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President Kennedy Visits SAC Headquarters

President Kennedy visited Strategic Air Command headquarters Friday and presented Gen. Thomas S. Power, SAC commander in chief, with a special flight safety plaque.

The plaque was awarded for the command's meritorious achievements in flight safety while performing a continual airborne alert during the Cuban crisis.

In presenting the safety award in planeside ceremonies immediately prior to leaving Offutt AFB, the President said: "It is a great pleasure to present this to the commanding officer of SAC and by this plaque indicate our great appreciation to the officers and men to the Strategic Air Force stationed here at this base and all around the world and also their wives and members of their families who also serve."

"This plaque pays particular attention to the contribution of the Strategic Air Command during the most intense days of the Cuban crisis. The record of SAC in mobilizing the force of the United States was unprecedented in the long history of SAC. The amount of flights made during that period of time, the amount of men that were involved, was a record unparalleled by any country in the history of air power.

"There is no doubt that it contributed greatly to the maintenance of the peace and the security of the United States and those countries associated with us and also contributed to a result which has, I believe, increased our security. So we're very much indebted to you all.

"Living on this base, flying from this base, men have helped maintain the security and peace for 15 years and it is my strong belief, a belief which has been strengthened by this morning's visit, that peace and security can be maintained directly with the will and the courage of the people of the United States and the strong right arm which is the Strategic Air Force.

"We're indebted to you all in the past, now, and our security depends on you in the future. Thank you very much."

During his visit the President was briefed by General Power and his staff on the capabilities of the command and the functions of the joint strategic target planning staff.

The commander in chief was accompanied by Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson, Air Force Secretary Eugene Zuckert, Gen. Earle G. Wheeler, and other key government officials.

A citation accompanying the plaque stated:

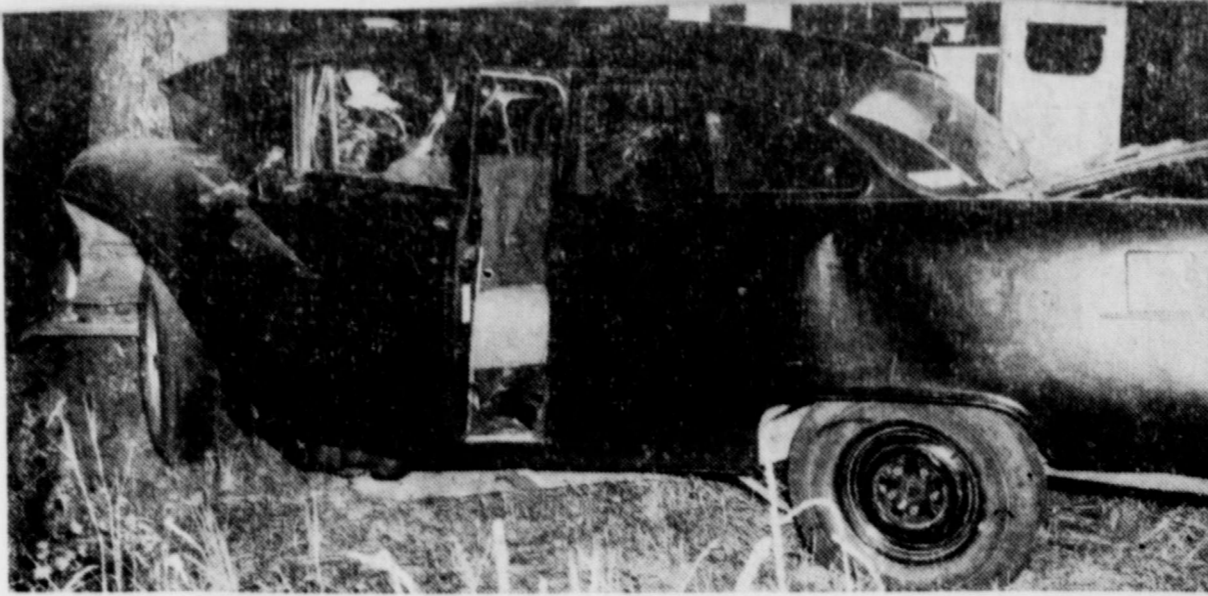
Begin on Oct. 22, 1962, the airborne alert provided a strategic posture under which every United States force could operate with relative freedom of action. The airborne alert terminated Nov. 21, 1962, when routine training was resumed.

