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AIRMEN ELECT BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Last Tuesday evening in the shell of Batson Hall, airmen from all squadrons on base met to elect a board of governors and to ratify a constitution and by-laws for a new Airman's Open Mess.

Elected to membership on the board of governors were the following: A1C J.B. Pullum, 35th Trans. Sq; A1C Jesse Rodriguez, Hq. Sq; A1C Jerry Stevison, 352 TFS; A1C Clarence Hoffman, 614th and 615th TFS; A1C John G. Lien, SPS; A1C Thomas F. Kline, FMS; A1C John

CELEBRITIES DUE

"I lay on the floor, face down in the darkness, clutching the knife concealed under me. My former friends were sitting outside around the campfire plotting my murder."

These lines are from a new book, 'The Bamboo Cross' by Homer Dowdy. The book is very high on the best seller list in the states.

Two main characters from the book are scheduled to speak at the weekly meeting of Protestant Men of the Chapel, next Wednesday, July 5, at 7:30 PM.

Sau and Kar, Montignard tribal missionaries from Delat, will tell of their experiences in the mountains around Phan Rang Air Base. How these men and the native people have reacted to the Communist pressures and terror will make for interesting listening. Make plans now to attend. Everyone is invited.

A FOUR-STAR VISITOR

Four-star General John D. Ryan, commander-in-chief of Pacific Air Force, and three generals of his staff paid an official visit to the base last week.

They arrived Wednesday afternoon, left Thursday morning, and covered a heck of a lot of ground in between.

The PACAF commander was impressed by the base facilities he visited and urged everyone to keep up the good work.

For an account of General Ryan's visit to the RMK Dining Hall, see page 2.

MEDICS LAUNCH COUNCIL

The 35th Tac Dispensary airmen have elected members to represent them on a squadron airman's council. A1C Ralph Bates was elected president and A1C Richard Goodblanket, recorder.

Representatives at large are: A1C Phil Foster, A1C Daniel P. Bayly, A1C Hector Alverado and A1C Eli K. Wilner.

The council will act as a 'sounding board' for airmen in the squadron.

President Bates will then will then represent them to the squadron commander.

J. Rinkus, 35th Sp. Sq; A1C Robert D. Stanley, 35th CES; A1C Edgar Walker, 35th A&E; A1C Richard Goodblanket, 35th Disp., 435 MMS & 14th AerPort; A1C James Wescott, 35th SVS; and A1C Walter Dow, 1882 Comm. Sq.

A1C Pullum will act as president of the board.

The above named members will be effective as soon as PACAF approves the separation of the Airman's Club from the NGO Club.

Approval is expected in the near future.

GYM BUBBLE COMING

Plans are being made for a canvas 'bubble' gymnasium to be located alongside a new track and football field.

The canvas gym will have a volleyball and badminton courts, and a weight-lifting conditioning area.

According to Phan Rang sports officials MSgt. W.H. Cover and MSgt. Bob Birchfield, the 'bubble' will be similar to those used in the supply storage area. The weight-lifting room now in use will be extended, pending the move of special services supply over to the 35th AEMS supply building near the motor pool.

See inside pages for more sports news of the week. Also the listing of softball standings and players on the all-base team.

NEW RED HORSE COMMANDER

Colonel Waldo Potter, 48, from Oakland, Calif., has assumed command of the 554th CES (Red Horse).

His appointment fills the spot vacated by the assignment of Colonel Robert H. Carey to 7th AF Headquarters for command duties for Red Horse Vietnam-wide.

Colonel Potter was deputy commander for Red Horse at 7th AF, and before that commander of the 820 CES at Tuy Hoa.

He is a graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point and a command pilot.

The 24-year veteran was an instructor pilot for B-24 aircraft in WW-II.

Colonel Potter was with the 554th when it received its initial training at Forbes AFB.

NEED A JOB?

Night-shift workers looking for an extra job during the day may be interested in the fact that the tape center needs two men to assist in management duties.

Hours are from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. The pay is \$1.25 per hour. Call Capt. Duane D. Sand, personnel services officer, at 214.

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AIRMEN'S DINING HALL HAS STAR-STUDED MEAL

Stars glittered in the airmen's (RMK) dining hall last week as the commander of Pacific Air Force, four-star Gen. John D. Ryan, and three generals on his staff dropped in for breakfast, during a brief visit to the base.

