

# WING-WIDE MEET BIGGEST EVER

## 400 Attend WING'S 2nd STATEWIDE MEETING

For the second year in a row the Robert Meyer Motor Inn at Orlando was 'invaded' by the CAP, but this year the deluge was so great that many CAP visitors had to be bedded down at neighboring hotels. More than 400 seniors and cadets attended this, the second annual Wing-wide meeting on the 16th and 17th of January.

This year the meeting, expanded from last year's Special Activities Selection and examinations, also included separate section meetings. It had the largest attendance of any meeting in Florida Wing history.

The hotel started filling Friday afternoon as many gathered early to start preparing for the next two days activities. Leaders of various sections, briefcases bulging with bulletins and reports were conscientiously (and somewhat nervously) going over their notes.

By Saturday morning the only 'civilians' were the hotel staff. The Robert Meyer Motor Inn took on the appearance of a miniature Pentagon.

The hotel was filled to overflowing, and the day was filled with activity. Huddled in corners were groups of nervous cadets, studying, rehearsing and worrying over the approaching exams and appearance before the Selection Board... In the test-rooms other cadets were pouring over the written exams... before the selection board, cadets, stiff at attention, faced the piercing eyes and probing questions of the examiners.

Every public room in the hotel was pressed into service, and when no more room was available, one of the sections set up chairs and held its meeting in the hall. A total of 13 key meetings were held during the day, including all unit Operations Officers, all unit Information Officers, all unit Chaplains, all Group Inspectors, all unit Aerospace Education Officers, Group Commanders, etc. Individual meetings ran from three to five hours each... the time profitably spent in work sessions designed to up-date every phase of the program.

Evening activities began with a filled-to-capacity Awards Banquet, featuring such outstanding guests as CAP National Commander Joe Mason, Colonel Paul Turner and Colonel 'Ike' Vermilya, a CAP pioneer, and Florida Wing's first Wing Commander. Col. Mason, who's attendance at this meeting was the highest compliment possible, lauded Florida's outstanding contributions to the growth and progress of CAP.

Florida Wing Commander Colonel duPont, presented the following awards; Leading Cadet Squadron in the wing - Palm Beach Squadron; leading Composite Squadron - Fort Pierce Composite Squadron; leading Senior Squadron - Ocala Senior Squadron; leading



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## GUEST SPEAKERS AT WING-WIDE MEETING



Nat. Chairman Paul W. Turner, Col. CAP



National Commander Joe L. Mason, Col. USAF



Chief LO, SE Region, Orren H. Lane, Col. USAF



SE Region Commander F.W. Reilly, Col. CAP

## 47 COP's PRODUCED IN NINE DAYS

COCOA---With a near classic last minute rush, the Florida Wing achieved its 1964 Certificate of Proficiency Quota, by producing 47 COP's in the last nine days of the month, to reach the staggering total of 140.

Group 25 in Jacksonville was the real hero in the campaign to produce the quota, and thus assure our full participation in the IACE program in 1965. 1/Lt. Dave Gleason, Group 25 Commander, and Captain William Kobos started in examinations for all cadets in the group who had not as yet made up late November to order make-up exams and had been previously failed, and on the 21st of December presented the wing 28 completed applications, thus producing almost half of the wing's missing applications. The Florida Wing is grateful for their effort for without this effort we would not have made our quota and would have sent only three cadets on the exchange instead of the eight that will not have a chance to participate next summer.

Producing COP's in 1964 was much harder due to the fact that each achievement needs 10 weeks of work instead of the eight weeks that were needed when the quota of 140 for the Florida Wing was established. This made it about 30% harder to accomplish.

The 1965 COP quota has not as yet been published, but it is estimated to be in the neighborhood of 225.

## 1965 Starts With Singlehanded Mission

MIAMI ---- The North Dade Squadron Safety Officer, Richard Lewis, effected a rescue mission single-handed on the first day of the new year.

Flying on the return leg of a round-robin cross-country flight from North Perry to West Palm Beach, Pahokee and North Perry, S/M Lewis, while flying at 1,500 feet about 340° N. W. of North Perry Airport, caught a flash of light, like a mirror would give. He circled down to 300 feet to investigate and saw "HELP" painted in white on the roof of a fishing camp. He could see five people, one figure waving a white shirt on a stick. He went up to 2,000 feet and radioed the North Perry Tower to alert the Coast Guard. This was at 11:44 AM.

