



CYRANO de CALTON — A.2.C. Raymond Calton has a whale of a costume and a whale of a nose as he comes to the carnival dressed as a clown. Calton appears to be watching a rocket at Cape Canaveral, or is he waiting for that nose to blast off?



KANDY KIDS — Mrs. Gerald Brown, left, and Mrs. Clyde C. Dupree seem to enjoy their all night suckers and balloons as they appear at the Mardi Gras dressed like a pair of Little Lulus. The gals don't appear to be of dancing age, but they probably went out and cut a rug anyway.



GETTING INTO THE MOOD — The red, white, and blue clown at the entrance of the Maintenance Hangar where the Mardi Gras carnival was held, helped get couples into a festive mood before entering into the activities inside. The clown was designed by Lt. Thomas Hanlon, base information officer. At the entry are, from left, A.2.C. Richard Hunt, Susan Murchison, Helen Prince and Maj. Thomas J. Green.

Kingsley Mardi Gras Garnerers \$1,622 For Hospital



CHIEF IN ACTION — Base Commander Col. Edwin J. Witzemberger, dressed as a caveman, gets in the right frame of mind by beating his wife Eleanor (all in fun, of course). The Witzembergers were gaily clad in leopard skins.



MARDI GRAS QUEEN — Mrs. Cherie Mae Leonardo of the 422nd Fighter Squadron Dispensary, left, was chosen as queen of the Kingsley Field Mardi Gras and Cindy Harless of the Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron was picked as the runnerup. The girls were selected by votes which could be purchased for five cents apiece.

1,200 Attend Costume Event

The Mardi Gras Benefit that was held at Kingsley Field March 1 was a whopping success with a total of \$1,622 collected to be donated to the Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital Building Fund.

At least 1,200 persons attended the gala costume affair and danced all night to the strains of the Baldy Evans Orchestra. Baldy donated the services of his group free of charge.

One of the evening's highlights was the selection of a Mardi Gras Queen and the coveted crown went to Mrs. Cherie Mae Leonardo of the 322nd Fighter Squadron Dispensary.

Runnerup was Cindy Harless. Other squadron princesses who competed for the crown were Helen Prince and Linda Henry of the Materiel Squadron; Alice Perrett and Marchelle Nickert of the Air Base Squadron; Susan Murchison and Miss Harless of the Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, and Sharon Mitchell of the Radar Squadron.

Some of the fun games and booths that helped bring coins into the hospital fund coffers were the dart booth, ring the duck, a penny pitch, a .38 caliber pistol shoot with wax bullets, a basketball throw, a car wash booth (two swings with a sledge hammer for 25 cents) and a dunking tub for officers and NCOs who are "all wet."



YOU TAKE THE CAKE — Colonel Witzemberger, left, presents a cake to M. Sgt. Eugene Renwick, who was a winner in one of the 15 best costume categories. The winner in each category received a nice juicy cake, possibly to be used later when the evening got into high gear. Master of Ceremonies Capt. Frank Stockton stands behind the microphone.



THE DIP THAT REFRESHES — Base Commander Witzemberger seems to enjoy the water after one of his men appears to have hit the target giving the commander a good dunking. Officers and NCOs took turns sitting on the platform while the airmen tried to hit the bullseye with a baseball touching off the dunking lever. This, naturally, was one of the most popular sports of the evening.

Jetliners Overhauled For Passenger Comfort

TULSA, Okla. (UPI) — If you, year, long before they really are ever saw a jet airliner with its insides taken out, you would hardly recognize it.

But that's the job of a team of American Airlines maintenance men here — to strip down the big planes, take them apart, piece by piece, and then put them back together again like an oversize jigsaw puzzle.

The project is part of a costly effort by the nation's commercial airlines to keep their planes in top shape, not just in accord with federal regulations, but far beyond these standards.

As each plane flies in to American's maintenance base near the Tulsa Municipal Airport, a cleaning crew scrubs it down, from radar nose to rudder, by hand. Airline people say this process is more economical than building a complex washing apparatus.

Then the plane is towed into the overhaul hangar and placed in a dock, ready for the five-day job of making it "more than ready" for the air again.

The company's planes are brought to Tulsa about once a

Groups Take Sections

The tedious job of taking the plane apart usually begins on the "graveyard" shift at midnight Sunday. Separate groups of workers concentrate on certain parts of the plane — the airframe, the passenger cabin, the pilot's instrument panel.

The engine gets special treatment. Each plane is brought in several times a year for engine overhaul, because the engine usually needs much more care than the rest of the craft.

In the regular overhaul, the passenger cabin takes on a bizarre appearance. The seats are removed, one by one. Any tears in the upholstery are repaired and stains are removed.

The rugs come up, and the lighting and air conditioning mechanisms above each seat are taken apart. The maintenance base has its own upholstery and rug department.



YOU'RE ALL WET SERGEANT — M. Sgt. Ronald J. Lenahan took his turn on the throne and one of the base pitchers threw a strike. Lenahan doesn't seem to mind, however, floating around in his survival pants.