



Special Programs, Parties Head Holiday Activities

Holiday entertainment will be available for everyone this weekend with the various clubs and organizations all doing their part to help brighten the Christmas season for the personnel who will be here over the holidays.

The Officers' Club has scheduled a dance for Saturday night, the 22nd, and a New Year's Eve dance on December 31st plus several private parties.

Honor Graduates Named For 57-F

Four of the 26 aviation cadets graduated from the Reese AFB basic multi-engine pilot training program Wednesday were designated as Distinguished cadets on the basis of high achievement in flying, military, and academic training.

They were Mark L. Bumgardner of Van Nuys, Cal., James D. Eagle of Salisbury, N. C., John F. Harmon of Bradford, Pa., and Eugene C. Kennedy of Chicago. Each will receive a letter of commendation from Maj. Gen. G. P. Disoway, Flying Training Air Force commander, at graduation.

Bumgardner, holder of several decorations for service in Japan and Germany during 1946-49, re-

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Group Plans 'Dad For A Day'

Forty-three children from the Milam's and Lubbock Children's homes in Lubbock will be the guests of the 3500th Pilot Training group at Reese Air Force Base this Friday.

This is an annual program put on by the group to let the youngsters see airplanes and entertain them before Christmas. Twenty instructors will pair off with two children and be their "Daddy for the Day." Ages of the children will be from 5-12.

A base bus will pick up the children at 2 p.m. and bring them to the base. Then the youngsters will be shown cartoon films at the theater and then go look at the airplanes. At 4 p.m. a party will be held at the Cadet Club with each child to receive toys and be served ice cream and cookies.

In addition to the toys, each home will be given a gift from the instructors, and students of the group. Money for the party is voluntarily given by the members of the group.

Commander's Greeting

During the past year much has been accomplished in preserving the Christian objective of Peace on Earth. In performing our mission through doing daily tasks, we at Reese Air Force Base contributed to this peace.

It is my hope that in observing the holiday this year we may all reflect on the Life given us as the pattern for all the world to follow so that all may live abundantly, without fear of the future and with peaceful minds and hearts. May we all pledge ourselves to do our jobs to the best of our ability in whatever capacity, so that we may do our part in preserving our most precious freedom.

To each person on the base — military, civilian, and dependent — I extend my very best wishes for the happiest Christmas season and for everything good during the New Year.

DROSS ELLIS
Colonel, USAF
Commander

The NCO Club has slated the Little Fisher Combo for the 22nd, a 50 cent dinner on the 23rd, open house on the 24th, and will play host to the children from Milam Orphan Home on the 25th. They also have private parties scheduled each evening.

The Airmen's Wives Club is planning a Santa Claus Party and buffet dinner at the Service Club on December 20th. The Service Club also has a Christmas tree decorating party on the 21st. Free snacks will be served at the tree decorating party.

The annual base children's Christmas party, December 22nd, with Santa arriving by jet aircraft in front of Building T-92 at 2 p.m.

Protestant Chapel Services will be held Christmas Eve at 9 p.m. and on Christmas Day at 11 a.m. Catholic High Mass will be held at midnight, December 24th. Masses at 9 and 10 a.m. on Christmas Day and Confessions Sunday, December 23rd between the hours of 3 and 4 p.m. and on Monday, December 24th, between 3 and 5 p.m.

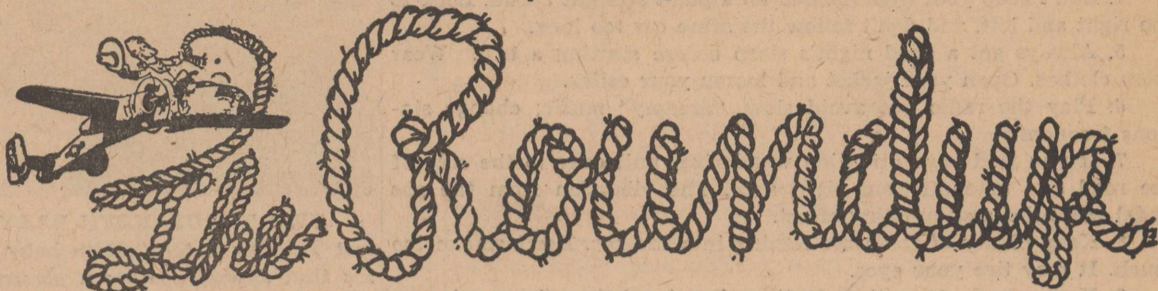
The 3500th Pilot Training Group has planned Operation "Daddy for a Day" on Friday. Forty boys and girls from the Milam and Lubbock Children's Homes will be brought to the base and paired off with Instructor Pilots who will "adopt" the children, show them the airplanes and take them to the Cadet Club to pass out gifts.

The base Teenage club will be caroling around the base and in Reese Village starting at 6:30 p.m., Christmas eve.

Roundup Features World Christmas

As each country has its own customs in dress and speech, so areas of the world differ in observance of the Christmas season. THE ROUNDUP in this issue has attempted to gather information on some of these celebrations through talking with natives of many lands who are stationed on the base. It is hoped that ROUNDUP readers will enjoy these reports.

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'Body' Gives Accident Warning



WAS SANTA EARLY?—Santa seems to have left a lot of gifts in the home of M/Sgt. and Mrs. John P. Baskin. Here, Alice May Baskin, 3, looks fondly at a doll she has unwrapped, days ahead of Christmas. She got the doll briefly for the benefit of the ROUNDUP photographer. This scene will be duplicated in many, many Reese homes next week. (Photo by Haynes)

A body wrapped in bandages wandered around the base Tuesday as a further step in the ground safety program aimed at an accident-free holiday season. The head was enveloped in bandages, with only the space in front of the left eye open.

The left arm was in a sling. The right leg was in a cast. And the body hobbled around, using a crutch.

A sign, front and rear, read: "GOING ON LEAVE? Don't let this happen to you; we yearn for your safe return."

Inside the wrappings was M/Sgt. E. W. Bohl, academic instructor.

The safety gimmick was worked up by members of the Pilot Training group headquarters. A three-day pass was offered to the person guessing the sergeant's identity.

Winning three-day passes were A/C Juan Alfredo Rodriguez, of the 3500th PTS, and A/IC John Phumphrey of the 01st.

The bandaged person originally was sent out to visit the flight line and other places within the group. Members of the base hospital staff did the professional job of wrapping and loaned the crutch. But the gimmick was so successful that Sergeant Bohl not only circulated

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Cadet Takes Officer Oath Second Time

John F. Harmon, aviation cadet at Reese AFB yesterday took an oath as an officer for the second time. From Oct. 20, 1952, until April 10, 1954, he was a lieutenant in the Army. Then he returned to the Air Force as a cadet, completing primary pilot training at Stallings Air Base, N. C., and coming to Reese last July.

Cadet Harmon served the Air Force from December, 1950, until November, 1951, then shifting to the Army from November, 1951, until April, 1954, when he became an Air Force cadet. He served a year in Korea as forward observer for an artillery unit.

Cadet Harmon, from Bradford, Pa., is a high school graduate and one of four members of Class 57-F at Reese to be selected as Distinguished Cadet on the basis of outstanding grades in military, flying, and academic phases of training. At the Wednesday graduation of his class he will receive a letter of commendation from Maj. Gen. G. P. Disoway, Flying Training Air Force commander. Prior to entering pilot training he was a pre-cadet at Reese AFB.

St. Luke 2:1-20 . . .

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.) And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, into the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David) To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her first-born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not; for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you: Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they had seen it, they make known abroad the saving which was told them concerning this child. And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

Highway Safety Tips

Washington (AFPS) — If you're planning to drive home on Christmas leave, here are some highway driving hints that will help you make the trip safely and surely both ways:

1. Never eat a big meal just before or during a long trip.
2. Stop every hour whether you feel tired or not. Always get out of the car for a few minutes.
3. If you must drive at night, keep the dash lights as dim as possible to reduce glare but turn on the interior lights occasionally as darkness has a tendency to relax some drivers too much.
4. Don't keep your eyes focused on a point straight ahead. Look to the right and left, and don't follow the same car too long.
5. Always get a good night's sleep before starting a trip. Wear loose clothes. Open your jacket and loosen your collar.
6. Play the radio but avoid slow, "dreamy" music; change stations frequently.
7. If you find your attention wandering, pull over to the side of the road and take off your right shoe. The vibration from the gas pedal will have a stimulating effect.
8. Keep plenty of fresh air coming into the car. Don't smoke too much. It may tire your eyes.
9. Vary speeds from time to time, keeping below the maximum. Constant speeds have a tendency to invite "speed synopsis."
10. If these suggestions don't keep you alert, pull off the highway and take a nap. If you're worried about sleeping too long, park near a filling station and ask the attendant to wake you.

