

THE MERRY GO ROUND

Opening night at Tropic gardens found sections 1 & 3 pouring with approval at an eye catching floor show and an evening of dancing. Free beer undoubtedly hit the spot with the crew and it can safely be said that at the finale of celebration all hands were having a ball.

Earlier in the program, Jerry Curtin and his band provided fine dancing music and the beautiful charming Jan Tober sang. The crowd enjoying food served in buffet style throughout the evening.

Door prizes were given away at intermission time. Miss Tober picked ticket stubs at random from a box. The Marines brought many cheers later in the evening when one and a few of his buddies requested that the Marines hymn be played - somehow it came out sounding a great deal like anchors aweigh.

The sensational part of the ball came on stage with the 60-lab-lab Committee, three gals with a high stepping routine.

Charlie Pickard, MC roused Texans and Tennesseans alike with his comedy routines and the crew ended with him, by joining in singing old favorites.

The Gay Bon Lin trio proved to be a smash, loaded with melody and beauty. "Sugar in the Morning" and "Tijuana" were reacted to with rousing approval. "The new sound," as created by the De Molays through their electric harmonicas brought sheets of "more" and flying hats.

The evening was a colorful whirl-pool, an unforgettable Merry-Go-Round. Dr. Furd, Special Services Officer and his staff are to be congratulated for a truly exciting and most successful Bennington Ball for 1956.

10 Air Bases In US to Get Bomarc Sites

Washington (AFPS)—The Air Force has announced plans to build 10 more Bomarc interceptor missile sites for anti-aircraft defense of bases in the US at a cost of \$122 million.

The sites, which will run between \$10 to \$15 million each, will be constructed at or near Langley AFB, Va.; Kinross AFB, Mich.; Niagara Municipal Airport, N. Y.; Trux Field, Wis.; Duluth Municipal Airport, Minn.; Faine AFB, Wash.; Camp Adair, Ore.; Travis AFB and Cooke AFB, Calif.; and Ethan Allen AFB, Vt.

The present version of the Bomarc has a range of more than 250 miles and travels at over twice the speed of sound.

An improved missile is being perfected which will increase the range beyond 400 miles and have greater capabilities against the fastest jet bombers.



The crew relaxes and enjoys the newly renovated lounge area.

LOUNGE AROUND THE LIBRARY

Lounge? Library? Temporary Chapel?

Yes three in one. The partition that separated the crews lounge from the library has been removed. The result is nothing short than sensational. The formerly limited area has become a spacious L-shaped compartment.

The Chapel services have been removed from the Q2 level so that services can be conducted in an atmosphere less distracting. Renovation was undertaken to provide more room and relaxation for the crew. One can now pick up a magazine or book of his choice and settle into an easy chair as if in his own living room. The formerly drab sofas have been upholstered in gay colors that offer a visual break in the monotonous battleship grey and white. Television is to be installed to make it complete.

EDITORS NOTE

To anyone wanting to contribute material for publication in the Jet Blast. We seriously urge letters to the Editor, stories suitable for publication, events, humorous or human interest type, anything that you feel is your world profit by. The Jet Blast is your paper help support it.

ARRESTED for attacking a telephone coin-box with a chisel and hammer, a man in Ft. William, Ont., told the judge he was only trying to get his money back.

SILAS S. SITTIGHT SPEAKS OUT

You may think that all I have to do is to go around saying on people, but I want to clear this matter up once and for all...I'm just ribbing anonymous crewmembers for what we all at one time or another find ourselves doing. And as for a direct answer to the question mentioned above...uh or well...gee whoz...can I help it if I just happen to be at a certain place when somebody does something unwittingly humorous?

I set up with a toiling Marine in the passageway last week painting the bulkhead with a one inch brush which is all right, I guess, but I wish I could figure out just why the five gallon paint can.

A parting word...how many of us have saluted the bow of the ship coming or going while we are moored port side to???

As Magoo would say...har har that's my boy Aldo.