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Kingsley Field Tops United Fund Drive Through Teamwork

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The teamwork of crewmen and fighter pilots that keeps jet interceptor squadrons flying at Kingsley Field was channeled into raising revenues for the United Fund again this year and within 34 days airmen, officers, and their respec-

tive wives had raised a total of \$9,298.84.

The money was obtained through direct donations and from a number of fund raising projects which brought participants from throughout the Klamath Basin to add their contributions with those of the

personnel at the air field.

The campaign began Sept. 30 with the raising of a large banner announcing the goal of the drive and ended with the close of the Mardi Gras in the early morning of Nov. 2. During the 34 days of the campaign, a total of \$9,298.84 was collected

for the United Fund, 133 per cent of Kingsley's \$7,000 goal.

Col. Edwin J. Witzemberger, base commander, commenting on the success of the United Fund drive at Kingsley Field, said, "I would like to give credit to Major Curtiss H. Gruye, project officer for the United Fund, for the fine campaign he conducted at Kingsley. The enthusiasm shown by Major Gruye was the inspiration that became contagious among the key workers throughout the base, and is the one element most responsible for Kingsley topping its goal.

"To me, the success of our United Fund drive is substantial proof that personnel of the base consider themselves part of the community and feel that the needs of the community are a concern to them.

"As a consequence, I am convinced that we have demonstrated that we can and do work together with the people of Klamath Falls. This feeling of mutual understanding and harmonious relations between the community and the base is truly heartwarming to all of us in the military, who seldom claim a permanent home. In reality, we often find ourselves developing a kindred feeling toward our temporary home. In this case our attachment to Klamath Falls will surely have been one that we can look back upon and reminisce with pleasant memories in the years to come."

Major Gruye planned to raise the \$7,000 goal of Kingsley Field by two means—personal contributions and special projects.

To attain the goal for personal contributions, a system of keyworkers following the chain-of-command was set up. Colonel Witzemberger collected contributions from his staff officers and squadron commanders. The squadron commanders were responsible for collecting money from their assigned personnel. By the use of this system, every airman on base was personally contacted by a keyworker, and contributions amounting to \$5,348.30 were collected.

During the month of October, many organizations sponsored special projects that raised an additional \$3,861.06 for the United Fund. Among these projects were a car wash sponsored by the fuels section; a bowling special sponsored by the bowling alley; turkey shoot, Rod and Gun Club; chicken dinner, Base Chapel; shoe shine, Air Base Squadron; basketball game, NCO and officers' wives; white elephant sale, NCO Wives Club; boxing matches, Personnel Services, and many others.

The United Fund drive at Kingsley was concluded with the Mardi Gras on Friday, Nov. 1. A costume affair, the Mardi Gras featured two dozen booths and a nine-piece dance band from McChord Air Force Base, Wash. One of the featured attractions at the Mardi Gras was a dunking booth where airmen had an opportunity to dunk their supervisors in a tub of water.

During the evening, there were twist and costume contests. The Mardi Gras was climaxed by the crowning of a queen, Cindy Harless, who represented the Arrcraft Maintenance Squadron. Cindy was chosen from a sextet of pretty candidates by a panel of judges consisting of Mayor Robert Veatch; Judge Donald Piper, Klamath County Circuit Court; Klamath County Chamber of

Commerce President James

Stilwell; Joe Sawyer, municipal airport manager, and Bob

Moore, local West Coast Air-

line manager. The Mardi Gras added \$1,438-

49 to the United Fund drive,

pushing the final total well above the \$7,000 goal.



BANNER SCREAMS THE START OF FUND DRIVE — Two Kingsley Field airmen observe a banner that alerted base personnel to the beginning of the United Fund Drive, which ended successfully with the air field surpassing its goal by some 33 per cent. Kingsley Field was to have raised \$7,000 during the month long drive, but through direct donations and the raising of revenues from special projects it collected at total of \$9,298.84.



