

Snowtime Fun...



After days and days of snow what else is more appropriate than building a snowman? Two cold weather enthusiasts from the DMAAC secretarial force were captured on film during a recent lunch hour outside Building 25 as they built a "visitor control" snowman near the front gate of 2nd Street installation. Putting the finishing touches on their masterpiece are: Nancy "What do you do for frostbite?" Gresham and Mary "Keep talking to stay warm" Abernathy.

Three From Center To Present Papers At National ASP/ACSM Convention

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Kansas City Field Office Responsibilities Reassigned to Aerospace Center

Vice Admiral Shannon D. Cramer, Jr., USN, Director of the Defense Mapping Agency, has announced the transfer of control of the Agency's Kansas City Field Office from the DMA Topographic Center, to the DMA Aerospace Center. The transfer function is not anticipated to have any adverse personnel impact since the change is designed to primarily provide closer operational control over field functions supporting the Aerospace Center.

Previously DMA, which provides mapping, charting and geodesy support to the U.S. Armed Forces and the U.S. Merchant Marines, had been engaged in a study on the possibility of closing one or more of its four field offices. During the course of that study, increased work assignment to the Aerospace Center resulted in the decision to keep the field offices and to transfer control of one of them to the St. Louis Center.

Choice of the Kansas City Office

for transfer to the Aerospace Center under Colonel James H. St. Clair, USAF, was made on the basis of its technical equipment capabilities and proximity to the Center which has approximately 3,300 personnel. The Kansas City Office has about 200 personnel.

The Topographic Center, under Colonel William R. Cordova, USA, will continue to direct the activities of the other DMA Field Offices in Louisville, KY; San Antonio, TX; and Providence, RI.

Capacity Crowd Attends National Prayer Breakfast

More than 300 persons attended the National Prayer Breakfast held at the Aerospace Center dining hall January 27.

The well organized event included a sit down breakfast and half hour special program. Special introductory remarks were presented by Center Director, Col.

Jefferson Barracks Veterans Hospital offered a prayer for our national leaders and Bob Perlman of DMAAC presented the benediction.

DMAAC Deputy Director, Col. Robert Burns, served as master of ceremonies.



Gene Knight conducts the DMAAC choral group in one of

According to the advance program of the 1977 National ASP/ACSM Convention, three members of the Aerospace Center work force have been selected to present papers.

Dr. Gerald Elphinstone will present a paper on, "Integrated Photogrammetric Instrument Network"; Francis Mirkay's paper will be titled, "Automation of Cartographic Compilation/Revision and Color Separation at DMAAC"; and Ladorn Creighton is scheduled to present a paper on, "An Approach for Estimating the Vertical Accuracy of Digital Terrain Data in Matrix Form."

The convention is scheduled for the week of February 27 through March 5 at the Washington Hilton

in Washington, D.C.

Other DMA personnel scheduled to present papers are: Gilbert Williams, Marvin Marchant and Sandra Todd of DMATC on the subject of Map Production System Model—An Application; Bruce Opitz of DMAHC on Distributive Processing Applied to Cartographic Systems; John Bray DMATC on Problems in Establishing the Difference in Height Between Tide Gauges Along the South American Pacific Coast; James Hammack of DMAHC on a subject yet to be announced; Bob King of DMATC on Map Accuracy Evaluation by Photogrammetry; and James Walker of DMATC on Transformation of Doppler Geodetic Point Position to the Local Datum.

Nine Complete Degree In On-base Program

Nine Center employees have recently completed their requirements for a BA degree in on-base courses offered by Tarkio College.

The nine are: James Dolan, ACNNA; David Fahey, SDRT; Frank Finklang, ADPP; M. Charlene Gill, PPGD; Charles Lee, GDCCD; John Mays, ADFCC; Calvin Morgan, ACCDA; Kenneth Swehla, SDCOB; and Phyllis Watt, GDDABJ.

This diversified class started out

a year ago as a group of individuals, who for a variety of reasons had their college education interrupted, but always wished they had completed. The senior member of the class started college in 1943.

