

PTA NEWS

FOUNDERS DAY
PAISLEY — A Founders Day program was presented at the February meeting of the Paisley PTA in the school auditorium. The history of the local association was given. Five-year periods were represented by songs popular during that time.

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Bomber Crew Members Give Chat On Readiness

By **NORM CARDOZA**
 "It makes you feel a lot more secure," said a man leaving the Kingsley Field base theater Wednesday night.

He was referring to a two-hour chat by two senior members of a B-52G bomber crew.

They were invited to outline for the public the awesome punch-power of the Strategic Air Command and the way-of-life of the men who make SAC tick.

The Air Force sent Maj. R. S. Barmettler, a radar navigator, and Maj. James S. Alford, a pilot. The local Air Force Reserve unit hosted them. Both are from Travis Air Force Base.

The relaxed, confident pair left no doubt they believe SAC's bombers are ready.

They and other members of the elite striking force are honed constantly to peak battle efficiency. They are ready instantaneously to dash their ships off the ground within 15 minutes of alert.

They practice constantly in fully-armed planes, making practice runs at realistic targets. Crews compete with each other for best scores.

Airborne ships are so ready they could be signaled while on practice missions to hit a target for real. They could change course and do it. Each has a specific, highly secret wartime target.

"Hit it? We'd cremate it!" said Barmettler. The B-52 carries a stinger more potent than all the bombs dropped during World War II, including the Hiroshima bomb.

And the bombers would get through. Perhaps some would fall—maybe most. But the Air Force, with help from electronic computers, has figured all the angles and the odds look good.

Of course, an airplane weighing 240 tons makes a fine target for missiles or fighter planes—especially since it moves comparatively slowly. It is a sitting duck at 10 miles high. Until the enemy tries to hit it.

As soon as the plane is picked off by radar, her crew fires back with electronics counter measure devices that jam the enemy's radar capability.

Deadly Game
 Like playing chess, we and our enemies have sparred through the years. We've developed radar to pierce their jamming devices and they've retaliated. We develop better ECM and they counter with theirs.

Electronically controlled anti-aircraft missiles can be thrown off course without ECM. Fighter planes are blind without radar which can be jammed, too.

The planes close too quickly for effectiveness when they face each other, so, for insurance, the B-52 carries four remotely controlled .50 caliber guns in the tail, where a fighter attack is likely.

There is even a defense, but not a very good one, against heat-seeking missiles like our own Sidewinder.

A bomber can drop something hot from the plane to befuddle the missile. But more sophisticated models aren't fooled. The heat-seeking device is coupled with an electrical thinking machine.

That weapon and all others are useless, however, against a low-

level attack. Even radar is not very effective. But that method has its drawbacks.

Jets gulp fuel voraciously at low altitude. They use a third of their reserve just getting off the ground and to altitude. They swizzle about 7,500 pounds of it during runway, taxi and takeoff.

That can be solved by flying tankers poised strategically to refuel bombers.

Crews Expendable
 Another, but less important hazard, the crews are first to admit Barmettler and Alford did—the ship is liable to be vaporized along with the target.

"We're expendable," Barmettler said, "and we know it."

The bombers would get through. B-52 bases ring the enemy, ready to put on the squeeze like a pipe threader.

Some are always in the air and safe from a sneak missile attack, that could, if the enemy's ballistic missiles are accurate enough, knock out every base we maintain.

SAC's commander-in-chief, Gen. Thomas H. Power, has a plan to keep 20 per cent of his bombers airborne constantly. He may succeed if the Air Force gets the money.

On the ground, SAC is making itself harder to hit. Missile and bomber bases are being dispersed as fast as the Air Force can manage.

A year ago Travis AFB had three B-52 wings. Now it has one. The others have been assigned to new bases.

Missile bases are going up here and abroad quickly.

But SAC men are not at all sure that the enemy's missiles are capable of the job.

They admit that ours are not perfect. Even if they were, they don't want to put all their blue chips on missiles. The Air Force wants diverse capability, despite much recent pressure to "missileize" and to ground manned planes.

That enormous capability is all that has stood between us and destruction since the enemy developed super-bombs, many SAC men believe. They are not alone. Winston Churchill and others agree.

Routine of Crews
 A bomber crew has one of the world's toughest jobs physically. An alert might sound anytime and if so, they might have to scramble out of bed, get geared-up, gallop to their ship and roar off.

Of the six men aboard, only the pilots see the ground through their own eyes. The radar navigator sees it oddly translucent on a green viewer—the ship's only reliable eye.

