



**NEW PRESSURE SUIT**—Lt. Col. Raymond E. Evans, commander of the 83rd Fighter Interceptor Squadron, wears the new MC-4 high altitude pressure suit, as he stands by the new needle-nosed F-104A Lockheed Starfighter, now in operational use at California's Hamilton Air Force Base.

## Air Force Accepts New Fighter Plane for Upper Stratosphere

Hamilton AFB, Calif.—The Air Force today accepted a fighter-interceptor plane that will fly twice the speed of sound and will push America's defense perimeter far out over its oceans.

The plane, called the F104A Starfighter, is an "upper stratosphere" fighter and

was billed by Lockheed as the "fastest, fightingest and highest-flying interceptor ever built."

Exact range of the new plane was not disclosed but spokesmen said it would sweep the air for "hundreds of miles" on the defense perimeter.

The plane was put into operation for the Western Air Defense Command today by Lt. Gen. J. H. Atkinson.

Air Force and Lockheed officials said the plane will fly more than twice the speed of sound and "climb as fast as it will fly." Lockheed called the aircraft a "missile with a man in it."

The Starfighter is a stubby weapon packing "more firepower per pound than any jet ever built," the Air Force said.

## Research Establishes Hopeful Facts on Heart

Heart disease in recent years has established five hopeful facts about the heart and blood vessel diseases. Dr. Oscar Heyerman, director of the Oregon Heart association, pointed out today.

In reviewing the Heart association research, education and community service program as the 1958 Heart Fund entered its final period, Dr. Heyerman listed five facts concerning heart disease.

ing drugs can sharply reduce rheumatic fever, forerunner of rheumatic heart disease. They now can also cure 75 per cent of those stricken with bacterial infection of the heart, formerly almost 100 per cent fatal.

"High blood pressure, a major cause of heart disease," he went on, "is beginning to yield to treatment, and today's surgery can work veritable miracles in correcting heart defects with which some of us were born, and others that some acquired in past years through rheumatic fever."

Statistics Issued  
Performance specification of the new jet were still under security wraps but the Air Force released these statistics about it:

—It contains the most powerful jet engine, thrust per pound, yet developed.

—It will use the fastest-firing aerial machinegun ever built, a 20 millimeter, a Gatling-type cannon capable of firing 6,000 rounds per minute.

—It will carry Sidewinder missiles guided by an infrared tracking device capable of destroying a target the pilot never sees.

—It will contain the first downward ejection system for a production type jet fighter. This removes the hazard of an ejected pilot colliding with the aircraft when he bails out.

—The largest aluminum pipe fittings ever forged were produced recently for the new atomic research reactor at Oak Ridge, Tenn. The fittings include reducers three feet in diameter and tees that are two feet across with walls more than a half inch thick.

They are some forms of heart disease can be prevented, a few can be cured; all heart cases can be cared for best if diagnosed early; almost every heart condition can be helped by proper treatment; most heart patients can keep on working, often at the same job, and "symptoms" may or may not mean heart disease.

Reasons for Hopefulness  
"There are many reasons for hopefulness about heart diseases," Dr. Heyerman continued. "Medical scientists have made great strides in improving methods of diagnosing the heart diseases and in helping to develop new drugs and surgical techniques. The use of antibiotics has almost wiped out syphilitic heart disease, and the same 'strep'-kill-

Generally speaking, Dr. Heyerman observed, during the past 30 years, the risk of dying before the age of 24 from one of the diseases of the heart and blood vessels has been diminished by more than 70 per cent. In the 25 through 44 year age bracket, the risk of dying from these diseases has been reduced by 35 per cent.

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## CENTRAL POINT Party Honors Couple

By DORIS HUGHES  
Central Point — A housewarming party honoring Mr. and Mrs. James Jones Jr. was given Sunday evening at the ones' home on Haskell st.

Mrs. H. E. Renfroe of Central Point, Mrs. Edna Miller of Medford and Olen Risner of Medford went to Elsabrante, Calif., last week. They attended the funeral of Mrs. Renfroe's niece's baby on Wednesday in Elsabrante.

Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Straus, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Griffiths, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Bailey and daughters Sally and Donna, Mr. and Mrs. Harold E. Wood and daughter, Jo, Mrs. H. E. Renfroe, James Jones Sr., Peggy and Julia Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Higinbotham of Taylor rd. made a business trip to Portland last week. Higinbotham, who had just purchased a 1958 truck, used it to haul a load of onions to Portland. He hauled a truck load of twine back to Central Point.

Mrs. Belle Reiner of Muscatine, Iowa, is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold E. Wood. Mrs. Reiner is Harold's aunt.

Airman Second Class Jon Fishback is home from the service after serving one year in Korea. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. V. E. Fishback of the Old Military rd. He has a 30-day furlough.

## Dr. Stevenson at Chicago Meeting

Ashland — Dr. Elmo N. Stevenson, Southern Oregon college president, is attending the national conference of the Association of Teacher Education institutions today and Friday in Chicago where he will serve on the nominating committee and the committee on research and study procedures.

Royal Greenman is in Sacred Heart hospital in Medford. Greenman underwent knee surgery recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Britton gave a birthday dinner party Friday evening honoring Oscar Minnick. Guests were Mrs. Royal Greenman, Miss Joyce Pestka, Royal Greenman Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Darrel Linker, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hughes and sons, Samuel and Jimmy, and Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Minnick.

While in Chicago, Dr. Stevenson will conduct interviews with four prospective faculty members, contact representatives of the U. S. health, education and welfare department relative to the current block teaching project at SOC, and will attend a meeting of the audio-visual aids committee of the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

Multnomah County District Attorney Leo Smith said he received assurance from Mayor Terry Schunk that the assignments would be made when necessary. Smith had created a minor furor by charging that Portland law enforcement has hampered by lack of a Negro detective for investigations in the colored sections of the city.

Dr. Stevenson will return Saturday to be present for the annual Dad's Day week end activities.

Stainless steel is used in the manufacture of more than 100,000 products which range from some kinds of costume jewelry to modern jet engines.

## Airport Traffic Shows Increase Over December

Passenger traffic at the Medford airport last month was 322 more than December and 1,297 less than a year ago, according to the monthly municipal report.

A total of 2,191 passengers left Medford and 2,409 arrived, making a total of 4,600. Aircraft landings and take-offs for the same period totaled 2,403, 1,194 more than December, when heavy fog closed the airport several times.

The total is 2,017 less than January, 1957. Air Force planes accounted for 16, Navy for six, commercial for 646 and private planes for 1,268 landings and take-offs during January.

Air mail from the airport last month totaled 17,601 pounds, 7,962 on and 9,639 off. The total is 7,925 pounds less than December and 6,079 pounds less than January, 1957, the report showed.

Air Express  
Air express last month was 245 pounds more than December or 3,792 pounds. Outgoing express accounted for 1,278 pounds and incoming was 2,514 pounds.

About 14,411 pounds of air freight was shipped through the airport. This is about 4,678 pounds more than December and 3,518 pounds more than January, 1957.

The report showed a total of \$3,140.19 in revenues from building rentals during the month, and \$505.85 for landing fees, \$39.84 for gasoline and oil, \$215 for concessions and \$12 for tie-downs.

## Stan Kenton Injured In Sports Car Wreck

Balboa, Calif. — Band leader Stan Kenton, 46, suffered head injuries and shock early today when his sports car smashed into a parked car near his Balboa home.

Kenton, who had just finished a television show at the Rendezvous Ballroom here, was taken to his home and treated for a gash on his forehead by Dr. Arnold Nagel, city physician.

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