

Rockville Ramblings

By A/2C Ralph Emery

"Wake Up Little Susie"

That is what A/1C John Calhoun, of our Motor pool has been singing. John has been putting in many hours on his "Big Kitty Cat." He has kept the roads open from the "Rock" to the Main Base. When there is Basketball, Bowling or need of Supplies from the base, you don't have to worry about getting there and back, our Motor Pool will see to that.

"Don't Knock the Rock"

On the 11th of Jan., The Rockville Rams played their final Basketball game, with the Army's Co "D". This game decided the Base Tournament Championship. The game was mighty close right down to the final second. Coach Yarwood's boys played a good "heads up ball game," but the Army came on strong in the fourth period and went ahead by three points. The "Rams" could not make up the difference before the clock ran out. Final score Co "D" 58, Rockville 55.

One of the starting five, S/Sgt. Gerald Sloan, the night before the tournament ended, played his last game. Sloan was a great loss to the "Rams." We feel with Gerald in the line-up it could have been a different ball game. What do you think Sports followers?

In this reporters eyes, the "Rockville Rams" were a great ball club. Thanks go out to the whole squad for making the 932nd one of the top teams in the Island.

"Smack Dab in the Middle"

Our Bowlers are out to keep the name of "Rockville" high. The team now stands in 4th place, and are climbing the ladder to the top with each passing week. The team consists of M/Sgt. Gorden, A/1C Calhoun and Dale, A/2C Aden and Westmoreland, and A/3C Piccotti. Keep up the good work, you mighty sons of Rockville, we are behind you all the way.

"Ain't that a Shame"

In the past two weeks we have had a few new men report in for their year's stay at the "Rock." For Radio we have T/Sgt. Johnson and A/1C Nunemaker. Assigned up in the Communications Center are T/Sgt. Rogers and A/2C Moiser.

We welcome you fellows and wish you a happy stay here at "Rockville."

"I'll be Home"

"I'll be Home" was a popular song for several of the men leaving for home the past two weeks. Lt. Newfield, S/Sgt. Sloan and Noeller, A/2C Case, Brown, Hull, Rest, Tunner, Jones, McChain and A/3C Mutchler.

"Written on the Wind"

The bad weather we have had this past week has written a great deal of work for many sections. A.I.O. has had their hands full keeping "Heat and Hot Water" in all of the bldgs. While Wire Maint. has been quite busy with Telephone lines down. "Sgt. Day's Diner" (the Mess Hall) has kept Hot Coffee on the line 24 hrs a day for the men that have had to work around the clock.

From all the men of the 932nd we would like to thank the people responsible for our Comfort and Safety, and for making "Rockville" a better place to live.

DOD Official Says

Sputniks 'Fair Warning' But Need Not Be Feared

New York (AFPS)—"This is not a time for complacency, nor is it a time for fear," said William H. Francis, Jr., Assistant Secretary of Defense (Manpower, Personnel and Reserve), in an address here to members of the United Services Organization Board of Governors.

Secretary Francis went on to say that the Russians issued us a "fair warning" with the launching of their Sputniks, but that he feels we are ahead of them in many phases of military technology.

Speaking informally to the USO board at its quarterly meeting, the Secretary pointed out that the need for morale benefits derived from various USO activities had not lessened, and it would not in the foreseeable future.

"Well over one-half of the men in the service today are not career men," said Mr. Francis, "and with the trend towards smaller, more mobile and widely disbursed forces, the USO will be needed even more."

Touching on the present world situation, the Secretary feels we will be in the present state of "cold war" for a long time, stressing that this was a new concept to the American people.

In the past, he said, there always was an immediate objective in view, and never before has there been a peacetime need for the military strength necessary today.

As to the Russian advances in

science, he said, "We had an idea that we were far superior to the Russians in scientific achievements. The Sputnik changed that view, but I still feel we have more and better scientists here in the United States."

According to Mr. Francis, one of the more serious challenges facing America now and in the future is the training of these scientists.

