

Cadet Lt. Colonel Iucious C. Butt retired from command of the Cadet Group in a ceremony held on the drill field, 22 February. Cadet It. Colonel Harold G. Colson was appointed the new Group commander.

The ceremony consisted of the changing of command and a pass in review by the Cadet Group honoring the commanding officers. The newly elected Group sponsor and Squadron sponsors attended the ceremony. They added much color to the ceremony.

Cadet Lt Colonel Butt had to retire from command because of his student teaching this quarter. Cadet Butt took command of the Group, 6 September 1954, and during his command the Group has made much progress.

Here is part of a letter from 2nd It Tommie Lupton who is now taking his basic training at Reese Air Force Base, Lubbock, Texas. Tommie has gone into multi-engine and is flying B-25s.

Saturday, March 12

Dear Captain Harper,

I have been intending to write for some time now, but hey have been keeping us on the go most of the time. The four of us from ECC here are doing all right, but have been studying most of our free time. (continued on page 4)

GROUP SPONSORING BLOODMOBILE

The bloodmobile will be sponsored by the Cadet Group in the very near future. This is one of the projects sponsored by the Group annually. In the years past we have set a good record so lets keep it up. Get out and round up some volunteers. Remember, it is better to give than receive! The exact date that the bloodmobile will be here will be announced.

NINE GADETS RECEIVE COMISSION

Nine officer candidates of this unit were commissioned March 8, 1955 as second lieutenants in the U. S. Air Force Reserve: and one, in the Air Force National Guard.

Captain James G. Barnett, adjutant of the ROTC Detachment, administered the oath of office to the officer candidates at commissioning exercises conducted in the Austin auditorium. The invocation was given by Dr. John B. Benett, director of religious activities at the college.

Dr. Malace I. Wolverton, rector of St. Paul's Episocopal Church, Greenville, and a member of the Social Studies department here was the principal speaker. A definition of courage was the subject of Dr. Wolverton's address. Understanding hope and fear, he said, forms the basis of courage and enables men to meet the crisis of experience with fortitude. Those receiving commissions were: Donald M. Atkinson, Elizabethtown; Charles C. Batchelor, Rocky Mount; Archie L. Congleton, Jr., Wilmington; James R. Gradner, Rocky Mount; Robert E. Hicks, Jr., Deep Run: William W. Lamm, Jr., Lucama; Robert T. Sears, Norfolk, Va.; George M. Tucker, Monroe; Robert W. Moye, Snow Hill. (continued on page 4)

SIXTH ANIUAL MIT.ITARY BALL

The annual military ball of the East Carolina AFROTC was hold March 5. This was the sixth year the ball has been held and is one of the. highlights of the year for the Cadet Group.

The Cadets were in formal dress, consisting of blue uniforms, white shirt, and black bow tie. The ladies were attired in evening gouns, (continued on page 3)

SKY PIRATE

MARCH

SKY PIRATE STAFF

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FEMALES IN CORPS !!

GROUP SPONSOR SELECTED

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Miss P t Everton was selected the first AFROTC Group Sponsor of East Carolina College. She will present the awards to cadets and have a position on the reviewing stand during all parades and reviews.

We, the Cadet Corps are proud to have such a fine and attractive person to represent us.

Miss Everton was elected by the Cadet Officer's Club out of a large number of candidates.

One of the new features of the RCTC program here at East Carolina is the enrollment of girls into the corps. The feminine sex is permitted to enroll for the classroom work, but does not take part in drill. Last quarter there were three girls, Arlyn White, Nellie Fave Perker, and Peggy Bell, who signed up for the program, and it is hoped that more will do so this quarter.

All of the girls enjoyed the course very much, and were very glad for the opportunity to get first hand information on the problems of the world, as seen through the ROTC program. one of the girls summed it up like this: "This course helped me more than anyone I have ever taken, to evaluate our position in regard to that of other nations, which is necessary for peaceful relations, or in times of uncertainty or war". The girls all agreeded that "Global Geography", the phase of study they had, was one of the most enlightning and enjoyable courses they had ever studied.