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cadet Group - Group 16; leading Composite Group - Group 6; leading Senior Group - Group 2; leading Sector - Sector B.

In return Col. duPont was awarded CAP's highest honor, the Distinguished Service Award, by National Commander Mason.

The Military Ball got underway at about 10 PM. Seniors and Cadets, smart in their Class A's and beautiful in colorful formals gracefully glided to the smooth rhythm of a full bodied orchestra that didn't rock or roll... just played music. Shortly after midnight. Lt. Colonel Bass, Wing Deputy for Cadets got up to make the long awaited announcements. The hush that fell over the ballroom was indicative of the seriousness of the occasion. This was no

mere game to the cadets. The desire to be one of the 'selected' was genuine and vitally important. As Col. Bass read each winning name a great wave of cheering and squeals of delight echoed throughout the hotel. The jubilation or disappointment of the moment was mirrored in every face... not only of the cadets but of the seniors too, for there wasn't anyone present that didn't have a 'favorite' in the group.

Selected for the coveted International Air Cadet Exchange (IACE) were Cadets Eric Olson, Hialeah; Mark Haffey, Canaveral; Robert Stettina, New Smyrna Beach; Tony Buholtz, Miami; Robert L. Thomas, St. Petersburg; Steve Lapin, Miami; and J. D.

Chase, Miami. Alternates named were Cadets John D. Starr, Miami and Robert Bennett, Jacksonville.

Cadet J.T. Spencer, Naples, received the Jet Orientation Appointment, with Cadet Fred Swearingen, Miami, as alternate. For Space Age Orientation, Cadet R.G. Walker from St. Petersburg was chosen, with alternate cadet J.A. Goldstein, Miami. Kenneth D. Kelley got the nod for FAA Orientation Course with Cadet D.A. Roberts, Orlando, standing by as alternate.

Cadet Mary Ruzycski from Miami was chosen to attend the Aerospace Age Orientation Course, with Pat Tierney, also of Miami, named as alternate.

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## MEMO from the Commander

I had the occasion the other day to be flying to Chicago for a conference, and during this trip I had the time to reflect on the year 1964.

We were passing over Indianapolis at 'Flight Level 350', (35,000) feet, when I thought of the long way Wing had come during the past 12 months. What a hard fight it was to get those 140 COP's; 36 of them were beside me in my brief case that had arrived at the office too late to risk mailing them with a December 31st deadline. I would be delivering them in two days to Houston, via Chicago and Dallas. I remembered how tough it was to set up the five 1964 Encampments and how really difficult it was to implement the new Cadet Program. What a tremendous job Florida Group Commanders and Wing Staff have done. Persons working fairly and more hours a week on CAP and earning a living as well. What a pleasure and genuine thrill it is to work with these people, who, to me, represent the epitome of dedication to duty and country.

The next evening I left Chicago for Dallas. I had a sudden empty feeling as the Braniff Captain gave us a position report south of St. Louis, making good a groundspeed of 612 miles per hour. How fast 1964 was coming to and end! Only four days left in Florida's finest CAP year. We had made our mark in the National Program. We had become the largest Wing in both memberships and units. We had graduated the most Cadets from summer camp for the third straight year. We made our magnanimous COP quota thus assuring our full share of places on the 1965 Cadet Exchange. We are the Number One Wing.

A teasing about in clear air turbulence and a 'Fasten Seat Belt' announcement from a cute little blond brought me back from my momentary 'Laurels Resting'. 1965 was upon us true, we had four days to go in 64, but there was much work ahead for the New Year. The Senior renewals for 1965 were slightly behind 64. Cadets were also dragging behind. A quota of 214 COP's greets us for the New Year. There were SARCAPS to plan, a fizzling communications net to try to cure. A large turnover in Unit Commanders needs to be dealt with and hundreds of lesser problems.

Truly, the Florida Wing has achieved a position of National Leadership. It is up to us to set the example in Cadet and Senior training. . . yes, I realize what a pain IBM answer cards are and how sharp testing officers must be when dealing with National. I know what it is like as a Squadron Commander to have a Group Commander 'hound' you for a late IO report. I was a Squadron Commander once.

The greatest honor I have ever had is to be serving the Wing as its Commander. I have never met nor worked with finer people. . . I have had to push some of you in the past to keep the progress moving, and I suspect that 1965 will see its pushing and nasty letters.