Such an airborne alert is unique accomplishment in the history of airpower. It was possible only because of the extraordinary dedication and professional skill demonstrated by the combat crews and support personnel of the Strategic Air Command.

SAC bombers and tankers on airborne alert flew 2,088 sorties which required 48,532 continuous hours of flight. Under constant positive control, airborne alert aircraft flew 20,022,000 miles and transferred approximately 70,000,000 gallons of fuel in 4,076 aerial refuelings.

All airborne alert sorties were flown without a single accident, refueling the highest level of professional ability.

This noteworthy achievement reflects the intensive efforts expended by all personnel of the Strategic Air Command in promoting flight safety.



WE'RE SORRY BUT . . . — Words such as the death of a son or daughter in one of these are often the ruination of an otherwise all-to-abundant holiday traffic mishaps. Don't let this happen to you. (AIR FORCE PHOTO)



CHRISTMAS CAPER — The traditional Christmas tree will again brighten the interior of the Officers Open Mess at Dyess, this year because of the efforts of the decorating committee, under the direction of Mrs. Rowena Lankford (R) and Mrs. Carol Williams, co-chairman of the committee.

forts of base supply personnel, military and civilian, working as a well-knit team made this possible. However, our winning the award was further aided by the tremendous command support received from command personnel plus the splendid cooperation of maintenance, civil engineering, base procurement and other personnel.

"By vigorous and effective command support all our main projects, such as paving the outside storage areas, improving interior lighting, building rehabilitation, modernization and semi-automation of our facilities were funded, supported at Fifteenth and finally pushed through to completion. I wish to thank all those who helped us. We're now bracing ourselves for the inspection by Headquarters SAC."

Col. William L. McDowell, commander, 96th Strategic Aerospace Wing, remarked, "This award did not come as a great surprise to me because of the great strides supply has made in the past year. Everyone is to be commended because this was truly a combined effort. I'm confident they will win the best in SAC award."

As a result of winning the Fifteenth Air Force competition, base supply is also currently in competition for the Daedalian Award, which is

presented by an organization of World War I pilots to the top base supply in the Air Force.

Merkel Sophs Hold Yule Party

The Sophomore Class of Merkel High School held their annual Christmas party at the REA recreational area Monday December 17 at 7:00 p.m.

Mrs. Comer Haynes gave a Christmas reading followed by singing of Christmas Carols. Mrs. Clyde Barlett came in the audience as the Christmas spirit and read a very entertaining Christmas story. After the true cultural presentations of real Christmas, the group joined in fun and frolic for games and activity. The class officers, Jacky Reynolds and Aleta Scott directed games and contests.

The class mothers served refreshments to sixty members and two teachers, Mr. Jim Stubblefield and Mrs. Judd McReynolds.

The sophomores were very appreciative of their hostesses, teachers and the REA officials for a beautiful party.

Mr. and Mrs. James R. Butman of Merkel, visited with Mr. and Mrs. Ray Martin of Sweetwater, on Christmas eve and with the Ford Butmans in the Canyon area on Christmas Day.

7 Commendation Medals Presented in 64th TCW

In ceremonies held this week in his office, Col. Burl W. McLaughlin, commander, 64th Troop Carrier Wing, presented seven Air Force Commendation Medals.

An entire C-130 aircraft crew, commanded by Maj. Clyde W. Huether, was awarded the medal for meritorious achievement while participating in air operational missions during August, 1962. The citation read: ". . . these individuals performed with consistently high effectiveness in both drop operations and air landed sorties despite adverse weather and unfamiliar terrain."

Members of Major Huether's crew are Capt. Charles R. Carroll, co-pilot; Maj. James E. Gordon Jr., navigator; TSgt. Elmo R. Darnell, flight engineer; and SSgt. George H. Warters, assistant flight engineer. The crew is assigned to the 18th Troop Carrier Squadron at Dyess, and was selected as 64th's Crew of the Month for September, 1962.