All soon learned that one can adjust one's personal routine to include two evenings a week to the classroom and get used to always carrying a book to study, if you really want an education.

The courses were provided at the Center's South Annex.

presented by Center Director, Col. James H. St. Clair. The invocation was presented by Reverend Floyd Morris of DMAAC. Scripture readings were done by Maurice Yahl also of the Center.

Special recordings from Senator Charles Percy and Representative Marjorie Holt on the meaning of National Prayer Breakfast were played and musical selections by the DMAAC choir, under the direction of Gene Knight, included, "If My People Will Pray" and "Precious Lord Take My Hand."

Chaplain Roger Braaten of the



A part of the more than 300 DMAAC personnel who attended the National Prayer Breakfast held January 27 in the 2nd Street Dining Hall. Volunteer waiters and waitresses served the sit down breakfast in a quick and orderly fashion.

In his opening remarks Colonel St. Clair said, "Freedom of people to worship as they choose is part of the very essence of this country's strength and we are gathered here today to reaffirm that pillar in the national foundation. The prayers of individuals, like you, representing all faiths, collectively uttered, have borne this nation through some of its most perilous times.

"Let us today, each in his or her own way, pledge our support of the principals which make this, '... one Nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.'"

DMAAC choral group in one of two renderings during the National Prayer Breakfast. The non-sectarian services were arranged by a committee chaired by Deputy Director, Col. Robert Burns, and including Floyd Morris, Maurice Yahl and Bob Perlman.

Metric Manual Available

McDonnell Douglas has announced the sale of a new Metric Manual, prepared and published to instruct its personnel in converting to the metric-based International System of Units.

The 41-page manual provides in a compact format complete information to enable an individual to apply the new measurement system in any job or profession.

It describes the units and prefixes on the International System of Units, derived units to be used for aerospace products, style practices, rules for conversion and rounding, and drawing practices.

Cost of the manual is \$5 apiece for a minimum order of five copies. Quantity discount is available after five copies. Copies or information can be obtained by contacting M.A. McCormick, Corporate Engineering and Research, McDonnell Douglas, P.O. Box 516, St. Louis, MO 63166.

Welfare Council Elects 1977 Officers



The DMAAC Civilian Welfare Council met on January 18, 1977 and elected Thomas P. Berra (GDGW) as Chairman and Nancy J. Seemiller (FE) as Recorder for 1977.

The complete roster of Council members and alternates is:

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| <p>Area 1
(D, AA, CO, PA, PR, PP, SOS, OC)
To be elected</p> | <p>Alt. Jimmy W. Boyd, ACMBA, 4131
Frank W. Sutera, ACMDA, 4066
Alt. Sharon L. Soliz, ACIBA, 4514</p> |
| <p>Area 2
(POS, CM, SOC)
Judith M. Fizer, CMDD 4906
Alt. Edmund J. Kaczmariski,
CMDP 4956</p> | <p>Area 6
(PO, LO and FE - 8900, DFSC, DIS)
Joan S. Langevin, LOSIA, 8170
Anne L. Konecny, POX, 4621</p> |
| <p>Area 3
(LO and FE - 2nd St.)
Nancy J. Seemiller, FE 4445
Alt. Robert L. Foster, FEPC, 4072</p> | <p>Area 7a/7b (SD)
Paulette F. Martin, SDRA, 4181
Alt. Rudy M. Aguilar, SDDAD,
4083
Warren J. Bless, SDDAC 4083</p> |
| <p>Area 4a/4b (AD)
John M. Rau, ADFC-3, 8213
Alt. Patricia A. Ketzner, ADPA,
8327</p> | <p>Area 8 (PD)
Dorothie F. Lewis, PDF, 8177
Alt. Ernest M. Schaefer, PDA,</p> |

Bits And Pieces

From the Black Book:

It has been almost too cold to type and according to the weatherman there doesn't seem to be any relief in sight. (Now watch the weather get warm when this paper comes out). The snow has been on the ground for so long I'm surprised some enterprising soul hasn't started a kitty for the one guessing the time when all the snow is gone.