I RESOLVE TO ...

We don't have to dream up a flock of resolutions we know we won't keep when the new year is under way. That, everyone will probably agree, is largely a waste of time.

There is something constructive we can do at the start of the new 12-month span that won't strain our will power too much.

Why not look back over the 12 months we've just pulled through and check on whether we've been doing things as we should?

There are a few questions we could grill ourselves with:

Have we been wasting a lot of time that could have been spent better?

Have we been conducting ourselves in a military manner, both on and off duty?

Have we been living up to our obligations, whether there was danger of being caught "goofing-off" or not?

Will we keep on doing things the same old way, not bothering about trying to pull ourselves up by the bootlaces?

Then after asking, we could see what we're going to do about it.

—(AFPS)



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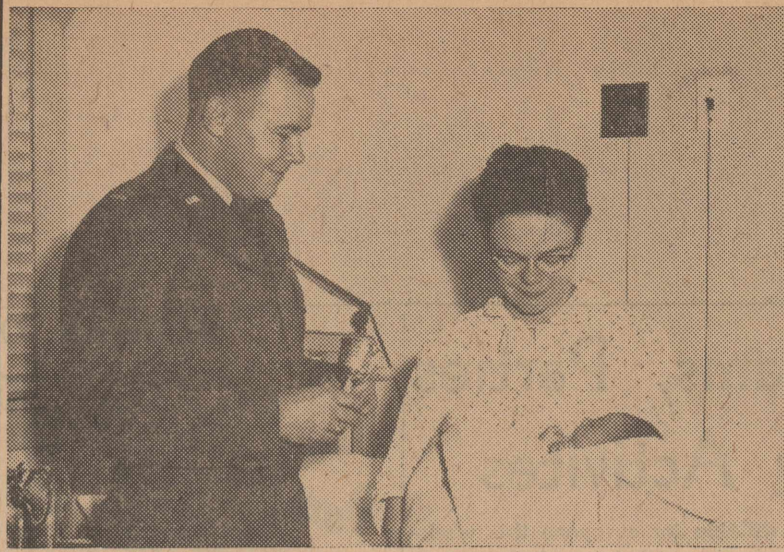
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TWO THOUSANDTH BABY — Morgan Boyd Laffitte, Jr., born last Tuesday is the 2,000th baby born in the base hospital. He made his first appearance for a photographer with his father and mother when he was but one day old. The father, who is an instructor pilot with the 3501st Pilot Training squadron holds an engraved cup presented by the Officers Wives Club. (Photo By Bernard)

The Real Meaning Of Christmas

By Chaplain (Maj. Gen.) Charles I. Carpenter
USAF Chief of Chaplains

Christmas, 1956, finds many of us in places we never anticipated being a year ago. Some of us are back with our home folks and this Christmas will be happier because we again share it with our loved ones. Others among us were with our loved ones last year, but will celebrate this Christmas away from home.

Yet, no matter where we are, the love of our family will keep us close together in thought at this season. Loneliness because of absence will not mean we are forgotten.

Wherever we are, we are not out of the sight of God. Christmas is essentially a holy season. It is the birthday of the Christ-child. We have dressed the day up with man-developed celebrations but it is basically a holy day, not a holiday. Let us then turn in thought to our loved ones and to our God. Let us re-think the high principles so beautifully represented in the life of the Christ.

Let us kneel before the manger and dedicate our lives to interpretation of the teachings of Jesus, born in Bethlehem. Thus dedicated, we will bring to all the real meaning of Christmas and develop the real spirit of Christmas within our lives.

To all of you, from your Chaplains, comes the wish of "Merry Christmas" and a prayer that God's blessing may be ever yours.

Ecuador Cadet To Miss Annual Family Christmas Get-Together

Aviation Cadet Larrea Marco will be missing when his family of 40 or more assembles for Christmas at his home in Ecuador, but he will be with other students from his home country at a get-together in San Antonio.

"Christmas is a time for family reunions in my country," he said. "The families go to one of the larger houses and have a good time together. There will be maybe 40 at my home, a large house. The family will include my father and mother, three sisters, several aunts, and lots of cousins, probably over 30."

Papa Noel will be throughout Ecuador, as he is in all South American countries. There will be presents under the trees which were brought down from the mountains. Just before Christmas there is singing in the schools and churches. At 1 a.m. Christmas morning a special mass will be held. Then families will adjourn to the streets for singing, dancing, whistling and horn blowing, and other activities. In the homes big dinners will be served at and after midnight. Friends will come in for dancing.

"It is a tradition for everyone to go into the streets," Marco commented. "It is a noisy time, with the children blowing whistles until they get too sleepy."

Mass at 1 a.m. is Miisa del Gallo, of the Mass of the Rooster, conducted strictly along Biblical lines.

Christmas trees are up from the 19th of December until well after January 1. The only snow is in the high mountains.

Flying Time Review

Class 57-J headed the classes in the 3500th Pilot Training Group by being 5 hours, 15 minutes ahead of the training schedule.


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Personnel Cautioned Of Fireworks Hazard; Prohibited On - Base

Base personnel are cautioned of the double consequence of setting off fireworks on base as well as in Reese Village.

In the first place fireworks are very dangerous and the loss of eyes, hearing and mangled fingers have been noted from their miss-use. The primary danger is when fun lovers drop one of these little bombs near their unsuspecting victims and instead of just causing a scare it goes off near a foot or hand. This is when the "fun" ceases.

Base regulation 900-7 prohibits the use of fireworks on the base as well as in Reese village and because of the dangers, Air Police will be enforcing the regulation to the letter.

During 1956 three accidents have been noted to base personnel from the miss - use of fireworks. An airman received a burned thigh when another person tossed a firecracker at him; another received a burned ankle when a firecracker exploded near him while another was severely burned holding a Roman candle.

Holiday Safety

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on the flight line but also wandered through the Officer and NCO messes, through wing headquarters, into the BX, and other areas of the base as he sought to further "Operation Homesafe."

"Home and back without accident" is a thought prominently in the mind of Reese personnel on Christmas leave, 1st Lt. Robert McCall, ground safety officer, said he was glad to learn this week.

"The ground safety objective, of course, is for an accident-free holiday period," the lieutenant said. "We are glad to know that our personnel are thinking along the same lines. If all of us thought about safety all the time, we would have few, if any, accidents."

Ground safety personnel talked with numerous persons going on leave. Typical of responses were those made by T/Sgt. Donald E. Parker, veterinarian's staff; A/2C Manual L. Ochs, 3505th Field Maintenance Squadron; A/1C Anthony T. Bernard, photo laboratory; and M/Sgt. Everett M. Eck, NCOIC, synthetic trainer section.

"The greatest hazard, as I see it, is drivers attempting to cover too great a distance each day during the holidays," Sergeant Parker said. "It is 890 miles to Lucedale, Miss., where we are going. I expect to drive no more than 500 miles a day, going and coming. I'm going to rest at least 12 hours a day, and I plan to by-pass large cities. I hope this gets us there and back safely."

Heavy traffic was seen as the big danger by Ochs in his trip to LaCrosse, Kan., 500 miles from Reese. He said he planned to permit his wife to share the driving and for neither to drive far at one time. "Defensive driving" also was planned.

"I'm not going to fight that heavy holiday traffic; I'm taking the safest way I know to get home and back — by train," Bernard said. "It's 1,600 miles to Oakland, Cal., and home; that's too far to drive with any safety."

Tulsa, Okla., 500 miles away, is the destination of Sergeant Eck. "Heavy traffic, which we will face, increases the accident potential," he commented. "I plan to drive according to conditions we face. I don't intend for my family to get hurt, so I'll drive defensively and be alert."



PACKAGES FROM EVERYWHERE, USA—Almost covered by just part of the daily rush of mail at the base post office are A/1C William Cox, left and S/Sgt. Burley Ryals, post office NCOIC. (Photo by Ross)

Nativity Scenes Are Highlight Of Most Nicaragua Holidays

Gift under the trees, nativity scenes in every home, and the special dinner at which families gather highlight the Christmas observances in Nicaragua. Aviation Cadet Donald H. Friione will see virtually the same Christmas here, but it will not be the same as at home.

For ten days prior to Christmas the young folks engage each night in much play and visitations of night clubs, Friione declares. Everyone helps to put up the artificial trees and to erect again the nativity scenes, which have been in the family for years.