MSgt. Edward C. Vess and AIC Norman L. Shoote, 64th Field Maintenance Squadron, were awarded their medals for meritorious achievement on July 15, 1962. Their citation read: ". . . these airmen were assigned the project of recovering a C-130 aircraft which had been severely damaged in a tornado while parked on the Dyess Air Force Base flight line. Despite professional recommendations which would have been both costly and time consuming to right the damaged aircraft and the hazard accruing from full but badly leaking fuel cells, these airmen requested and were granted permission to apply an original and radical cor-

rective technique. Their success in this endeavor resulted in great time and financial savings as well as negating the accrual of additional damage."

Jones County HD Council Has Christmas Party

The Home Demonstration Clubs of Jones County met Friday, December 14, at the oil mill guest house in northeast Hamlin, for the annual Christmas Luncheon and gift exchange. Forty-seven guests registered, with eleven of the clubs participating.

A covered dish luncheon was served at noon, followed by a brief business meeting under the supervision of Mrs. H. H. Windham, council chairman, followed by Mrs. Windham installing the new officers for 1963. The new officers are Mrs. Elmer Joiner, Friendship Club, chairman; Mrs. I. B. Ray, Comere Club, vice chairman; Mrs. Cal McAninch, Goodman Club, secretary; Mrs. Bob Barksdale, Sunshine Club, treasurer.

A Christmas program, with Mrs. H. H. Dunklin, recreation chairman, in charge, was given; followed by a short recreation period. Gifts were passed out from the tree to round out the day's activities.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Cunningham of Fort Worth, are visiting the Oscar Adeock home during the Christmas holidays. Mrs. Cunningham is the daughter of the Adeocks.

Base Supply Is Rated Best in Fifteenth AF

Dyess' base supply has been named best in Fifteenth Air Force for the past year, an achievement which netted the unit a permanent plaque-type award.

According to Lt. Col. D. M. Reeder, base director of supply, all Fifteenth Air Force bases had been in competition for the honor, which is awarded after evaluation of competitive inspections. These in-

spectations utilize selected statistical data concerning effectiveness and the results of visual inspections in order to determine the top candidates.

Base supply is now in active competition for the trophy awarded to the best in Strategic Air Command.

Maj. John M. Boughner, officer in charge of base supply, commented that "the hard work and dedicated ef-

Worldly Service That's Welcome



It used to be that a traveler, arriving for the first time in an unfamiliar city like Rome, for example, might have to seek advice on dining or tipping from the hotel clerk, or even total strangers on the street. Such information is often incomplete, not necessarily up-to-date, and sometimes difficult to understand.

To give travelers precise information and personal assistance, Air France has established a Welcome Service located at its airport counters and ticket offices throughout the world. Here, a specially trained staff, fluent in several languages, stands ready to be of help. For example, if a woman steps off a jet in the late afternoon in Geneva, Switzerland, without having made hotel reservations, the charming Welcome Service hostesses will find out her particular needs and make the necessary arrangements. Or suppose one needs a babysitter in Paris. Or a diaper service.

A call or visit to one of Air France's 130 Welcome Service centers located in principal cities will bring complete information and quick results.

The French airline, a pioneer in aviation and long experienced in personal service, launched its Welcome Service in early 1962.

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1 1/2 teaspoons each of bleu cheese, garlic, exotic herbs and cheese garlic salad dressing mixes

Scald milk. Stir in sugar, salt and Fleischmann's Margarine and cool to lukewarm. Measure warm water into large warm bowl; sprinkle or crumble in Fleischmann's Yeast. Add lukewarm milk mixture. Add 3 cups of the flour and beat until smooth. Stir in remaining flour to make soft dough. Turn out on lightly floured board and knead until smooth and elastic, about 8 minutes. Place in greased bowl; brush with margarine. Cover and let rise in warm place (85°), free from draft, until doubled in bulk, about 1 hour. Punch down and turn out on lightly floured board. Divide dough into quarters. Roll out each quarter into an 8-inch square. Brush lightly with melted margarine. Sprinkle each square with 1 1/2 teaspoons of salad dressing mix. Roll up as for jelly roll. Seal edges firmly. Place roll on greased baking sheet with sealed edges down. Cover, let rise in warm place, free from draft, until doubled in bulk, about 1 hour. Bake at 400°F. 25 to 30 minutes.