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Speaking of the snow . . . had you noticed how the talk had centered around going to Florida until Miami had its first snowfall in 100 years? . . . and how the "seasoned" St. Louis drivers act like they're ready to take on the North Pole? "skid into" might be a better phrase . . . and how Sergeant Wayman up in AA is trying to snow me with a story about bowling 713?

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Our congratulations to those who organized and assisted with the National Prayer Breakfast held recently at the Center. From start to finish the event was good as was evident from the comments of some of the 300 people who attended. While we're handing out tips of the Black hat, a big tip goes to the people who have been working on the Center snow removal crews. They've done an excellent job keeping things clear.

dlb . . .

Ugh!
Smell
That **GAS!**

Natural gas can kill! It is

Reduction In Senior-Level Positions In DoD Announced

More than 3,000 senior-level military and civilian positions in the Department of Defense (DOD) are scheduled for reduction by the end of fiscal year 1978.

According to a DoD announcement, the senior-level reductions will include positions occupied by colonels and Navy captains (0-6) and above, and civilian grades of GS-13 through GS-18. This is DoD's continuing effort to achieve as lean a top management structure as possible.

The new authorizations for the end of fiscal year 1978 are 1,141 for general and flag officers, and 11,626 for colonels. These latest reductions are in addition to other substantial reductions in senior military grades since the U.S. withdrawal from Vietnam in 1973.

Air Force reductions through

fiscal year 1978 will be 13 general officer positions and 202 colonels. The number of civilian cuts has not been broken out by specific military departments at this time.

DoD will reduce the number of civilians in grades GS-13 through GS-18 by 2,601 by the end of fiscal year 1978, including a reduction of 50 in the number of supergrade positions (GS-16 and above). The new levels for end of fiscal year 1978 in positions actually filled will be 55,000 in the grades of GS-13 through 15, and 1,122 in the grades GS-16 through 18.

The method of accomplishing the civilian reduction will be determined by individual departments and defense agencies. Where possible, reductions will be accomplished through normal attrition.

Williams New S&T Director



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Calendar of Events

FEBRUARY	EVENT	WHERE	INFO
8	FBA Lunch & Meeting	Carpenters Hall	D. Black/4142
8	BAG Meeting	Voyager Restaurant	J. Jones/4540
10	DMAAC Women's Club	Sunset 44	Mrs. G. Strebeck/ 892-8908
17	FEW Meeting	Dining Hall	E. Sinnwell/4783
18	Bloodmobile	2nd & Arsenal South Annex	D. James/8364
18	AFA Dinner Meeting	Rodeway Inn	S. Popp/8409
21	HOLIDAY - Washington's Birthday		
24	AGU Meeting	Dining Hall	C. Beierle/4203
27- 5MAR	ASP/ACSM Convention	Washington-Hilton Hotel Washington, D.C.	

MARCH

5 Assn. of Litho Clubs Salad Bowl L. Held/4846
Contact Marge Wisneski/4142, to have your March events listed.

Natural gas can kill! It is odorless in its natural state. The gas companies add a disagreeable smell as a means of alerting people in case any gas should escape.

Gas leakage may occur from faulty lines inside or outside the home, or from gas mains. Such leakage can cause asphyxiation or an explosion or both.

If you ever smell gas—even if it isn't in your own home—take these precautions:

1. Call your gas company.
2. If the odor is very strong and you are indoors open the windows and doors to ventilate. Go outside. Call from a neighbor's house.
3. Do not turn any electrical switches on or off.
4. Do not light matches, smoke cigarettes or create any source of combustion.

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Col. James H. St. Clair
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Vice Admiral Shannon D. Cramer, Jr., Director of the Defense Mapping Agency, congratulates Owen W. "Obie" Williams on his appointment as Deputy Director for Systems and Techniques. Williams served as Assistant Deputy Director, Plans, Requirements, and Technology until the new directorate was established recently at the headquarters. He has been with DMA since September 1972.

