

# Collision

# Kills Two

## Two Others Considered To Be In A Serious State

# THE ROUNDUP

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## Christmas Tree-Lighting Planned For 17 December

Final plans for Christmas holiday festivities at Reese were rapidly being completed this week. Among the events scheduled are tree lighting ceremonies, childrens' parties and prizes for best decorations.

The annual tree lighting ceremony will be held at 2000 hours on 17 December at the main gate. In what is expected to be gala affair, all Christmas lights on the base will be turned on at this time. Participating in the ceremony will be the protestant choir under direction of A-2C Albert Knott, and the base childrens' chorus directed by Capt. Rodney Cron and assisted by Fred Huffman, Red Cross field director. Music will be played by the 514th Air Force Band under direction of WOJG Robert L. Kaler. Master of ceremonies will be Chaplain (Maj.) Alvin A. Katt who was instrumental in planning events for the coming holiday season.

Col. C. P. West will extend Yuletide greetings to the expected crowd of spectators. The ceremony is open to the public and many citizens of neighboring communities are expected to attend. Chaplain (Capt.) Gerald F. McCarthy will give the benediction.

The entire ceremony will be broadcast over radio station KFYO. On the following day, 18 December, a childrens' Christmas party will be held in the base theater at 1600 hours. Last year's party for the kids was a big success and approximately 500 persons attended. This year, even more kids are expected to be present when

Santa Claus presents each child with a gift. Refreshments will be served and parents accompanying the small fry will probably get as much enjoyment from the party as the youngsters. Colonel West will greet the kiddies and music will be furnished by the base band. A-2C Bob Knaus will render organ music and the base childrens' chorus, led by Mr. Huffman, will sing.

Chaplain Katt, who did an enviable job of emceeing last year, will again be master of ceremonies.

Parents who wish to bring their children to the party and receive a gift should fill out a questionnaire form which has been distributed to all squadrons. It was pointed out by Chaplain Katt that the questionnaires should be filled out and returned to the Base Chapel no later than 15 December in order to receive gifts.

Much of the work and planning (Continued on Page eight)

### Lt. Marjorie Shute Leaving for USAF

Second Lt. Marjorie Shute, assigned to the 3500th USAF Hospital at Reese as a nurse since last May 22, received orders this week to report to Camp Kilmer, N. J., for further assignment to the 3rd Air Force in Europe. She is scheduled to report January 28. Lt. Shute is a graduate of St. Elizabeth's hospital, Boston, and was a nurse at Addison Gilbert hospital, Cloucester, Mass., prior to entering service at the time of assignment to Reese.

A driver who is charged in civil court with "murder by motor vehicle" while intoxicated was blamed this week for the death of three Reese personnel and serious injury to two other airmen.

Dead are: 1st Lt. Harold E. Standley, instructor pilot; A-2C William C. Key, Food Service

squadron; and Mrs. Sonia Ruth Standley, wife of the lieutenant. Seriously injured are A-3C Ernest M. Hegland, Supply squadron, in Lubbock Memorial hospital; and A-3C Kenneth D. Luttrell, PTW, in Reese hospital, where he was moved Monday night.

The highway accident which involved the lieutenant and airmen occurred at the intersection of State Highway 290 and Farm Road 1073, three miles east of the base about 1815 hours Sunday.

Lt. Standley had visited his wife, seriously ill in Reese hospital, and apparently had started to Lubbock to secure some medicine to aid her. At the main gate he stopped to pick up the airmen, Hegland getting in the front seat of the automobile and the other two in the back seat. The lieutenant was driving toward Lubbock, witnesses said, when he approached the intersection. Coming from the north

was the heavily loaded truck, containing cotton, driven by Joe Raymond Smith of Marathon.

Neither car slowed up for the intersection, Texas highway patrolmen said, and Smith failed to heed the two signs on 1073, one which said: "Through Highway, Danger" and the other "STOP."

No one in the Standley car saw the truck until it was in the middle of the road, Luttrell told Joe Lopez, Reese ground safety director. Lt. Standley swerved his Buick sharply to the right and the vehicle and truck crashed together, almost broadside. The auto turned over several times, witnesses said, and the truck was overturned. Witnesses ran to the cars, amid a shower of loose cotton. Lt. Standley apparently was dead, killed instantly. Airman Key, who was riding in the left rear position, was rushed to a Lubbock hospital, where he died an hour later. Airman Hegland received a crushed skull and internal injuries. His condition was still critical. Airman Luttrell received a broken pelvis, broken shoulder, and internal injuries. It was thought he will recover.

The truck driver was unhurt. Witnesses said that as they worked to rescue the injured he wandered among them, hampering efforts to extract the Reese personnel from the car wreckage, and asking: "Anyone want to talk to the driver of that truck? It was me. Anyone want to talk to the driver of that truck? Anyone want to talk to me?"

The wing chaplain later advised Mrs. Standley in the base hospital that her husband had not reached Lubbock to get her medicine, that he had been killed. Shortly before 1300 Monday Mrs. Standley died. Death was attributed to heart trouble and diabetes.

Meantime, the truck driver, Smith, was held in the Lubbock county jail. State patrolmen signed a complaint, alleging "murder by motor vehicle" in the death of Lt. Standley. The complaint charged that Smith was intoxicated, that while under the influence of intoxicating liquor he drove a motor vehicle on the highway, and that while "illegally" driving he caused the lieutenant's death. Smith was taken before a justice of the peace (Continued on Page eight)

### The Sergeant's Not So Unhappy Since He Missed Havoc

S-Sgt. John G. Jones was not so happy because of the delay in leaving Reese last week end on conclusion of his tour of duty. He was getting out of service and wanted to be on his way toward Tampa, Fla., where he had a job in civilian life. He wanted his final pay — and quick. He had his goals set as stop-overs with his wife and son along the way.

Vicksburg, Miss., was the Saturday night overnight stop he had set up. Why all this delay in getting his pay? Finance just couldn't be rushed.

It was about 1000 hours Saturday when the sergeant was paid and it was almost noon before his automobile headed east. Vicksburg was out of the question for the overnight stop. Sgt. Jones was much disgusted. He wanted to leave his intelligence section and Officer club duties far behind.

But one never knows. Had the sergeant reached Vicksburg when he planned, he would have been right in the middle of the Saturday tornado which hit that city late in the afternoon, killed a large number of persons, injuring a lot more and wrecking buildings. In fact, martial law in the city forbid anyone to come in or leave. Sgt. Jones, as it was, was far from the high wind area.

### OFFICERS TO SCHOOL

First Lts. Lawrence A. Erickson, John Scott, and Francis J. Brook of the 3501st Pilot Training Squadron, have been assigned in TDY to attend the 10-weeks Squadron Officers' course at Maxwell AFB, attached to the Air Command and Staff School, in Class 54-1A, starting January 11. They are scheduled to return to Reese on conclusion of instruction.

### T. Ireland Becomes New CPO at Reese; C. Lunn Resigns

Tom Ireland, who helped organize personnel matters at Reese Air Force Base when it was reactivated October 1, 1949, Monday became civilian personnel officer at the base.

Ireland came to Reese in 1949 as position classifier, the same position he held at Barksdale AFB, La. He remained until March 31, 1950, when he joined a Lubbock firm in private industry. He again went to Reese last September 21, as employee utilization officer, holding the post until this week, when he stepped into the position held previously by Charles E. Lunn resigned.

Ireland is a native of Fort Worth and formerly attended the University of Texas as a business administration major. He served during the last World War with a B-29 group on Guam, working for the Veterans administration in Shreveport, La., on his return from service. He left the VA to go to Barksdale AFB.

The new CPO lives with his wife, the former Faye Stone of Eastland, and daughter, Janis, 2, at 3208 Thirtieth street.

## Historians Put Finishing Touches To 5th Decade

# U.S. Cheers 50 Years Of Powered Flight

Aviation historians this month are placing final touches on volumes and articles dealing with the 50th anniversary of Powered Flight filling in all the details of just what is occurring in development of the "flying machine."

Much of their writings are centered on the power and speed of jets, but all have found it necessary to return to the date of December 17, 1903, when the Wright Brothers, Orville and Wilbur, flew for the first time.

