

Col. Williams Headed Kingsley For 2 Years

Col. Jack W. Williams, a veteran pilot who has flown more than 118 different types of aircraft during his career, was Kingsley Field base commander for two years from August, 1958, to July, 1960.

An electrical engineering graduate of Texas A and M College, Colonel Williams entered the Army Air Corps in 1941. He earned his wings through the aviation cadet program and test flew experimental aircraft during World War II at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio. He flew German and Japanese fight-

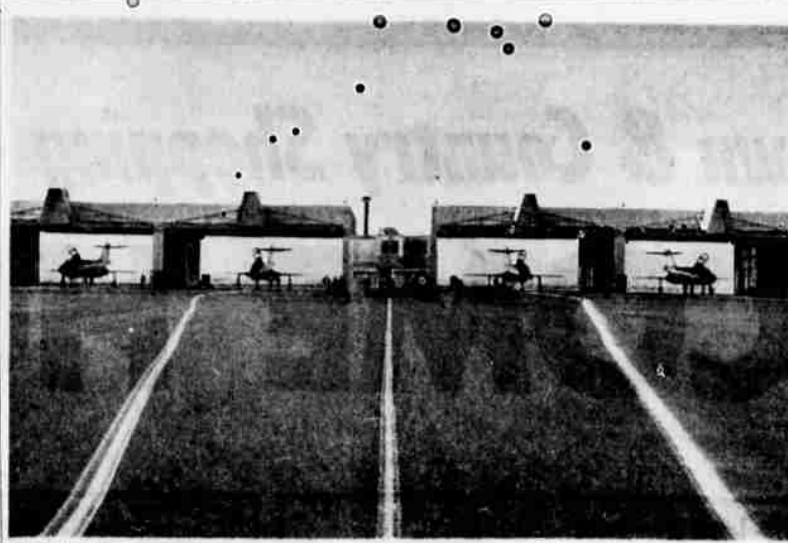
ers as well as American and British planes.

Colonel Williams was discharged in November, 1946, but re-entered the Air Force in October, 1947, when he was awarded a regular commission. During his brief civilian span, he was a test pilot for two aircraft companies.

In April, 1948, Colonel Williams was assigned to the 19th Bomb Squadron at Anderson AFB on Guam Island. He commanded the 93rd Bomb Squadron on the island before returning to the United States in April, 1950, at Tinker AFB, Okla. During this time, the colonel attended Air Command and Staff School, George Washington University Manpower Management Course and the Armed Forces Staff College.

Colonel Williams was with three organizations at Ladd AFB, Alaska, from August, 1955, until his transfer to Kingsley in August 1958 as commander of the 408th Fighter Group. He was transferred last year to the Portland Air Defense Sector Headquarters at Adair Air Force Station near Corvallis. He has since made frequent trips to Kingsley Field for flight time in the F101-B "Voodoo" and other aircraft.

The colonel and his wife, Elizabeth, have four children: Jackie, 16; Jane, 14; Jack, 12 and Virgil, 7.



THE "ALERT BARN" — That is what this structure is called at Kingsley Field. It is where air and ground crews stand round-the-clock alert duty to protect the country against enemy attack. The center part of the building contains sleeping and eating quarters for the crews. There are four stalls for F101-B "Voodoos." The alert hangar is at the north end of the field near the main runway.

Col. Sam Grashio Guided Kingsley Through Early Development Stages

Col. Samuel C. Grashio, a survivor of the infamous Bataan death march, guided Kingsley Field through its early development in 1956 and 1957 as the first base commander.

Colonel Grashio took over the "skeleton" Air Force Base on June 1, 1956, before it had an official name or a full complement of men. He paved the way for the present cordial relations between the base and the city of Klamath Falls. The 10,300-foot main runway was completed during Colonel Grashio's term of command and plans were begun for Falcon Heights, the modern military housing area near the base.

The colonel served as commander until April, 1957, when he left to assume command of the 326th Fighter Group at Paine AFB, Wash. He had been assistant CO at Paine prior to his assignment to Kingsley, which was known as the 408th Fighter

Group at Klamath Falls Municipal Airport in those days.

A native of Spokane, Wash., he attended Gonzaga University there and graduated with a degree in psychology from the University of Washington in Seattle. He entered the Army Air Corps as an aviation cadet in 1940.