Human Relations—the Basic 10

1. Speak to people. There's nothing as nice as a cheerful word of greeting.
2. Smile at people. It takes 72 muscles to frown and only 14 to smile.
3. Call people by name. The sweetest music to anyone's ears is the sound of his own name.
4. Be friendly and helpful. If you would have friends, be friendly.
5. Be cordial. Speak and act as if everything you did were a genuine pleasure.
6. Be genuinely interested in people. You can learn to like everybody if you try.
7. Be generous with praise—cautious with criticism.
8. Be considerate with the feelings of others. It will be appreciated.
9. Be thoughtful of the opinions of others. There are three sides to any controversy—yours, the other fellow's, and the right one.
10. Be alert to give service. What counts most in life is what we do for others.

Four Look Back Over 30 Years

ROBERT J. ZIMMER'S, PDT, Federal service began with the military in October 1945. He served with the 20th Inf Regiment, 6th Inf. Div in the Pacific and was discharged in May 1946.

He returned to Federal service when he joined ACIC in July 1947. His first assignment was as a cartographic draftsman and later



Zimmer



Scates



Bathe



Purschke

promoted to a cartographic draftsman supervisor in the Cartographic Branch on 12th Street. In 1954 all carto draftsman positions were converted to negative engraver and he became a negative engraver foreman in the Cartography Division.

As a result of reorganizations, he was reassigned to the Photogrammetry Division in 1957, the Missile Support Division in 1964, and back to the Cartography Division in 1969. Several months later he was promoted to a lithographic specialist in the

By Philip R. Smith, Jr.

In addition to the beautiful Lincoln Memorial, there is another memorial to Abraham Lincoln in Washington, D.C.—Ford's Theater.

It was there that Lincoln was assassinated, but more importantly it was

Printing and Distribution Department where he is presently assigned to the Technical Development Office.

JAMES H. SCATES, LOTD, also reached the 30 year mark in December. He worked at the St. Louis Ordnance Depot prior to his induction in the Army Air Corps in 1943. He served for three years

during WWII with the Air Corps and the Engineers. He was working at the St. Louis Administration Center as a vehicle operator when he was recalled to service during the Korean War.

Upon completion of his assignment he entered on duty at DMAAC in 1952 and was assigned to Roads and Grounds, as a laborer. He was transferred to Materials Destruction Branch where he is presently assigned as Material Destruction Equipment Operator.

JOHN G. BATHE'S, GD, an-

niversary date is New Year's Day. He entered the Army Air Corps in April 1943 and was commissioned thru the aviation cadet program in February 1944. He served in the European Theater of Operations receiving his discharge in November 1945 as a Captain.

He graduated from St. Louis University with a BS in Geophysics in June 1949 and joined DMAAC on August 3rd. He was assigned to the Photogrammetry Division until July 1958 when he was reassigned to the Missile Support Division. He served in various positions and was Assistant Chief when he was named Chief, Cartography Department in August 1973.

In the reorganization he became Chief, Geopositional Department.

WALTER J. PURSCHKE, ACDN, reached the 30 year mark on January 11. Although he worked at the Post Office as a temporary clerk, his Federal career actually began with the Office of Housing Expediter, Rent Control Office as an administrative aide.

He came to DMAAC in April 1950 and was assigned as a supply clerk in the Cartography Division. The following January he was reassigned to the position of carto draftsman. The position was converted to negative engraver, his present assignment.

LINCOLN'S

Other Memorial

Magnetic Storms Study Underway

The Air Force Geophysics Laboratory is building a seven-station network to study the impact of magnetic storms on military systems.

"These storms, caused by solar particles reaching the Earth's magnetic field, can persist for days at a time," explained Dr. John McClay of the laboratory's space physics division. "Because such storms can disrupt communications and radar, as well as affect ballistic missile and satellite trajectories, we are using this magnetometer network to learn more about them and hopefully to reduce their impact."

Five stations are in operation: Newport, Wash.; Rapid City, S.D.; Camp Douglas, WI; Mount Clemens, MI; and Sudbury, MA, along a line of 55 degrees North corrected geomagnetic latitude.

Additional sites are being constructed in Lompoc, CA, and Tampa, FL, along a line of 40 degrees North corrected latitude.

Alcohol A Problem?