First efforts to make flying machines, the historians find, were based on the principle of flapping bird wings. But no one could put this principle into successful practice. Octave Chanute, for whom Chanute Air Force Base is named, wrote a book in 1894 on progress of the flying machine. In it he detailed every step which had been taken in testing aircraft. The Wright Brothers studied that volume, and from it came the first successful airplane.

They found flaws in the scientific approach to flying machines. They found most planning had the wrong approach. And so they built their

own wind tunnel in their bicycle shop in Dayton, O., and they experimented. Their biggest problem was how to construct serviceable wings, how to attain sufficient power, and how the plane might be balanced and steered. The latter still is a major problem.

Soon they thought they had the answers. They built their own engine — and their own aircraft. Then they went to Kittyhawk, N. C. for the tests. On the first experiment the shaft broke; on the second trial the engine stalled and the plane crashed before take-off. But on the third attempt success came.

The plane went into the air by running up a ramp, as a weight pulled it forward. The first flight was marked by waves as the kite-like plane rose and dropped — for all of 120 feet. But it stayed up 12 seconds.

There were five people out to see that first test; three of them were coast guardsmen sent out to guard. One of the guardsmen ran to town and yelled: "They've done it." The Wright Brothers sent a telegram to their father, telling of

it. No one seemed much interested in their success. But no Dayton newspaper used the story, except a small one, which merely quoted the father as claiming his sons had flown.

The general impression around Kittyhawk was that "If God wanted us to fly, He would have given us wings."

It flew four times that day, the longest flight covering 852 feet and 59 seconds aloft. On that final flight gusts of wind crashed the plane and it was never flown again.

The Wrights built other planes and in 1907 an Aeronautical section was formed in the Army Signal Corps and the United States government bought a Wright plane for experimental purposes. Orville Wright flew one hour and two minutes the day he delivered the plane.

Lt. Tom Selfridge, for whom Selfridge AFB, Mich., is named, was the first military man to fly with the Wrights, and he was the first flyer to die as he was killed in a September 17, 1908, crash in which Orville Wright was badly

hurt. Lt. Frederick E. Humphrey was the first military man to pilot a plane. Then came Lt. Frank P. Lahm, who had flown with his father in a dirigible and for whom Reese pilots have named one of their Tiger flights. Lt. Lahm set up the first pilot basic training. Lt. Henry H. (Hap) Arnold, fighter pilot for aviation, for whom Reese has named another flight, was the third military man to fly.

Historians also find they must credit heavily a stunt flyer, Lincoln Beachey, who in 1910 conquered the spin for the first time when he applied principles of a skidding automobile to aerial skids — and whipped the menace.

The historians also find they must write, in their history of aviation, how Americans, using foreign planes better than the foreigners, set major records in World War I. And they find that it was Americans who made war flying a major business in the same war and stopped the previous practice of enemy scouting plane pilots waving in friendly fashion were the first to take a few shots at enemy scouts to bring them

down.

The historians also find they must write on how hard it was for aviation enthusiasts in government to sell the Congress and how the United States entered World War I with 53 planes, 35 pilots, and 1087 enlisted men.

But after World War I the picture shown historians became brighter and America was ever in the lead in production and development.

It was the US which dropped the first aerial bombs, set distance and altitude records, flew first by instruments alone, made the first world air tour, and led other advancements.

Historians and aviation leaders and students during 1953 centered attention on the 50th anniversary of powered flight and cited thousands of advancements. But none was able to write a complete history of aviation without mention of the Wright Brothers bicycle shop in Dayton, Ohio, and of December 17, 1903, when a flying machine stayed in the air 12 seconds and traveled 120 feet under its own power.

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Your Chapel

By 1st Lt. Robert E. Quigg  
 Years ago, when Captain Alexander Livingston was serving as Mate on the good ship TURRET-BELL, his vessel went aground on a hard reef off Prince Edwards Islands during a storm. The gale was so bad that the crew was unable even to launch a lifeboat, and, in the very sight of farm folks standing helpless on a high cliff above them, the ship began to break up.

In desperation, the crew rigged up a handkerchief-parachute, tied a string to it, and flung it high into the air. The wind carried it straight toward the cliff but repeatedly a downdraft of air plunged it into the sea. Again they made a kite, with an old tin can for a tail, which, after much whipping around, finally landed on the cliff. To the twine they attached a line, and to the line a howser. Then, with a ho's'n's chair they managed to get every man safely ashore.

Prayer is something like that. Our petitions are like kites lifted up into the realms of heaven, where God awaits to receive them. Through them we make ever more powerful contact with Him, and by them we ourselves are finally drawn close and safe into his presence.

ROBERT E. QUIGG  
 Ch (1-Lt.) USAF  
 Deputy Wing Chaplain

The officers, airmen, and families of the Hq Sq M&S Group and 3505th Maintenance Squadron are sponsors of the Chapel Services on 13 December 1953. All military and civilian personnel and their dependents are cordially invited to join these two squadrons as they worship in the following services at the Chapel.

**PROTESTANT SERVICES:**  
 Bible School (all ages) 1000 Sunday Morning Worship 1100 Sunday Ladies Christian Fellowship Circle meeting at 1430 hours at the home of Mrs. Robert Quigg, 212 Harmon Drive, Reese Village. In addition to the regular meeting there is to be a gift exchange and each lady is requested to bring a small gift, the cost of which is not to exceed 50 cents. Mrs. Hugh Cole is assisting with the hospitalities.

**CATHOLIC SERVICES:**  
 Sunday Masses 0830 and 1215 Daily Mass 1645 Confessions Saturday 1900 and 2100 Daily Rosary Devotions 1830 Novena and Benediction 1930 Thursday Legion of Mary 2000 Thursday

Half the motor car registrations of the United States are in eight states — California, New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Illinois, Texas, Michigan, and New Jersey.

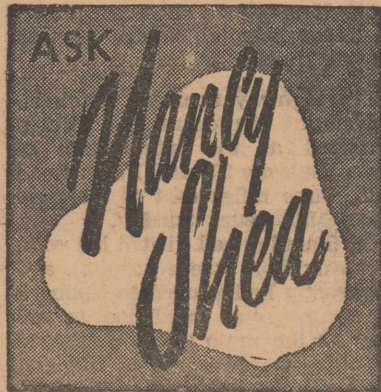
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A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Weather conditions around Scott field make it necessary for Mrs. Shea to leave for a warmer climate due to her ill health. This will, therefore, be the last column of "Ask Nancy Shea" that we of the Roundup staff shall have the privilege of bringing you. I hope you have enjoyed it, and too, that some of you have found it worthwhile.

1. Is a house trailer considered adequate housing?

If your question refers to government provided trailers, Air Force Manual 173-20 says "Any sleeping accommodations owned or leased by the government is considered adequate housing." In any case, your base housing officer for local interpretation.

2. Dear Mrs. Shea:  
 Should a husband make a last will and testament when his wife has power of attorney?

Millie, a Sergeant's wife

Dear Millie:  
 Yes. Your power of attorney becomes void upon the death of your husband?

3. Why do some bases and city firms refuse employment to military dependents, even when they are well qualified for the position?  
 Usually employers feel that military dependents are too transient for steady employment.

4. Some Club members enjoy refreshments such as cocktails and beer before and after meetings. What is your opinion on this subject?

I think it is purely a personal matter. Perhaps it might be better if the members waited until after the meeting for refreshments.

5. Should NCO wives be expected to join their club the same as Officer wives?

Certainly.  
 6. When the husband's Squadron has a beer party and wives are invited, is the wife obligated to attend even when she knows many men at the party will over-indulge and possibly use foul language and boisterous remarks?

If a wife does not wish to attend a beer party she simply excuses herself saying that she has accepted another engagement.

6. Dear Mrs. Shea:  
 When a husband is away on TDY should a wife accept invitations to evening parties?

Sharon, a Major's wife  
 Only if she goes with another couple or in a group.

7. Dear Mrs. Shea:  
 What is the primary function of an Officers' Wives Club: welfare or social?

An Officer's wife, Moody AFB  
 Welfare should always be first, and the social side is only the lubricant that oils the machinery of a smooth functioning Club.