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Base Chapel Best of 15th



LEARNING THE SCOPE'S ROPES — Mr. Angus O. Brown (R) of the Federal Aviation Agency and SSgt. Bart E. Coppage of the 2010-4 Detachment exchange bits of information about each other's specialties. Mr. Brown is trying his hand at precision final approach equipment while SSgt. Coppage looks over the scope of a surveillance radar piece.



SHARPSHOOTER — 1st Lt. Lloyd N. King, (R) commander, headquarters battery, 5th Missile Battalion, receives the Battalion small arms marksmanship trophy from Lt. Col. Pete D. Pavik, battalion commander, in ceremonies recently held at battalion headquarters at Dyess. (U.S. ARMY PHOTO)



TOURNAMENT ROYALTY — Honored at the third anniversary Dyess AFB High School Girls' Basketball Tournament were (from left) runner-up, most attractive, Jeanette Sorrels from Brady High School; Queen Bobbye Watts from Hawley High School, and runner-up, most attractive, Jan Byrd from Winters High School. Col. Richard R. Mitchell, commander, 96th Combat Support Group, presented the awards to the three girls. Further tournament coverage is located on the Peacemaker sports pages. (AIR FORCE PHOTO.)



QUITE A QUARTER — A1C Charles G. Sanders, 96th Food Service Squadron, the base outstanding airman of the quarter for the period July 1 through Sept. 30, accepts a \$25 savings bond and a certificate of achievement from Col. Richard R. Mitchell, base commander. (AIR FORCE PHOTO.)

Sanders Is Selected As Outstanding Airman

A1C Charles G. Sanders, 96th Food Service Squadron, was recently selected as Dyess' Outstanding Airman of the Quarter by Col. William L. McDowell, commander, 96th Strategic Aerospace Wing.

Selected on a basis of outstanding work for the period July 1 through Sept. 30, Airman Sanders was graduated from the NCO Prep School in August, 1962, with the honor graduate award, the academic achievement award, the commandant's award, and was selected as runner-up in the speech award.

Airman Sanders was presented with a \$25 savings bond and a certificate of achievement by Col. Richard R.

Mitchell, base commander. He also received a letter of commendation from Colonel McDowell.

Airman Sanders, whose parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Sanders, live in San Angelo, Tex., has been in the service since March, 1951.

He was first selected for the honor by his squadron, and progressed through Combat Support Group and finally through the 96th Strategic Aerospace Wing.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold King of El Paso, and Mr. and Mrs. Reuben King, of Bryan, are holiday visitors of the Karlton Kings in Merkel.

The Catholic and Protestant programs of the Dyess chapel achieved the top record among all Fifteenth Air Force bases.

The chapel activities have also been given a standing of top one-fourth within the entire Strategic Air Command, according to Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Marion L. Nelson, who received the word from Col. Richard R. Mitchell, base commander.

Factors used in the judging were worship, religion, education, organization, visitation and stewardship. The number of chaplains assigned and the number of personnel on the base taking part in chapel activities were also considered in the judging.

The Dyess program earned a total of 1330 overall points.

The chaplain's staff wishes to commend all of those who have contributed to this fine record of "Best in Fifteenth Air Force."

Austin Student Preaches Here

William Pascal Buckner III, student at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, was guest pastor at the Merkel Presbyterian Church on Sunday, December 23.

Mr. Buckner received a bachelor of arts degree from Baylor University and a law degree from the Baylor Law School. Before entering the Seminary, he practiced law in Odessa and was in real estate sales in Austin.

He has his church membership in the First Presbyterian Church of Austin.

Riding Club News

Playtime for kids (sick horse) — 1st Danny Higgin, 9; 2nd Robert Whitehead, 11; 3rd, Tim Woozencraft, 11:2.

Pole bending — 1st Danny Higgins, 11:3; 2nd Tim Woozencraft, 7:1; 3rd Stacy Stanley, 8:5.

