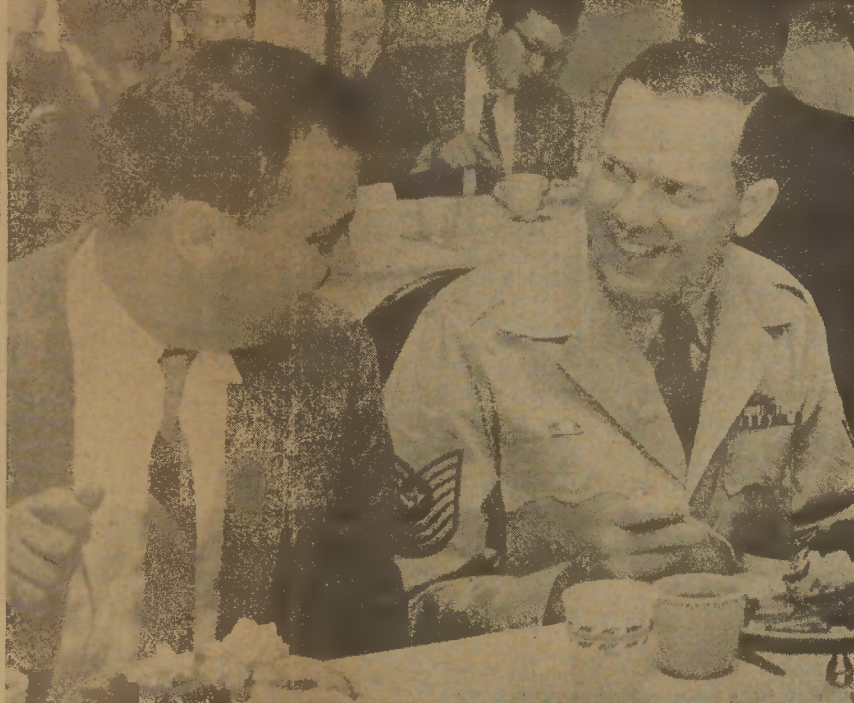




FAMILY MAN — Sgt. Doug Bowe is a family man, likes to be a part of the community. The Bowe family (Doug, Lucille, Richard and Janet) chat here with mail man Hubert Lewis. (News-Argus Photo)



COMMUNITY, MAN, TOO — The sergeant also is a prominent member of the Junior Chamber of Commerce. He is shown here enjoying a meeting with A. W. Griffin, Jr. (News-Argus, Photo)

Seymour Johnson Top-Kick—A Civilian At Heart

By EUGENE PRICE
He's a career Air Force man, but he's a civilian at heart. That confession came today from Master Sergeant Douglas Bowe, who as sergeant major of the 83rd Fighter Wing, is the number one

noncommissioned officer at Seymour Johnson Air Force Base. He's typical of the career men who make up today's Air Force. He's a family man and although a professional in the military, he isn't the brawling soldier of fortune or

the cocky, devil-may-care serviceman who typified the war years.

"The Air Force is a good life for a man and his family, I chose it as a profession because I liked it," said Bowe, who at 35, will be eligible for retirement in just four more years.

"But under the uniform, I'm a civilian. I like to be a part of a community. And I find Goldsboro to be a good community to be a part of," the sergeant explained.

Bowe, who came here about a year ago, wasted no time in becoming a part of Goldsboro. He joined the Jaycees and his wife became active in the Jaycees. They both serve on the boards of directors and the sergeant is co-chairman of the Seymour Johnson-Goldsboro committee.

"We have an awful lot of friends here. I can thank the Jaycees for that. The club here is as good as you'll find anywhere. Just about everywhere I go down the street I meet people I know," he commented.

He and his wife, Lucille, are active in church work, too. They attend Good Shepherd Evangelical Lutheran Church.

With two small children (Richard, 5, and Janet, 2), the Bowes don't "go out" too much at night, aside from their Jaycee activities and occasional visits with Air Force and civilian families.