QUEEN RULES MARDI GRAS — Queen Cindy Harless (seated) reigns over the Mardi Gras with the young ladies of her court, left to right, Jan Ragland, Wanda Soriano, Claire Acker, Audrey Dunning and Virginia Daniels. Miss Harless was named queen by a group of judges composed of local dignitaries.

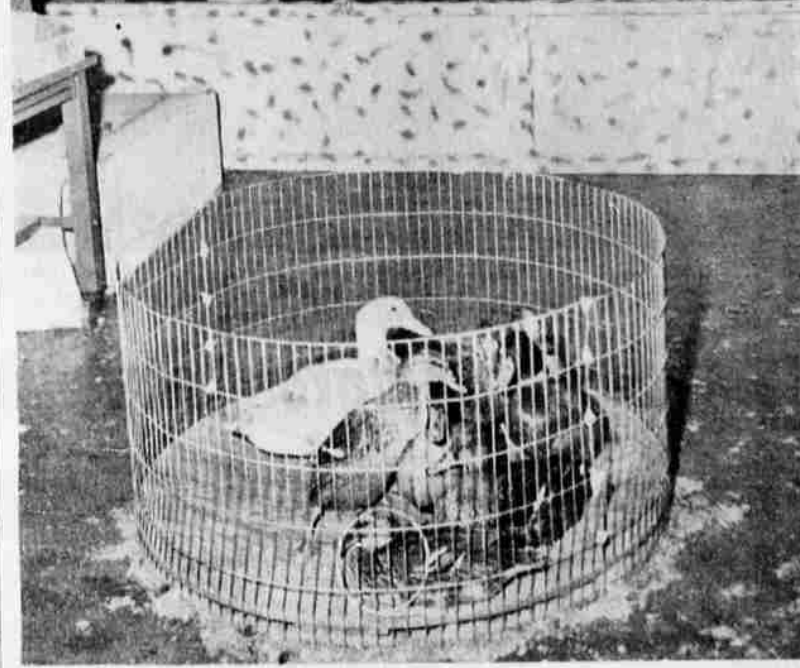


COSTUME WINNER — Chaplain William A. Thorsen passes among a group of spectators in the garb that placed him among the winners in the Mardi Gras costume contest. The winning creation consisted of a reversed pulpit robe, a black hat and a nylon stocking pulled over the chaplain's head.



CHICKEN DINNER ADDS TO DONATIONS — On the serving line of a chicken dinner that netted \$760 to the United Fund are, left to right, Chaplain William A. Thorsen, Col. Edwin J. Witzemberger, A.3.C. Reg-

er E. Fisher and M.Sgt. John W. Boudreau. The dinner was sponsored by the Kingsley Field Chapel.



LASS TESTS AIM AT WARY DUCKS — A young lady tests her skill at casting a loop over the head of a darting duck. The ring-a-duck booth and adjoining refreshment stand was operated by T.Sgt. Harold G. Swift of base supply and netted \$145.68 for the United Fund.



NON COM WIVES CONQUER ON COURT — In a cage skirmish that netted \$42.95 for the national charity, the NCO Wives trounced the Officers' Wives 30-16 at the base gym. The victors are, front row, left to right, Rosy Edmonds, Mary Harlow, Gloria La Porta, Jim Simmons, and Jan Benson. Back row, same order: Pam Hampton, Pat Rennels, Barbara Crawford, Gloria Harder, Jean Pennock and Jean Danford.



SOAP BRINGS OUT A SHINY FINISH — It takes a lot of water to wash 167 cars but the fuels section of the 408th Material Squadron did such a job and collected \$203 for the United Fund while doing so. Circling one of the cars, from left to right, are A.I.C. Donald Dietz,

A.I.C. Doug Johnson; S.M.Sgt. Raymond William; 1st Lt. John S. King; A.2.C. John E. Dornsdien; T.Sgt. Eduardo Cavazos; A.I.C. William Davis and A.2.C. William Woodward.