Then comes Christmas Eve, a time when families assemble together. There is the midnight

mass and return to the homes to open the many packages under the tree. St. Nicholas comes to all homes, leaving his place in the stores.

There are candies, oranges, apples, and other fruits for all. The main meal, also for the family, is headed by turkey and ham, with "all the trimmings."

GOES TO KOREA

A/2C Ramon Renaud of M&S group has been re-assigned to Korea, reporting for overseas shipment January 31. He leaves Reese tomorrow and will take delay enroute.



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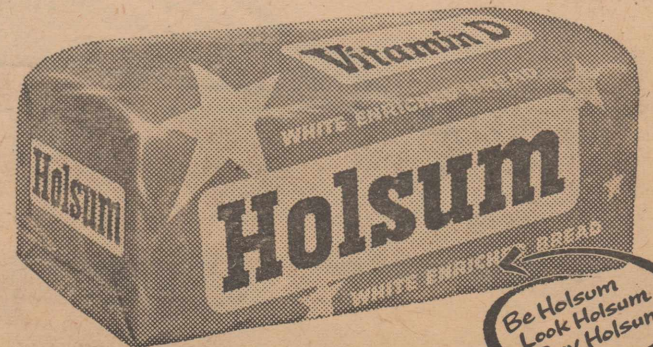
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WOMEN'S PAGE



WRAPPING ASSEMBLY LINE—Eight members of the NCO wives club were captured by a photographer, wrapping gifts for the base children's Christmas party on an assembly line system. They are Mmes. Claud Rushing, Jerome Witty, Kenneth McCullough, George Swingle, Richard Synan, Elwood Myers, Duane Hart, and Thomas Hunsucker. (Photo by Bernard)

Santa To Arrive In Jet Airplane For Children's Christmas Party

The annual base childrens' Christmas party will begin this year with Santa Claus arriving in a jet aircraft at 2 p.m., this Saturday, in front of Building T-92.

He will then go into the hangar to distribute gifts and nuts and candy to all the children.

All military dependent children from ages 1-12 are invited to be on hand when Santa comes Saturday. However parents are cautioned not to bring babes-in-arms as a virus may be spread to

younger children through large crowds.

All of the clubs on the base contributed \$25 for the base party and wives club members assisted in wrapping gifts and making arrangements for the annual affair. Several businesses donated nuts and candies for the party.

Lt. Col Heston Daniel was chairman of the arrangements committee, assisted by Maj. Ira H. Shick, Capt. Paul Hall and Capt. John H. Nelson.

Academic Instructors And Wives Are Hosts At Christmas Party

By Lydia Brines

Officers of the Academic section and their wives were hosts at a cocktail party Friday evening in the Phantasy Room of the Open Mess. The table was decorated with ceramic Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus, wrought iron candelabra with red tapers and green pine boughs tied with a red bow on a red table cloth.

The party was in honor of Lt. and Mrs. Perry Allred and three new instructors to the Academic Section and their wives, 1st Lt. and Mrs. Robert J. Bullington, 1st Lt. and Mrs. John E. Lawson and 2nd Lt. and Mrs. James R. Caston. Approximately 48 guests attended.

Last Wednesday Mrs. Homer Parsons entertained her bridge club. First prize was won by Mrs. James Blessing, second prize by Mrs. John Lippencott. Mrs. Dale Fuller was low and Mrs. Harry Fisher won traveling prize.

A pre-holiday punch party was given last Friday evening in their home by Capt. and Mrs. Benjamin Kislin. Coffee Royal from a red and white punch bowl and hors d'oeuvres were served. Approximately 23 guests attended.

The Brines also had as recent guests the captain's sister and her family, Capt. and Mrs. James P.

Smith, who just returned from Germany.

Maj. and Mrs. Richard Davis will be away in Ohio for the holidays.

Capt. and Mrs. Thomas Brines and family are journeying to Boulder, Colo., for Christmas.

Capt. and Mrs. Paul Hall are spending Christmas in Pennsylvania.

1st Lt. and Mrs. William L. Parish will be spending the Christmas holidays at their home in Duluth, Minnesota.

Candlelight Luck

In Sweden, it is considered an omen of good luck if all Christmas candles burn brightly on Christmas Eve.



IT'S A . . .
Morgan Boyd, Jr., to 2nd Lt. and Mrs. Morgan B. Lafitte, December 11.
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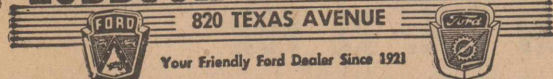
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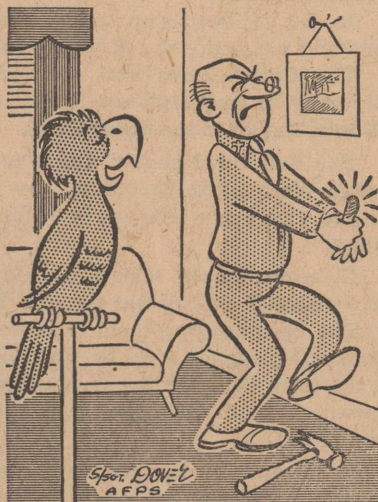
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FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS—Maj. Thomas P. Carroll, 3502nd Maintenance squadron commander, accepts the championship trophy with 1st Lt. S. R. Lograco, the team's player coach. Besides winning the football championship, the 3502nd has been softball champs for the past two years and was runnerup in basketball this past season. (Photo by Haynes)

Hooper Leads Cage Team Scoring; Next Contest Here January 11th

Player coach Max Hooper leads the Reese Rattlers in its seven games of 1956 in virtually every scoring column. He has averaged 26.9 points per game and has a total of 188 points.

Close behind was Lt. Bernie Janicki, who left the middle of December for assignment at James Connally AFB. Janicki averaged 24 points in his 4 games with the Rattlers. In their 7 contests the Rattlers scored 579 points to 402 points for their opponents and the Rattlers average 32.7 points per game, which is 18.7 over their opponents' average.

Other players and their point averages are, A/1C Corlis Mackey,

12.2 per game; 1st Lt. James Blessing, 8.6 points per game; A/1C Don Paul, 7.6; 1st Lt. Kenneth Landon, 5.7; 1st Lt. Thomas Kyle, 5; A/3C Hardy Murphy, 3.2 and 1st Lt. Jack Gentry, 2.5.

The Rattlers will be at full strength after the holidays with the addition of 2nd Lt. Robert H. Devenny, who will play guard.

The new year schedule includes Webb AFB, the 11th and 12th of January at Reese; Goodfellow AFB 22-23 there; Amarillo, here January 24-25; Holloman, here February 5-6 and Biggs here February 8-9.

The west district basketball tournament will be held at Amarillo AFB February 11-16.

In Bolivia

Homes Are Visited By Papa Noel

Papa Noel will visit every home in Bolivia at midnight of December 24, as usual this year, but sadly missing will be Cadet Augusto Q. Escobar, student at Reese AFB.

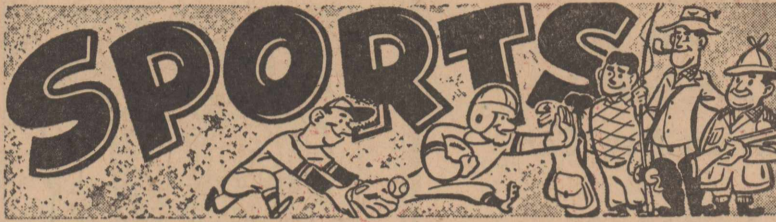
"Our Christmas is not too much different," the cadet said. "Papa Noel looks and acts just like Santa Claus. He is in the stores and he visits every home."

In his home, capital city of La Paz, everyone assembles on the square in the center of the city at midnight, December 24. At 12 o'clock carols are sung and everyone embraces others. Then all move to the principal church for the Christmas mass. Later masses are held in the smaller churches. Christmas trees and nativity scenes are in the homes. On De-

cember 23 and 24 young folks travel throughout the communities, singing Christmas songs and visiting homes to bless the nativity scenes and sing and pray.

On Christmas Eve stockings are hung and/or shoes placed for gifts. Small gifts, fruit, and candy are found on Christmas morning in the stockings and shoes.

The main dish for dinner is chicken, and families assemble for the repast and visiting.



By A/1C Maurice B. Ziegler

The Reese Rattlers were idle this week as their Monday and Tuesday night contests with Abilene AFB were cancelled.