MSgt. Frank B. Smith, dining hall supervisor, was introduced to the four-star general. "He said we had a fine operation," Sergeant Smith recalled, adding that the PACAF commander advised the cooks to "keep up the good work."

The four generals reportedly ordered their eggs cooked medium and over lightly, and the job was handled by A1C Roger A. Collins.

Other members of the 35th Food Services Sq. on duty during the star-studded breakfast were: SSgt. Ervin E. Stokes (shift leader), A2C Vince Naputi, A1C Terry Nicks, A1C Charles Bussard, A1C Gino Kupkowski, A1C James Westcott, A3C Norman Nash, and A2C Richard E. Rose.

All four generals sat down to eat their breakfast with the airmen rather than taking a table for themselves. General Ryan reportedly dined with two security policemen. The breakfast included hot biscuits, home-fried potatoes, fried bacon, orange juice, oranges, and apples.

COOKS SPELL TROUBLE ON SOFTBALL DIAMOND

Under the astute leadership of coaches A1C James L. Westcott and A1C Dalton E. Trott, the 35th Food Services Sq. softball team has made hash out of its opponents.

The team's record of eight wins (including three forfeits) and no defeats is the best of both base softball leagues.

"We're all hitting the ball real well," said pitcher-outfielder TSgt. Harold D. Rice. "That's our best point...I don't think we've got a weak hitter on the team".

The line-up includes: TSgt. Charles E. Lee, 3B; TSgt. Jackie D. McClaskie; A3C Jones W. Burton, outfielder and 3B; and A1C Bryant D. Campbell, outfielder.

Also on board are: A1C John R. Hasty, outfielder; A1C Jackie D. Jones, SS; A1C James R. Massey, outfielder; A1C Roger J. Roy, outfielder and catcher; and A1C Charles D. Tosone, catcher.

Airman Trott is the team's manager, and Airman Westcott doubles as coach and pitcher. A2C Michael C. Luminelli is an outfielder.

"Airman Jones is a real good shortstop," Sergeant Rice commented. "He's about as good as I've seen."

Sergeant Rice is assistant supervisor of the airmen's (RMK) dining hall, and will be in charge of the new dining hall.

"We haven't had any real close games," he said. "We never had to come from behind to win one."

A veteran of some 20 years of softball and baseball competition, the sergeant confidently predicted the cooks would boil over to the championship.

BETTER DAYS COMING

According to CMSgt. Benjamin F. Jennings, food service superintendent, and MSgt. Frank B. Smith, RMK Dining Hall supervisor, big things are brewing on the dining hall front.

New drapes, floor tiles, and serving-line fixtures are on the way for both the airmen's and NCO sides of the large dining hall, in renovations designed to complete the change from field conditions to "cafeteria style" service.

New salad bars, trays, and chinaware are also on order, as are charcoal broilers, refrigerated juice dispensers, and....hold your breath....malted milkshake machines.

Sergeant Jennings predicted that "90 per cent of this will be in effect within the next 90 days." A brand new dining hall is scheduled to open next month.

