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Frank Sutera (MDMD-2), a license plate collector, explains his card file system to Karen Rollins (OI). In the upper left hand corner is a license plate made from soybeans. In the middle is a 1914 Illinois license plate which had slits between the figures to allow air to reach the radiator. On the right is a 1911 Missouri license plate. See page 4 for story.

Change of Command At Geodetic Survey

Retirement and change of command ceremonies were held last week at the DMAAC Geodetic Survey Squadron in Cheyenne, Wyo.

Outgoing commander, Lt. Col. O. Holway III was presented the Legion of Merit by DMAAC Director, Col. Walter J. Chappas.

In speaking at the retirement ceremonies, Colonel Chappas said of Colonel Holway, "I know him to be the true leader and manager that he is, but I know him also as being a gentleman in all of his official as well as unofficial activities so we will miss him organizationally and personally."

Lieutenant Colonel Robert Furry of the squadron was designated as the new commander. "He also enjoys an excellent technical background and is known for the leadership and managerial skills," Colonel Chappas told the gathering in Wyoming. "I have complete confidence that he will fulfill the charge I have placed upon him."

Colonel Furry entered the Air Force in 1953 and has seen duty as a pilot instructor, tanker pilot in the KC-97, geodetic survey officer with the old ACGS and later GSS. He also served a tour of duty in Southeast Asia flying the C-123.

Energy Use Reduction Planned

Plans are now being formulated at DMAAC to reduce the amount of energy consumed over the next 12 months. The actions come as a result of the President's Energy Conservation Program which urges Federal Agencies to reduce the energy consumed by 7% over the next 12 month period.

In his instructions the President has recommended reducing levels of air conditioning in office buildings with appropriate relaxation of employee dress standards, using more energy efficient automobiles in Federal agencies, reducing employee business trips, reducing unnecessary lighting and encouraging greater use of carpools and mass transit.

Project officers have been assigned within the Center to formulate plans and take necessary actions to meet the standards.

More information will be forthcoming as plans are completed.

Union Survey Starts Monday

The National Association of Government Employees, NAGE, will begin Monday conducting a campaign at this Center to determine the extent of employee interest in having NAGE represent them for purposes of analyzing

Bloodmobile Location Changed To Annex

The renovation of building 22 at Second Street has caused a relocation of the bloodmobile visit location to South Annex, according to Personnel officials.

The new location for the unit will be in training school room 13 of building 8900-4 at South Annex.

The next visit of the bloodmobile is scheduled for next Friday from 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM. Normal shuttlebus service will be available for Second Street personnel.

The bloodmobile quota for the Center this year is 823 pints. If the quota is met, all the whole blood used by all DMAAC members and

their immediate dependent families will be supplied by the Red Cross with no charge for the blood itself. The only cost involved is a service charge not to exceed \$13.00 per unit. The cost is modest when compared to the normal charge of \$35-60 a unit for blood.

Anyone 18 through 59 years of age may donate, although those under 21 must present a written statement of consent from a parent, guardian or spouse. A physician is always in attendance and each donor is given the necessary physical examination to determine his or her fitness to give blood. There are no diet restrictions prior to donation except avoidance of excess fat. The Red Cross urges donors not to skip meals prior to donation.

The temperature, blood pressure, pulse and medical history plus light refreshments takes about 45 minutes. The actual giving of blood takes only about five minutes of that time. A certificate showing the blood group and Rh factor will be sent to the donor within a two week period after donation.

Bloodmobile visits are planned at the Center on the third Friday of each month.

Give a pint- sized gift.

MAC Commander Visits

personally.”
Regarding the unit Colonel Chappas said, “The Geodetic Survey Squadron is a professional outfit of a long time. It has had a significant mission and over the past several years it has had inspiring leadership combined with the technical competence of its officers and airmen.”

Colonel Holway and his family plan to make Colorado Springs, Colo. their home during retirement.

Southeast Asia flying the C-123. During this period he was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and three Air Medals.