The New Year's day football contests should feature the best in sports over the long holiday period as other sports are also taking a back seat holiday.

In the big bowl games, Big Ten champion, Iowa takes on Oregon State and we figure the Hawkeyes should be the winner.

The Cotton Bowl will see Syracuse whipping Texas Christian University in easy style while the second rated Tennessee Volunteers will take Baylor in the Sugar Bowl.

The Sun Bowl should prove to be interesting as the guys from George Washington University say they never heard of Texas Western and vice versa. Anyway we think George Washington will be the victors.

Clemson should take Colorado in the Orange Bowl in Miami and Pittsburgh will defeat Georgia Tech in the Gator Bowl.

The base bowling team is currently in 9th place in the Lubbock commercial league, with 18 wins and 19 setbacks. In their last outing the team defeated the Bardhal team of Lubbock, 2 out of 3. A/2C Lawrence Chase had honors with the high series of 527 and a high game of 211.

In intramural dummy league basketball, Flights 6, 8, and 9 remained undefeated by taking Pilot Training group 69-36. Flights 4 and 5 defeated 3502nd Maintenance 43-40, and the Air Police beat the Medics 77-18. Pilot Training wing defeated the non-playing Motor vehicle squadron team.

Graduation

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ceived primary pilot training at Hondo Air Base. He is a graduate of high school in Charles City, Ia., and a graduate of Iowa State Teachers college, where he won football letters three years.

Eagle has been in service since August, 1955, when he started pilot training. He received primary pilot training at Hondo AB, also. He is a graduate of Duke University, where he majored in English.

Harmon was in the Air Force during 1950 and 1951, then served three years in the Army, and returned to the Air Force in April, 1955. He was a forward observer in Korea for a field artillery unit, winning decorations. He is a graduate of high school in Gardenville, N. Y. He was a pre-cadet at Reese from May to July, 1955.

Kennedy came into service in August, 1955, also receiving primary training at Hondo AB. He is a graduate of Blue Island, Ill., high school.



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English Yuletide Remembered As Pleasant, Exciting Time

Christmas in England has been a pleasant, cheerful, and exciting time and that is the way it should be always, says Mrs. Lewis J. Britain, who grew up near Southend-on-the-Sea, Essex, England.

There was excitement for the youngsters, and still is, in sending out the greeting cards. Red wax seals each envelop, and the children press down the seal, which is an initial or like emblem. Most families in the area observe the traditional Christmas. For Esther McCann, now Mrs. Britain, that meant putting on the mackintosh and jumper and going out with her two brothers and father to saw the yule log, generally a large apple branch "which burned sweeter" and gave out the most pleasing odor. Holly hedges were clipped and most every Christmas there was a small amount of mistletoe on the oak trees.

"Snow obligingly fell each year, not much, but enough to provide the proper look," Mrs. Britain recalled. "And we took our pony and trap and went to the village with our mother's shopping list and our own secret lists. When we returned home there was a scramble for secret hiding places and bungling around to seclude items on our secret shopping lists."

Christmas Eve was the time for hot drinks, the hot rums and toddies. The children received highly spiced, but little alcoholic, drinks. The waits came around caroling and came into the hall for their hot drinks.

"I can almost smell the paraffin oil in kerosene," she said.

The Christmas tree was most any tree which might look like a fir or pine. Candles were in small tin cups and decorations were the hips and haws, bright red on strings. (Hips are rose seeds, source of most Vitamin C; haws are seeds of the hawthorne).

Christmas Eve also marked the time for hanging stockings on the mantle and there was excitement as each child quite early in the morning found a bright new sixpence with the fruits and candy in the stocking.

"That was supposed to keep us quiet until the adults got up," Mrs. Britain laughed. "I said supposed to keep us quiet."

By mid-morning everyone was off for church, Esther McCann in her velvet coat, bonnet and leggings, and a large muff. After services it was home for dinner, which always included roast loin of pork, sirloin of beef, and fowl. For good luck everyone ate the small mince pie, hot flaked and sugar coated. There was the flaming pudding and the slightly

scorched holly sprig. After dinner, the adults retired for a nap and the children played the traditional blind-man's bluff.

Afternoon tea included the huge frosted cake, tied with red ribbon.

Then came Boxing Day, December 26, when the farmers received their boxes of gifts from the town's folk. The McCanns always had boxes for the farmer who supplied them with milk, butter, eggs, and occasionally cheese throughout the year, for the postman, baker, bellringer, and green grocer.

"You couldn't forget any of them, for they supplied your needs," Mrs. Britain reminisced. "Yes, for us middle class folks back in England Christmas was a joyous and exciting time. It should be that way everywhere."

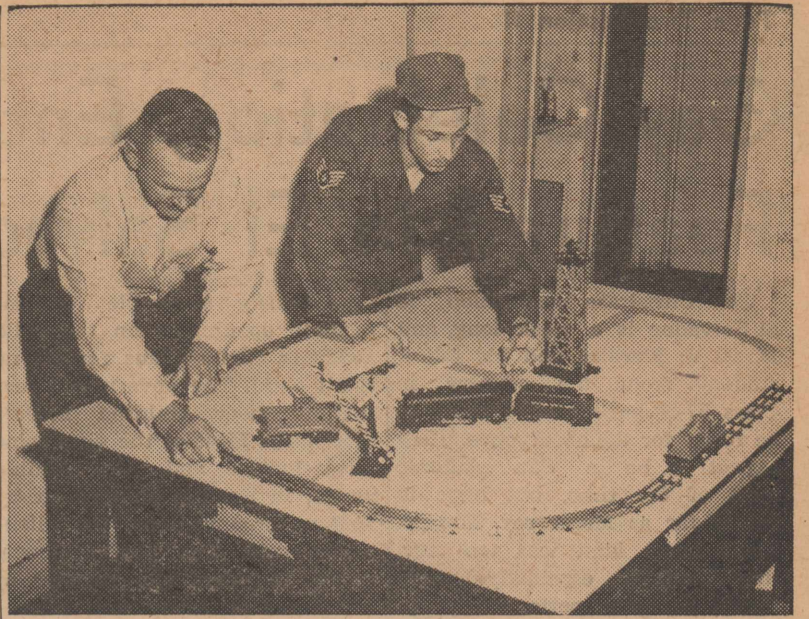
Season Symbolized For Many Centuries With Bright Lights

The feeling of hope and joy of Christmas is best symbolized with the bright lights used in decorations.

But even before the Star of Bethlehem had become the Christian symbol, important celebrations in the ancient world had included lights — candles, lamps, torches. The Jewish Hanukkah, which occurs at almost the same time as Christmas is called the Festival of Lights.

The burning of the Yule Log can be traced back many years in English history and the custom of its use goes back even to the Vikings who burned the log in honor of the god Thor. Also because of these Norsemen, we believe Santa Claus is supposed to go down the chimney. According to their belief, a goddess named Hertha appeared in their fireplaces in the middle of winter to bring them luck and happiness.

Various woods have been treated with metallic chemicals to add to the brilliance of burning the wood in the fireplace. The burning of candles is also traditional with the holiday season.



A TRAIN FOR JUNIOR — M/Sgt. Richard Synan, left and S/Sgt. John Scorsone, both of wing Publications work on track and railroad equipment for their sons. There is a strong indication that the train that Santa Claus is supposed to bring the youngsters will be slightly worn. Anyway, we all are "Kids" at heart. (Photo By Bernard)



Thursday, December 20, 1956

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Big Holiday Dinner At Base Mess Halls

The customary Christmas menu, with seconds available, will feature dining hall services at the consolidated mess and in food services officer, has announced the officers field ration Christmas day, Capt. Hubert C. Fraser, nounced. The cadet open mess and NCO open mess will not serve.

Roasted Tom turkey will head the menu, with "all the trimmings." There will be celery sticks, assorted olives, and mixed pickles; cornbread dressing, candied sweet potatoes, and mashed whipped potatoes; cranberry sauce, giblet gravy, Parkerhouse rolls and butter.

There'll be buttered peas and buttered cauliflower. Desert is to be pumpkin pie, mincemeat pie, fruit cake, and fresh fruit. Coffee, tea, or milk will be on hand, and assorted candies and mixed nuts.

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Christmas Symbol

Laurel and bay used at Christmas time signify victory. Ivy expresses the convivial spirit of the holiday. The yew and cypress, as well as other evergreens symbolize eternal life.



the mess hall, and married personnel may bring their entire immediate families. Everyone may bring two guests, also. There will be no reservation necessary, Captain Fraser said.