In Russia youths are educated in related scientific fields through all their schooling, from grade school to college.

"Our Strategic Air Command leads all world powers in destructive power. This is one of the reasons I feel that this is not a time for fear," stated Secretary Francis. "Therefore, I do not regard the missile threat as dangerous as some would lead us to believe."

"Northern Lights" Ten Yrs. Old In '58

This is a significant year for Masons at Keflavik Airport. Their social-fraternal organization, the Northern Lights Club, celebrates its tenth anniversary in 1958.

The club was founded by a group of Masons stationed at Keflavik in October, 1948. The man who headed the organizers—and the first president of the Northern Lights Club,

Donald C. Romig, is still here to watch the young and healthy outfit keep its birthday year.

LOOKING BACK

Looking back at how it all began, Romig reflects that it was in the fall of '48 that he and a few friends who were Masons decided that that body should have some sort of fellowship at Keflavik.

After the laying of initial plans and the performance of needed 'spadework,' the first meeting was held—in a quonset hut in the Meeks Area. Fifteen members were on hand. They were Master Masons employed by the US Government, Metcalfe-Hamilton Kansas City Bridge Co., and the Lockheed Corporation.

The Club's purposes were—and are today—to serve as a social fellowship for Masons and their ladies, and a serious fellowship for discussing Masonry among the members and guest Masons from Icelandic lodges, as well as Masons who might be on the Base for a short period of time.

CLUB TODAY

The Club presently holds dinner-meetings on the first and third Fridays of each month at the Seaweed mess and welcomes all Masons, of any degree, and their ladies. Currently the Northern Lights memberships includes civilians and personnel from the Army, Navy, and Air Force. Average attendance at meetings is about fifty persons.

Northern Lights Masons often visit regular Lodge meetings in Reykjavik, as guests, and frequently host Reykjavik Lodge members here.

In addition to regular activities, NLC members undertake a special project during each year's holiday season. Their most recent: distribution of gifts to hospitalized base personnel at Christmastime.

FIRST PRESIDENT

Mr. Romig, first Club President, watches the growth of the group with satisfaction, but firmly believes that "everybody should have a chance at the honors—and the responsibilities," and consequently works strictly as a lay-member and, occasionally, as a committeeman.

A civilian, he has held such base jobs as Transportation Officer, Supply Inspector, and Salvage Officer at Keflavik Airport. Presently he is in the transportation section of IADF HQ.

INTERESTING BACKGROUND

For some time Mr. Romig played professionally as a concert violinist, spending two seasons with the Charleston Symphony, Charleston, South Carolina. From time to time he performed with groups from which the Pittsburgh Symphony was later formed. He attended Carnegie Tech.

In September 1942, Romig entered the military. He commanded the 3382 Truck Company, serving in the Aleutian Islands in World War II. He was separated from the service 15 May 47, and came to Iceland in 1948.

Mr. Romig is married to the former Anna Kristjana Thorarinsdottir of Keflavik. The Romigs have one daughter, Moeidur, 15. They make their home 71 Hringbraut, Keflavik.



"NORTHERN LIGHTS" FOUNDER

Mr. & Mrs. Donald C. Romig are pictured in attendance at the first 1958 meeting of the Northern Lights (Masonic) Club, Keflavik Airport. Mr. Romig served as Northern Lights' first President when the club was founded ten years ago.

Army Men! Got Talent? Then You're Onstage

According to Department of the Army Circular No. 28-6 titled, "Welfare, Recreation, and Morale," the annual All-Army Entertainment Contest is getting under way, publically.

We don't have any definite information as to when the Army Forces Iceland plans to conduct its base-level talent

contest, but we have been asked to give some advance publicity to the Grand Finals which will be conducted, "...during calendar year 1958." So here goes:

Twenty eight dash six says that competitions in the following classes:

- (1) Instrumental soloist.
- (2) Vocal soloist.
- (3) Individual specialty.
- (4) Vocal group, (not more than four members.)
- (5) Instrumental group, (not more than five members.)
- (6) Specialty groups — non-musical, (not more than three members.)

