

GREETINGS

of the Christmas Season

In the quiet dawn of a winter's new day, the Spirit of Christmas descends upon the world, instilling boundless joy and the warm feeling of good will towards all. To our many friends, old and new, we're wishing that this will be the happiest of Christmases, bright and shining with the fulfillment of long-cherished dreams. It is our good fortune to have so many kind friends and patrons ...their friendship is one of our most prized possessions.

Hercules Herald Christmas Edition

Forty-Five 779th TAS Members Decorated By Wing Commander

Forty-five members of the 779th Tactical Airlift Squadron at Pope AFB, were presented medals by Col. Clarence B. Slaughters Jr., 464th Tactical Airlift Wing commander, at a ceremony held last week.

Maj. Cecil M. Clark received the Air Medal and the Air Force Commendation Medal. TSgt. Earl D. Morey and SSgt. Harvey W. Crump also received the Air Medal and the First Oak Leaf Cluster, while SSgt. Gerald R. Paulsen received the Air Medal and First and Second Oak Leaf Clusters. Sgt. Willy C. Young Jr., was presented the Air Medal and First Oak Leaf Cluster.

Being presented Oak Leaf Clusters to the Air Medal were Maj. James H. Browning, Second, and Samuel R. Rose Jr., First through Third. Capt. Richard S. Boughou received the First Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal and the Air Force Commendation Medal.

Cpts. receiving Oak Leaf Clusters to the Air Medal included John F. Baldwin, Seventh through Eighth, John A. Drohan, First,

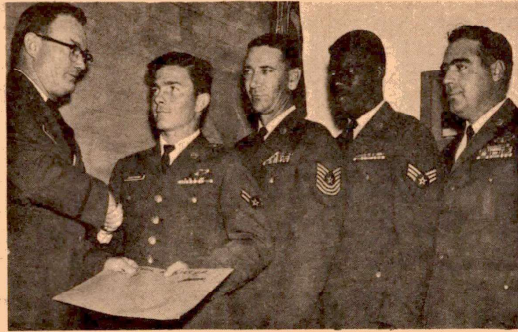
William D. Forsythe, First and Second and Arthur J. Heaphy Jr. and Harry L. Panhill, First and Second. Also, receiving Oak Leaf Clusters were Paul A. Lukavic and David L. Mattingly, Third and Fourth, Thomas G. Rorabaughn, Fifth through Seventh, Thomas L. Stiles, First and Second, and William D. Stripling Fifth through Sixth.

MSgt. Walter T. Gaze was awarded the Fourth through Sixth Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal. TSgts. presented Oak Leaf Clusters to the Air Medal were Marlin E. Shradley, Seventh, Lawrence R. Hylet, Fifth, James H. Jackson, Fifth through 11th, Donald G. Scott, First, James F. Spence, First through Sixth and John A. Grecnik, Sixth.

SSgts. presented Oak Leaf Clusters to the Air Medal were Francis J. Baker, 11th, Harold W. Ferguson, First, Glenn L. Patton, First through Third, Raymond Le Blanc, Fifth, Billy W. McDonald, First and Second, Thomas R. Robertson, First and Second, Oda C. Underwood, First and Third, Richard M. Zook, First, Johnnie C. Slay, First through Third.

Sgt. Melvin B. D. Gibson received the First through Third Oak Leaf Clusters to the Air Medal. AIC receiving Oak Leaf Clusters to the Air Medal were Bobby R. Armstrong, First through 10th, Carroll D. Mealy, First through Third, and Donald E. Powell, First through Fifth.

Air Force Commendation Medals were presented to MSgt. Bobby Williams, TSgt. Edward L. Ballard, TSt. Ross C. Harris, SSgt. John W. Tompkins, and AIC Vernon E. Stone II.



CONGRATULATION MEDAL WINNERS -- Lt. Col. David F. VanMatre, 779th Tactical Airlift Squadron commander, congratulates members of his squadron for receiving medals at a recent ceremony. Representing a group of forty-five squadron members who received Air Medals and Air Force Commendation Medals are (from left), AIC Bobby R. Armstrong, MSgt. Bobby Williams, Sgt. Willy C. Young Jr., and TSgt. Marlin E. Shradley. (U. S. AIR FORCE PHOTO BY SSGT. FADOLLONE)

Army Officers And NCOs Given Jet Orientation

Key officers and NCOs of the 82nd Airborne Division and certain support units were given 30 minute jet orientation flights at Pope AFB, this month.

For two days, 25 staff officers and NCOs were flown high above the Pope-Fl. Bragg area in Lockheed T-33 Shooting Stars from Shaw AFB, S. C. This aircraft is a single engine, subsonic jet used primarily as a trainer for student pilots.

Piloted by Air Force Maj. John E. Jacobs and David L. Perry, and Air Force Capt. John K. Goolsby, all assigned to the 82nd Abn. Div. as Air Liason Officers, the aircraft carried the Army passengers on simulated strafing and bombing

runs over Nijmegen Drop Zone.

According to Lt. Col. John Susko of Headquarters Ninth Air Force, the project officer for the flights, "the objectives of the flights were to familiarize the Army officers and NCOs with jet flight characteristics and the role of air power in ground fighting."

Most of the comments made upon the return to Pope were expressed in wide grins, but some exclaimed their new understanding of tactical air support. According to Captain Goolsby, one such remark was "You can see everything from up here. How can you lose a battle with close air support?"

Capt. Nelms Gets Air Force Award

Capt. Van C. Nelms of the USAF Tactical Airlift Center (TALC) was recently presented the Air Force Commendation Medal by Brig. Gen. Joseph N. Donovan, TALC commander.

Captain Nelms was cited for his service at Takhli Royal Thai Air Force Base, Thailand where he developed an outstanding traffic management and surface transportation system, and identified and corrected critical motor vehicle and other transportation deficiencies in support of the mission of the 355th Tactical Fighter Wing in Southeast Asia.

AIC Clegg Named Driver Of Month

AIC Leonard Clegg Jr., of the 464th Transportation Squadron at Pope AFB, was recently selected the squadrons' November driver of the month.

Airman Clegg became the first member of the squadron to receive the award. The program was initiated by SMSgt. William C. Parrish, transportation superintendent.

Personnel eligible for the award must work in the vehicle operations section, assigned as drivers. They are selected on the basis of general military behaviour, knowledge of the job and job performance.

Anyone selected as driver of the month receives 10 dollars and a three day pass and is immediately nominated for squadron airman of the month. If selected squadron airman of the month he is entered with airmen from other squadrons in the 464th Tactical Airlift Wing airman of the month competition.

Chapel Offers Christmas Baskets

Christmas baskets to help needy families in the Pope AFB area have a more festive holiday, will be distributed late this week in a program conducted by the Pope chaplains office.

With chaplain (Lt. Col.) David K. Pegues, base chaplain, having overall responsibility for the program, money to provide the baskets for the families was donated by the NCO Academy Graduate Association, NCO Open Mess, chaplains office, thrift shop, Officers Wives Club and NCO Wives Club.

Squadron first sergeants provided names of needy families in the area to the chaplain's office. The baskets will be distributed by the first sergeants.