Dial 8255

John Wilkes Booth, himself an actor, was able to predict which plays Lincoln would attend. The fatal performance was *Our American Cousin*, a comedy of which Lincoln was very fond. Stephen Vincent Benet described what happened on that

OF
**GROG
PUNCH &
JUICE!**

In military jargon, alcohol has gone by various names down through the years, such as grog during the American Revolution, punch during the Civil War, French 75 during World War I, Jungle Juice during World War II (or Prop Blast if Air Force), and most recently, Mig 21 in Vietnam.

Of all the Nation's wars, it was during the days of the Indian-Fighting Army that alcohol had its most deleterious effects. Often away from civilization for years and living under the most primitive conditions, military men drank to escape from their problems. In 1881, President Rutherford Hayes banned the sale of hard liquor on Army posts throughout the Nation, believing that such an order would reduce drunkenness and greatly improve the physical and mental condition of the Nation's fighting men.

The liquor ration in the Navy continued for a number of years after it was abolished in the Army, but in July 1862—right in the middle of the Civil War—came a general order stating that "The spirit ration in the Navy of the United States shall forever cease." A popular ditty of the time expressed the feelings of some: "For our grog must stop and our spirits down. (On the first day

more importantly it was the place where, during the tumultuous years of his presidency, he was able to relax from his tremendous duties during the Civil War.

Lincoln's love of the theater stemmed from his sense of the dramatic, as evidenced by his ability as a mimic, and by his flair for story telling. The artist-biographer Frank B. Carpenter, after witnessing Lincoln read Shakespeare, said, "I was not sure but that he had made a mistake in the choice of a profession."

President Lincoln attended a number of theatrical performances at Ford's Theater during the years 1862 to 1865, and more than 50 at various other Washington theaters.

A great many theatrical people visited Lincoln at the White House. Not only were they welcome, they were able to present their views about the war without fear of punishment. The great actor Edwin Forrest, a Southern sympathizer, once played Bulwer-Lytton's *Richelieu*,

Other Memorial



a play about the great French statesman of that name. When the time came for him to speak the line, "Take away the sword; states may be saved without it," he deliberately altered the text, and glaring up at the President said, "Take away the sword; states must be saved without it." During the winter of 1864, following this incident, Forrest returned to Ford's Theater and Lincoln at-

tended three or four more of his performances.

It is ironic that Lincoln was an avid fan of the brother of the man who assassinated him. Once after a production of the *Merchant of Venice* starring Edwin Booth, brother of John Wilkes Booth, Lincoln said, "It was a good performance but I had a thousand times rather read it at home if it were not for Booth's playing."

what happened on that tragic night:

"Went to the theater in their flagdraped box. The play was a good play, he liked the play, Laughed at the jokes, laughed at the funnyman With the long, weeping whiskers. The time passed. The shot rang out. The crazy murderer Leaped from the box, mouthed out his Latin phrase, Brandished his foolish pistol and was gone."

The rest is history. Lincoln belonged to the ages. Booth was tracked to a barn and killed. Although very successful, John T. Ford, the owner of Ford's Theater had to close its doors; no one would attend a performance there.

In 1967, however, the stage lights went on again in the restored Ford's Theater, and to date thousands of people have visited the Lincoln box and museum there, and attended plays in the theater Lincoln loved.

spirits drop./On the first day of September."

A couple of decades later, on Feb. 3, 1899, General Order 508 forbade the sale of all malt or alcoholic beverages on ships or shore stations. Wines and beers were still allowed, however, in the officers' mess until Secretary of Navy Josephus Daniels, a staunch teetotaler, extended the ban to them as well, with a general order forbidding the sale of any alcoholic beverage to anyone on any Navy property whether afloat or on dry land after July 1, 1914.

This prompted one Navy poet to write:
"Josephus Daniels is a goose,
If he thinks he can induce
Us to drink his d— grape juice

In the Armored Cruiser Squadron."

The order went into effect, however, and the Navy became as dry as the Army, at least as regarded alcoholic beverages.

In the foreign wars of the 20th Century, liquor may have had more exotic names but the effects have always been the same. Although the casualties from alcohol may not have been as numerous as those from combat, reports from Veterans Administration hospitals and other such facilities point out that there has been a much higher percentage of recoveries from shell fragments than from alcoholism.