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Gay Celebration, Entertainment Featured In El Salvador Yule

The Christmas celebration in El Salvador is a week long, and Lt. E. J. Morales and his fellow students from the country in Class 57-N have headed south to be ready for the observance. They expect to be in San Antonio most of the time, but hope to get as far as Monterrey, Mexico. Their home land was too far, they thought, especially when they'll be home permanently in about four months. Last Christmas they spent in Ann Arbor, Mich., where they were studying English at the University of Michigan.

"There wasn't much to do for us," Lieutenant Morales commented.

Down in El Salvador most gift buying is on December 22 or 23. Trees, highly decorated, go up. Food is prepared for the holidays.

Christmas Eve sees all the young unmarried folks assembled in playlands financed by the government. Married folks assemble in groups in homes. Everywhere is dancing and refreshments. The celebrations last all night. At midnight gifts for the children are placed under pil-

lows, easily accessible for immediate opening when the child awakens. Santa Claus forgets no small child. The government sees that all poor children receive their gifts. Most of the gifts come from Europe and the United States, in bundles shipped in by welfare organizations, the lieutenant said. The poor children, up to 11 years old, register at Air Force or Army stations.

The older folks also exchange gifts, but not many. Spanish customs prevail. All snow seen around homes and the Christmas trees is artificial.

From December 24 until January 1 few people work. Christmas day most of the adults rest and sleep all day. Stores are closed all week and there is rest and relaxation. Only food markets are open.

Then comes December 31, most important of all the days in El Salvador, says Lieutenant Morales. Early in the evening everyone goes out or entertains friends and relatives. Everyone is visiting or being visited. Gifts are exchanged. There is music and dancing. By 11 o'clock everyone

is home, preparing food and drink. Comes 12 o'clock midnight. Everyone embraces all others and drinks are raised to salute the new year.

Everyone looks into the future through use of a raw egg and a glass of water. The egg is broken into the water and in the white of the egg an image appears, according to Spanish custom. The image might be a ship or an airplane. That means a long trip during the year. Maybe the image is a casket. That means death for a loved one.

"A majority of the people believed in those images; I don't, but most people do," Lieutenant Morales insisted.

American Santa Was Handed Down From Tradition

Santa Claus, as we know him today, may be said to have originated in America, although his legend is based on stories from many lands, where he is known as St. Nickolas, Pere Noel, Father Christmas and so on.

The name comes from Holland, where under the Spanish influence, Saint became Santa. Nicholas was shortened to Ni'Klaus or Claus — thus Santa Claus.

When Santa Claus came to America, he was tall and gaunt. Later, as a result of Clement Moore's "The Night Before Christmas," Santa put on weight and became the rollicking red-nosed, rotund and jolly character we know today.

It might have been easier for him to come down the chimney when he was thinner, but children now love him as he is, and many try to catch a glimpse of the elusive fellow who brings so many good things for Christmas Day.

Colorful China

The Christmas tree in China is decorated with brilliant paper flowers, paper chains, and cotton snowflakes. Before church on Christmas Eve, people dress in colorful costumes and parade through the streets in joyous celebration.

Youthful 'Obstacle' Challenged To Capture December 25 Surprise

There is no question THE ROUNDUP editor at the moment is the meanest man on the base. He gave a little girl a doll and then took it away from her.

It happened this way. Pictures were needed for the Christmas issue of the base newspaper, so the editor looked around for ideas. He decided to get a picture of a little girl opening some packages, or something. He found that the Christmas tree was already up in the home of M/Sgt. and Mrs. John P. Baskin and that Alice May, age three, was ready to have her picture taken.

Then another idea came. Why not have Alice May open a package containing a doll and catch the facial expression as she sees it? Good idea. Then another thought: How will the little girl take the idea of giving the doll back?

Conferences with papa followed. Father conferred with mama. The two conferred with Alice May. The little girl would be happy to have her picture taken and would give the doll back on promise that Santa Claus would bring a bigger doll, maybe one as big as she was. Promise was given that this would be done. Everything was fine!

Then Alice May changed her mind. She would keep the doll. Papa and mama counseled again. They won; she would surrender the doll.

So — the editor borrowed a doll from the BX Toyland. The NCO wives wrapped the package in the cafeteria. It surely was pretty.

Then came word that Alice May had changed her mind. She would keep the doll. The editor and his staff prepared to pay for the borrowed one if necessary.

The editor, photographer, and aide traveled to the Baskin home. Everything was ready. The picture was taken. The doll was put back in its box without debate. Alice May thanked the photographer for taking her picture. Everything was fine.

Except, the editor certainly was mean in taking the doll back, again. Santa planned to bring the life-sized doll as promised. The fine picture is found on Page 1 of this issue. But at last report Alice May was trying to convince herself that she had done the right thing in giving the doll back. The editor is not sure; she could have had two dolls. Anyhow, it was a mean trick.



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While Stationed In Japan

Sergeant Was Santa For Orphans

It will be a much more quiet Christmas this year for M/Sgt. Sanders B. Woolls than it was last year. This year there are just the three Woolls children to care for; last year there were the 104 orphans in Japan in the entertainment picture.

The sergeant was at Showa Air station near Akishima City and the orphanage in the city had

been "adopted" by base personnel. That meant a Christmas party, with gifts for all, along with candy, ice cream, and balloons. The youngsters looked forward to the celebration, and had since 1948. This year throughout the Far East military units are holding the same parties and giving similar gifts to all orphans.

For most of the youngsters in the party in Japan which Ser-

geant Woolls assisted in giving received their first recollection of Christmas. Most of the children were quite small. The party lasted two hours in air station club with the 104 kids inside and over 500 outside.

"All the children of the neighborhood were on hand to see," the sergeant commented. "They had parents and were not eligible to attend. But they all enjoyed everything from the outside, perhaps with envy."

Santa for the occasion was played by a Japanese worker in the Officers club. He told Sergeant Woolls it was the happiest time he'd ever had.



CHRISTMAS IN JAPAN — Throughout the Far East this Christmas, scenes similar to that above will take place as U. S. military units give parties for the orphans they have "adopted." The youngsters here are doing a good job with ice cream at a party at Showa Air Station, Japan, where M/Sgt. Sanders Woolls, assistant sergeant major of Reese now, assisted in planning. For some of the youngsters it was their first taste of ice cream. Outside the building were over 500 village youngsters who were ineligible for the party because they had parents.

Observances Slowly Return To Europeans In Indonesia

Christmas celebration as it used to be is beginning to return this year in Indonesia, the land where Aviation Cadet Robert Gorter, Class 57-N, was raised.

The cadet this week thought back to his early years in the Dutch East Indies, now Indonesia, and to observance of Christmas by the Europeans in that area. The natives were not Christians, but Islamities. They did not celebrate.

European celebrations ended abruptly in 1942 with the arrival of the Japanese invaders. When the Japanese left there was the internal strife. Thus, for the past 15 years Christmas has not been observed. This year the few Europeans remaining in the land will celebrate in their own homes.

Cadet Gorter spent 21 years in Indonesia, 4 years in the Netherlands, and for the past two years he has been a member of the United States Air Force. His Christmases until two years ago were strictly European, both in Indonesia and the Netherlands.

St. Nicholas arrives annually on December 5, bringing with him small gifts from Spain. He is accompanied by two black beaters, supposedly Spanish Negroes. There is a festival at the airport or ship harbor, depending on how St. Nick travels, and all the youngsters are on hand.

The black beaters distribute candy in all public places and are supposed to pick up all bad children and stuff them in bags they carry. The youngsters receive small presents.

Christmas is celebrated on De-

cember 25 and 26. There are special church services for the Catholics and Dutch Reformists, living in the Netherlands in the south and north, respectively. There are Christmas trees, but no impersonations of St. Nick. Few gifts are given, and all within individual families. There are the oratories and other cultural meetings Christmas night. The dinner centers around a turkey, generally; everything is heavily spiced, and the Christmas cake is mostly filled with raisin.

Cadet Gorter plans to spend the Christmas vacation writing on two projects. He's preparing an article on communism in Indonesia for Reader's Digest and he's gathering together material for a book on the islands before and after the war, in the vein of TALES OF THE SOUTH PACIFIC.



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As we celebrate the anniversary of the birth of the Prince of Peace, we renew and fortify our hope and efforts for a better world for all men.

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Secretary Quarles

Secretary Quarles' Christmas message is as follows:

"During the sixteen months that I have served as your Secretary I have been privileged to meet many of you personally and see you performing your duties in many parts of the world. Performing those duties with a loyalty and devotion that never ceases to quicken my pride in you and my faith in your abil-

ity to fulfill the Air Force mission. I also have the deepest appreciation of the sacrifices you have made during the past year in helping maintain the security of our country.