Chaplain Pegues stated "It is my hope that this program will give families a chance to enjoy a good Christmas in the holiday spirit. I feel that it is a wonderful program and will certainly bring happiness to many people."

Unit Heads At 9th Air Force

Col. Clarence B. Slaughter Jr., 464th Tactical Airlift Wing commander, recently attended the Ninth Air Force commanders conference at Shaw AFB, S. C.

Also attending the conference were 16 commanders of Ninth AF units. During the talks, hosted by Maj. Gen. Gordon M. Graham, Ninth AF commander, the 17 unit chiefs were given an opportunity for discussion with members of Ninth AF staff agencies.

This conference was one of a continuing series of talks, usually held whenever large changes or problems appear to require the unit commanders' attention.

Commanders attending the conference included Col. Wayne Matson, 839th Air Division commander and Brig. Gen. Charles W. Carson Jr., 833rd Air Division commander.

Christmas Chapel Schedule

DEC. 23
 Christ's Birthday Mass - 9 a.m.; Catholic Confessions - 3-4 p.m. and 5:30-7:30 p.m.; Caroling in Housing Area - 6 p.m.-8 p.m.; Protestant Airmen Fellowship Caroling in Service Club - 8 p.m. - 10 p.m.
 DEC. 24
 Catholic Mass - 8:15 a.m.; Protestant Service - 9:15 a.m.; Protestant Sunday School - 10:20 a.m.; Catholic Mass - 10:30 a.m.; Protestant Service - 11:30 a.m.; Catholic Confessions - 3:30 - 5:00 p.m.; Catholic Mass - 5 p.m.; Protestant Candlelight and Caroling Service - 7:30 p.m.; Catholic Midnight Mass.
 DECEMBER 25
 Catholic Mass - 8:15 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.



SKT AWARDS -- SSgt. Stanley M. Betancourt of the 464th Security Police Squadron receives a certificate of achievement for attaining a 95 percentile on his SKT, from Lt. Col. Robert A. Lindsay, 464th Tactical Airlift Wing executive officer. Other award winners in the new 95 percentile club look on. (U. S. AIR FORCE PHOTO BY SSGT. FADOLLONE)

95 Percentile Club Gains Base Ann; Formed To Recognize SKT Efforts

A new 95 percentile club has been established by the consolidated base personnel office on-the-job training section, at Pope AFB, to recognize outstanding achievement in OJT by trainees and to encourage greater participation in the OJT program.

A certificate of achievement is awarded to airmen in each test cycle achieving the maximum score of 95 percentile on their Air Force Specialty Knowledge Tests (SKT).

Receiving certificates Dec. 15 were SSgt. Michael F. Rice, 3rd Aerial Port Squadron, SSgt. Stanley Betancourt, 464th Security Police Squadron, AIC David L. Moorefield, 464th Field Maintenance Squadron AIC Richard P. Poindexter, 464th FMS and AIC Howard E. Winters, 464th CSG.

Also receiving certificates were Ann. Leroy Breedlove, 778th Tactical Airlift Squadron, Ann. James G. Blumhoefer, 779th Tactical Airlift Squadron and Ann. Hollie C. Samples, 464th FMS. Ann. Lawrence D. Wells, a reservist, also received a certificate.

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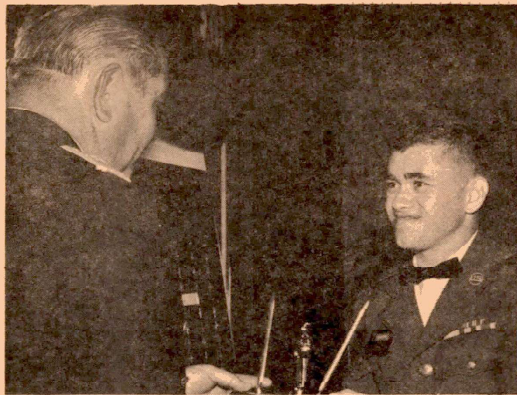
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777th Wins Point Of Impact Award For Excellence

The Pope AFB Point of Impact Award for November was recently presented to the 777th Tactical Airlift Squadron.

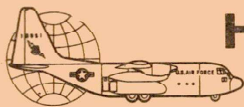
Conceived and designed by Maj. Edward Groome, 464th Tactical Airlift Wing navigator, the Point of Impact Award is presented to the tactical squadron whose aircrews have scored the lowest circular error average for the month. The circular error average is the distance men and equipment land from the intended point of impact.

The purpose of the award is to reward excellence of performance and enhance "esprit de corps" in tactical units.



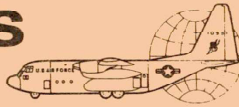
HONOR GRADUATE -- Sgt. William K. Rader, 464th Combat Support Group, receives the honor graduate award for the NCO Leadership School class 67-9, from Brig. Gen. Joseph N. Donovan, U. S. Air Force Tactical Airlift Center commander. A total of 21 NCO's graduated from the class. (U. S. AIR FORCE PHOTO BY SSGT. FADOLLEONE)

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464th TAW Changes Command Three Times In Year; Many Accomplishments Mark Activities

As the year 1967 comes to an end, Pope AFB and the 464th Tactical Airlift Wing finish another 12 months of global operations and activities.

During the year, command of the 464th TAW changed three times. In June, Col. James G. Silliman departed for duty in the Canal Zone and was replaced by the then wing vice commander, Col. William H. Mason. Colonel Mason received an assignment to Vietnam in September and relinquished command to the present wing commander,

Col. Clarence B. Slaughter Jr. The 464th TAW celebrated its 14th anniversary, Feb. 1, commemorating its establishment as a troop carrier unit in 1953. Originally flying Fairchild C-119 Flying Boxcars, the wing changed to Fairchild C-123 Providers when it moved from Lawson AFB, Ga., to its present location at Pope.

The wing now flies Lockheed C-130E Hercules.

One of the longest troop drop missions ever undertaken within the continental United States was accomplished in February when aircraft and crews of the 464th TAW dropped more than 300 Army Special Forces troops into Camp

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Fire Dept. Gives Safety Ideas For A Merry Christmas

Rules and regulations concerning safety of Christmas decorations have recently been announced by the Pope AFB fire department.

Department personnel stated that the purchasing of a fresh tree is one of the first steps for assuring a fire-safe holiday. Being wary of so-called "fire-proof" trees is another precaution, as is keeping the tree in a cool place before putting it up. Also, don't leave the tree up for more than fifteen days.

Keeping the tree away from fireplaces, radiators, television sets, hot lights and other sources of heat will also provide a greater margin of safety. When artificial aluminum trees are used, fire department personnel say that the tree should be adequately grounded to do away with the possibility of electrical fires.

Not using candles for decorations on trees helps to insure against fire as does using only approved electric lights. Finally, according to the fire department, be sure that the ends of metallic icicles or other hanging decorations don't dangle into light sockets, causing short circuits and possible fires.

Pope Equal Opportunities Luncheon Held Last Week; N. C. Good Neighbor Council Chairman Guest Speaker

Pope AFB hosted its annual Equal Employment Opportunities Luncheon, Thursday (Dec. 14) at the Pope Officers Open Mess.