TODAY — "A Yank in the R.A.F." starring Tyrone Power, Betty Grable and John Sutton.

Service Club — Dance to the music of the base orchestra.

NCO Club — Bingo night.  
 Officers Club — Dance, sponsored by M&S group with Preston Love and his orchestra.

SATURDAY — "Hannah Lee," co-starring MacDonald Carey, Joanne Dru and John Ireland.

Service Club — Children's dance class, 1400 hours.

NCO Club — Informal dance featuring Frank Smith.  
 Officers Club — Informal dance with the Jack Fuller quintet.

SUNDAY — "Paratrooper," with Alan Ladd and also starring Leo Genn.

Service Club — Recreational NCO Club — Juke box dancing.  
 Officers Club — Dinner, at 2130 hours.

MONDAY — "Paratrooper," with Alan Ladd.  
 Service Club — Base orchestra will furnish dancing music.

NCO Club — Open house.  
 Officers Club — Game night.

TUESDAY — "Geraldine," with John Carroll and Mala Powers.  
 Service Club — Game night and TV.

NCO Club — Bingo and informal dance with Bob Lamont.  
 Officers Club — Bingo and Bar-B-Q beef dinner.

WEDNESDAY — "The Glass Web," starring Edward G. Rob-

inson, John Forsythe and Marcia Henderson.

Service Club — Bingo, 2000 hours

NCO Club — Open house.  
 Officers Club — Open house.

THURSDAY — "John Smith and Pocahontas," co - starring Anthony Dexter and Jody Lawrence

Service Club — Coffee at 2000 hours.  
 NCO Club — Open house.

Officers Club — Women's Club program tea, 1330.

SHOW----

----BIZ

By ROBERT E. LYONS  
 JOC, USN  
 (Managing Editor, AFPS)

A MISSING STAR

When Paramount's "Cease Fire" had its world premiere in New York last month, one of the 14 soldier-stars was not on hand for the gala opening. Pfc. Ricardo Carrasco had been fighting in Korea five months prior to his assignment as an actor in the combat film. He had one of the two "fatal" roles in the film — meeting death as a result of an exploding mine.

The El Paso, Tex., infantryman was restless during the filming of the movie because his company was undergoing heavy fighting. He asked the director, Owen Crump, to stage his 'death' scene ahead of schedule so he could rejoin his outfit. Crump yielded. Four days later word was received that Carrasco had died in combat during the last days of the fighting in Korea.

PROP COLLECTOR

Lex Barker has made a practice of saving a souvenir from each of his pictures as a reminder of the role he played. From Warner Bros.' "Thunder Over the Plains," in which he stars with Randolph Scott and Phyllis Kirk, Barker is keeping the captain's epaulets worn on his Army uniform. He portrays a Union Army officer assigned to help keep law and order in Texas during post-Civil War days.

RADIO-TELEVISION

With the aid of newly developed portable processing equipment and the U.S. Air Force, CBS was the first to present coverage of Queen Elizabeth's recent arrival in Bermuda. An AF plane delivered the newsfilm from Bermuda to Mitchell AFB, N. Y., by 6:13 p.m., it was picked up by motorcycle courier at 6:25 and arrived at the studio, unprocessed, at 7:10. TV viewers saw the film at 7:40 p.m.

Bill Conrad, who stars as Matt Dillon in the radio adventure series "Gunsmoke," is an Air Force WWII vet. He entered the AF as a cadet in 1942. He later became a fighter pilot but spent his last year of military duty with Armed Forces Radio Service and was separated with the rank of captain.

TECH MUSEUM

calendar

Museum Hours:

8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

8 a.m. to 12 noon Saturday.

2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday.

December 13-1400

Special Christmas program "The Star of Bethlehem," given at 30 minute intervals in the Planetarium. Admission—adults 50 cents, and children 25 cents.

1400 —180

Exhibition "Miracle of Birth," in Members' Room with film, "In the Beginning," in the Auditorium. Free.

"Drawings by Nichoai Fechin," Rotunda Gallery.

"Faces and Figures of Four Centuries," from the collection of John Meigs of San Patricio, New Mexico. Art Gallery.

Hobby Show. Unusual plates from the collection of Mrs. Vera Maxey and Mrs. F. W. Groce, Historical Gallery.

Treasure of the Month. Portrait pots of the Incas of Peru.

December 14-1930

Special Christmas program "The Star of Bethlehem," Planetarium.

December 19-2100-2200

Children's Art Workshop and Junior Art Workshop. Historical Gallery.

Museum closed for Christmas Holidays — Dec. 20 — Jan. 3.

Lieutenant Landrum Going to Far East

First Lt. William W. Landrum, assigned to Reese since April 17, 1951, received orders this week to report to Parks AFB for further assignment to the 5th Air Force in the Far East. He is assigned to the instrument school at Reese, following extended service as flight instructor.

Lt. Landrum was commissioned November 20, 1944, and became a first lieutenant January 7, 1951. He is a graduate of Gainesville Junior college and has almost completed work toward his law degree at Baylor university.

He served as air officer in Japan from July 2, 1945, to August 13, 1946, and holds the Occupation, World War II Victory, Asiatic - Pacific, and American Campaign medals.

R&G Meeting Today

The Reese Rod and Gun Club, it is announced, will hold its regular meeting Friday afternoon on 11 December instead of Monday night as is the usual custom. Time set for the commencement of the meeting is 1400 to take place in building T-555. All members are urged to attend.

IT'S A . . .

30 November

Girl, Suzanna L., 6 lbs. 6 1/2 oz., to A-1C Richard and Mary Tucker.  
 Girl, Teresa D., 6 lbs. 12 1/2 oz., to Pfc. Dwayne and Viola Young.  
 Boy, Gordon E., 7 lbs. 1 oz., to A-2C Alvin and Icyeele Richey.

2 December

Boy, James J., 7 lbs. 5 1/4 oz., to secret agent Joseph and Elizabeth Lipko.  
 Girl, name not available, 6 lbs. 5 1/2 oz., to Pfc. Luce and Delores Mendoza.

Boy, Michael A., 7 lbs. 9 1/2 oz., to Victor and Alma Richie.

7 December

Girl, Susan, 7 lbs. 13 oz., to Daniel and Jacquelin McLaughlin.  
 Girl, Debra A., 7 lbs. 11 oz., to T-Sgt. Douglass and Rosmary Duckett.

8 December

Girl, name not available, 4 lbs. 1 oz., to Pfc. Melvin and Betty Madlock.

Girl, name not available, 8 lbs. 11 1/2 oz., to M-Sgt. Albert and Helen Hasty.

Girl, name not available, 6 lbs. 12 oz., to A-1C Carl and Wilma Davis.

Girl, name not available, 8 lbs. 13 1/2 oz., to Capt. James and Margorie May.

AACS Detachment Now 44 in Number

With the arrival of A-2C Jesse L. Welsh, A-1C Lyle D. Murphy and A-2C Dale L. Logan, the organizational strength of the 15th AACS Detachment here at Reese rose to a total of 44 men. These men reported here from a 30 day delay enroute after completing a tour of duty overseas.

A-2C Donald F. Green, A-2C Stanley D. Wheeler and A-3C Frederick W. Hansen, have been alerted for overseas assignment, in the Far-East, and are looking forward to the trip across the wide Pacific. A-B Lee A. Burgess has been alerted for overseas assignment in Alaska. He too is looking forward to the trip — North, that is.

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# On-Base English And Math Study To be Continued

Continuation of the night classes in English and math after the first of the year was announced today by J. F. Reeves of the Education Office. "As a general preparation for the high school level GED test and review of freshman math and English, these courses in the past, have proved very beneficial to all men who have completed them," he says.

According to Mr. S. A. Followill, math instructor, a study of algebra will begin next week in his mathematics class. The English class will continue its study of grammar, punctuation, and spelling. Added emphasis will be placed on letter and theme writing as well as public speaking.

