

salute to Webb Air Force Base



Webb Commander Is A True Air Force Veteran



COLONEL FRED M. DEAN

Air Force action and color are tightly packed into the career of Colonel Fred M. Dean, Commander of Webb Air Force Base. A youthful commander, his record covers a long span of years important to the development of the airplane as a military weapon. Born in East St. Louis, Illinois, in 1916, the colonel calls St. Petersburg, Florida, his home. Prior to entering West Point, from which

young officer in England where he commanded a Fighter Squadron. He fought the Axis powers across the English Channel before flying to North Africa for aerial combat against the German Afrika Korps. By the spring of the following year, he had risen to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel and was in command of the 1st Fighter Group, flying British-made Spitfires. By the end of the war, Col. Dean's Fighter Group had the highest number of fighter combat skills of any group in the European Theater. During 1943, the fighter group participated in the final defeat of the Afrika Korps and helped launch the attack on Axis-held Sicily. By this time, Col. Dean had flown 104 combat missions and had reached the temporary rank of Colonel—all before his 27th birthday.

Returning to Washington, D. C., the young flying colonel became a member of the Advisory Council of General "Hap" Arnold, then Chief of the Armed Forces. Col. Dean was later made Chief of the Advisory Council and served as Gen. Arnold's executive officer.

While a staff officer in Washington, Col. Dean served as a member of the official military parties which accompanied the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt to his meetings with British Prime Minister Winston Churchill at Cairo, Malta, and Yalta. After President Roosevelt's death, Col. Dean attended the Potsdam Conference during the meeting of former President Harry S. Truman, former British Prime Minister Clement Attlee, and the late Russian Prime Minister Joseph Stalin.

With World War II hostilities at an end, Col. Dean became a member of the US Brazilian Military Commission, a body formed to assist Brazil in the adoption of US military methods, techniques and equipment. He stayed in Brazil during 1947-48 before again returning to Washington to a four-year assignment first with the Air Force War Plans Division and, later, with the Programming Office. Col. Dean attended the National War College, graduating in June 1953, before his current assignment as Commander of Webb Air Force Base.

For his many services to the United States and Allied countries, Col. Dean has been awarded the Distinguished Service Medal, the Silver Star, the Distinguished Flying Cross with one cluster, the British Distinguished Flying Cross, the Brazilian Aeronautical Medal of Merit, the US Air Medal with nine clusters, the European-North African-Middle Eastern campaign ribbon with four battle stars, the American Theater ribbon, and the American Defense Medal.

Now rated a Senior Pilot, Col. Dean has more than 3,000 hours flying time. This year he will become a Command Pilot. His flying includes many types of fighter aircraft including jets, besides qualification as a pilot upon many transport and bomber aircraft.

Col. Dean assumed command of Webb AFB July 18, 1954.

Today's Edition

It is our hope that these sections will contribute a deeper appreciation of the vast complexity of organization and materials which go into our military might, which is today fittingly observed as Armed Forces Day.

As home of Webb Air Force Base, we naturally accentuate air power of the nation and the things which make it possible. Thus, our story is in good measure that of Webb AFB. In preparation of this issue, we gratefully acknowledge our debt to Col. Fred M. Dean, Commander, Lt. Dennis E. McClendon and his co-workers in public information, the photographic section and all others who so graciously aided in the project.

... a salute on this Armed Forces Day to Webb Air Force Base as a member of the team responsible for the defense of this great nation ... an installation dedicated to the purpose of producing the finest pilots in the world ... an organization which has become an integral part of the hearthstone which it is purposed to protect.

Big Spring Daily Herald

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Memorialization Plan At Webb To Start

An extensive program of memorialization is about to get under way at Webb Air Force Base. Besides the name for the base, memorializing 1st Lt. James Louis Webb Jr., Big Spring, who lost his life in an aircraft accident in Japan in 1948, the base has several other buildings either already named or soon to be named for Air Force heroes.

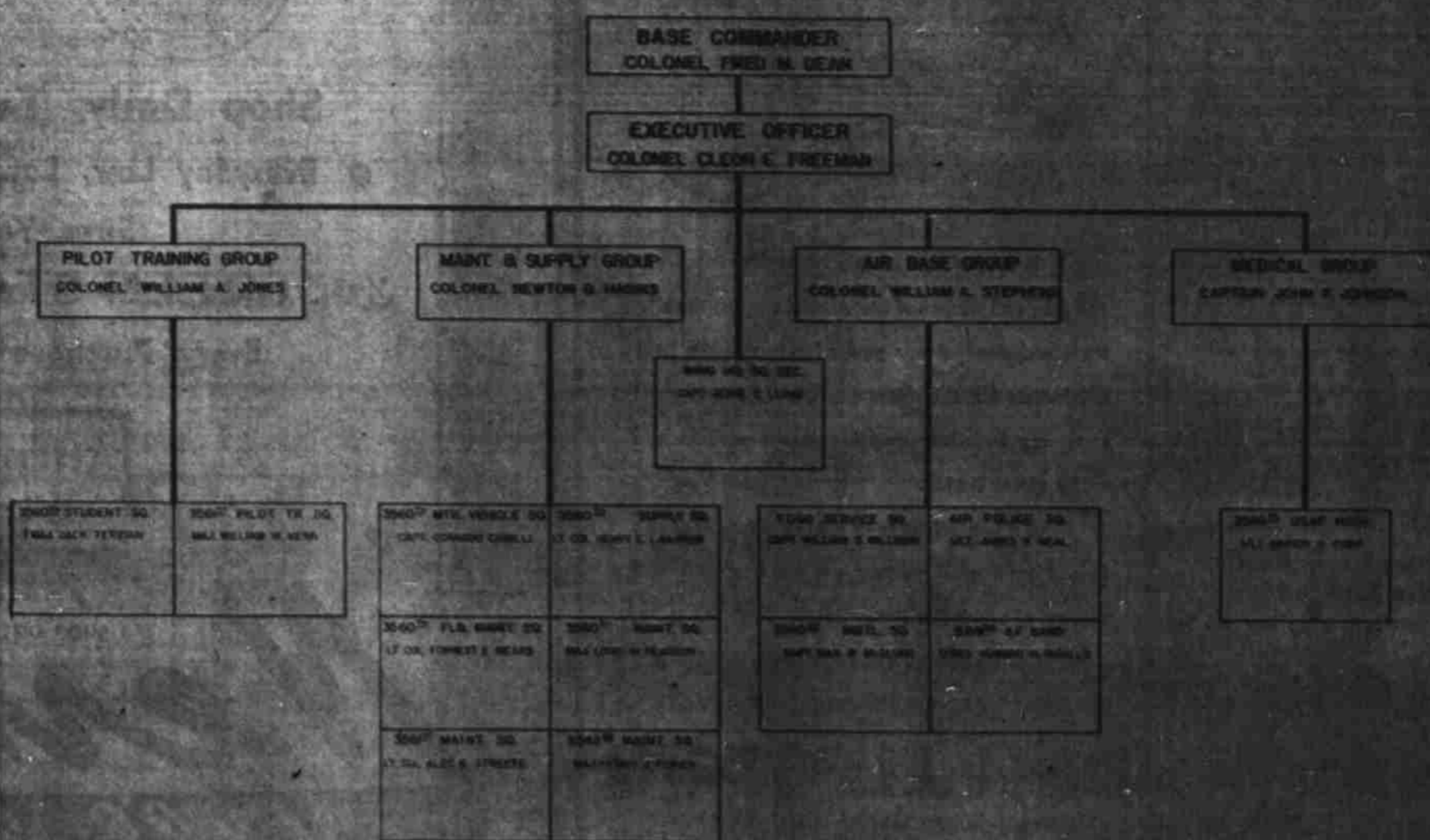
The Airmen's Service Club at the base is dedicated to the memory of Sgt. John H. Lees, Big Spring, who was shot down over China during World War II. Col. Samuel Ellis, first commander of Webb AFB when it was

known as Big Spring Army Airfield, who died while in command of the base, is remembered by the name, Ellis Hall, in bronzed lettering at the entrance to the Officers' Club.

Another nine buildings which are more-or-less "community buildings" at the base are to be dedicated in ceremonies later this year, according to Col. Fred M. Dean, commander of Webb.

Among the buildings are the dining hall, the wing headquarters building, the pilot training group headquarters, and the Non-Commissioned Officers' Club and the Bachelor Officers' Quarters.

WEBB AFB ORGANIZATIONAL CHART





DR. (CAPT.) WALTERS

New Medical Branch Protects AF Pilots

When men start scooting through space, he can thank a new branch of medicine for the miracle.

Aviation medicine is a specialty which came into being as recent as two years ago. Today it has its own board which passes upon qualifications of applicants just as boards do in pediatrics, ophthalmology, internal medicine, obstetrics, etc.

This is a fascinating facet of medical science, for it constitutes a full measure of pioneering. Man is the only creature that has been able to exist outside his environment. This is due to his ingenuity in devising mechanical devices which permit man to adapt to new situations.

In addition to the conventional fields of medicine, aviation medicine has special problems in respiratory and cardio-vascular physiology. There are three primary factors with which to deal: low oxygen, decreasing pressure and excessive speeds.

Capt. R. E. Walters, flight surgeon, explained that there is much research connected with the program of aviation medicine. Some of it is projected into the future aspects of interplanetary flight. Much of it is connected with development of safety harness and equipment to sustain life at an unusual speed and height.

He and 1st Lt. James F. Glenn, assigned also to aviation medicine, account themselves privileged to be on this relatively new frontier.

But not all the work is in this realm. For instance, each year they must give 1,500 flying physical examinations. All flying personnel must pass through their section for final approval. They also are in an crash and rescue program, and on accident investigations, and a matter of fact, one of the first requirements of a sur-

Food Service Is A Big Task

Think you've got a job fixing dinner for a family of four?

Sure you have, but how would you like the task assigned to Capt. William S. Williams, in charge of food services at Webb AFB?

Capt. Williams is responsible for seeing that around 35,000 rations are prepared and issued monthly through four dining halls. Moreover, he has to see that there is enough, and equally as important, that there is not too much.

At the end of the month he runs the figures. On the present schedule rations must figure out at \$1.15 per man, no small accomplishment for providing three squares per.

He and his aides work from a master menu supplied from Washington. All supplies are requisitioned through the commissary.

Every month he gets the base strength figures, and he is kept posted in between of substantial change. Around Christmas or other seasons when men may take leave, Capt. Williams' hair is apt to gray or fall until demands level off.

Supplies for open mess, such as parties, the special family evenings, and so on are purchased commercially. Thus, functions of the Officers Club and the NCO Club are self-sustaining. The clubs elect a board of governors who assess dues and otherwise set policy necessary for sound administration of the clubs.

Drug Stores Really Give Service Now

WEWOKA, Okla. (U.S.)—You can get everything in a drug store these days. Underneath David Rasmussen was drinking his morning coffee in the pharmacy which also houses the Western Union office, a clerk handed him a telegram. It was a warrant for an arrest on a Texas bogus check charge.

The accused man was also a customer. The officer made the arrest, finished his coffee and minutes after receiving the wire had the prisoner on his way back to Texas.

Airmen Have Many Facilities For Recreation

When it comes to physical fitness, members of the Air Force team can almost "name their pisen."

Typical of the arrangement for many bases over the nation, Webb AFB has a great array of sports, participant and competitive, into which men can fit. Their physical edges can be whetted on more than the "hup-two-three" of calisthenics.

There are 16 teams entered in the inter-squadron softball league. Lt. Jerome W. Janis, in charge of special services and athletics, explained. There also is an off-the-base softball team. In season there will be basketball teams, volleyball, etc.

Now on the drawing board is an oval track which would enclose a football-soccer field. At one end would be outdoor tennis, volleyball, handball, and basketball courts.

In the present gym building, a new floor has been installed for basketball and increasingly popular badminton. Tennis equipment is checked out and use made of city court facilities.

The base has several sets of golf clubs which may be checked out also. A driving range is being installed.

An anticipated mecca for summer fun will be the swimming pool, which is due to be opened Friday for the first time. The bathhouses are not yet complete, but the pool is a beautiful sight with its aquamarine painted surfaces.

A surplus warehouse is being converted into a six-lane bowling alley and will be ready for use before long.

Also nearing completion is a theatre which will accommodate 640 persons and which ultimately may utilize CinemaScope films. It also will handle stage shows and otherwise take some of the load off academic auditorium.

There are still other activities to satisfy different interests. Webb maintains a good library. It has hobby shops for automotive tinkers who become first class amateur mechanics; for ceramics fans who use moulds, kiln, slips, etc.; for woodworkers who use lathes, joiners, planers to make home furniture; leatherworking materials and tools. Service clubs also operate under the watchful eye of Lt. Janis and his staffers.

Pigeon Offspring Causes Flutter In Small L.A. Hotel

LOS ANGELES (U.S.)—There is more fuss in a small hotel here today, all because one of its rooms is occupied exclusively by a pigeon couple which have hatched an offspring.

When the pigeons set up house-keeping on the floor of his room three weeks ago, Harry Reade, 65, retired telegraph clerk, moved into an adjoining room so as not to disturb them.

He claims the city, which he says owns the pigeons, owes him a month's room rent—and has billed Mayor Norris Poulson for \$35. The mayor has politely declined responsibility.

Now that the little bird has been born, Reade says he isn't sure whether he'll carry out his intention to sue the city.

"After all," he said, "it isn't every pigeon that is born in a hotel room, and has a real god-father to care for him."



Off We Go, Into The Wild Blue Yonder

These Webb cadets are lined up on the flight ramp preparatory to marching briskly to their aircraft for one of the endless flights from Webb. The life of an aviation cadet is a dawn to after-dusk chore, but the men would not trade their life for that of any man—except the one who wears silver wings. (Air Force Photo.)

Good Will Policy At Webb Is Paying Off

Gen. Hap Arnold, the World War II dean of the Air Force, once said that any Air Force base could count on having community relations. The question, he said, was whether those relations with the community would be good or bad or indifferent.

"At Webb Air Force Base, we are doing and will continue to do everything in our power to promote understanding, cooperation, good will and mutual aid between our people and the people of the community in which we live," Col. Fred M. Dean, commander, has often said. And he means every word of it.

Under Col. Dean's program for good community relations, the men at Webb have been told over and over again—even though most experienced Air Force men already are convinced—that friendship comes only to those who seek it.

Webb's officers and airmen know that a hand proffered once in friendship and not taken is a difficult hand to win again.

Each newcoming airman to Webb is thoroughly "educated" to the friendly ways of West Texas, and to the realities of West Texas life, within the first week of his stay on the base. For this purpose Webb has operated an Airman's Institute for almost a year. In the several days of lectures and tours on and off the base, the airmen are thor-

oughly acquainted with their new military and civilian home.

Officers receive a special welcome talk from Col. Dean himself. The payoff is already at hand. Already it is most noticeable that petty bickerings between military and civilian neighbors—largely the result of misunderstandings of customs, history, and geography—are markedly on the decline.

Webb's rate for civil offenses, as well as military offenses such as absent-without-leave charges, have shown a sharp decrease in frequency. And such records will naturally breed even better records as time goes on.

"Our certain aim is to make Webb Air Force Base not only the best but the most livable and enjoyable base in the Flying Training Air Force," Col. Dean said recently.

The Air Force, a long way yet from ten years of age, has had to feel its way around and learn painfully as it went. And surely a community, faced with the sudden problem of absorbing a large military installation, follows the same course for a period.

In Big Spring, as in dozens of other communities, the mutual process of good military-civilian relations has begun to pay off in jackpot scales of friendship, understanding, and mutual aid for the betterment of all.

No Politics On Job Makes For Success

SALISBURY, Md. (U.S.)—L. Thomas Parker Sr., an enthusiastic Democrat, completed his 61st year of employment this week for a firm headed by Fred F. Adkins, an equally enthusiastic Republican.

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Webb Gets Its Full Share Of Vips

VIPs, of course, are the military term for "very important persons." Marching in the left foreground is Maj. Gen. Glenn O. Barcus, deputy commander of the Air Training Command, famed for his Sabrejet forays against the Communists while he served as Fifth Air Force commander in Korea. On the right is Col. Fred M. Dean, Webb commander. Capt. Leo G. Bradford, Webb operations officer, is immediately behind Gen. Barcus, and the officer to the right is Maj. William C. Whalin, Webb operations and training officer. The photo was made as Gen. Barcus arrived at Webb Sunday in a B-25 bomber. (Air Force Photo.)

Base Firemen Save Lives And Property

At least two and possibly more pilots at Webb AFB owe their lives to turreted monster and a crew of "men from Mars."

The "monster" in this case is a major item of crash equipment at the base and the "Martians" are base firemen, both airmen and civilians, simply doing a job. On two occasions they have barged through flames, pulled out an unconscious pilot and hauled him in safety. There have been other instances where they blew off canopies or hacked them loose so pilots could escape.

Thus, they save not only lives which are beyond calculation of dollars, but great sums of money Uncle Sam already has invested in the training of these fliers.

But this is only part of the base fire story—a story which could be projected to other installations across the country with some variations. First duty of the department in charge of Peter J. Ferring, fire chief, is fire prevention and aircraft rescue.

For the preventive measures, which have paid remarkable dividends, he has a full time inspector who makes the base once a month. Hazards which cannot be corrected on-the-spot are attacked through channels. Losses on the base (other than to aircraft) have been held to \$18.51 since last July.

The department has special trucks which deliver a foam solution (of water and a sort of liquid soap) that stacks up such a mass of carbon dioxide bubbles that even intense fuel fires are smothered. One of these trucks, with an instru-

ment panel to rival any airliner cockpit, has underslung nozzles to keep its feet cool while it rolls right into the fire, spouting foam from a turret and other nozzles. Double glass windows protect fire-fighters inside. When a path is cleared through flames, men in spun-glass suits with special helmets, spring to the rescue. They have a kit of crash tools for forcible entry.

Fire-fighters work on a close margin.

"We figure we must get a man out within 1 1/2 minutes at the most," explained Chief Ferring. When there is anticipation of trouble on a plane coming in, equipment is rushed to standby stations. Thus, wherever the craft stacks up, a truck and men are near to start the rescue while reinforcements rush up.

Equipment, which may vary from conventional pumps for routine base fires to small trucks for brush fires to the big jobs which can roll right into the teeth of a super-hot oil fire, is maintained in the base station, on the flight line. Always one piece is with the mobile control tower when flying is going on. Two crews and equipment are on duty also at Midland and Sweetwater, where auxiliary fields are located.

Chief Ferring has 20 civilians and 45 airmen currently on duty. But regardless of number or location, they all have to be ready to protect base property or wade into the inferno of hot jet fuel to save the life of a distressed pilot if humanly possible.



Turkish Airmen Study At Webb

These three student pilots from Turkey's Air Force are among the NDAP trainees at Webb AFB. Left to right are 2nd Lt. Selahattin Tuzun, Turan Yaslikaya and Gurbuz Dokmen. (Air Force Photo.)

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Happy Birthday To WAFB

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Sex Switch Made, 'Lass' Comes Home

DYERSBURG, Tenn. (AP)—Pretty Charlotte McLeod, back in her home town after a series of sex change operations in Denmark, says it's a "crying shame" that American physicians frown on such surgery.

"I fit right in where I left off," the 29-year-old willow brunette said yesterday. "It's wonderful to be back home. Friends don't feel any different toward me now than before. They've accepted the many changes."

Charlotte intends to write a book, she said, aimed solely toward educating people as to the medical help "sexual cripples" need "before they are forced to commit suicide. I was at that stage."

Her experience, she said, may help create "an understanding between John Doe and sexual cripples. There are thousands."

Charlotte, who left here as Charles, stands 5 feet 8 1/2, weighs 118. Her dark hair was gathered in a cluster of curls at the nape of her neck. She was attractively clad in a white blouse, flared aqua skirt and high-heeled sandals.

She arrived Monday night and moved in with a friend, Mrs. Stuart Wilson. Her father, Charles McLeod Sr., said:

"I was happy to see her. I hope that this change will be better. I hope she'll be happy."



Maj. Al Dillon . . . Maj. R. G. Woda

Webb Assists In Keeping Active Reserve Up To Date

Maj. A. W. Dillon, on active duty at Webb AFB for the next two weeks, is something of a symbol of what the Air Force expects to do in event of mobilization.

Last week he was Al Dillon, district manager for an insurance company in Amarillo. This week he is going through stacks of Air Force publications, coming abreast of latest developments and procedures. He also will be going about the base, seeing first hand how operations are carried out.

His case is typical of active reservists who would be mobilized on an individual basis. Thus, he could be assigned to any base for a specific job.

Operational groups, however, train as a unit and would be mobilized together. Theoretically, these groups could move in and take over the operation of a base almost immediately.

Maj. Dillon was attached to a Volunteer Air Reserve Training unit in Big Spring as its commander before his business took him to

Amarillo. Earl Cooper succeeded him here in charge of the group which meets weekly at the YMCA to keep current of Air Force developments. Members are required to spend one day a month on active duty with the Air Force and in addition to devote two weeks on actual duty at an Air Force Base.

Those associated with an operational group take training at Hensley AFB, but Webb AFB furnishes the instructors and equipment for this once-a-month assignment.

Out of this program, the Air Force hopes to have a backlog of trained men who could take up the slack until inactive reservists and new enlistees could be given a semblance of training in case of immediate mobilization.

Goose quill pens are kept on desks in the U. S. Supreme Court, largely for ceremonial reasons.