Colonel Grashio was captured by the Japanese in April, 1942, while he was serving as a fighter pilot in the Pacific Theater. He survived the Bataan death march in the Philippines and was held captive in a prisoner of war camp for a year until he escaped in April, 1943. The colonel fought with the Filipino guerrillas for seven months and

was then picked up by a Navy submarine and taken to Australia.

After World War II, Colonel Grashio served as adviser to the Italian Air Force and was later assigned to North Atlantic Treaty Organization Headquarters in Europe. He returned to the states and was assigned to Paine.

The much-decorated colonel earned the Distinguished Service Cross, the Silver Star with one oak leaf cluster, the Bronze Star and the Presidential Unit Citation with three oak leaf clusters.

Colonel Grashio is married and has five children. He was succeeded at Kingsley by Lt. Col. Raymond A. Thornton.



COL. SAMUEL C. GRASHIO

Examiners At School

No drivers' license examinations will be given anywhere in the state during the first four days of next week, according to the Oregon State Department of Motor Vehicles.

Driver examiners from all over the state, including Bob Dow and Vern Tuter from Klamath Falls, will be attending a statewide conference and in-service training school in Salem.

The local department office, at 2029 South Sixth Street, will be open but no examinations will be given. Dow and Tuter will be back on the job Oct. 27.

Red Cross Aid Teachers Meet

All Red Cross First Aid instructors are asked to attend a meeting at chapter headquarters Wednesday, Oct. 18, starting at 7:30 p.m. Civil Defense first aid teams will be organized, the first aid educational program in the community will be organized and new teaching materials will be distributed.

United Fund Supports Child Care Agencies

(This is another of a Herald and News series of reports on Klamath County United Fund agencies. As many of the 27 agencies will be covered in subsequent stories as time and space permit.)

Drug addiction, mental illness, and crime are among the many factors which cause nearly 6,000 children a year to come under the care of the 10 child care agencies of Oregon United Appeal,

according to a statement released to the Klamath County United Fund by G. R. Durham, executive director of the appeal.

Recently three children from an Eastern Oregon county came under the care of Catholic Services for Children, a local United Fund agency, because their mother who was a drug addict, deserted the family. The father of Helen, Mary and Rose, aged 8, 6 and 4 respectively, had a long record of arrests for armed robbery, assault and other crimes and was once

confined in the Oregon State Hospital for mental treatment.

The mother who had also indulged in such crime as forgery and prostitution was arrested and is now in the state penitentiary awaiting parole. State Welfare officials have refused to plan for the three children because they are not Oregon residents. Catholic Services for Children is keeping the three children in a foster home, awaiting the parole of the mother. If she gives evidence of ability and willingness to care for

the children, they will be returned to her, if not, an attempt will be made by the agency to gain permanent custody of the children so that they may be placed in adoption.

The children themselves are so disturbed that long treatment is indicated and only a long period of security in a foster home will help them overcome the fear and trauma which is theirs because of neglect. During 1960 Catholic Services for Children cared for 11 children from Klamath County.

2 Men Cited In Crashes

Two Klamath Falls men were cited over the weekend by city police, who blamed them for traffic accidents.

Russell E. Burk, 40, 1540 Martin Street, was cited for failure to yield right-of-way while Leonard E. McGill, 44, 60 Nevada Street, was cited for following too closely.

Burk's car collided Saturday night at the corner of South Sixth and Radcliffe streets with one driven by Richard J. Leifeste, 26, 2012 Reclamation Street. Police said Burk turned off South Sixth onto Radcliffe and cut in front of Leifeste.

Leifeste was taken to Klamath Valley Hospital with possible head injuries and was cited for driving without a license.

McGill was involved in a rear-end collision Sunday night at the corner of South Sixth and Elm streets. The other driver was Charles J. Pelletier, 37, 112 South Eleventh Street. Police said Pelletier's car was stopped when it was struck from the rear by McGill's vehicle.

History Group Plans Exhibit

Members of the Historical Society met in the Klamath County Museum to plan a special exhibit. It will be centered around the idea of "Grandma's Kitchen" and will be presented to the public about Nov. 15. The year chosen is 1900 for the vintage of the objects to be used with a latitude of 10 years in either direction allowed.

Members Minnie Grizzle, Lena Horton, Vera Clemmens, May Phinney, Helen Thomas and Lorraine Quillen were present for this first planning session. Chairman Loraine Quillen plans to call a second meeting in the near future.

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