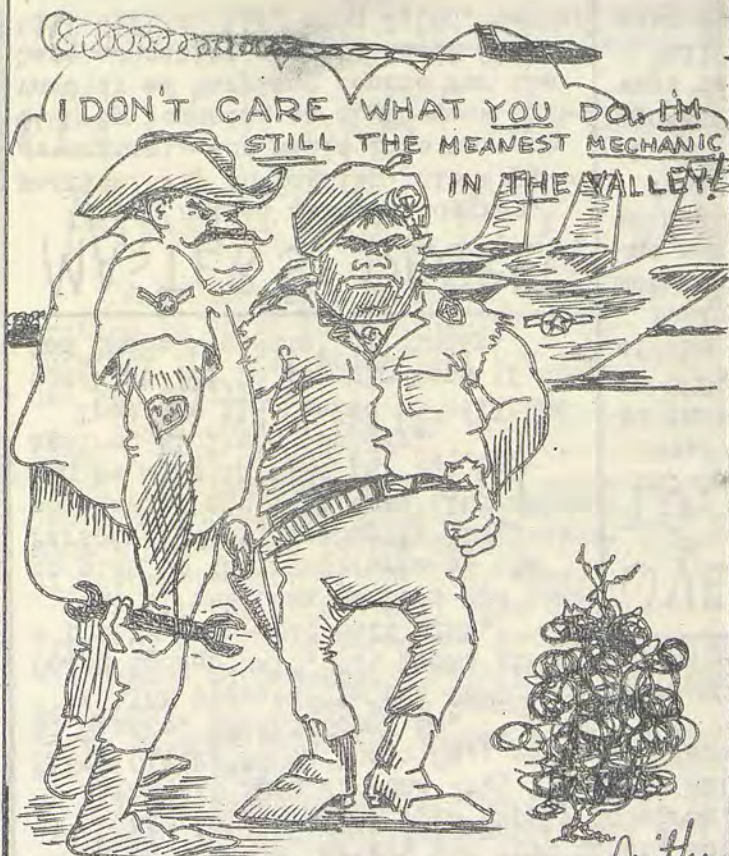
NEW 'DP' SURVIVED TWO CRASH LANDINGS

The new director of personnel for Phan Rang AB, Lt. Col. Austin Nielsen, is a combat veteran who survived two B-26 bomber crash landings as a navigator in World War II.

"I volunteered to come over here," said the 47-year-old native of Boston, Mass. "I think I've inherited a real good shop....I'm tickled to death."

A 'master navigator' with 6,700 flying hours to his credit, Colonel Nielsen went on 53 combat missions in the European Theater during World War II. His B-26 was hit many times, he recalled, and crash landings occurred in France and England.

Colonel Nielsen has been in the Air Force for more than 25 years. He came to this base from Hunter AFB, Ga., where he was director of base personnel and then base commander in the last six months before Hunter AFB was turned over to the Army.



PHAN RANG OBSERVATIONS

D. Smith

RED CROSS HAPS

Tonight is popcorn night, and an Art Event is coming tomorrow night.

The Tridels will sing Friday night. This Red Horse (554th GES) quintet consists of A1C James M. Dixon, A1C Robert Nelson, A2C Vann Collins, A1C Charles Nichols, and A2C Harold Williams.

A Scrabble Tourney is set for Saturday night, and a Program on Words is due Sunday night.

The center will be closed Monday and Tuesday night. It's moving time again.

The winners of the recent pinechle tourney were: A1C Wendell C. Meyer, A1C Don Fowler, and A1C Zack Yarbrough, all of 35th Supply Squadron. Congratulations!

The Softball Scene

American League

1882 Comm.	9 - 2	35th SPS	5 - 6
Hq., 35th CSG	7 - 4	Supply	3 - 6
Medics	7 - 5	35th FMS	2 - 9
554th GES	5 - 5		

National League

35th Svces	8 - 0	35th A&E	4 - 6
614th Pilots	5 - 2	35th Comp.	3 - 5
600 Photo	5 - 2	RAAF	3 - 7
435	6 - 3	614th TFS	0 - 9

The new Phan Rang all-star softball team will play Pleiku at Pleiku on Sunday, Cam Ranh Bay at CRB on Tuesday, and Pleiku here on base July 19. A game against Da Nang is set for July 16. Also ahead: 7th AF tourney.

PHAN RANG FLICKS

TONITE: Thunderball, one of the famous James Bond epics...Sean Connery

THURSDAY: Fantastic Voyage...Highly-rated science fiction...Shrunken scientists sail through human body...with 'it' girl Raquel Welch.

FRIDAY: Trunk to Cairo - Murky intrigue?

SATURDAY: Not With My Wife You Don't...military comedy with Tony Curtis, Virna Lisi, George C. Scott

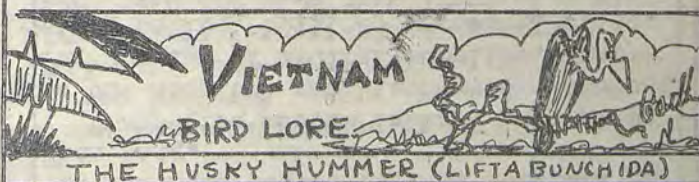
Club HIGHLIGHTS

SATURDAY: General elections at NCO Club at 2:30 p.m. on patio to pick new board of Governors. The Hill Riders from 8 to 10 p.m. (Western music, popular group)

MONDAY: The Hill Riders will be at the Airmen's Club from 7 p.m. till ?

TUESDAY: At the NCO Club the Hill Riders will entertain on the patio at 2 p.m. & a surprise event is set for the same afternoon.

All NCO's are urged to vote on Saturday!



