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Season's Greetings



From The Roundup Staff

### Seven Nominees FMS Sergeant Named Airman Of Year Here

A staff sergeant assigned to the 3500th Field Maintenance Squadron has been chosen Reese Air Force Base's Airman of the Year in some tough judging from among seven nominees for the honor.

He is SSgt. William H. Bryant of aerospace ground equipment branch who functions as both a technician and supervisor. His selection came after a day of judging by a five-man committee headed by Lt. Col. George F. Holtgrewe Jr., wing executive officer. Other members included Maj. Joe G. Leewright, chief, Personnel Division; Chaplain (Captain) Larry D. Mosley, chaplain section, SMSgt. Elmer C. Martin Jr., personnel sergeant major, and MSgt. Julian E. Hyde, acting wing sergeant major.

Other nominees for the Airman of the Year honor were: AIC Kelly D. Haley, Civil Engineer Division; MSgt. John F. Marquess Jr., 3501st Student Squadron; AIC Leland K. Young Jr., Personnel Division; TSgt. Joseph P. McElroy, 3500th USAF Hospital; SSgt. Jesus Salazar, 3500th Supply Squadron; and Sgt. Jimmie D. Martin, 3500th Organiza-

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### Base Paper Bids Farewell To '68

This issue of *The Roundup* is the last of the year. The next issue is due Jan. 10 so there will be two weeks in which the base will be without a paper while the staff goes on Christmas leave.

Contributors are asked to have their material into the information office by noon of Jan. 6 for the issue of Jan. 10.



CHRISTMAS SPIRIT—The Roundup photographer caught these two six-year-olds at the Reese AFB Chapel helping to set up a manger scene that will be on display in the chapel throughout the Christmas season. They are Robin Parker, daughter of SSgt. and Mrs. Robert C. Parker, and Ronald Hoch, son of 2nd Lt. and Mrs. Ronald Hoch. (USAF PHOTO BY JIM COMEAUX)

### Parties Take Spotlight

## Christmas Activity At Top In Preparation For St. Nick

Pre-Christmas activity at Reese AFB hit its zenith this past weekend with a number of youth activities and only a few more to come before St. Nick makes his perennial visit Wednesday.

Last Saturday saw massive activity on the base. The youth center staged its annual Christmas party for dependent youth at the base theater starting at 11 a.m. Some 600 kids attended, including

some 80 invited guests from the Buckner Baptist Children's Home in Lubbock.

Santa Claus was on hand to pass out candy and gifts. A variety show featured Ted Quan who performed a magic act.

Held in conjunction with the party was Reese's "Operation Santa Claus" for which the dependent children were asked to donate a toy to be distributed by

the United Fund of Lubbock to needy children in Lubbock.

The parties continued Saturday afternoon as members of the Protestant Men of the Chapel (PMOC) held their Christmas party for the children of Buckner's. Santa Claus made another appearance and there was more candy and gifts. The children also were conducted on a tour of the

(See Yule . . . Page 8)

### Eight Reesites Get Promotion Notice To E8, 9

The future promotions of eight Reesites to supergrade NCO status were announced this week. The official announcement came Wednesday.

Four senior master sergeants are due for promotion to chief master sergeant and four master sergeants are due for promotion to senior master sergeant.

Among those on the list of promotions to chief master sergeant is SMSgt. Elmer C. Martin Jr., personnel sergeant major, assigned to Headquarters Squadron. The other three are members of Field Maintenance Squadron. They are Senior Master Sergeants Lawrence Fisackerly, William W. Hoover, and Thomas Jenkins.

Moving to the grade of senior master sergeant are Master Sergeants Gerard C. Bourgeois, William J. Melton and Howard Purcell, all of Supply Squadron, and Buren E. Smith of Headquarters Squadron.

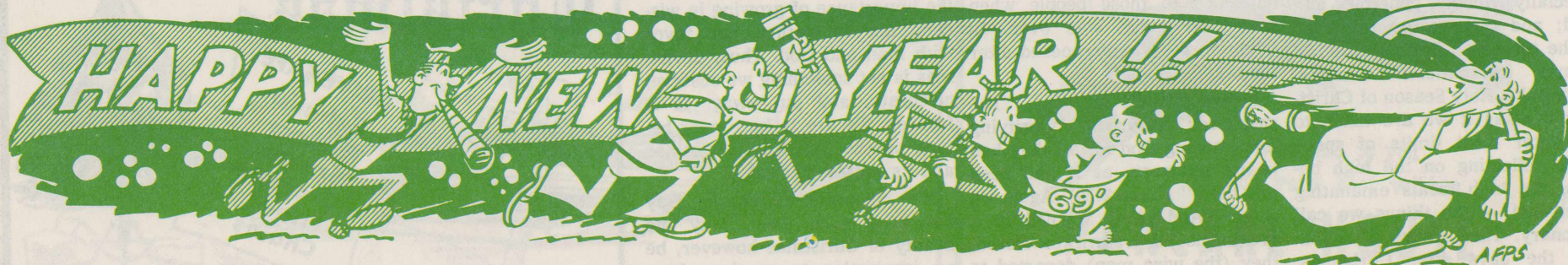
No one would predict when the first actual promotions would come for any of the eight men. Personnel Division officials said to the best of their knowledge they would come in the next 12 months. Although they could be spread out that long, or to the other extreme, could all be promoted in one given month.

There was no word on promotions in lesser ranks at *The Roundup's* deadline.

### The Mission

Training flights are due to end today, except for semi-weekly cross country flying, to allow students to take holiday leave. Training flights are due to resume Jan. 3.