He began his last tour with the Geodetic Survey Squadron in 1970.

A native of Oklahoma, the Colonel now lists Fresno, Calif. as his home area. He holds a master's degree in Geodetic Science from Ohio State University.

Colonel Furry and his wife, Patricia, have two children.

To DMA School Maj. Ramirez

Major Charles Ramirez, Inspector General for DMAAC, departed the Center last month for assignment with the Defense Mapping Agency School at Ft. Belvoir, Va.

Major Ramirez had been with the Center for a number of years in various assignments including tours of duty with the old ACIC 7650th Squadron in Germany.

For his last tour here he came onboard in 1969 as Deputy Inspector General and later became Inspector General.

He holds degrees in Geology from Louisiana State University and masters in education from the University of Southern California.

Major Ramirez has been assigned as acting chief of the Mapping School's Cartography Division.

Commanders To Assemble

A Commanders' Conference and Dining-In are planned for early October at DMAAC it has been announced by Center Director.

The conference is scheduled for October 3, 4 and 5 with a formal Dining-In the evening of the 5th.

All geographically separated units (GSUs) commanders will attend the conference. Invitations to the Dining-In will go to military officers, top NCOs, key civilian employees and selected guests.

Lt. Col. Conley has been named project officer for the conference and Major Bittle and Mr. Platte have been selected as co-project officers for the Dining-In.

Detailed information on the conference and Dining-In will be reported in future issues of the Orienter.

them for purposes of exclusive recognition.

A thirty per cent showing of interest in the unit desired by the union is required before a petition for election can be filed.

The unit desired by the union is DMAAC-wide (2nd Street and South Annex).

Excluded from the proposed unit under the provision of Executive Order 11491, as amended, are employees engaged in Federal personnel work in other than a purely clerical capacity, management officials, supervisors, guards, some confidential secretaries, and most temporary employees. Professional employees and nonprofessional employees may not be combined in the same unit unless a majority of the voting professional employees vote for inclusion in the unit.

Section 1(a) of the President's Executive Order 11491, as amended, provides that all employees have been and are protected in their exercise of the right, freely and without fear of penalty or reprisal, to form, join, assist, or oppose any lawful labor organization.

The campaign began Monday and will last for two months.

Solicitation for membership and/or distribution of literature will be done in non-work time. Representatives of NAGE are available in the dining hall at Second Street and the cafeteria at South Annex as well as the parking lots of both installations.

MAC Commander Visits



General Paul K. Carlton, Commanding General of the Military Airlift Command at Scott AFB, listens as DMAAC Director, Col. Walter J. Chappas points out some of the Arsenal historical buildings. The general visited the Center July 25th for orientation tours and briefings.

Traveling & Fishing Plans of Retirees

GORDON E. STINE retired in June from his position as Chief of the Cartography Department, after 33 years of Federal Service.

Stine was a native of Tyrone, Pennsylvania where he resided until entering the Army in January 1940. His first military assignment was doing photogrammetric mapping with Co. B, 30th Engineer Topographic Battalion at Ft. Belvoir, Va. One of the early projects he worked on was a proposed dam on the Big River (not yet constructed).

He served through World War II with the 660th Engineering Topographic Battalion in England and the 2775th Engineer Topographic Battalion in France producing the maps necessary for the successful invasion of Europe.

After he was discharged, he was employed by the Army Map Service for five years, and the Navy Hydrographic Office for two years in Washington, D. C., before



transferring to DMAAC in March 1953.

Mr. Stine is a member of the American Congress on Surveying and Mapping (ACSM). He is a charter member and helped organize the St. Louis Section, 1953-54. He was a member of the

The retiree expects to be traveling, hunting and fishing for the rest of this year. Also relax if he can find the time.



RUTH DUBBELDE, MDE spent her entire Federal career at DMAAC. She began at the Plant at 12th & Delmar in October 1950 and was assigned to the Photogrammetry Branch as a cartographic photogrammetric aid. She was a cartographer assigned to Missile Support Department at time of retirement.

