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ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAM PLANNED FOR DANCE

Air Circus Features Wofford Field Day

Saturday, September 11, 1943, will undoubtedly be a day long remembered at Wofford College for three outstanding reasons. First of all, it is the day on which our present Quintile "E" graduates, and secondly, the greatest track and field meet of any College Training Detachment known to us will be held at Snyder Field.

Finally, the members of the detachment and its hundreds of expected guests will be thrilled by a spectacular air circus staged in the interest of recruiting men for the Army Air Forces.

The graduation review and presentation of new officers will be held at 9:00 a. m., and will be followed, at 11:00 o'clock, by the starting event of the track and field meet.

The meet will be participated in by four AAF College Training Detachments in the South Carolina area. Those included are Furman, Greenville, S. C.; Erskine College, Due West, S. C.; Presbyterian College, Clinton, S. C.; and Wofford, of Spartanburg.

Scheduling of events will be supervised by Coach Petoskey. The coach expects the competition to be very keen, and feels confident of building a bang-up track aggregation. Cheerleaders will spur the boys on in this respect.

The coach declined to make any predictions as to the final outcome of the meet, but says he is very pleased about the progress of former inter-class meets at Wofford.

When asked why, he said, "They help to build morale! and by the way, our boys are not doing bad either. You take and check the records and you'll find that we have some pretty good men."

Each of the participating Detachments will have men entered in the following events: 100 yard dash, 440, 880, mile, two mile, mile relay, and 300 yard shuttle run. Field events will include chinning, high jump, broad jump, and shot put.

A letter from an official at Furman suggested that all men be required to wear high cut tennis shoes when participating in events.

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To the readers of the FLIGHT RECORD who may not have been observant enough to notice it so far, that bar on the collar of our post adjutant, Lieutenant Gene Howard, is no longer of the gold variety.

From now on it is First Lieutenant Gene Howard, as the shiny new silver bars bear witness.

Still another of the 40th C. T. D.'s popular staff has recently obtained a promotion from second to first lieutenant.

He is our former tactical officer, Lieutenant Seymour Goldstein, now studying at the Commandant of Cadets school in Texas.

Lieutenant Stewart Will Wed Tomorrow

Secrets have a way of coming out before very long, and the FLIGHT RECORD has one that it would like to pass on to the members of the 40th C. T. D.

It takes a special delight in telling this one because we must admit that it almost caught us napping.

You will remember that in the last issue of the FLIGHT RECORD, in the story of our new officers, we distinctly said that our popular young tactical officer, Lieutenant Charles Stewart, was not married.

Well, that part of it was the truth alright, but it'll be a different story by tomorrow afternoon.

We have it from unimpeachable authority (Lieutenant Stewart himself, in fact) that he will join the ranks of the married men tomorrow afternoon some time between 4:00 and 5:00 p. m.

Lieutenant Stewart's intended bride is Miss Elizabeth Christopher, of Union, S. C. The couple will be married at the home of the pastor of the First Baptist Church here in Spartanburg.

Although Lieutenant Stewart would not give us the details, we did learn that he was introduced to Miss Christopher while in Officers' Candidate School.

To Lieutenant Stewart the FLIGHT RECORD offers its heartiest congratulations, and to both the Lieutenant and Miss Christopher from one and all the best wishes for a long and happy married life.

Wofford to Graduate First Speed-Up Class

Wofford College does its share in the war effort.

Even, perhaps, a little more than its share.

Certainly more than most of us realize.

Although given over in all its facilities to the tutoring of Aviation Students, a job of great importance in itself, Wofford has at the same time, in cooperation with two other local colleges, carried on its own program of fitting young men for essential jobs both in the army and out of it.

Not long ago we here at the 40th C. T. D. witnessed the formal graduation of one of these classes and noted the many men, specially trained, who were soon to turn that training to the aid of the country.

Last night, scarcely two months after this graduation, Wofford held another exercise.

This time for ten students who have completed their studies several months before the scheduled time, eight of whom have already been signed up by Uncle Sam.

The graduation was the first summer commencement at Wofford in many years.

Dr. Henry Nelson Snyder, Honorary President of Wofford, made the baccalaureate address.

Library Closed For Three Weeks

Drinkers of the Fount of Knowledge, as the Wofford library has been aptly termed, are in for a dry spell.

Not that there will be any lack of books, but rather a lack of a librarian.

Miss Mary Sydnor DuPre, that remarkable little lady who seemed able to put her hand on the most secreted volumes of the library, no matter where they might attempt to hide, is off for a well-deserved rest.