The out look and situation of Florida is much like an old and favorite Poem. . . "and miles to go before I sleep, and miles to go before I sleep"

*Samuel Hallock du Pont, Jr.*  
SAMUEL HALLOCK DU PONT, JR.  
Colonel, CAP  
Commander



The "Unholy Five" with their Mascot. (Left to Right) Colonels More, Dumlevy, Jablonski, Plant and Feldman. Sector "A" Inspection Team - together they total more than 80 years in Civil Air Patrol.



du Pont

## Senior Members Needed

MIAMI---As of 31 December the Florida Wing has 1048 1965 Senior Members, new and renewals. This compares to a total of 1104 for the same period one year ago. This means that Florida is some 56 seniors behind the same time last year.

Sector A has the largest number of '65 members with a total of 396, followed closely by Sector B with 386. Sector C had 236 and there were 30 on the wingstaff who had renewed to date.

Colonel duPont, Wing Commander, said that after study of the membership report, he felt that January would produce about 500 more 1965 members inasmuch as there are whole squadrons that have not sent any renewal applications in as yet. "Unfortunately" he said, "some units prefer to wait until the very last minute and send them all in at once."

The dues increase becomes effective on 1 February, so the number of renewals we have always had come in late in February and March will probably come in January this year to avoid the increase. A maximum effort is planned by Sector Offices to effect a much higher renewal rate this year, and if it is successful, the January strength report could top 1600 which would have us an excellent base to build stronger units during the balance of the year.

## SELECTION OF PROJECT OFFICERS ANNOUNCED

MIAMI---Lt. Colonel Paul J Remlinger of Sector C staff has been appointed as the 1965 IACE project officer. The Florida Wing will host the 25 cadets from Great Britain and two RAF escort officers. The exchange cadets will arrive in Miami toward the end of July and will be hosted by Sector A for the first few days. Col. Remlinger will then take them to Palm Beach, where they will be the guests of Group 5 commanded by Major Bob Owen. After a few days in the Palm Beaches, they will motor to the Group 6 area where they will be the guests of Group 6 and Lt. Colonel Ralph T. Gwin. A complete tour of Cape Canaveral is planned for them.

The last few days of our English visitors will be spent in the greater Jacksonville area where they will be guests of Sector C headquarters. All totaled, the IACE exchange cadets from Great Britain will be in Florida for 11 days. The cadets will then fly back to Washington DC where it is hoped they will be able to see the President at the White House.

This is the second year that Colonel Remlinger has been Wing Project Officer for IACE hosting.

## 506 COPs IN 5 YEARS

COCOA---The Florida Wing has produced 506 Certificates of Proficiency during the past five years. This is the second highest five year total of any wing in CAP behind the fabulous school-sponsored system developed by the Puerto Rico Wing.

Florida has exactly achieved its COP quota for the past four years starting in the year 1961 when our goal was 84 COP's. Florida produced 96 to equal our quota in 1962, 116 last year, and 140 this year.

The most important by-product of this effort has been the cadet officers that we have produced by this high number of certificates. This is our most important product in the cadet program. The second most important product has been our maximum IACE participation that we have enjoyed over the past four years. Each year Florida has been privileged to send eight cadets to Europe and South America, the maximum allowable for a wing.

## Jax. S&R Sq. Sites "Firsts"

JACKSONVILLE---The Jacksonville Search & Rescue Squadron achieved some "firsts" during the past month that auger well for the unit's progress during the coming year.

A small senior squadron with a normal compliment of only 15 members, the Jax S&R Squadron was the first unit to achieve its membership quota for the new year in Northeast Florida Group II.

It was also the first unit, and to date the only unit--to surpass its quota requirements, with its 1965 membership already at the 120% mark and still climbing. The squadron is also the first unit to have a Chaplain and a Medical Officer among its personnel, both of whom are new CAP members.

The squadron, which has participated in every SARCAMP mission held in the area during the past year, currently stands in sixth place nationally in its IO program.

MIAMI---W/O Helen Kerr, wife of the commander of Group 4, has been selected to act as Wing Project Officer for the 1965 Southeast Region Girls Exchange hosting 16 Girls and two female escort officers will come to Florida for six days during late July or August as Florida's part in the exchange program.

Sixteen Florida girls and two female senior escorts will be hosted by the Georgia and Mississippi wings for the same number of days.