Retirements

Retirements effected in December for which no information was furnished the Orientor, include:

JOHN MENOS', PD, retirement was effected on December 20. He had 31 1/2 years total Federal service with over 23 years at DMAAC. He was assigned as a production controller at time of retirement.

SUSAN E. BENZ, SDDLA, retired at the end of the year with 28 years, 4 months total Federal service. A cartographic clerk, she has been at DMAAC over 21 years.

PAUL R. HABEL, ADPF, retired with 33 years, 4 months total Federal service, with all but 11 years at DMAAC. He was an aeronautical information specialist.

EDWIN R. FLEET, PDB, a lithographic pressman spent his entire Federal career at DMAAC. He retired on reaching the 30 year mark.

LUELLA Q. PITCHER, AD, retired with 33 1/2 years total Federal service. She was an editorial assistant at the Washington office the past 11 years.

HOWARD C. LANDHOLT'S, PDB, disability retirement was effected on November 12 with 29 years, 7 months total Federal service.

He served in the Infantry during WW II in South France and Germany.

He worked at the Post Office and Veterans Administration prior to coming to DMAAC in September 1950 as a pressman. He was assigned as Assistant Pressman (M&C) at time of retirement. He stated his retirement plans are indefinite.

**Earthquake
Predictions**

Birds, Bees & Other Myths

As a switch this February 14th, give your lady-love a bird feeder on St. Valentine's Day—but be careful what kind of customers it attracts. One of the fables or foibles associated with this lover's day is that the young lady's destiny is determined by the first bird that she sees on St. Valentine's Day.

If she sees a blackbird, she will marry a man of the clergy; a redbreast or bunting, a sailor; a goldfinch or yellowbird, a man of wealth. If the first bird is a sparrow, she is assured of love in a cottage; a bluebird, poverty; a crossbill, a quarrelsome husband; a wryneck, she will never marry; a flock of doves, good luck in marriage in every way.

The whole idea stems from an ancient custom in the folklore of many peoples that on Feb. 14 birds choose their mates for the coming year.

What's In A Name

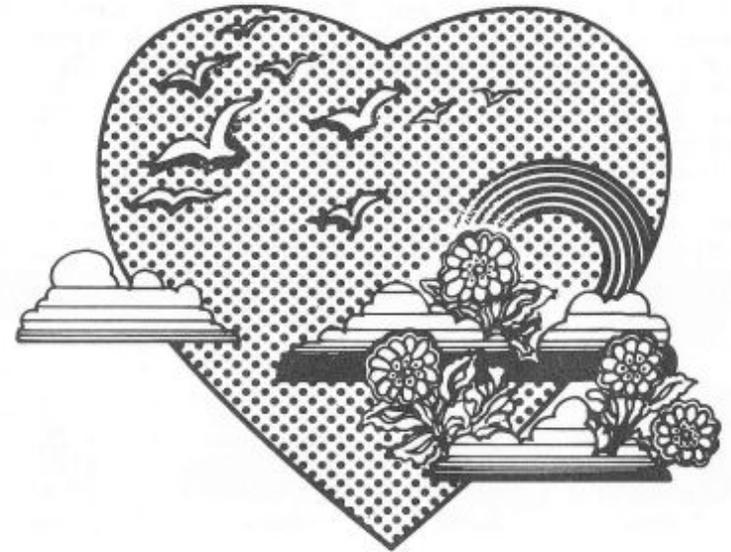
The name Valentine is associated with several martyrs of the Christian church who lived in various parts of the world. The two most prominent were Italians: a priest in Rome and a bishop in Umbria, both of whom lived in the third century A.D.

Some say that the holiday with its romantic connotations dates back to an early Roman event. In old Rome Feb. 15 was the festival of Juno Februata, and it is said that the Church substituted St. Valentine for the heathen goddess.

English Cards

Valentine cards appeared in England early in the Christian era and survived the so-called Dark Ages. Heart-shaped epistles of greetings were in common use by the beginning of the 14th century.

