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MENARD CADET ATTENDS CONGRESSIONAL DINNER

CIVIL AIR PATROL, LOUISIANA WING JUNIOR RIFLE CLUB

C/2cl Darrel Glankier of the above-named Junior Rifle Club will be the host to the National Rifle Association's Sectional Tournament to be held on 29 and 30 March 1958 at the indoor range at Camp Beauregard.

This tournament is sponsored annually by the National Rifle Association for the purpose of determining the sectional winners. The scores fired on this match will count towards the National Championship. All the individuals will fire first on Saturday from 1000 hours to 2000 hours. Then, the coaches will pick their team of five from among their best shots. On Sunday, the team matches will fire starting at 1000 hours. Of these five shooters, four of the highest will count as the team total.

The match is broken up into Sub-Junior teams and individuals — persons under 13 years

of age. Juniors who are 14 to 18 years of age. ROTC teams and open teams.

Last year we had teams from Natchitoches, Baton Rouge, three teams from Rapides Parish Sheriff's Fusse and one team from Menard as well as a boys' team from the Lake Charles Squadron CAP, and one girls' team from the same Squadron.

This year we have had inquiries from Fort Worth, Tex., Byrd High and Fair Park High School ROTC teams, Shreveport, La., and the Rapides Parish Sheriff's Junior Deputies. Other teams are expected to enter besides those from last year. Fort Polk is expected to send a Junior Team.

The Menard cadets taking part are Cadet Major Tommy Sanders, Cadet Captains Joseph Viviano and Byron Launey, Lts. John Varinatis, Richard Gurnedy and Cadets

Scherick. The Menard CAP Squadron won the ROTC section last year. Four of last year's team are back.

T/Sgt. Kenneth Sinyard, Small Arms Instructor of England AFB, a member of the 834th Air Base Group is the coach of the team this year.

During January and February of 1958, the following cadets from Monroe and Landry Cadet Squadrons, qualified as following in the National Rifle Association. From Monroe we have qualified as Pro-Marksmen: Mike Parkerson, Richard Rousseau, Linda Sue Young, Newt Caldwell, Lyle W. Ferguson and Louis Moak also qualified as Marksmen. In addition to their Pro-marksmen and Marksmanship awards, Mike Parkerson, Richard Rousseau and Louise Moak qualified as Marksmen First Class.

From the Landry Cadet Squadron, captained by Brother Howard, the following qualified as Pro-marksmen: Gervais Poole, J. F. Phillips, Royland Miller, Ray Mahal, Lucius Lyons, R. F. LeGros, Marion Landry, Howard Jaubert, Jr., Kirk M. Hebert, James Dieroy, W. Coltrin, Edward Clement, Jeffrey Ardoin, and Jared C. East.

This Wing's Rifle Club recently received 33,500 rounds of ammunition from the Department of the Army, Washington, D. C.

Membership this time is approximately 150 cadets. Congratulations to the cadets who qualified and I hope next year we will have even more. Remember the old saying: "An empty rifle is an unsafe rifle." SAFETY FIRST in firearms is the NRA slogan.

CADET CAPT. JOSEPH VIVIANO TO REPRESENT LA.

Cadet Captain Joseph Viviano, son of Mrs. Mildred Viviano of 1707 Main St., Alexandria, has been selected top Cadet, and only Cadet from the State of Louisiana, to attend the Congressional Dinner in Washington, D. C. Cadet Viviano will leave England AFB on Monday, March 3 for a 4 day stay in the Capital City. During the few days prior to the event, "Joe" will sightsee around Washington and on March 6 will attend the dinner, along with 51 other Cadets from the other wings. The Congressional Dinner is sponsored by National Editors, Civil Air Patrol, and is one of many activities highlighting a Cadet's life.

This honor is awarded to one Cadet from each State, and U. S. Territory, for his outstanding knowledge of the Civil Air Patrol program, the Air Force Organization, and participating in school, Civic, and Community activities. The

Cadet is judged for his leadership among his fellow students and community.