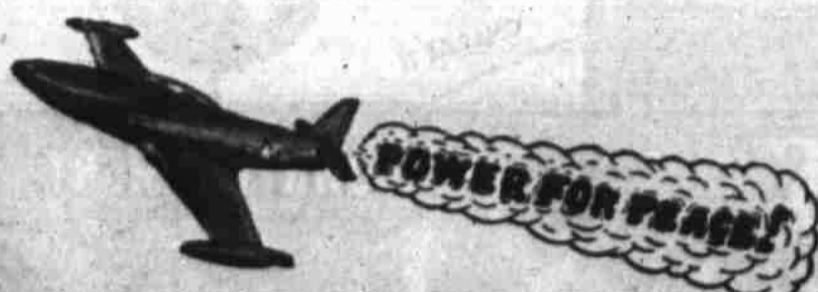
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Rhee Arrests Two Of His Opponents

SEOUL (AP)—Two candidates for South Korea's National Assembly are under arrest on charges of using abusive language in criticizing President Syngman Rhee's government, National Police Chief Kim Chang Hung has announced. Lee Yung Man, an independent, is accused of saying Rhee and his Cabinet were as corrupt and doomed as the Communist regime of North Korea. Sul Hwan Choo, another independent, allegedly charged that members of Rhee's Liberal party paid for his support in the May 20 election. Sul reportedly said candidates seeking official endorsement "carried money bags" to Rhee's mansion.

Beavers Too Eager

GREENFIELD, Mass. (AP)—Beavers built their dam too damn high and the creek overflowed, washing away a sizeable portion of Shutesbury Road.

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Great Heavens Above! Wow!

This might well be the remark of Herald Editor Joe Pickle as the T-33 in which he will ride on Armed Forces Day peels off from its formation to land at Webb AFB. This photo was made with a fast-shuttered camera as a T-33 jet flipped away from its flight over the California mountains, but it is an exact duplicate of hundreds of such peel-offs seen each month as the sleek trainers break formation to come in at Webb. (Photo by Lockheed Aircraft Corp.)

Most Of Payroll Is Spent In Big Spring

Webb Air Force Base plays a considerably larger part in the Howard County economy than most people would realize from a casual trip by the Main Gate or through the base. According to Lt. Col. Harold K. McCombs, wing comptroller, Webb either pays to its people or spends locally for various supplies the staggering sum of \$9 million annually. Broken down, the sum represents a monthly expenditure of \$750,000 locally: \$200,000 to airmen, \$150,000 to officers, \$150,000 to Air Force employees, and \$250,000 for purchase of local supplies. If there are 30,000 persons living in Howard County today, the monthly payroll would be equivalent to \$300 for each man, woman and child in the county. Past Air Force experience in-

dicates that approximately 90 per cent of all local payrolls and purchases is spent locally. As this money finds its way through business channels and eventually into each household, it means, considering the average family at four, that Webb supplies the equivalent of \$90 monthly for the economy of each family in Howard County. "The overall cost to the government for the operation of the base is approximately \$14,500,000 annually," Col. McCombs said. Through its new system of comptrollers, and the new heavy emphasis upon economy, the Air Force has not only learned more about its exact expenditures—Coy. McCombs can reel them off in exact amounts day by day—but it has learned considerable economy through cutting needless duplication and making every penny count, literally. The Wing Comptroller at Webb, and throughout the Air Force, has under his direction a budget planning and accounting section, a statistical office, and office that determines by running statistical analysis a month-by-month record of the effectiveness of management, and last and most important to the Air Force men themselves, a finance office—the office which pays its people. Col. McCombs is what the Air Force calls a Wing Staff Officer. His function is not only to supervise the four offices under his authority but provide the Wing Commander with instant information on any phase of Webb's financial activities. It has been said that no Wing Commander is more effective than his sources of information, and Col. Fred Dean would be the first to tell you how heavily a commander must lean upon his comptroller for current, indisputably accurate reports on the status of available funds and for budget planning which takes every conceivable factor into consideration. Webb's comptroller has been in-

Law And Justice Are Part Of The Service

The individual who enters military service leaves neither justice nor law behind. Just as he (or she) discovers that an entirely fair shake is in store when justice is meted out, he also discovers that legal questions quite common to civilian life tag right along behind. All of this is fodder for the mill of the staff judge advocate's office at Webb Air Force Base. There, Walter D. Williams, a Missouri lawyer and the staff judge advocate, and his assistants, 1st Lt. Arnold M. Gold, late of Michigan, and 1st Lt. Thomas H. Benton of Louisiana, account their work into three chief categories. They must handle the administration of military justice, give legal assistance and handle claims. Military judicial procedure is something about which military personnel sometime are not so conversant as they might be. Trials fit into summary court martial (with one officer in charge) for minor offenses; special court martial (with a board of three or more) for more serious offenses; general court martial (for most serious offenses up to capital crimes). While the legal division may help in preparation of charges and furnish a prosecutor, it also contributes defense counsel. However, there is no pre-trial and the defense counsel must be the equal in experience with the prosecutor. Though office mates, they go after each other's case hammer and tong. In the next instance, their positions may be reversed—the prosecutor is the defense counsel, and vice versa. Before the decision leaves the office, the staff judge advocate reviews the proceedings. If he concludes there has been a mistrial, A-F Experiments With 'Stenomask'

Business is adequate at the staff judge advocate's office to keep the staff of three officers, two court reporters, two civilian stenographers, a chief clerk and claims clerk from ever finding life dull. If it weren't, those relatively new gadgets, "Stenomask," would provide a special diversion. Appearing like a man with a gas mask, the operator of a stenomask speaks into the mouthpiece every question, answer and ruling uttered in the courtroom. Then, like the traditional shorthand stenographer, it transcribes in cut hours. It's experimental in the Air Force, but it's working swell.

Big Spring for two years. He and Mrs. McCombs and their two children, Amy, 7, and Harold Jr., 3, live at 1711 South Monticello. The colonel has twice served overseas in the Pacific area.

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Webb Increases Population By 5,000 People

A good five thousand people have been added to the growing population of Big Spring since the advent of Webb Air Force Base in late 1951.

Present figures from the base show that the total of airmen, cadets, student officers, officers, and Air Force employees push the 5,000 mark—actual count: 2,967.

The numbers are yet more interesting, population-wise, when it is considered that more than 300 of the officers at Webb are married and that most of these couples have from one to three children. More than 1,200 of Webb's airmen are married, and their average number of children per couple is approximately the same as for officers.

Of the total, then, more than 1,500 airmen and officers are married, and around 95 per cent of

these couples live in Big Spring. Most of the Air Force employees are also married and live in the city.

Another interesting fact about Webb's people, besides the fact that they come from all over the country and bring many interesting customs and ideas to Big Spring, is the quite diverse element represented by the student pilots training here under the Mutual Defense Assistance Pact.

Foreign students either at Webb now or in the past have come to Big Spring from France, England, New Zealand, Turkey, Italy, Colombia, Cuba, The Netherlands, Belgium, Iran, Denmark, and Norway.

Webb's people have not only lent a cosmopolitan touch to Big Spring, but, as Col. Fred Dean, commander, has said: "We are striving in every way to become an integral part of our civilian community. Most of us will be in Big Spring for at least two to three years, and in that time we have ample opportunity to join churches, clubs, P-TA groups, and other organizations. We participate in almost every civic, social, religious, and governmental function that goes forward in Big Spring. None of us want merely to be visitors — we want to help Big Spring to build and grow."



Top Pilots For Webb Air Force Base

These are the pilot-instructors who were selected for having done outstanding jobs for their respective sections during the first quarter of the year. At left is Maj. William M. Kerr, director of flying and himself holder of the DSC and the unique record of having downed

five members of the Luftwaffe in a single mission. Others (all first lieutenants) are Harold E. Hanson, instrument section; George R. Strader, section II; Oliver C. Darden, section IV; Cliff F. Peterson Jr., section I; and Jesse B. Williams, section III.



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Military Training Still Important

Capt. Max W. Wilemon, seated, returns the salute of Aviation Cadet Charles L. Greer. Capt. Wilemon is Director of Military Training at Webb AFB, and all cadets at Webb are required to take the courses. (Air Force Photo).

All Cadets Must Have Military Training Course

Among native Texans in key positions at Webb AFB is Capt. Max W. Wilemon, director of military training. A part of the Pilot Training Group, the captain's military training section is responsible for maintaining a series of courses for aviation cadets in training here.

Among classes taught by the military training section are a e e courses to familiarize the potential pilot-officer with administrative procedures, and classes in small arms including the .45 automatic and the carbine. The section also performs daily inspections of the cadet living quarters, and supervises the students in military formations.

Capt. Wilemon is an "in-and-out-back again" man having first enlisted in the service as a cavalryman with the rank of private in 1932. After two years service he returned to civilian life and attended Baylor University, Waco, and Arlington State College, Arlington,

AF History Great Value

Past is prologue and as much profit as possible should be derived from that past in planning for the future. A written record which highlights the most important events of a period is beneficial. Military history, by revealing lessons of the past, enables military and civilian leaders to approach problems more intelligently. Its evaluation of past experience is fundamental to planners in preparing for future military developments and operations.

The United States Air Force Historical Program, begun in 1942, has been considered of great value to government officials in improving operations, orienting new personnel, and in giving officials a broader understanding of problems and policies.

The Air Training Command histories are primarily records of training activities. Webb's history, written every six months, is an official record of the training of jet pilots in the basic phase of their training.

The historical program is now a part of the Office of Information Services.

Webb's historian since November 1953 has been Mrs. Leona Miller, who transferred to Webb from Ellington AFB at Houston. Mrs. Miller has held civil service positions at the White House in Washington and was a civilian writer in Korea before the outbreak of hostilities there in 1950.

Texas, before re-entering the military as an aviation cadet in 1942.

The captain was stationed in Japan in 1946-49 on a military government assignment to Hokkaido, northernmost in the chain of Japanese islands. He also was on duty with the Fifth Air Force headquarters, then in Nagoya, Japan. After returning to the United States in January, 1949, he was stationed at Randolph AFB, Tex., as aircraft maintenance officer with the School of Aviation Medicine. He held that assignment until being transferred to Webb in August, 1952. Capt. Wilemon's first duty here was as a pilot instructor.

Capt. Wilemon, his wife Molly, and their two children, Steven and

Lisa Marie, live at 1308 Grafia in Big Spring.

Cornerstone Doesn't Stay Around At All

TRENTON, N. J. (AP)—On Tuesday a 200-pound limestone cornerstone for the new women's dormitory at N.J. State Teachers College was laid in a solemn ceremony. The block, for posterity's sake, contained daily newspapers, the school paper and college programs.

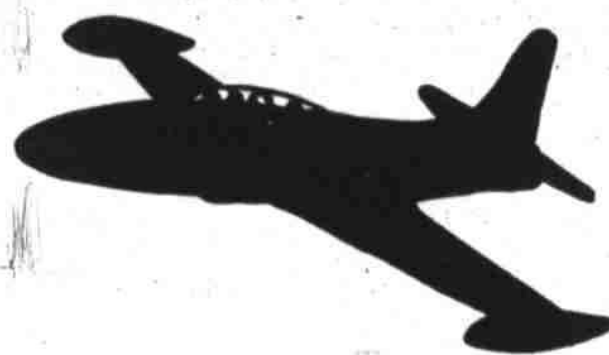
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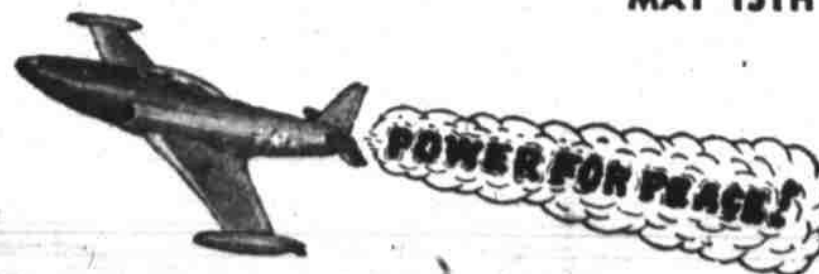
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Officers' Wives Club Helmswomen

Serving the Webb Officers' Wives' Club for the current six months ending in August are left to right, front row, Helen Green, first vice president; Dottie Hagins, president; and Lucia Wallace, second vice president. Standing are Lawanda Johnson, assistant treasurer; Helen Bluhm, treasurer; Betty Mesick, assistant secretary; and Gerry Streets, secretary. (Air Force Photo.)

Officers Wives Follow Busy Schedule At Webb

Running a thrift show, learning to bowl or square dance, playing foster parents to two Czechoslovakian children are just a few of the activities that Webb's officers' wives participate in through their club. All Webb officers' wives are automatically members of the club which operates efficiently under a board and council which is elected every six months. A business meeting and luncheon is held the first Thursday in each month and a bridge-canasta party is held every afternoon of the third Thursday. Each activity has its chairman.

The thrift shop, for instance, is under the direction of Mrs. Lawrence Moellenberg. They'll sell anything for you there. It is located on the base on "Warehouse Road." Under special activities come bowling, golfing, square dancing or anything else in the way of recreation for the wives. Mrs. Edward W. Luby is in charge of this program. The club organized a base nursery to care for children of all base personnel during base events. A nursery committee headed by Mrs. Leo G. Bradford oversees activities at the nursery. A non-commissioned officer's wife is a representative on the committee. The adoption of the two Czechoslovakian children in Germany came over a year ago and the club sends \$30 a month for their care. At Christmas time special contributions are made of food and clothing to local families who are needy. The club also takes up a collection of old toys to be repaired by local firemen for underprivileged children. The club offers its help to the Red Cross Bloodmobile and other Red Cross activities. All this is done through the welfare committee headed by Mrs. William A. Jones.

own programs such as style shows and "crazy hat" parties. Mrs. Jack Athearn is present program chairman. A monthly publication, "The Tiger Rag" is put out for the club by Mrs. Clifford Holske Jr. and her staff. A number of dances at the Officers' Club are sponsored by the wives, who take charge of everything, including decorating and even appearing in the floor show. The wives are the official hostesses at events like graduation receptions and teas. All newcomers wives are usually invited to a coffee soon after their arrival so that they can meet other members of the club. A spotter committee under vice president, Mrs. Odie Green, attempts to contact personally every new wife. Mrs. William S. Williams is in charge of a telephone committee to contact each wife and remind her of coming club activities.

ROA Chapter Meets At Webb

Webb Air Force Base has one organization that most people would consider unusual. This outfit is the local chapter of the Reserve Officers' Association. The unusual slant comes from the unit's composition. Its members are active and inactive duty reservists from the Army, the Navy, and the Air Force. Representing the Army in the organization is Big Spring Clothier A. J. Prager. The inactive Air Force reservists, who live as civilians in Big Spring, are headed by Lt. Col. Herbert Whitney, who also serves as City Manager. Naval reservists are headed by Lt. William D. Boyd, the city's Episcopal rector.

Started more than a year ago at Webb AFB, the ROA chapter was guided for the first two six-month terms by Col. E. V. Spence, manager of the Colorado River Municipal Water District. Col. Spence stepped down as president last month in favor of Lt. Dennis E. McClendon, Webb information services officer, who will hold office until September. Numbering active USAF pilots, city school teachers, businessmen, doctors, nurses, ship captains, and a dozen other professions, the local ROA chapter seeks to stimulate interest in reserve problems and keep the members current upon the latest inter-service weapons and training developments. The chapter meets at noon each month on the third Thursday in the Webb Officers' Club.

Parade Good Cover For Theatre Bandit
-HARTFORD, Conn. (AP)—As blaring bands marched by in the Armed Forces Day parade, a man slipped up to the cashier's window of a movie theatre and handed Miss Muriel DePrey, 18, this note: "This is a stickup. Do not make a sound. If you do I'll kill you. No alarms. The money or your life. Put in bag."
The bandit dashed past the backs of the crowd and ran down an alley with \$100 in cash.

Hunted Man Found Hiding In Warehouse

CINCINNATI, (AP)—An emaciated, bearded, begrimed man found hiding on the second floor of a furniture warehouse here has turned out to be a former bank examiner, sought since April 19 for jumping bail on a burglary charge, police said. The man, George Hampton Simpson, 41, was taken to general hospital. Police said he was near starvation. Police said Simpson jumped bond the day he was to have been arraigned on a charge of burglary. They said he had quit his job as an examiner for the Federal Home Loan Bank about two years ago. There was no indication how long he had been in the warehouse.

Dimes Grow Thin

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Alert city officials nipped a "flattened dime" racket by a few municipal bus drivers. Officials said flattened dimes registered as pennies when an operator dropped them into the cash box while making change for riders, giving the operator a 9 cent "profit." The company soon stopped the thievery.

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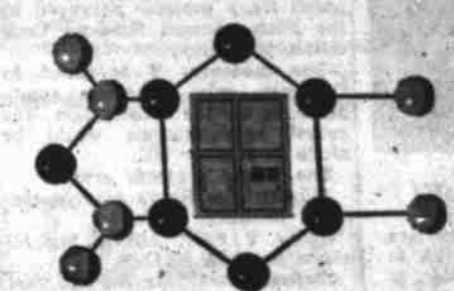
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Webb Women Work In Big Spring

Mrs. Jack Mitchell, top picture, and Mrs. Harry Giffen, below, are typical of dozens of wives of Webb AFB personnel who work in Big Spring. Mrs. Mitchell, whose husband is a pilot instructor, is employed in the women's news department of the Herald. Mrs. Giffen works at American National Insurance Co. office, and her husband is a photographer at Webb.

NCO Wives At Webb Have An Active Club

How much authority does a master sergeant have when he leaves the base and goes home for the day? You will have to ask the members of the Non-Commissioned Officers' Wives' Club at Webb Air Force Base to get a satisfactory answer to that question. For these women are the power behind the key non-commissioned supervisory officers at the base.

Headed by Mrs. Curtis E. Chaffin, wife of Webb's Wing Sergeant Major, the NCO Wives' Club is an active social and service organization which has strong influence over the off-duty behavior of the four, five, and six-strippers.

The club meets at the NCO Club Lounge at 7:30 p.m. the first and third Monday of each month. All wives of non-commissioned officers are eligible for membership. Besides ordering the men folk's social behavior, the wives hold frequent social affairs. Tonight, for example, members and their husbands will have a wiener roast on scenic Mountain at 7:30.

Recent social service functions have included a Thanksgiving Dinner for all foreign-born brides of Webb NCO's, and a bit of manual labor which resulted in the complete redecoration of the NCO Club Lounge.

Other officers of the organization are Mrs. Lurine Watkins, vice president; Mrs. Ruth Budke, secretary; Mrs. Marion Schroeder, treasurer; Mrs. Mildred Smith, entertainment chairman; Mrs. Blanche Pritchett, welfare; Mrs.

Bids Opened On Fort Hood Plans

FORT WORTH (AP)—The apparent low bidders on two projects for the Fort Hood area are H. B. Zachry of San Antonio and Ray Goodson of Mexico.

One job is the construction of a water treatment plant to serve Fort Hood and vicinity. It will be at Belton reservoir and use water from the lake. Zachry offered to build it for \$972,360.

Goodson entered a bid of \$469,549 on improvements for a sewage disposal plant to serve the Fort Hood area. It will be built near Killeen, which the plant also serves.

Coffee Goes Up

MARTYSVILLE, Calif. (AP)—Coffee cost \$12.30 a pound here when a man pleaded guilty to stealing a two-pound can and was fined

MARS Group Lends A Hand In Emergency

MARS, in mythology, may be considered the god of war, but now it has a connotation of mercy.

In this instance it stands for Military Affiliate Radio System. MARS is an organization which bands "hams" of military and civilian status into a workable unit that can supplement or substitute for over-crowded or inoperative communications.

Any person in the military service, Air Force Reserve units, Air National Guard of the United States, or Reserve Officers Training Corps who has a valid amateur radio operators license issued by the FCC is eligible to join MARS. So are civilians over 21 years of age holding valid FCC amateur licenses and who reside in the United States, its Territories or possessions, who agree to operate under conditions prescribed by the Secretary of the Air Force for participation in MARS.

The organization originated on Nov. 28, 1948 under jurisdiction of the chief signal officer of the Army, together with the director of communications of the USAF. They jointly determine policy. Actually MARS steps in to assist when disaster strikes. Units in the Waco area went into action last May when that historic tornado wiped out communications in the heart of the city. Other instances where MARS has stepped into an emergency are numerous.

This year, all radio operators holding FCC licenses are being urged to join in the celebration of Armed Forces Day.

Five Texas Naval Projects On List Approved By Panel

WASHINGTON (AP)—Five Texas projects are in the list of 34 proposed Navy projects approved by the House Armed Services Committee yesterday.

The measure, if approved by Congress, only authorizes appropriations for the construction. The actual appropriations would be made in another bill.

The Texas projects are: Alice-Orange Grove area, operational facilities, \$151,000.

