the accompanist.

The program as outlined by Miss Graham follows:

English carols:

Deck the Hall (Traditional)

A Cradle Song of the Blessed Virgin (Barnby) with violin obbligato.

French carols:

A Joyous Christmas Song (Gevaert).

Twixt Ox and Ass (Gavaert).

The Cecelian Singers

Flute and Violin duet, (unaccompanied). Miss Billie Pollock, violin. Mr. Nathan Jones, flute.

Austrian carol, "Shepherds Christmas Song (arr. by Dickinson).

Flute solo, "Jesu Bambino" (Yon), Mr. Nathan Jones.

Carols, *Adeste Fideles*; Silent Night (with descent)

## Program Set For Baptist Center

The Soldiers' Hospitality Center, which opened its doors on December 8, 1942, a week after Freeman Field was activated will observe its first anniversary of service to service men and women Sunday. A very unique and unusual program has been prepared for the day. Lt. Roland O. Davis, special service officer of Freeman Field, will bring the first greetings at the morning worship service of the First Baptist Church. He'll be accompanied by a male quartet of soldiers who will sing at the morning worship service.

The center will be open at 1:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon. The Freeman Field Band, under the direction of W/O Mitchell Chetel will give a band concert in the center from 2:00 until 3:00 o'clock. The center will hold open house from 2:00 until 6 o'clock. There will be an anniversary luncheon at 6:00 o'clock in the center. The guests for this luncheon are soldiers, cadets, officers, WACs, wives, house mothers, "Wings", luncheon hostesses and special talent guests. The evening program, will open at 7:30 in the center, a devotional service and the annual report of the director. Talks will be given by Col. E. T. Rundquist, Chaplain Phillips Brooks Henderson, Captain J. W. Fuller, all of Freeman Field and by Bramwell Lundgren, director of the local USO. At 8:45 o'clock a special program which has been arranged for the anniversary will be presented by young women of the music department of Hanover College. Their program will be "Carols of the Nations" and other special features. At 10:00 o'clock Sunday night there will be a special fellowship service with delicious refreshments for everybody.

The entire staff of the Soldiers' Hospitality Center, consisting of the house mothers, the luncheon hostesses, the "Wings" and general committee and the director, Dr. A. A. Cohn, extend a most cordial and welcome invitation to the public to visit the center on Sunday, to see it and to enjoy any of the programs of the day.

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### "Cecelian Singers" to Appear at Baptist Center

The "Cecelian Singers", of the Music Department of Hanover College, under the direction of Miss Ruth Graham, will present a program of "Carols of the Nations", Sunday evening as a feature of the first anniversary observance at the Baptist Soldiers' Hospitality Center.

Members of the chorus are Evelyn Hughes, Carolyn Meledy, Anna Miller, Jean Hassler, Marjorie Hungate, Jean Pavy, Mary Jane Barnett, Virginia Abrams, Billie Pollock and Joan Ebersole, the accompanist.

The program as outlined by Miss Graham follows:

English carols:

Deck the Hall (Traditional)

A Cradle Song of the Blessed Virgin (Barnby) with violin obbligato.

French carols:

A Joyous Christmas Song (Gevaert).

Twixt Ox and Ass (Gavaert).

The Cecelian Singers

Flute and Violin duet, (unaccompanied). Miss Billie Pollock, violin. Mr. Nathan Jones, flute.

Austrian carol, "Shepherds Christmas Song (arr. by Dickinson).

Flute solo, "Jesu Bambino" (Yon), Mr. Nathan Jones.

Carols, *Adeste Fideles*; *Silent Night* (with descent)

# Anniversary Bond Auction Brings \$6,000

## Dance at Freeman Field Climaxes Observance —Col. Rundquist Praises Personnel

Climaxing a first anniversary celebration of the activation of Freeman Army Air Field, officers, cadets, enlisted men and civilians Wednesday night gave additional proof of a significant statement made by Col. E. T. Rundquist, commanding officer, at Wednesday afternoon's formal retreat ceremony—that the personnel of the post not only is doing an excellent job in its part of fighting World War II, but the members are "paying their way" through the purchase of war bonds and generous contributions to the national war fund.