THE HUSKY HUMMER (LIETA BUNCHIDA)



The Husky Hummer is one of the most beneficial of all Vietnamese wildlife. Its name is derived from the unique humming sound it produces while in flight. When flying, the hummer's wings move so violently that they become almost invisible to the eye. Nesting in small circular nests located near the flight lines of various bases, they take to the air normally only in times of trouble. Observers state that the hummer is often seen hovering above aircraft in distress, often coming so close to burning craft that they must certainly singe their own wings. They have also been known to reach down into dense growth to pluck small wingless creatures (Pilotidae) from the clutches of the Viet Congus, and whisk them away to the safety of USAF bases

MEET THE 'THADS'

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"We are the four Thads and we're going to sing some songs for you.

Maybe some old ones, maybe some new songs....So here we go.

We're going to deal them right out to you...Hey!"

That's the musical introduction of a quartet of airmen whose songs have been heard in town (Phan Rang) and on base, and will be heard again at the scheduled opening ceremonies of the new Red Cross Recreation Center on July 9.

The group's spokesman and first tenor is A2C Gladstone S. Alleyne Jr., 25, from the Bronx, N.Y. He's a fire control mechanic in the 35th Armaments & Electronics Maintenance Sq.

The Thads' baritone is A1C James A. Thompson Jr., 25, from Denver, Col. He's in the 35th Supply Sq. Second tenor is A1C Hubert H. Hill Jr., 22, from Newark, New Jersey. He's in the 35th Security Police Sq., as is the bass singer, A2C Herman T. Davis, 22, of Cleveland, Ohio. Assisting on guitar are Airmen Roy Brown and Mike Ridgeway of the 35th SPS.

The Thads sing rhythm'n blues & pop songs.

A BUSY WEEK OF CIVIC ACTION

From all over the base comes news of Civic Action projects carried out last week:

A whopping total of 6,000 pounds of clothing were distributed to the Vietnamese people under the auspices of the 352nd TFS.

With the squadron commander, Lt. Col. Rocco Palumbo, and Maj. Charles M. Zeitner officiating, 5,000 pounds of this clothing was presented to the public welfare agency of the town of Phan Rang at ceremonies at the 8th Aerial Port Sq. terminal.

The remaining 1,000 pounds were delivered to the dependents of Vietnamese soldiers of the nearby 44th Regiment. The clothing was a gift of Myrtle Beach AFB, S.C.

Members of the 1882nd Comm. Sq. went to the Go Den vocational school to deliver scrap lumber for classroom construction and drinking water for the school's 80 Montignard students.

The 35th FMS has been busy making plastic mattress covers for the hospital in Phan Rang.

Sixty-five wooden lockers were given to the hospital and Vietnamese dependents for storage of medical supplies. Sixty-eight tables, built by personnel of Hq. Sq., 35th SPS, and 35th AEMS, were distributed to the hospital, RVN dependents, and Truong Vinh Ay High School, along with 65 blankets.

The 35th Services Sq. presented 35 bunk-beds to the hospital and also contributed blankets and lockers to the Civic Action program.

Capt. Ralph L. Brown, 614th TFS, presented 50,000 piasters to the An Phouc school building program, for the squadron.

BASE BALL TEAM PICKED

Meet the Phan Rang Softball Team!

SSgt. Robert J. Locher, team coach, has revealed that the following men made the team following a 'scrimmage' game on Sunday:

A1C Don Eschen, A1C John Norris, A1C Roy Evans, A1C Oscar Scott, SSgt. Don Davenport, and A1C Jim Simmond of Hq. Sq.

Also, SSgt. Bill Gillock, SSgt. Rich Vinclette, and A2C Bob Grover of 35th SPS.

Also, A1C Jim Carter, A2C Fred Kodet, and A1C Thad Barwinski of 35th Supply Squadron.

Also, A1C Leon J. Bunk Jr., 35th FMS; A2C Steve Clack, 600th Photo Sq.; and SSgt. Jerry L. Gramke, 1882nd Comm. Sq.

An IBM operator in the CBPO machine room, Coach Locher said, "It looks like we'll have a pretty darn good ball club."

All of the team members are asked to pick up their uniforms at the Personnel Services Supply Bldg. as soon as possible so that alterations can be made in time for the game against Pleiku on Sunday.

They are also asked to call the coach at 235 to let him know if they can 'make the game' on Sunday.