The Southeast Region C-47 provides the airlift and will drop the 18 SERGE visitors in Pensacola, where they will spend the first part of their stay in Florida. Complete tours of the Pensacola Navy facilities as well as many attractions in the Northwest Florida area are planned for the first part of their stay in Florida. W/O Kerr will then take the SERGE contingent by USAF airlift to Patrick Air Force Base, where Group 6 and Lt. Colonel Ralph T. Gwin will assist by providing a tour of the Missile Complexes of the Cape Canaveral Missile Test Range.

This is the second year that Florida has hosted the entire Region Exchange program of this many girls, thus allowing us to send a like number out of the state. If it were not for this complex hosting Florida would be only able to send three girls on the exchange program instead of sixteen.



## Exchange Vows at Civil Air Patrol Wedding

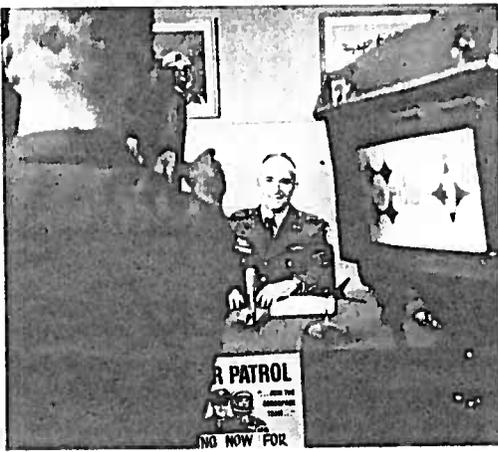
MIAMI --- The Opa-Locka Methodist Church was the scene of a recent Civil Air Patrol wedding, uniting CWO Martha L. Ballew and Lt. Urban H. Layton in holy wedlock.

CAP attendants for the exchange of vows were Captain Eleanor Wakes, Executive Officer for the North Dade Cadet Squadron and Managing Editor, Gator CAPers; Captain Kay Cunningham, Squadron Commander of the North Dade Girl Cadette Squadron; Major Walter B. Leech, Group Commander, S.E. Florida Group 22; Major Don Cunningham, Squadron Commander North Dade Senior Squadron; and C/2 Lt. Hank Layton.

Captain Ben Wakes, Florida Wing Information Officer and Editor Gator CAPers was photographer, and the Rev. Oscar Magarian, Lt. Col., U.S. Army Reserve and Chaplain for the North Dade Cadet Squadron was the officiating clergyman.

CWO Ballew, the bride, is Personnel and Finance Officer for the North Dade Cadet Squadron and her new husband is the Squadron Commander.

With this flight plan and ground crew, it was a smooth flight!



## CAP TV Show goes on & on...

2/Lt. Russ Holdren, Information Officer for Pinellas Senior Squadron, St. Petersburg, Florida, begins his 4th calendar year of telecasts promoting aviation and Civil Air Patrol on January 11th. 18 programs were presented last year...277 minutes, having a commercial value, if purchased, of about \$300,000. Audiences were estimated at approximately one million viewers for each show, making a grand total of 18 million for the year. The largest percentage of time was granted by WEDU, Channel 3 Educational Television, followed by WTVT, Channel 13, and WFLA, Channel 8, both commercial stations. First guest this year was Pinellas County Sheriff, Don Gemmg, who told of youth training in crime prevention.

## Celebrate CAP Birthday

JACKSONVILLE---East Duval Group 25 hosted the annual Anniversary Ball for Groups 2, 24 and 25 on December 11. The ball was held at the beautiful Jacksonville Outboard Motor Club overlooking the St. Johns River in Jacksonville. Lt. David H. Gleason, Commander of Group 25 was master of ceremonies, supported by project officer Lt. O. J. McCracken, Commander of San Jose Cadet Squadron. Its purpose was not only to celebrate the anniversary of CAP but also was the annual cadet awards ball.

Certificates of Appreciation were presented to the parents of cadets who hosted the IACE participants from Sweden in 1964. They were Mr. & Mrs. L.C. Bradley, Mr. & Mrs. R.W. Gilmore, Mr. & Mrs. B. Loehner, Mr. & Mrs. George W. Nulf and Mrs. O. J. McCracken.