Flags — 1st Robert Whitehead, 6:2; 2nd Tim Woozencraft, 7:1; 3rd Stacy Stanley, 8:5.

Flag race (11 and under) — 1st Terry Woozencraft, 14; 2nd Karlan Gamble, 16:6; 3rd Robert Whitehead, 20.

Flag race (12-16) — 1st Pat Bigbee, 10:4; 2nd Almer Barnes, 10:8; 3rd Linda Jacobs, 11:8.

Senior Flag race — 1st Vernon Stanley, 12:7; 2nd Pete Morgan, 13; 3rd Jarrett Pinkley, 13:8.

Barrel race (11 and under) — 1st Karlan Gamble, 25; 2nd Terry Woozencraft, 25:5; 3rd Danny Higgins, 26:2.

Barrel race (12-16) — 1st Almer Barnes, 21; 2nd Pat Bigbee, 21:2; 3rd Sue Pinkley 22:8.

Senior barrel race — 1st Jarrett Pinkley 21:1; 2nd Vernon Stanley 22:5; 3rd Dickie Dinahine, 25:8.

Pole bending (11 and under) — 1st Terry Woozencraft, 30; 2nd Karlan Gamble, 32; 3rd Danny Higgins, 32:4.

Pole bending (12-16) — 1st Almer Barnes, 24; 2nd Allen Higgins, 25:9; 3rd Linda Jacobs, 28.

Senior pole bending — 1st Pete Morgan, 24:3; 2nd Dickey Dinahine, 25:9; 3rd Vernon Stanley, 29.

PERSONALS

R. B. Horton of Abilene was a guest of his mother, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Amason Sunday.

Gene Hal Hargrove, high school teacher and coach in the Hamilton schools, is home for the holidays visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Hargrove.

Miss Suzy Bird, of Fort Worth, is at home for a few days visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stacy Bird.

Mrs. A. D. Fulton is spending the holidays with her children in Houston.

Mrs. J. S. Knight of Merkel is spending the holidays with her sister, Letha Eager, in Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Onis Crawford and children spent Christmas Day with Mr. Crawford's mother in Stamford.

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EDITORIAL

The Proven Value Of 'Measured Response'

Now that the Cuban crisis has lessened in intensity — although Cuba will remain a hemispheric nuisance as long as it has a Communist dictatorship — what have we learned from the series of events that followed President Kennedy's Oct. 22 address to the nation?

Many lessons. And paramount among them is the effectiveness of what has been called "measured response" — in the case of Cuba the quarantine that quickly called a halt to Soviet shipment of offensive weapons to Fidel Castro and initiated removal of those he already had.

Obviously there were stronger measures to meet the Cuban threat, but non so wise and statesmanlike as that chosen by our Commander-in-Chief. Our OAS and NATO allies were unanimously behind him in whatever action he might take; it was no lack of support in the Free World that motivated his choice.

No, it was as the acknowledged leader of that Free World, commanding its greatest ground, sea and air forces, that Mr. Kennedy upheld the Monroe Doctrine with his firm statement of policy. And in so doing he achieved his objective by compelling Premier Khrushchev to call off his Cuban adventure that imperiled the peace.

It was a proud hour for the President, for the nation and for its Armed Forces. The arsenal of democracy has gained a new weapon economic as well as military, in the quarantine — the measured response to international banditry. (AFPS)



FEATURE FORMAL — Mrs. Eugene J. Witkowski, Dyess Chapter of Fifteenth Air Force Non-Commissioned Officers Academy Graduates Association is greeted by Brig. Gen. William W. Wisman, commander 819th Strategic Aerospace Division, as she was received at the NCOAGA Dining-In Saturday Dec. 8. From left are Col. Wilbur B. Beezley, vice commander 96th Strategic Aerospace Wing; Mrs. William W. Wisman; General William W. Wisman, Sergeant Witkowski.

ers, and offered the committee a draft of a bill which calls for permanent registration.

Several witnesses, including Isaac Satterfield of Marshall, a member of the State Democratic Executive Committee, advocated a literacy test.

Senator Kazen spoke out against it. He said since no literacy test now is required he saw no reason why it should be necessary. "The only reason for a literacy test is to keep someone from voting," Kazen retorted.