MASTER'S DEGREE?

If you hold a master's degree, particularly in English, history, or government, and would like to earn \$400 by teaching an eight-week University of Maryland course for the base education center, call SSgt. Bill Gill at 143, Ring 2. (Ed. Center)

OVER \$700 AWARDED TO SUGGESTIONS MEN

Over \$700 were awarded recently to ten winners of the monthly base suggestion program, according to CMSgt. Louis Williams Jr., executive secretary of the suggestion committee (and sergeant-major).

Twelve suggestions were considered at the June meeting of the committee, and ten were adopted. One man received \$500 for his suggestion. Details on the winners will be published next week.

The idea behind the program is that it gives men of all ranks the chance to participate in base management by proposing time-saving and money-saving ways to make any operation on base more efficient.

Call Sergeant Williams at 261 for details. Submit your ideas to him or slip them in a suggestion box.

INTERNATIONAL AID DAY MARKED BY VIETNAMESE GRATITUDE

Last Thursday, a number of base officials and airmen took part in a day-long celebration in which the Vietnamese people of Ninh Thuan Province expressed their gratitude for the help which they are receiving from American and Allied military personnel and civilians.

Highlights of the day included formal speeches and ceremonies in the town of Phan Rang, a tour of the air base by key officials of the province, volleyball games between the Vietnamese and Americans, a reception in the home of the province chief for American and Allied officials, and the formal opening of a playground built for Vietnamese youngsters in the town of Phan Rang by members of the 1st Brigade of the 101st Airborne Division of the U.S. Army.

Under the guidance of base Civic Actions officer 1st Lt. Arthur J. Querido, hundreds of Air Force personnel have engaged in a variety of squadron projects to assist Vietnamese orphanages, schools, Boy Scouts, patients, etc. These were among the projects saluted under the banner of International Aid Day.

Two singing groups of the air base, the Thads and the Emanons, entertained a crowd of approximately 1,000 Vietnamese, mostly children, at the joyous dedication ceremonies held Thursday night at the newly completed playground in Phan Rang.

The four Thads and six Emanons, all airmen representing a number of squadrons on base, were part of a long variety show in which Vietnamese and American entertainers kept the local youngsters cheering and applauding.

Sparklers were fired into the night sky to heighten the festive mood. At least 100 Vietnamese Boy Scouts were on the scene, and they formed a guard of honor through which Allied, American, and Vietnamese officials passed as they entered the playground, in the heart of town.

Australian, Filipino, Korean, Japanese, and Republic of China citizens were honored by the province chief, Lt. Col. Kha Vang Hui, along with the American Air Force, Army, and civilian contributors to the welfare of the Vietnamese people.

"On the occasion of this International Aid Day," said the province chief in the formal speech delivered at the beginning of the holiday, "...I would like to say about the Friendship and the close relationship between the Vietnamese people and Armed Forces with the people from Allied Forces countries, that I believe those will last forever and the Vietnamese people will be grateful forever.

"The friendly countries make many sacrifices to help us in fighting to preserve this righteous cause: democracy and freedom.

"The present war has not only the characteristics of a pure military operation, but on the contrary is also an omnifront warfare with economic, social, cultural and educational development to better the people's lives. It is a sharp weapon against communist invasion."

ACHIEVEMENTS OF 35TH CES. NOTED

(Editor's Note: A recent issue of PHAN-FARE contained the erroneous statement that the 35th FMS built the Consolidated Mail Room. While 35th FMS personnel did indeed adjust the mail-box locks, treat them with anti-corrosion material, and carry out sheet-metal repairs on the boxes, the building itself was constructed by the 35th Civil Engineering Sq.)

The following is an account of the project by Lt. Col. Max L. Harder, commander of the 35th CES:

"The concrete pad was poured by our Pavement and Grounds section utilizing Vietnamese labor. The NCOIC of that particular phase was MSgt. James W. Taylor.

"Construction of the building was accomplished under the all-seeing eye of MSgt. Edward E. Lowe with carpenters supplied by the 35th CES.

"A2C Millard J. Herbert through patience and perseverance accomplished miracles with his Vietnamese carpenters.

"I should like also to comment on the wiring of most of the buildings on Phan Rang Air Base. The electrical shop within CES was supplemented by numerous squadrons on Phan Rang.