Group Commander D.H. Gleason (right) presents Group 25's "most progressive squadron" award to 1/Lt. O. J. McCracken (center) Commander, San Jose Cadet Squadron, as Cadet/Commander W. R. Gilmore looks on.

## National OK's Waiver

ELLINGTON AFB---National Headquarters, CAP, has granted Florida Wing a one time waiver to send cadets to the 1965 encampment programs with only two phase II achievements completed.

National recently announced it would be necessary starting with 1965 to have four Phase II achievements completed. Florida was granted their request to send cadets this year only with only two since we adopted the new cadet training program almost a year ago to the day, and also due to the fact that our entire summer encampment program has been accepted by Tyndall AFB and has been fully planned and the dates set.

This waiver means a great deal to the Florida Wing as we will be able to send three times the number of cadets to camp than we would have been able to send this year otherwise. It was felt that if we had to stick to the four phase II achievements, that we would have been able to send only 250 cadets instead of 800 we feel we will send this year.

There will be no cadets in the Florida Wing sent to camp with less than 2 phase II achievements, and no one will be able to go to a second camp unless they have their COP and are needed as encampment staff. Those persons who used to vacation at Tyndall will not be able to do so unless qualified this year since we will be so tight on space in the barracks.

"What do you mean 'AYE AYE SIR'?"

## 73 AND STILL ON THE GO!

JACKSONVILLE --- Captain Blackburn Hall, 73 years young, serves as Administrative Service Officer of the Jacksonville Search & Rescue Squadron.

Capt. Hall has been an active member in CAP since joining in 1958. He has flown 11 missions and is a rated CAP observer and has completed his CAP senior training. Capt. Hall, better known as "Blackie" wears some very interesting military service ribbons as well as his CAP decorations that represent a colorful past.

Born on September 27, 1891 in Fort Reno, Indian Territory, today better known as Oklahoma, he graduated from West Point and he served with the 14th Cavalry on the Mexican Border at Del Rio, Eagle Pass, Ft. Ringo and Ft. Clark.

During World War I he again served with the Cavalry in Europe and was in the arm of occupation in Germany. His lust for adventure at the close of the war drew the now US Army Major Hall to transfer to the Army Air Force, and along with other pioneers of our USAF today, he flew the planes of that era, served at Kelly Field as officer in charge of operations,



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## Fire Fighting Squadron

NEW SMYRNA BEACH---The cadets and seniors from the New Smyrna Beach Squadron proved they were ready for an emergency at their meeting on 11 November when an airplane being worked on in a hanger caught fire.

Within 20 seconds after the fire was discovered, W/O John Guest and Cadet Major Jerry Frye were there to help the owners remove the airplane from the hanger and eight other cadets and seniors were there with fire extinguishers. The fire was put out before the fire department arrived. The rest of their meeting was uneventful.

## Meeting

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Twelve happy girls will spend part of this summer as guests of SERGE (Southeast Region Exchange) Chosen were Cadets Donna Palmer, Ft. Lauderdale; Louise Coeyman, St. Petersburg; Marla Belreind, S. Brevard; Fay Krause, Tampa; Connie Kostyra, Miami; Marcia Martin, Ft. Pierce; Mary Kennedy, S. Brevard; Diana Mixen, S. Brevard; Eileen Budlong, Port Charlotte; Jeanette Marshal, Miami; Janice Carruba, Clearwater; and Toni Bucalo, Miami.

The announcements over, losers were seen somewhat enviously shaking hands with the winners and mascara smeared females hugged each other, smiling sadly, or gladly through their tears.

The affair was over. It had been fun, but it had also been a strain... hard on the seniors who conducted it, but much harder on the cadets who put so much of their hopes and dreams into it. All benefited from it. To those who were selected it will mean months of anticipated pleasure... of waiting 'till summer comes. To the losers it means disappointment, but not discouragement. They know that next year is coming... and will begin to prepare for it now.

## ZACK TELLS OF EARLY YEARS

The December 1964 issue of the AOPA Pilot carried a three page article by Colonel Zack Mosley, creator of Smilin' Jack. Co. Mosley, one of CAP's founding fathers, is a former Florida Wing Commander. Col. Mosley, who was also instrumental in setting up the International Air Youth Exchange Program, has been one of CAP's greatest boosters during the 23 years CAP has been in existence. "Smilin' Jack" has been attributed with doing more to publicize Civil Aviation in general and CAP in particular than any other person, real or illustrated. "Smilin' Jack" celebrated his 31st anniversary last October.

