

Alaskan Air Base Is Furnished Equipment From Utah Storehouse

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Anchorage, Alaska—(U.P.)—The fur-lined pants that airmen wear at a vital radar lookout post on the fog-shrouded southwest shore of Alaska have to be shipped to them over 3,600 rugged miles. They come from the "mail order house" the Air Force maintains at Hill Air Force Base near

Ogden, Utah. From this same storehouse go the engines that power planes guarding our Alaskan frontier. It also supplies the electronics gear to keep our Alaskan radar and communications posts eternally vigilant. The link between Utah and Alaska is a result of a new logistic concept that went into opera-

tion early last year. The story of how the pipeline to the far north is working out was told to United Press in conferences with officers at both ends of the line. Orders Filled Promptly At Hill AFB, Maj. Gen. Manning E. Tillery, commander of the Ogden air materiel area, said requisitions from Alaska commanders are filled with men and supplies as quickly as possible from stocks on hand or orders from manufacturers. At Elmendorf Air Force Base here, Lt. Gen. Joseph H. Atkinson, chief of the over-all joint service Alaskan command, said bluntly: "What we've done is make a warehouse out of the airplane."

When the interior support plan began operating, the Air Materiel Command depot at Elmendorf was closed and key Alaskan bases began ordering supplies directly from Ogden. Distribution costs within the Alaskan theater have been cut by \$34,000 a year. "What we're all working for," said an officer here, "is to keep the planes flying and radar working throughout Alaska." The officers feel the new supply system is doing its job. Losses through obsolescence have been cut, and the vulner-

ability of vital supply depots reduced by taking them out of this territory that is a next-door neighbor to Russian Siberia. Hill AFB also furnishes much of the specialist manpower needed in emergencies by Alaskan bases. Radar technicians and air frames specialists who might have idle days if they remained in Alaska are kept busy on rou-

tine overhaul and maintenance work in Utah when they are not on a mission to Alaska. Other continental air materiel areas perform similar supply functions for other "forward" areas overseas. But, as the Alaska command officers point out, Alaska is a natural air logistics emphasis because airplanes are the major way to get around up here.

Local Students Join All-State Orchestra

Twelve students from Medford Senior High school and two from McLaughlin Junior High left Wednesday for Portland to join a 150-member all-state orchestra. They were to play for Oregon Education association meetings Wednesday and Thursday and also appear on radio and television programs. Students participating in the

orchestra from Medford high are Sonja Peterson, Nancy Walstead, Ruth Phillips, Freda Rawstern, Deanna Campbell, Betty Hershiser, Doris Ryn, Shirley Stafford, Terry Brereton and Carol McKinley. Karen Lytle and Pat Kahle are attending from McLaughlin. John E. Drysdale, Medford high orchestra director, accompanied the group.

28th Annual FFA Convention Winds Up Sessions Today

Corvallis — (U.P.) — The 28th annual state Future Farmers of America convention winds up its four-day session here at noon today.

Jim Towery, 17-year-old Cascade high school senior, was named as the star farmer of the state at last night's banquet.

Towery, on his farm at Turner, earned \$3496 from 1952 through 1955 on his FFA project of raising carrots, raspberries, pole beans and mint. He reported a net farm worth of \$5826. He will receive a \$100 cash award from the national FFA foundation.

Two students at Canby high school and the Canby chapter also were named as \$100 award winners for special projects. Robert L. Gibson took the farm mechanics prize. Robert Thiel won the dairy farming award, and the Canby chapter won the farm safety prize.

Robert Hoover of Central High, Monmouth-Independence, was named to receive the farm electrification award. He also was the high scorer in the poultry judging contest and a member of the three-man Central team that won the state title and a trip to the National FFA convention.

Roy Chapin of Perrydale high school received a \$100 award as the public speaking contest winner and was also elected as new state president.

Other officers elected were: George Lieuallen, Milton-Freewater, vice-president; Dave Amoth, Oregon City, secretary; Russell Joy, Gresham, treasurer; Gary Fendall, Newberg, reporter; and Ronnie Hawk, Lakeview, sentinel.

Garden Notes

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The dormant buds on roses are now beginning to swell so this is an excellent time to prune the bushes. The principle rule governing rose pruning is to remove the old wood and encourage the new wood. If there are plenty of new canes all of the old canes should be removed and five or six new canes left 2 to 2½ feet long.

If the older wood has not been removed in the past then there may not be enough new growth present. In this case, save what new ones there are and then cut the old canes back as much as possible and still leave a total of five to six new canes.

If left unpruned roses will produce their new growth in the top and each year will become taller and taller. In these cases as much of the top should be pruned out as possible each year and eventually the bush can again be lowered.

Tea Roses The more vigorous the rose the less severe should be the pruning. Following this out the little tea roses should be pruned more severely than the regular bush roses. Floribundas should be pruned rather lightly removing some of the old canes and cutting back the new canes to remove the little twiggy growth on the ends.

Climbing roses which have been pruned regularly should be thinned out now and pruned again after they are through blooming. Where annual pruning is practiced the climbing roses can be pruned once just as they are through blooming. With some climbing roses such as Paul Scarlet all of the old wood can be removed and replaced by young shoots which will appear early this spring. Other roses bloom better on two or three year old wood and these should not be pruned as closely.

Spraying the plants after pruning with neutral copper will protect the pruning cut and will also protect the canes against infection by black stem canker.

RECOMMEND CHANGE

Salem—(U.P.)—The Legislative Committee on Education, meeting yesterday, recommend that the choosing of county school superintendents be turned over to county education boards rather than the present system of election by the voters at general elections. Chairman Errol Rees, Portland, said he hoped to have the proposed legislation in the hands of the Senate Education Committee early in the 1957 legislative session.

Grange

Roxy Ann Grange met March 2. Mr. and Mrs. Van Gordon from North Pacific Grange in Josephine county were visitors. After lecturer's hour, which consisted of a skit and games led by Mrs. Bruce Moffatt, refreshments were served by the Halls, Griffins and Gaults.

There was a good attendance at the public card party held March 10 and it was decided to have another one March 24.

Next regular meeting will be March 16 at 8:30 p.m. with the James Pools, Byron Ellises and J. O. Myhres on the serving committee.

Mental Patients Flee Burning Building

Fulton, Mo.—(U.P.)—Several hundred mental patients fled to safety early today as fire virtually destroyed the 103-year-old administration building at the State Hospital for the Insane here.

In near freezing weather, the patients left the building quietly and without panic. Attendants said some seemed totally unconcerned while others acted with calm self-possession. There were no deaths or injuries.

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