The distinguished guest speaker, David S. Coltrane, North Carolina Good Neighbor Council chairman, headed the list of speakers and guests from Pope and Fayetteville. Special guest at the luncheon was Mayor Monroe Evans of Fayetteville.

Col. William L. Spencer, 464th Combat Group commander, introduced Col. Theodore Katz, 464th CSG vice commander and Pope Equal Employment Opportunities Committee chairman and Irvin I. Baer, Fayetteville Human Relations Committee chairman, who in turn introduced their committee members.

During his remarks to the combined committees, Colonel Spencer presented a brief history of the progress the Air Force has made in the field of equal employment opportunities since its formation as a separate service 20 years ago.

He also told of plans to send, with the permission and cooperation of the institutions concerned, two qualified officials from the base to local high schools, colleges and technical schools having large or total minority student bodies, for the purpose of providing orientation counseling and guidance to students who may be interested in Federal employment at all levels.

Colonel Spencer closed by ad-

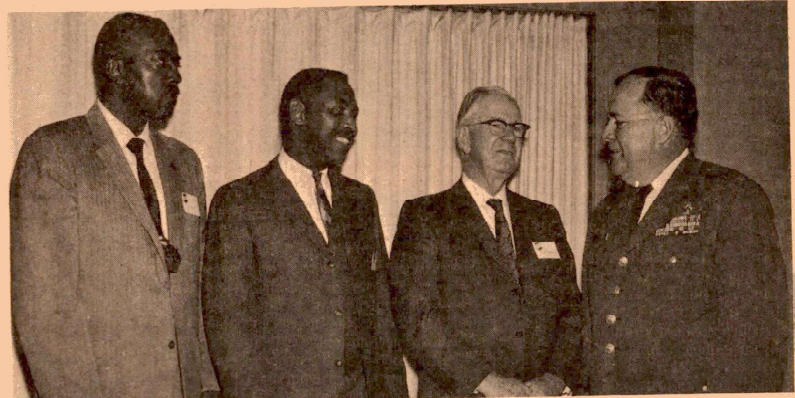
ding that "It is my personal belief that a man's opportunities and achievement should be based solely upon his meritorious performance of work or duties. . ."

Mr. Coltrane's address included remarks on the problem of establishing channels of communication with the unemployed and low income minority groups to point out the job opportunities open to them.

Mr. Coltrane added that the road to equal employment opportunities

lies with providing negroes and minority groups the opportunity for proper schooling and training for these jobs. He continued that unemployment can lead to "frustration" in negro youth and that these frustrations could lead to violence as an outlet.

In closing, Mr. Coltrane stated that "we must adopt a new, revitalized program to deal with the problems of equality."



EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES LUNCHEON -- (from left) Sippio Burton, a Fayetteville Coordinate Committee member, Dr. H. M. Eldridge, Fayetteville Human Relations Committee member, David S. Coltrane, North Carolina Good Neighbor Council chairman, and Col. William L. Spencer, 464th Combat Support Group commander, converse prior to the annual Pope Equal Employment Opportunities Luncheon. Mr. Coltrane was the guest speaker at the luncheon, addressing members of the Pope EEO committee and the Fayetteville Human Relations Committee. (U. S. AIR FORCE PHOTO BY SSGT. FADOLLEONE)

NCO Prep School Honors Graduates

Sgt. Willard K. Rader, of the 464th Supply Squadron at Pope AFB received the honor graduate award for the 67-9 class of the Pope NCO Leadership School, at a banquet held Thursday (Dec. 7). Graduation exercises were conducted in the service club the following day.

Sergeant Rader also received the Outstanding Speakers Award, while Sgt. Rafael Narvaez-Morales, of the 464th Field Maintenance Squadron, was presented the Commandants Award and Sgt. Richard G. Simmons, 464th FMS, was presented the Academic Achievement Award.

At the banquet, guest speaker Brig. Gen. Joseph N. Donovan, U. S. Air Force Tactical Airlift Center commander, spoke about the importance of developing leaders for the Air Force's NCO corps.

Among the graduates for the class were SSGT. Oda C. Underwood Jr., of the 779th Tactical Airlift Squadron and Ronald M.

Hewitt of the 464th Field Maintenance Squadron.

Also receiving graduation certificates were Sgts. Benjamin M. Banic, 464th FMS, Ronald L. Bowen, 778th Tactical Airlift Squadron, Richard A. Chilton, 779th TAS, Richard M. Dunlap, 779th TAS, William M. Gooding, 464th Supply Squadron, Gilbert Gonzalez, 464th FMS, and Sergeant James R. Hobson of the 464th Security Police Squadron.

Certificates of graduation were also presented to Sgts. Odell W. Lowe, Headquarters Squadron Wing, Hayward McNeal, 778th TAS Billy R. Osborne, 464th Transportation Squadron, Timothy Radcliffe, 464th Combat Support Group, Donald W. Rankin, Hurlburt Field Florida, Donald W. Hoenstine, also from Hurlburt, William E. Rogers, 464th Tactical Hospital Squadron, Richard G. Simmons, 464th FMS, George D. Stout Jr., 464th Services Squadron and Lawrence A. Vieira, 3rd Aerial Port Squadron.

Capt. Engelke To Become Pope Administrative Services Chief

Capt. Thomas W. Engelke will replace Capt. Nancy J. Forgey as chief of administrative services at Pope AFB, Jan. 1, when Capt. Forgey will leave the Air Force to devote more time to her family.

Captain Forgey has been chief of administrative services at Pope since December of last year. Prior to coming to Pope, she served as a WAF commander at Amarillo AFB, Tex. Receiving her commission through Officers

Training School in 1962, Captain Forgey has been in the Air Force for six years. She is married to Capt. Dennis A. Forgey, who is a pilot with the 778th Tactical Airlift Squadron.

The new chief of administrative services, Captain Engelke, formerly served as the 464th Field Maintenance Squadron administrative officer. He has been at Pope since March 1966. Before coming to Pope, Captain Engelke served as a navigator with the 8th Bomb Squadron at Clark AB, Philippines. He has been in the Air Force since 1960 and received his commission through the Aviation Cadet Program in 1961.

Captain Engelke is married to the former Mary Ann Bunch of Summerville, S. C. He and Mrs. Engelke have two children, Charlene, 3 and Tony, 2.

The Hercules Herald will not publish a Jan. 5 edition. Next edition of the "Herald" will appear Jan. 19. Copy deadline for the issue is Monday, Jan. 15 at noon.

Christmas Messages

Lyndon B. Johnson President

The first Christmas season of our independence lives in our literature and our legend as a time that tried men's souls. Service to country was the test of a patriot. 'He that stands it now,' wrote Thomas Paine, 'deserves the love and thanks of man and woman.' We were 2 1/2 million people then, and our purpose was freedom.

Now we are 200 million, and our purpose is unchanged. Out of the sacrifices of those who stood in 1776 and the years that followed, the dream of liberty took life. But the struggle that tested their devotion has never ended. In almost every generation since, Americans have stood on other fields of battle -- as you stand now -- to fight for their country.

The soldiers who served under Washington were men for their time. They marched to make a nation. But they were also men for all ages, marching to a distant drum.

'The fate of unborn millions,' General Washington said, 'will now depend under God on the courage and conduct of this army.' His words carry across the years. Their message is undimmed in our own time.