But they find plenty to entertain themselves with at home. Sgt. Bowe is a successful amateur photographer who once won an award with a picture he took of three streaks of lightning flashing across the sky. He collects stamps and coins.

Mrs. Bowe insisted that she "isn't any good at all at it" but her husband mentioned that she entertains herself occasionally by painting.

Both like Goldsboro. "It's much better than our last station. The town is a nice size and the people are friendly. The scenery is beauti-

ful here. And there are good places to fish," said Bowe.

Mrs. Bowe enjoys the shopping center. "There's a big store here for just about anything you might want."

As sergeant major, Bowe can expect to remain here for a fairly long tour of duty — one, he says, which could easily extend through his retirement period.

As for after that, he hasn't decided yet. "We're both from San Diego. We may go back out there. Or we might stay here, depending on what I can find to do. We wouldn't mind at all living here," Bowe said.

They have bought a brick home at 906 Pittman St.

Retirement Advancement Is Studied

WASHINGTON — The Pentagon later this year may ask for a law allowing all servicemen to advance on the retired list at completion of 30 years' service to the highest grade served. The law allows such advancement if the higher grade was held in the service from which retired. But in other cases there is no advancement authority.

A War II Navy or Marine officer, for example, who enlisted in the Air Force and retires from the AF as an airman, cannot advance to the higher grade held in the other service (Army persons who switched to AF under the law establishing AF as a separate service can advance, it has been ruled).

The change, now being worked on in the Pentagon, is going into a draft legislative proposal. But it may be some time before it clears the big hangar.

See Renewal In Furlough Rates By Rail

WASHINGTON — Furlough rates, customarily granted service people by the railroads, probably will be renewed this year, but at a slightly higher per-mile cost, an official of the Association of American Railroads said this week.

The furlough rates, roughly 30 percent below civilian passenger fares, are renewed by the railroads on a year-to-year basis. They come up again in June, and Earl Padrick of the Railroad Association said he "sees no reason why they should not be renewed."

An increase, Padrick said, would be in line with a recent general fare hike granted the carriers by the Interstate Commerce Commission. Present civilian passenger fares are 3.7 cents per mile in the East and 3.03 cents in the West and South. Servicemen pay 2.02 cents nationwide.

The furlough rates were begun during World War II and have been renewed every year since. They are good for servicemen traveling in uniform and by coach only.

DFC Presented To Hero's Son

MCGHEE TYSON APRT, Tenn. — The Distinguished Flying Cross, awarded only for "rare heroism" during peacetime, was presented posthumously to two-year-old Jeffrey Paige Couch, for his father, Lt. Robert P. Couch.

Col. George B. Simler, commander, 355th Fighter Gv., made the presentation here, before friends and relatives.

On October 18, 1955, while on a routine training flight over Minneapolis, Minn., Lt. Couch's aircraft experienced an explosion and sudden power failure. Although he could have bailed out successfully he chose to stay with his plane and maneuver it away from the densely populated area and into a nearby river bed.

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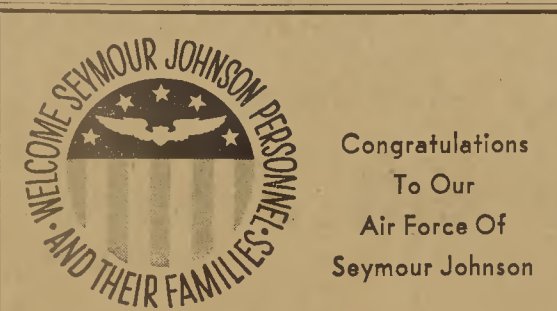
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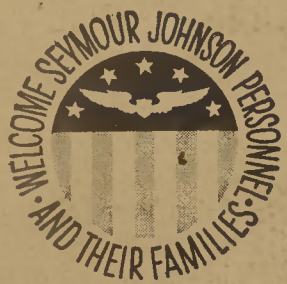
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