"Since my retirement was completely unplanned and on the spur of the moment, we have no definite plans," reports Mrs. Dubbelde. "Fish, swim, travel, with Weight Watcher activities, wintering in Florida are current activities and short term plans," she continued.

DEWEY THOMPSON, LOTV, retired with 30-1/2 years service. He started at the St. Louis Medical Depot in November 1942 where he was assigned as a janitor until he entered the U. S. Navy on August 30, 1943. He was a surveyor mate 3d

Bits And Pieces

With the St. Louis Cardinals of the baseball world currently holding down first place in their division I suddenly have been receiving calls from friends I seldom hear from. They just called, so they say, to inquire about my health and welfare and just as an after thought ask if I might have access to World Series tickets. The answers to the questions in order of importance are: NO I don't have access to any World Series tickets and my health and welfare are fine, thank you.

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There is one group of people here at the Center that play an important role in public relations image of DMAAC and they probably don't even know it. I'm speaking of the vehicle drivers. For the visitors who come here the drivers are usually the first person they meet and the last they see, and that first and last impression is mighty important. Based on the compliments that filter back after a visit the drivers are doing a good job. Another image factor that is taken for granted but still remains quite important is the driving courtesy displayed by the men in the blue vehicles as they travel about the thoroughfares of the area. People remember the car and the Federal government and the manners of the drivers. It's something all of us might think about as we drive our own cars. DMAAC employee cars are easily identifiable on the road by the bumper sticker and the manners of the drivers are directly reflective on the image people conject of government employees.

New Look In Supply

A new look and a new voice were added to Captain Dicocco's Supply Division on July 30th when the first Woman of the Air Force (WAF) to be assigned at the DMAAC St. Louis installation signed in.

TSgt. Juanita Backous was assigned to the Stock Control Section of Requisition and Requirements, with supply and equipment items at 8900.

The sergeant is the first female in uniform to be assigned at the old Arsenal since 1943 when a group of WACs were detailed from Jefferson Barracks to 2nd Street for a few months.

Sergeant Backous, originally from South Dakota, has been a WAF for 18 years. Her first assignment duty was at Hamilton Field in California. She now comes to DMAAC after having spent four years of duty in Japan. Other assignments for her have been in Germany and Alabama.



When asked how she feels to be the first and only WAF in the history of ACIC/DMAAC St. Louis, Sergeant Backous stated, "I think I will enjoy it. It's the first time that I have been stationed someplace that isn't a regular base. But I will like it. It will be a nice change, especially since I don't have to live in the barracks."

Pesticide Safety

by Robert L. Kelley, Pest Controller

Some common household uses of pesticides include ridding homes of insects and/or rodents, defleaing or delousing pets, destroying garden pests. Thousands of pesticides are sold though retail outlets for use in the home environment and garden areas. These chemicals, when properly used, can maintain and improve our standard of living. On the other hand, pesticides can present a hazard to people, pets, wildlife and desirable plant species if they are not used in accordance with the appropriate recommendations. Some safety practices to consider are:

General:

a. Read the label each time the pesticide is used and follow the stated instructions. Label usually

around areas for livestock or pets.

d. When using inflammable chemicals be especially careful to avoid the fire hazards caused by smoking, defective wiring, and open flames.

e. In applying pesticides to food plants:

(1) Use the proper dosage recommended for the purpose.

(2) Allow the full recommended time between applying the pesticide and harvesting the fruit to avoid having a harmful amount of pesticide remaining on food to be eaten. Do not plant food crops near ornamental plants which are to be

organize the St. Louis Section, ACSM. He has been a National Director (Chairman of the Cartography Division ACSM), Chairman of the St. Louis Section and has been chairman for a number of many national and local committees.