Because of your courage, and your steadfastness, freedom endures on this earth. And with freedom's survival, man's hope for peace is strengthened. For without freedom, there could be no peace -- only a dead dream in a darkened world.

This is the meaning of your service and sacrifice in this season, when the souls of men are tested again. No Americans before you have more surely earned the nation's tribute.

May God bless you and your loved ones with the joys of the spirit of Christmas.

Dr. Harold Brown Secretary of the Air Force

As we approach the Christmas season and the beginning of a new year, I extend warm greetings and best wishes to all the members of the United States Air Force and to their families and loved ones.

We may all well reflect with pride and satisfaction upon the many accomplishments of the past year. Your devotion and dedication have brought high honor and credit to our service. You have demonstrated anew that when freedom is challenged, the people of our nation do not falter in the face of hardship or sacrifice.

The coming holiday season reminds us once again of the abundant bounty we enjoy. Let us strive in 1968 for the day when these benefits will be shared in peace and concord by all mankind.

Gen. G. P. Disosway Commander, Tactical Air Command

Once again we approach the holiday season faced with trial and turbulence. Many of our people are separated from their loved ones and all of us are constantly mindful of those serving in distant lands, in Southeast Asia and elsewhere, to help restore peace in the world. We can take solace in their courage and selfless devotion to duty and turn our thoughts to prayerful hope that their sacrifices will one day enable mankind to find the tranquility that is the spirit of Christmas. To each of you and your families, I extend best wishes for the holidays and the New Year.

Brig. Gen. Joseph N. Donovan Commander, TALC

As the holiday season approaches and 1967 draws to a close, I want to take this opportunity to thank all Pope personnel for the support given the TAC Airlift Center over the past six months. Thanks mainly to the Wing, the Group and the various organizations on base, our growing pains have been minimized. With Vietnam still looming large on the horizon, the coming year promises even more demands upon the Center and you. We will continue to count on each of you for the support we need. Each of you can be proud of the part played by Pope, not only in supporting Southeast Asia, but also in the worldwide role of TAC.

I extend the warmest of greetings for Christmas and hope the new year brings you and your families the best of everything. All Center personnel join me in wishing you well.

Col. Clarence B. Slaughter Jr. Commander, 464th TAW

At this traditionally joyous time of the year, I would like to take this opportunity to extend my deepest wishes of a happy and safe holiday to all members of this command.

I deeply regret that there will be many, due to duty commitments, who will not be with their family and friends during this Christmas season. But this is the price we must pay in the fight for freedom to celebrate Christmas in the future.

It is with concern that I regard other parts of the world who aren't allowed to express their joyful feelings at this time of the year. This is why we must all be ever vigilant and alert and hope that some day the entire world will be free to join together in this celebration.

Once again, I would like to wish each and everyone of you at Pope AFB the very merriest of Christmases and the happiest of new years.

Robert S. McNamara Secretary of Defense

The Christmas season reminds every American in uniform of two fundamental values: One's deep personal attachment to home and family; and one's commitment to security in a tense world, so that the future of that home and family may be protected and preserved in peace.

To all of you, whose daily mission it is to enlarge the perimeter of peace, Mrs. McNamara and I extend our warm feelings of gratitude and pride that this nation is served so selflessly by its men and women in uniform.

Gen. J. P. McConnell Air Force Chief of Staff

As another Christmas season draws near, I wish to express again my sincere appreciation for the courage and selfless devotion to duty of the men and women of the Air Force.

I regret that we continue to be faced with difficult and trying times and that many of you are separated from your loved ones.

Those of us at home are inspired by your sacrifices and encouraged by the effectiveness and results of your efforts.

Each of you can take pride and satisfaction in your achievements. Your professionalism and dedication are indispensable to our national security and to our continuing effort to restore peace in the world.

To each of you and to your families, I extend heartfelt best wishes for the holidays and the new year.

Maj. Gen. Gordon M. Graham Commander, Ninth Air Force

Christmas is of special significance to those of us who are members of the Armed Forces. Many of us look back to past years when world conditions made it necessary for us to spend our holidays in foreign lands, separated from our families and friends.

Some of us will spend future Christmas holidays in distant places. The fact that we, as members of the military profession, can make a real contribution toward peace and freedom should make it easier to face such a prospect.

To each of you, and to your families and friends, I extend my best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Col. Wayne Matson Commander, 839th Air Division

This year as in years past we look forward to enjoying a most happy holiday season. The excitement of shopping for presents, trimming the tree, Christmas Dinner and New Year's parties, are the traditional experience we all anticipate.

But not all of us will share in such delightful experiences. Each year during this holiday period, thousands of Americans in a shattering second have a joyous season turned into a nightmare of tragedy and sorrow. Many do not survive to welcome in a new year. These grim losses do not occur on some remote battlefield, but here at home on our nation's highways.

Defensive driving must be the order of the day. Each and every day. Alcohol, inclement weather, fatigue and many other factors interfere with the safety of you and your family. Only your acute awareness of the hazards associated with driving, together with faith and sane operation of your automobile can prevent a tragic accident from marring your happy Holiday Season.

My fondest desire is for you and your families to enjoy a safe and happy Holiday Season.

Col. William L. Spencer Commander, 464th CSG

With Christmas at hand, and the new year just around the corner, we can look back on the past year with pride at the many accomplishments made by our men in uniform.

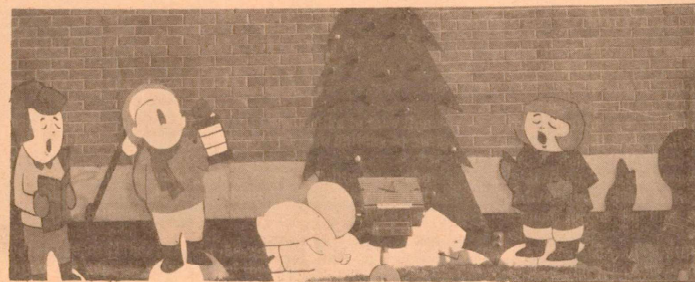
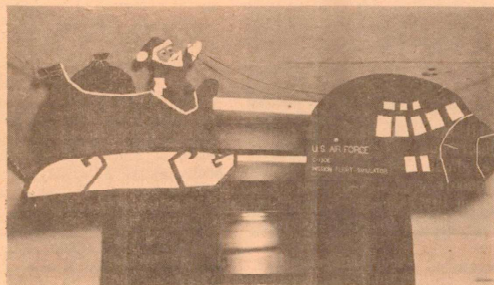
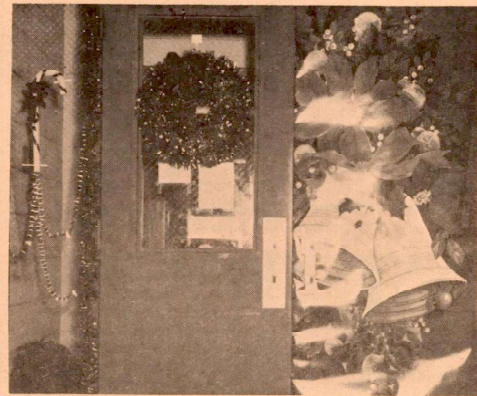
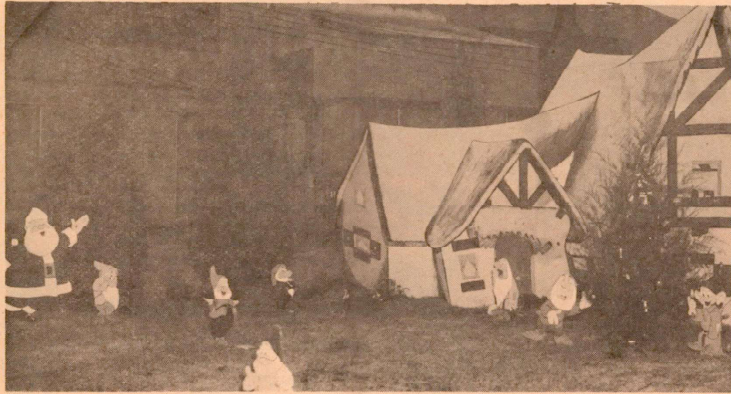
It is only through the sacrifices of these men that we may enjoy this Christmas season today. The job that they have done wasn't an easy one. It took dedication, hard work and the application of their professional skills.

