

James McPartlin Assigned Command Of Wov-Air-Ines

Lt. Col. James H. McPartlin, 38, of 3930 West Orchard Hill drive, Bloomfield township, has been assigned command of the 439th Reserve Fighter-Bomber Wing.

He succeeds Lt. Col. Richard M. Thorburn, 46, of 719 Larchlea, Birmingham, as head of the Seftidge-based wing, known as Michigan's "Wov-Air-Ines," whose 800 members include about 100 from Oakland county.

Thorburn, who held the post nearly two years, now has a reserve mobilization assignment in the inspection section at Tooth headquarters, Seftidge Air Force Base.



LT. COL. J. H. McPARTLIN

A NEAR life-long Michigan resident, Col. McPartlin previously was Wov-Air-Ines operations director and won a Silver Star, two Distinguished Flying Crosses and four Air Medals as a World War II

B-17 bomber pilot.

He flew 35 combat missions over Europe, including the first raid on Berlin, in his two years overseas.

Born in Dyer, Ind., he grew up in Pontiac, where he graduated from high school. He attended the University of Detroit and put in three years as a Michigan National Guardsman.

McPARTLIN enlisted July 7, 1941, as an aviation cadet, in what then was the Army Air Corps and got his pilot wings and commission seven months later.

In civilian life McPartlin is Michigan manufacturer's representative of the Euro Shirt Co., Louisville, Ky., with which he has been associated since 1954.

Back from Convo

Clarence Luchtman, Bloomfield Hills high school vocal director, has returned from attending the 12th annual Midwestern Music Conference at Ann Arbor. As retiring president, he addressed the group on "Successful Musical Programs."

Big Brothers Appreciate Publicity

To the Editor:

The Big Brothers of Oakland County are extremely grateful for the excellent release which you printed in a recent newspaper on Big Brothers of Oakland County. We have had many inquiries concerning our work due to this publicity. The inquiries have been of two kinds, both from people interested in becoming Big Brothers and from people who wish to use our services.

It is apparent, therefore, that your efforts have been of service to the community and you can be assured that we will do our utmost to fulfill our obligations in this respect.

Thank you again for your courtesy and cooperation and perhaps you might be interested to know that the State Conference for 1958, which will include some eight Big Brothers agencies throughout the state, is to be held in Pontiac, WILLIAM L. CLARK Executive Director



STEDING LOUFBOURROW ANDERSON

Chrysler Promotes 3 Local Engineers

Three local residents have been given new executive assignments in Chrysler Corporation's engineering division, it was announced Monday.

Alan G. Loufbourrow, 44, executive engineer-car chassis, electrical and truck engineering since 1953, was named executive engineer-product development and planning.

H. R. Steding, 38, executive engineer-management planning since 1955, was named executive engineer-product programming.

Robert Anderson, 36, chief engineer at Plymouth division since 1953, was named to succeed Loufbourrow as executive engineer-car chassis, electrical and truck engineering.

All three will report to Paul C. Ackerman, Chrysler vice president and director of engineering.

IN HIS NEW POSITION Loufbourrow will be responsible for the overall coordination of the engineering division car and truck programs and will evaluate all engineering programs and product designs.

In addition to his continuing responsibility for management planning, Steding will be responsible for coordinating the development and programming of product plans.

Loufbourrow joined Chrysler in 1935 after receiving a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from Ohio State University and a master's of engineering degree from the University of Michigan.

He received his master's degree in automotive engineering from Chrysler Institute of Engineering in 1937 and was assigned to the engineering division's mechanical laboratory department where he advanced to head of the laboratory. During World War II he was chief engineer at Chrysler's Lynch road plant where 1,000 carloads of atomic bomb manufacturing equipment was produced.

SUBSEQUENTLY he was chief engineer at Chrysler division and the Marine and Industrial Engine division. He was appointed chief engineer for chassis design in the engineering division and was named executive engineer-chassis, electrical and truck engineering in 1955.

Loufbourrow resides in Bloomfield Hills.

Steding, who lives at 930 Larchlea, Birmingham, entered the Chrysler Institute in 1940 after graduating from the University of Michigan with a BS degree in mechanical engineering. After receiving his MAE degree from the institute in 1942 he worked on the corporation's government contract development programs and later as assistant to the chief engineer of research.

OTHER POSITIONS STEDING has held include director of technical information for the engineering division, and chief executive staff assigned to the corporate organization department.

He was named executive engineer-management planning in 1955.

Anderson entered the Chrysler Institute in 1945 and after receiving his MAE degree in 1948 he was assigned to the Plymouth division as a contact engineer. He in automotive engineering from Chrysler Institute of Engineering in 1947 and was assigned to the engineering division's mechanical laboratory department where he advanced to head of the laboratory. During World War II he was chief

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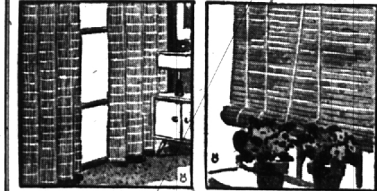
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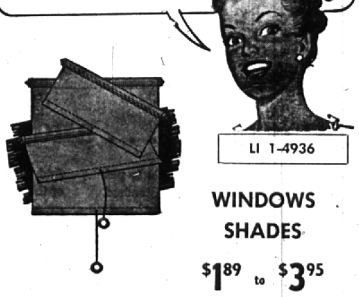
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