He has represented the United States and given papers at numerous international meetings of the International Cartographic Association (ICA). He was the principal U. S. delegate to the ICA meetings in London and Edinburgh and has been the U. S. representative to Commission III, Automation in Cartography, since its inception. At the Sixth International Cartographic Conference in Montreal in August 1972, he was elected Chairman of Commission III, Automation in Cartography. A major effort of Commission III has just been published; this is **Automation Terms in Cartography**. His wife, Vera, will accompany him to Budapest, Hungary for a working meeting of Commission III in August of this year.

He is also a member of the American Society of Photogrammetry (ASP), and has held many positions including Chairman of the St. Louis Region.

He is currently the Assistant Director of the ACSM/ASP National Convention to be held at the Chase Park Plaza Hotel in March 1974.

entered the U. S. Navy on August 20, 1943. He was a gunners mate 2d class when discharged December 24, 1945. He was reemployed at the Medical Depot and remained until March 1955. He transferred to the St. Louis Area Support Center, and later the Military Records Center prior to transferring to DMAAC in May 1958. He was assigned to the Motor Pool and was an automotive mechanic at time of retirement.

"Plan to retire and spend time with wife and family," replied Mr. Thompson when queried on his retirement plans.

In Sympathy

Michael W. Breitzman, MD-CO, was killed August 1, when the motorcycle he was driving was struck by a car as he was enroute home from work.

Police said Breitzman was stopped for traffic in the 8400 block of Page avenue preparing to make a left turn when a car struck the motorcycle from the rear.

Michael Breitzman had been employed by the Center since 1966 as a cartographer.

He is survived by his wife and four children.



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Tornado Victim Aided By MD

Mr. Allen C. Gunn, Chief of Topography Division, presented a check for \$186, representing contributions from employees of Missile Support Department, to Mr. William F. Fischer, MDMA. Mr. Fischer's home in Mehlville sustained major damage when a tornado touched down this past spring. He stated that the check would be used to replace some household items that were totally destroyed. In expressing his gratitude Fischer added, "My wife and I wish to express our thanks and appreciation to Missile Support Department for this generosity."

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pesticide is used and follow the stated instructions label exactly.

b. Keep the pesticide in a plainly labelled container, preferably the one in which it was purchased. Never transfer pesticides to unlabelled or mislabelled containers.

Before Application:

a. When handling, mixing or applying pesticides, avoid inhaling dust and fumes and avoid getting materials on the skin.

b. When directed by the label, wear protective clothing, such as rubber gloves, aprons, etc.

c. Check the label of the product before using, so that you know what to do quickly if there is an accident. If clothing or skin becomes contaminated, wash the skin and change to clean clothing. If the slightest illness appears, call a doctor or get the patient to a hospital immediately.

d. The very few people who suspect they may have a special sensitivity to pesticides should consult an allergist, and, if necessary, take steps to avoid any exposure to the offending agent.

During Application:

a. If indoors, work in a well ventilated area to avoid inhalation of fumes.

b. If outdoors, do not spray into the wind.

c. Cover food and water containers when using pesticides

ornamental plants which are to be sprayed.

After Application:

a. Get rid of used pesticide containers in a way that will not leave the package of leftover contents as a hazard to people (particularly children) or to animals.

b. Wash hands thoroughly after using pesticides and before eating or smoking.

Pesticides should be stored in a locked cabinet or storage area, and out of the reach of children, pets, and to people who might not be able to understand their danger. The chemicals should never be placed in empty food or drink containers of any kind.

Upward Bound Group Tours

The geography class of the Upward Bound Program sponsored by Central College, Pella, Iowa, toured the Center last month. DMAAC was one of several industries in the St. Louis area visited by the Upward Bound group on July 26 and 27. The Upward Bound program is designed to give high school seniors an opportunity to learn more about job opportunities and academic requirements through personal contact.

30 Year Roster Grows

Names of the following were among those inscribed on the "30 year" roster during July and early August.

