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FUSSA, Japan - Staff Sergeant William F. Jones, (left), whose wife, Shirley, is the daughter of Mrs. Francis Leathers of 809 E. Lewis St., Fort Wayne, Ind., is presented a "Big Mech" award at Yokota AB, Japan, by Major Donald O. Boyle, his commander. The trophy is given as part of a Pacific Air Forces special recognition program for outstanding maintenance personnel.

**Durham Native Wins Army Mechanic Award**

FUSSA, Japan - Staff Sergeant William F. Jones, Jr., assigned at Yokota AB, Japan, was named Outstanding Aircraft Maintenance Crew Chief in his Air Force unit and awarded a PACAF "Big Mech" Trophy.

The trophy is a statue of an aircraft mechanic carrying the mark of his profession - a tool box. Sergeant Jones was chosen for his outstanding technical ability and diligence in providing essential support for PACAF, America's overseas air arm that maintains the U. S. defense posture in the Pacific and conducts air operations in Southeast Asia.

**Veterans Must File Income Questionnaires**

The Veterans Administration is setting up eight regional centers, relocating key personnel and streamlining addressed answer forms to make it easier for more than two million veterans and their dependents to return annual income questionnaires.

The VA mails these income questionnaires to all pensioners, and to parents who receive dependency and indemnity compensation because payments are based on incomes.

W. R. Phillips, Manager of the North Carolina VA Regional Office, said the questionnaire form will be mailed with the November checks, normally received in December.

The form, which bears the return address, must not be mutilated, folded or cut because it will be processed several times through electronic equipment.

The forms must be returned before Jan. 31, 1967, or those on pension rolls face the possibility of having payments stopped.

The processing centers will be in Philadelphia, Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, Los Angeles, St. Paul, Seattle and Washington, Phillips said he had been advised.

**Crosby-Garfield Presents Its Annual Christmas Musicales**

BY ODESSA W. HICKS  
On Tuesday, Dec. 13, the air around the Raleigh area was frosty and cold. This made the warm and cheerful atmosphere in the Crosby-Garfield School Auditorium even more outstanding. As one entered, the beautifully decorated stage and the gentle hum of excitement of 180 eager, young participants very readily warmed the heart with joyful anticipation. Under the direction of Dr. Roland L. Allison, music consultant, the program proceeded on a note of professionalism exemplary of his talent and skill.

The theme of the program was "What Christmas Means to the Elementary School Child (as demonstrated by skills learned in the vocal music program)." It began with audience participation in singing, "Joy to the World." Representatives from each room in grade groups, combined to perform numbers for the particular grade. The first grade, attired as Santa's Elves in beautiful red and white, sang "Christmas Alphabet." This was followed by the second grade who interpreted in singing and bodily movements "Winter Wonderland." Grade three expressed Christmas as reverence and joyful praise with an ensemble of xylophones playing "Joy to the World," followed by the singing of "An-

els We Have Heard On High" --the decant being played on resonator bells. Then the three grades combined to welcome, with the singing of "Santa Claus Is Coming to Town," a miniature Santa, Little Anthony Price a first grader.

Christmas means gaiety and laughter, but the fourth grade portrayed a deeper meaning with an ensemble of Soprano recorders, accompanied by autoharps playing "Jingle Bells" and "O Come All Ye Faithful." Grade five, under the direction of Mrs. M. T. James, sang two canons, Praise and Thanksgiving to God We Bring and Church Bells, also a French carol, Pat-a-pan, which was accompanied by a French horn. Christmas is an occasion for festivity and fond memories. The sixth grade performed a dance routine "Yelakiki," which is a Greek festival dance. They also sang two beautiful songs, "The

Christmas Son and White Christmas, with Rosalyn Winston performing as soloist on the latter.

The finale, a combined group of ensembles of singers and instruments, came with the single of Jingle Bells, "O Holy Night" with Charles Aldrich, Jr. a second grader serving as soloist, and "Silent Night." The audience then joined in singing "Hark The Herald Angels Sing" and "We Wish You a Merry Christmas."

The accompanists were: on the resonator bells, Dawn Hooker, Sheila McCrimmon, and Eddie McKnight; autoharps, Gerald Anderson, Ronald Davis, and Gregory Foust; and on piano, Mrs. Marina Bell, Mrs. Pearl W. Smith, and Dr. Roland L. Allison.

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