Roy R. Evans, secretary-treasurer of the state AFL-

CIO, said his organization opposed any discrimination against a person's national origin, financial status or educational background. The AFL-CIO also advocated a permanent registration plan, under which a voter would have to re-register only if he failed to vote in a two-year period.

PARK OFFER WITHDRAWN — Just four months after the State Parks Board jubilantly announced that Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Wheatly of San Antonio had given the state a 4,788-acre ranch in Blanco County, the Wheatleys

Reason, according to Mrs. Wheatly, was that the couple has learned that existing state parks need at least \$5,000,000 to serve the public, and "we have no assurance that our ranch could be properly developed."

The Wheatleys made the gift offer in July with the stipulation that the Parks Board obtain a legislative appropriation of \$250,000 to improve and develop the ranch which runs along the Perdido River. Board planned to ask for \$600,000.

Mrs. Wheatly said their offer will not be wasted if the publicity surrounding the episode makes the public aware of the inadequacy of the state parks system.

Meanwhile, puzzled board officials were hoping to persuade the Wheatleys to change their minds before the deed to the ranch is returned.

WATER AID CHEAPER — Cities and water districts will be able to borrow from the State Water Development Board at a slightly lower interest rate as the result of the sale of \$15,000,000 more in bonds.

First Boston Corporation, Bank of America and Mellon National Bank and Trust were low bidders with an effective net interest rate of 3.1325 per cent.

This will lower the Board's present lending rate .04 per cent to a rate of 3.7132 per cent. The lower rate will apply to loans made after mid-January.

LIVESTOCK EQUAL PEOPLE — Texas has as many head of livestock as it does people.

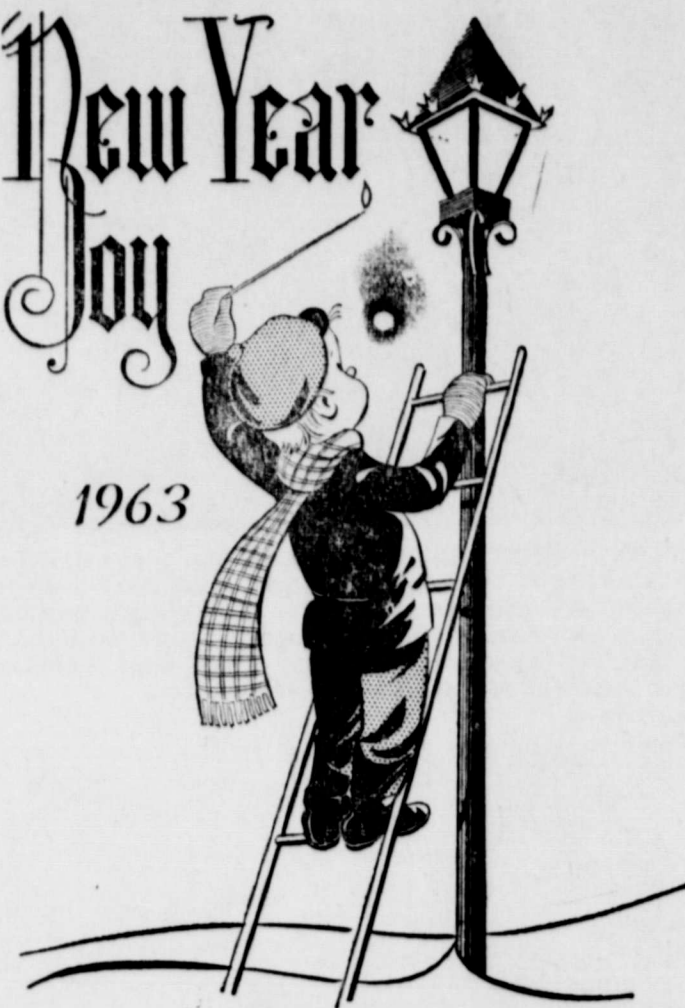
According to an estimate by the Texas Animal Health Commission the livestock population is 10,000,000.