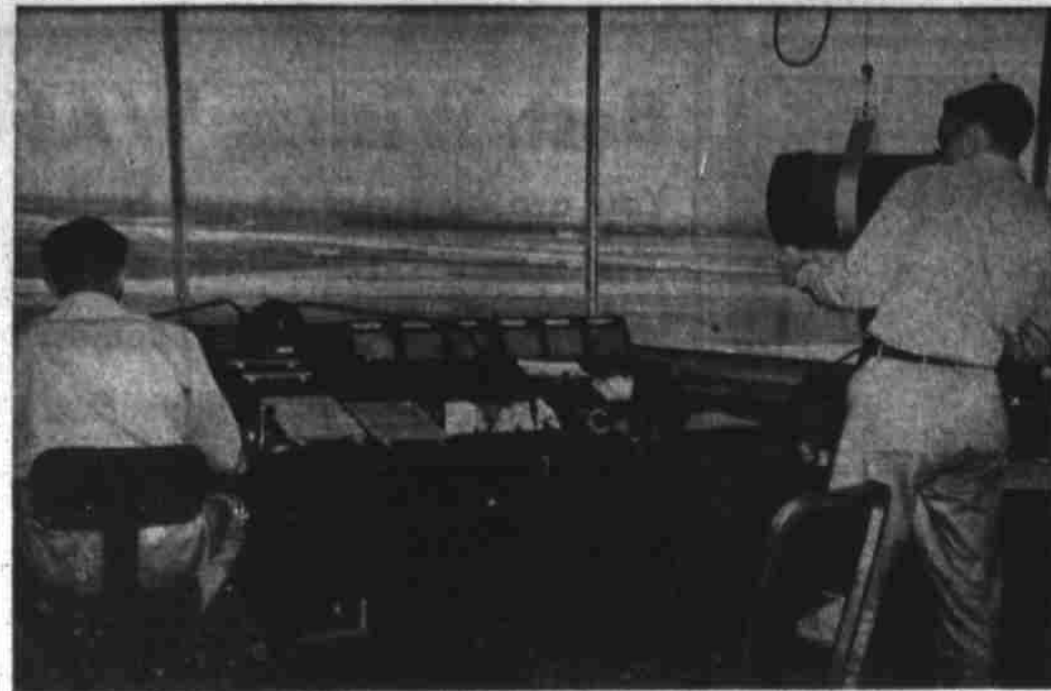
Chase Field, aircraft maintenance facilities, \$241,000.

Corpus Christi Air Station, fuel dispensing facilities and navigational aids, \$342,000.

Kingsville, auxiliary air station, navigational aids, fuel storage facilities and utilities, \$666,000.

Padre Island, operational facilities, \$80,000.

Lucille Thompson, nursery; and Mrs. Kathleen Embry, publicity.



Give Him The Green Light

That's the word from A-1C W. F. Coolidge, left, to his assistant, A-2C J. O. Fisher, as a Webb T-33 jet trainer prepares for take-off on the runway far below the tower level. Three other jets are lined up and ready to go as soon as the single ship in the lead clears the runway. Traffic direction is but one of many functions of the Airways and Air Control squadron at Webb. The tower operators' job, in a spot that has more landings and takeoffs than Chicago's Municipal Airport, is far from monotonous. (Air Force Photo.)

Third Episcopal Diocese Condemns Segregation 'Sin'

NEWARK, N. J. (AP)—A third Episcopal diocese has passed a resolution condemning segregation and aimed at plans to hold the 1953 general convention of the Episcopal church in Houston, Tex. Calling segregation a "sin," the 8th annual convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Newark Tuesday passed a resolution saying there would be "difficulty" in providing non-segregated housing for delegates at Houston, "even though there are no laws in the state of

Texas relating to segregation in hotels and restaurants." Unless non-segregated accommodations are provided, the resolution added, "the impression may well be given that the Episcopal church condones the sin of segregation rather than witness against it." The 1953 general convention is scheduled for Houston. Similar resolutions have been passed by Episcopal diocese conventions of New York and Washington.

Nine To Be Returned To San Saba Sheriff

SAN SABA (AP)—A 24-year-old man and eight teen-agers arrested in Hobbs, N.M., tourist court Tuesday will be returned here. The San Saba County sheriff went to Hobbs yesterday to get them.

The man and two of the boys are charged here with burglary of the Wood Brothers Mercantile Co. at nearby Richland Springs May 8. The youngsters included three boys and two girls from San Saba and two boys and a girl from Lampasas County.

Insanity Is Costly

BRUNSWICK, Ga. (AP)—It costs \$30 to go crazy in Glyn County. Worried by the drain on county funds from an increasing number of insanity cases, the County Commission set the fee.

Data On New Jet, Fighter Released

FARMINGDALE, N. Y. (AP)—Republic Aviation and the Air Force have released pictures of the new YF9J jet fighter, capable of carrying the atom bomb.

The pictures show the craft with swept-back wings in flight while making first tests at Edwards Air Force Base, Calif. The date of the flight was not given.

The "J" model still is considered an experimental plane. It is the latest in the Thunderjet and Thunderstreak family of atomic fighter-bombers, thousands of which have been built by Republic for the U. S. Air Force and NATO nations.



AP Boss

Lt. James R. Neal of Ada, Okla., serves Webb AFB as Air Police Officer. With a degree in psychology from Oklahoma A&M, Lt. Neal entered the Air Force immediately after graduation in 1951. He was a student at Tyndall AFB, Fla., prior to assignment at Webb. (Air Force Photo.)

Jail Cook Jailed

CHELSEA, Vt. (AP)—Prisoners in Orange County jail missed several meals recently. Their cook was in jail in Washington County. He celebrated a night off too strenuously.



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Medal Of Honor Ceremonies Set At Lubbock Base

WASHINGTON (AP)—The nation's highest military honor, the Medal of Honor, will be presented today to Mrs. Doris Lynn Davis of Lubbock, Tex., in honor to her husband killed in the Korean War.

Lt. Col. George A. Davis Jr. was killed Feb. 10, 1952. He had shot down seven Japanese planes in World War II and 14 more enemy aircraft in Korea. He and his wingman attacked a formation of 12 MIGs to protect American fighter bombers when Davis' F86 Sabrejet was hit.

The Air Force said it awarded the medal to Davis for his heroism on the day of his death.

Gen. Nathan F. Twining, Air Force chief of staff, will make the presentation at Reese Air Force Base in Lubbock. The ceremony will include a military review and a flight of Sabrejets lacking one plane in the traditional "Missing Buddy" formation.

Mrs. Davis lives in Lubbock with her two children.



Webb's Flight Bosses Plan A Sortie

The five majors in this photo are enough to strike terror into the heart of any aviation cadet at Webb. Their names will be inscribed on the cadets' memorials for many years to come. For these are the working-level "top hands" who run Webb's four flight sections, plus the major domo, Director of Flying, Maj. Bill Kerr, center. The

others, caught in the midst of flight planning for tomorrow's all-day flyovers, are left to right, Majors Riden B. Wall, section four, Leslie S. Cruthirds, section three, Gerard W. Rooney, section two, and Roy B. Bluhm Jr., section one. The four sections are the flying end of Col. William A. Jones' 3500th Pilot Training Group. (Air Force Photo.)

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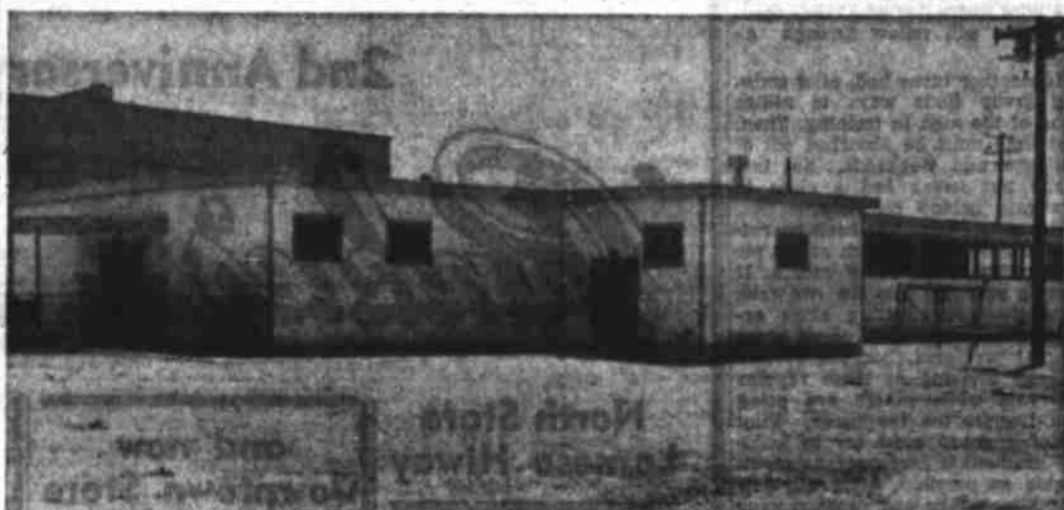
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Webb's New Electronics Building

This is one of many structures completed during the year since last Armed Forces Day. Buildings like this are the difference between a barely operative, emergency type Air Force base and the finished semi-permanent base that Webb rapidly is becoming.

Guard Unit Prepared For Any Emergency

Ready to swing into action at little more than a moment's notice in case of either a national or local emergency is the Big Spring National Guard unit. Battery B of the 132nd Field Artillery Battalion, is a vital element in Uncle Sam's defense force. If war should break out, National Guardsmen—300,000 of them scattered over the country—would be among the first to go into full-time service.

As things stand, the local Guard battery trains regularly one night each week, and puts in considerable time in extra drill on Sunday afternoons, keeping abreast of new developments in both weapons and tactics.

Guardsmen will stage an exhibit at Webb Air Force Base Saturday as part of the Armed Forces Day observance.

The exhibit will be put on in Hangar No. 1 and will include all of the battery's latest equipment. There will be shown a big 105-milimeter howitzer, a truck that can operate under water, crew operated machine guns and bazookas, radio and telephone communications

and individual equipment.

Capt. Charles K. Vaughn, battery commander, and Warrant Officer Billie L. Eggleston, administrative assistant, and other Guard personnel will be on hand to explain operation of the various items.

The Big Spring field artillery battery is rated as one of the top units of the famous 36th Infantry Division. At the two-week summer encampment last year the battery was judged the best in the 132nd Field Artillery Battalion and third best in the entire division.

Since then, it has been rated in the "excellent" and "superior" categories following regular Army inspections.

The unit is composed of eight officers and 74 enlisted men. Three of the officers come here from other cities for weekly drills of the organization. They are Lt. Robert Mask of Midland, Jack Smart of Andrews, and Bill Simmons of Odessa.

Other officers are Capt. Vaughn, Eggleston, Lt. Dewey Stevenson, Lt. Elton Wallace and Lt. Johnny

P. Hooper. First sergeant is Jesse B. Wood.

The field artillery battery and other elements of the 36th will go to North Fort Hood again in the next few weeks for the summer camp and 14 days of intensive training. Capt. Vaughn predicts the unit again will be rated with the best at the end of the summer maneuver.

The encampment is to start June 13 and Guardsmen will return to Big Spring on June 27. Next weekend the part-time soldiers will gather at the Webb Air Force Base firing range for an afternoon of practice with small arms in preparation for the summer camp.

The National Guard now meets in the Howard County Fair Association buildings at the rodeo grounds, but an armory has been approved and is to be constructed in the next few months.

Bayou Bond Vote Set

HOUSTON (AP)—Anticipating the need of 21 new elementary schools and 10 junior and senior high schools in the next five years, the Houston school board has called a 25-million-dollar bond election for July 24. Superintendent W. E. Moreland told the board the schools would be needed.

Mrs. Hobby Asks School Aid Delay

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Eisenhower administration is opposed to any large-scale federal spending on construction of public schools pending further studies.

The administration's attitude was outlined this week by Oveta Culp Hobby, secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, in a letter to a Senate Labor subcommittee at the opening of hearings on federal aid to schools.

She objected to passage at this time of any of several bills under consideration, including one by Chairman Cooper (R-Ky) which calls for an outlay of 100 million dollars annually for three years starting July 1.

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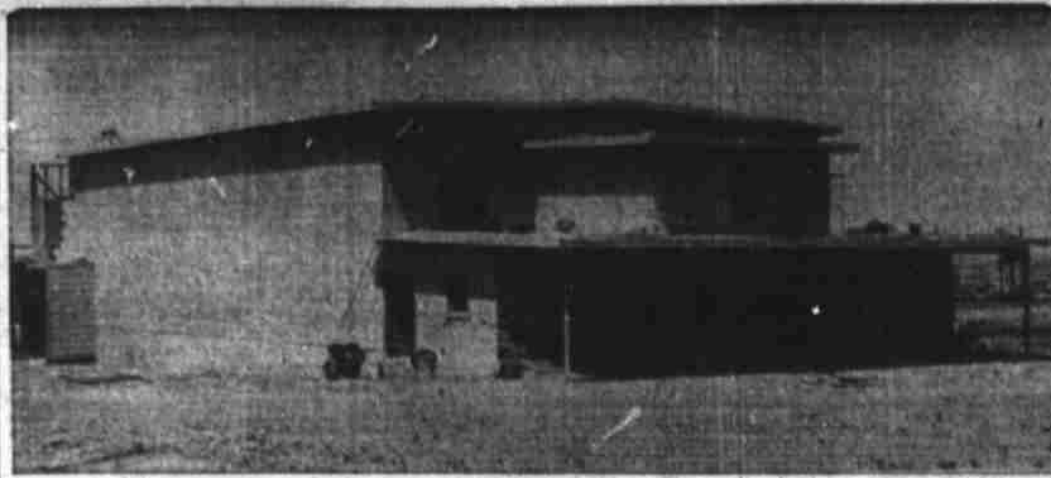
ficers and airmen who transferred to Big Spring. Some of the couples lived as far away as Stanton, Lamesa, and Snyder for the first few months. They drove back and forth six days a week.

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Base Theatre Nears Completion

Webb's long-awaited Base Theatre will be ready for occupancy in a few weeks. The building will not only be used for on-base movies for airmen but it will also serve as a Base Auditorium for pilot graduations, weekly assemblies for airmen education, and musical concerts. Until the building is completed, all these functions are scheduled in Webb's small, level-floored Academic Auditorium. (Air Force Photo)

**Webb's Pilot Training Group
Handles A Complicated Task**

Turning out single engine pilots is the business of Webb AFB, and pilot training group is the gyroscope on the entire operation. This can get to be a complicated job, what with classes coming in and going out almost constantly. Too, the fledgling pilots must be given academic and ground school training right along with actual

time in the air. In the process, they are obliged to be well grounded in military procedures. Maj. R. G. Woda, director of the group, and Maj. J. F. Taylor, the operations training officer, have the responsibility of coordinating training so that the line of flow is never obstructed and that the finished product emerges on schedule and in uniformly high quality. There are basically five types of students who come to pilot training group. One is the American aviation cadet. Another is the individual who already is an officer in the U. S. Air Force but who is trying to become a pilot. Then there are the Mutual Defense Assistant Pact cadets (usually non-commissioned officers in their own Air Forces), MDAP officers, and then non-MDAP students (usually those from Latin and South American countries).

Once they arrive on the base, they are put through processing, which may consume something like five days before they get to actual flying. They must be given a letter designation which will stay with them whether they are in academic, military or flying training. They are given books, assigned rooms, have their records checked, given physical examinations, assigned to military classes

and given ground school schedules. The trainees get 55 hours of flight training in T-28 propeller driven craft during the eight weeks of basic or phase 1 training. Then, in the next 12 weeks which comprise phase 2, they will put in 69 hours on T-33 flight. Ordinarily, the pilot instructor who takes them on T-28s will follow through on T-33s.

If weather turns bad, pilot training group finds ways to utilize time of the men in training. Then, lost time must be absorbed out of holidays and weekends. So far, Webb has never had a class to graduate behind schedule. Recently, Webb has been operating on a schedule which called for graduation about every month. It now is swinging into the two-week schedule—a graduating class every two weeks. This poses some special problems, because classes will be arriving at those regular intervals while others are going out. Despite the frequency, Pilot training group must try to make the graduation ceremony as memorable as possible. After all, getting your wings and perhaps your commission, too, is just about the highest point in a young man's life.

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SAN ANTONIO—An atomic cannon will be displayed in San Antonio for Armed Forces Day to be celebrated May 15.

A Navy guided missile will be shown at El Paso, a destroyer escort will visit Beaumont, and a destroyer will visit Houston.

These are part of the Army, Navy and Air Force plans for Texas cities to show Americans what their armed forces are doing. Nearly all military posts in Texas will have "open house" on that day so citizens can see what their tax dollar is buying.

The plans for Texas include: San Antonio—Display of a 280mm atomic cannon, airplane fly-overs, parade and open house at military establishments.

El Paso—Navy guided missile on display, a simulated atomic bomb explosion demonstration and parade.

Del Rio—Strafing, rocketing and napalming demonstrations.

Houston—Visit of the Navy destroyer USS Hood, plane fly-overs, speech by Maj. Gen. O. P. Weyland, commander of the Tactical Air Command.

Laredo—Patton tank demonstration, plane fly-overs.

Waco—Helicopter demonstration and plane fly-overs, speech by Brig. Gen. Nels H. Nelson of the Marine Corps.

Beaumont—Visit of the destroyer escort USS Costes and an assault demonstration by the Marine Corps.

Fort Arthur—Visit of the USS PCB #74.

Galveston—Demonstration of a search air rescue mission by the 47th Air Reserve Squadron.

Marshall—Display of a jet engine.

Brownwood—Firing range demonstration.

Odessa—Ground breaking ceremonies for a new National Guard armory.

Amarillo—Speech by Gen. Nathan Twining, chief of staff of the Air Force.

Dallas—Speech by Vice Adm. James Holloway Jr., chief of Naval personnel.

Lubbock—Speech by Maj. Gen. Morris J. Lee, U.S. Air Force.

Ablene—Speech by Rear Adm. Henry Crommelin, assistant chief of staff for Naval operations.

Vernon—Speech by Rear Adm. Stuart S. Murray, inspector general of the U.S. Navy.

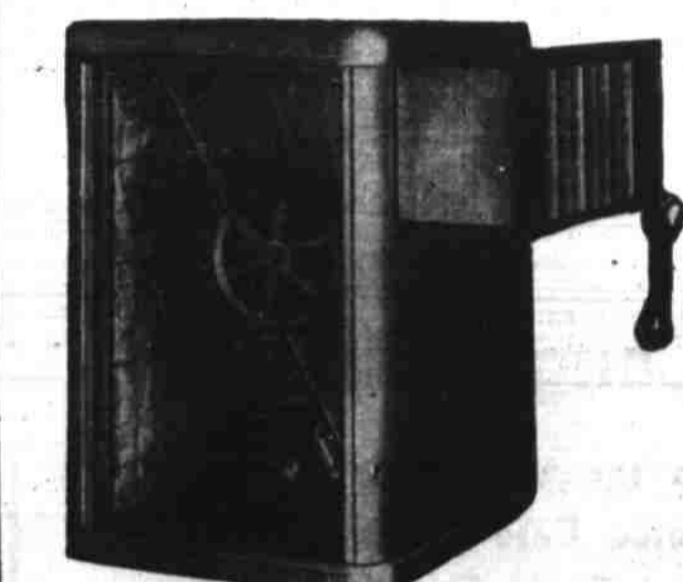
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VERNON, Tex. (AP)—The Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. has asked the City Commission for permission to increase its rates in Vernon.

The new rates, if granted, would increase the charge for a four-party line from \$7.25 to \$8.75 and for a one-party line from \$4.50 to \$5.50 and for a business telephone from \$9 to \$11.



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Another Big Springer To Webb

Lt. Huey D. Rogers, son of Mr. Huey J. Rogers, 1896 Johnson, recently entered the student pilot program at Webb Air Force Base. Lt. Rogers, a Texas Tech graduate, is learning to fly the T28. Visitors to Webb on Armed Forces day will see numbers of West Texans in Air Force uniform.

Improvement Claim Cannot Be Checked

TOKYO (AP)—Peiping radio boasts constantly of wonderful things that will be done in industry.

The first automobile plant is going up at Mukden. When will it be done? All Peiping is saying is

that construction this year will be four times greater than last year. Work has started on a second modern cotton mill at Peiping. The first one isn't operating yet.

The machine building industry is going 13 times as fast as it did in 1949. There's no report on how it was doing in 1949. Or if it was.

Hospital At Webb Guards Health Of All Personnel

Webb Air Force Base hospital has two peculiarities which would distinguish it from any private hospital—it deals almost entirely with younger people; it has a section specializing in aviation medicine.

Otherwise, its functions and operations are not unlike any other busy hospital. Prime function of the hospital is the health and welfare of military personnel on the base. It is also a mission to administer to the dependents of military personnel, not alone those at Webb but those in relative proximity to the base. Thus, it attracts patients from Odessa, Pecos, Hobbs, N. M. and such points as well as Big Spring.

The hospital, under command of Capt. John F. Johnson, is designated as a 40-bed hospital. However, it is equipped for 100 beds under emergency conditions. It also is equipped and staffed for

any except the most major surgery. Such cases, or those requiring specialized treatment, may be transferred by special or regular hospital air evacuation service to any point in the nation. Under ordinary circumstances this would be to other Air Force hospitals, but if needs be they would go to the Armed Service hospital best suited for handling the case.

Three basic services are provided by the hospital—medical, surgical and obstetrical.

All this keeps a professional staff of nine physicians, three dentists, one veterinarian, nine military and four civilian nurses amply occupied.

Average monthly patient load is

2,300. Against this, there are only about 130 who are actually admitted to the hospital. Here is where the youth factor enters into the picture along with the fact that by the nature of things the hospital gets in a lot of preventative medicine.

The hospital plant is in reality 16 separate buildings but all connected by ramps. The uninitiated could become completely lost in the maze of passage ways.

In the hospital is a laboratory for running all tests except the most complicated ones. There is no pathologist, however.

The hospital maintains a complete X-ray department. Its surgical (or operating) rooms are of the most modern. The medical supply is completely stocked. It operates its own pharmacy and its own mess hall.

The dental service satisfies all the needs in this field of endeavor. Presence of a veterinarian on the staff may seem odd in the absence of flying horses on the base. Actually, he has, like all others, an important responsibility. Much of his work pertains to sanitation of the base, inspection of all edibles, inspection of the cold storage, plus inspecting eating and drinking establishments downtown. (Adverse findings are referred to a combination board which can, if evidence warrants, declare the establishment off base to military personnel.) What time is left, the veterinarian can put in on a small animal clinic.

bulances, each equipped for first aid activities. Two are maintained at Midland with aid men and one at Sweetwater, where auxiliary fields are located. On the base an ambulance is at the fire station and two are on the field when operations are in progress, and one always accompanies a crash convoy.