As a feature of a dance held in hangar five at the post Wednesday night to which everyone stationed or working at the post was invited, a war bond auction of slices of a huge birthday cake, four by five feet in dimension and five inches deep, resulted in war bond pledges of approximately \$6,000.

### **Lt. Col. Leake Served First.**

Lt. Col. Harry L. Leake, post quartermaster, received the first slice when he purchased a \$1,000 bond. Other bond purchases ranged all the way from \$25 bonds to the \$1,000 bond. Pieces of cake were cut and distributed in proportion to the size of the bond bought.

The cake, which was placed in the center of the dance floor, was expertly decorated with a map of Freeman Field, showing the various areas of the grounds. The lower portion, which carried the words, "Freeman Field", was cut off and sent to Ab Freeman, of Winamac, Ind., father of Capt. Richard S. Freeman, in whose memory the field was named.

The cake was baked by the mess squadron at the field and was decorated by Pvt. Morris Simon, who cut the cake.

### **Approximately 1,500 Attend.**

Approximately 1,500 persons attended the dance. The hangar was beautifully decorated for the occasion, the decorations including flags of the Allied Nations.

All military personnel of the field participated in the formal retreat held on the parade ground in front of cadet headquarters Wednesday afternoon. All work was stopped at the post thirty minutes before the ceremony to permit army men and women and civilian employes to attend.

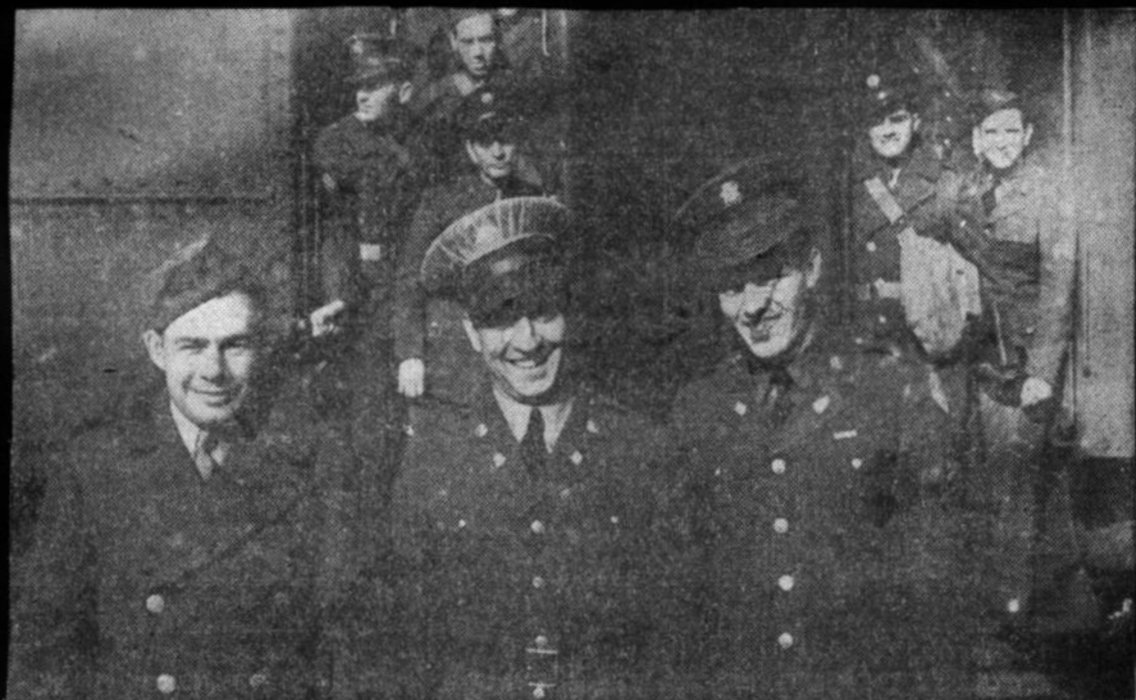
### **Personnel "Paying Way."**

A feature of the ceremony was an address by Col. Rundquist to all the field personnel, in which he briefly traced the post's history and lauded the personnel for achievements during the past year which have made Freeman Field one of the most outstanding fields of its kind in the training command. He praised military and civilian personnel alike for not only working for victory but for paying their way by their high percentage of regular war bond purchases and their generous contributions to Jackson County's Community and War Fund Drive.

