

Colonel Bob Emmens Commands New South Carolina Air Base

Col. Robert G. Emmens, USAF, son of Mrs. J. J. Emmens, 1443 East Main st., is the commanding officer of a base not yet complete, and with only three or four personnel assigned to it.

Colonel Emmens, a Medford High school graduate, previously served as Gen. O. P. Weyland's deputy chief of staff for intelligence, at Langley Air Force base, Va. His new command is the incomplete Air Force base at Myrtle Beach, S. C.

Major Problem
The Myrtle Beach base is being constructed in a prosperous resort community. Therein is Colonel Emmens' major problem at the moment, the acquiring of practical living quarters for arriving personnel.

The base is to be a modern jet fighter-bomber base, with 10,000-foot runways. It will be ready for occupancy in about a year. But as yet there are no provisions for quarters. Subsequent plans may include money for on-base quarters, but when the first units begin to arrive, personnel must live in the community.

With Local Interests
Colonel Emmens has worked with local interests to get economical housing projects underway. To strengthen community relations, he has given talks before civic groups, stressing the mutual advantages of military-civilian cooperation. As a result, he has become well and favorably known by local residents including the mayor, according to a military magazine's account of his assignment.

Realizing that in a summer resort, rents are at their peak in the spring and summer, Colonel Emmens' plans for the arrivals will be next fall. In that way they will not only get the benefit of the lower rentals for fall and winter, but they will also be in a position to negotiate for more reasonable rental rates.

Fire Assistance
There is plan under way for cooperation in fire protection. The air base will help the community in its fire problems and in turn the community will stand ready to use its facilities to help the base should it need it.

Fire protection is only one phase of an over-all mutual assistance program which Colonel Emmens is in the process of working out. Others will include cooperative policing, housing committees, local planning and other areas of concern to the residents of both the civilian and military communities.

Noise is Problem
The noise problem of a jet base is another one which has called for attention. To a resort community, the continual roar of jet aircraft taking off and landing could become a major irritation. Colonel Emmens is preparing for this in two ways. First, he is planning for take-offs and landings in patterns which will bring the aircraft over the ocean for take offs, and from deep inland positions for landings, thus avoiding low level approaches over the beaches or the residential colonies.

Also, he is discussing with community leaders the problems of jet flight, explaining what he is doing to avoid undue annoyance, and what the community,

by its cooperation and forbearance, can contribute to the protection of the nation as a whole.

Early Air Interest
A graduate of the University of Oregon, Colonel Emmens took an early interest in aviation. Nineteen years ago he joined the Air Corps for flight training. When war came, he

was a seasoned pilot, and was selected as one of the fliers to accompany Gen. James Doolittle on the surprise attack on Tokyo. His plane went on from Tokyo

into Russian territory, and the officers and crew men were in custody of the Soviets for 18 months. It was from this experience that he wrote his book, "Guests of the Kremlin."

Air Force, a unit of the Tactical Air command.
Colonel Emmens has visited in Medford frequently since his high school days, and is well known here. His brother, Dr. Thomas Emmens, is also a Medford resident.

In County Schools

Rogue River
Administration of the April testing program by the Gregg Publishing company in the business education department has been completed. Seven filing awards and five shorthand awards were won.

Winners were Janice Smith, alphabetic, subject, Geographic filing, and shorthand theory; Judy Farer, alphabetic, subject, and geographic filing; Irene Bringmann, subject filing, and shorthand theory; Judy Buckle, shorthand theory; Janet Robinson, shorthand theory; Dorothy Boucher, shorthand theory.

The Rogue River High school band under the direction of Neil Stone, participated in the large groups contest, at Southern Oregon college on Friday, April 27. They played three numbers, Indiana State Band March, Belmont Overture and Capistrano Overture.

McLOUGHLIN JUNIOR HIGH
Dr. Cliff Robinson, director of secondary education for the state department of education, visited McLoughlin Junior High school May 2. He observed classes and inspected the plant and curriculum for state standard rating.

Eighth grade students from Oak Grove, Howard, West Side and Griffin Creek schools will be guests of McLoughlin Junior High May 11. Visiting students will be assigned a big brother or sister, who will act as host. The program will begin after lunch, with an assembly, following which guests will tour the building and attend the track meet.

Tennis is a new competitive sport at McLoughlin this year. Earl Rogers has been coaching 30 students, and they are now playing matches with Hedrick.

The boys played the first contest April 30, and the Mac netters won four of the six matches from Hedrick. In the singles, the winners were Bob Pond and John Flanagan and Joe Bailey.

On May 1 the seventh grade tennis team played Hedrick. McLoughlin winners were Charles Holt and Bill Hannaford who won two of three doubles sets.

The girls of McLoughlin will play the Hedrick girls next week.

Mrs. FDR Impressed With Medford People

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt was overwhelmed at the hospitality and warmth of the people of Medford on her recent visit, according to Sen. Richard L. Neuberger.

The senator, in a telephone conversation with Mrs. Edward C. Kelly of Medford this week, said he introduced Mrs. Roosevelt at a Washington meeting, and she told him how impressed she was with the arrangements for the sixth annual Roosevelt Memorial dinner, at which she spoke, and her reception in Medford.

The senator told Mrs. Kelly that Mrs. Roosevelt has attended and spoken at a number of larger meetings since the one here April 23, but that the Medford event has remained in her mind.

Court Records

POLICE COURT
Richard Edward Randolph, failure to yield right of way, \$10.
John Dennis Patton, following too close, \$10.
Leona Annette Scott, violation of basic rule, \$15.

DISTRICT COURT
James Wesley Overturf, failure to stop at red light, \$10.
James Arthur Sutton, violation of basic rule, \$12.50, bail forfeited.
James S. Merasco, no operators license, \$10.

Patricia Mary Luce, violation of basic rule, \$10.
Dwight Lee Edward, overload, \$83.
Cecil Joel Bell, truck speeding, \$10.
Elwin Wm. Brewer, overload, \$44.
Ted Wayne Daw, no motor vehicle license, \$5.
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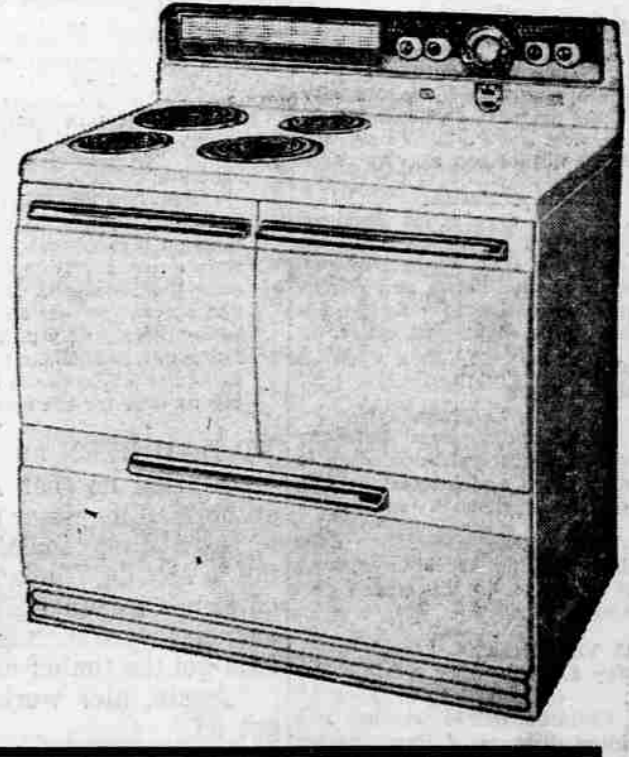
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