Aviation physiology, requiring an entirely different plant, is operated under the jurisdiction of the hospital. It is here that the personnel get instruction and tests in altitude flying and under simulated conditions in the altitude chamber.

One of the responsibilities of the hospital is to provide annual examinations for all fliers and to every person in service who is past the age of 40. Others are given physical examinations every three years at time of re-enlistment.

Besides Capt. Johnson, who serves in the fields of obstetrics and gynecology as well as commanding the hospital, the staff includes: Capt. George R. Kennedy, surgery; Capt. Elders J. Lamoth, Jr., internal medicine and dermatology; Capt. Willford B. Mitchell, general practice; Capt. Melvin H. Waldorf Jr., obstetrics and gynecology; Capt. James A. Wood, internal medicine; 1st Lt. James F. Glenn, aviation medicine; 1st Lt. John H. Ploussard, pediatrics; 1st Lt. Richard E. Walters, aviation medicine; Maj. Robert P. Best, Maj. Robert H. Malsched, and Capt. David M. Myer, dentistry; 1st Lt. Jerome M. Gigliotti, veterinarian and preventative medicine.

The nursing staff is under the direction of Maria D. Hernandez. Military members (all quartered on the base except one) are Capt. Helen Kilmer; 1st Lt. Greese Foster (on temporary duty at Gunter) and Lorraine Overby; 2nd Lt. Mary S. Halliday, operating room nurse; Dolores Broscious, Martha Hollick, Bertha Mitchell, Ellen Lowe.

The hospital also has seven am-

Reason Why Jets Require Long Runway

You may have wondered why a jet airplane needs two miles of runway to operate from when World War II aircraft used runways as short as 4,500 feet.

The increased length of the landing strip for the jet is made necessary for two primary reasons:

On takeoff, the jet engine, which must accelerate to better than 10,000 revolutions per minute to reach full power, is much slower to reach maximum performance than is a piston-engine-and-propeller combination. The latter rarely is required to "turn up" more than 3,000 revolutions to reach full power. Therefore, the jet plane simply requires more space to roll while its maximum power is being developed.

Still on the same point, the jet plane climbs at 300 to 350 miles per hour, and it cannot achieve maximum flying performance until those speeds are reached. To reach so high a speed, at a slower rate of initial acceleration, more space is required. World War II aircraft climbed at 120 to 130 miles per hour.

The second point of jet operation which requires space concerns the landing peculiarities. Much more distance is required to land and stop the jet because, first, it is much more highly streamlined than older aircraft, and, second, because the clean-lined ship lacks the braking-effect of a large "wind-milling" propeller which slows down the older types considerably.

Actually, in emergency, a jet plane can operate from less than two miles of runway. But for safety's sake, a two mile run is essential to cope with possible emergency operation.

Dust Held Assist To Jet Engines

Would you believe that dust could be helpful in aircraft maintenance? Col. Newton D. Hagins, commander of Webb's Maintenance and Supply Group, says that blowing dust not only does not damage a jet engine but actually helps keep it in tip-top shape.

"Dust which blows through the air intakes of jet planes does not get into the fuel or lubrication system of a jet engine as it would get into a conventional piston engine," he said. "Instead, the dust is carried straight into the combustion chamber when its help to wear off the carbon which otherwise would build up on the turbine blades."



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Something More Than Coin Flip Needed To Forecast Weather

If pilots from Webb see two weathermen flipping coins they're pretty certain it must be for BX coffee. Weather forecasts never come that easy.

In fact, Lts. Lynn Currin and Louis Fragapane, forecasters at the local base, probably wish there was some push-button way to do their job. For the present, however, they leave the push-button talk to others and do something about the weather.

Apparently they do well, too. Records show 90 per cent accuracy on daily forecasts under a tough grading system which checks predicted ceilings and visibilities for each hour during the 24. There is no time, either, for long, involved calculations. Within one and one-half hours after their day begins at 5:00 a.m., the first terminal forecast of the general area must be plotted and sent out. Next comes a forecast for the day, copies of which are made and sent to the various flying units. By this time the next Terminal Forecast is due (every three hours), followed by other day forecasts for afternoon and night flying. All during this time forecasters give briefings to all pilots leaving Webb.

Obviously all this takes training, but the best trained forecaster would be stopped without informa-

tion on which to base these predictions. Detailed observations must be made constantly to assimilate the necessary data.

This doesn't mean somebody's report that it's windy outside, either. Airmen observers, under S-Sgt. Marcelos Rodriguez, Chief Observer, and S-Sgt. Joseph Glass, Analyst, make hourly observations.

Using special instruments which give such things as air pressure, temperatures, cloud density and height and type, wind direction and speed and humidity, they channel a constant stream of data to the forecasters. This, combined with reports from other stations, is the basis for all forecasts.

Like the forecasters, the observers also are graded. The men here average about 2 per cent error in the usual month's 1,100 observations.

The local Weather Detachment at Webb is commanded by Capt. Herbert Edson. Unlike most other units, it is only attached to the base. Command-wise, Weather De-

tachments come under the Air Weather Service, a unit of the Military Air Transport Command.

Along with their regular duties, weathermen in the Webb office are making a special study of the dust problem in this area as it affects flying. To be ready for future weather problems they follow all reports on extreme altitude weather, winds, and pressure and density findings. Also, in spite of the fact that the U. S. Weather Bureau Office moved to Midland last November, they still are frequently called with requests to give private forecasts—something they aren't required to do.

Not long ago, for instance, a local woman called to find out if it was safe for her to hang out the week's laundry. The forecaster diplomatically explained that he was not supposed to give such information to individuals. But after a second plea he gallantly gave the classic answer for this area: "Partly cloudy, warm and probable blowing dust."

Most Assignments Change Every Two Or Three Years

Normal tour of duty at any one station in the Air Training Command ranges from two to three years.

Most of Webb's officers and airmen were originally stationed in Big Spring during the period, January 1951-December 1952, and the time-average is catching up with the base.

More than one-half of the original base complement have been transferred to other United States, or to overseas, bases.

Among well-known Air Force men who have departed are the first commander, Col. Ernest F. Wackwitz Jr.; his executive officer, Col. Henry S. Tyler Jr.; the first Webb personnel officer, Lt. William S. Smallwood; Lt. Col. John W. Campbell, known to many Big Springers for his work in the supply field; Lt. Col. James A. Wilson, the first commander of Webb's Pilot Training Group; Col. Noel, Capt. Hesse, and Maj. Guy Dean, the first three hospital commanders—a triple turnover; and Capt. Grover V. McRae, first Provost Marshal.

Another well-known figure who departed for overseas assignment was Maj. William Boardman, the first Webb Air Installations Officer—the man who directly supervised the initial building of the base.

Two Air Force men known to a considerable number of local people were M-Sgt. Johnny Johnson, Wing Sergeant Major; and Warrant Officer L. I. Mitchell, assistant

Wing Adjutant. Both of these men transferred to Goodfellow AFB. Maintenance Expert, Maj. Wilbur Lage, retired from active duty last year as have several senior non-commissioned officers.

The pilot instructors who have transferred are legion. Among them have been Maj. Nolan I. Jones, Maj. Art DeYoung, Maj. Jack Harrow, Maj. Leo Dempsey, Capt. Arthur Wilder, Sidney F. Nischan, Bruce Baine, Forrest Edwards, Sidney Farrington, and Lts. Raymond Young, Francis McClellan, Ralph Flinn, Jeral Hunter, William Page, Pete Singleton, Robert Sims, and Guy Collins.

Several of the wives of Webb personnel who have departed for overseas—including Mrs. Henry S. Tyler Jr., Mrs. William S. Smallwood, and Mrs. Darrell Sims—are staying, with their children, in Big Spring until their husbands return.

Awakens In Bus And Drives It On Home

RICHMOND, Va. (AP)—An 18-year-old pleaded innocent to grand larceny but guilty to using a bus without the owner's permission. He told Judge John L. Ingram he went to sleep on the bus and woke up in the barn where it was housed. He borrowed it to drive home.

Motorist Takes His Warning Seriously

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP)—Harry W. Tisdal of Winchester, Mass., on the first leg of a 3,000-mile automobile trip with his family, was given a warning for a minor traffic violation. Weeks later, he wrote

State Policeman Charles Sanga: "Perhaps you wonder if warnings go unheeded and if it pays to give them. For the balance of our 3,000-mile trip, the laws were strictly obeyed. We soon found the trip was a pleasure although we had actually dreaded it. At least once a day during the trip we saw the remains of a fatal accident which,

but for your warning, could have been us."

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LOS ANGELES (AP)—A big store on Broadway features in its show window some diagrams and instructions on "How to Tie a Bow Tie." Surrounding the diagrams are ready-tied bow ties.

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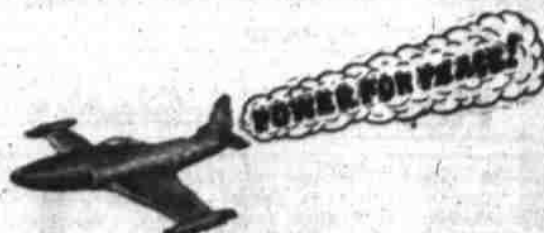
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How To Make A Dormitory Livable

A-3C Jay Kresh takes a bit of inspiration from a hometown picture as he writes a letter during off-duty hours at the base. Kresh's room, like many at the base, has been made as attractive as a room at home by a lot of elbow-grease on part of its occupants. Originally, the dormitory rooms are bare, but the air-men paint, curtain, and build desks—and presto! they have a home. (Air Force Photo)

Colonel Wackwitz First Commander

Webb's first commander was Col. Ernest F. Wackwitz Jr. The colonel was transferred to Scott Air Force Base in July 1953 to become director of flying for the Air Training Command. During the time Col. Wackwitz brought Webb AFB from its infancy to a lusty boyhood, he made many friends in Big Spring and Howard County. He and his wife, Marge, and their son and twin

daughters were well known in civic, church, and social circles. Twice since his transfer to Scott AFB, Col. Wackwitz has dropped in at Webb while on inspection tours of Air Training Command's 46 bases scattered through the United States. When the Wackwitz family left Big Spring, they were entertained by more than 150 friends at a reception and dinner in a downtown hotel. The City Commission passed a resolution to send a letter of commendation through military channels in appreciation of Col. Wackwitz's work in Big Spring.

Caution Against A Major Disaster

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)—Cowboys—and horses—were racing across the TV screen, and Kathleen Card, 4, was watching them. Her younger brother preferred to throw things around. Exasperated, Kathleen warned: "If you don't stop that you'll break the television, and all those little horses will fall out on the rug."

Applicants Checked By Selection Teams

Aviation Cadet Selection Teams are the future-pilots' first contact with the Air Force. Through the team, applicants learn what training the Air Force will give them and what is expected of the Aviation Cadet during his training and after he becomes a pilot-officer in the United States Air Force. Becoming a part of the world's mightiest air arm is the goal of many young American men. To help these youths achieve that aim, the Air Force has organized a series of Aviation Cadet Selection Teams to canvas the country. Attached to Webb AFB for "staff purposes" is the 207th Aviation Cadet Selection Team. Consisting of four recruiters (all of whom have had overseas service and at least four years duty in the Air Force), the detachment is supervised by M-Sgt. Raymond F. Huffman. The team accepts applications from men in approximately 49 West Texas counties stretching from the west and north borders of the state to Hamilton County in the east and Mason County in the south. Every city in this area is covered at least once a month. Advance publicity is sent out one week before visits, through personal contacts, a mailing campaign, and through radio, newspapers and television. Members of the selection team also speak before high school and college students, civic groups and at public celebrations. After expressing a desire to join the Aviation Cadet program, applicants are sent to Webb AFB for a preliminary physical check. If they pass, they go to Lackland AFB, San Antonio, for another physical and for a series of tests and lectures which will determine whether the candidate is officer material and qualified to fly. Qualified applicants then return to their home to await class assignment. First training given by the Air Force to the Aviation Cadets is at Lackland where they undergo pre-flight training. This phase is a 12-week course of "officer-ship" training. Next, they go to one of

the nine civilian contract flying schools for primary training, and then to an Air Force base for basic pilot training. Webb is a basic pilot training base. After successful completion of the basic pilot training course, the cadets become second lieutenants in the USAF Reserve and receive the silver wings of an Air Force pilot. Next step is a crew training base where the new pilots specialize in one type of aircraft and train as a part of a crew. By the time this training is completed, the Air Force has spent \$80,000 on the pilots' training and he is fully qualified as a USAF pilot. No definite goal is established by the Air Force in the recruiting of Aviation Cadets. Because each pilot represents \$50,000 worth of taxpayers money, the Aviation Cadet Selection Team is "select" in the candidates they accept. Last year, approximately 1,000 applicants were recruited by the local team. While the local squad is an Aviation Cadet Selection Team, they also take applications for the Aircraft Observer Program. Aircraft Observers become rated crew members of bombardment, transport, reconnaissance, and interceptor types of aircraft. Skills of this group of personnel include navigation, bombardment, radar operation, electronic countermeasures, aircraft performance engineering, and airborne armament operations. Through its Aviation Cadet Program, the US Air Force trains qualified young men to become pilots and aircraft observers. The Aviation Cadet Program has become the traditional source of leadership, by providing commissioned flying officers for active duty with the Air Force. It also enables the Air Force to maintain a sizeable Reserve in the lower age brackets. Classes begin every two weeks. The four-phase training program takes approximately 18 months for Pilots and approximately 14 months for Aircraft Observers. Young men between the ages of

19 and 26½ years interested in applying for Aviation Cadet Training should take their birth certificate and high school diploma or transcript of college credits to the nearest Aviation Cadet Selection Team. The selection team at Webb is a part of the 3,500 USAF Recruiting Wing with headquarters at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio. A recruiting school at San Antonio teaches selection team members their job and trains them for active duty in the selection of candidates for the US Air Force Aviation Cadet Program.

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MEN'S WEAR OF CHARACTER

'Fringe' Benefits To Military Personnel Cause Controversy

Great controversies have raged during the past few years over the elimination of certain privileges enjoyed by military personnel. Known as "fringe benefits," these privileges are the perennial target, along with adequate pay for school teachers, of economy-minded office-seekers.

Secretary of the Air Force Harold Talbot has publicly stated on many occasions that such attempts to further reduce the real income of service personnel are glaring examples of false economy. Generally the first to take a pay cut during a prolonged business recession, and the last to get pay raises during periods of inflation, service personnel—never over-paid by anyone's yardstick—have to some extent made up for the lack of monetary consideration for their services by the privileges of fringe benefits. Like the teachers' pay, other inducements to a service career had to be offered to the man who would be willing to sign up for a long term.

Fringe benefits consist primarily of the privileges of the base exchange, the commissary, and limited medical care for dependents. It has been shown time and again by inter-governmental and industrial studies that such fringe benefits account for only a relatively tiny proportion of the expend-

itures of the officer and airman. For example, in Big Spring, Webb AFB personnel spend up to 90 per cent of their income locally in the community. However, in the lower pay-grades, the privilege of commissary, base exchange, and dependent medical care to a certain extent, are almost essential if the lower-graders are married and are to make their financial ends meet. Air Force spokesmen have pointed out that the skilled technicians who will this year leave the service to find higher paid jobs in industry will cost the Air Force an estimated \$344,000,000 in loss-of-training costs alone.

Professional military planners, from long experience with re-enlistment rates, predict that even higher rates of departures from the service can be firmly predicted unless the trend toward reducing fringe benefits yet further is halted.

Today's modern, highly-skilled armed forces are built largely upon the theory of training and re-training men so that their best skills may be brought out and kept at a peak of efficiency.

If, after expensive and costly training, the majority of the skilled technicians leave the Air Force and other services, and a never-ending stream of new men have to be trained in staggering numbers, not only is the cost to the taxpayer terrific but the resultant skill-level so vital to adequate national defense is lowered alarmingly.

All in all, according to Secretary Talbot, it costs the taxpayer and the businessman far more if his governmental representatives continue to whittle away at service fringe benefits than the fringe benefits themselves could ever cost in deprivation of payroll expenditures to anyone or any group.

Turks Still Watch Russians Closely

ANKARA, Turkey (AP)—Prime Minister Adnan Menderes says that Turkey is immune to Russian influence, but recognizes the need of taking precautions.

"The Turks, after living next door to the Russian menace for centuries, have developed a natural sense of self protection," he says. "To live next to danger makes some people panicky. We Turks are in the latter group."

U.S. Air Force Is Globe-Girdling Unit

Just as a large corporation has branches scattered throughout the nation and the world, the United States Air Force is a globe-girdling big business. The Air Force today has an inventoried value of around 73 billion dollars, which makes it the world's largest business of any sort.

Webb Air Force Base, big though it may be in Howard County, is but a branch office of the Air Force. Webb goes through just as many districts and regions on its way to the head man as does the branch office of a large industrial combine.

The first of Webb's bosses is the Flying Training Air Force, located in Waco, Texas, and commanded by Maj. Gen. Gabriel P. Disoway. This headquarters, popularly called FlyTaf, must perform the supervising of all flight training for pilots and radar observers—the last of which are today's navigator-bombardiers equipped with more modern electronic gadgets and much more schooling.

Not so complicated you may say. And you will be right if you are thinking of communication only with the top level of command. There are only two headquarters in between.

But Webb communicates not only with its upper headquarters but with its neighbors in the other sixteen air commands. On routine matters, such communication is simple: Webb merely gets in touch with its neighbors directly. However, like any home office, the Air Force in Washington must be consulted on any matter of importance between members of different commands.

Actually, the Air Force, like any big business, must have its channels of communication and command, and they must remain inviolate except in emergency. Otherwise the management would never learn what its workers were doing.

In the comparison, the Air Force has no more red tape and no more delays in its huge organization than would any corporation of the same size. And like any large enterprise with its branch offices, the Air Force insists that all its branch air bases conduct their operations for the good of the entire organization. The only major difference in military and civilian operations of the same scale is that of the uniform versus the single-breasted suit.

Rats Are Menace

MANILA (AP)—The rats are so bad in the southern Philippines that a general has had to pull out of his Army job and give help. Brig. Gen. Alfonso Arellano supervises relief work in southern Mindanao. Rats have devastated large areas of rich cropland.

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Aerial Detective

Capt. Jesse B. Haynes, Webb flying safety officer, dictates the findings of his inspection of a faulty aircraft engine air cleaner to Mrs. Joann Scholl, secretary to the flying safety office. Capt. Haynes and his assistant, Capt. Tom Alexander, make detailed investigations into hundreds of cases of malfunction of aircraft parts as part of an all-encompassing program to make Webb's trainer aircraft safer to fly. (Air Force Photo).

Flying Safety Officer's Work Is Never Finished

The man who coined the phrase, "Safety is a state of mind," might have been the first Flying Safety Officer. So says Capt. Jesse Haynes, Flying Safety Officer at Webb.

That slogan, and the old one, "An ounce of prevention, etc.," undoubtedly would be emblazoned on every wall of his office if Captain Haynes were addicted to slogans. But facts, plus a sense of anticipating trouble gets more results in accident prevention.

Latest figures from Flying Training Air Force Headquarters seem to bear this out, too. In the last six-month period during which figures were compiled, Webb's accident rate was lowest in the Command. A plaque noting the award is expected soon.

Tall, sunburned and typically

Texas (his home is Harlingen), Captain Haynes is first to admit that safety officers cannot rest on past laurels. His office, therefore, is geared to what might happen the next hour or next day. He even has worked out a system for it based on the prevention idea and applied to information he keeps in a big black book in his desk.

It works like this:

A pilot landing from a local flight in a T28 Trainer reports the engine sputtering and missing at cruising speeds. After he gives the word to the plane's crew chief, the pilot fills out a trouble sheet (furnished to each section by the safety officer) and forwards it through to Captain Haynes. Captain Haynes or his assistant, Captain Thomas D. Alexander, records details of the complaint in the book.

After its contents have been noted and checked the sheet is sent back to Maintenance which does repair and verifies that the trouble has been corrected.

Two days later a similar report, or perhaps two, may come in on other T28s. Is this a pattern developing? Back to the book. Check. Analyze. Every bit of information on all T28s is gone over. A conference with Maintenance personnel . . . perhaps a valve adjustment or a fuel line connection. Whatever it is, most of the time the trouble is found and corrective action is taken on all planes of that type. Final report — in the black book.

Captain Haynes calls it the "Near-Miss" system for fatal accident prevention. It apparently made a hit with safety officials in higher headquarters, however. Flying Training Air Force recently adopted it for use over the Command.

Creating this safety consciousness in the individual continues, of course, to be the ultimate in any plan. Monthly magazines, bulletins, posters, cartoons and specialized reports are sent out periodically by practically every command to further this safety awareness. Accident Boards are appointed to investigate every accident, and within minutes the first of many detailed reports is on its way. These reports, sometimes a special headache to the hard-pressed Safety Officer busy on the investigation, are usually handled in Webb's office by Mrs. Joann Scholl, secretary.

Along with the reports, Mrs. Scholl furnishes statistics on Webb flying. For instance, an estimated 55 million miles have been flown by local base personnel since re-activation in 1952. Over 300,000 landings and take-offs are made each year. Yet, accident rates are outstandingly low when stacked up against similar motor vehicle mileages.

To a safety specialist, however, no accident figures are perfect except zeros. Captain Haynes gives the impression he will keep trying for those and to improve on his "system," the basis of which is — to make every Webb pilot a Flying Safety Officer.

Webb Provides Tours Of Base For Education

Webb's hospitality is extended to groups of tourists who want to see how an Air Force Base works. Educational tours are provided for school children and groups from various organizations, such as Boy Scouts, who want to get first-hand knowledge of a Flying Training Air Force Base.

Arrangements are made in advance by the group wishing to come and buses are provided by the base. Competent guides are provided for these Cook's tours and at least six tours a month are scheduled. Groups are usually from within a 100-mile radius from Big Spring.