The present custom of exchanging Valentines is more firmly rooted in the English practice of the early 1800s. By that time nearly everyone was learning to read and write through free schooling, and with the passage of the Penny Postage Act in England, the price of mailing Valentines was affordable by all.



Custom Comes to U.S.

In 1875, German immigrant Louis Prang had designed Valentines in the United States that were considered works of art. Although Prang refined the printing of Valentines, Esther Howland of Holyoke, Mass., was the first noted maker of Valentines in America. Her ornate, handmade cards often sold for as much as \$35 each during the 1850s and 1860s.

In the 1890s the penny postcard craze swept America. Although the postcards were crude, the price was right, and they drove Prang and other publishers of the more expensive cards out of business.

Today, Americans young and old send Valentines to express their affection to loved ones, whether sweethearts, family or friends. Whatever the origin of the custom, it seems to be a wholesome idea, for psychologists point out that nearly everyone thrives on knowing that he or she is loved.

Italian Air Force Officers

New Approach To Drugs

In the past, most discussions of drug abuse centered only on

each other . . . The first step towards drug abuse prevention

AGU Meet Topic

Dr. Brian Mitchell, Associate Professor of Geophysics, St. Louis University, will address the Annual Business Meeting of the American Geophysical Union at the DMAAC Dining Hall on February 24. His topic will be "Recent Developments in Earthquake Predictions."

The meeting will be held from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. It will be preceded by a social hour from 4:30 to 5:30 and dinner from 5:30 to 6:30.

Election of officers for two positions will be held. Candidates for president-elect are: Inez Dimitrijevic and Ken Whitfield.

Candidates for secretary are: Charles Beierle and William Boyer.

Louis Greco will assume the presidency at this meeting.

See posters for tickets and further information.

CTS Names Top Airman

Technical Sergeant Larry Vales of the Cartographic Technical Squadron in California has been selected as his units non-commissioned officer of the quarter, according to the CTS commander.

Also selected for first term individual of the quarter honors was Sergeant Lenor Underwood.

The honors were for the final quarter of 1976.

Visit Aerospace Center



Recent visitors to the Aerospace Center were four officers of the Italian Air Force. The group, which included Lt. Col. Mario Perrone, Capts. Emanuele Boschi, Luigi Bertocchi, and Petronio Malagoli, received extensive training in the many phases of feature analysis. Upon completion of their training they returned to Italy to develop their own feature analysis program to be headquartered in Florence. The instructor was James Tapella, ACIBA.

Savings Bonds Help the Nation

of drug abuse centered only on the drugs themselves: their composition, their physiological and psychological effects, their control, their availability. Knowing such things is necessary for an intelligent understanding of drug abuse; however, the task of drug abuse prevention calls for understanding that goes beyond information about drugs to information about human behavior in the family or group where drug abuse is a problem.

Currently, the basic approach to drug abuse prevention in the Armed Forces has broadened to include efforts for understanding the members involved, their feelings, their needs, their goals, and their reasons for taking drugs.

A recent article published by the Office of Drug Abuse Prevention and National Institute on Drug Abuse discusses this change:

"... Drug abuse prevention depends on many things, but it seems to be that primarily it depends on helping people work things out without turning to artificial experiences or supports. People can help people best if they learn how to relate effectively, interact compassionately and honestly, and draw strength from the relationships they build with

towards drug abuse prevention is not much of a step at all, and it is everything. It is the hand that reaches out to touch another."

The sense of belonging, of care for and from other people, which is evidently so vital to all human beings, is perhaps best conveyed through the idea of family.

The term "family," however, is not just the traditional mother-father-children cluster; "family" means a process that happens when people are drawn together and interact because of common needs or interests. In the military community or "family," one commonly hears that the Services "take care of their own." In this group, there is the potential for help, respect, and outlets for frustration. The military Services have set up programs to help their members deal with drug abuse and to try to work things out using human factors: counselors, chaplains, and other Servicemembers, rather than using more drugs.

Openness and genuine interaction between and among people is what the "family" process is all about. It is the kind of behavior that can help people find alternatives to handling problems without the use of drugs.