Cadet Viviano is an honor student at Menard, and belongs to a number of organizations, i. e. Drill Team, as assistant Drill Commander, Junior NRA, Key Club, Confraternity, and Radio Club. During half time at football games, Cadet Viviano puts the Drill Team through their paces in the ab-

Cadet Major Tommy Sanders.

One of Cadet Viviano's main interests is the Radio Club, which he has organized at Menard and excels in. He learned to operate a ham station at Menard and in 1956, obtained his first class license from FCC with K5ELP as his call sign. So far, he has QR cards from 30 different countries. His greatest distance over the air waves, has been Czechoslovakia, South Africa, and various Far Eastern Countries. Cadet Viviano is one of the many vital links of communication in the CAP net.

Joe's future ambition is to be an Electrical Engineer. He plans to attend college or receive training at the Raytheon Company. He graduates from Menard with the Class of '57. Joe, with your training and ambition you should reach the top early in life. Good luck.



...sense of the Drill Commander

Junior Drill Team

THINGS TO COME
Bro. Marion

The Menard Junior CAP Drill Team under the excellent leadership of Richard Guillory, Cadet Third Class, has been practicing since September. Already they are showing up in fine form, and there is some talk about entering this team in the State Drill Competition. The outstanding fact about this drill team is that the entire team is composed of Freshmen. That means that they will be with us for a long time to come. One Freshman has progressed so rapidly that he has joined the larger team — Walter Randall. It is from this group that replacements for the main drill team will be picked for the seniors who are graduating this spring. Of course, the seniors will stay with the team until the end.

CAP NEEDS YOU!

The Civil Air Patrol recognizes that organized education, characterized by traditional procedures, and instructional content made sacred through generations of usage, is slow to change. The Civil Air Patrol is aware also of the urgent need for an air-minded citizenry. Conscious of the fact that time will not forgive the nation that fails to educate its youth in aviation, the Civil Air Patrol has inaugurated an air youth movement, its Cadet Program.

INFORMATION ON THE U. S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible for a nomination to the Air Force Academy, you must be:

"At least 17 years of age and must not have passed your 22nd birthday (on July 1 of the year you would enter the Academy).

"A male citizen of the United States.

"Of good moral character. "Unmarried and never have been married.

"In excellent physical condition to meet the standards for Air Force pilot training, including 20/20 vision without glasses.

"Not less than 5 feet 4 inches and not more than 6 feet 4 inches tall, with weight in normal relation to height.

TYPES OF NOMINATIONS

Specific cadet vacancies are allocated to each of the competitive categories. (The first four categories listed below are competitive.) Candidates compete for vacancies on the basis of their high school achievement and the results of entrance examinations. By applying in all the categories for which you qualify, you will increase your chances of being selected.

Congressional. Anyone who is eligible to compete for the Academy may apply for a Congressional nomination. Write to a senator from your state or a representative from your congressional district outlining your qualifications. (Write to a commissioner if you are a resi-

dent of the District of Columbia.) Each member of Congress is authorized to nominate ten candidates.

Presidential. Nominations are available to sons of Regular component members from any branch of the armed services. Write to the Director of Admissions, USAF Academy, Denver 8, Colorado.

Regular and Reserve Components. Nominations are available to members of the Regular and Reserve components of the Air Force and Army including the National Guard. Apply through your organization commander according to Air Force Regulation 33-16 or Army Regulation 350-58, titled "Appointment to the United States Air Force Academy."

Sons of Deceased Veterans. Nominations are open to sons of deceased veterans — killed in action or died of wounds, injuries, or disease incurred in active service during World War I, World War II, or after June 7, 1950, and before February 1, 1955, write to the Director of Admissions, USAF Academy, Denver 8, Colorado.

Sons of Medal of Honor Winners. Nominations are open to Sons of Medal of Honor winners from any branch of the armed services. Applicants must pass the entrance examinations, but selection is non-competitive and vacancies are not limited. Apply by writing to the Director of Admissions, USAF Academy, Denver 8, Colorado.

Menard Drill Team

C/Ms. Tommy Sanders

The Menard Drill Team, which placed fourth in the National Civil Air Patrol Drill Competition boarded their bus last Monday for a trip to New Orleans to take part in the famous Rex Parade.