These classes are held weekly in Bldg. T-647, the classroom where Drivers' training is taught. English classes are on Monday nights from 1830 to 2130, math classes on Thursday nights at the same hours. Great benefits can be derived from the courses regardless of a man's past education. You can attend these classes at no cost; books are provided and a storehouse of knowledge may be obtained.

Men interested in enrolling in either class are requested to contact the education office, Bldg. T-421, or phone 437.

## Sgt. B. W. Lance Announces His Plan to Wed Texas Lass

T-Sgt. B. W. Lance has announced his engagement to a pretty Texan, namely, Miss Jean Gibson. Miss Gibson currently resides at 2511 36th St. in Lubbock. A party commemorating their engagement was held recently at the NCO Club. Tentative date for the final step is still undecided.

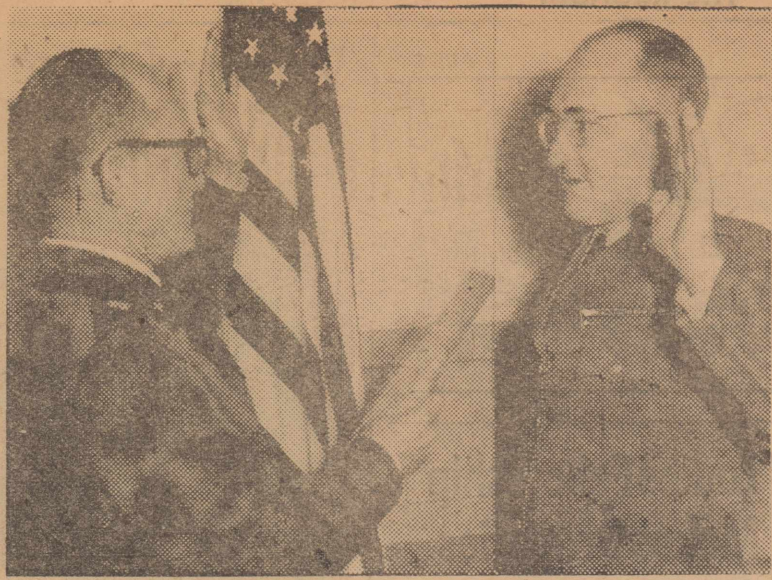
T-Sgt. Nelson E. Owens has recently returned from Rossford, Ohio, where he attended the Joint Military Packing school. Sergeant Owens graduated with high honors placing him second in his class. The sergeant mingled business with a bit of pleasure when he, accompanied by his wife, took 22 days leave from military duty in conjunction with his school assignment.

Celebrating their recent annexation of the trophy naming them "Champions" of the touch football league at Reese, the Supply football squad was honored with a steak dinner presented by their commanding officer, Colonel Richard L. Boulware. Reports indicated a good time for all members attending.

## League Bowling

Hq Sq PTG	19
Hq Sq PTW	16
Base Engineering Group	15
Hq Sq ABG	14
Air Police Sq	14
Motor Vehicle Sq	14
Medical Group	13
Supply Sq	11
Food Service Sq	11
3501st Maintenance Sq	11
3502nd Maintenance Sq	9
Cadet "B"	9
3505th Maintenance Sq	7
Cadet "A"	5
<b>TOP BOWLERS</b>	
Spencer	PTG
Pruneski	PTW
McCullough	CADET "B"
Fornoff	PTW
<b>OFFICERS LEAGUE</b>	
PTG	13
M&S Group	16
Student Officers	16
Student Gp Perminant Party	11
Section 2-Flight 8	10
Section 1-Flight 4	11
Section 2-Flight 6	12
Section 1-Flight 3	8
PTW Hqs	7
ABG	7
Medical Group	6

Patents for barbed wire were issued to Joseph F. Glidden in 1874.



**THIRD TIME UP** — S-Sgt. Blake H. Gragston, member of the Reese Air Police squadron and assigned to the fire-fighting brigade here, receives the oath from Major Homer L. Parsons, base recruiting officer. Discharged on 1 December, Sergeant Gragston was sworn in on Dec. 2 - this time for six years.

# Tech Choir To Sing At Reese Monday

Texas Tech's widely known and highly rated 55-voice choir will come to Reese Monday to present a major portion of the AIP program in base theatre. Programs will be at 1030 and 1300 hours, with no AIP for any other day during the week.

The choir, directed by Dr. Gene Hemmle, head of the Tech music department, plans to offer mostly Christmas music in its two Reese appearances, with the same program at each AIP meeting.

The 1953 choir has reached a new peak in the music field of the Southwest and has been invited to sing with the Dallas Symphony orchestra in one of its artists' series on March 28, when it will present Bach Contata No. 4 (Christ Lay in Death's Bond) in German. In addition, the choir has arranged several tours, seasonal programs, and guest appearances from now until June.

Dr. Hemmle, who has built one of the Southwest's best choral groups at Tech, has announced that at Reese the choir will sing:

## Reese Sergeant Adds Another Step to His AF Retirement Ladder

"That I will bear true faith and allegiance to the United States of America; that I will serve them faithfully against all their enemies whomsoever," are words spoken by S-Sgt. Blake H. Gragston as he was administered the oath last Wednesday by Major Homer L. Parsons, base recruiting officer.

When asked why he was motivated into reenlisting, Sergeant Gragston indicated that he planned to continue his career in the Air Force, working toward retirement. Secondly he stated that the Air Force offered the kind of security he was looking for.

Sergeant Gragston became a member of the Air Force team six years and nine months ago when he entered the service at Roswell, New Mexico and from there took his basic training at Lackland AFB.

## HOT AIR



"Say Ye to the Righteous" by Thompson; "Only Begotten Son" by Gretchaninoff; "Ye Shall Have a Song" by Thompson; Barber Shop numbers by the Harmoknights, a male quartet, and the Harmodears, a girls quartet; "You'll Never Walk Alone" and "Dream"; and "Set Down Servant" arranged by Shaw.

Frederick W. Huffman, Red Cross director at Reese, also will speak briefly during the program.

Dependents of Reese personnel and Lubbock citizens have been invited to attend the special AIP and good attendance is expected at both meetings Monday.

## Mixed Foursome

For the past five weeks, a league of bowlers here at Reese have been bowling in the Reese Alleys under the name of the "Mixed Foursome." This league is comprised of six teams with four members on each team.

So far the standings for high game have gone to Al Nagy of team six with 215 points and Don a Penyof team one with 205 points.

Early in the season the top five averages belong to Al Nagy, 166; Betty Payne, 164; Bill Crowder, 161; George Bokun, 161; and Don Payne, 161.

The league derives its name from the fact that each of the six teams has at least one woman among the names of its roster.

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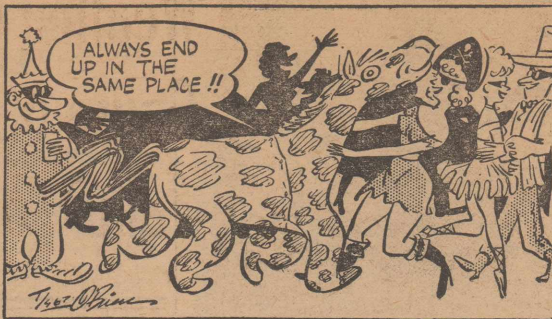
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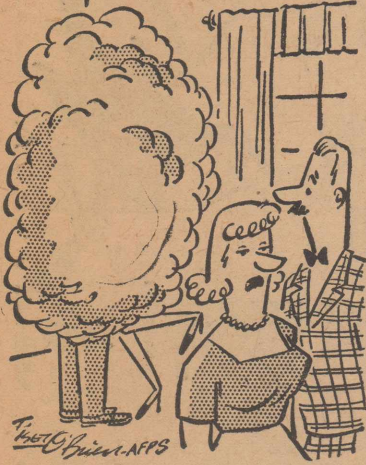
Washington (AFPS) — A flight of 15 USAF jets will make a month-long flying goodwill tour of Latin America beginning Jan. 16, 1954. C. Hood, USAF, CG of the Caribbean Air Command, the tour will be the first visit of modern jet AF plans to the Latin American republics.

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**Officers Wives Club**

By Mrs. Peter L. Coffield  
In view of the coming holidays, colorful Christmas parties are being given by personnel at Reese more frequently.