"Among the electricians used to assist the 35th CES Electrical Shop was SSgt. Wiley of the 366th Air Police Squadron.

"During the initial build-up of Phan Rang Air Base, the largest squadron on base was the Air Police Squadron (current designation, 35th Security Police Sq.).

Sergeant Wiley was responsible for wiring the security police flightline complex, K-9 section, law enforcement, and the security police living quarters.

"Toward the end of Sergeant Wiley's tour he was utilized by the 35th CES to work throughout the base."

A FAN-LETTER FROM TEXAS

"I am the wife of an Air Force sergeant stationed at Phan Rang Air Base," were the first words of a letter recently sent to the wing information office from Sherman, Tex. The contents of the letter should make all base personnel feel pretty good:

"He has sent your weekly home to us. Being a telephone company employee, the 1882nd Comm. Sq. has my sympathy...especially the operators. With all our modern equipment here we still complain about the service, and we who work there about the equipment.

"After reading what three operators can do, I won't complain about my push-button six-cord position anymore.

"I was also glad to read of the mission school dedicated there, and the many other civic things the boys are doing while stationed there.

"Morale seems high, and hope this year away from home will soon pass and each of you may return home safe.

"Our prayers to all....(from an) Air Force wife."

PAINT BRIGHTENS CONSOLIDATED MAIL ROOM

The Consolidated Mail Room now has a spanking new coat of paint, thanks to the determined efforts of 11 personnel of the mail room who practically worked around the clock to get the job done in four days.

According to the mail room NCOIC, SSgt. Edwin Burger, the green-and-white two-tone interior of the mail room required about seven gallons of green paint and 10 gallons of white.

The industrious 11 worked as carpenters as well as painters, and "completely enclosed the upper half of the lobby" as part of the rush project.

Doing the work were: A1C Robert E. Nolan, A1C William H. DeHart, A2C Larry Allen, A2C Robert E. Moffitt, A2C Ronald K. Raymer, A1C Gerald Honeycutt, A1C Donald E. Chatterton, SSgt. George W. Johnson, A2C James T. Williams, and A2C Richard Sebenlecher, as well as Sergeant Burger himself.

Wing officials complimented the men on the project, according to Sergeant Burger, whose men have the job of distributing mail to all 35th TFW units and tenant units.

It's their task to keep the thousands of lock-boxes in the CMR well-stuffed, and also to distribute incoming packages.

Sergeant Burger said the mail room has handled as many as 9,000 incoming letters in a single day, and also deals with an average of 155 incoming packages every day.

Hey, Balsa-Busters!

The official officers of the Balsa-Busters, Phan Rang's model plane club, will be installed tomorrow at the clubhouse, next to the Red Cross Recreation Center, at 7:30 p.m.

All members are urged to attend by club secretary Airman Doug Wilson. New kits are in and will be sold to members on both a special-order and non-order basis. Y'all come!

'PANTHER' LANDS C-47 ON ONE ENGINE

Maj. Ira F. Tindall, newly assigned to the 615th TFS 'Black Panthers' of Phan Rang AB as an F-100 pilot, recently won a 13th AF 'Well Done' Plaque.

Back in April the major's cool professionalism won out over a mid-air emergency in which an engine of his C-47 transport developed severe vibration and spewed smoke. He shut down the stricken engine, alerted his passengers for an emergency landing and then made a perfect single-engine landing.

Lt. Col. Julian D. Sawyer, 615th TFS commander, has hailed the major, noting that the squadron "is proud to have him".

HEY, YOU SNAKE-KILLERS

By Capt. Joseph D. Burke

Plans to establish a base herpetarium (snake house) are being strongly supported by Colonel Wilson and Colonel McNeff of the 35th TFW.

All base personnel are urged to call our amateur herpetologists before you smash the next snake you see to smithereens.

After all, the snakes were here first. It's only fair to provide them with a home after having destroyed their habitat by plunking an air base on top of it.

When you see your next snake, call A1C Gaither at 103; 1st Lt. Wittner at 454, or 119, Ring 2); or Capt. Burch at 402. They will remove the snake at no charge.

All the snakes now possessed for the project have been found by base personnel, mostly security police on patrol.

Your slithery contributions will be appreciated.

(Editor's note: TSgt. Johnson of the 554th CES said that the first visitor in the new chapel under construction here was killed. It was a viper. He died without being aware of the benefits of the snake-house)