Hence the library doors will be closed for two or three weeks and will reopen on her return.

Until then it appears that Perry Mason and Nick Carter will have full sway.

First Wofford Visit Of Jane Smith

Petoskey's marathoners are not the only ones to note with satisfaction the drop of the temperature these days. 'Tis rumored that there is great glee in the ranks of the dancing fraternity as well. At least that's the general run of talk as our dance this evening draws nigh.

To insure an enjoyable evening for all, our own "Cuddles" Schilling has been "cooking" up some student entertainment. Strictly on the sly, here is some dope on what he might pull. In "D" Squadron there are twins by the name of Marr, who have been working up a really startling act. The slight glimpse we have had of them convinced us of their mettle.

Arousing our curiosity, "Cuddles" also stated that Donald and Daisy Duck would be there—in what form we don't know. Al Calomeni of Squadron "C" unit will give his impersonation of Frank (you're telling me) Sinatra to add glamor to the program. (Hold your girls, boys!) Knowing Al as we do, we give you a tip: you can expect some solid jive!

To add more coal to the fire, there is a young lady to be introduced—one whom "you all" wake up hearing, one whom you all have been waiting to meet. None other than Miss Jane Smith of the Red, White, and Blue program!

Tech. Sgt. Melvin Rabb and his Croft Band will again produce the musical chords in his distinctive groovy fashion. He needs no further introduction to Wofford boys who have attended our former evenings of merrymaking. To you newcomers, take our word for it, we guarantee you a delightful evening.

The time?—eight till twelve o'clock (2000 to 2400 to you "hot pilots.")

The Place?—Field House, as usual.

The Girls?—150 delovely de-icers from Limestone and the General Hospital Nurses' Home.

Harry James Becomes "Bugler"

Hollywood (CNS)—Harry James will record all Army bugle calls for use on public address systems at training camps.

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Everyone associated with the 40th College Training Detachment has had something to say about the "freshman" squadron B. Many of these statements were favorable, and some decidedly to the contrary. But in either case they have been relayed on to the men who fill her ranks. After two weeks as members of the 40th C. T. D., we, the new men, know what is generally thought of us. So—here is a brief sketch of what we think of our post.

Practically every aspect of the daily life at Wofford makes the college a seventh heaven to men who have just undergone basic training at a post which vies with certain places underground for heat—and other conditions. Aside from the fact that we are at last doing constructive work toward winning our wings, there are three cardinal reasons why we should enjoy our stay here. First, we found the meals served at Wofford a welcome change from our former diet—a la tin tray. Almost as surprising as the good food was the absence of an endless chow line, the common curse of all base training centers. Second to the meals, we noticed the new rec hall left by our predecessors, the freedom to receive guests on the post, and, most important, the dances held every other week-end. The one dance we have attended so far has proved to be much more than we had dared hope for. The third reason for our enjoying our months at Wofford is the efficiency and unselfish devotion to duty of the student, as well as the commissioned officers. This higher efficiency cuts out our chief source of complaint in basic training for Air Cadets. The student officers of this detachment are to be complimented for knowing exactly what they expect to do before their squadrons are formed. Even more

than the student efficiency, we admire Captain Hexter's policy of directly stating his views, pro and con, on our behavior; we appreciate the recognition of our good work and the prompt notification of our mistakes, so that we can correct them. Also, in our short time here, we have come to know that Captain Hexter and his staff will deal with us fairly and impartially, regardless of the differences that may arise. In general, this is the way that the student privates of Squadron B look at Wofford.

You who feel that Squadron B is not quite up to par, remember that we, held in check for two months, have had some high pressure steam to blow off. Only a very few now remain who have not as yet calmed down. They will be back in line soon. The squadrons, now crowing over their superiority, had better look to their laurels in all fields of work and play, for the new men of Squadron B aim to make the Friday open post another regular event in the weekly routine.

Answer to Puzzle
NOT AT NO. 1! It's the British "Dehant," a low-wing, single-engine, two-seat fighter. Both edges of the wings taper almost equally to rounded tips. The tailplane tapers and has a single fin and rudder.
FIRE AT NO. 2! It's the Jap Showa 99, a low-wing, single-engine light bomber and fighter. Its wings taper equally to rounded tips. The tailplane is rounded and is swept back on the leading edge.