With their form-fitting uniforms safely stowed to the rear of the bus, the cadets relaxed for a long trip. On the way they stopped at Baton Rouge for a snack and the bus gained up. Lively chatter, card playing and singing marked the trip down. We arrived in New Orleans and were billeted at the Lake Ponchartrain Coast Guard Base along with the Florida University ROTC Drill Team and the Air Force Band from Clovis AFB, New Mexico.

From about seven-thirty until one a.m., the cadets were allowed to go to town and watch the night parades.

The next morning after a fine breakfast served at the Coast Guard Base, the Cadets were embussed and down town they went to the staying area. Finally the parade got under way at ten-thirty, with the Menard Unit fifth in line. The path of the parade was long — thirteen miles — needless to say we had some tired cadets. It was the first time that the cadets had taken part in such a parade and they were astounded at the size of the crowd and the way they filled Canal Street. Cadet Major Tommy Sanders, Commander of the Drill Team, had some embarrassing moments when

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EDITORIAL

George H. Smith

As the Editor of CAPALEX, I wish to extend a welcome to our subscribers and non-subscribers, and hope you enjoy reading the first edition of CAPALEX, as well as many more. Many of you are probably wondering what the purpose of this paper is. I'll tell you in a few brief words. The main object is to distribute local CAP news, and aviation news, that you wouldn't find in other papers. The next object is to acquaint non-CAP members with our activities. If they interest you, why not join your local CAP Unit? I'm sure you'll be welcomed, and enjoy participating in the many events, that CAP has to offer.

As you can see by our first edition, we're loaded with activities. How about your Squadron? Perhaps you think no one would be interested about a plane trip, or an experience you had. What may seem dull to you could be interesting to someone else. Send in any items of interest you have and let us be the judge. No matter what you do, if no one else knows about it, it's news.

Your support is needed to keep this paper going. We're not interested in keeping this paper in Alexandria. We would like to know what your Unit is doing, and we would like to inform the rest of the Wing. If you're interested in advertising a product, wishing a Happy Birthday, or anything you would like to have printed, write to this paper and I'll see that you are accommodated. Perhaps you have something to sell, or want an item. Remember, this paper isn't restricted to CAP members. We would be happy to hear from everyone. No matter how large or small, an item of interest is always worth printing.

I would like to thank Brother Marion, Larry Clements, Tommy Sanders, Steve LaMartiniere, our Staff Reporters, and many others who have helped getting this paper off the press. Now it is up to you — the Readers — whether we continue or cease printing. You support or non-support is the answer. Write to me and let me know what you think of this paper. What surprises me is the attitude of Wing Hqtrs. So far, I have received only one reply from Wing, and that was from the PIO. Is this the kind of support a Wing Hqtrs. is supposed to give? (I'll be watching the mailbox).

Thanks Lake Charles for your article. Glad

to hear we have another Squadron in this Wing besides Alexandria and Menard. Write us again real soon. You Cadets in Lake Charles did a wonderful job, and I'm sure some child in an iron lung is thanking God for the wonderful job you folks did. Those few hours a day really paid off. I'll be waiting to hear from more of you.

Why Is Aviation Necessary?

Just shortly before the Russians surprised the world by shooting an earth satellite into an orbit at the edge of our globe's atmosphere, many of us were reading an article titled "The Coming Death of the Flying Air Force" which was published in one of our national magazines. The Soviet success in building rockets which could hurl a machine 560 miles up into thin air seems certainly to emphasize the thought, expressed in the article, that manned aircraft have reached their zenith of usefulness, and missiles are on the horizon.

At any rate, the prospect of a completely automatic Air Force, totally unmanned, is sobering to contemplate.

The magazine story suggests that this is an early possibility. The Russian victory in getting a satellite into space, and our own stepped-up developments in rocket research, have served to focus attention on missiles and the progress of unmanned devices. The public today is "missile minded."

So you ask: Is the flying Air Force doomed?

