

'Smartest Woman Of Year'

"Smartest woman of the year." That's what the Air Force calls the "WAF". And here's why, says the Air Force:

She's always smartly dressed in Air Force blue; she's chosen a career with a proud organization that doesn't even consider the sky as a limit; she's chosen to serve on the Air Force team, where she will work side by side with men, enjoying equal privileges, collect the same pay, and have the same opportunity for training, education and travel; and, finally, she has selected a career with adventure and travel, a position where she may continue her education, and a job in which she can take pride.

Just how does a girl go about getting in such an organization? Here're the qualifications:

Age: 18 to 34 years. (Applicants under 21 must have parental consent)

Education: You must have a

high school diploma or equivalent citizenship: You must be a citizen of the United States either by birth or by naturalization.

Marriage: You must be single unless you have had previous military service.

Dependents: You must have no dependents under 18 years of age.

Health: You must be able to meet the high physical standards set for women in the Air Force.

Mental aptitude: You must pass the Armed Forces Women's Selection Test.

Period of enlistment: You may enlist in the Air Force for 3, 4, or 6 years.

Once you're in what happens? First, you take nine weeks basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. During this time you are given tests and interviewed to determine the best career field. Then you're assigned to a technical training course

There are twice as many automobiles in St. Louis, Mo., as in all of Japan.

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Lt. Shields Installations Commander



L.T. SHIELDS

Heading the Air Force unit of construction specialists for Seymour Johnson Air Force Base is Lt. Edward C. Shields, commander of the Installations Squadron.

Shields came here last October from a tour of duty in Iceland. Unmarried, he lives in the base bachelor officers quarters.

The 24-year-old officer attended the Pennsylvania State University and the personnel school at Scott Air Force Base, Ill.

He is a member of the Catholic Church and belongs to the Catholic Men's Club.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Shields, reside in Pittsburgh, Pa.

Baby Buzzer

RICHMOND, Va. — A baby specialist here reported that a cause of considerable anxiety among mothers with faulty hearing is that they won't be awakened by baby's crying during the night. The specialist—a woman—suggested a solution and Medical College Research Laboratories produced a gadget to waken the deaf mothers.

It's an electronic device that converts the slightest sound from the baby's crib into vibrations which the mother receives from an instrument under her bed pillow. A Service Club which sponsored the development lends the device on request.

Tacit Agreement

EAST LANSING, Mich. — Dr. Fred G. Alexander, a Michigan State University speech professor, made a study of one session of the Michigan Legislature to find out the influence of debate on legislation. He reported that 783 bills were presented but the lawmakers debated only one in four bills.

AF Aid Society Help Totals \$2.8 Million

WASHINGTON — A flood in California and a variety of personal and health problems brought AF members and dependents \$2.8 million worth of help from the Air Force Aid Society last year. The group's annual report shows that 28,694 persons received loans and grants.

The year, during which AFAS made \$2,490,989 worth of loans and grants in 1956 went to this purpose, about 20 percent to health emergencies, eight percent to cases involving death in the family, another eight percent to emergency travel expenses and the rest to miscellaneous items.

Floods at Beale AFB, Calif., in late 1955 accounted for nearly \$40,000 in grants and \$4000 in loans during early 1956. This was the greatest single emergency in which the society had a hand.

Size of other loans and grants have arisen over the years, from an average of \$64 per application to about \$98 per application. Assistance has ranged from \$5 to over \$1000.

Biggest item, for which members borrow money is basic maintenance. More than half the loans and grants in 1956 went to this purpose, about 20 percent to health emergencies, eight percent to cases involving death in the family, another eight percent to emergency travel expenses and the rest to miscellaneous items.

THE SOCIETY makes outright grants, gifts and non-interest loans to AF members and their dependents, whether or not they are members.

Income is largely from the society's annual membership drive.

Last year brought in \$956,667 in

National Aircraft Show brought in another \$1000.

Members of various aircraft companies contributed \$16,800. Wives clubs, messes and service clubs made major donations. Sixteen of them contributed more than \$500 each. To this, the society investments added another \$300,000 to the general fund and \$77,000 to the education fund.

Aside from small operating expenses, most of the money was paid out in grants or circulated in loans. A total of 28,694 loans and grants were made in 1956, making the 11-year total 234,451. Most of the loans are repaid by allotment. A few, when circumstances make repayment impossible, become grants.



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