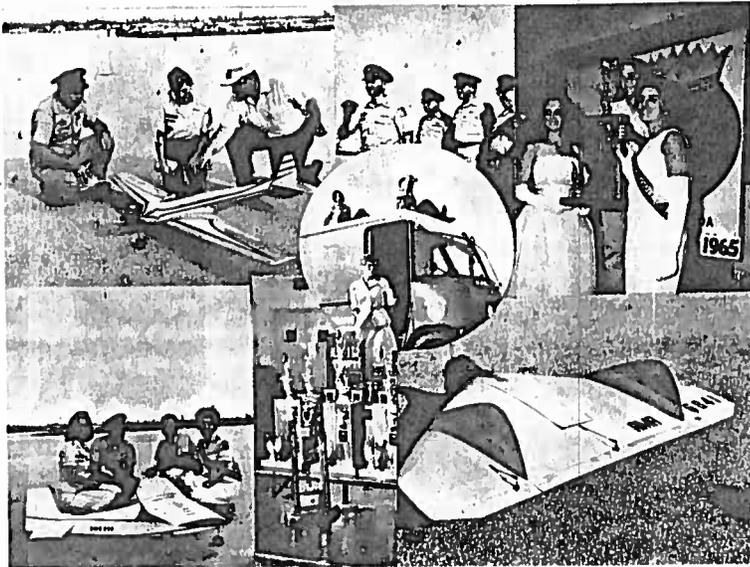
then at Langly Field as Group Commander of the 2nd Heavy Bomber Group.

Capt. Hall relates some interesting incidents of the past "when iron men flew wooden aircraft". His most interesting story is about "the loudest silence ever heard". During a forced landing in the mountains, when his engine cut out, "Blackie" took his plane down through a canyon, over a ravine, then bounced across a field into a fence. His prop cut through the roof of an out-house and a Mexican who was its occupant took off across the field on foot followed by the airplane which had no brakes.

During World War II Captain Hall again answered the call to duty, this time teaching Naval Aviation Cadets at the University of South Carolina advanced Aerology and Aircraft Engines.

Capt. Hall is a Ground Instructor in all ground school and instrument ratings. He also repairs radios for the blind during his spare time.

Jacksonville Search & Rescue Squadron is proud to have Capt. "Blackie" as an active CAP member in their squadron.



## CADET QUEEN & PRINCESS PRESIDE OVER K.O.I. MODEL PLANE MEET

MIAMI---Two Miami Cadet Queen, Debra Steinberg and Kathy Blacker, both of the North Dade Girls Squadron, were chosen the Queen and Princess for the 11th King Orange International Model Plane Meet, held at Miami's Masseters Field January 1, 2 and 3rd.

More than 6000 spectators came during the three day event, to watch the more than 200 contestants fly their entries in such competitions as combat flying; rat races; team races; free flight; radio controlled flight; etc. Contestants came from every part of the US and Canada and ranged in age from 6 to 60.

There are over 21,000 model building members in the AMA (Academy of Model Aeronautics) which is the sanctioning body for all official model flying. Members of the Academy recently captured the World Altitude Record of 14,000 feet with a radio controlled model plane. They also hold the World's Endurance Record of 9 hours and the World Speed record of 162 MPH. These records are recognized by the official World's Record Sanctioning body of FAL, located in France.

The King Orange International was held under strict AMA rules and all trophies were presented to the winners of the many categories at a special Awards Ban-

quet held Sunday evening, Jan. 3rd. Awards were presented by Queen Steinberg and Princess Blacker.

More than 20 CAP members pitched in to help with such details as timing, scoring, and record keeping. King Orange International Secretary Treasurer Captain Ed Johnson, Commander of Group 1, CAP, said that this was one of the most successful meets in K.O.I.'s history. He's looking forward to even greater participation by CAP in next year's event. He specially wanted to compliment Captain Kay Cunningham, Commander of North Dade Girl's Squadron, and her girls, for their outstanding help.

### Girls Cadet Sq Off To Good Start

PALM BEACH---The Palm Beach Girl Cadet Squadron held their first meeting on November 3 with a successful start of fifteen girls and five seniors.

S/M Major K. Clark, Squadron commander is a member of the Air Force Reserve. Her staff is Miss June Douglas, Adjutant; Mrs. K. Wooten, Information Officer; Mrs. E. Blair, Supply Officer; Miss V. Shallenberger, Medical Officer.