No. Absolutely no. Such an assumption, particularly at this time, is ridiculous. It is a thesis, however, guaranteed to stimulate conversation, provoke controversy, and — sell magazines. Just because man appears to be on the brink of venturing into space, either personally or through products of his inventiveness, there is no reason to write him off as a risky investment in American defense.

We in the Civil Air Patrol are close enough to the Air Force to know that **airpower still means manpower**. Totally automatic air defense may become available to young men today there is virtually no limit to the goals they can attain — no end to the heights that can be reached.

Did you know that at this Jet Orientation Course, held each summer at a jet flying base, top cadets from the Civil Air Patrol get a chance not only to train as Air Force flying officers, but to actually FLY T-33 jets? The 58 teenagers who went to Perrin for a week last August each logged five hours of stick time — including cross country and instrument flying. That's just one of the youth programs developed and effected by CAP, with Air Force blessing and support.

Most of you probably know that many former Civil Air Patrol cadets have entered the new Air Force Academy, and that they are making splendid records there. Throughout CAP a campaign is underway to interest eligible young men in seeking nomination to the Academy. The Academy has elited Civil Air Patrol for its efforts in this direction: high ranking officials recognize that CAP-trained teenagers are perfectly suited and ideally motivated for Air Force careers.

There are many other incen-

tive programs carried out by the CAP — all endorsed by the United States Air Force. There is the annual International Cadet Exchange, in which outstanding male cadets get opportunities to travel expenses-paid to countries in Europe, South America or to Canada or Mexico; there are the summer encampments, during which male and female cadets get to live on Air Force bases for a week to ten days each summer; there is "Operation DEEP FREEZE" which this fall is sending two CAP cadets to the Antarctic; there are flight scholarship programs and engineering scholarships available for leading universities. There are a host of programs, all offering unprecedented opportunities for young people to become integral parts of the air age.

If you have never thought much about CAP, I invite you to consider what I have said. If you're undecided about your future, look at the aviation field. It's wide open for people who want to get ahead, earn good salaries, and build for the future. There is no other single field as important, or as desperately in need of keen minds — there is certainly no other career field as challenging.

Civil Air Patrol will go on saving lives, searching for missing planes and people, aiding victims of natural and man-made catastrophes, acting as an air-arm for Civil Defense and supporting Air Force programs and policies just as it has for the past 15 years. But unless we volunteers, who make up this widespread organization, do everything in our power to acquaint the young people of today with the heavy responsibilities they face tomorrow, we will have served the general welfare for the present but failed utterly to tackle the problems of the future.

If the flying Air Force died tonight (which it won't) or if the skies tomorrow morning were filled with unmanned missiles, the importance of the individual would not be minimized; in fact, it would be increased. We in Civil Air Patrol are clearly aware of what many Americans are only vaguely aware — that the RIGHT people, with the RIGHT talents, in the RIGHT place, at the RIGHT time can spell the difference between security and destruction.

America has the people. You, here, are part of the vast pool of coming manpower who will be charged with the frightening, yet at the same time fascinating challenge of maintaining peace and liberty in the protective shadow of airpower.

It is our job to help YOU to help YOURSELVES to help AMERICA. To that end Civil Air Patrol is firmly dedicated.

It should be as easy to expel an obnoxious thought from your mind as to shake a stone out of your shoe.

THE FAMED MENARD DRILL TEAM

THE GARLAND RIFLES

By C/Maj. Tommy Sanders

Few drill teams have ever improved so much in one year as the Menard Drill Team did in 1957. This was the first year the team advanced beyond statewide competition. In 1957 three teams competed for the state title. Menard won by defeating the teams from New Orleans and Lake Charles. New Orleans had always won the state crown in previous years. Lake Charles, although this was the first year they entered the competition, made a very fine showing and displayed a team that showed great promise for the coming years.

The Menard team then flew to Dallas by C-119 Troop-carrier on July 6, 1957 to participate in the Regional Competition. There, the boys took back the regional trophy with them to Louisiana. By a very close margin they won the decision over teams representing Texas and Arkansas. At this competition, as in all the others, new friends were made, particularly in the Arkansas team due to the fact that it was comprised of girls.