Taking part in the retreat ceremony were Capt. Phillips Brooks Henderson, Protestant chaplain, and Lt. Daniel A. McGuire, Catholic chaplain at the field. Cpl. Joe Boardman, of the special service office, sang a solo and led the group in singing three numbers.

A compilation based on approximately 135,000 hours of flying time by more than 1,800 cadets who have received their wings at the field since the beginning of the training program on March 1, 1942, with only two fatal accidents, show that approximately 18,000,000 miles were flown. If this distance were converted into bombing runs from Freeman Field to Berlin, a distance of approximately 4,500 miles, 2,100 round trips could be made with enough miles to spare for side trips to Hitler's hideout at Berchtesgarden, the "Twingine Times," post newspaper, points out.

# Year's Activity at Freeman Today With Appropriate Cer



Last December 8, the first trainload of enlisted men arrived to populate the recently activated Freeman Army Air Field. Shown here are three of the first to view their new "home" from Jackson county soil as others waited anxiously to step from the crowded coaches. They soon began the task of building the new training field here to make it another important link in the chain of flight training stations spanning the nation to develop skilled pilots to defeat the Axis.



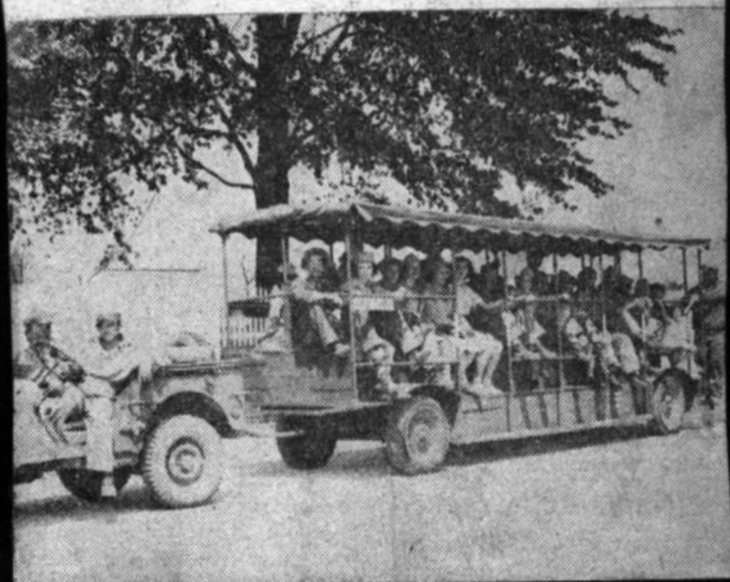
**First Class** of aviation cadets graduated at Freeman received wings at combination dedication and graduation exercises held on April 29. Men of 43-D, pictured in group are now serving throughout world, many of them have distinguished themselves in combat