The Officers Wives Club attended a Christmas luncheon in the Officers Club on Thursday afternoon. Mrs. Peter L. Coffield, senior hostess, was assisted by Mesdames Richard L. Boulware, William O. Miller, Edward W. Kubin, Clarence W. Tripp and Robert F. Roesser.

Eggnog was served before luncheon on a table covered with a green cloth and centered with a Santa's head punch bowl flanked by red candles in silver candelabra. A Christmas creation of silvery blue starfoam and Christmas bells, surrounded by snowmen encircled by mistletoe, centered the speaker's table. Centers of adjoining tables were laid with sprays of greenery and clusters of Christmas balls. The dining room was decorated with large paper bells and balls hanging at intervals in the archways and windows. Mrs. Robert L. Wright presided at the business session.

Favors were presented to Mrs. Ben M. Kraas, Mrs. Robert L. Wright, and Mr. Harold E. McBride. Mrs. Irene Osborn was a guest.

Colonel and Mrs. Richard W. Phillips entertained Friday evening with a cocktail party for 20 guests. The serving table was centered with snowman flanked by green candles.

Captain Tommy Tomilson, US Navy, retired, and Mrs. Tomilson of Fayetteville, Arkansas, are guests in the home of Colonel and Mrs. Murray W. Crowder, Jr. Mrs. Crowder entertained with a coffee in honor of her house guest. The table was centered with a piece of gilded driftwood, hung with red apples tied with bows. Presiding at the coffee service were Mesdames Casper P. West, Robert L. Wright, and Raymond A. Lawn. Mrs. Frank Wise and Mrs. Thomas E. Carroll were also at the house party.

Also visiting is Mrs. Crowders' sister, Mrs. Robert Ramseur of Conroy, South Carolina.

Captain and Mrs. Elmer E. Ours recently entertained 30 guests with a cocktail party. The Ours and Captain and Mrs. Bob G. Miller are spending the week end in Juarez, Mexico and El Paso.

Lt. Colonel and Mrs. Richard L. Boulware and Lt. Colonel and Mrs. William O. Miller recently visited in El Paso and Juarez, Mexico.

Captain and Mrs. Donald L. Powell have returned from a visit

**Ladies Fellowship Makes Draperies**

The Ladies Christian Fellowship cancelled its monthly Salad Luncheon which was to have been held Tuesday, December 8, in order to make draperies for the new Youth Center here at Reese.

The Officer's Wives Club donated a large part of the money needed for material and the Fellowship donated the balance.

Those members assisting with the sewing were: Mesdames Len Jordan, Robert Quigg, Johnny Klinger, Gaylon Combs, Richard Pratt, Lawrence Teater, Bill McConnell, Leroy Gregory, Roy Garrison, H. E. Cole, and William Bridges.

The hard-working gals were fortified with good hot coffee and cookies served by Mes. Gregory and Bridges. Thanks again girls!! It really hit the spot.

We are proud and happy to say that the new drapes are completed and hung and pretty, too!!

We hope the kids will be as pleased with them as we are.

Good News!! The Ladies Christian Fellowship will have a column in the Roundup every week from now on, so be sure to get your Roundup and read the latest Fellowship goin's on. See you next week. Your Fellowship reporter.

**Chaplain Howard Gets Orders for Far East Duty Assignment**

Chaplain (Major) Harold B. Howard of Reese Air Force Base has received orders to report to Parks AFB, Calif., by 27 January for further assignment to the Far East.

Major Howard came to Reese March 1, 1952, following recall to service from pastorate of the First Presbyterian church of Lebanon, Tenn. He served during World War II from 1943 to 1946, most of the time in Europe, where he won five campaign stars and the European Theater of Operations ribbon.

He is a graduate of the Sedalia, Ky., high school, and of Bethel College, McKenzie, Tenn. He also attended the Chaplain's school in 1943 and 1952.

The chaplain, his wife, Chettie, and son, Harold B. Howard, Jr., are living at 3004-B 35th street.

with her aunt and uncle, M-Sgt. and Mrs. Steben S. Crowley, of White Sands Proving Grounds, New Mexico; and with Mr. and Mrs. Neil Lidstone in Las Cruces, New Mexico.

Major and Mrs. Jaffus M. Rodgers and her mother, Mrs. Vivian Overton of Birmingham, Ala., spent last week end on a sight-seeing trip to Carlsbad and Roswell, New Mexico, and El Paso and Juarez, Mexico.

**'J' Classmen Come From 28 States and One Foreign Country**

Anyone wishing to raise an argument over state leadership or quality of college athletic prowess probably could get a fine response in Class 54-J, recently arrived for pilot training at Reese AFB. There are 28 states and one foreign country, as well as 41 colleges and universities represented among the students. Former students of 41 high schools, who have not attended college, might have a word or so to say.

New York leads all other states as homes of the students, all cadets, with 13, while Ohio ranks second with 9, Illinois third with 7, California and Pennsylvania tied at 6 each, and Wisconsin with 5. Other states represented are: Arkansas, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, New Jersey, Oklahoma, Oregon, Rhode Island, Tennessee, Texas, Washington, and West Virginia. One student is from Oslo, Norway.

On the relative merits of colleges, spokesmen are in the class from such schools as Colgate, Tulsa, Wisconsin, Ohio, Syracuse, Harvard, UCLA, Kansas State, Penn State, Oklahoma, Michigan State, Seton Hall, and Purdue, as well as smaller or lesser known institutions.

And in the class of 88 cadets there is not a single man named Smith, Brown, Thompson, Jones, or Davis. There is only one Johnson.

**Far East Returnee Assigned Post Here**

Maj. Donald H. LaCount, recently returned from duties as chief of the Motor Vehicle division, 75th Air Depot Wing, Korea, has assumed command of the 3500th Motor Vehicle Squadron at Reese Air Force Base.

Major LaCount, whose home is in Pulaski, Wis., served in Europe from 1943 to 1947, and a second European tour from 1948 to 1950, and was in Korea over a year. He holds four battle stars from Europe and two from Korea. He has served 22 years and eight months, nine years as a commissioned officer and the remainder as an enlisted man. He entered service in

the major, his wife, the former G. Poffe of Charlorie, Belton, and four children, are living on Mitchell drive, Reese Village. The children are: Danny, 7; Yvonne, 6; Brian, 4; and Yvette

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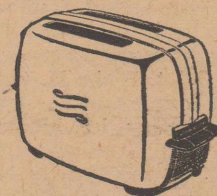
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**MID-MANAGEMENT SEMINAR**  
 Graduates are pictured upon completion of the 40-hour course last Monday. Designed for commanders and supervisors at Reese. This is the third seminar to be graduated here and has proven so successful. Front row, left to right, are Joe Lopez, C. C. Galbraith, T. O. Harrell, Col. C. P. West, base commanding personnel officer, J. M. Ogle and Lt. R. F. Roeser. Second row, Capt. A. H. Bruhn, Maj. B. S. Hockaday, Lt. W. D. Womack, Maj. J. Kube, Capt. C. W. Tripp, Capt. B. N. Banister, and Maj. A. J. Prim. Third row, Capt. A. M. Miny, Capt. D. E. Denworth, Capt. J. H. Lloyd, G. M. Turbeville, W. L. Roark and Tom Ireland. Not present for the picture was Capt. C. Sheridan. Members of the resources panel, who used all available resources in presenting a unique seminar, are Messrs. Galbraith, Harrell and Ogle.

### Origin of Christmas Revealed at Library

Under the slogan "Let's keep Christmas with books from our library," all squadron orderly rooms have been circularized with booklets and posters for their bulletin boards.

"At the library you will find a special collection of books on display. These books will help you to make your own Christmas Merry," said Mrs. Helen K. Fuller, base librarian. There are books on gift wrapping, making your own decorations, and the origin of Christmas customs, as well as books containing timely Christmas stories.

Mrs. Fuller says that if you are interested in just how Christmas customs came about, then, for your benefit and pleasure and profit, the base library has arranged exhibits illustrating and explaining the origin of many of our present day customs.

This display will be open to all Reese personnel until after the holidays.