WILLIAM J. KRISTEN'S, ADL, first Federal job was in 1941 with the Office of Dependency Benefits in Newark, N. J. He then entered the Army Air Corps and was commissioned thru the Aviation Cadet program in 1943. He was shot down during WW II on his 13th combat mission and was a prisoner of war for 4 months after which he

assigned as a photographer gunner to a light bombardment group at Bowman Field. He then received low altitude bombing training and was stationed at Galveston, Texas for anti-submarine patrol in the Gulf of Mexico.

As a flying staff sergeant he was assigned to the 157th Liaison Sqdn., 3rd Air Commando Gp, 5th Air Force and saw duty in New Guinea, the Philippines and Okinawa. He was enroute home from Okinawa when the Japanese

1940 and was assigned to the 41st Engineers at Fort Bragg, N. C. He was transferred to the 93d Engineer General Service Regiment and in April 1942 his overseas tours began in Canada, then Alaska and the Aleutians as a construction foreman sergeant. He was discharged September 18, 1945 but did not resume his Federal career until August 1948 when he entered on duty at the Chart Plant. He was assigned to the Distribution Division as a laborer and the



Kristen



Fitzpatrick



Ten Broek



Sewell

escaped. He spent 3 years in occupation of Germany and flew over 100 sorties into and out of Berlin in C-47s and C-54s. On his return to the U. S. in 1949 he joined SAC. He flew RB45Cs in 1950, crossed the Atlantic by jet in 1951, crossed the Pacific non-stop by jet in 1952 in 9 hrs., 45 minutes from Anchorage, Alaska to Yokota AB, Japan. He flew 35 different photo reconnaissance combat missions in Korea and identified and photographed the first Mig 19s in the Soviet Air Force. After 10 years on aircrew duty in SAC with the last 3 as a professional instructor pilot in RB45Es at Forbes AFB, Kans., he returned to an old career field in logistics and was Director of supply for the 40th Bomb Wing and the acting 21st Air Division Director of Materiel until

surrender was signed, receiving his discharge on October 11, 1945.

He did not resume his Federal career until Aug. 2, 1948 when he came to work at the Chart Plant. He has been in photographic work since that time having been assigned to the old Reproduction Division, Photogrammetry Division and finally promoted to present job as Chief, Reproduction Services, Missile Support Department.

"My 25 years at DMAAC have covered many interesting and challenging situations and it does not really seem like 25 years have passed by. I hope to be around a little while longer, but intend to play the 'retirement bit' strictly by ear," said Mr. Ten Broek.

LEROY M. SEWELL, MDDE, began his Federal career here at

following year became a warehouseman in the packing branch. He was reassigned to the Transportation Division as a packer and is presently assigned as an identification and conditioner verifier.

FRANCIS J. SIERAWSKI, ADDS, joined the U. S. Navy in September 1942 and served aboard the U. S. S. Barrow with duty in the Pacific Theater. He was discharged in December 1945 and resumed his Federal career three months later at the Veterans Administration Regional Office as a mail room clerk. Two years later he transferred to the Army Finance Center where he was supervisor of the filing section at time of their move to Indianapolis. Since his transfer to DMAAC in April 1952 he has been assigned to the Aeronautical Information Department where he is presently

Mosquito Fighting Aided By FIO-LA

Four U. S. Air Force reservists from Ohio have been waging a fight against the adult mosquito population in the Canal Zone and thus preventing a potential serious health problem. Cartographic products issued by the DMAAC Flight Information Office—Latin America, Howard AFB, were used to support the planning and operation phases of the mission.

Flying an Air Force Reserve C-123K Provider aircraft stationed at Howard AFB, C. Z., the reservists sprayed Malathion insecticide over approximately 37,920 acre areas of the zone for mosquitoes which might have carried Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) or other forms of encephalitis virus.

Spray operations were conducted during July.

In early July, the Middle American Research Unit headquartered in the C. Z., reported the isolation of EEE virus from the brain of a horse stabled near Tocumen Airport. Also, it was noted that several other horses in the area have died with clinical symptoms of the disease.

EEE is a viral disease which affects the central nervous system of man and horses. Birds and small mammals appear to be primary victims with man and horses only occasionally affected. Transmission of the disease is primarily by the bite of infected mosquitoes.