The visitors see the altitude chamber where they learn about the effects of high altitude flying on the human body. They see the suits, helmets, and oxygen masks which make the jet fliers look something like the characters from outer space. They see the marching cadets on the parade ground. They visit the hangars and flight line where they see at close range the T28 propeller planes and the T33 jet plane which are used in training the future pilots of the United States Air Force. They go to the Link trainer section where they are permitted to climb into the trainers and work the controls. In these trainers they come as close to fly-

ing as anyone possibly can without leaving the ground. They talk to each other on the interphone system. These young people not only have had an interesting trip, but they are made more fully aware of the parts they might eventually play in this air age.



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That's the main function of Webb Air Force Base, preparing for peace but remaining strong to deter aggression wherever it may appear. On Armed Forces Day, we are happy to offer our congratulation to WAFB personnel. The job they are doing is worthy of our continued support.

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To WAFB officers and men for their patronage during the past year. We have been gratified by your response and we will continue to serve you with the best in clothing fashions for your off-duty hours. We urge you to visit us soon, and come back often. You're always welcome at Prager's.



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Speed Of Jets Shaves Charts

As jet planes grow faster, the charts by which they fly grow smaller and more convenient.

Time is a matter of the greatest importance to the jet pilot. Large-scale charts, those which cover a smaller part of the earth's surface, are not for him. He flies so fast that his navigation charts must cover great areas. Anyway, he doesn't need all the detailed ground information which pilots of slower aircraft use; his speed and altitude prevent him from seeing some of the earth's features as depicted on the more conventional charts. Then, too, he hasn't as much time to study his charts.

Another factor is the limited cockpit space in the jets. The jet pilot has no place to put a great volume of charts, and no space for studying large charts.

So the charts have grown smaller and more compact, and cover larger areas. Less detail is shown. Six jet navigation charts are sufficient to cover the entire continental United States, and each measures only fifteen and one-half by 18 and one-half inches. The arrival let-down charts, four and one-half by seven inches, are contained in various publications at present provided for each area where the U. S. Air Force flies.



Air Force Librarian

Miss Frances Doll, base librarian at Webb, provides the 2,500-odd Webb personnel with the latest in off-duty reading material. Webb's library contains hundreds of the latest editions of fiction, history, religion, military, and scientific works. (Air Force Photo).

Library Provides Reading For Pleasure Or Profit

Reading for pleasure or profit is made easy at Webb Air Force Base through the facilities provided by the Base Library. Borrowers may choose from many types of books — from light recreational reading matter to technical training books.

In addition to the 3,000-volume basic book collection supplied by the United States Armed Forces Institute to Air Force libraries, the Webb library provides many specialized sections set up by the Base Librarian, Mrs. Frances Doll. Books on cooking, child care, foreign languages, and gardening are among those available to Air Force employees, both military and civilian. A group of foreign language novels is of particular interest to the foreign war brides here. Medical and legal libraries are retained in their own groups although the books are ordered through the base library.

The librarian works closely with the Education Office in supplying books which will aid students in their educational pursuits. Special emphasis is placed on material which will help them in successful completion of USAFI tests.

Material which will aid in the training of pilots is available at the library. The library supplies books on the request of base instructors. For instance, the library is al-

ready being stocked with books on celestial navigation although the course is still in the planning stage.

One of the most popular features of the Base Library is the pocket book exchange—one for one. The library receives 150 new books each month. Variety is added to the collection by the subscribers themselves who leave one book in the collection for each one they borrow.

Training Pilots Takes Lot Of Fuel

How much fuel did you use last year?

Whatever the figure is, put it against the requirements for Webb Air Force Base. During the past year, Webb used 21,394,392 gallons of fuel.

Bulk of this went to the T28 jets. They required 19,479,840 gallons of jet fuel, better than 1,620,000 gallons per month. All of this was supplied by Condea Petroleum Corp. in Big Spring.

The propeller-driven craft used 1,914,552 gallons. Most of this went to the T28 training fleet. The big task of keeping up stocks and refueling the individual units is assigned to maintenance and supply at Webb.

Marketing Expert Asks Lean Porkers

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. (AP)—The porker that will lift the mortgage in the future will have plenty of lean meat under his hide says R. L. Coppersmith, University of Illinois farm marketing specialist. The demand is strictly for red meat without fat, he said.

The school's College of Agriculture is taking the lead in promoting the hog most in demand. Working with the Departments of Agriculture and Animal Science, Coppersmith has organized marketing conferences at the stockyards for packer buyers, order buyers and commission salesmen. Country-wide meetings will be held for farmers to encourage production of meat-type hogs.

Japanese 'Cities' Not All Municipal

TOKYO (AP)—All it takes to create a city in Japan is to sign up 30,000 people. It doesn't matter much where they come from. More than 97 new "cities" have sprung up recently. Since last December 943 towns and villages have been swallowed up.

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Silver anniversary of simulated flight is being celebrated this year. It was in 1929 that the first flight trainer, dreamed up by Edwin A. Link, materialized in his dad's piano factory where he worked. Outwardly, it resembled a miniature plane with fuselage, empennage, and wings. Inwardly, it was somewhat like the pianos and organs Ed Link was putting together on the production line. He called it an Aviation Trainer.

in the Link Flying School which Ed and his brother, George, operated after working hours in the family plant. The trainer soon proved its worth both in whittling down the cost of student training and in drastically cutting the training time required in an airplane. Ed Link, who was an expert on instrument flying, made constant improvements on the trainer until it was fully equipped for instrument flight training. Finally in 1934, the Army Air Corps placed an order for 10 of his trainers. By the time the order was completed, the Link Company was really in business and for the first time in the company's history, trainer production was on the upswing.

On the basis of the Air Force's acceptance of the Link trainer, the manufacturing company, eventually known as Link Aviation, Inc., was formed. Trainer development continued into the fields of electronics and simulated jet flight. The first piece of ground training equipment ever built to duplicate the operation of a jet aircraft was developed by Link.

Constantly improved models replaced the older ones. The C-11 Jet Trainer, entirely electronic, represented the company's new approach in the synthetic training field and set the stage for the complex electronic jet flight simulators which followed.

At the present time Webb Air Force Base has eight C-11B Link trainers and ten of the older C-8 models. The latter are programmed for shipment to primary schools and eventually only the advanced type will be used. Student officers and cadets in training at Webb are given 20 hours of instruction in Link trainers. They learn instrument flying with no risk to life and limb and at considerably less cost than would be possible without the trainers.

Other training aids which aid students are utilized on the base. Charts, enlarged photographs of plane cockpit interiors, radio simulators, compass mock-ups, and various other devices are used to facilitate instruction of the students. Some of these are in use throughout the training command while others are specially requested by Webb's instructors and made here by the Training Aids Section for use at this base.

Many Purchases At Webb Made Locally

Webb's Purchasing and Contracting Office handles just under one million dollars per year in local purchase work. However, because of the Air Force definition of "local," not all of these purchases are made in Big Spring—but a good majority of them are.

Webb's Purchasing and Contracting Office are four civilian and four military personnel. The section operates under the 3560th Maintenance and Supply Group which is commanded by Col. Newton D. Hagins.

According to Capt. Donald Reinhart, Purchasing and Contracting Officer, "local" means simply that the work is done and payments made at base level—Webb. Therefore, if a construction crew from Maine was engaged to build a new runway at the base, the company would receive payment for their work from local purchase funds. The captain pointed out that such contracts are awarded on a bid basis and firms whose bids meet Air Force specifications and are most reasonable are engaged.



T-SGT. CARROLL

Local construction companies have done considerable work at Webb. Water lines and gas mains have been laid, air conditioning units installed, floors built in USAF Hospital and the base gymnasium, and new siding added to warehouses and other buildings at Webb in a few of the many jobs for which Big Spring builders have been contracted. At present, a city firm is re-siding Webb's parachute building.

Other jobs given by Webb through local purchase to Big Spring concerns include re-capping tires from the motor vehicle squadron, and accomplishing repairs on various electrical items. Tentatively planned at present is the repair of manual typewriters by a Big Spring company.

Through local purchase, contracts are made at base level on a bid basis. Determining factor in the bids is the "best interest of the government." Bread and other perishables could be bought on local purchase from as far away as California. However, such a plan would not be in the best interests of the government as the bread could be purchased more reasonably and delivered quicker in Big Spring.

Bread, milk, ice, and various other resale subsistence items are bought in Big Spring, Capt. Reinhart says. In fact, a majority of Webb's local purchase business goes to firms operating in Big Spring or the immediate vicinity. Supplies and services not available here are bought through regularly established military depot channels.

Working with Capt. Reinhart in



MAJ. TERZIAN

Veteran Heads Student Unit

Maj. Jack Terzian comes to his job at Webb as Commander of the 3560th Student Squadron with thirteen years of military service. A native of Chester, Va., Maj. Terzian entered the Air Force when World War II began in 1941. He served in the European Theater of Operations during the war and, in 1947, was stationed in Alaska for twenty months.

During his Air Force career, the major won the Distinguished Flying Cross with one oak leaf cluster, the Air Medal with four oak leaf clusters, the Purple Heart, and the ETO Ribbon with two stars. He is a 1942 graduate of the Air Force Flying School, Lake Charles, La., and the Gunners Instructor School, 1945, Suffolk County, N. Y. Prior to arrival at Webb, where he served as operations and training officer before assuming command of the student squadron, Maj. Terzian was an assistant section commander at Williams AFB, Ariz.

Maj. Terzian, his wife Martha, and their two children, Robert and Tom, live at 1109 Stanford in Big Spring. The major arrived here in July, 1953.

Headquarters' First Sergeant Is Always Busy

TV viewers who see T-Sgt. James Carroll as MC of the semi-monthly "Silver Wings," Webb AFB show telecast over KMDI-TV, Midland, would never guess he serves the Air Force daytimes as First Sergeant of Headquarters Squadron Section, 3560th Pilot Training Wing.

A first sergeant is a rough, tough individual whose office door is perpetually darkened by a cloud of black gloom—or so most Air Force recruits are led to believe. But First Sergeant Carroll, like all Air Force first sergeants, is actually a friendly guy whose first concern is the welfare of his men.

Sgt. Carroll served as non-commissioned officer in charge of the Public Information Office when he arrived at Webb. However, in May, 1953, he switched to the first sergeant's chair. With military service from 1943 to 1948, and from 1950 to the present, Sgt. Carroll is thoroughly acquainted with the problems of his men. Not only does he handle squadron administrative matters, set up duty rosters, supervise squadron formations, and inspect the billets—he's always available as a counselor to airmen who "just gotta get out of that retreat formation tonight!" and men with other "major urgencies." His duties are outlined on a poster by his desk—but they're in no way limited. Work is never finished, his phone rings as often at home as it does in the office. His work is interesting, uninteresting, easy, hard, common, unusual. Like housewives, his work is never done and each day poses a new problem.

A native of Greenville, S. C., and a former student at Texas Tech in Lubbock, Carroll enlisted in the Air Force in the middle of World War II. He served in all areas of the Asiatic-Pacific Theater between 1943 and 1948 and was around for the invasions of Iwo Jima, Okinawa, the Philippines, Guam, Saipan, Caroline Islands. . . . If the war had continued longer and the planned invasion of Japan had been carried out, Carroll would surely have been around for it.

His campaign and service ribbons keep a big portion of his chest warm when he wears them. A partial list includes the American Theater Ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with three bronze stars, Philippine Liberation Ribbon with two bronze stars, Naval GC Medal, World War II Victory Medal, and Third Fleet Commendation Ribbon.

During student days, he was an avid sports enthusiast and took an active part in all sports, hunting and fishing. In off-duty hours during the summer and fall he still gets time now and then for more hunting and fishing. He's a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion and has been made an Honorary Member of the Disabled American Veterans.

An "old soldier" who's a long way off from being old (he was born in 1927 on Geo. Washington's birthday), Sgt. Carroll has been through the Air Force mill and has the situation well in hand. Married to the former Joan Robbins of Logan, Oklahoma, Sgt. Carroll lives at 1410 Sourry in Big Spring.



LT. HELGERTSON

Jets Burn Up Hundred Grand Every Month

One hundred thousand dollars a month "goes up in smoke" each month at Webb Air Force Base, just as regular as clockwork. The job of "turning" this money requires the full-time attention of 71 men.

Before this money is converted to smoke however, it has done a mighty important job. It has blasted T-33 jets some thousands of miles across mesquite-dotted countryside. Likewise for T-28 trainers, Air Force trucks, buses, automobiles and other gasoline powered equipment.

One hundred thousand dollars a month is the approximate figure of Webb's expenses for purchasing aviation fuels, oils and lubricants and gasoline, oils and greases for the operation of Webb's ground-bound motor vehicles. Webb Air Force Base uses more than 2,000,000 gallons of gasoline each month.

The job of procuring, storing and distributing these millions of gallons of fuel falls upon the Petroleum Products Section, under the watchful guidance of First Lieutenant Lowell H. Helgeson, Petroleum Products Officer.

In explaining these figures, Lieutenant Helgeson said, a T-33 jet drinks JP-4 fuel at the rate of about 350 gallons per hour of operation. JP-4 fuel costs 13 cents per gallon. "It's simple arithmetic to see that a jet costs about \$50 for each hour of operation. Multiply that by the number of jets we have operating and then throw in our T28s and all other motor vehicles and you can see how it will add up," the lieutenant said.

"In addition to our own planes and vehicles," Lt. Helgeson continued, "it's our job to fuel all 'transients' aircraft that come through."

In pointing out the operation of his section, the lieutenant paid special tribute to the Big Spring Cuden Refinery, Cuden, operating on a 24-hour day, supplies all the jet fuel to feed Webb's hungry jets.

In carrying out the sections responsibilities, Lt. Helgeson is assisted by 71 refueling specialists, who are on shifts around the clock to see that they are "kept flying."

Webb Traffic Is Heavier Than Big Port At Chicago

More landings per day than Chicago's busy Midway Airport—that's how Col. Fred M. Dean, commanding officer of Webb Air Force Base describes base traffic.

Last year Webb aircraft averaged nearly 375 landings per day on the field here. There were 73,756 by T-33 jets and 63,118 by the propeller-driven T-28s. Besides these, there were upwards of 1,500 transient military aircraft putting into the port.

These figures on landings do not include the thousands made on auxiliary fields at Midland and at Sweetwater. Servicing these planes is part of the job of maintenance and supply.

Dogs and turkeys were the only domesticated animals in North America when Columbus arrived, says the National Geographic Society.

New Jet Brake Shortens Runway Requirements

NEW YORK — A new jet engine "brake" was described today with a claim that it will make it possible for all kinds of jets to land at existing major airports.

The device was developed by the Boeing Airplane Co. Attached near the engine tailpipe, it can be used to deflect forward the powerful thrust of fast moving jet gases. Throwing the thrust forward after the airplane is on the ground will slow up the plane. The action is similar to that of widely-used reversible propellers.

The development was described at the national aeronautic meeting of the Society of Automotive Engineers by Joseph F. Sutter, a Boeing aerodynamics engineer.

He said it will permit jet transports, bombers and fighters to make safe landings at major airports under all runway conditions. Sutter said Boeing has been studying jet reverse thrust since 1951, testing five designs. The one it found best is called a "clamshell W" in effect, a cap over the roaring jet exhaust.

Sutter said a "clamshell" that will reasonably fit into the space available near the engine tailpipe will give up to 45 per cent thrust reversal.

"It is inherently safe and reliable, does not affect engine economy when not in operation and is highly satisfactory from the standpoint of mechanical simplicity, in stalled weight and airplane stowage."

Taxi Pool At Webb Includes 60 Units

Biggest taxi service in the area is operated at Webb Air Force Base—and it saves money.

Maintenance and supply, responsible for the operation and service of 543 pieces of motorized equipment, has assigned 60 units to a taxi pool.

When an individual or unit requires transportation of any sort, a call is put into the taxi service. Immediately a driver and equipment to suit the job—a passenger car for personnel transport, truck for hauling, etc.—is dispatched.

The person ordering may hold the equipment at destination for 10 minutes. After that, it is returned to the pool. This keeps equipment from being tied up needlessly when it might be used by others.

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Former Marine Supply Officer

MAJ. MCGUIRE
A former Marine serves as Webb's Accountable Supply Officer. He is Major Ivan L. McGuire who entered military service in 1941.
With overseas service from the European Theater of Operation to the Mediterranean to the Pacific, Maj. McGuire has won decorations including the EAME Medal, American Defense Medal, Occupation of Japan Ribbon, and French Croix de Guerre with palm.
Prior to his current assignment at Webb Air Force Base, Maj. McGuire was stationed at Williams AFB.
The major, his wife and their children, live at 2611 S. Monticello in Big Spring.

Most Work Of Base Operations Never Gets Listed On Charts

Although Webb's Base Operations Office has compiled an impressive list of statistics since it opened in 1952, most of the work done by the section never shows on charts.

At least, that's how the men who work there tell it, and a few hours visit at the busy flight headquarters well proves their point. Officially their job is to aid in the safe accomplishment of tactical missions, to do administrative work, keep records on base planes and pilots, and to assist transient pilots in all phases of a flight in and out of the base. Working an around-the-clock schedule, 365 days a year, they handle an endless variety of problems pertaining to flying.

For instance, Midland airport recently sent a message to Webb that a military plane had landed there short on fuel. The pilot was requesting fuel—a function of the Refueling section; a new fire—Maintenance; a guard for the plane—Air Police; and transportation—Motor Pool. However, the message came to Base "Ops" and to Capt. Leo G. Bradford, Base Operations Officer.

A senior pilot proficient in many types of aircraft, Captain Bradford immediately began coordinating work of the sections concerned for the proper materials, and with the help of his assistant, Lt. Roy Roberts, and M-Sgt. Jerry Henry, NCOIC, another "normal"



Unification

Capt. Leo G. Bradford, Webb base operations officer, right, chats with U. S. Navy, Commander O. B. Stanley, executive officer for Fleet All-Weather Training, Atlantic Fleet, Commander Stanley, like hundreds of transient pilots, has stopped at Webb to refuel his Lockheed TV-2 enroute to San Diego, Calif. The naval officer had flown from his home station at Key West, Fla. (Air Force Photo).

operation was shortly completed.

Most of Operations activity seems to be centered around the Dispatcher Section. For it is here the pilot gets the necessary clearance for a flight. After a weather check he fills out a standard AF Form showing his route, destination, altitude, speed and other information. When the clearance form and pilot's qualifications have been checked and signed by the Operations or Airframe Officer, S-Sgt. Robert Benning, Chief Dispatcher, and the other airman dispatchers take over. Apparently a lot of people want to know the flight is on its way—especially if the weather requires flying on instruments.

Using a direct line to Carswell, AF Base, Ft. Worth, Operations notifies Military Flight Service that the flight is ready to go. Another direct line to the Civilian Activities Air Traffic Control Center is used to get approval for the flight on Civil Airways. A call to Webb Tower and Maintenance Personnel Office gives Operations the alert signal. And so on down the line, until everyone concerned is aware of all the details of the intended flight plan.

Behind the bustling message-sending and clearance work at the Dispatcher Section, the Records Section in the rear offices is comparatively quiet. Here, typewriters and adding machines are king. Individual flight records must be kept on every base pilot. Weight-balance data is compiled and recorded on each plane assigned to the base. Clearance forms and related papers are checked and filed along with monthly flight pay slips. Bright red, green, and blue wall charts show statistics on take-offs and landings (average is around 900 transient flights per month not including the hundreds of student flights). Other graphs show data on aircraft. One large board shows the status of each base pilot required to fly. Each must get a minimum of 90 hours yearly, with 20 hours instrument flying and 15 hours of night flying, to be considered proficient.

On one wall is the duty pilot roster. This is a list of all the pilots whose primary duties are other

than flying but who must fly the many administrative, freight and passenger trips required. On a rotating schedule of 24 hours duty they may be called on to go anywhere for a load of parts, carry students to a school.

A pilots' information file is maintained as required reading to keep all flying officers current on regulation changes. Quarters and dining facilities are secured for transients. The Wing Commander is notified of the arrival of high-ranking officers and other VIPs.

Thus it goes - telephones, field phones, inter-phones, typewriters, messages, coordination, requests, advice, questions, answers - day after day. It's well named, this Base Operations.

Significant, but not surprising, the Function-side of the big Organizational-Function Chart posted on the office wall is a perfect blank. Describing Base Operations' "functions" would require a whole wall!



T. B. TILLMAN

Military People, Civilians Work Side By Side At Webb

Uncle Sam uses two categories of employees in operation of Webb AFB—military and civilian.

About one in five working on the base is an Air Force employee under civil service. Why workers in military? One reason is that for certain categories it is more economical to use them, for whereas Uncle Sam must take complete care of men in uniform, subsistence is a private matter for the civilian worker. Another reason is that military personnel are constantly

subject to transfer; civilian workers—in skilled jobs or key clerical spots—tend to be more stable.

Although civilian workers are checked by the civil service commission for qualifications, morality and loyalty, the worker is directly responsible to his or her immediate superior. New employees are

under a one-year trial period in which they must prove their capabilities. Most of those working at the base now are under temporary status, but those hired before Oct. 1950 are subject to all the emoluments of civil service.

Number of civilian workers is determined by the commanding officer of the base, in consultation with his staff. At Webb the figure is about 475. While places are filled by examinations, not nearly all of them are by written examinations. Craftsmen are rated and hired

according to experience. The civilian personnel office — "chaplain to civilian workers" — has its own payroll division, headed by Mrs. L. C. Bramlette; administrative set up for loyalty and personnel matters headed by Mrs. Vada I. Perring; classification headed by Joe E. Allen. It also has an employ utilization section for placement, relations, training. Overseeing all of this work is Warren A. Farrow, civilian personnel officer. His good right hand is John Everett.