About 37 per cent of the continent of Europe is farm land; about 10 per cent of North America is farmable; and smaller percentages of other continents can be farmed.

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## REPORT FROM WASHINGTON

Partial Christmas holiday payments to enlisted men have been left to the discretion of local Army and Air Force commanders this year, Army and AF finance officials in Washington reveal. The Navy and Marine Corps are paid twice a month and their finance officials don't feel it is necessary to make a partial payment to sailors and marines.

The 1952 MacKay Trophy was presented to the crew of a USAF RB45 Tornado jet bomber by USAF Chief of Staff Gen. Nathan F. Twining in a Pentagon ceremony, Nov. 30. The recipients, Maj. Louis H. Carrington, Maj. Frederick W. Shook, and Capt. Wallace D. Yancey, won the award for the first nonstop jet flight across the Pacific Ocean.

Air Force Secretary Harold E. Talbott has commended the volunteers of the Civil Air Patrol on the 12th anniversary of its founding, Dec. 1, 1941. The mission of the CAP is to assume much of the work of the Air Force Rescue Service in the U. S., and to support the Air Defense Command.

Frank H. Higgins has been named Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army (Materiel) by Assistant Secretary of the Army John Slezak. Mr. Higgins was a colonel in

### Armed Forces Doctor Strength to Decrease

Washington (AFPS) — There'll be approximately 1600 fewer medical doctors serving the Armed Forces during Fiscal Year 1955, according to a new Defense Department policy.

The reduction is being made because of expected slices into total troop strength and economy measures. No physician will be released before the expiration of normal tour of active duty, but 1600 doctors will not be replaced when their tours are completed.

#### SECRETARY WILSON SENDS CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

I extend to the men and women in the Armed Services and to their families my warmest greetings. Those who are far from home and who are separated from their loved ones are making a sacrifice in the cause of peace which this holiday season symbolizes. All of us hope that this cause will be strengthened throughout the world during the coming year.

Charles E. Wilson  
 Secretary of Defense

WWII and served as assistant to the Chief of Ordnance. He also helped operate the Marshall Plan in Western Europe under Paul Hoffman.

Maj. Gen. Richard W. Stephens, CG of the 3rd Armored Div., Ft. Knox, Ky., will succeed Maj. Gen. Robert L. Du laney as commander of the 47th Inf. Div., Camp Rucker, Ala., sometime in January.

Army promotions for the top four enlisted grades for the month of December total 63,100. They are as follows: E-7, 600; E-6, 3,600; E-5, 15,400; E-4, 43,500.

### Student Sq Moves Offices; Group O&T Shifted in Process

Transfer of offices of the 3500th Student squadron to Building T-832, where the Military Training section has been quartered, completed various moves in the Pilot Training group this week. Maj. Tobias Schindler, squadron commander, and his staff took offices adjoining those of Maj. Billy Hockaday, Military Training director, and his staff.

The office vacated by the squadron in Building T-815 will be used for an academic classroom.

Other moves in the group recently shifted the Training Analysis and Development section from offices of the group commander to a room two doors up the hall. The conference room was moved one door east in the building and the north-east terminal room became the electronics and radar academic classroom. Group operations and training also was shifted from the commander's office to the same room as TA&D.

The school secretary moved with his staff to the commander's office, taking space formerly used by TA&D and O&T.

Although the banana plant probably originated in Asia, most bananas used in the United States come from the Western Hemisphere.

## Weather Balloon Cause of Power Failure at Reese

High winds, a weather balloon, and freezing temperatures all had a hand in giving a flight line block a dark and cold reception Friday morning.

At about 0300 hours the weather detachment sent up a balloon in freezing winds to gather statistics. But the wind didn't do right and sent the helium-filled container toward power lines just north of Building T-61. There a cord, on which a light was suspended to permit observance in the darkness, became entangled in the wires and off went the power.

Buildings T-61, T-70, and T-64 were without electric current. This meant no lights, and no current to operate thermostats, and thus no heat.

When personnel reported in the buildings at 0800 everything was cold and dark, including offices of the Air Base Group, M&S group, a hangar for aircraft service stock, quality control, air inspector, flying safety officer, ground safety officer, and instrument school.

It took maintenance crews an hour and 15 minutes to replace wires involved, one of the muddled bare. It was almost 1000 hours before officers and airmen could remove their overcoats and feel comfortable.

### Army Engineers Help Bring Water to Town

Washington (AFPS) — Officials here report the Army is helping nearly waterless Edina, Mo., fill its reservoirs again.

The 333rd Engineer Pipeline Co. from Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo., 250 miles south of Edina, has laid a 4.8-mile combat pipeline from a nearby lake to the town in an effort to ease the water shortage.

In bird migrations, the male birds tend to reach summer quarters before the females.

### First Nurses of AF

Thule AB, Greenland (AFPS) — Two Air Force nurses, Capt. S. M. Schadt and Lt. Christine Stevens, have arrived here for duty. They are the first women to be permanently assigned so near the North Pole in the history of the U.S. Armed Forces.

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## Parachutes Must Be In Tip-Top Condition

"There are no mistakes in parachutes — it's called murder." When M-Sgt. N. E. Henderson, NCOIC of the Reese parachute section, received a tech order encircled with red crosses calling for immediate action on a modification to be made on all servicable parachutes, he and his staff went to work trying to comply with the order in quick time. This is the first time Sergeant Henderson remembers seeing an order for such fast action in 14 years, at least concerning parachutes.

A triangular piece of nylon had to be sewn on each harness to prevent the wearer from slipping out when jolted in mid-air as the chute opens.

Not being able to get the necessary nylon in time to comply with the order, a piece of reinforced cotton cloth was used in its place. Nylon tape to be used in the reinforcing was available, but it was the wrong size. Nevertheless; when the chutes are modified using this substitute material, they will be perfectly safe, although, when

the nylon shipment arrives, the job will have to be done from start to finish again.

Sergeant Henderson stated that by today he expects to have every workable chute on the base complete with the new section sewed across the back of the harness. By last Wednesday, at least 540 had been sewn, inspected, repacked and returned to the parachute pool on the flight line.

This modification is being worked into a four step process used in the usual inspecting and repacking routine by the 11 persons under Sergeant Henderson's supervision.

Parachutes must be inspected, dried and repacked here once every sixty days. Members of the personal equipment crew pick up the chutes at the line pools and transport them to the first inspection center where they are unpacked and carefully inspected for minute damages and mal-functions. From there they are hung to dry in the tall tower known as the

Washington (AFPS) — Plans for 24-hour maintenance of anti-aircraft artillery sites to be manned by National Guard units have been outlined by Maj. Gen. Edgar C. Erickson, Chief of the National

Guard Bureau. The program calls for National Guard AAA units in 26 states and the District of Columbia to augment Regular Army units in defense against air attack.



**PARACHUTE RIGGERS** — Mrs. M. Turner and Mr. R. Brag string the chute on these two-44 foot tables when they repack the parachute. This entire operation requires 45 minutes. After being repacked, the chutes are sent from here to the fabric workers who repair and restitch harness and bindings.

"Well" for approximately eight hours under temperature conditions of 78 degrees Fahrenheit, or until the next day. It is here that all moisture accumulated in the material is evaporated. The chute covering is checked for foreign matter or grease which would tend to rot the threading, making it unsafe.

Taken then to two of the 44 foot long repacking tables, the chutes are repacked expertly. At this stage of the process they are given over to the fabric and leather workers who sew the triangular piece of cotton cloth onto the harness. Further checking is done now to insure that all necessary repairs have been made and placed in bins where the parachute pool workers take them back to the line for use.

From the time the parachutes are brought to the inspection center, till they are returned, three complete inspections have been made on each and every one.

Sergeant Henderson's crew of 11, comprised of six women and three men on civilian status, along with two airmen, have more at hand than the every day routine mentioned above. There is always the job of resewing, replacing snaps and a gross of other details, for which eight machines are in use practically all the time.

Back in one corner, rows of shoes line the wall. Here, the airmen and civilian personnel may bring shoes for resole, halfsole and reheel conditioning.