Thus with a new feather in their caps the boys prepared for the biggest day ahead — The National Competition. In New York, the site of the competition, the cadets spent four of the most memorable days in their lives. Leaving on Sunday, the cadets arrived at Mitchell AFB that evening. The next day was spent preparing for the competition. On Tuesday all eight teams went to Rockefeller Center for the Competition. Every team made a grand showing. The order in which the teams placed are as follows: Hawaii, Puerto Rico, Michigan, Louisiana, New York, Washington, Iowa and Utah. The Iowa team was made up of female cadets, so of course the Louisiana boys had to make many new friends among this group. After the competition a dinner and dance were staged at the Waldorf Astoria in honor of the drill teams and the foreign exchange cadets. Wednesday most of the team visited New York, but six stayed at Mitchell AFB, to try for positions on the International Drill Team. Two of our boys were selected for the team. They were cadets Sanders and Keegan. The rest of the team returned to Alexandria via C-47 the following day. The two boys who were on the I.D. Team flew to Bolling AFB where they trained with 28 other cadets for four weeks. At the end of August they were sent to Canada where they met and defeated the drill team from the Canadian Air League. Thus they returned the General Beau Trophy to the possession of the United States.

The Menard Team is named the Garland Rifles in remembrance to Pvt. Garland Grass, who was the first Menard graduate to be killed in action in Korea.

At present the Garland Rifles are practicing for the forth-coming state competition. We have hopes of seeing several more teams there this year.

Mr. and Mrs. Don D. Zerbe (nee Myrtle O'Neal) of Alexandria, La., announce the birth of a daughter at Baptist Hospital, Feb. 18, 1958, at 8:05 p.m. Name Linda Diane, weight 6 lbs., 12 ozs.

CAP Goes Artic

WASHINGTON — Eighteen-year-old William George Ehrlich of Lincoln, Neb., and George Patrick Sheaffer, 19, of Camas, Wash., today were selected to represent the Civil Air Patrol on OPERATION DEEP FREEZE III, the U. S. Antarctic Expedition.

Selection of the two as the top cadets from among the 36,000 in the Civil Air Patrol and the announcement that they would go with the U. S. Air Force task force to the Antarctic was made by Maj. Gen. Walter B. Agee, USAF, national commander of the CAP.

Ehrlich and Sheaffer emerged victors in a nationwide competition. From recommendations made by their squadrons and groups each Civil Air Patrol wing (state) commander was allowed to nominate one primary and one alternate candidate. Final selections from this group of outstanding young men were made by a board composed of members of General Agee's staff.

The two cadets will be flown to Washington by the Air Force to meet with General Agee and then to Donaldson Air Force Base, S. C., where they will embark on a huge Douglas C-124 Globemaster II for Christchurch, New Zealand, and the Antarctic.

They will spend approximately four months on the ice at McMurdo Sound — the Air Force advance base. During their stay they will be full-time working members of the Air Force task unit and will take part in several special

missions over the South Pole. If conditions permit they may participate in at least one landing at the Pole.

A cadet captain and executive officer of the Lincoln Squadron, Ehrlich also is a member of the Nebraska Air National Guard. He is a rated CAP observer with more than 165 flying hours and holds a CAA student pilot certificate. A graduate of Lincoln High School, he is the son of Mrs. Elizabeth E. Ehrlich, 1205 South 10, Lincoln.

An Education major at Clark Junior College, Portland, Ore., Sheaffer is a veteran of five and a half years in the Civil Air Patrol. He is a cadet major serving on the Cadet Advisory Boards of the Oregon Wing, the Pacific Region and the national organization. He is a rated CAP observer with 135 flying hours, a CAA rated glider pilot and holds a student pilot certificate. A graduate of Camas High School, Camas, Wash., he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Sheaffer of 500 W. Fourth, Camas.

Named first, second and third alternates by General Agee were Cadets William Randall Amos, 18, of 3431 Stanley St., Jacksonville, Fla.; Richard James Markie, 19, of 5282 Curtis Avenue, Dearborn, Mich.; and Anthony Charles Hurst, 19, of 1940 East 124th Place, Cleveland, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernie H. Wood (nee Virginia Jameson) of Pineville, La., announce the birth of a son at Baptist Hospital, Feb. 20, 1958, at 6:31 a.m. Name Bernie Hadley, Jr., weight 6 lbs., 10½ ozs.