One thing further! Cir. 28-6 asks us to identify these events as, "...functions of The Adjutant General in implementation of the Department of the Army recreation and welfare program financed largely from nonappropriated welfare funds."

Now don't say you haven't had ample notice. If you have any question just check with your AG and, remember, ask for Cir. 28-6. Over and out.

Six Top Keflavik Bowlers Chosen

The six best bowlers on the Keflavik Air Base were decided in a "roll-off" held January 18/19 at the base bowling alley. These men will represent our base at the Hqs. MATS bowling tournament to be held at the Scott AFB, Ill. March 24-26.

The outstanding kegler, as usual, was Sp1 Wally Kissel as he rolled a beautiful series of 225, 237 and 242 for a total of 704. The following are the other five members of the representative team: Pfc Lucca, "Gunner" Smith, M/Sgt Orth, A/1C Hofrieter and SFC Baker.

Voice Of Viking

SANS HOUSES

New news from the Viking Service Club! Major Rose Panowski announced this week that Levi Night (Editor's Note: No relation to Pfc George Nites, WHITE FACON Staff Photographer!) is being held in conjunction with the Saturday night entertainment of the Westernair's Band. Maj Panowski advises that servicemen participating in Levi Night should "wear dungarees with sport shirts or sweaters and follow the order of the day."

CARD CHAMPS WANTED

Canasta tournaments have been started at the Service Club. Competition gets under way at 1900 hours each Tuesday night, and there is always room for new champions, so how about trying your hand?

TOURNEY TIME

And NOW is the time to come into the Viking and sign up for TOPS IN TOURNEYS. Challengers are played off from the 16th of one month to the 15th of the next. The men or teams out on top at the end of the playing period receive special prizes.

CURRENT WINNERS

As of 16 January, winners in the TOPS IN TOURNEYS contests were Sgt Barboe, "C" Co, 2d BCT and Sp/2 Franz, Hq Co, 2d BCT, in pinochle; S/Sgt Apilado, 1971st AACs Sq, in pool; PFC Holt, "A" Co, 2d BCT, in shuffleboard; Pfc Wiganowski, 525th Eng Plat, 2d BCT, in horse-collar; Robert Clark in Cribbage; PFC Eberhardt, "B" Co, 2d BCT, in chess and A/1 Barnett, 1400th Air Base Sq, in checkers.

Officers' Wives Club News

By Mrs. Alex Sutton

Amidst a setting of "Can spring be far behind?" the Keflavik Officers' Wives' Club met for its January luncheon and business meeting on the 15th of the month at the Officers' Mess. Mrs. Paul Holland and Mrs. Charles Drysdale, assisted by Mrs. John Kelly and Mrs. D. Redmon, were hostesses. Tall white tapers were spaced at intervals on each row of the "E"-shaped table. Tulips and jonquils centered the president's table, while various spring flowers and nosegays carried out the motif on the other sections. Mrs. Gail Bahr won the centerpiece as a door prize.

Mrs. Edward Seemer, president, conducted the business meeting, the highlight of which was the election of new officers for the spring term. Mrs. Alex Sutton was named president, with Mrs. Tom Hughes, vice-president, Mrs. Donald Jelks, secretary, and Mrs. Ralph Gloyn, treasurer.

Mrs. H. G. Thorne, expressing the Club's appreciation for Mrs. Seemer's service and contribution to the group during her term of office, presented the retiring president with a silver compote.

Mrs. Robert Callahan, retiring secretary, and Capt. Helen Wooten, both of whom are leaving Iceland, were "blessed" and given the customary ceramic fish as a farewell gift from the Club.

Welcomed to the Wives' Club and Keflavik recently were Capt. Lylian Turnrose of the Base Hospital, Mrs. J. R. Sullivan, whose husband is with Pan American Airways, and Mrs. Joe Wroblewski, wife of Maj. Wroblewski, USAF.