"As the old year draws to a close may the Christmas spirit strengthen within you the satisfaction that comes from knowing you serve a just and worthwhile cause. For, on your efforts are based the free world's hopes for future, merrier Christmases. To all of you, at home or in distant lands, go my sincere best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."

General Twining

General Twining's Christmas greeting is:

"At this Christmastime we in the United States Air Force feel more than ever the responsibility of our position as a deterrent to world conflict. I trust that in the year ahead world conditions will become so stabilized that the possibility of future wars will become increasingly remote and peace will shed its blessings on the earth.

"My trust is based on the sure knowledge of your accomplishments and achievements in the past and in the firm conviction that my faith is well placed in you. Wherever your post, whatever your assignment, I salute both military and civilian members of the Air Force family and wish for each of you and your loved ones a Merry Christmas and a New Year which will fulfill your every hope."

General Myers

Lieutenant General Charles T. Myers, Commander, Air Training Command, sends the following Christmas message to all members of this command:

"I extend my sincere wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all men and women of the Air Training Command. To those of you who are spending your first Christmas as members of the Air Force and to those who must be away from home and family, I extend a special greeting and warm thanks for your contribution to our country.

Two Days Celebrated In Now Quieted Egypt

Two days observing Christmas are remembered by A/IC Oleg B. Petroff of the Officers Personnel Section as he grew up in northern Egypt.

December 25 is observed with the traditional religious services, presents and Christmas trees. Since the country was under British rule, most of the government agencies, banks and especially the schools were closed for Boxing Day, which is observed in Great Britain and their protectorates as the servants' holiday.

The holiday is celebrated in Egypt at a slightly smaller scale as in the United States, Petroff related, as many of the people there were Moslem and Jewish.

However in the northern part of the country celebrations were noted in the churches and schools and the towns were decorated.

On Christmas eve one adult member of the family would take the children out looking for the star, the evening star which brought significance to the star

of Bethlehem. During this time another member of the family would decorate the tree (usually of artificial material), distribute the presents and light the candles which were always used on the tree. The youngsters then returned to find the tree.

That evening most of the family would attend a midnight mass and then retire for the evening.

Some of the children would hang up their stockings before they go to bed in the hopes that Father Christmas will fill them with candy and toys.

The holiday celebration ends January 6 when all the trees and decorations are taken down. This signifies the wisemen leaving Bethlehem according to the story of the Nativity.

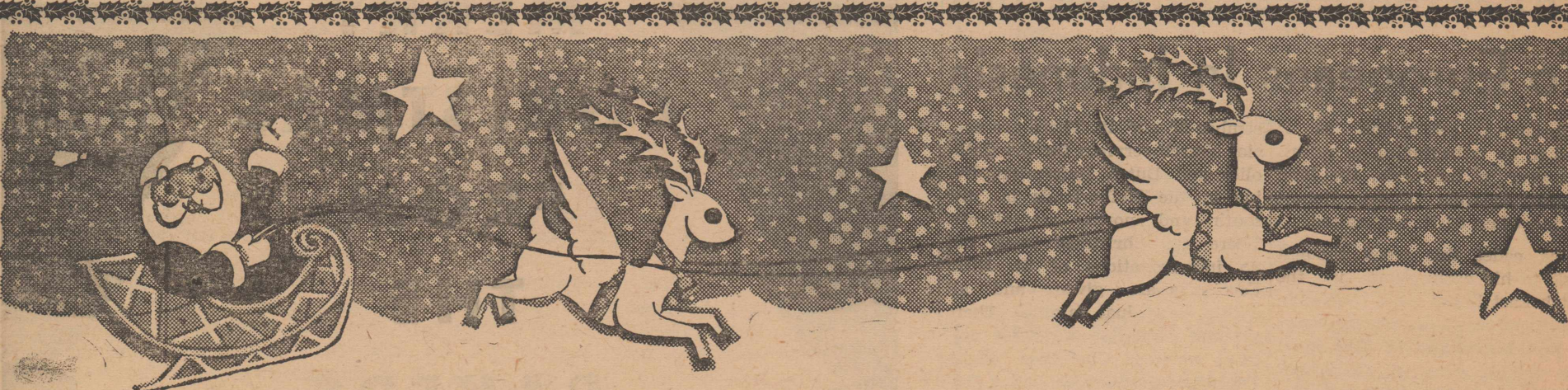
Petroff believes that the holiday observances in Egypt will be very quiet due to the trouble over the Suez Canal.

Airman Petroff plans to spend a quiet "American Christmas" with his wife and relatives in Lubbock.



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Guatemala Students Flying Home To Join Families In Observance

Two Guatemalan cadets, Hector E. Morales and Daniel A. Urrutia, should have arrived home today to spend Christmas with their parents, a Christmas almost like that in the United States.

The cadets have never been away from home for Christmas, so they arranged to fly back to Central America for a holiday leave which will last seven days.

"There is little difference in the holiday celebration at home and here," Cadet Morales said.

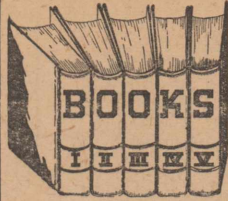
The Christmas tree goes up on December 24 and comes down January 6, as in most Latin American lands. December 24 is the day the Wise Men arrived at

Christ's birthplace and January 6 is the time they departed, according to beliefs.

Christmas church services start on Christmas Eve and there are masses at midnight and from 4 a.m. until noon. Everyone goes to services and gifts are distributed from under the trees on return from church. The Christmas meal centers around a turkey or other fowl. Santa Claus arrives in each home at midnight and he is found in stores for days prior to Christmas.

"It's just the same as here," Morales repeated.

It's just six hours by air from New Orleans to Guatemala. So not much leave time will be spent in travel.



At The Base Library

By Mrs. Helen Fuller

THE WARRIOR by Frank G. Slaughter

This is a novel of Osceola and the Seminole War of 1835. It is laid in the swamplands and pine barrens of central Florida. The tense relations between the red men and the white settlers exploded into war.

One man understood the situation and tried to save it. He, Charles Paige enlisted the services of beautiful Marie Campbell to help explain the Indian cause. He fell deeply in love with her and the lovers found themselves caught in a trap from which there seemed no escape.

CANTON BARRIER by Andrew Geer

Against a colorful and violent background, Geer tells the story of Jeff Jordon, who, in addition to being a flying mercenary, was also a strangely reckless man. A group of adventurers and a missionary and a beautiful Eurasian girl become involved in the plot.

This is a story for survival on one level, and for personal salvation on the other. Jordon and the individuals caught with him are carried along in a swift and dangerous stream of history.

CAPTAIN LITTLE AX by James Street.

THE LOST CAUSE finds a savage, if irregular, defender in Captain Ax as he is exposed to the harsh experiences of war, the stern disapproval of the Southern military command, a bitter first love found, from these action-filled pages emerges a hardened, wiser young man, worthy of a commission in the Confederate Army.

These titles listed above plus some thirty other new ones will be found on the shelves at YOUR BASE LIBRARY, T-421.



SEASON'S GREETINGS—The Yuletide spirit at the base is expressed by all of the lighted decorations about the base. The above sign in front of Wing headquarters is shown lighted at night. (Photo by Ross)

Additional Hobby Shop Stalls To Be Opened Early In January

The completion date of four new stalls for car repair in the Reese AFB Automotive Hobby Shop has been set for late in

December, Installations officials announced.

In the past the Auto Hobby Shop and its Personnel have supplied facilities, information, and advice to persons wishing to make repairs on their cars and other vehicles.

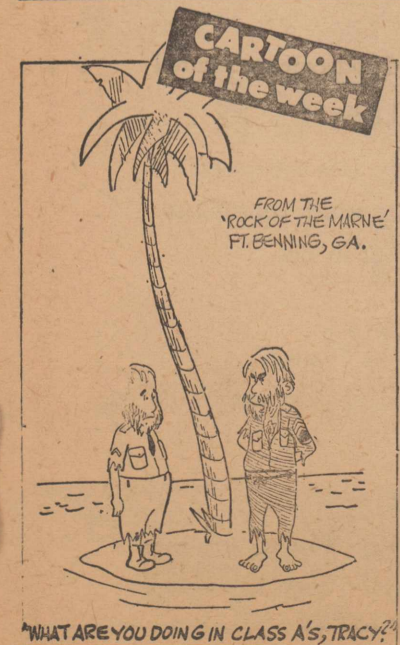
The installation of four new stalls will provide more working space for personnel using the shop. The new stalls will be used for light vehicle repairs such as tune ups, exhaust system repairs, brake repairs, and generator and necessary repairs. Time limit for using the new stalls will be one day, while the continued time limit for the now existing four stalls will be seventy-two hours. The present stalls will handle heavy repairs such as engine and transmission overhaul.