Surveys indicate that the mosquito count was down by 90 per cent after the USAFR spraying operations.

DMA Director Praises Flood Fight

In a letter to Col. Walter J. Chappas, DMAAC Director, General Penney, DMA Director, praised the Center for its actions during the spring flooding. The letter read:

"We at headquarters DMA were keenly aware that during late March and early April 1973, flood waters of the Mississippi River attained a record level and came within inches of entering buildings of the DMAAC South Annex.

"Had the threatened area been inundated, the serious disruption of support to the military services and costs of repair of facilities, equipment and material would have been consequences we cannot afford.

"The timely and well-conceived actions you initiated prevented the inundation. I am aware that many of your people, supported by people from Scott Air Force Base, Chanute Air Force Base, the Air National Guard, the Corps of Engineers, the St. Louis Fire Department and the Metropolitan Sewer District participated in an around-the-clock flood fight to hold





Roberts



Sierawski



Price

retirement in June 1963. He then joined DMAAC as an Aeronautical Information Specialist where his present duties are as chief of the DoD Air Facilities Library and DMAAC instructor at the Defense Intelligence School.

GARRISON FITZPATRICK, LOTP, entered the U. S. Army in November 1942 and served in the European African, Middle Eastern Theater. Upon receiving his discharge, in December 1945 he went to the Veterans Hospital, Jefferson Barracks as an orderly. He then transferred to the U. S. PHS Hospital, Kirkwood where he worked as a nursing attendant until August 1952 when he joined DMAAC. He was assigned to Distribution Division as a warehouseman, packer, then packing leader. He is presently assigned as a working leader (packer), in the Preservation Packing & Packaging Branch.

BAARENT TEN BROEK IV, MDR, entered the Federal service by enlisting in the Army Air Corps in October 1940. He attended photography school and was

the Foot of Arsenal Street in June 1941 with the Corps of Engineers (CE) as a rodman and chairman on survey parties. He enlisted in the Navy Seabees in December 1942 and was called to active duty the following April. His overseas duty included 16 months with the 54th and 91st Construction Battalions as a surveyor on road and building construction in the Pacific Theater — New Guinea, Philippines and Guam. After his discharge from the Navy in February 1946 he returned to the CE but left again that fall to attend college. Two years later he returned to CE Survey Office as an instrument man and Survey Party Chief and remained with them until April 1951 when he transferred to the Chart Plant at 12th & Delmar. He was assigned to the Photogrammetry Branch until the latter part of 1958 when he was reassigned to the Missile Department where he is presently chief of the Data Evaluation Branch of the Positional Data Division.

JAMES E. ROBERTS, LOTP, enlisted in the Army on August 19,

Department where he is presently an Aeronautical Information Specialist.

"Thank God for the U. S. Government; it's been a good 30 years," said Mr. Sierawski.

ALLAN E. PRICE, CDCB, began his Federal service with the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) in March 1942 compiling topographic maps to be used prior to the construction of dams along the Tennessee River watershed. He entered military service and spent over 3 years with the 67th Eng Co. during WW II stationed throughout the South Pacific area. After his discharge in December 1945 he returned to TVA and stayed until the spring of '48. He spent nearly 14 years with the U. S. Geological Survey, almost all of it at Rolla, Mo. assigned to the office doing photogrammetric compilation work mixed with a few surveying trips to several parts of the region. He transferred to DMAAC in January 1963 and most of his service has been teaching photogrammetry, with periods with the Lunar control section and various compilation units.

around-the-clock flood fight to hold off the river. Having been in flood fights myself I know that the fact that many of these people sacrificed free time voluntarily to participate in this work is a good indication of the high morale of your organization and the supporting units and of the dedication and selflessness of these people.

"Please accept and convey my commendation and sincere appreciation to all who took part in this outstanding accomplishment."

Communications Award

The 1918th Communications Squadron Detachment One located at DMAAC recently was the recipient of a certificate of excellence from the Defense Communications Agency.

