

### Air Force Gives Impressive Show Of Equipment In Demonstration Sunday

It's a real pity, the lieutenant was saying, that every citizen can't have the opportunity to see the Air Force stage one of its periodic aerial firepower demonstrations.

If they could, he added, those growls about paying too much taxes might be somewhat lessened.

The lieutenant, aide to a brigadier general at Fort Bragg, was among a group of officers, town officials and members of the staffs of several Sandhill newspapers that was returning from Elgin Air Force Base in Florida Sunday night following such a demonstration earlier in the day.

"Consider for a minute," the lieutenant said, "that most of the equipment you saw this afternoon was obsolete, or fast getting that way. Yet, I think that almost every person there, including many of the officers who had seen similar demonstrations before, was amazed at the tremendous potential the Air Force has developed. Live with it long enough and you'll see why we think constant development of air power is essential to defense."

The lieutenant, son of a retired Army colonial, wasn't wrong when he talked about potential.

Held at the giant 800 square mile (500,000 acres) Air Proving Ground in the northern part of Florida, the demonstration went off without a hitch. The Air Force showed off fighter planes, long range bombers, air-to-air rocket firing techniques, and the very newest technique in bombing. All in all, it was the most tremendous show this reporter has ever seen.

The demonstration started with two F-100 Thunderbirds diving from an altitude of 43,000 feet in a "vertical supersonic boom." This, for the benefit of the unenlightened, is a dive in which the planes break through the sound barrier.

The planes, almost impossible to locate in the sky until they let off a thin trail of smoke just seconds before they started their 23,000 foot dive, came out of the sky without a sound. Travelling at an estimated speed of some 900 miles per hour, they pulled up, flipped their wings and headed out of sight.

Then came the thunderous BOOM! which is the breaking of the sound barrier. Not as loud as had been expected, but plenty loud at that!

The Air Force then started a parade of planes that had been used in wartime, beginning with a World War I fighter that actually evoked roars of laughter from the some 6,000 people on hand. Just 40 years old, but so completely outmoded that it was almost as if the Air Force had paraded an ox cart before the stands.

Even the World War 2 plane which followed, the famous F-51 (remember the P-40?) was considered old-fashioned.

Not until the F-80 next in the parade, had roared through at its comparatively slow speed of about 250 miles per hour, did the spectators start realizing the progress that has been made in aircraft in the past 10 years.

The commentator introduced a Korean fighter plane and the present day supersonic fighter, both flying at less than 100 feet from the ground, and held off the recently developed supersonic interceptor until the very last.

It dived through at less than 700 miles per hour and actually looked slow!

Its capable speed, one Air Force officer a seat or two away said, was probably more than 1,500 miles per hour.

Following the plane parade the most impressive sight of the day was exhibited—a formation of four Thunderbirds flying in perfect precision, performing aerial acrobatics that were nothing short of amazing.

At one point the four planes went up to some 10,000 feet and broke out of their formation in a beautiful star pattern, each plane going in a different direction. Spectators were amazed until the commentator said "You haven't seen anything yet."

The planes then met (estimated speeds of 400 mph) in front of the stands, one stacked on top of the other, in an almost impossible feat. We later learned that the demonstration was the thirty first performed by the group, the twentieth in the Thunderbirds.

Firing demonstrations, using napalm bombs, followed in which the planes literally tore to pieces several targets that had been set up on the field. There were no misses.

One more thing that was outstanding was the demonstration of the new "toss-bombing" technique the Air Force has perfected.

Difficult to describe, the bombing did not employ the conventional method of dropping the weapons; actually, the plane seemed to be shooting them (there were three demonstrations—80 degree, 90 degree and 110 degrees) at a target more than a mile away.

There was also a demonstration of a simulated "A" bomb burst.

Printed on the little program that was distributed was the last notation: "B-36, 6,000 feet, demonstration of bombing capability, maximum load."

The B-36, which looked like a stodgy old hen protecting her biddies, starting laying the bombs almost as soon as it came in view. They fell, two at a time, for an estimated distance of some 16 miles. An officer sitting nearby said you could walk down the path the bombs made and find it straight and even "just like a canal ditch."

On the plane coming back to Donaldson Air Force Base in Greenville, S. C., (a C-124 used

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 Thursday — Beef shepherd pie, whole kernel corn, white bread, fruited gelatin, cookie, milk.  
 Friday — Tuna pie, string beans, crisped carrot sticks, wheat bread and butter, peach half, milk.

### HARVEST SALE

There will be a harvest sale Saturday night at McDonald's Chapel for the benefit of the pew fund. The church, located near Pinehurst, will serve turkey dinners from 6 p. m. until the supply is exhausted.

by the commanding general of the 18th Air Force) one of the reporters looked out the little plastic bubble in the plane's nose and remarked:  
 "Look at that sky. . . sure is a big world, isn't it?"  
 The pilot looked over his shoulder and, in a few well chosen words, told the whole story of air power:  
 "The world, I'm afraid, is getting smaller. . . a lot smaller. . . every day."

### FHA Members To Hold District Rally In Hamlet

Future Homemakers of America composing 10 eastern and central North Carolina counties will hold their District rally in the Fairview Heights School in Hamlet, October 13.

Arrangements for the rally are being made by the Hamlet F. H. A. Chapter under the direction of Mrs. Melva Hamilton, advisor, Miss Mary Hines Leonard, State Department of Public Instruction, home economics supervisor of the area, and Miss Mary Elizabeth Burns, Pinehurst School, District advisor.

The meeting will begin at 10 a. m. and will be presided over

by Helen Lewis, Red Springs chapter, and state historian of the F. H. A.

Some 800 girls representing 66 high schools, including several in Moore County, are expected to attend, with their homemaker teachers, principals, chapter mothers and fathers. The all day event will feature as its theme, "You—in Home, Chapter, School, and Community."



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