Lake Charles CAP Squadron Participates in March of Dimes Drive

by C/Lt. Wanda F. Rittenhouse
The Lake Charles CAP Squadron participated during January to help the March of Dimes Drive. They did an excellent job in helping.

The drive was sponsored by KPCL radio in Lake Charles. Every Thursday night for four weeks from 6 to 9 o'clock cadets collected for the drive, collecting a total amount of \$335.

Cadets who gave their time were cadets: Nora Lou Narter, Donald Fontenot, Delci Lenesque, Lois Beeson, Ellen

Beeson, Lane Wene, Bert Rinstien, David Goodrich, Jerry Herbert, Sandra Aleshire, Carol Graef, Warr n Graef, Lynn DelHain, Gwen McNabb, Percy Hazleton, Johnny Ivey, Richard Jines, William Jines, Dalton Landry, Castle Cobron, Richard Schoppe, Nona Pumphrey, and Nancy Gabbard, all of the Lake Charles Squadron. This is only one of the great deeds accomplished by the CAP Personnel of the Lake Charles area.

The AF Academy

The mission of the Air Force Academy is to provide instruction, experience, and motivation to each cadet so that he will graduate with the qualities of leadership and the knowledge required of an officer in the United States Air Force, and with a basis for continued development throughout a lifetime of service to his country, leading to readiness for responsibilities as a future air commander.

The Congress of the United States authorized the establishment and construction of an Air Force Academy on April 1, 1954. For many years the concept of a separate Air Force, with its own academy, had been fostered by leading U. S. military aviators including Generals Mitchell, Arnold, Vandenberg, and Spaatz.

After World War II demonstrated the decisiveness of air power, the Congress in 1947 granted authority to withdraw the Air Corps from the Army and establish an independent Air Force. This paved the way for eventual passage of the Air Force Academy Act.

The Academy began to train cadets in July 1955 from its interim location at Lowry Air Force Base in Denver. The permanent Academy home is under construction at a spot of natural beauty near Colorado Springs at the foot of the Rampart Range of the Rocky Mountains.

After the move to the new site, the size of classes entering each July will expand from approximately 200 to 750 cadets. Full authorized strength of the Cadet Wing is 2,520 men, to be reached by 1962.

On April 1, 1955, the Congress delegated to the Secretary of the Air Force the responsibility of naming the Air Force Academy's permanent site. Harold E. Talbot, the Air Force Secretary at that time, chose as his selection committee: Dr. Virgil M. Haneher, President of the University of Iowa; Merrill C. Meigs, Vice President of the Hearst Corporation; General Carl A. Spaatz, USAF Retired; Brig. Gen. Charles A. Lindbergh USAF Reserve; and Lt. Gen. Hubert H. Harmon, USAF.

The states were allowed to submit their suggestions for the location of the permanent site. After screening some 400 locations and visiting proposed sites in 22 states, the committee reduced the number to three possibilities: Alton, Illinois; Lake Geneva, Wisconsin; and Colorado Springs, Colorado. Following a personal inspection of the three locations, the Secretary named Colorado Springs as the permanent home of the United States Air Force Academy on June 24, 1954.

Among the factors the site selectors considered were acreage, community facilities, topography, climate, water supply, utilities, transportation, and cost of construction.

The Air Force Academy Construction Agency under the direction of Col. Albert E. Stotts, was created on June 4, 1954, to direct the planning, designing and construction of the Academy.

my. On August 16, 1954, the architectural firm of Skidmore, Owings, and Merrill of Chicago was appointed Architect - Engineer for the huge building project.

The Academy is now merging into reality with construction progressing rapidly. The cadet academic area, which has top priority, is taking shape as men and machines erect the structural elements of reinforced concrete and steel. The next step will be the erection of glass, white marble, and aluminum to cover the facade of the structures. The finished Academy plant will be a magnificent product of contemporary architectural style.