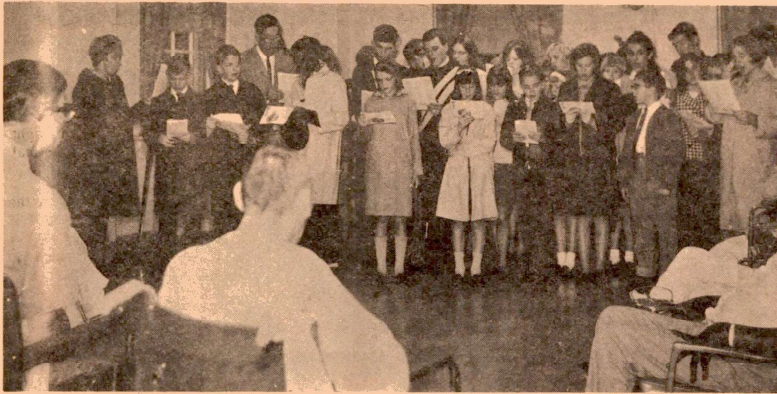
At Pope, we are endowed with more than our share of these dedicated individuals. They have voluntarily left their homes to serve in the armed forces so that everybody can enjoy peace and good will at Christmas.

As you and your families sit down to the traditional Christmas feast, look at the many cheerful faces surrounding you and use their happiness to maintain your determination and dedication to keep Christmas the way it is today, forever.

To all military and civilian personnel and their dependents at Pope, I wish you a merry Christmas and a very prosperous new year.

Decorations Brighten Pope Holiday Scene





JOY TO THE WORLD-- Members of the Pope Protestant Youth of the Chapel and the Protestant Airmans Council entertain patients at the Fayetteville Veterans Administration hospital with a program of Christmas music. Entertaining patients on the convalescent ward first, the group then sang from the hospital porch. (U. S. AIR FORCE PHOTO By SSgt. Fadollone)

Wing Ends Busy Year Of Activities

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Williams, Utah following an eight-hour flight. Alerted to the impending drop, local residents clogged the highway near the drop zone to watch the men float down from the speeding C-130E Hercules.

Pope celebrated its 49th birthday, April 1. From a grass, cow pasture landing field, the base has developed into one of the finest installations in the Air Force.

Clove Hitch III

Exercise Clove Hitch III began in April in the vicinity of Puerto Rico, involving almost 21,000 Air Force, Army Navy and Marine personnel and units of the Puerto Rico Air National Guard, included in the massive exercise were C-130E Hercules of the 464th TAW.

May was a busy time for Pope. During the early part of the month, Pope, Ft. Bragg and the United States Strike Command hosted the semi-annual firepower exercise, Blue Chip IX. Before U. S. and foreign military leaders, the joint service command staged an awesome display of tactical firepower and lightning fast reaction forces.

Also in May, Pope hosted a large exercise, named FTX Normandy, with C-119 Flying Boxcars of the Continental Air Command. During his week long exercise, almost 10,000 troops of the 82nd Airborne Division at Ft. Bragg were dropped into the drop zones at this large Army installation.

Brig. Gen. Joseph N. Donovan arrived at Pope in June to take command of the USAF Tactical Airlift Center. The former 838th Air Division commander at Forbes AFB, Kans., he replaced Colonel Silliman, who had served as both wing and TALC commander.

New Squadron

Pope gained a new squadron in July with the formation of the 464th Services Squadron. Former services divisions of all Tactical Air Command bases were formed into squadrons July 1 in accordance with a TAC directive.

Also during July, wing aircraft and crews were sent to the Republic of the Congo, at the request of President Mobutu, to fly logistics support for the Congolese government troops in their fight against attacking mercenary forces. The last unit sent to the Congo returned to Pope in early December.

To support local police and National Guard forces, the 464th TAW airlifted units of the 82nd and 101st Airborne Divisions to Selridge AFB, Mich., during the riots in

Detroit in late July. More than 140 flights were made by C-130s from six Tactical Airlift Wings.

A new method of rotational duty to England began in August with the deployment of the 777th Tactical Airlift Squadron for three months duty at Mildenhall AB, England. The entire squadron, including maintenance personnel and equipment, left Pope for the temporary duty assignment.

Personnel of the USAF Tactical Airlift Center at Pope celebrated their first anniversary, Sept. 1, as a TAC exercise tasked with testing and developing new concepts in tactical airlift operations and equipment.

Another squadron began at Pope Sept. 1, with the formation of the Headquarters Squadron Section, 464th TAW.

NATO Exercise

Exercise Deep Furrow I, a North Atlantic Treaty Organization exercise, began in Turkey, Oct. 2. Aircraft of the 464th TAW participated with NATO units to make this large exercise a success. Also during October, another USSTRICOM exercise, Brass Strike I (formerly called Blue Chip), was held in the Pope-Ft. Bragg area.

During November, personnel from Pope traveled to the U. S. Air Force Academy to visit the

Officer Honored For TALC Efforts

One of the first officers selected for the Tactical Airlift Center (TALC) when it was formed at Pope AFB a little more than a year ago, was presented his fourth Air Force Commendation Medal last week.

Lt. Col. Clarence B. Witt received the Commendation Medal for identifying problem areas in the field of tactical airlift and implementing research or test projects to solve those problems.

Colonel Witt came to TALC from the Tactical Air Warfare Center, a similar testing agency at Eglin AFB, Fla. At TALC, the 21 year veteran served as the Deputy for Combat Support Systems, and presently as Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff for Concepts, Doctrine and Requirements.

The colonel will retire from the Air Force at the end of the month.

464th TAW sponsored Squadron 19. The mission and operations of the 464th TAW were explained to the cadets as well as the overall mission of tactical airlift units throughout TAC.

