

Music Instruction For Young Children Offered Here

In its attempt to provide musical opportunities for all interested in instrumental playing this summer, the Birmingham recreation board is expanding its program to provide a place for pre-instrumental exploration for children of the third grade and below level.

Class is primarily designed for discovering musical interest in young boys and girls. It is not necessary for the beginners to have a band or orchestra investment. Those interested can purchase a suitable, inexpensive, plastic instrument for a small fee which will serve their needs perfectly, according to recreation officials.

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B'ham Boys Busy At AFB in Arizona

By PFC. ROD SMITH
Reporter for Jet Sun, Luke AFB Publication

Last February Birmingham loaned some of its sons to the United States Air Force. They were members of the 127th Fighter Wing of the Air National Guard, reactivated and sent to Luke AFB near Phoenix, Arizona.

To those on the home front business is going on primarily "as though you might like to hear a little about it."

Everyone who made the move from Birmingham to the desert won't be a part of this article. Space and the writer's limited time prohibits it, but if many are interested the work of all might be covered in the coming months.

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THE FIRST PART of March Pvt. Jack McBride and the writer made the long trek to Phoenix via automobile.

Pvt. Peter Sidway flew out by commercial airline as did most of the troops. He arrived at Luke about a week before we did. All of us had been taken from college or had gone for at least two years.

Jack and Pete wanted very much to become pilots. Applications had been submitted and rejected, eagerly awaited, but to no avail. Both still look longingly into the air, they're waiting. It seems a few thousand others have the same idea so many will cool their heels for some months.

Driving through Texas and Arizona in an open convertible in February is a pleasure given to few working men.

YET WE DID just that and drop pay from the government at the same time. Travel allowances permitted us to eat and sleep well and generally go "AAA."

Steve, Jack and myself happened to be Phi Gams from different colleges and passed long road hours singing and remembering fraternity songs and reiterating old campus pranks.

None knew what was in store upon arrival at Luke. We talked about it, wondered, and worried while covering the final miles to Phoenix. A Pete airmen were lounging around town the Sunday afternoon we rolled in. They told us we would be free to leave the base each night after 5:15 p.m. and the chow was good.

After walking around awhile we decided the honeymoon was over it was time to report in. The trip from Phoenix to Luke Air Force Base is 18 miles, rather long when made every evening as many of us do.

EVERYTHING happened as the informants told us. We spent a day processing, getting settled, and then started to work. Here company parted: Jack and Steve were in the 171st Pilot Training Squadron while the writer held a position in Wing Headquarters.

The first few days all was bedlam. No one knew what to do, who to see or where the old boss was. A lot of work had to be done, including unloading box cars and the extreme position of mess attendant (it used to be called KP and when you wash dirty trays it's still KP).

The man who could hide best got out of the toughest details. A few time-tested sayings became the unwritten law: Never look the sergeant in the eye. Always move around, look like you're doing something. Never lean on the shovel or sit down. It pays to be ignorant. If you're walking around and see something, peek it up; if you can't pick it up paint it; if you can't paint it, salute it.

AS WEEKS passed, conditions improved.

We finally found Pete Sidway with the other warm bodies of the 147th Training Squadron and held a small reunion. The next consideration was permanent work. Steve (Campbell could typewrite. That rated him a job in the 171st solely inasmuch as eventually the position of finance clerk for the squadron of over 200 men.

Jack McBride was fortunate enough to get a spot as apprentice in 171st Operations. His section handles flight scheduling and mission assignments on the squadron level.

Jack feels he's learning a lot and knows that his association with flying will put him that much closer to cadets.

The 147th Supply claims Peter Sidway. Any ex-military men will agree that the supply man is one of the most popular individuals in his outfit. Being in his bad graces might result in size 14 shoes or mislaid laundry.

KNOWING PETE as we do, it's a sure thing he isn't so hard-hearted but his kind of people are important—they make the Air Force function.

The last part of May all three were promoted to Private First Class, which gives them another \$1.50 a month to "spend foolishly."

It's a wonder where the pittance disappears. The first two weeks after payday everyone has cigarettes by the carton and plenty of dates with Phoenix girls. The last 15 days you're sure to be "bumming spare butts" from anyone who has a fat shirt pocket and will spend every evening in the base theater with the boys for \$25.

With his strength, being right around three thousand and all of us spread about different

Heart Victims Show Steady Improvement

Elmer Huston, retired Birmingham businessman who suffered a severe heart attack last April while vacationing in Florida, is reported as "improving slowly". He still is unable to receive visitors.

Condition of Malcolm Ferguson, principal of Pierce school, is much improved.

Ferguson was hospitalized in March with a heart condition. He is now able to be up and about and hopes to return to his school duties in August.

City Treasurer Russell T. Berger is now able to be up and about and hopes to return to his office for several hours daily.

Dearborn Veterans Guests of Red Cross

American Red Cross women were hostesses to 29 men from the Dearborn Veterans hospital June 20 at an afternoon program and dinner.

Mrs. Fard Brook was in charge of entertainment which included a tour of the Westcott zoological park. Following this a dinner was served at Christ Church. Grand Brook under the direction of Mrs. Brook.

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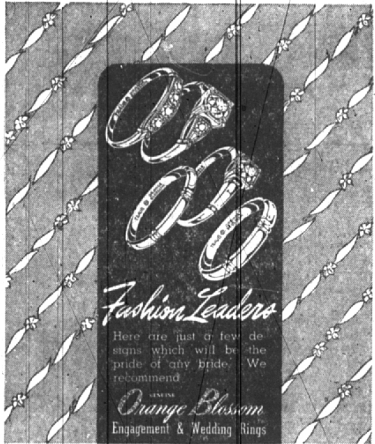
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