Mr. and Mrs. William D. Wilkinson (nee Sara Paul) of Alexandria, La., announce the birth of a son at Baptist Hospital, Feb. 21, 1958, at 12:52 p.m. Name Jay Felder, weight 7 lbs., 8½ ozs.

MAILBAG

National Headquarters
CIVIL AIR PATROL
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1st Lt. George H. Smith, CAP Editor, CAPALEX
Alexandria Squadron, CAP P.O. Box 4151
Alexandria, Louisiana
Dear Lieutenant Smith:

We were pleased to receive your recent letter and learn that the Alexandria Squadron soon will have a newspaper. As you know from your past experience along this line, a unit publication goes a long way toward maintaining a "close-knit" CAP unit and boosting the morale of the members—in addition to insuring a well-informed squadron. You will be doing both your squadron and CAP a fine service with CAPALEX.

We regret to say that the only mats available are related to CAP anniversaries and, therefore, would not be applicable for your paper at this time.

We wish you much success with CAPALEX and we shall look forward to seeing it.

Sincerely,
H. ROSS MILLER
Captain, USAF
Chief of Information Services

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The Menard Staff

BRO. MARION

The Senior Personnel of the Menard Cadet Squadron are Captain George H. Smith, who has been conducting Leadership classes with the officers and doing a mighty good job of it. The squadron greatly appreciates his untiring effort to make this the best and largest cadet squadron in the Wing.

Next, we have Mr. J. H. Stone, Head of the Psychiatric Department of Louisiana State Hospital in Pineville, La. He has had long and varied experience in youth work, and right now is doing a lot of reading and studying on the Civil Air Patrol in order to fit into our program wherever the Commander thinks best. While studying about CAP, he serves the squadron as Supply Officer on Wednesday nights.

Another untiring worker is Mr. James Rigby, a former United States Air Force Officer, who was at one time Operations Officer at England AFB. He conducts class in the second booklet — "The Path of Flight." The results of tests given in his volume show the excellent instructor he is.

Mr. Gordon Baker, Lt. Grady Nichols and Mr. Norman Dale form the flight proficiency Board for the Squadron. Mr. Baker is also an instructor in Power for Flight. He is well versed in his subject as he is the owner and operator of the Hub City Airport on MacArthur Drive. Lt. Grady Nichols, formerly of the Moisant Squadron, New Orleans, has shown an active interest in the Squadron and as yet is not instructing any classes, but will do us plenty of good when he starts flying cadets. Mr. Dale is a member of the State Forestry

Service and has done a tremendous lot of flying in all types of planes. He holds the grade of Captain in the Air Force Reserve. He has flown practically every type of plane in the Air Force.

Our Chaplain, Father Joseph Kidd, is an ex-serviceman and is now acting as Chancellor of the Diocese of Alexandria. His lively and interesting talks are well received by the cadets. Now, we have another Chaplain interested in joining the squadron — he is Father Vernon Bordelon, a former Air Force Chaplain, stationed until recently at England AFB, he is now assigned as Chaplain at the Veterans Hospital.

A former cadet of the Menard Squadron has become a Senior Member and is doing an excellent job of instructing Book Four — Airports, Airways and Electronics. He is M/Sgt. Odie Asscherick. He is as dependable as any CAP I know of. Given a job to do, and he is first there and completes the job extremely well. He was one of the first cadets in the Wing to receive his coveted Certificate of Proficiency.

CLASS COLUMN

By C/2DCL Richard Texada
The following cadets at Menard have completed requirements for their Certificate of Proficiency: Charles Ardoin, Wesley Ardoin, Phillip Sleet, Phillip Bernard, and David Sioleau. There are quite a few more who are practically finished the the course and we will have their names in the next issue of CAPALEX.

Approximately 24 more cadets are expected to receive their Certificates by the end of the current school term.

Preparation has begun for the annual Civil Air Patrol Parade to be held in April at City Park or on the school grounds. This is a big event for the Squadron, since Civil, Military, and Religious dignitaries are to attend as before to view the event. It is at this time that the future officers are named, awards in military are given and the outstanding Cadet of each grade is announced. The event is eagerly awaited by parents and all.