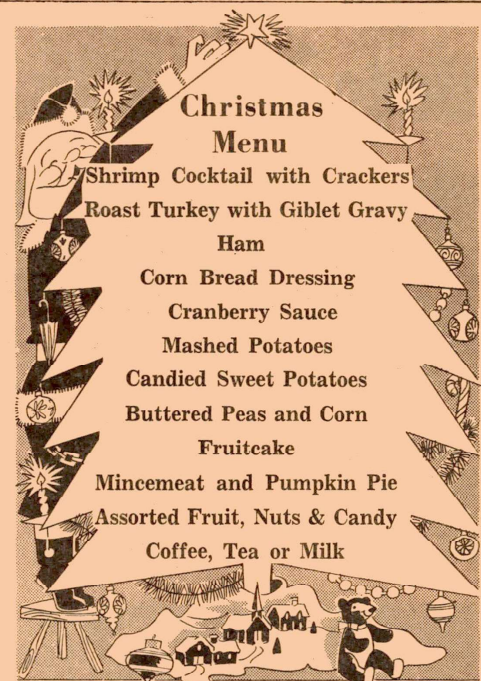
777th Returns

The 777th TAS returned home in November and the 778th immediately took its place in England. The three squadrons at Pope will rotate every three months under the new system.

December began in a busy manner with the arrival of 26 C-130s from four TAC bases to participate in a joint Air Force-Army field training exercise, FTX Ardennes. During the exercise, more than 3,000 troops of the 82nd Airborne Division were airdropped and airlifted into the drop zones of Ft. Bragg and Camp Mackall, N. C.



RESPONDER INSTRUCTION -- Ervin L. Maye (left), assistant ground safety officer, shows A1C John E. Cooper, of the 464th Combat Support Group, how to operate the responder at the Pope Traffic Safety School. The desks are equipped with responders to enable each student to answer questions flashed on the screen. (U. S. AIR FORCE PHOTO By SSgt. Fadollone)



Due to the large influx of bachelor personnel assigned to Pope AFB, the dining hall will be unable to extend invitations to married personnel and their families to partake in the traditional Christmas dinner in the Airman's Dining Hall.

Traffic Safety School Gives Base Personnel Lessons In Good Driving

Traffic Safety is a subject commanding a great amount of discussion and concern in the Air Force today.

At Pope AFB, the base safety center in co-operation with the overall Air Force program, is doing its part to keep drivers aware of the dangers present when-

ever the ignition key is turned on.

Wednesday (Dec. 20) the base Traffic Safety School graduated its 1,000th student from the two week safety course. Begun at Pope more than a year ago, the traffic safety course was the idea of the Air Force safety department headquartered at Norton AFB, Calif.

Conducting the course, a program for sergeants and airmen below the age of 26, is Ervin L. Maye, assistant ground safety officer. Mr. Maye attended a three week instructor's course at Stanford University, Palo Alto, Calif., in Sept. 1966, to prepare him for the job of teaching airmen how to save their lives on the highways.

During this course, the safety directors from bases throughout the country were taught how to use the new electronic teaching system, now in use at most Air Force bases. With this system, two projectors, one for motion pictures and one for film strips, are synchronized with a tape recorded narrative. Tone signals automatically turn the motion picture or film strip projector on at the appropriate moment.

At times during the presentation, questions are projected on the screen for the students to answer. To answer the questions each student pushes a lettered button in the four button "responder" on every chair. Lettered "A", "B", "C" and "D".

To date, the traffic safety school boasts an impressive record among its graduates. Since its implementation, only two airmen were involved in reportable accidents, of which only one caused bodily injury. Also, only one of the 1,000 graduates received a traffic ticket for a moving violation.

Mr. Maye stated that many students enter the school with the mistaken idea that it is a driver training school. He added that "This is not a driver's school. Here, we try to teach safety and defensive driving, not the fundamentals of driving."



YULE MUSIC -- The Pope Pipers serenade Pope AFD personnel with Christmas music in the 464th Tactical Airlift Wing headquarters building. Officers Wives Club members make up the singing group. (U. S. AIR FORCE PHOTO By AIC Sullins)

ENTERTAINMENT

Officers Mess

Sunday
Happy Hour, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.
Family Dinner
Monday
Happy Hour - 4:15 to 5:15 p.m.
Wednesday
Happy Hour - 4:15 to 5:15 p.m.
Thursday
Beefeater's Night
Special Attractions:
Today
Dance - Roy Roach
Tomorrow
Dance - Southerners
Friday, Dec. 29
Dance - Larry Parler
Saturday, Dec. 30
Dance - Strangers
Sunday, Dec. 31
New Years' Party - Formal
Monday, Jan. 1
Commanders' Reception



Service Club

Today
Open House
Tomorrow
Pool Tourney - 2 p.m.
Special Treats - 8:15 p.m.
Sunday
Coffee Call - 10 a.m.
Pinochle - 1 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 25
Coffee Call - 10 a.m.
Pinochle - 1 p.m.
Chess - 7 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 26
Pinochle - Ft. Bragg
Snacks - 9 p.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 27
Pool Tourney - 7 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 28
Pool - 8 p.m.
Ping Pong - 9 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 29
Snacks - 9 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 30
Pool - 2 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 31
Coffee Call - 10 a.m.
Pinochle - 1 p.m.
Dance - 9 p.m.
Monday, Jan. 1
Coffee Call - 10 a.m.
Ping Pong - 1 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 2
Snacks - 9 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 3
Pool - 7 p.m.

NCO Mess

Today
Dance - Gringos
Tomorrow
Dance - News
Al Barry in the Circle Room
Sunday, Dec. 24
Dance - Juke Box
Monday, Dec. 25
Happy Hour - 4:15 to 5:15 p.m.
Dance - News
Tuesday, Dec. 26
Happy Hour - 4:15 to 5:15 p.m.
Dance - Dynamics
Wednesday, Dec. 27
Dance - Iguanas
Thursday, Dec. 28
Happy Hour - 4:15 to 5:15 p.m.
Dance - Rogues
Friday, Dec. 29
Dance - Gringos
Saturday, Dec. 30
Dance - News
Sunday, Dec. 31
Dance - Gringos
James Stewart Five
Monday, Jan. 1
Happy Hour - 4:15 to 5:15 p.m.
Dance - Iguanas
Tuesday, Jan. 2
Happy Hour - 4:15 to 5:15 p.m.
Dance - Symbols
Wednesday, Jan. 3
Dance - News
Thursday, Jan. 4
Happy Hour - 4:15 to 5:15 p.m.
Dance - Rogues



Airmans Club

Today
Happy Hour - 4:15 to 5:15 p.m.
Dance - Imprints
Tomorrow
Dance - Noblemen
Sunday, Dec. 24
Dance - News
Monday, Dec. 25
Happy Hour - 4:15 to 5:15 p.m.
Dance - Imprints
Tuesday, Dec. 26
Dance - Juke Box
Wednesday, Dec. 27
Happy Hour - 4:15 to 5:15 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 28
Dance - Juke Box
Friday, Dec. 29
Happy Hour - 4:15 to 5:15 p.m.
Dance - Noblemen
Saturday, Dec. 30
Dance - Symbols

Nine Year Old Pope Dependent Wins Top Prize In Fayetteville Thanksgiving Essay Contest

Michael D. Ely, nine year old son of Technical Sergeant and Mrs. Mark M. Ely of Pope AFB, recently won first prize in a Thanksgiving essay contest.