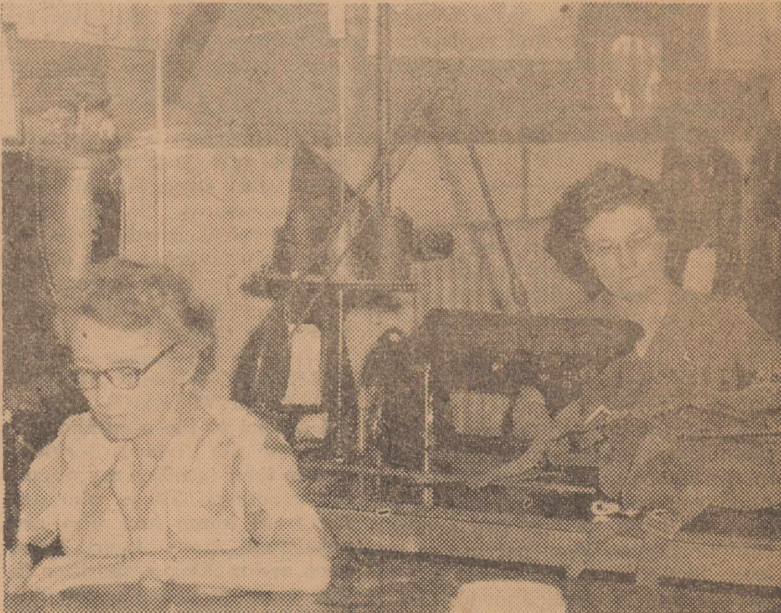
Added to this, when an airman buys clothes at the clothing supply store, and they don't fit, he may bring them to the parachute shop within six months where they will be tailored to fit, free of charge, if they are accompanied by a signed certificate from his squadron commander.

The motto of the parachute section is, "If you've got a pattern, we'll make the item for you." This is performed true to the letter. Anything made from cloth, leather or fabric can be turned out by Sergeant Henderson and his staff, whom he will match against any other crew on the base. Going over some of the work orders turned into his section, he found that they had made fixtures for oxygen masks, safety belts and shoulder harnesses and blind flying hooks. Along with this, leather aprons, sound proofing for C-47s and the orange and white checkered flags seen on the staff cars and vehicles on the line. Ear phone pads, nose wheel covers, pitot tube covers and tool bags and tool pouches. Added to this they fix the dust excluders in the T-28s.

The inspection center has never fallen behind in the packing of parachutes. The whole process of taking the open, dried chute and putting it on the long tables and packing it for use on the line requires at least 45 minutes for each one. It's not a long time but the wrong move may mean the life of a U. S. air man. The person who stakes his life on the packing of this little pile of silk is willing



**HANDTACKING** — of metal strips is done here by Mrs. T. Williams while M-Sgt Henderson, NCOIC of Reese's parachute section takes the harness apart. This is done so holes may be punched in the strips making it easier for the fabric workers to re sew.



**AT MACHINE NO 1** — Mrs Weaver makes the triangular cotton pieces and re-enforces them with nylon tape which at machine no. II Mrs. Mears sews the stripes on the parachute harness. Next, metal strips are sewn into the ripchord pockets by Mrs. Camp, not shown), senior fabric worker.

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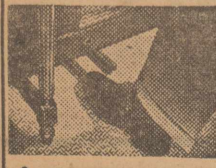
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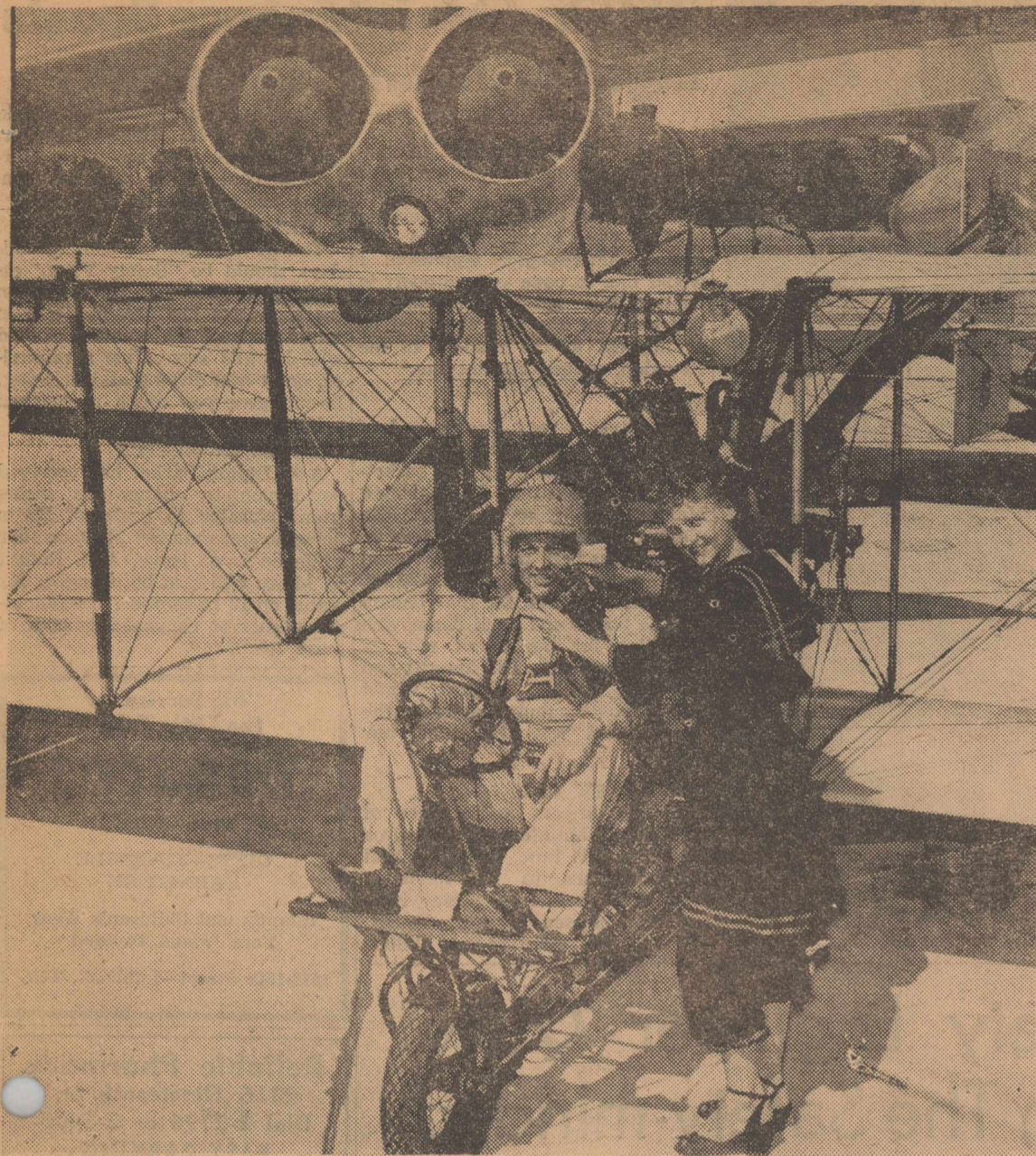
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Two Reese second lieutenants, Wilford D. Womack, military personnel officer, and Robert A. Taron, stat services officer, received orders Wednesday to report for pilot training next month. Lt. Womack reports to Hondo AFB and Lt. Taron to Marana AFB.

## Promotions Mount Sharply For Top Three Graders Only

The promotion quota for Reese airmen this month was sharply increased for non-commissioned officers and was way down for the lower three grades.

but that such "bugs" as may appear in the "trial run" will be eliminated.

Pre-Cadet Ronald E. Frey, one of two stationed at Reese, got a jump on promotions last week when he was elevated to airman second class under a special quota allotted by FTAF.

Wing, group, and squadron promotion boards were scheduled to meet today to fill the quotas. Allocated Reese for December were five master sergeants, as compared with two for October; thirteen tech sergeants, as against three for October; fourteen staff sergeants, as compared with eight two months ago; nine airman firsts, instead of seventeen as in October; and fourteen airman seconds, a drop from thirty-two for last promotions.