An Air Pilot's Psalm*

The Lord is my pilot; I shall not crash,
He maketh me to fly in fair skies,
He leaith me down to smooth landings,
He restoreth my soul.
Yea, though I fly through a hail of steel and death,
I will fear no evil,
For God is with me.
His plan and purpose, they comfort me,
He spreadeth out a landing for me Even in the midst of mine enemies.
He covereth my breast with decorations,
My luck runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
All the days of my life,
And I shall fly in my Father's sky forever.

*The theme and idea came from a pilot whose name is not known. The wording and adaptation are in part the work of Chaplain Harold A. Dunkelberger, Captain, Air Corps, who was formerly Lutheran Student Fellow at Columbia University.

New Infirmary

It may look like a southern mansion brought up to date, fellows, but honest, it's really our new infirmary!
For those of you who haven't been riding the sick book lately the FLIGHT RECORD would like to tell a few of the details of the new set-up.
First of all, the minute you walk through the door and into the newly painted hallway you health rating jumps three points. It's certainly a distinct change from our old hospital. There's a roomy waiting room off on the right of the entrance way, where Sgt. Les Seidenkranz holds sway to type out your past history and the reason why you're not in that first period math class.

McCue Has Office

There are plenty of brand new chairs to wait in, but don't settle yourself for a long wait, because next on the program is the private office of our own Lieutenant McCue.

Here in roomy splendor, behind a large, well polished desk that vies in shine with the newly laid, waxed floor, Doctor McCue will hear your tale, pass judgment, and refer you to the next room.

In this third room, Cpl. Jack Lyons or Pfc. Charley Sweeney will treat your minor ills, or if they are more serious, Lieutenant McCue will fix you up personally.

Goldbricks — Go!

The next step for you goldbricks is the door, but those of you who are really ill go on to greener pastures.
Rooms on both the first and second floors have been redecorated, floored with shiny new boards, and fitted up so that the maximum of sunshine will aid your speedy recovery.
This story, by the way, is coming to you direct from one of the downy couches of the second floor of the infirmary, and if you think I'm coming out for gym Monday—well, fellow, YOU'RE CRAZY!

Air Circus

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Chinning will be done as prescribed in the Army Air Forces Bulletin 50-10, which states that it must be done from a dead hang, using reverse grip and no swinging or kicking. The shuttle run will also be done in accordance with the rules in the same bulletin. The shot put will be a 16 pound college shot.
Following the meet will be the air circus, which will also be observed from Snyder Field. The circus will include demonstrations by Primary, Basic, and Advanced trainer planes and also a number of the familiar North American B-25, medium bombers based at Greenville.
After the circus, the planes will proceed to Spartanburg Airport, where they will be on exhibit for public inspection.
The program is designed to arouse the interest of the local youth in joining the Army Air Forces, both as Air and Ground Crew men.

Male Call

by Milton Caniff, creator of Terry and Pico



The Wolf

by Sansone

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"I love Swing. If you boys want anything else—speak up!"



From all over the country the men of Wofford have brought different ideas, different thoughts, but on one point they are all in agreement. That one point is the popularity of a certain charming voice heard the first thing every morning, second only to Reveille itself. That voice belongs to Jane Smith, and we can assure the lads that the young lady is every bit as charming as her soothing tones.

But we won't go into that part of the story, for the simple reason that Jane herself will be with us this evening at our dance, and you will at last be able to meet her in person.

For a little of Jane's past history, though, we can tell you that she was born here in Spartanburg, attended high school here, and later Converse College.

At Converse, Jane specialized in dramatics, but the lure of the magic of radio interrupted her acting career and she became one of the few women announcers in the country, at Spartanburg's WORD.

Jane's early morning program, as we all know, caters exclusively to the soldiers at Wofford and Camp Croft.

Jane declares that the chief difference between the songs requested from

the two Army camps is that the men of Wofford pass up the latest smash hits in favor of the old stand-bys reminiscent of home and the girl they left behind.

Questioned as to the Voice now thrilling the nation, Frank Sinatra, Jane has this to say, "He is a good musician and an excellent business man."

We think Jane might like to know that the many boys who have graduated from Wofford and are now scattered in training places throughout the country often write back to ask if Jane is still on the air and giving us the songs we want to hear.

We always write back that Jane is certainly still on the job, as we hope she may be for a long time to come.

Welcome to Wofford tonight, Jane! We hope you'll like us as much as we like you.