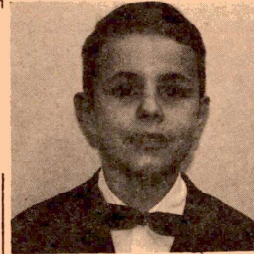
Sponsored by Tart's TV of Fayetteville, the contest officials judged more than 250 essays entitled "What Thanksgiving Means To Me" from children throughout the Fayetteville, Ft. Bragg and Pope area, including entries from as far away as Lumberton and Raeford. For taking first place in the contest, Michael, a student at J. W. Coon Elementary School in Hope Mills, was awarded a portable television. His teacher, Miss Sue Stephen-

son, was awarded a tape recorder for classroom use.

According to Mrs. Ely, the idea to submit an essay was jointly that of her and her son. She stated that he worked diligently on the essay for several days until he was sure it was the way he wanted it. An outdoor activities enthusiast, Michael also likes reading

and drawing. His father is a flight engineer with the 778th Tactical Airlift Squadron.

Mrs. Ely added that this was the first contest of this type Michael had participated in and considered himself very fortunate to have been selected.



Michael Ely

Service Club To Host Annual Ball For Base Airmen

The Pope AFB service club will present the annual Airman's Military Ball Friday (Jan. 5) from 8 to 11 p.m.

Dress for airmen will be the blue service uniform with a white shirt and bow tie. Girls will wear semi formal dresses.

Personnel at the service club have invited all officers and NCO's to attend the dance. Also, ladies from Fayetteville State College and the WAC detachment at Ft. Bragg have been invited to attend.

Music will be provided by Bill Roberts and the Castaways.

All airmen are requested to give the service club staff the name of the young lady they will be bringing so that a formal invitation may be sent to them prior to the ball. A floor show will be presented in addition to the dance music.

Base Library Open House Is Held Dec. 14

The Pope AFB library held its annual open house last Thursday with a cake cutting ceremony beginning the festivities.

Held annually to acquaint Pope personnel with the library and what is available to them, this year's activity began when Col. Theodore Katz, 464th Combat Support Group vice commander, cut the cake which was in the shape of an open book. Also present at the ceremonies hosted by Mrs. Mahlon B. McCoy, base librarian, were Maj. Clarence C. Jacoby, personnel services officer, Mr. Clyde Gurkin, recreation director, and members of the library staff.

In commenting on the annual open house, Mrs. McCoy stated "I think that this is a wonderful way to show what our library has to offer to the personnel at Pope. I certainly hope that everyone enjoyed it, and will visit our library as much as possible in the future."



LIBRARY OPEN HOUSE -- Mrs. Mahlon B. McCoy, base librarian, assists Col. Theodore Katz, 464th Combat Support Group vice commander, in cutting the cake to begin the library open house day. Held to show base personnel what the Pope library has to offer, the open house was held Thursday (Dec. 14). (U. S. AIR FORCE PHOTO BY SSgt. Fadollone)

Mrs. Wenger Is Chosen Volunteer For November

Mrs. Charles W. Wenger was selected November Family Services Volunteer of the Month last week, for her work with the emergency committee.

Arriving at Pope four years ago with her husband, SSgt. Charles W. Wenger, 464th Civil Engineering Squadron, Mrs. Wenger has been a family services volunteer for more than two years. All of her time has been spent as a member of the emergency committee.

Family Services work is not the only volunteer work performed by Mrs. Wenger. She also participates in American Red Cross activities and helps the Girl Scout program at Pope and Ft. Bragg.

Second Lt. Kenneth R. Snyder, Pope family services officer, stated that "Mrs. Wenger's willingness to help out in any emergency and her high work standards truly exemplifies the efforts put forth by our volunteers."

The Wengers have one child, Elizabeth, age 13.

Theatre

Today and Tomorrow
"Tony Rome" starring Frank Sinatra, 116 minutes.
Sunday
"Not With My Wife You Don't" starring Tony Curtis, Verna Lisi and George C. Scott, 119 minutes.
Monday, Dec. 25
"Arizona Bushwackers" starring Howard Keel and Yvonne DeCarlo, 95 minutes.
Tuesday and Wednesday, Dec. 26 and 27
"A Time For Killing" starring Glenn Ford, George Hamilton and Inger Stevens, 83 minutes.
Thursday, Dec. 28
"Spinout" starring Elvis Presley and Shelley Fabares, 103 minutes.
Friday and Saturday, Dec. 29 and 30
"The Wicked Dreams of Paula Schultz" starring Elke Sommer and Bob Arthur, 119 minutes.
Sunday, Dec. 31
"Our Mother's House" starring Dirk Bogarde and Pamela Franklin, 113 minutes.
Monday, Jan. 1
"A Fine Madness" starring Sean Connery, Joanne Woodward and Jean Seberg, 110 minutes.
Tuesday and Wednesday, Jan. 2 and 3
"The Incident" starring Jan Sterling and Mike Kellin, 111 minutes.
Thursday, Jan. 4
"Up the MacGregors" starring David Bailey and Agatha Flory, 102 minutes.
Friday and Saturday, Jan. 5 and 6
"The President's Analyst" starring James Coburn and Joan Delaney, 107 minutes.

Falcons Win Last 8 Of 10 Games To Break Even In Season's Play

Winning their last eight out of 10 games against some rugged competition, the Pope AFB Falcons basketball squad have been doing very well in cage competition.

Shaw AFB, S. C., invaded Pope's gym Dec. 8 and 9, and were in for a rough two games as the Falcons dropped them in both contests. The first game was a close battle, but the Pope team finally won 77-75. In the second encounter, the scoring was fairly close in the first half, but the Falcons broke it wide open in the second stanza to win by a substantial 103-77 margin.

The Falcons traveled to nearby Ft. Bragg to defeat the strong Ft. Bragg team 72-66. The lead changed hands many times during the game, but the Pope cagers took charge with two minutes to play and held onto it.

The Falcons then traveled to New Jersey Dec. 15 and 16 and ran into a little trouble against the McGuire AFB cagers. The Pope squad lost two contests to a well balanced McGuire contingent. At the half in the first game, the Falcons lead by ten points, McGuire came back in the second half of the game however to defeat the Pope team by a 77-62 score. In the second game McGuire put on the pressure, and despite an unbelievable 31 point effort turned in by Pope's Ralph Johnson, and an overall good team effort, the

Falcons were again defeated. The final score was a heartbreaking 76-75.

According to Falcon coach John Sullivan, "We have been doing very well in our most recent contests, and I feel that the momentum will stay alive. We've played a lot of games and have gained much experience against a lot of different ball clubs. By the time the TAC tourney rolls around, we'll be a very good all around team, and I think we'll be contenders for the championship."