### Singlehanded

#### Mission

At 12:10 PM the Coast Guard Helicopter, HH52 Alpha, with Lt. Wallace in command, rendezvoused with S/M Lewis in his Stinson, at Andytown. S/M Lewis led the 'chopper' to the Oakland Intersection where the marooned had been since December 30th when their airboot had sprung a leak and overturned.

The Coast Guard effected a rescue with hoist and delivered the 5 Jupiter residents to Loxahatche. The rescued were Mr. Charles Williams, Mr. & Mrs. F. Pierce and their two children age 5 and 13.

### "TIGER TIMES" FIRST WEEKLY NEWSPAPER

MIAMI---Central Miami Cadet Squadron proudly announces the successful completion of their first month of a weekly newspaper called "TIGER TIMES".

Some time ago C/Capt. Fred Swearingen had the idea to do this paper. With the persistence of C/Lt. Col. Kenneth Kelly, Central's cadet commander, the first issue came about. Since then the cadet Information Officer has taken over as Editor. C/Lt. John McLaughlin, C/IO has worked steadily from the first issue editing submitted stories, adding sections to the bottom of the paper on which the cadets are tested during the inspection the next week, keeping a Climb Indicator current showing attendance per meeting, making up layout and getting the paper to the printers.

The decision to call the paper "Tiger Times" was decided by C/Lt. Col. Kenneth Kelly because their regular meetings are always ended with a large growl.

### Flying Family

JACKSONVILLE --- Esther Grupenhagen, S/M, Housewife and Mother of two small boys, is the female member of the "Flying Grupenhagens".

Esther holds the distinction of being NE Florida Group 2's only CAP rated woman pilot. Esther has flown in two actual missions and participated with her husband S/M Herman Grupenhagen, as pilot and co-pilot in the SARDA exercise.

Esther has checked out in several aircraft, her most recent being the T-34.

Esther colorfully symbolizes the readiness for duty... she reports in her orange flight suit, and grass-green ascot. She and her husband are both active in the Jacksonville Navy Flying Club and in CAP, another example of family participation.

Each satellite contains 14,000 solar cells and about 100,000 electronic parts--resistors, transistors, capacitors, coils and eight participating federal agencies. (From the Detroit News)

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DID YOU KNOW THAT--- about 80% of the world's research and development is carried on in the United States?

Riding an airliner is safer than riding a bike? Nearly 500 bicycle riders were killed in accidents last year. During the same period 121 airline passengers suffered fatal injuries in airline accidents.

Parachutes were standard equipment aboard observation balloons during World War I but for airplanes, they frequently were considered impractical and unnecessary. One British view was that a "reluctant pilot" might use a parachute to avoid aerial battle.

A major league baseball team has consulted the National Aeronautics and Space Administration about the effects of temperature and humidity on the flight of a baseball.

"The Flying Darnells" are not a circus act, but are five members of a US family who have made a career of flying. Four of the Dar-

nells are flight captains, while one is a stewardess. A curious reporter asked them if their father had an aeronautical background. "No, sir," they replied, "Our father was a railroad man".

Tubeless aircraft tires are easily affected by changes in air temperature and pressure. A fully inflated tire on an airplane taking off on a hot day from a Florida airport becomes considerably softer on a northbound flight to cooler weather. Moving a plane from a heated hangar out into cold winter weather produces the "shrink".

Atlantic and Pacific missile ranges safety studies show that rocket launchings over populated areas in the US would be no more of a hazard to people on the ground than jet airliner flights.

About 20% of all cross-country flying occurs at less than 2,000 feet altitude.

Sign on Florida Wing Cadet Headquarters, Cocoa, during the noon hour: "Out to Launch!".

### GAINESVILLE'S New Commander

GAINESVILLE---/Lt. Francis Mack Jr. recently took over command of the Gainesville cadet squadron. He transferred from the University City Cadet Squadron. He replaces 1/Lt. W.R. Breeze, promoted to Commander of Group 12. Lt. Mack is a rated CAP pilot and former commander of the Williston Cadet Squadron.

Gainesville claims the first two seniors to complete the Civil Defense section of the CAP emergency services program. Captain Kirby Smith and 1/Lt. William Breeze completed the exam on CAP Manual 50-12 part two.

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