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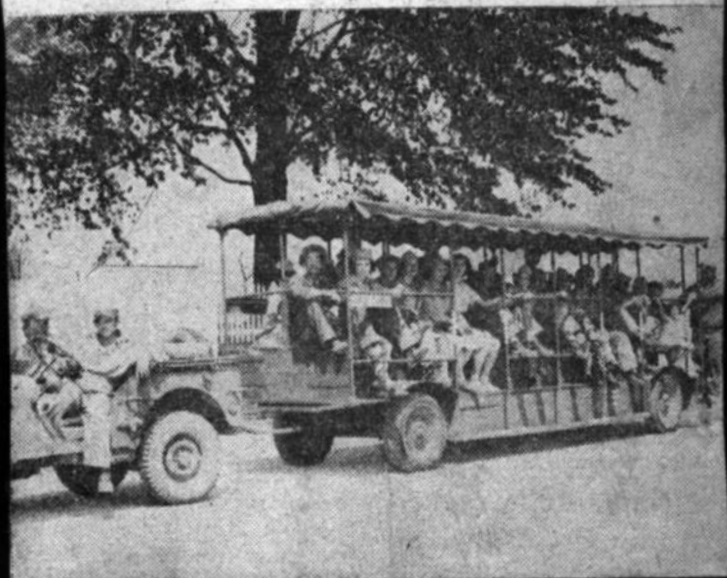
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**Open House.** Thousands of youths flowed into field on July 4 to participate in program arranged to show them advantages of aviation cadet training. 17 year olds were driven around field in jeep convoy, inspected cadet quarters and witnessed aerial demonstration. Group above is passing cadet mess hall.



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**Home Sweet Home** to hundreds of civilian employees and service men, Ridgeview, FHA project, opened doors in late August. Neat, compact apartments charmed tenants; units were rented as quickly as signatures could be affixed to application forms. Two months later, settlement was organizing recreational programs, nursery, self-government. Now, in fourth month of existence, it has regular weekly meetings, plans many features for coming months.

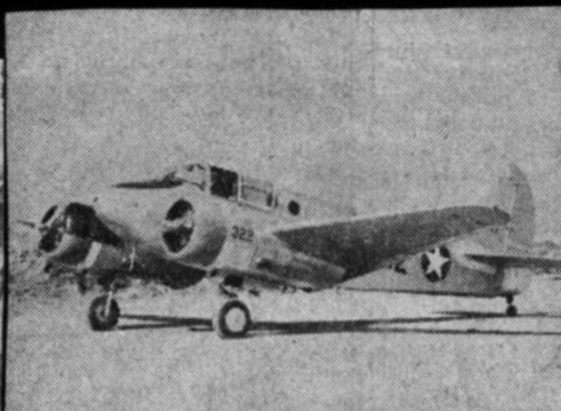
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It was May 20 when the original cadre of WAACs, now WACs, arrived at Freeman to occupy the new, white, two-story barracks on the north side of the post. They were led by Third Officer Martha T. Riley, their commanding officer.



**Visitor.** High honor was accorded, when Maj. Gen. Thomas Hanley inspected field, found everything ship-shape, tidy. Colonel E. T. Rundquist personally escorted the General around Freeman, was pleased at official comment.



**Auspicious Moment:** First plane to set wheels down on new white runways, rolled to stop in front of present site of operations building, February 23. Piles of earth in background, were foundation diggings. At time, most of roads on field were nothing but quagmire of oozy mud.



**Home Sweet Home:** Operations building, opened doors in late February as quickly as signature was put to organizing recreational program. Freeman has regular weekly movies.



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**A Milestone** in development of the station, when the 320th  
joined us toward end of January. Main feature of prideful boasts  
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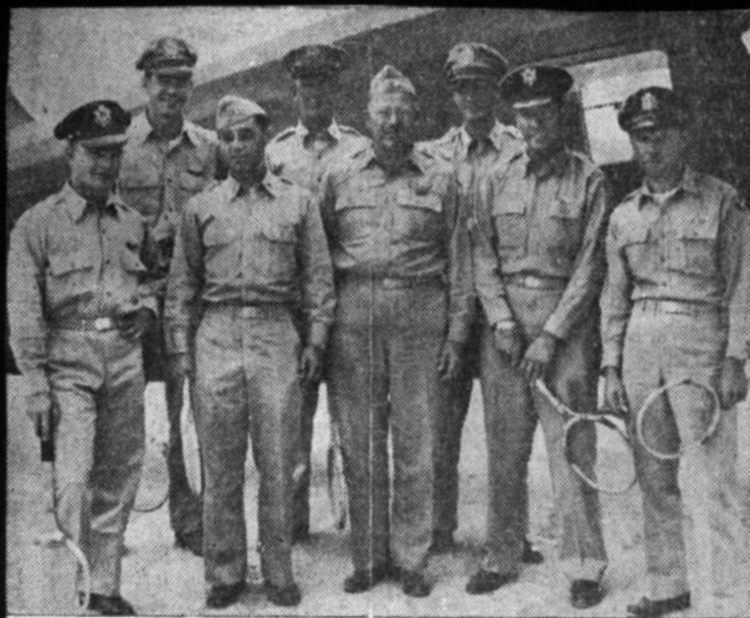