Firing Range Familiarizes Men With Arms

If you are in the vicinity of Webb Air Force Base and hear the sound of gunfire, do not be alarmed. We are not at war. It is just the airman and officers making use of their recently renovated firing range.

With the exception of Medical and Chaplain personnel, the men at Webb complete a small arms familiarization program once each year. Persons who are required to bear arms in the performance of duty, such as Air Police, are given additional instruction in marksmanship. Purpose of the program is to familiarize the men with the feel of the weapon and to increase proficiency in its use. Careful supervision by the range officer and his assistants precludes possibility of any accidents on the range.

Webb's is a 1000-inch range which means that the man stands that far from the targets. The airman uses an M-1 semi-automatic .30 caliber carbine and is allowed to fire 100 rounds of live ammunition. The first five rounds are fired to "zero-in" the piece or adjust the sights on the rifle. The next five rounds fired check the accuracy of the adjustments. The man assumes various positions—standing, squatting, sitting, kneeling, and prone—for discharging the remaining 80 rounds. Officers below the rank of major and not on flying status also use the carbine. Field grade officers and those on flying status will be scheduled later for familiarization in use of the .45 caliber automatic.

Construction work on the firing range was started last August and was completed, the middle of March. The familiarization program got under way early in April and will continue until all permanently assigned officers and airmen have had a chance to participate.

Motorized Units Outnumber Planes

Webb Air Force Base's business is flying, yet it has almost three times as much motorized equipment as aircraft.

Much of this equipment is specialized — fire trucks, ambulances, trucks for material hauling, refueling units, plane starting equipment. Although the ratio is three-to-one, M&S has applied management techniques to sharply reduce the number of units required.



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The AIO, guided by Maj. Ernest A. Helster, determines what new construction is needed and decides on the site. Rough estimates are submitted to Headquarters, U. S. Air Force, through channels. After the Bureau of the Budget has approved funds for the project, the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers takes over.

The Army Corps of Engineers, in existence since 1775, has supervised much of the military and civil construction in the nation. Webb's group, under the direction of Area Engineer Thomas B. Tillman, also handles construction for Reese Air Force Base at Lubbock. Bids are advertised by the Southwest district headquarters office at Albuquerque and the contract is awarded to the lowest bidder.

The notice to proceed is sent here and the local group is in the construction business. Pre-construction conferences and periodic inspections by the engineers and AIO personnel, plus a complete over-all inspection at the end of the job, assure that the construction is up to specifications. When the project is completed, the engineer corps accepts the structure from the contractor and simultaneously turns it over to the Air Force.

Maintenance of all base facilities is the responsibility of AIO. This includes not only the buildings but utilities as well.



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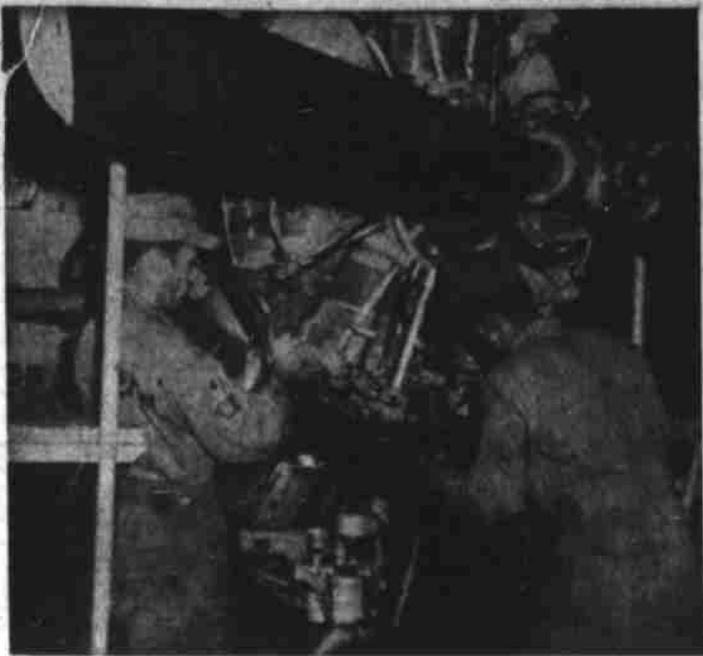
It is a pleasure for us to add our congratulations to WAFB on its second anniversary. The official motto of Armed Forces Day, which coincides with Webb's anniversary is "Power For Peace." We salute the officers and men of WAFB for their important role in supplying a portion of the air power our country needs to make this motto a reality. We also join with the airman-citizens of Webb in inviting you to attend their open house Saturday and see the displays of our armed might.

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Maintenance Is Important Task

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Nor can some simple sleight-of-hand supply the every need of 2,500 military people bent on turning out the finest pilots in the world.

It takes a lot of organization, know-how, and hard work mixed liberally with good morale to do the job right. This is the baby of Col. Newton D. Hagins, in charge of maintenance and supply at Webb Air Force Base.

You might get the idea that you were talking to the college line coach when Col. Hagins talks about "my boys." None of his men, except the test pilots who are doing a tedious job, get into the wild blue yonder. Yet they pave the way for successful flying just as the unsung linesman opens holes for the back who gets the clippings.

Maintenance and supply are staggering in proportions. Much of the personnel is devoted to this job. Stop any airman or officer and odds are better than even that he is connected in some way with M&S. There are approximately 1,100 officers and men assigned to Col. Hagins' division.

To simplify, M&S is a super-vallet to the training section. Once a week, the pilot training group sits down with M&S to fix a schedule for aircraft so that maintenance knows each day ways it must furnish. Work of the division depends largely upon two factors, the number of planes which must be available and the number of inspections which must be made.

The point is simply that regardless of the demands of pilot training, M&S must meet those demands—and on time.

This means that manpower must be utilized by judicious scheduling. When weather precludes flying, men are put to those major

inspections and time-consuming repairs. As flying conditions are favorable, emphasis is placed in keeping more planes in the air.

Webb AFB has 108 of T-33 jet trainers and 75 of the T-28 propeller-driven trainers. On an average 40 of the T-28s and 50 of the T-33s must be kept in the air while the balance are in reserve or being inspected and repaired. Besides these, Webb has two B-25s, one C-47 and three C-45s to keep in top shape. As if this were not enough, well over 100 transient military craft per month put in at the base, and always they require fuel and frequently maintenance work.

Last year Webb planes put in 122,114 hours—43,693 in jets and 58,421 in T-28s. Translated to miles, this meant more than 19 million in jets and more than 10 million in propeller trainers—or nearly 30 million in all. On an average, jets put in 5,500 hours per month, the T-28s put in 5,000. In April, with six days out due to weather, the heat was really on to pull up to par but in the end the record was better than 10,000 hours. This is important, for if records show you number of hours per month, the planes will be sent where they will be flown and the investment on them realized.

What happens when the division gets in a jam because of prolonged or frequent loss of flying time? The men go on a forced draft basis—nights, Saturdays and Sundays if necessary until the kinks are jerked out. Men are shifted from their specialty to an allied job for most efficient utilization of manpower. If necessary, others are brought in on a temporary duty.

Aircraft are inspected on a fixed schedule and for specific things. Experience has shown that certain parts may tend to give trouble after a certain number of hours. Inspections result in pulling these items and replacing with new ones. (The old ones are checked thoroughly and rebuilt or salvaged as the case may be.) Replacement is on the sound theory that it is more sensible and economical to replace a part and have a safe plane than to lose a costly plane and perhaps a pilot. When planes are flown past the inspection deadline, the pilot must sign out that he is aware of this before he takes the plane aloft. He has the option of refusing to fly the plane, too.

Every plane which undergoes major inspection must be flown by a test pilot. These are specialists who not only are crack fliers but who possess a sixth sense in pinpointing performance as well as trouble.

If Webb M&S personnel spots a mechanical difficulty which might be of general nature, word goes up to headquarters and thence to all bases which immediately check for this possibility. In those rare cases where mechanical rather than human failure results in crashes, investigations may reveal the cause. Word is passed along to all training bases immediately to guard against the same eventualities.

Besides routine maintenance, the division also must keep abreast of modifications. Constantly changes are being made in the craft to make them safer and better. This, plus regular inspection and repair, obviates that once was a major overhaul. Now, when a plane comes in for check, cost estimates are run on it. If these exceed the cost of a new plane, the plane is retired for salvage and junk and a new one acquired. M&S, of course, sees to it that this is so rare that it is theory rather than practice.

Maintenance is broken down into four squadrons: Field maintenance for heavy overhaul; periodic maintenance for major inspections; and a line maintenance unit each for T-33s and jets for minor inspections.

Over the years, the Air Force has gained a good idea of how much time is required for certain inspections, repairs, over-hauls, etc. Thus, supervisory personnel can pretty well spot any tendency to drag the feet; the boss can tell if his men are hitting the ball as well as they should.

Maintenance, and supply has many other responsibilities, but they all add up to one thing—the old slogan of "keep 'em flying."



M-SGT. CHAFFIN

Mail Supervision Big Job At Base

Supervising the Mail and Records Section in the Wing Adjutant's Office is a big job. The man responsible for the smooth operation of this work at Wing Headquarters is M-Sgt. Curtis E. Chaffin of Magnolia, Ark.

With World War II service in England, Germany, France, Belgium and Holland, Sgt. Chaffin has over 12 years military service. He entered the Air Force in Jan. 1942. He's a 1937 graduate of Emerson (Ark.) High School.

Wearer of the Bronze Star Medal, European Theatre of Operations ribbon with three battle stars, the Good Conduct ribbon, and American Theatre Ribbon, Sgt. Chaffin was assigned to Webb in 1953 from Reese AFB, Texas.

He, his wife Mary Jane, and their children, Curtis, Alice, David and Kenneth, live at 1304 Mesa in Big Spring.

Fire Floats In

MT. VERNON, Ind. (AP)—Fires have come to fire departments before but this one was a little unusual. Floating trash saturated with waste oil caught fire on Mill Creek and floated through Mt. Vernon. Firemen put out the blaze without damage.

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Air Base Has Its Police Force Like Normal City

Every well-regulated community must have its protective service—its police. With the security of the nation as well as its individual community also at stake, the police force plays an even more important part in the life of an air base.

Charged with security of the base is the Air Police under command of Lt. Jim Neal. He has a force of 65 to assist him.

One of the functions is to check the entrances and exits of the base. All traffic must be waved in or stopped and checked. Only those who have specific business on the base are allowed on unless it is on an open house occasion such as Armed Forces Day.

All the top secret security clearances are handled by the Air Police.

Unfortunately, some of the personnel will get into the pokes, so the AP takes care of the guard house.

The Air Police also furnish day and night patrols of the base, most of the time escorted but on occasions walking.

When classified equipment comes on the base, most frequently in the form of one of the latest bush-

hush planes, AP members immediately strap a guard around it and maintain the watch so long as the equipment is present.

The AP section also is responsible for courses in special weapons and making sure that no snooters or idly curious are hanging around.

All traffic on the base is directed by the Air Police, and on Armed Forces Day it is expected 10,000 to 15,000 cars may crowd on to the base. Lt. Neal simply can't afford a traffic jam under such conditions.

When an airplane crash occurs, the AP men usually are the first military personnel on the scene. Most likely, they will be the last to leave, even if it is a matter of hours or days.

The Air Police are responsible for raising and lowering the colors. Sometime this is done in conjunction with the band on formal occasions. In parades, the AP provide the color guards. When VIPs (very important persons) come on the base and require an honor guard, the AP supplies it post-haste.

When military funerals are held, the APQ personnel serves as the honor guard.

A town patrol is maintained at the Big Spring City Police Station from 6 p.m. to about 2 a.m. AP members go with city patrolmen but take no part in civilian matters. When a serviceman is involved, they help upon request.

Preliminary investigations are conducted by the AP, but if it appears that a major investigation is warranted, the matter is turned over to OSI (Office of Special Investigation).

Air Police have distinctive equipment which they are authorized and required to wear. They have white cap covers, jump boots, white gloves, side-arms and auxiliary equipment, white lanyard, and vehicles with white stripes.

Morale is good. Even though one of the four reliefs will be on duty, squadron parties are arranged for members and their families. The AP also have a softball team.

"The boys generally have had special training for their work," said Lt. Neal. "If it is not enough, we have special orientation. But they like their work. Almost always when they leave the service, these young men go to work on civilian police departments."

Chapel Annex At Webb Is A 'Labor Of Love'

The chapel annex of Webb Air Force Base may be classed as a labor of love.

When Col. Fred M. Dean made one of the two story frame buildings, used originally as WAC barracks during World War II days, available for a chapel annex, base personnel took it from there.

Practically everything that has been done or which has gone into rehabilitation of the structure has been the gift of the officers and men and their families.

The ground floor of this building opens into a hallway. On one side is the lounge, furnished by the officers wives and Good Housekeeping Shop. Next to it is the kitchen. The plumbing and fixtures were secured as surplus and men from various sections did the plumbing and painting.

On the other side of the hall is the supply room where a workshop will be located. Sunday School training aids will be made here and Boy Scouts will store supplies and use the workshops. At the end of the hall is a small chapel. Wives of the men made the dorsal curtain, behind which is a classroom for small fry. An office also is at the rear.

Upstairs there is a series of 10 x 18 classrooms for Sunday School purposes. Each has a blackboard, bulletin board and fannel graph. There also will be one long room for audio visual purposes.

Between buildings, a small playground area will be made for the tykes. To the rear, there is ample ground for ball fields and other recreational outlets. Plans for installation of barbecue pits. But whatever is done, the men and their families will do it because they feel it is a wonderful investment of their time and money.

Base Supply At Webb Deals In Everything From Fuel To Pencils

From 20 million gallons of fuel to a lead pencil, from a cartload of food to a bed pan—all require the gentle shepherding of base supply.

Operating under the broad division of maintenance and supply, the base supply under Maj. Ivan L. McGuire has a tremendous function at Webb AFB. Lt. Robert Browder is squadron adjutant.

In its comparative brief history as a separate branch of the service, the Air Force has done a good job of attaining self-sufficiency in supply. Now that it has, the Air Force is adopting a new and almost revolutionary policy in doing more and more business with private concerns in the area where it operates.

One of the more remarkable jobs in Air Force supply has been achieved at Webb, partly through this policy and partly through close supervision of inventories.

When the base was activated, there were 28,000 separate items catalogued. Today, that number has been reduced to about 15,000 and the goal is to lower it still further.

Stock is based on consumption. When base supply found slow moving items—something that turned once or twice a year—they were knocked off the list. Officers found that they could be obtained at less cost from a larger warehouse or from private sources. Every 30 days the stock levels are inventoried and a new look had at the total issued for the past 150 days. Out go most of the slow movers; in come new supplies required by latest developments and trends.

Base supply required 165 military personnel together with 87 civilian workers.

To do its job, supply maintains approximately 60,000 square feet of warehousing in buildings and 10,000 out of doors. It also has a number of other outlets. For instance, most of the expendables such as pencils, paper, typewriter ribbons, and similar small items are disbursed from the "retail" store. Within this store purchases and signs for them from Marguerite Hathaway at the big amount of paperwork.

When it comes to food, Capt. Mark J. Adams, base commissary and subsistence officer, has his work cut out. Supply must receive and issue all subsistence for Webb AFB. When Capt. Adams gets the master menu, he breaks it down into rations and requisitions the material, playing it close to the vest. Daily food allowances is only slightly in excess of \$1 per day, and while diet may be adequate, it isn't extravagant or wasteful. Supply operates a cold storage warehouse which is like a small packing plant within itself. Beef and other carcasses are processed. Frozen fruit juices and fruits and vegetables are maintained. Big quantities of coffee, fruits and other staples are in dry storage. This branch also operates the local commissary.

Strictly medical supplies such as pharmaceuticals are handled directly by the hospital, but base supply must take care of house-keeping needs. Similarly, the Office of Air Installations draws upon base supply for all its materials.

While many items of supply are contracted at base levels, fuel contracts are let at higher levels. However, automotive gas for base motorized equipment, solvents, kerosene and some lubricants are purchased by the base directly. Last year the base used better than 21 million gallons of aviation fuel of one kind or another. Lt. Lowell H. Edgerton directs this division.

Base supply also has its clothing store. After 36 months, an airman receives a \$6.50 monthly clothing allowance. He may buy clothing as he needs, either at the store or anyone of those downtown, for cash. In case this is not feasible and if his squadron commander approves, he may secure clothing on a salary deduction plan from Lt. Frank B. Boyd at the supply clothing store.

Lt. Glad Nelson supervises base

disposal. This may be scrap lumber, wrecked aircraft, condemned items, clothing, garbage (always contracted), and surplus and excess items under \$25 value. While most of the disposal items are sold, they can be given to civic and other groups where it is demonstrated that such is proper and a need will be served.

An increasing amount of supplies are obtained from private sources. For instance, Lt. Col. Henry E. Laakman, squadron commander, says that automobile supply houses have done an exceptional job of furnishing car and truck parts. More and more repair work, such as repairing or rewiring a generator, turning out machined items, etc. is being contracted locally if possible, and if not, then in the area. The Air Force thinks it is not only sound business, but it also helps support the communities which help support the Air Force.

Despite the volume much closer control is maintained over supply than one might think. CWO Eugene P. Jackson has a big hand in this in charge of management and procurement. Besides regulations, there are other devices for control. Take the material control board, for example. This board of officers headed by Col. Cleon E. Freeman, base executive officer, must approve all items of supply (except aircraft and parts and vehicle parts) on all recoverable items. Thus, it is not enough to be able to point to a table of allowances to get supplies... you have to demonstrate or justify the need before the board gives the nod.

16-Day Goal Set By Ground Safety

Sixteen days without a lost-time accident is the goal established by the Ground Safety section of Webb Air Force Base. Daily reminders in the base bulletin and monthly reports are distributed to Webb personnel to create safety-consciousness.

Even though the goal of sixteen days without an accident is not always attained, constant reminders as to how accidents can be prevented on the ground, as well as in the air, keep Webbits on the alert. If accidents occur, either on or off base, reasons for their occurrence and how to prevent future incidents are given careful attention. Ground accidents are all of those which are not directly connected with flying the planes and can be of many different types.

Webb's record in the six-months period from July to December was commendable and its record was one of the best in the Flying Training Air Force. There were no fatal accidents during that period.

COL. JONES



Col. Jones In Command Of Training Group

There's no telling what might have happened to Colonel William A. Jones during World War II if the Germans had captured him after shooting down his P-38 in a dog-fight over a German airfield in France. However, he was able to enlist the aid of the Maquis, French underground, and escape back to his home outfit.

Col. Jones is now stationed at Webb Air Force Base where he commands the 2560th Pilot Training Group. One of the four functional groups at Webb, Pilot Training Group is manned by the bases' pilot-instructors, ground instructors and military training instructors. They operate under the supervision of Col. Jones.

Born January 21, 1918, the 36-year-old Air Force colonel is a native of Ontario, California, where he was graduated from Chaffey Union High School in 1937. He attended Chaffey Junior College, Ontario, but left it to enter military service in December, 1939. He was commissioned an officer eight months later.

Before assignment to the European Theater of Operations in 1944, Col. Jones had served in the Caribbean area for two and one-half years. He returned to the Caribbean Defense Command after combat in Europe, in 1946 for another two and one-half years.

The colonel has received military training at the Air Command and Staff School at Maxwell AFB, Ala., and at Gunter AFB, Ala. Other training includes USAF Air Crew School, All-Weather Interceptor at Tyndall, Aerial Gunnery School at Victoria, Texas, and Pilot Instructor at Craig AFB.

His former stations include Kelly AFB, Oakland AF Municipal Airport, Ft. Sumner, Maxwell AFB, and Craig AFB. He was commanding officer of the Interceptor Training Group at Tyndall AFB, Fla., before coming to Webb.

For service to the United States, Col. Jones has been awarded the Air Medal with one oak leaf cluster, Purple Heart, World War II Victory Medal, EAME Theater Medal, American Theater Medal with bronze star, and the American Defense Medal.

Married to the former Ida Laura Lee of Canada, Mrs. and Col. Jones and their two daughters, Stephanie Marie and Patricia Ann, live at 1265 Vines in Big Spring.