## Service Club Plans Annual Xmas Dance

Personnel of Reese will, no doubt welcome the news offered by Miss Mary Sufall, service club hostess. This is that the annual Christmas dance will be held in the service club Friday, December 11 at 2030 hours.

At Reese promotions will be the first under the new system in its "trial run." A new regulation governing promotions has been coordinated with all groups and is temporarily in effect, Lt. Col. Charles E. Wilson, wing personnel officer, said. Under its terms promotions of master and tech sergeants will be made by a wing promotion board; promotions to staff will be made by group promotion boards; and the lower grades are to be handled by squadron boards.

It is to be an informal affair, but just formal enough so that all men come wearing a coat and tie. Music will be furnished by the base orchestra and fancy decorations are planned. Miss Sufall announced that the Lubbock Student Nurses will be on hand to make the evening more pleasant and refreshments will be served.

Colonel Wilson said that elevation to master and technical sergeant will come after the wing promotion board has called eligibles before it for questioning, each group sending a few of its most eligible men into the conference. Promotions will be for the most highly qualified, in opinion of the board, without regard to assignment of candidates.

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For other grades, each group will be given quotas, based on the number of eligibles within their ranks, the colonel said. In some groups and squadrons promotion boards had met prior to receipt of the base quota Monday and had set up an eligibility list, with most eligible airmen listed in order of elevation.

Colonel Wilson said that so far no suggestion for change in the new procedure had been made.

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**TWO DEAD—**

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Monday morning and was held under bond to await action of the 99th district court grand jury January 3. The case will be set for trial later in January, officials stated.

Principal witnesses to the accident were T-Sgt. Thomas C. Collins, inspector of the 3502nd Maintenance squadron, and his wife. They had stopped on Farm Road 1073 at the "Stop" sign before entering Route 290 from the north. "In preparing to stop," Collins told Lopez in a sworn statement, "I looked in my rear view mirror and saw a vehicle overtaking me, I pulled to the right side of the road and stopped, at which time the truck approaching from my rear passed me on the left side and collided with the Buick, traveling east on the Levelland highway. From my observation, the truck didn't stop for the stop sign on the farm road."

Collins told others who helped rescue the dead and injured that the truck was traveling at least 50 miles an hour when it passed him and entered the Levelland highway. Both Collins and Luttrell said Lt. Standley was traveling 60 miles an hour or less.

Death of the lieutenant and Airman Key boosted South Plains highway fatalities for 1953 to 126, a new annual record. The highest previous total was 124 for 1951. The Lubbock county death toll for 1953 moved to 16.

Lt. Standley, 33, came to Reese last May 21 as a B-25 instructor, same duties he had previously at Vance AFB. He was commissioned June 7, 1944, and was promoted in December, 1950. He served in Europe in 1945 and 1946 and was in oil field service work as a civilian. Mrs. Standley, 30, was a native of Enid, Okla. The bodies were taken to Cushing, Okla., Tuesday night for burial.

Airman Key came to Reese from Goodfellow AFB in November, 1952 and was a former commissioned officer. His body also was shipped Tuesday night, to Wichita Falls.

**LIGHTING PLANS—**

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for the party was accomplished by the Officers and NCO Wives Clubs. Members of the Officers Wives committee are Mesdames, C. P. West, Murray W. Crowder, A. A. Katt, Charles Wilson, Elmer Ours, Robert L. Wright and Robert E. Quigg. NCO committee members are Mesdames, John Bree-land, Gailon Combs, Murray Gordon and George Courtney.

Prizes will be given each squadron for best Christmas decorations. Separate cash prizes will be awarded for the best interior and exterior decorations of organizations and day rooms.

Due to the fact that many families living in Reese Village and in quarters on the base are expected to decorate their homes for the holidays, it is contemplated to award prizes to families for the best Christmas decorations. Final details had not been worked out when the Roundup went to press, but additional information on the subject will be published in next week's edition.

**Flying On Sunday Probability Here**

Sunday flying was in prospect for the next couple weeks at Reese it appeared, if all possible personnel are permitted Christmas leave they wanted.

Each flight has been advised that it must have at least two days flying time "in the blue" at the beginning of the holiday period and that seven-day weeks will be flown if necessary. Directives from high headquarters grant permission for time off at Christmas, provided flying schedules are in good shape.

At Reese the policy is to grant all Christmas leaves possible, without curtailment of the mission.

**NORTH AMERICAN DELIVERS**

New York (AFPS) — While celebrating the Golden Anniversary of Powered Flight, North American Aviation, Inc., passed an aeronautical milestone of its own this month, delivering its 50,001st plane new supersonic F-100—to the force.



**LET THE WINDS BLOW —** and they will here at Reese, but Gloria Grahame won't feel it. What isn't covered with ermine is draped with pearls leaving only the bare facts which lead us to nominate Miss Grahame as the "Outdoor Girl of The Year". She is co-starred with Glen Ford in Columbia's "The Big Heat."

**Ground Safety Engineer Quite Pleased With The Safety-minded**

"Reese personnel taking holiday trips certainly are thinking of their safety, and I hope they continue to give it serious thought," Joe Lopez, ground safety director, said Thursday, following a continued survey of what dangers vacationers expect on the highways.

Lopez said he was pleased to find that so many airmen, particularly, had considered dangers involved on highways enroute to their homes for Christmas.

"The more they think about what is ahead, the better prepared they will be for emergencies and the better their chances of reaching their loved ones for the holidays, and of getting back safely to Reese," he commented.

Four comments the ground safety director obtained this week are typical of what he has found, he said.

"I'm going to drive to Independence, Kans.; that's 500 miles," A-3C Lon C. Gaut, 3502nd Maintenance squadron said. "I hope to avoid accidents by keeping my eyes open. I think the greatest danger will come from drunken drivers. I'm going to watch out for them."

A-1C Willie E. Brown, assigned to training aids, is driving to Detroit, Mich., and back, a total of 2,600 miles. "Adverse weather may cause me the most trouble," he said. "There is liable to be much snow and ice on the highways, tending to cause skidding and hampering quick stops in emergencies. I'll have to drive according to the weather and condition of the roads. That means, I'll go a safe speed."

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I want to get home and back without accident."

S-Sgt. B. F. Mackey, Headquarters, Air Base group, will travel about half that distance as a passenger to Little Rock, Ark., and



Eve Miller is one of Hollywood's busiest actresses. She has been seen in Warner Bros.' "April in Paris" and "The Story of Will Rogers." Both were Technicolor productions.

**3502nd Maintenance Boasts Eight Wins and No Defeats**

By A-1C DWYER

Readers of the Roundup, this reporter is new at this writing, so if you will give time I shall try to give you interesting current events of the week pertaining to the 3502nd. Maintenance Squadron. I would like to have your support in writing this article, therefore, if you know of anything that will be of interest to the readers of the Roundup, please contact me.

**SPORTS**

We have a very fine record of eight wins and no losses so far this season. Last week our basketball team beat the 3505th Flight Maintenance team to start our playing in the base Dummy league. Dalton Touchett played his usual bang up job with Dave Dailey. Touchett was high for the winners with 14 points and Jack Zaninovich was high for the losers with 22 points. Our coach, Bill Merritt and manager, M-Sgt. Millard would like to express their thanks for the fine support you are giving our team.

**THE STORK CALLS**

All the officers and airmen of the 3502nd Maintenance squadron would, at this time, like to extend congratulations to the following men of our squadron, their wives, and the blessed events: M-Sgt. John Portie, girl; M-Sgt. Wilbur

Rogers, girl; S-Sgt. James Clark, boy; and A-1C Richard Tucker, girl. Uncle Sam wishes you a Merry Christmas with your new income tax exemptions.

**A REMINDER**

The by-word for the coming holidays should be "Safety First," especially during this season when the highways are crowded and in some parts of the country, coated with ice and snow. Just a reminder, don't mix driving and drinking. It can give you much more than a hangover.

**CHANGE IN STATUS**

A-3C Dalton Parker has received permission to change his status from bachelor to husband. He is going to get married 24 December while he is on leave. A-2C Robert H. Motes will also be changing his status on 12 December. The Squadron wishes to congratulate both of these men.

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