Here are the officers of Freeman Field who attended the activation ceremonies on December 1, 1942, and who still are on duty at the local post. From left to right, they the Capt. William H. McLeod, Lt. Morris W. Zoogman, Capt. John J. Lucas, Col. E. T. Rundquist, commanding officer; Lt. Henry J. Ruettinger, Lt. Joseph F. Landers, Lt. William Hartman and Lt. Russel A. Wenzel.

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Snow fringed the new runways when on March 6, Cadet Arthur H. Crapsey became the first student to set his plane down on Freeman Field. The landing, made on a cold, wintry day, was completed after an instructional flight following the arrival of the first cadet class, 43-D. Major Robert Tyler, then a captain, director of flying, is shown as he congratulated the young pilot.



Sports, which have resulted in the development of several outstanding teams, have been given an important and deserved place in Freeman activities during the first year. Typical of its sports teams was the "flying racqueteers", officers of the post whose reputation was so widespread that a challenge issued to all stations in the Eastern Flying Training Command went unaccepted. Individual players were outstanding in singles play.



Here are the officers of F 1942, and who still are on McLeod, Lt. Morris W. Zoog, Lt. Henry J. Ruettinger, Lt.

# Graduates Can Promote Good Will For U. S.

## Officers Getting Wings At Freeman Field Termed Emissaries by Pearl Harbor Veteran

Terming graduates of Class 43-K aviation students at Freeman Field emissaries and ambassadors of the United States, Major Paul H. Harrison Sunday reminded the airmen of their opportunity to promote good will in foreign lands friendly to the red, white and blue.

Major Harrison, intelligence officer at Freeman, and former intelligence officer at the Hawaiian Air depot at Hickam Field, Hawaii, at the time of the Jap attack December 7, 1941, was introduced by Col. E. T. Rundquist, commanding officer.

Speaking at exercises held in hangar 5 on the flight line, Major Harrison told the newly commissioned officers that when they are assigned to foreign lands they would do well to be considerate of the customs and culture of the peoples, for such conduct will pay great dividends while they are stationed abroad, just as it does in any walk of life.

### Need Physical Stamina.

Physical and moral stamina also will be needed by the aviator going to combat for the first time, the speaker continued. It would be advisable for him to remember what Napoleon once said: "In war the moral is to the physical as three to one."

They must face the possibility that the foe will strike unexpectedly, and that they might even die without ever knowing the enemy was at hand.

On the other hand, Major Harrison continued, the new officers may be sent to a post where their duties will involve only patrol—long, monotonous, boresome patrol at an isolated outpost. They will be forced to turn to themselves for strength and courage if such is their fate and they must keep in mind that "he also serves who only stands and waits." And always they must remember that the call of duty is paramount in their lives.

Stressing the cooperation between a pilot, his crew and the ground mechanics, the speaker suggested that the aviator remember that his entire success in combat depends on the operation of the ground mechanics and the plane's crew. They are a combat team, the speaker said, and the cooperation of that team depends on the pilot's leadership. The maintenance crew on the ground will take a fierce pride and interest in the plane and will go to any lengths to keep the plane in operation if they are given the proper leadership and guidance by the pilot and his crew, Major Harrison concluded.

The 405th Army Air Forces band, under the direction of W/O Mitchel Chetel, opened the program, with Chaplain Daniel A. McGuire giving the invocation. Major William B. Poe, director of training, awarded silver wings to the graduates, and Major Albert E. Hughes, commandant of cadets, administered the oath of office. The benediction was pronounced by Chaplain Phillips B. Henderson.