The certificate was presented for maintaining a tributary message error rate of one percent or less for twelve consecutive months. The period of the award was from April 1, 1972 to March 31, 1973.

DMAAC Director, Col. Walter J.



Maj. Richard O. Montgomery, on-scene commander, points out an area for spraying to Lt. Col. Leonard W. Trager, USAF medical entomologist, at the Howard AFB, C. Z., command post.

Chappas, in a letter to the Detachment said, "The achievement of this tributary message error rate . . . is most creditable and certainly is directly reflective on the overall mission of the Aerospace Center which you service. The professional manner in which your people have handled the Center's message traffic has played an important role in supplying DoD elements worldwide with critical MC&G data."

Take Stock In America--Buy Savings Bonds

We Asked Them . . .

"What do you think about the latest in mod fashions, such as platform shoes, wide leg pants, and bra-less tops?

And They Answered. . .



"They are nice, but sometimes a little far out. The halters are kind of far out, but I can go for it."

**--Robert Joiner
PEW**



"I think they're really together, but they aren't for everyone. People should know how to walk in the shoes or they may trip or something. The halters would look better if the women would wear the halter bras with them. I really like the fashions because I have a lot of them."

**--Betty Blue
AAAR**



"I think they are very nice and fancy for the young group. The fashions make them look nice, cool, calm and collected. I don't go for the bra-less tops, because women should be dressed in modest apparel. It's fine for the beach, but not for regular dress."

**--Albert Clay
LOSM**



"I like the mod fashions. People wear what makes them feel comfortable and what they like. I like the bra-less tops. The platform shoes look good with the wide leg pants."

**--Susan Burkett
AAAR**



"I think they're neat. So far what I've seen, such as the halters, I really go for. I'm right with it when it comes to doing your thing. People buy and wear what they want to please themselves."

**--Benny Barbee
Security Guard, 8900**



"Everybody wears what suits them best. If it looks

Greetings From A License Plate Collector!

by Karen Rollins, Summer Aid 01

"When your present license plate expires, I'd like to add it to my collection. I collect all types, all years and from all states, provinces and countries. If you know of any older ones, drop me a line and I'll send postage to cover mailing costs. Thanks for helping my hobby; can I help you?"

You've probably seen this advertisement posted on bulletin boards around DMAAC. Or maybe you've found one attached to your windshield. How many of you have actually cooperated and sent your license plate to this man?

Frank Sutera (MDMD-2) enjoys collecting expired license plates as his hobby. He finds this hobby "interesting, very unique and educational." Mr. Sutera has been collecting license plates since he was very young. He became interested in old plates from seeing expired plates that belonged to his father. While in high school Mr. Sutera would collect odds and ends of plates. After entering college he "hit the junk yards" in search for old plates on wrecked cars.

Born and raised in New York, Mr. Sutera came to St. Louis four years ago. Since that time he has collected some 2500 license plates. Included in his collection are some very rare and interesting plates. For example, Mr. Sutera has in his collection a 1911 license plate, one of the first plates used in Missouri. Prior to 1911 individual cities, such as St. Louis, Kansas City and Springfield, had their own license plates. Mr. Sutera has one plate of this kind for St. Louis which was dated 1909. Also included in his collection is a 1914 Illinois license plate that covered the front of automobiles, which had slits between the figures to allow air to reach the radiator. Most unique and rare in his collection is a 1948 Illinois license plate made from soybeans. Mr. Sutera said, "In my

Mr. Sutera is a member of two license collection clubs, the Arizona License Plate Club (ALPC) and the Auto License Plates Collector's Association (ALPCA). The latter has a membership of 1400. Newsletters are sent to its members bi-monthly. Correspondence between license collectors for certain types of plates are included in these newsletters. Each year the club holds an annual convention. The convention was recently held in Ottawa, Canada. Next year it will be held in Enid, Oklahoma. The slogan for the club is "Keep the tin rolling in!"