Sailor Pulls Live Bomb From Flaming Plane

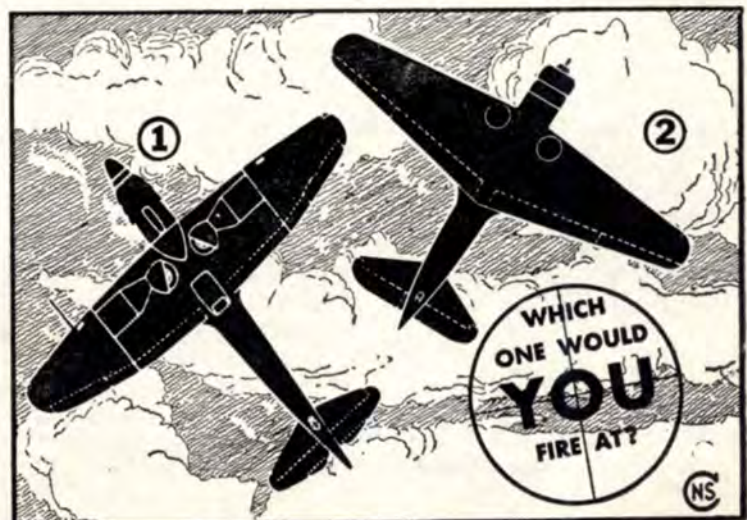
Jacksonville, Fla. (CNS)—Machinist Mate Arthur McArdle of Brooklyn was cited here recently for pulling a live bomb from a wrecked and burning fighter plane after a crash at Lee Field, auxiliary base of the Jacksonville Naval Air station.

McArdle rushed to the plane, pulled the bomb from a pool of flaming gasoline and dragged it away. He was then taken to the station dispensary, where he was treated for severe burns of the hands and forearms.

Yanks Trap Train In Sicilian Tunnel

Sicily (CNS)—American artillerymen bottled an Italian train and its crew in a tunnel here. Every time the train stuck its snout in the open the Yanks' guns opened fire and shooed it back inside again.

Why Don't You Do Wright?



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Walter Hagen Picks a Team

By Sgt. Frank de Blois
CNS Sports Correspondent

Old Walter Hagen, the big bag and ball man from Chicago, who has seen more golfers come and go than the guy who runs the driving range at Coney Island, has named his all-time All-American Ryder Cup team. And a nice little team it is, too.

Most of the golfers on the Hagen All-Stars are modern or post-Hagen belters, which means that they started getting good after the Hague himself started to slip. Hagen has played with them all, of course, but only a few were around when the beknickered Walter was king of the links.

The only real holdover from the Hagen golf era on the all-time team is genial Gene Sarazen, the Brookfield (Conn.) pimento farmer who still walks around the links in plus-fours. Sarazen, who won the Open twice, the British Open once, and the PGA three times, has the place of honor on Hagen's team.

Other former open champions on the Hagen's mythical club are blonde, ball pounding Craig Wood, 1941 champ; Byron Nelson, 1939 titleholder; and ponderous Ralph Guldahl, who won twice in succession, in 1937 and '38.

Hagen put Sammy Snead and Ben Hogan on his team, too, although neither Slammin' Sam nor Little Benny has ever won the Open. Snead came close one year when he was leading as he whipped into the final hole. Then he shot an eight. Hogan, who hits a whale of a ball for a man of his size, is the best young golfer to come along since a boy name of Jones started tearing the links apart way back in the early '20's, or the Cro-Magnon era of golf.

Horton Smith, Henry Picard, Jimmy Demaret, and Paul Runyon round out Hagen's team, and you couldn't ask for nicer fellows.

The most notable absentee from this collection of All-Stars is, of course, Hagen himself. Slick-haired Walter won ten major titles. He took the Open once, the PGA five times, and the British Open four times, to hang up a record surpassed only by Jones. You wouldn't want to leave him off a team of all-time greats, would you?

SATURDAY'S FLEET FEET

Event	Winners	Time	Sqdn.
100 YARDS	MacGillivray	10.05 sec.	C
3-LEGGED RACE	Vickers and Mechan	9.30 sec.	C
440 YARD	Harris	57 sec.	C
RELAY	Dunnack D'Ambrosio Johnson Mickerson	4 min.	D
880 YARD	D'Ambrosio	2.22 min.	D
1 MILE	Burkhart	5.21 min.	B
2 MILE	Hugo	12.06	D
SHUTTLE	Grantham	45 sec.	B
SHOT	Grantham	35 ft.	B
CHINNING	Matthews	21	A
RUN BROAD	Friend	18.9¼ ft.	D
HIGH JUMP	Smith	5 ft. 2 in.	C
TUG O' WAR	Squadron C		
TOTAL NO. OF POINTS			
A	B	C	D
9	37.5	50	42.5

Tracksters Set New Marks; Recount Shows "C" Winners

Saturday's Track Meet was probably the most successful one yet. The time in the running events was cut down considerably, and the participants, on the whole, had more kick in them, more color.