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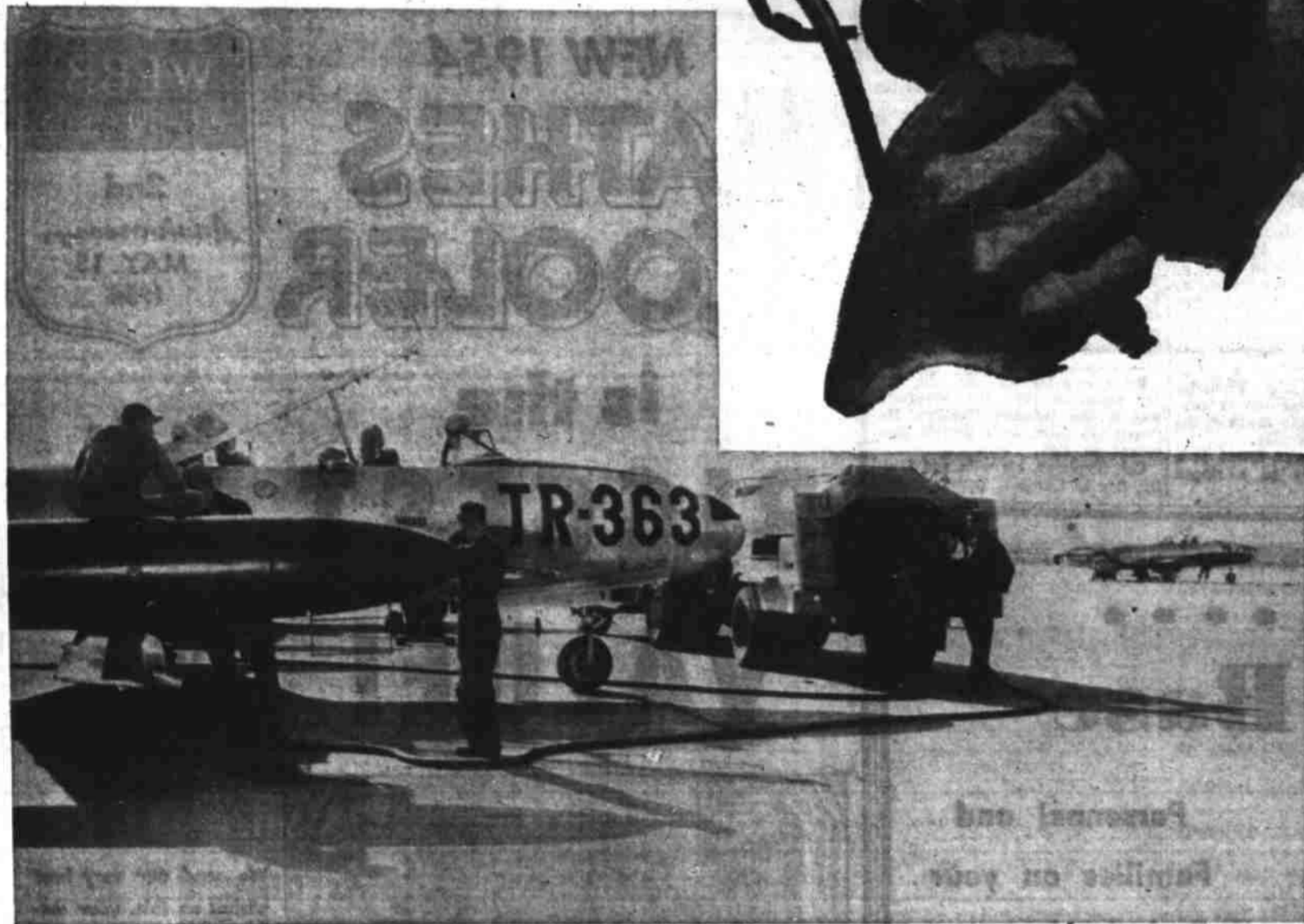
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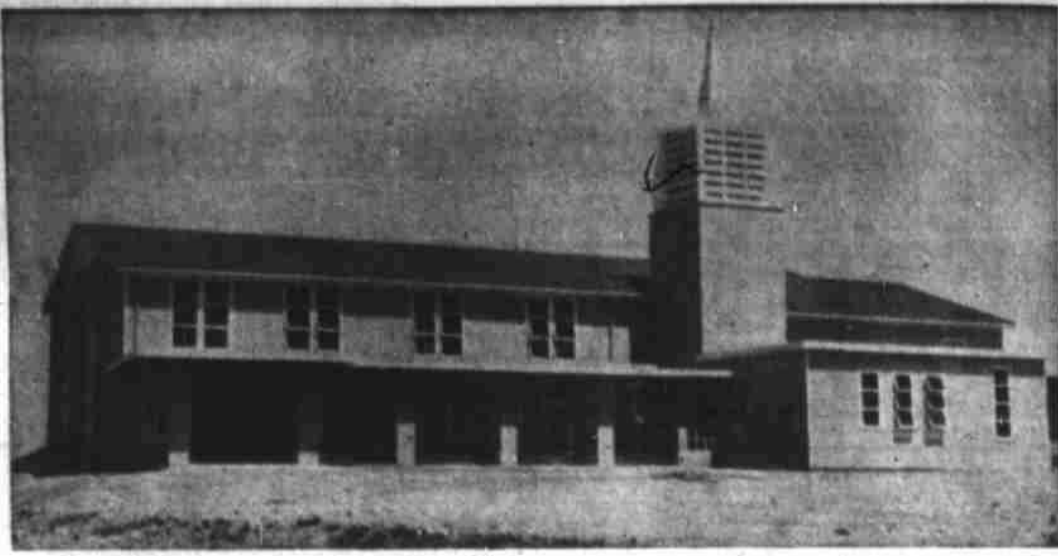
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New Spire In The Sky

Webb's brand-new Base Chapel lacks only the finishing touches before officially opening to airmen of the Protestant, Catholic, and Jewish faiths. The chapel's architectural design is a new standardized plan for the building of chapels throughout the Air Force.

New Base Chapel To Command Attention

No visitor to Webb Air Force Base can miss noting the new base chapel, now nearing completion. Perched on a high spot above headquarters, the chapel stands out in its own right, accentuating its presence both in architecture and color.

This religious center for the base will be beautiful in its simplicity. The interior architecture is of modern Gothic with six laminated and arched beams supporting the vaulted ceiling. Walls will be finished in pastels and the panelling in chancel and the altar are lime oak; so are sections of straitened plywood set with grain at perpendicular angles.

The modern low quarter lime oak pews will accommodate 300 in the nave. The balcony will take care of overflow, but later it may be utilized as the choir loft. At the outset, the choir and organ are due to be in the chancel area. The organ, left is brought in neatly from the side, and air conditioning will be through wooden louvers on either side above the altar. There are two clerical stalls, and both are speaker equipped. Acoustics are abetted by a seaweed material in the ceiling. Pulpit lights are recessed behind one of the beams and lights in the nave are suspended. Sectional windows are in an ecclesiastical glass and they may be adjusted singularly or in concert.

In the narthex or entry way, there will be a bulletin board—one for Protestant, another for Catholic, another for those of Jewish faith. In an adjoining room is the sacristy where vestments and other chapel supplies are stored. Restroom for the chaplains are adjacent.

On the west side of the building are a series of offices for the post chaplain and his colleagues. The morning chapel, largely used for early morning medications and mass, also is on this side. It will accommodate 29, and its sound-proofed walls will permit services concurrent with those in the main chapel. The morning chapel is well suited to small weddings.

There are two confessional booths for Roman Catholics. A red light signals when the priest is available, and green lights over the doors indicate that the confessional is unoccupied. When the confessional is occupied, the light goes off. The priest has access from his office.

All offices have air conditioning and heating through registers. Front latticework will be gilded.

Arizona Town Finds Leak In Its Reservoir

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz. (U)—Water department officials found a leak in the lake from which the city gets its water supply.

They estimated that one million gallons of water a day has been pouring into a hole leading to a subterranean channel ever since the dam was raised two years ago. The city will spend \$20,000 to plug the hole.

Find Antique Hazard

HESPERIA, Mich. (U)—A 32-inch circular saw screeching through a big beech log lost all its teeth when it had hit a woodsman's wedge imbedded deep in the log. Experts estimated the wedge had been there for 100 years, judging from the growth of the tree around it.

Chaplain In A-F Merely A Clergyman In Uniform

Clergymen in uniform—that's the Air Force chaplain. He does everything a civilian pastor would do for his charge. In addition, he must be advisor for many faiths other than his own. He must break the sad news in event of a fatality. He must keep in touch with the folks back home who want someone to keep an eye on their son.

Currently, Webb AFB has two chaplains, Lt. Francis E. Jeffery, post chaplain, and a Lutheran, and Lt. Hugh S. Lenahan, Roman Catholic chaplain. Another, to assist Lt. Jeffery in the Protestant field, is due. Rabbi Adolph Philippsborn, Lubbock, serves as auxiliary Jewish chaplain.

The post chaplain is a technical advisor to the commander on matters pertaining to religion, morals and welfare of the troops.

Aside from the purely religious functions of the chaplains, they have the responsibility of talking

over financial problems with personnel; of trying to ease marriages over the rough spots; of regular



COL. STEPHENS

First Shot Does Trick For Agents

ATLANTA, Ga. (U)—Revenue agents, tipped a bootlegger was driving out of the hills with a big load, worked out an elaborate plan.

One agent, posted by the road, was to fire a shot into the air as the car went past him. This was a signal to another agent a quarter of a mile away to prepare to shoot the tires on the car if it wouldn't stop on a signal—and they were sure it wouldn't. Another quarter of a mile farther along were two more agents in a fast car ready to chase what they hoped would be a crippled vehicle.

All four heard the car and the first shot was fired. The engine's sound halted abruptly. After several minutes the three agents made their way to the first one's station and found he had made the capture single-handed. The bootlegger thought the shot was a blow-out, stopped his car and climbed out to look.

Runaway Ambulance Provides Fast Ride

LONG BEACH, Calif. (U)—A runaway ambulance, its brakes useless, rolled more than 60 miles an hour down the main coast highway and came to a stop without injuring the driver or the three occupants.

Fire chief R. A. Jenkins said the ambulance even got a green light at one intersection. Unaware that the vehicle was out of control, the two patients thanked the driver for the fast ride.

The ambulance was towed to a garage for repairs to a ripped brake lining.

Lamesan Heads Air Base Group

A native Texan who commutes to Webb daily from his home in Lamesa, Texas, heads Webb's 3500th Air Base Group. He is Col. William A. Stephens who has been on duty with the Air Force since 1941.

A graduate of the Adjutant's General School, Air Inspectors School, and Inspector General's School, Col. Stephens served in France in 1945 and, at the end of World War II, was transferred to the Ninth Air Force where he served until 1947. On other overseas tours, he served with the First Airlift Task Force and 60th Troop Carrier Wing from 1949 to 1952 at Rhein Main, Germany. He was Commander of the 60th Air Base Group.

Col. Stephens is a graduate of Texas A&M and has attended Harbin-Simmons at Abilene, and the University of Maryland.

The Group Col. Stephens commands at Webb AFB is often called the "housekeeper outfit." It supplies the necessary Air Police, a Personnel Service Section, dining hall and club facilities, "owens" a handful of administrative aircraft for flight by base pilots other than the instructors, and cares for transient aircraft and personnel.

Prior to going on duty with the Air Force in 1941, Col. Stephens was in the Infantry Reserve. He joined the outfit as a second lieutenant in 1927.

Col. Stephens, his wife and family, live in Lamesa, Texas.

Thompson, Mrs. Ed Hauer, Mrs. William Smallwood serve as organists, and various ones volunteer to play piano accompaniment. Teachers are Mrs. Melvin H. Waldorf, Mrs. James Wood, Mrs. Will Thompson, Mrs. Jackie R. Douglass, Mrs. Forrest Gentry, Mrs. Harry D. Hooper, Mrs. William F. Evans, Mrs. Eileen Pierson, Airman Carl Mensing and Airman Dick Gray.

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COL. HAGINS

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Maj. Charles B. Calvin, Director of Academic Training at Webb AFB, is well-trained in everything from weather to photo-intelligence to—well, you name it.

A 1928 graduate of Texas A&M College, the major holds a BS degree in science. At college, he was a member of the Pre-Medical Society, Phi Chi Medical Fraternity, American Meteorological Society, and of college tennis and swimming teams.

He began his military service in May, 1941, and served as weather instructor and, later, as Director of Academic Training at Greenville AFB, Miss., until 1945 when he was sent to Manila in the Philippines as an aerial photo-intelligence instructor. When Japan surrendered in 1945, Maj. Calvin was ordered to Tokyo for a brief tour of duty. In 1946, the major returned to the United States and was assigned as weather instructor and assistant director of Academic Training at Randolph Field, Texas.

A Texan by birth, Maj. Calvin was born in Lone Star Land at



MAJ. HEISTER

Construction Figures Show Rapid Growth

Webb Air Force Base, more than a year ago, had assumed the proportions of a small metropolis. On this Armed Forces Day 1954, it is readily apparent that the word "small" is going to have to be dropped from our descriptive phrases.

Webb's population now approaches the population of Big Spring, divided by seven. Or comparatively, Webb is one-seventh the size of Big Spring, population-wise. From the time of activation in late 1951, the number of buildings on Webb Air Force Base has nearly tripled. Additional land had to be acquired to accommodate this sprawling development.

The guiding hand behind this tremendous building and expansion program belongs to an organization known in the Air Force as AIO (Air Installations Office). Major Ernst A. Heister is Air Installations Officer.

During the past year, Major Heister's Air Installations crews have supervised the development of more than dozen new structures on Webb Air Force Base. All of these buildings have been completed, however transfer papers have not been made on some of the units, so the Air Force has

not officially accepted the buildings yet.

To give you a better idea of the construction activity that has busied the Air Installations Office for the past year, the following is a compilation of completed units along with their cost: Base Chapel, completed March 1954, not officially accepted at this time so no cost figure is available; Synthetic (Link) Trainer Building, completed December 1953 at a cost of \$29,000; Electronics Building completed but not accepted, no figure; Airman's Club completed July 1953 for \$71,000; Base Guardhouse March 1953 for \$45,000; Commissary Sales Store accepted in March 1953 cost \$43,000; Base Theater has been completed and transfer papers are pending; The Naval Reserve Training Unit building is also pending transfer at this time; Paint Storage Building for the AIO Shops completed in January 1954 for \$6,000; Rifle Range accepted in March 1953 and cost \$5,000. The Base Swimming Pool is currently getting finishing touches and final transfer is expected shortly.

One remaining project, the new Motor Pool facilities, which will feature a completely modern garage, Hydraulic lifts and paint

ATROC Camp Opens In June

Future pilots to supply America's 137-wing Air Force will come, for the most part, from college men who have completed the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Program and who have agreed to fly. These men will enter the flying training program after completion of their college work. Webb Air Force Base is doing its part in helping to train these potential Air Force officers by providing summer-camp training for college juniors.

This year's AFROTC summer camp will be held from the 29th of

shops is slated for completion in about three months.

Although, due to pending transfers of buildings and acceptance by the Air Force, complete construction figures are not available for the past year, the available total shows that more than \$200,000 worth of new buildings were added to the Webb landscape last year.

June to the 17th of July. Colonel William A. Jones, Commander of Pilot Training Group, will be the camp commander. Approximately 100 students will come from the following schools: University of Kansas, University of Oklahoma, University of Tulsa, and North Texas State College. The group will train as one organization and will be housed at Webb AFB. Emphasis will be on physical activities rather than on formal classroom situations. The training program covers 100 hours and instruction in military fundamentals will comprise a large part of training these future officers. They will also be given aircraft indoctrination which will include flights in T-33 jet aircraft.

Each cadet has been medically qualified for flying duty before his arrival here but he is also given another medical examination by Webb's flight surgeon to make sure he is physically fit for high altitude flying.

Webb's first AFROTC summer camp, held last year, consisted of 80 students from the University of Alabama, the Municipal University of Omaha, and the University of Nebraska.

Maintenance Chief Came Up Through Ranks

Colonel Newton D. Hagins, currently serving as Commander of the 3500th Maintenance and Supply Group, has been stationed at Webb AFB since October, 1953.

Another of Webb's "from buck private to bird colonel" officers, Col. Hagins entered the service in July, 1928, and served as an enlisted man until May, 1942, when he was commissioned for service as an aircraft maintenance officer.

Col. Hagins came to Webb AFB from Foster AFB, at Victoria. He saw overseas service in the European and Mediterranean theaters of operation during World War II, and has also been stationed in Japan. He was an aircraft maintenance officer and saw combat at the Invasion of North Africa through Sicily, Italy and Europe and remained in Europe until the armistice. Col. Hagins at one time served as aircraft maintenance officer in the fighter group commanded by Col. Fred M. Dean, Webb Wing Commander, in North Africa.

Before the second war broke out, he had been stationed in the Caribbean Defense Command. After cessation of hostilities and an unconditional surrender had been signed by the Axis, Col. Hagins was sent by the Air Force to be a military advisor to the Director of Materiel for the Peruvian Government.

Other assignments include tours with the 31st Fighter Group, 124th Army Air Force Base Unit, 12th Air Force Headquarters, Spokane AFB, and Forbes AFB.

He recently completed the manpower management course at George Washington University and is a graduate of service schools at Chanute Field, Albrook Field, Fackard School in England, and of personnel management courses at Orlando, Fla., and Maxwell AFB, Ala.

Col. Hagins, his wife Dorothy (now president of Webb's Officers' Wives Club) and their daughter and son, live on Webb AFB.

The colonel's decorations, won for service to his country, include the Soldier's Medal, Bronze Star Medal, Distinguished Unit Citation with one oak leaf cluster, Legion of Merit, American Defense Medal, American Campaign Medal, World War II Victory Medal, EAME Medal with nine campaign stars and one bronze arrowhead, Gold Pilot's Wings from Peru, Good Conduct Medal, Japan Occupation Medal, and the Korean Service Medal.



MAJOR BREWTON

Maj. Brewton Is Webb Adjutant

Adjutant for the 3500th Pilot Training Wing at Webb Air Force Base is Major Charles Brewton, Pensacola, Florida, who began his military career as a private. He has held assignments from Squadron First Sergeant to Squadron Commander.

Prior to receiving his commission through Officer Candidate School, Maj. Brewton was stationed at Perrin Field, Texas. In September, 1942, he arrived in England and served overseas until early 1945. The major has seen duty in North Africa, Sardinia and Corsica.

Maj. Brewton wears the Good Conduct Ribbon, American Defense Ribbon, EAME with nine battle stars, French Croix de Guerre with palm, American Theater and Victory Medal.

He, his wife Nola, and their daughter Linda Jean, live at 1100 Grafa in Big Spring.



We Salute Webb Air Force Base On Its Second Anniversary And Armed Forces Day

Armed Forces Day dedicated to do honor to the men and women of our nation, at home and abroad, who proudly wear the uniform of the Air Force, the Army, the Navy and the Marines. On this fifth anniversary of Armed Forces Day and the second anniversary of WAFB, it is a privilege for us to extend our sincere congratulations to the officers and men at Webb. To you men, we say well done, the past two years you have been here have been pleasant and we are looking forward to many more anniversaries with you.

To the personnel of WAFB particularly and the entire Armed Forces in general goes our vote for a job well done. Your job of keeping our air defense the strongest and best in the world has been responsible, in part, for halting the march of international aggression.



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IN BIG SPRING

Webb One Of Six Basic Single Engine Jet Schools In Nation

Webb is a relatively new Air Training Command base, and is one of only six bases with the primary mission of basic single-engine jet training in the nation. As a flying school it is part of the Flying Training Air Force headquartered at Waco, Texas.

The base is a reactivation and extension of Big Spring Army Airfield, a World War II bombardier training school. Big Spring Army Airfield was deactivated at the close of World War II and title to the properties were returned to the City of Big Spring which converted the base into a municipal airport.

Air Force began its expansion from 43 wings upward, the decision was made in Washington to reactivate the old airfield and make it the home of the new 3560th Pilot Training Wing (Basic Single-Engine). Negotiations on the reopening began in April, 1951. By summer of the same year, construction had begun.

Official reactivation date was October 1, 1951. The base received its first complements of personnel from Goodfellow AFB, San Angelo. From Goodfellow came Webb's first commander, Colonel Ernest F. Wackwitz Jr., who had commanded the Goodfellow pilot training group.

Construction delays and material shortages set the reporting date of the first student pilots in April 1952—Class 52-D. This class was scheduled to arrive at Webb in January, 1952, but since facilities were not then ready, the class received the first half, or first phase, of its training at Perrin AFB, Sherman, before coming to Webb to complete basic flight training.

Sergeant Major At Webb Hospital Has Full Schedule

If anyone in Webb's USAF Hospital has any questions on Air Force life, policy or administrative matters chances are they'll interrupt the full schedule of M-Sgt. Roy R. Black and ask his advice.

Sergeant Major of USAF Hospital at the base, Sgt. Black has been a member of the United States military since 1926, and served as an officer from 1942 to 1948.

Born in Philadelphia, Pa., in 1907, Sgt. Black has seen duty in almost all theaters of the world including South America, Hawaii and the Mediterranean.

A graduate of the Paso Alto Evening High School, Sgt. Black is a graduate of the USAF Personnel Management School and the Army School of Pharmacy at Letterman Hospital in San Francisco.

Before assuming duties as Sergeant Major at the base hospital, Sgt. Black was stationed at Wichita AFB, Kansas, where he served as Sergeant Major of the 3520th Medical Group.

Among his decorations are the Good Conduct Medal, pre-Pearl Harbor, Mediterranean Theater, American Defense and American Theater ribbons, and the World War II Victory Medal.

Sergeant Black is married to the former Miss Arline Collier of Salem, N. J. They have two children, Marilyn, 12, and Carol Diane, 6. They live at 219 Utah in Big Spring.

At the dedication, Lt. Gen. Robert W. Harper, commander of the Air Training Command, and the widow and two children of Lt. Webb were present.

In July, 1953, Colonel Fred M. Dean, who had just graduated from the National War College and who had been a Spitfire Group commander in Africa during World War II and later was executive officer for former Air Force Chief of Staff General "Hap" Arnold, became Webb's commander.

The past year at Webb has been highlighted by much new construction and continued efforts to beautify the base. In community ef-

Spirits For Funeral

SEATTLE (AP)—The will of the late Herman H. Ellissen calls for the purchase of a case of liquor to be used at a party attended by his friends.



CAPT. GREEN

Control Tower Important Item At Webb AFB

The all glass and steel tower, painted a distinctive orange and silver, located on Webb's flight line is probably one of the most important single units connected with flying at Webb Air Force Base.

The control tower manned by the personnel of the 1900-3 AACCS (Airways and Air Communications Service) Detachment. The detachment is commanded by Captain Odie R. Green and his assistant in charge is T-Sgt. Carl E. Hopkins.

The men of the AACCS have literally held in their hands, the lives of Air Force pilots, crews and aircraft costing hundreds of thousands of dollars.

It is the responsibility of control tower personnel to see that landing and take-off patterns are maintained; ships properly spaced; give pilots the winds, speed and direction and inform pilots of the active runway and any hazards that exist. It's also the controller's duty to visually check each incoming plane to see that its landing gear is fully extended on approach. All of this information is of vital importance and especially to transient pilots, since to them Webb is a strange field.