It can see through clouds and haze, and through distances impossible for the human eye. It can cast a blip of an enemy or a tanker plane while they are miles apart.

It can guide a bomber right to the tanker's intake tube, and it can guide her down to the runway, telling the pilots within feet how far wheels are off the ground.

The crew, in their cumbersome gear, are strapped securely into ejection seats. They don't like to leave the seats. Getting in and out of them is something like fooling with a Japanese block puzzle. Once out, they have to lug oxygen bottles with them, though the plane is pressurized.

But the greatest fear is fire. If a bomber ignites it burns like a Fourth of July sparkler, for J-4 jet fuel, a highly refined kerosene, is more ignitable than gasoline. So, they stay in their seats, munching odd rations and wearying.

After 13 hours or so they are completely exhausted.

For that reason, the Air Force treats them well. They have superior quarters and other facilities.

Occasionally, they are sent to Reno and taken high in the Sierra. Then for two weeks, winter or summer, they make their way back, subsisting mostly on porcupines.

During the last leg of their trip they have to evade "aggressor" soldiers who treat them with a minimum of courtesy if they are caught.

Thus, if they are shot down on enemy territory and live, they have an outside chance of escape.

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Bank Contest Winners Told

TULELAKE—Four winning seniors in the 1960 Bank of America Achievement Awards competition at Tulelake High School have been announced by Principal E. L. Coyner.

For the one top winner, his selection by a faculty committee marks the first step in area competition for cash awards ranging from \$25 to \$1,000 in each of four categories of study.

Under the Achievement Awards program, the winners will undergo further screening for competition in a zone event at Yreka, April 26.

Candidates are judged on the basis of scholarship, extra-curricular activities and potential service to humanity.

David Schaffner, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Schaffner, who will major in vocational agriculture, is the winner eligible for zone competition. He will receive an engraved plaque.

Seniors who will receive certificates of merit for outstanding records in subjects at the local school include: Glenda McCoy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. McCoy in math and science; William Bruno, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Paulson, fine arts; and Barbara Olexer, daughter of Mrs. Bessie Crawford, liberal arts.

Higher Education Group Begins Information Drive

By **NORM CARDOZA**
 The State Department of Higher Education launched an offensive this week aimed at informing voters of a big issue that will be on the November ballot.

The department gathered members of the press about it at Oregon Technical Institute Thursday to recruit support for its program.

It wants power to raise up to 40 million dollars for new housing and student recreational facilities during the next 10 years through bonds. The measure won't use a cent of tax money.

The department's best estimates predict a mushrooming crop of college students during that period. The prediction, they say, is as good as certainty.

For the youngsters are already on their way . . . "statistics with shoes on," department chancellor Rex Putnam calls them.

They are the third graders, for instance, now jamming the state's elementary schools who will enter college in 1970.

Oregon is and has been among the top six states in population growth. A larger and larger percentage of youngsters are going to college these days.

So, the state has to get ready to house them.

Many students will be living at home, in sororities or fraternities or in other private quarters. But the majority of them are going to live and eat in school-owned dormitories.

These will be paid for from rentals and other income from students.

But a state law prohibits the department to bond itself beyond about three-fourths of one per cent of its assessed valuation.

What the department wants to do is increase that limitation to three-quarters of one per cent, approximately, of the real property value, which would about double its bonding limit.

The bonds will not be sold at once. Rather, they will be released as the need arises, as facilities are expanded segment by segment. The department may not need its full new bonding capacity.

The department does not want the public to confuse its measure with another that will come on the

ballot. The state itself wants power to increase its bonding limit to get revenue for new state buildings of all kinds.

Since OTI, which will become a member unit of the higher education department next July, has to build its new campus from a scratch, a good share of the money raised by bond issue (if the measure passes) probably will be spent here.

Previously, the institute has been a member unit of the department of lower education, a state agency completely divorced from the higher education department.

Only self-liquidating buildings will be affected by the new bonding program. That is, those buildings such as cafeterias, dormitories, student unions, health centers and athletic stadiums which are paid for over a period of time, not immediately.

Classrooms and other academic facilities are paid for when they are built, from tax monies.

Rhode Island's largest single industry is manufacture of textiles. The state also pioneered in the manufacture of jewelry and silverware.

African Party

MERRILL—An African party is planned at the Merrill Presbyterian Church Monday, February 29. Activities are planned for the entire family to follow a 6:30 p.m. dinner with an African menu. Tickets available through the Youth Fellowship, are 50 cents for adults, 25 cents, school age children. No charge will be made for pre-school children. A nursery is planned.

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