BOWLING

	W	L
779th TAS	30	10
464th Sup. Sq.	27 1/2	12 1/2
464th Sec. Pol. Sq.	27	13
TAC OPS CMD POST		
	25 1/2	14 1/2
FMS #1	25	15
1943rd Comm. Sq.	24	16
464th STAN/EVAL	22	18
TALC	21	19
Det. 20, 3rd Wea. Sq.	21	19
464th Trans. Sq.	21	19
AERO MED EVAC	20	20
HQ SQ Grp.	19 1/2	20 1/2
FMS Avionics	18 1/2	21 1/2
464th Tac. Hos.	18 1/2	21 1/2
FMS 2	17 1/2	22 1/2
1943rd Comm. Sq.	14	26
464th CES	13 1/2	26 1/2
464th Svs. Sq.	13 1/2	26 1/2
Personnel Office	11	25
MMED/RA	10	30

Supply Leads In Intramurals

The Pope AFB intramural basketball league is fully underway now, with four teams pressing each other for top honors.

Commanding the first place position with an 8 and 1 record, the 464th Supply Squadron is being followed closely by the 464th Civil Engineering cagers who hold a good 7 and 2 record. Right on the mark behind them, the 464th Transportation Squadron squad and the 779th Tactical Airlift Squadron team are keeping pace with 6 and 2 records. With a 6 and 3 record, in fifth place, the 777th Tactical Airlift Squadron contingent is staying with the rest of the pack, with a chance to move up in the league.

The remaining seven teams in the league will be playing the role of spoilers until the second round of league play begins after the holidays when they will try moving up in the standings.



	W	L
464th Supply Sq.	8	1
464th Civ. Eng. Sq.	7	2
464th Trans. Sq.	6	2
779th TAS	6	2
777th TAS	6	3
464th Sec. Pol. Sq.	4	4
779th Ops.	3	5
464th Svs. Sq.	3	5
1943rd Comm. Sq.	3	6
Medics	2	5
464th FMS	2	7
Hq Sq	0	8

Coaches Needed For Base Teams

If Pope AFB is to send a boxing and judo team to the Tactical Air Command tournaments this year, more players and coaches for the two sports are needed.

At the present time, there are very few persons interested in these programs. If more personnel don't come out for the activities, Pope will not be able to enter the tournaments, this has not been the case in the past.

In addition to boxing and judo, handball is another sport that needs players. TAC will hold a handball tourney in January.

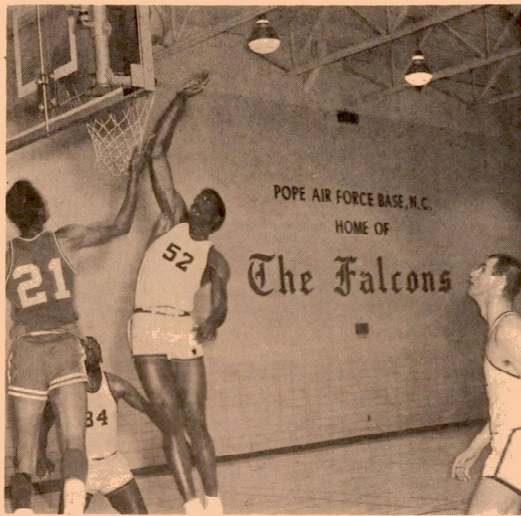
Any persons interested in these sports are asked to contact Bill Walden at the base gym, extension 2671.

Falcons Travel To Bermuda—Win 2

Members of the Pope AFB Falcon basketball team traveled to Bermuda in early December to take on the Kindly AFB squad.

The Falcons defeated the Bermuda team in two contests. The first game was a good contest, but the Falcons proved to be too strong for the Bermuda contingent and defeated them handily. The final score was 83-62.

The next day proved to be no exception, with the Pope representatives winning by 30 points. When the final scores were tallied, the Falcons were again on top this time by a 73-43 margin.



REBOUND ACTION -- A member of the Pope AFB Falcons jumps against a Shaw AFB player in an attempt to grab a rebound. The Falcons defeated the Shaw cagers in two games Friday and Saturday (Dec. 8 and 9) at their home court. (U. S. AIR FORCE PHOTO BY Sgt. King)

Young Base Gridders Lose At Seymour Johnson—Drop Title

The Pope AFB Falcons' band football team put up a good fight Saturday (Dec. 9), but fell to the stronger Seymour Johnson AFB squad at Seymour Johnson, N.C. in the final game of the North Carolina Military Dependents Football Championship, 25-6.

On the previous Saturday, the young gridders defeated Camp Lejeune at Seymour Johnson 15-6, to stay alive and have a bid at the title. However, due to injuries and a stymied passing attack, the team just couldn't seem to get rolling against Seymour Johnson.

Charlie Ashby took the opening kickoff for the Falcons, and with some brilliant running and good blocking was able to go all the way for a Pope score. It was to be the last 6 points the Falcons saw the rest of the afternoon. The young team came close at one time when Ashby completed a 35 yard pass to

end Gary Melton. Luck was against the gridders however, as Melton broke his collarbone on the play to add to a rash of other injuries suffered by the Falcons.

The game was evenly contested and was tied at six all when the gun sounded ending the first half. Seymour Johnson mounted an offensive drive during the second half, enabling them to become the champions. Coach Jim Baughman stated after the game "I want to thank my coaching staff and all my players for giving a 100 per cent effort all year. The desire and spirit shown by everyone was just great. Our fans gave us their support during the whole season and I want to thank them too."

Base Gym Offers Sports Activities For All Personnel

With the weather turning colder and more unpredictable, sports activities at Pope AFB have turned to the indoors, with much going on to keep everyone in shape.

Personnel at the base gym urge all military people at Pope and their dependents to use the recreational facilities provided by the gym during the long winter months that lay ahead. Basketball, is taking up most people's time now, with the intramural season well underway. Free play basketball is also played during the day and on weekends.

Volleyball will be getting underway in late January or early February, again with an intramural league and free play being offered. The gym also has a complete weight room to help keep everyone in shape. The ladies aren't forgotten either as a women's exercise class is held Tuesday's and Thursday's beginning at 9 a.m. All wives of military personnel at Pope are invited to join these classes, and everyone on base is invited to use the base gym this winter.

'Fish Tales'



By Bob Norton

Although the cold and unpredictable weather is making life a little uncomfortable for North Carolina anglers, the fish don't seem to mind at all and have been hitting very well.

Grey trout have really been biting in the Sneads Ferry area, and they aren't choosy about what they take for bait either. Reports from most fishermen indicate that the trout have been hitting almost everything thrown into the water. Even though they have been striking with much consistency, they have been running quite small.

Topsail Island has been a hot spot during the past two weeks for specks. Live shrimp have been the best bait, and night fishing has proved to be the best for the fish. December has always been one of the best months for catching trout and if favorable conditions continue, it could be one of the best trout seasons in many years. The trout were also hitting well at Emerald Isle again with shrimp being the best bait, but with good catches being made using artificial lures also.

Now that Christmas is nearly upon us, it may be wise for anglers to hint around about the things they need most. Little things such as line, hooks, sinkers and lures don't cost much and are always needed. It isn't until you're out wetting a line someplace, and forget that you lost this, or don't have that, that you realize how important they are. A hint dropped here and there, can bring good results. Good luck, be safe, good fishing!



COME ON SANTA!! -- The Pope bowling lanes were visited by a very important person recently, as Santa Claus took time out from his very busy holiday schedule to do a little bowling. The jolly old gentleman will be visiting homes throughout the world Sunday night. (U. S. AIR FORCE PHOTO BY SSgt. Fadollone)