New Squadron CO

Capt. DeWitt R. Bunn assumed command of the Headquarters Squadron Section Pilot Training Wing from training coordinator duties in the 3501st Pilot Training Squadron.

The captain has been stationed at Reese since June 1953 and has been stationed in Japan, Labrador, England and twice in Korea.

He is married to the former Carolyn Boyd of Atlanta, Ga., and has two sons.



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Traditions Originate From Birth Of Man

Although Christmas is strictly a Christian holiday, originating with the birth of Christ, it may be said that many of its traditions stem from the birth of man.

According to legend, Adam's Garden of Eden was situated in the region of northern Mesopotamia, said to be the cradle of civilization.

Four thousand years ago, the people of this region annually held a celebration that lasted 12 days. They gave tribute to the New Year, prayed to purify themselves and renew the strength they needed for the coming year. They also asked forgiveness for past sins.

As peoples migrated from this center of early civilization, they carried their faith and traditions with them to Greece, to the Roman

Empire and to habitants of what is now known as Europe.

The Romans, who, like the Greeks, believed in many gods, gave special homage to Saturn, the god of seed-time, from mid December to Jan. 1.

The most important day of this period was Dec. 25 when the sun was near its lowest point.

This marked the Roman Saturnalia, a joyous, boisterous festival that looked to the rebirth of a new and brighter sun and a better world.

No one knows the exact day of the birth of Jesus, and it was not until several centuries after His death that Christians chose December 25 as His birthday.

During the third century after the death of Christ, Rome began to change its pagan ways and joined with Christians in the celebration of Christmas.

Church services became an essential part of the Christmas holiday. In fact, its name comes from the celebration of mass to mark the birth of Christ.

NATIVE OF FRANCE

A-3C Delobel Gets Second Yule Trip

A/3C Roger Delobel will take a good look at Christmas decorations as he travels toward Salt Lake City tomorrow, but he won't get quite as much thrill as he did four years ago as he went from New York to Salt Lake City by bus shortly after his arrival from his native France.

"I'll always remember the beauty of decorations in every town as we went across the country," he commented. "We arrived in Salt Lake City on Christmas day, and that was a time never to be forgotten.

Airman Delobel (the tall boy on the base distribution truck for mail) recalls that Christmas back in France is very different from that in America, partly because the working class doesn't have the money to spend which American workers do. There are no Christmas trees, except in the homes of the rich, and presents are virtually all of a utility nature which can be used.

"There are few frivolous gifts, as over here," he commented.

The big meal is Christmas Eve, and for the young folks the celebration extends all night. Turkey or other fowl is the main dish, with such trimmings and drink as the individual families can afford.

On Christmas Eve the children place their shoes by the chimney before they go to bed and everyone is up early. The first thing is to rush to the shoes on Christmas morning. There are the presents, which are opened promptly. There's a lot of candy for Christmas, and the children join in carols throughout the season, mainly for enjoyment by parents.



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National Tree Lighting Ceremonies Signal Military Decoration Turn-On

Washington (AFPS) — The traditional lighting of the National Community Christmas tree here by President Eisenhower at 5 p.m. on Dec. 20 will signal military installations to follow suit around the world.

A giant spruce will be lit on the ellipse in front of the White

House for the annual Christmas Pageant for Peace.

Presented to the nation by the citizens of Almagordo, N. M., the Engleman spruce from the Lincoln National Forest was brought here by a delegation on Dec. 10.

A highlight of the 1956 pageant in which more than 50 states and foreign legations will participate, will be a Santa Claus from Minden, Neb.

As in the past, military posts and bases are encouraged by the Department of Defense to light installation Christmas trees at the same time the President performs the ceremony in Washington.

Goes To Spain

S/Sgt. John E. Belcher of M&S left Reese this week for a new assignment at Seville, Spain. He will spend seven weeks at Fort Lee, Va., in a supply school, and is scheduled to start overseas in March.

Greeting Cards Fancier Than Ever

New York (AFPS) — Christmas cards today are more varied and fancy than ever.

Many feature Santa. Others are religious, scenic, jolly or teasing and bring cheer to myriads of homes in a very personal way.

Yet 75 years ago, Christmas cards were less jolly and more sedate. Saint Nick was virtually absent from Christmas cards in the 19th Century, and when he did appear, he was relatively thin and somber in appearance.

Sprigs of holly, Christmas trees, bells, reindeer and snow were seldom seen on cards. Only a few carried a religious theme.

Most Christmas cards in the early days featured flowers, usually trailing from a basket. A few showed kittens carrying umbrellas.

Through the years, more varied cards were demanded, starting the growth of today's multi-million dollar greeting card industry.

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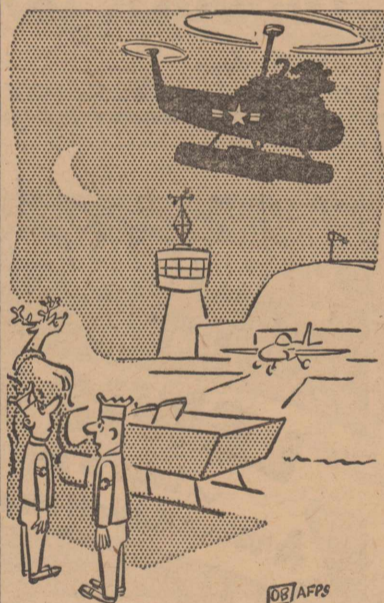
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Hawaiian Expects Same Celebrations Here As At Home

A/3C Harry F. Nakagawa of the 3501st Peiodic Maintenance squadron is spending the first Christmas of his life away from home; but he is looking forward to the same celebration and observance here as at home.

"Trees were put up just as quickly as they arrived from the United States, and a holiday spirit surely invaded everywhere, as in previous years," he said. "Everything is the same in Hawaii at Christmas time as in the United States. There are special church services, midnight mass, exchange of presents, and a joyous atmosphere. The only difference that I know of is that there is no snow."

Airman Nakagawa said Christmas trees were much larger in Honolulu, his home city, than he had seen around Lubbock and the base. He said the situation might exist because of the long distance necessary for the trees to travel to Hawaii and the fact that larger trees lasted longer.

The airman came to Reese in September.