During cadet flying hours, operations are coordinated between the master control tower and the mobile control unit, located on the field just off the runway. The mobile unit is manned by experienced instructors and traffic controllers. Teamwork between the tower and mobile control is the only way to maintain a safe traffic control to insure maximum safety of operation at all times.

The Webb AACCS Detachment, like all others scattered all over the world, is responsible for airways communications and navigational facilities, to assist the operation of service aircraft over military airways covering the entire globe. It operates point to point



LT. McCLENDON

Webb's Officer Of Information Leads Busy Life

Webb's public relations-information services officer is Lt. Dennis E. McCleendon upon whom rests the job of "telling Webb's story" on behalf of the Wing Commander. With over seven years of Air Force duty, as an officer, flying staff sergeant, airplane mechanic, aviation student, and active and inactive Reservist, the lieutenant is a good source of Air Force information.

Rated a Troop Carrier and Military Air Transport Service (MATS) pilot, Lt. McCleendon served in the European Theater of Operations during World War II. He left the Air Force (then Army Air Corps) in 1945 and, as a civilian, won all civil flight ratings except airline transport. He opened a flight school at Courtland, Alabama and operated it until, in 1948, he was critically injured in a flight crash. Due to injuries sustained in that accident, he is not presently on flying status.

Graduated as president of the senior class of Athens High School, Alabama, in 1940, Lt. McCleendon was a member of the National Honor Society, editor of the high school newspaper, and president of the North Alabama High School Press Association.

After leaving his flight school in 1948, he entered the University of Houston. Before graduating in 1952 with a BS degree in journalism, and as a member of Phi Kappa Phi, national scholastic honor fraternity, Lt. McCleendon was an outstanding freshman journalism student and winner of a \$500 public relations scholarship. During college he worked as reporter, columnist, managing editor, and editor of the college newspaper.

Although still attending college, he worked full-time in staff positions for the Houston Post, spent eight months as public relations writer for the University of Houston News Service, and served as president of his university International Relations Club.

Upon graduation from college, Lt. McCleendon applied for recall to active military service with the Air Force in the public information field and was assigned to Webb AFB as assistant to the public information officer in October, 1952. That same month, he was promoted to public information officer and is currently serving in that capacity.

He has 2,125 hours military flying time and 625 hours civil time. For services in the United States, Lt. McCleendon has been awarded the Air Medal, ETO ribbon with battle stars for Europe, Tunisia, Sicily and Italy, American Theater ribbon, the pre-Pearl Harbor ribbon, and the Armed Forces Reserve Medal.

He was recently elected president of the Big Spring Reserve Officers' Association.

Lt. McCleendon, his wife Vivian, and their 5-month-old daughter Denise, live at 1400 Grafa in Big Spring.

New Navy Fighter

NORFOLK, Va. (AP)—The Navy is putting the new FTU-3 Cutlass fighter into operation with the fleet. The Cutlass is a twin-jet ship and was carrier-tested last year along with the F4D Skyray from the USS Coral Sea.



CAPT. JOHNSON

Capt. Johnson Commander Of Webb Hospital

Capt. John F. Johnson of Detroit, Michigan, is Acting Commander of the USAF Hospital at Webb. Designated a 40-bed hospital, it has facilities for expanding to 100 beds in an emergency. Fully equipped for everything but the most complicated of major surgery, Webb's hospital also operates the altitude chamber, veterinarian clinic and dental clinic.

Capt. Johnson received his BS degree from Northwestern University, Ill., in 1942 and his medical degree from the university's college of medicine in 1946. A teaching appointment in Detroit and research in blood clotting (bio-chemistry) for three years led to receiving his Master's Degree from the Wayne University College of Medicine in 1952. Several articles he wrote on the research were published in medical journals.

The commander has over three years training in Obstetrics and Gynecology in Chicago, Boston and Detroit, and served as Chief of the OB and Gyn Section at USAF Hospital before assuming duties as Acting Commander of the hospital last April.

A member of the American Medical Association, Capt. Johnson was an instructor of physiology at the Wayne University College of Medicine before entering the Air Force in 1953.

Prior to assignment to Webb, Capt. Johnson attended indoctrination courses at Gunter AFB, Alabama.

Capt. Johnson, his wife Carolyn, and their daughter, Ann Louise, live at 1901 S. Monticello, in Big Spring.

Neighborhood Feud Proves To Be Costly

NEW BEDFORD, N. J. (AP)—Fred Lowitz paid \$2,500 for a strip of land worth about \$100 by his own estimate. He just wanted to be sure the 30-foot lot didn't fall into the hands of a neighbor. The neighbors haven't spoken to each other for years. Their homes are on adjacent sides of the strip offered for sale by the township. The tract was formerly a railroad right-of-way.

"I would have paid up to \$5,000 for it just to make sure they didn't get it," Lowitz said.

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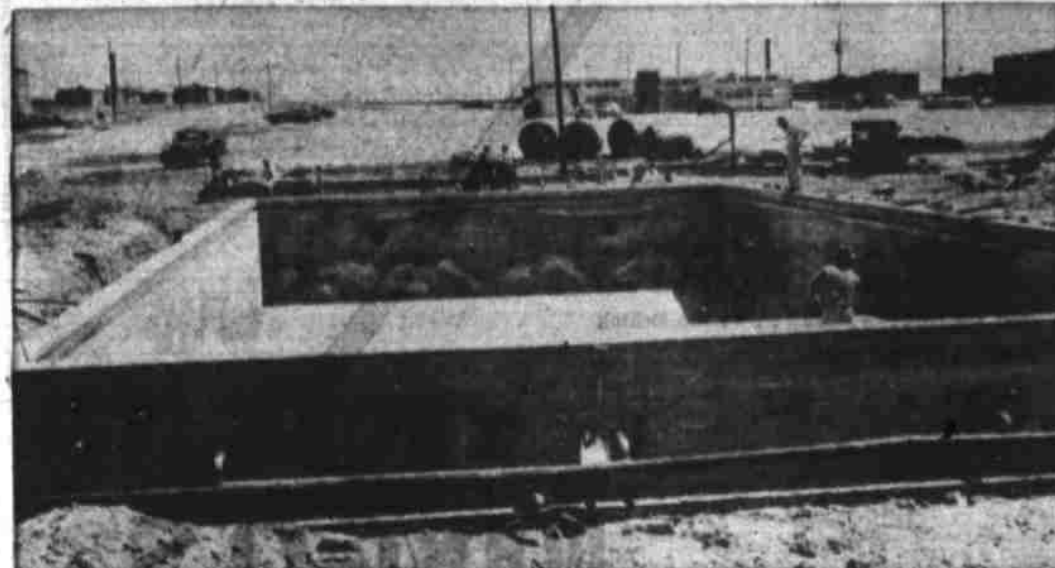
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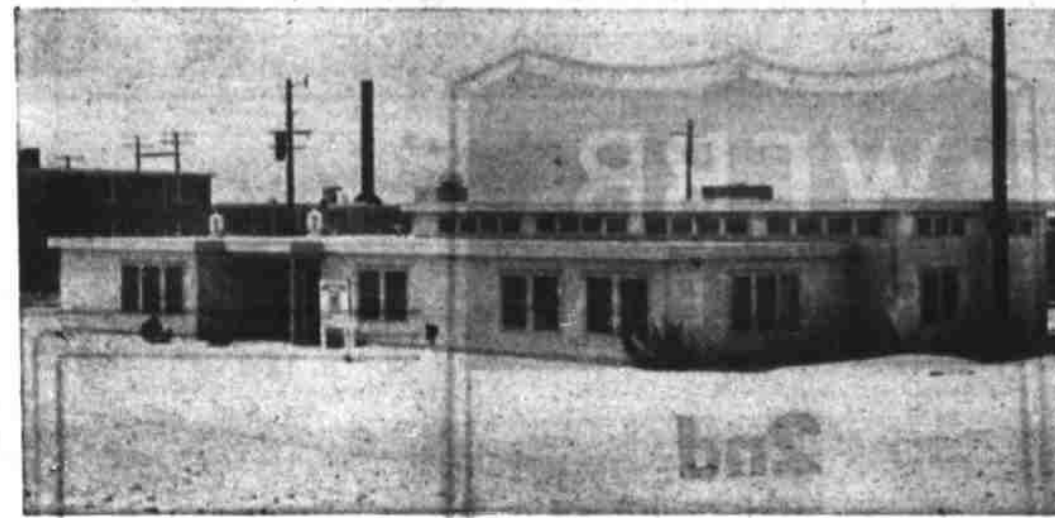
Thousands of gallons of JP-4 jet fuel daily is fed into Webb's aircraft from these huge tanker trucks. The tankers are refueled almost as often as the aircraft.



Just Waiting For Water

The Base Swimming Pool is scheduled for opening this summer. The pool will greatly reduce the overcrowding which Webb's many military personnel along with the population of Big Spring have often seen at the Municipal Pool in City Park.

(Air Force Photo)



John H. Lees Service Club

This recreation center for airmen-grades at Webb was opened on July 11, 1953. It is named in memory of Sgt. John H. Lees, Big Spring aerial gunner who lost his life in China during World War II.

(Air Force Photo)

HCJC, Webb Join To Boost Education

There is a saying that knowledge is power and Webb Air Force Base personnel have a powerfully good chance to prove it. They are especially fortunate to be located near Howard County Junior College which will furnish especially designed courses if as many as ten people desire them. Although HCJC provides only two years of higher education, its credits are accepted for full value in many four-year universities—even Harvard. Anyone who meets the entrance requirements may attend. HCJC was one of the first of the non-segregated junior colleges in Texas. "Operation Bootstrap" provides a way for service personnel to continue their education even though they are serving their country in the Armed Forces. Naturally, most of their classes must be held at night after duty hours and HCJC has provided ample opportunity for this kind of study. The contemplated new course in air education illustrates how closely the college works with the base. College officials hope to set up two three-hour courses in this subject but it is definite that at least one will materialize next fall. The college already has purchased a Link trainer from the Texas Surplus Property Agency and now has a waiting list of 34 people for the new course.

Here's Set Of Twins That Is Really Alike

KEARNY, N. J. (U)—The Donellan twins Frederick G. and Edward F., 48, went to work for the same firm at Boston on the same day 30 years ago and were transferred here together during World War II to work on radar equipment. Both are test set technicians.

Each built his own radio equipment and operates a ham radio station. Each is interested in photography and sailing.

Both wear glasses—and their hair is receding in about the same proportion.

Trick With Ketchup Brings Police Action

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. (U)—Sheepishly, the teen-age youngster wiped the ketchup off his arm and the police let him and his companion off with a warning.

The youngster had daubed the ketchup on his arm and then hidden in an automobile trunk with the gory arm dangling. His accomplice drove around town. Citizens called the cops.

pare himself for the job he is presently doing in the Air Force. Arts and Sciences subjects such as English, psychology and foreign languages including shorthand, typing, bookkeeping, and business law are offered. The industrial education program has been greatly accelerated at the college since the reactivation of Webb Air Force Base to aid people in bettering their performance on the job. At the present time 66 airmen and officers are attending the college under the "Bootstrap" program.

For those who do not go to night school, there is another way to obtain one year of college credit. The Webb Education Office administers a test sent out by the United States Armed Forces Institute and successful completion of this test enables the airmen to be given credit for one year of college work. In the past year at Webb there have been 60 successful completions of

this test. The college-level General Education Development (GED) tests are recognized by the Air Force as the one-year college equivalent and in many instances are accepted in lieu of first year college work at educational institutions.

High School GED tests are also administered by the Webb Education Office. These tests were designed to permit individuals to obtain their high school diplomas or equivalency certificates even though they had not finished high school before coming into the service. Successful completion of these tests offers many opportunities which would otherwise be denied to service personnel. Some of these are eligibility for Officers' Candidate School, Aviation Cadet training, and entrance into many Air Force Technical Training Schools. The individual may obtain his diploma either from his local high school or from the State Department of Education provided that he meets local requirements. In a few states, part credit is given and he may be required to take some additional courses in order to receive full high school credit. This may easily be done through correspondence courses offered by

USAFI. Since January 1953 approximately 150 high school GED tests have been successfully completed by Webb personnel.

Correspondence courses sent out from USAFI are on elementary school, high school, technical, and college level. Tests are administered at the Webb Education Office and the papers are sent to USAFI headquarters at Madison, Wisconsin for grading. English, history, science, mathematics, business and agriculture courses, and foreign languages are among the most popular subjects with Webbies. Courses such as selling and leasing real estate and how to establish and operate a small restaurant also found favor with some Webb people. At the present time active enrollment in USAFI courses at Webb is 266, of which 206 are enlisted men and 52 are officers.

With such a variety of methods and courses to choose from, there is nothing that should keep service personnel from the pursuit of higher education. The opportunity is there. They need only to seize it.

Arkansas Scientist Breeds New Tomato


FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. (U)—A new tomato, combining the better qualities of older varieties, has been developed by Dr. Victor M. Watts, horticulturist at the University of Arkansas. Dr. Watts said the tomato is strongly resistant to disease and produces larger, rounder and meatier fruit.

The new tomato is called Indark—derived from the names of the states in which it has been tested, Indiana and Arkansas.

Indark seeds are expected to be commercially available in 1955.

Center Is Too Dull

DULL CENTER, Wyo. (U)—Dull Center is apparently too dull for the U. S. post office. The "Dull Center" post office has been closed. Eight families served from the office now get their mail from Bill, 35 miles away.



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COL. FREEMAN

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Col. Cleon E. Freeman is a "from buck-private to bird-colonel" officer who has served as Executive Officer of the 3560th Pilot Training Wing at Webb Air Force Base since January of this year. Born in St. Louis, Mo., in 1903, the colonel began his long and distinguished military career in the nation's mighty air arm as a buck private (no stripes at all) of the Missouri National Guard. Now a full colonel in the United States Air Force, he holds ratings as a Senior Pilot, a Senior Aircraft Observer, and as a Combat Observer. Col. Freeman was commissioned an officer in June, 1932. Coming to Webb Air Force Base directly from a tour of duty with the Far East Air Forces in Japan, Col. Freeman has served on both the Asian and European continents within the past 14 years. During World War II, he was stationed in the European Theater of Operations. Duty within the United States has included tours as Senior Air Instructor of the New England Wing National Guard, as Commander of the 224th AFRTC Base at Bedford, Mass., and with the 11th Observer Squadron, Little Rock, Arkansas. Among the colonel's military decorations are the Bronze Star Medal, EAME Campaign Medal, Air Medal, American Defense Service Medal, American Campaign Medal, World War II Victory Medal, Army Commendation Ribbon, Belgium's Croix de Guerre with palm, France's Croix de Guerre with palm, Korean Service Medal, United Nations Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal, and the Armed Forces Reserve Medal with Hourglass. Colonel Freeman and his wife Gertrude, live at 1804 Owens St. in Big Spring.

Graduation At Webb AFB Is A Big Event

A red-letter day at Webb Air Force Base is graduation day, and there have been sixteen of them since the activation of the base. Impressive ceremonies and outstanding speakers are provided to make a special occasion out of completion of basic training. Full-dress wing reviews are held before the graduation ceremonies. Relatives and friends of the graduates, as well as prominent civilians from nearby communities are invited to attend.

When a student pilot graduates from Webb, he becomes a United States Air Force pilot. If he has been an aviation cadet, he receives his commission as a second lieutenant in the Air Force reserve upon graduation. Student officers receive only the silver wings when they finish training at Webb.

Foreign students in training at Webb also receive their silver wings. Students from Norway, France, The Netherlands, Turkey, Iran, the United Kingdom, Belgium, Denmark, and Italy have been among Webb's graduates.

Completion of the basic flying phase at single engine jet schools marks the end of the student's flying courses. He has learned to fly the airplane as a machine. Up to this point, the student has completed three phases of training: pre-flight, primary (at civilian contract flying schools), and the basic training given here. He is now ready for crew training where he will learn to use the airplane as a weapon. After crew training he will be prepared to join a combat unit.

Classes at Webb are getting smaller but that does not mean that there will be fewer students in training.

Where formerly, students entered training every six weeks resulting in having four classes in training at all times, the training program is gradually going into what is known as a 10-class system.

When the new system is fully implemented, classes will enter at the rate of one every two weeks. At the present time there are seven classes at Webb. Frequent graduations will make it more difficult to make some of them as elaborate as were formerly held. Every effort will be made, however, to make the ceremony a memorable one for the graduate in honor of his achievement.

Bobcat Answer To One Problem

LUSK, Wyo. (AP)—A furniture dealer, plagued by dogs soiling merchandise displayed in front of the store, solved his problem by putting a dead bobcat near the goods.

It scared—and smelled—away the dogs. Maybe a few customers, too.

Webb's Base Newspaper Now In Its Third Year

"What newspaper do you read?" an airman was asked. "Newspaper? Why, I read my hometown paper, the Big Spring Herald, Air Force Times, and... The Springboard," he answered.

What "The Herald" is to Big Spring, and "Air Force Times" is to the entire Air Force, "The Springboard" is to the military and Air Force employe personnel of Webb Air Force Base. Edited by



M-SGT. SCHROEDER

First Sergeant In Maintenance Unit Has Complex Duties

The complex duties of first sergeant for the 3561st Maintenance Squadron fall on the willing shoulders of M-Sgt. Robert D. Schroeder, airman with eleven years experience on the job.

A graduate of Lincoln High School, Sgt. Schroeder entered the Air Force in January, 1939. He served until World War II was over and then returned to his home in Park Falls, Wisconsin, to work as a self-employed musician. The Air Force had a special place in Schroeder's heart, though, and he returned to military life in November, 1948.

Sgt. Schroeder is a veteran of service in the ATO, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands, and of the European Theater of Operations. He wears the Belgian Fourragere, Distinguished Unit Badge with oak leaf, American Defense Ribbon, Service Medal with bronze star, Good Conduct Medal with first clasp, EAME Service Ribbon with 11 silver and one bronze star, the American Theater Ribbon, Victory Medal, and the Occupation Ribbon. Married to the former Marlon Blaski of Park Falls, Sgt. Schroeder was assigned to Webb AFB from Nellis AFB, Nev., where he served as first sergeant of a supply squadron.

Sgt. Schroeder, his wife, and their daughter Pamela, and son Robert, live at 1503-A Sycamore in Big Spring.

S-Sgt. James F. Krueger of Webb's Office of Information Services, "The Springboard" is a four-page weekly with a circulation of 3,000 copies.

As the official publication of Webb Air Force Base, "The Springboard" is both the "voice of the commander" and the "voice of Webb AFB." In its news stories and editorials, new Air Force, command and base policies are often introduced and explained. Also on its pages are feature, social and sports items. Three regular features of every "Springboard" are the chaplain's column with a schedule of divine services, "Ed's Small Talk" (in which the editor's opinion on a variety of subjects is aired), and "Around Webb" a cartoon emphasizing local humorous situations drawn by T-Sgt. James Raughley.

"The Springboard" is printed Tuesday afternoon by the "Big Spring Daily Herald" and distributed Wednesday morning to all squadrons on base. Pictures in the paper are taken by A-3C Vince Gianetti or his assistant, A-2C Dave Giffen of the Webb photo lab. Now in its third year of publication, "The Springboard" is an accurate record of the re-activation of Big Spring AFB, and the birth and rapid growth of Webb AFB as one of the nation's aviation cadet training bases.

News from "The Springboard" travels further than just the base, though. The paper is sent to approximately 100 offices ranging from FTAF, ATRC and USAF Information Services Office, to Chambers of Commerce in West Texas. The paper's news is further disseminated through a weekly column, "The Springboard, News from Webb" carried in "The Herald" each Thursday, and through a radio program "This Week at Webb" broadcast every Wednesday at 12:45 p.m. over KTXC.

Lt. Dennis E. McClendon, as head of the Office of Information Services, is officer-in-charge of the paper.

Mud Is Evidence Enough In Shooting

OMAHA (AP)—To Detective John Zaloudek there's nothing that locks quite like Missouri River mud. Assigned to combing schools for boys who might have been involved in an accidental river bottoms shooting, Zaloudek took one look at the boots of one boy and arrested him. "I knew it was Missouri River mud as soon as I spotted it," he said. "We questioned the boy and he told us the story."

And All Aces

PORTLAND, Conn. (AP)—Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Cunningham's first grandchildren were all girls—11 of them. The 12th was a boy. Commented the happy grandmother: "A king after 11 queens."

Lighted Windows Canadian Surprise

FORT WILLIAM, Ont. (AP)—O. J. Weiben, Fort William airlines manager, said it gave him "quite a start" his first night on the Belcher Islands in Hudson Bay to see lighted windows like a small town. In daylight he had seen nothing but a desolate waste of ice and snow. The lighted windows were in Eskimo igloos.

"They make their windows with a clear sheet of ice," said Weiben. With little use for white man's goods, except guns and ammunition, some 200 Eskimo families are spread through the 3,000-square-mile area of the islands in mid-Hudson Bay. Housing presents no problem. Within two or three hours they can "whip up an igloo."

Life's Too Short, Says 80-Year-Old

NEW YORK (AP)—Raymond Duncan, long-haired, toga-wearing American philosopher, says people would be smarter if they lived longer. Arriving on one of his periodic visits from Paris, he commented: "When you get to be 80 like me, you commence to see the light. We die too young. America will be really great when people live to 150."

Church Forgives, Brings Penitence

FLINT, Mich. (AP)—The Huron Street Methodist Church board voted to forgive who ever took three containers of gasoline from their Sunday school bus. The three filled cans were found later with a note attached. It read: "Dear Sirs: I have taken this gas, but now I am returning it with my regrets. Please forgive me. P. S. It won't happen again."



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