SNAP IT UP!

You hear some griping now that offpost saluting is required, mostly from young servicemen who aren't dry behind the ears yet. They don't know what it all means.

The salute is a sign of recognition by two warriors. It started in the days of knighthood when two knights exchanged a sign of friendship. Not to raise your hand in friendship meant that you might raise your hand with a sword in it.

Guys who resent saluting seem to feel they're better than anyone else. We've met a lot of that type. But a combat man, for example, puts an extra snap into a highball. He knows that he is not only paying respect, but saying that he's alert and ready to go. He knows, too, that he rates the same salute - and respect--in return. When you exchange salutes, it gives you a feeling of really belonging to the honorable profession of arms.(AFPS)

RUMORS !

Seems a lot of the first year advanced cadets are complaining about sore arms. Seems they're getting shots for summer camp.

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Summer camp opens around June 20.



2,43702 "DID YOU CATCH THAT S.O.S ?"

One of the instructors had more than his arm up his sleeve the other morning. Ask Captain Harper.

Hear one of the advanced cadets is going on a diet. Says he losses a pound a day from climbing the stairs in Austin. How about it george? *****

Did you know that a certain sargeant while playing golf last week almost broke his arm when he hit his golf ball and struck a pine tree? Seems it bounced back and hit him on his arm. ******

SQUADRON SPONSORS

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This year, for the first time in the history of the cadet corps at East Carolina, squadron sponsors were selected. The girls who were selected will represent their respective squadron at all parades and reviews.

Elections were held and the following girls were selected to represent the different scuadrons: Susan Brown, Katherine Dismuke, Ida Fordham and June Quinn.

Each individual squadron should be proud of their sponsor because they used sound judgement in picking their sponsors.

Military Ball (con't)

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The ball was attended by cadets, their dates, staff personnel and members of the faculty. The total attendance was approximately 600.

The highlight of the ball was the crowning of the queen, Niss Katherine Dismuke. All the candidates were presented with their escorts and then the winner was announced. It. Col. Lewis J. Partridge, Professor of Air Science, crowned the queen. After the crowning ceremonies a special dance was held for the queen and her court. The auditorium was decorated in a military theme. The ceiling was made of crepe paper which radiated out from a silver star in the center. In front of the stage was a globe with the United States flag and East Carolina ROTC flag in the background.

AF'S STRATOFORTRESS SET FOR ACTIVE DUTY: FIRST PLANNED IN '46

Washington (AFPS) --- The AF's giant 600-mph jet bomber, the Boeing B-52 Stratofortress, is expected to go into operation with AF combat units about the middle of 1955.

An inside picture of the birth pangs of this modern age jet giant was presented here recently by Gen. Nathan F. Twining, Air Force Chief of Staff.

He said the development of the B-52-from drawing board to operation-will have taken more than nine years.

4.5 MILLION MILE TEST

Wichita, Kan. (AFPS).-The Boeing B-47 Stratojet has been test hopped more than 4,500,000 miles, a distance equivalent to more than nine trips to the moon and back.

The eight-jet, swept-wing heavy bomber, conceived in 1946, had just begun rolling off the production lines in quantity.

Many changes were made in the giant aircraft during the interim period 1945-1952. The first test model flew in April 1952. During the several months of testing that followed, engine models were changed three times.

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4100 mph SPEED HILL BY MAVY VIKING

"hite Sands, N. M. (AFP3), Traveling at speeds up to 4100 mph a Navy Viking Rocket recently scared 144 miles seeking "thermal barrier" secrets.

(AFPS)

Daffynitions: Raisin--a grape with worries. Goblet -a small sailor. Trouble--opportunity in work clothes. Cocktall--a drink that makes you see double and feel single.

A good salesman is a guy who can convince his wife she looks fat in a mink coat.