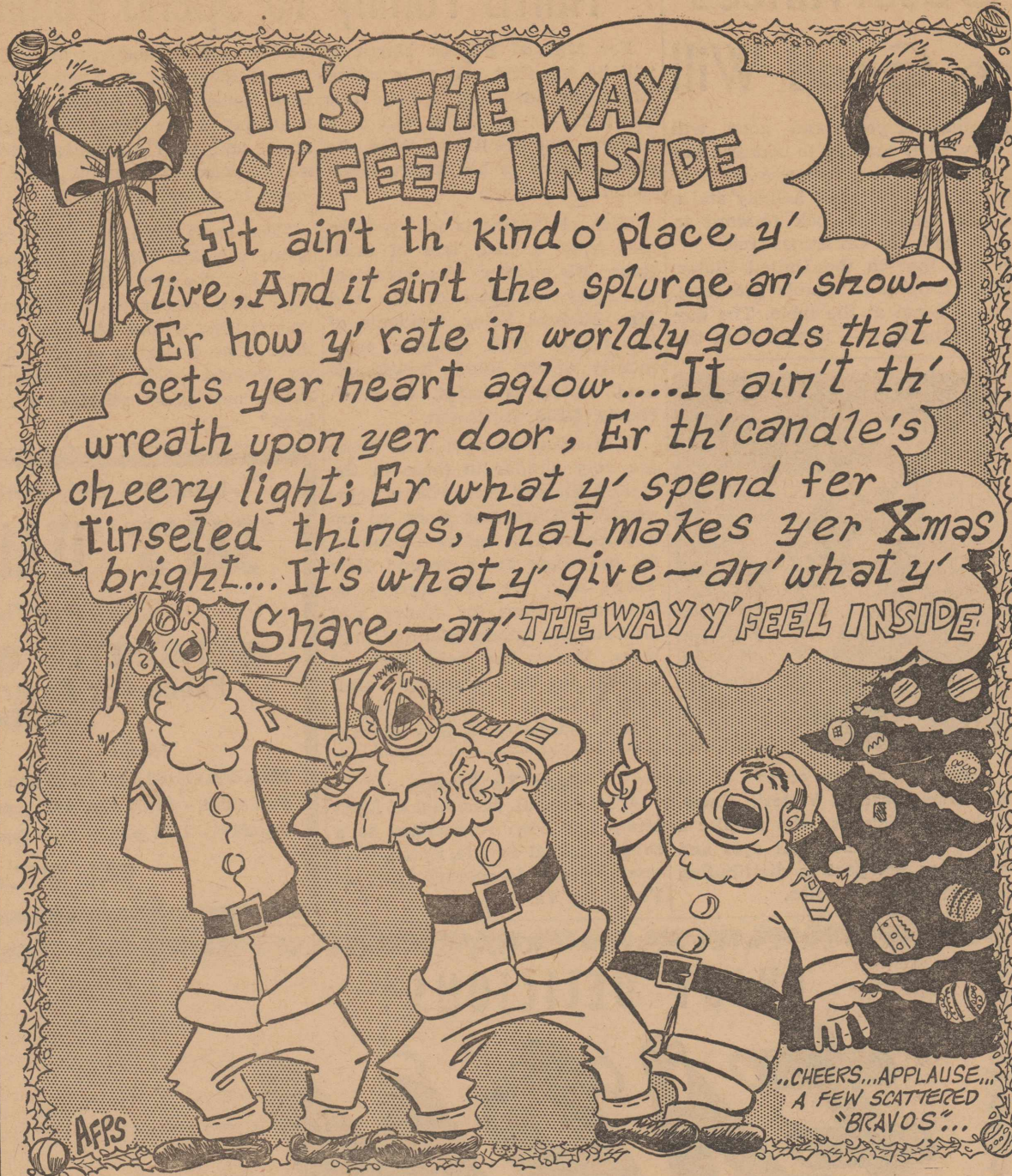
Christmas Don'ts

Don't use old electric cords and lights on your tree. Test them before using.

Don't fail to dispose of all wrappings as soon as you open your gifts. Don't throw wrappings in the fireplace. Put them in a container outside your home.

Don't fail to remove your tree from the house as soon as possible after Christmas. Don't place it near the house, a fence, or the garage.

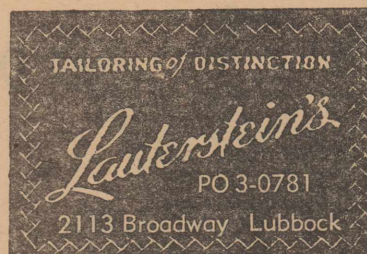
Don't forget to follow these simple rules and your Merry Christmas will be followed by a Happy New Year.



Mexico Gaiety

In Mexico, Christmas is marked by great gaiety. One of the most colorful customs is the breaking of the pinata by children. The pinata is a bright earthenware bowl that usually is made up to resemble the features of some animal. It is filled with fruit, peanuts, candies, and other goodies.

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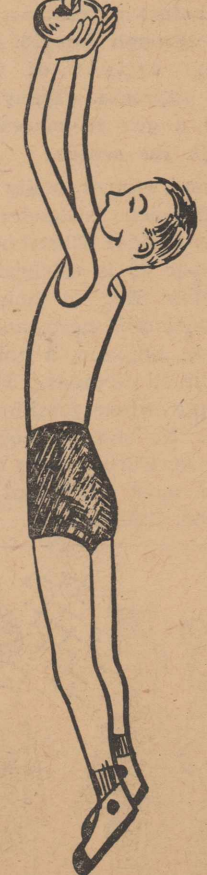
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World-Wide Observances Promote Peace, Good Will

Christmas speaks a universal language of peace and good will to all men. Customs and traditions vary from country to country, but in every land people express their earnest yearning for peace.

In the United States, Christmas is both a religious holiday and a time of family reunions. Children and grownups look forward to opening the gaily-wrapped packages beneath the Christmas tree.

Christmas in England is much like that in the United States. Children receive presents from Father Christmas. Carols are sung. Roast goose and plum pudding are traditional at the table. The day following is also a major holiday — Boxing Day — named from the time when the village priest opened the poor box to help the needy.

In France, only children receive presents at Christmas. Grownups exchange gifts on New Year's Day. Presents come from "Pere Noel" (Father Christmas), who fills shoes lined up before the chimney. The Yule Log appears in the form of a cake served as a traditional dessert.

Germany begins celebrating on the first of Advent—four Sundays before Christmas. Homes are decked out with red-ribboned wreaths of fir twigs. The big day for children is Dec. 6, the birthday of their Santa Claus. Two weeks before that date, youngsters put their shoes out each night and find candy in the morning, if they've behaved. On Christmas Eve, the whole family sings carols for the Christ child.

In Italy, Christmas is primarily a religious holiday. Midnight mass is widely attended after traditional Christmas Eve family dinners. Gifts aren't exchanged until Epiphany — 12 days after Christmas. On that day, Befana, the good fairy, flies in through an open window and leaves presents for good children.

In Switzerland, presents are distributed on the Feast of St. Nickolas, Dec. 6. In many sections, Santa Claus is replaced by Christ Kindl (Christ Child), who travels in a gift-laden sleigh drawn by six reindeer.

In Belgium and Holland, the children's holiday is also Dec. 6, the feast of St. Nickolas. Children in the Low Countries fill their shoes with hay for the white horse that carries Saint Nick from roof to roof. In return the youngsters find candy and toys.

Sweden's celebration starts 12 days before Christmas and continues through Jan. 13. Lucia, the national spirit of Christmas, reigns supreme. Many villages choose a girl to represent Lucia through the season.

Iceland shares many customs with Sweden. Icelanders have a holiday-packed Christmas week. December 23 is celebrated as St. Thorlakur Eve in honor of an early Icelandic hero, and Dec. 26 is, as in England, a holiday, too.

In the Philippines, Christmas is the time when families are reunited. No matter how poor a family is, Christmas is celebrated as the most important feast of the year. (AFPS)



PRETTY as the cover of a Christmas card is Victoria Shaw, Columbia Pictures, who cuddles a snow man and bats her eyes and smiles as her part in distributing holiday cheer to folks.

Harris Family To Spend Familiar Observance

For Michael Patrick Harris it will be the first and an exciting Christmas in Bldg. T-124 this year; for his mother it will be a holiday just about like those she always knew in her native Newfoundland.

Michael Patrick is four months old, from a long line of Irish folks. His mother was Margaret M. Foley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Foley, residents of the highly Irish Catholic community of St. John's Newfoundland. Daddy is S/Sgt. Orrin F. Harris, M&S draftsman.

"Christmas customs back home are very similar to those in the United States," Mrs. Harris commented. "Christmas trees go up a week or two before December 25 and come down around New Year's day. We have turkey as the main course for dinner, and all Catholics attend midnight high mass. Masses are held from 6 o'clock in the morning until noon."

Mrs. Harris cited that Decem-

ber 24 was a meatless day. She also pointed out that most families opened their presents after returning home from midnight mass, and then all retired until mid-morning. The main meal is early in the afternoon.

"For some families, Christmas is an occasion for wild celebration, but for most it is a quiet day, with exchange of presents and visiting within families," she said. "The Salvation Army travels around each town, singing carols and other religious numbers."

She pointed out that living in St. John's was much like New England, with much boiled food, lots of pork. Pea's pudding is a special dish. It consists of green peas boiled until a pulp, with high seasoning.

"That's a really tasty dish," Mrs. Harris asserted.

She figures the young folks on Christmas day will play and sing a lot of Western music, as usual.

"There will be a lot of singing by that Elvis Presley," she laughed. "He's the most popular, the very most."

Goes To Europe

A/1C John H. Messman of M&S group has been re-assigned to a supply unit at Seville, Spain, with seven weeks temporary duty at Fort Lee, Va.

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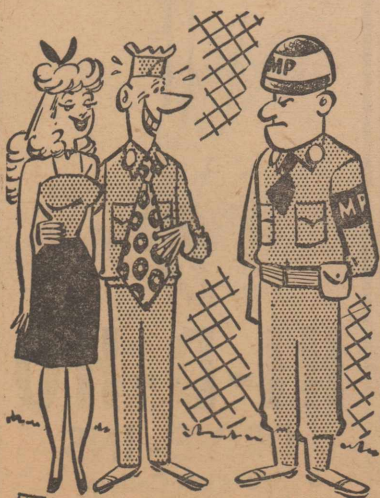
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