Mr. Sutera utilizes the newsletters of the ALPCA for acquiring plates as well as the advertisement above.

At present Mr. Sutera is trying to increase his collection of plates for the state of Missouri, including those that had the yearly stickers attached. He is also looking for plates with the numbers 1018.

As future plans Mr. Sutera wants to increase his collection by acquiring plates from all states with as many different years as possible. He and six ALPCA members in this area are making plans to start a regional club here.

The next time your license plate expires, don't throw it away, leave it lying around to collect dust, or let the children play with it, be an expired license plate donor. Remember, he who helps others may be helped in return.





Everybody wears what suits them best. If it looks good on you, then to each his own. I don't care for the bra-less tops."

--O. Davis
R.N., 8900



"Being young, I like the styles they have now. Although the older people don't like them, I think they're far out! I try to keep up with the styles. I like the platform and wedge heel shoes. The bell-bottomed pants with the halter tops are the in thing this year, whereas last year it was the hot pants."

--Jeanette Morris
LOSAR

Officers On Way to Pennant

by a Partisan Fan

The DMAAC Officers toyed with the NCOs Friday, July 27th as they took another slow-pitch softball victory 8 to 6.

Led by the over-the-hill trio of Allison, Goldacker and Keehr and the almost over-the-hill Conley, the officers exhibited a strong hitting attack along with superb defense.

The catch of the day was made by Captain Keenan for the final out of the game. Playing the short centerfield position, Keenan raced to his left and snatched the ball six inches from the ground, a feat which brought the vast crowd to their feet.

The NCOs managed to silence the bat of Big Frank Emmerich, but new arrival Goldacker picked up the slack with a home-run,

triple and single.

There is no doubt that the score would have been worse had it not been for the navigational error on a routine fly ball hit to Grotz in center field.

The only bright spot on the NCO team was another over-the-hill fellow by the name of MSgt. Bert. His spirit, hitting and fielding truly qualified him for a position on the hustling Officers' team.

Overall, it was a fine victory for the Officers with the NCOs going back to the drawing board licking their wounds and reconnoitering their finances. This was the second straight victory for the Officers over the NCOs.

Will it be the DMAAC Rebels next?

soybeans. Mr. Sutera said, "In my opinion they (soybean plates) are more endurable." The oldest plate that Mr. Sutera has is a 1908 plate from the state of Massachusetts.

Mr. Sutera has some of his plates on display on the wall in his basement, covering an area of 24 feet long and 7 feet high. The others are kept in cantelope crates. These plates, placed in regular envelopes for license plates, are arranged in chronological order by state.

"The boxes are heavy to move," stated Mr. Sutera after having moved twice since his collection has grown.

In order to keep a record of what plates he has, Mr. Sutera has set up a file system. He places the plates on 4' x 6' board, takes polaroid shots of the board, cuts out each individual plate and attaches the picture to a 3" x 5" index card. Information concerning the year of the plate, the state, and the number are contained on the card. There are three different colored cards used in his file system. For example, the white cards mean that the plate is a used one, and the pink cards mean that it is a non-passenger plate.

"If I'm upstairs I can look at my file and know exactly what I have without having to go downstairs." Mr. Sutera also finds his file handy when traveling. "While traveling I have my entire collection with me in my file."

Frank Sutera is shown with a portion of his plate collection.

Airman of Quarter

SSgt. Edward R. Cortes of Operating Location P, 1814 Communications Squadron, has been selected as St. Louis AFS Airman of the Quarter.

In the nomination letter Sergeant Cortes was praised for his demonstrated qualities as a technician and manager during his assignment with the 1814th. He is responsible for the installation, maintenance and repair of all specialized equipment located at the communication centers. "The operations of these communication centers has been considerably enhanced as his equipment has operated with 100 percent efficiency," added the citation.

The sergeant was presented with a \$50 U. S. Savings Bond by DMAAC Director in ceremonies last month.



SSgt Cortes

Who Will Be

Ms. FPW For 1973?