Squadron "C" surprised everyone by taking the day, nosing "D" out by 7.5 points. It was at first thought that "D" had won and an announcement was made to that effect, but a recount showed differently. A further protest is expected on the part of the second place winners, who claim that their only reason for losing the Tug O' War, and consequently the entire Meet, was the fact that they all did not hear the "go" signal.

Preston Missed

Preston was absent from the 100 yard line-up and he was missed, especially by Squadron "D," which was counting on him to take first place. He took fourth place in the shot, however, putting it 32 feet 9.7 inches.

Willie Harris came through beautifully for Squadron "C." You'd never know from the way he ran the 440 that he had just been released from the infirmary. He finished about 20 yards out in front of the second man.

The Relay was without a doubt the thriller of the day. It was "C" and "D" all the way. There were four familiar faces in the "D" line-up—Jerry Dunnack of 440 renown; Pat D'Ambrosio, the stocky little 880 king; Walt Johnson, who regularly competes and places in both; and Nicker-

son, quite appropriately a dash man. It was a tough race, but "D" managed to win—by about two paces.

Burkhart, "that new man in 'B,'" ran the mile like a "pro." He set a terrific pace at the outset, and much to everyone's surprise, held it. The time was 5 minutes, 21 seconds, a 40th C. T. D. record.

Hugo Beters Time

Hugo bettered his two-mile time and almost lapped the field in the bargain. Since Scherzinger's departure, he has been undisputed king of the two milers and, in our opinion, will remain such even after his rivals return.

Incidentally, "D" also took second and third place in this event, thanks to the combined efforts of Currie and Howe, Inc., of Vermont.

With such heartening results coming in Saturday after Saturday, it ought to be quite easy for the 40th to take the September 11th feat. So far as we know, our detachment has the jump on the others with regard to previous track practise. We're sure that we can field a team that will lick *anything* that *any* Southeastern C. T. D. has to offer—and that's being conservative. How about it, fellows?

Sgt. Joe Louis, his old sparring partner, F/Sgt. George Nicholson, and Cpl. Ray Robinson have begun a 100-day boxing exhibition tour of U. S. Army camps.

Obstacle Course Ready Monday

Aviation students here at Wofford are constantly asking questions about the obstacle course now being constructed on the campus. Wipe off those questioning frowns, fellows, "cause it isn't quite that bad."

Coach Petoskey, "the guy who makes 'em groan," said, and we quote, "It's only an appetizer for the Burma Road." The course will be completed not later than August 30.

Some of the obstacles in the 220 yard course are: hurdles, a hand walk, ladder climb, an overhead ladder walk, a scaling wall, balance beams, and a crouching cage.

Petoskey said, "The main objective of an obstacle course is to teach a man to think and react at the same time. Those who can coordinate their movements with their thinking will have to put forth the least effort."

The hurdles and scaling wall will prove more an obstacle for some men, therefore there will be no time limit for running the course. Each man will maintain a steady pace of not less than a "Petoskey" trot.

There's your answers, fellows—all summed up in a few words. Any further curious questions will be taken care of come Monday, August 30—P. T. period!

Sports Slants

By Camp Newspaper Service

Joe Di Maggio is hitting again. He broke out of a slump recently when he clubbed a triple and single in four trips to the dish while his Santa Ana (Cal.) team was losing to the Kellys of Kirtland Field, N. M., 6 to 5.

Johnny Beazley still has his stuff. The young St. Louis Cardinal star, now pitching for Ft. Oglethorpe, Ga., fanned ten, won 6 to 5 over the Atlanta Naval Air Station in his last outing.

Pvt. Maxie Shapiro, New York lightweight who holds a ring decision over Lightweight Champ Bob Montgomery, is punching the bag around at the AAF basic training center in Greensboro, N. C.

Marine Lt. Ted Lyons, former White Sox pitcher, has been assigned to duty in the Pacific Coast area.

Fred Linehan, former line coach at NYU, is now a lieutenant stationed at Camp Campbell, Ky., where the Post boxing team is coached by Cpl. Billy Conn and Cpl. Dan Mooney. The latter is a former featherweight contender.