A new system for the Air Police began recently. It consists of an officer and seven AP's who are on duty from 0830 to 1030; and from 1245 to 1300 each day as well as on Wednesday night for the meeting. These AP's made the campus look much better because one of their duties is to see to it that the cadets don't litter the grounds with candy wrappers, etc. Besides this, they see to it that the cadets are always in the proper, neat uniform and well-shined shoes. They are a big help to the school.

The Civil Air Patrol Firing Party is composed of Commander Cad. Major Tommy Sanders, C/Captain Joseph Viviano, C/Captain Byron Launey, C/Captain Edmond Wall and Cadet Lts. David Blalock, William Crooks, Albert Locker, and J. T. Cruise. At the request of the American Legion these cadets fire the 30 caliber rifle using blank ammunition at military funerals. On the average they are called out about once a month. Needless to say, the ceremony is impressive and we receive the thanks of many a loved-one of

the deceased.
In January the following Menard Cadets were promoted to the grades indicated: to Cadet Master Sergeant, David Solleau; to Cadet Staff Sergeant, Earl Guillory; to Cadet Second Class, Larry Clement; and to Cadet Third Class, David Roberts. Congratulations, boys, and may your advancement in the Civil Air Patrol be fast and beneficial. Just remember that the added duties of rank, also means the more responsibility you have of doing everything well, and to be a good example to other cadets.

Menard Cadet Squadron holds its meeting on Wednesday nights from 1800 to 2015. The first ten minutes or so are devoted to inspection, and the cadets are learning fast to have on a very neat uniform, with shoes shined to perfection. Then the Chaplain takes over

for his little talk. Father Kidd is a wonderful speaker, and he imparts his talks on Character and Citizenship very well. We are proud to have him with us. We are also looking forward to Father Bordelon joining the squadron. At present he is the chaplain at the Veterans Hospital in Pineville. Formerly, he was an Air Force chaplain and served the world over. From this point, the cadets break off and go into the different classrooms of the school where they are taught by qualified personnel. After an intensive five or six-week study course, the cadets are administered the work book exam and if this is passed, the following week they are given the official examination.

Beloved, that which purifies the affections also strengthens them, removes fear, subdues sin, and endues with divine power. —Mary Baker Eddy

Local Soldier Completes Basic At Ft. Bliss

FORT BLISS, Tex. (AHTNC) —Second Lt. Robert B. Tudor, Jr., whose father lives at 1500 Military Hwy., Pineville, La., recently completed the 16-week antiaircraft artillery officer basic course at the Army Air Defense School, Fort Bliss, Tex.

Lieutenant Tudor, whose wife, lives in El Paso, Tex., is a 1953 graduate of Bolton High School in Alexandria and a 1957 graduate of Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge.

The season pricketh every gentle heart, and maketh him out of his sleep to start.

—Chaucer

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some New Orleans funster wanted to march with the drill team. Finally the prankster passed a bar room and disappeared.

While our driver, Doug Scott, Brother Marion, and M/Sgt. James of England AFB were waiting for the parade to end, a little excitement was encountered. Across the street they heard some shots ring out, and in a flash six patrolmen rushed over and came back later with the word that a person had been shot and killed. One never knows what to expect on Mardi Gras in New Orleans.

Then, back on the bus, to the Coast Guard Base, where the Cadets got their luggage and headed for home. At Laplace, they ate super and with brief stops at Baton Rouge and Le Beau, the tired but happy cadets arrived in Alexandria about nine p.m.

Then on Friday, February 21st, the Drill team — about half of them — due to the limited space — appeared on KALB-TV for some Rapid Fire Drill. At the beginning of the program, Brother Marion, the Squadron Commander, was interviewed by Larry MacHale, Program Director, on the New Orleans trip which was arranged by Mr. Kolb, manager of KALB-TV and Mr. Sweeney of WDSU-TV, New Orleans. Mr. MacHale could not find words to express his admiration of the Drill performed by the cadets. He said, "It is beyond me how these cadets can learn such complicated drills. I would be lost in a minute."