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Some women say they could marry anyone they please, only they can't please anyone.

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Four out of five woman-haters are women.

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Did you hear about the Scotchman who had a narrow escape because he thought the sign on the door read "Laddies?"

The thermal barrier, unlike the sound barrier, becomes more and more of a problem as an aircraft reach certain high speeds they become dangerously overheated, especially when returning to the earth's) atmosphere.

Navy scientists said it is like "a man walking through water, then syrup, then mud, then cement."

The instruments of the Viking have not been found. Officials said it may be days before they are located. ******

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"I have a dog that growls," said the spinster, " a parrot that swears, a fireplace that smokes and a cat that stays out all night. Why should I want a husband?"

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"To think I had to marry you to find how stupid you are." "you should have seen that when I proposed."

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SKY PIRATE



Paul Cameron is the only one of us to solo yet. I think that I will be the last to solo, for I only have 11 hours of time thus far in the B-25 and it takes about 17-19 hours to solo, plus all the other requirements. In the past two weeks I have flown only 3 hours. My instructor has been sick with a head cold and has not flown lately, however, we have really stocked up on link time. I feel as if I could solo that link. I hope to be able to start Monday and get caught up on my flying time. I have only shot six landings thus . far, however, I have already experienced an emergency single engine landing. The last time I flew the fuel pressure in our right engine dropped, and we had to feather it to land. These planes will fly all right on only one engine, but I knew that the first day I flew because we got richt to work on our single engine procedures.

ED'S CORNER

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Since this is the first publication of the Sky Pirate in several years we, the staff, know i t probably contains many errors. This we hope to correct in the future and would appreciate any constructive criticism any cadet wishes to make.

A box will be out out by the classrooms and any articles that you want published in the paper can be dropped in it. How about a few letters to the editor? If you have a beef let us know. As some might say "The power of the press can many things". The letters will be published but each letter must be signed. Your name would not be published if you so desire but your letter must be signed. Have you heard about the letter received from Willie R. Scars? Since he went on active duty much has happened to him. At the latest date it seems he is up where it is cold, I do mean cold the average temperature during the winter is around -35 degrees, and the only other form of human life besides the men stationed there are a few Eskimos.

Academics here is a bit harder than at primary, but it probably is because we have been having such a full schedule from the beginning. We have had three classes daily, plus an hour of military training or PT. The base is nice. On of the things I like is the individual rooms we have. The city of Lubbock is very nice and I like it very much. I can even get a date once in awhile---when I find the time, that is.

Seems a lot of the cadets have got the model airplane building urge. I memtioned this fact to the staff and they said any cadet who wishes to donate models to the cadet corps would be appreciated. So if you have any models that you would like to give bring them up to Cadet Headouarters.

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Cadets Receive Commission (con't)

In addition to being commissioned Robert V. Moye received the Distinguished Graduate Award in recognition of the excellence of his work as a cadet,

All will enter AF plot training within the next few months, except Tucker, who as a voteran is not required to go back on active duty. EDITOR

HANGS BY H.ELS TO FIX AIRCRAFT

Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio (AFPS)** Air Force M/Sgt Floyd A. James hung by his heels at 4000 feet for about 12 minutes in zero degree weather to repair a jammed landing gear here recently.

James, from Cave City, Ark., was senior crew chief aboard a C-124 Globemaster enroute from Ladd AFB, Alaska, with 31 passengers. The pilot, Maj. Louis W. Baker, said the trouble developed just after take-off but he decided to continue on to their destination. Maj. Baker slowed the plane down to about 135 mph while James, without a barachute, crawled down to the landing gear from a wing catwalk and replaced a missing landing gear lock pin.

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Paul E: Jones of Greenville and Thomasville was commissioned in the Air Force National Guard and will go on active duty in the near future.

A good woman inspires a man; a brilliant woman interests him; a beautiful woman fascinates him; and a sympathetic woman marries him. * * *

GIVE BLOOD !!