State Health Department

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STATE CAPITAL Highlights AND Sidelights by Vern Sanford TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

By VERN SANFORD Texas Press Association AUSTIN, Tex. — After a four-year test, Texas' May-June primary election set-up may be on its way out. A cursory check of legislators at a recent gathering here found strong support, particularly among the big-city members who had Republican opponents, for a return to the August-September primary system. Growth of the Republican party in Texas means that

Democrats now face hard campaigns, in many districts, in the fall months, in addition to the strenuous spring campaigns. Many legislators are talking seriously about moving the primaries to August and September. This, so voters won't have to be whipped up to voting moods twice a year.

There is some strong resistance to returning to the old way, however.

Sen. Abraham Kazen Jr. of Laredo a member of the special election law revision committee, said a change like this would require a complicated revision of the code that would be almost impossible to accomplish during a regular session.

Kazen represents an area in South Texas where thousands of migrant farm workers, who leave home for the summer and fall, have had their first chance to vote in the primaries under the May-June system.

Some legislators would block a change because so many school teachers are at home to vote in May, but are in colleges or on trips in the summer. The late Rep. Marshall O. Bell of San Antonio, who pushed for the change to spring primaries, once said that August run-offs worked a real hardship on candidates like himself, since many of their best financial backers were out of state during the summer.

POLL TAX CONTROVERSY — The Texas Election Study Committee heard many divergent opinions on the requirements for a voter registration law during its public hearings in the senate chamber.

Main point of discussion was whether or not a literacy test should be required if the poll tax system is abolished.

League of Women Voters, represented by Mrs. Maurice H. Brown of Waco, did not approve of a literacy test. Mrs. Brown said her group recommended a uniform registration plan for all vot-

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HIGHLIGHTS -

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estimated that the people population reached 10,000,000 last summer.

An audit of the State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners showed that there's more than one veterinarian for every 10,000 head of livestock. During the 1962 fiscal year, 1,184 vets renewed their licenses, 78 took exams to become veterinarians, and seven took out reciprocal licenses.

There are 8,700 medical doctors licensed to practice in the state, or one doctor for every 1,500 persons.

CRIME CLIMB SLIGHT — Major crime in Texas was way below the five per cent nationwide increase for the first nine months of 1962, according to an FBI report. A survey of crime in 12 representative cities showed an increase of only 0.29 per cent over the same period last year.

Report is a tabulation of murders and non-negligent homicides, forcible rapes, robberies, aggravated assaults, burglaries, larceny over \$50 and auto thefts.

Total major crimes in 12 Texas cities amounted to 49,747 offenses for the first nine months of 1962, compared to 59,599 for the same period in 1961.

Amarillo, Austin, Beaumont, Corpus Christi, Dallas, El Paso, Fort Worth, Houston, Lubbock, San Antonio, Waco and Wichita Falls are the cities referred to.

The FBI warned merchants to be alerted to the shoplifting trend as the Christmas shopping season progresses. They also cautioned shoppers against leaving packages unattended in unlocked cars or in plain view in locked cars.

TAX PROPOSALS — The Texas Commission on State and Local Tax Policy recommended that the state abandon the ad valorem tax as a source of revenue in 1968.

The state property tax, which once was a primary source of income, now comprises only four per cent of the state's total tax take.

Commission stated that under the current system of assessment, the tax is "so patently inequitable that there can be no reasonable argument for retaining it as a part of the state's revenue system without substantial change."

LVN PROGRAM — The Board of Vocational Nurse Examiners brought the total of vocational nurse training programs in the state to 114 when it accredited Deaf Smith County Hospital School of Vocational Nursing at Hereford and Groom Memorial Hospital School at Groom.

Licensing of 781 new vocational nurses as a result of October examinations brought the total number of licenses to 26,507 for women who have qualified since the Vocational Nurse Law went into effect on September 7, 1951.

INSTITUTION COST UP — Monthly operating cost of Travis State School has increased from \$76.57 per student in 1960 to \$86.46 in 1962.

State Auditor C. H. Caveness says this reflects a general rise in operating costs of state



OPERATIONALLY READY — Lt. Col. Pete D. Pavick, commander, 5th Missile Battalion, presents Capt. Richard F. Wasiewski, commander, Battery B, with the 5th Missile Battalion Operational Readiness Evaluation Award and the Radar Bomb Score Award. Battery B was awarded the ORE and RBS awards for the first quarter fiscal year 1963. (U. S. ARMY PHOTO.)

elemosynary institutions. CHRISTMAS AND TRAGEDY — Christmas is the happiest time of the year for most of us, according to the Texas Safety Association.

However, it always is marked by tragedies that can be prevented, TSA warns.

Carelessness around inflammable trimmings such as Christmas wrappings and tree decorations will spoil the holiday for some families, says a TSA note of caution.

Simple safety precautions can make yours a safe and joyous Christmas, the Safety association adds.

NO INAUGURAL TICKETS — A ticket-less inaugural of Governor-elect John B. Connally and Lt. Governor-elect Preston Smith is the order for January 15.

William C. Long, general chairman of the Austin Inaugural Committee, emphasized that all inaugural functions will be open to all Texans without admission tickets.

The formal inaugural will be conducted under direction of the Legislature at noon at the Capitol.

Preceding it will be a dedicatory prayer breakfast at 8 a.m., to which the public also is invited. Following the inauguration ceremony, there will be an Inaugural Parade on Congress Avenue, featuring military units, high school bands and civic floats.

A massive reception in the Capitol building is scheduled for the same evening. Entertainment will be provided in the Senate and House chambers.

TEXAS 41st IN WELFARE — Texas ranks 41st in the nation in point of per capita expenditures for public welfare.

Department of Public Welfare says the state's per capita expenditure of state and local funds is \$5.15. National average is \$10.56.

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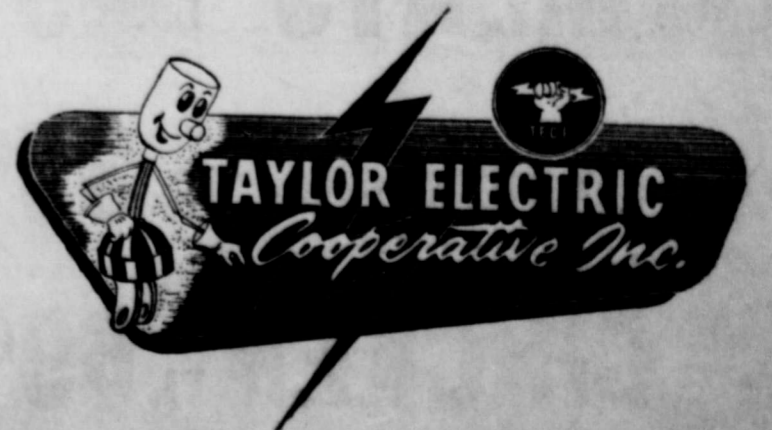
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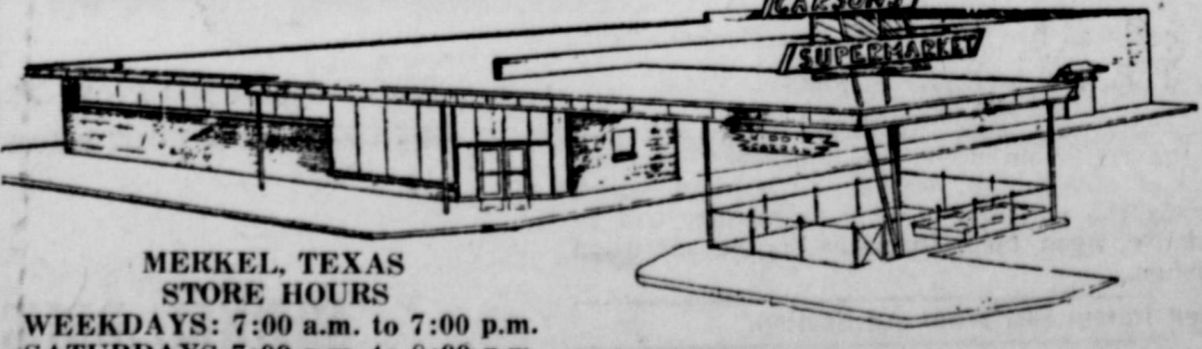
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