The base itself will be closed Christmas and New Year's Day.



# COMMANDER'S COMMENTS...

**Christmas, 1968  
A Joyous Season**

**By Colonel Clyde J. Morganti  
Wing Commander**



**Col. Clyde J. Morganti  
Wing Commander**

As in past years, Christmas 1968 shall be, for most of us, a joyous season, a time to direct our thoughts and hopes for betterment of mankind. The first Christmas men prayed for "Peace on Earth, Goodwill T'ward men," and to this day it is as meaningful and heartfelt as ever.

Two thousand years ago this theme was unique, then in time it became trite. Today there seems to be a genuine re-birth of the meaning of that theme, and on this Christmas day those who observe it with reverence, pray that peace will come soon.

Certainly no one appreciates peace more than the men who are called upon to fight for it. I personally know of no military man who is FOR war or against peace. No wish for peace is more fervent or genuine than the one heard from a foxhole or cockpit. I know that all of you at Reese AFB join in this Christmas season in that prayer.

I also hope that as we enter a new year we will continue to work for peace at our jobs by fulfilling our mission of providing the nation the best-trained pilots in the world; a deterrent against war through a strong and vigilant Air Force.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you — military and civilian employee alike — for your achievements in 1968. And I call upon you for even more dedication of efforts in the coming year. This effort is vital to peace and to the security of our country.

Unfortunately, time does not allow me to visit personally with each of you this holiday season. Therefore, Mrs. Morganti and I would like to extend our sincere wishes for a Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year to each of you through this column.

## Chances For Merry Christmas Marred By Needless Hazards

**By Hayes Hefner  
Chief, Technical Services**

Many holiday celebrations end in holocausts, and greeting of "Merry Christmas" may be followed by tragedy because of some careless act or the neglect of simple safety precautions. The tragedies at Christmas time are on the increase despite all the warnings.

Several casualties, including many fatalities, have resulted at Christmas celebrations from the use of candles on Christmas trees, costumes and wearing apparel of flammable fabrics, open flames from gas heater and ranges and defective wiring from installations for Christmas tree lights.

Don't set off firecrackers or permit them to be used by anyone in your family.

Always consult your fire chief

or fire marshal for advice on decoration safety.

Christmas trees are combustible. Choose a small tree. They are less dangerous. Set it up in the coolest place in the house away from heating units and doorways.

Inspect all electric sockets and sets to insure they are in good condition. Discard sets with frayed cords or otherwise damaged. Provide a distant switch for turning the tree lights on and off. Don't leave tree lights burning when no one is in the house. Make certain that the needles are not exposed to lights. Inspect the tree occasionally and if needles near lights are burning brown, change the position of the lights.

Remove all gift wrapping promptly after the gifts have been opened. They are flammable.

## Chaplain's Yule Message

**By Chaplain (Lieutenant Colonel)  
Isaac M. Copeland**

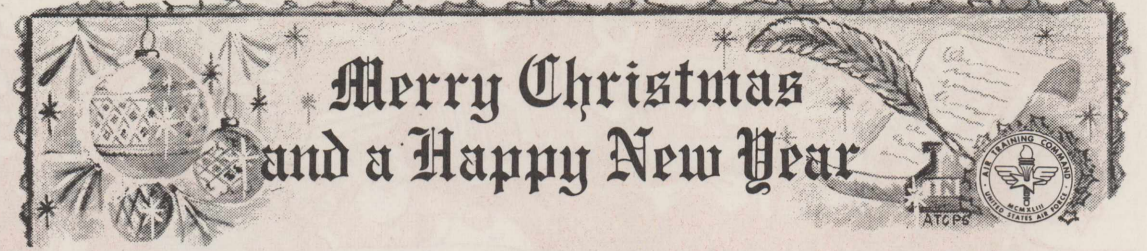
Whether or not the world is in tune for it, Christmas comes each year. Like a cloud burst the spirit of Christmas descends upon our communities and comes into our homes and into our hearts.

At this Christmas Season we find ourselves in a world full of contrasts. On the one hand we note the bright lights, the gay holiday colors, and the inspirational carols. On the other hand we hear about and witness tragedy, suffering, sickness, and pain. We note that people are especially friendly, generous, and kind; and yet, we are reminded of the turmoil in Vietnam and of intense international tensions. During this Holy Season of Christmas it is as if we are taken to the outer most limits of space while reflecting on the high beliefs, the high ideals emanating from God — the things we call visionary. Then comes Dec. 26th and the days after Christmas. Back to earth we come with a

thud! The Christmas trees begin to fade, celebrations cease, and decorations are put away for another year. Oftentimes, I am afraid, we shelve the Spirit of Christmas along with the decorations and holiday festivities.

Christmas is the Season of the year when Christians are thinking of the presence of God in our midst through the coming of his Son Jesus Christ. Most of us are familiar with the principle characters of the Christmas story and how they arrived at the manger scene. How many of us, however, have ever thought about what happened to those people when the great event was over. In other words, what happened after the manger scene?

In the Gospels we read: "The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them" (Luke 2:20). Again we read: "And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they (the wise men) departed to their own country by another



## Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Secretary of the Air Force Harold Brown has sent the following Christmas message to members of the Air Force:

"As the holiday season nears, I am happy to extend once again my warmest greetings to all members of the United States Air Force, and to their families and loved ones.

"You have truly earned the right to take pride and satisfaction in the many accomplishments of our service during the past year. Your continued and complete dedication to the defense of the free world has gained for you the honor and respect of your fellow countrymen and has brought credit to the Air Force. You have demonstrated

fully our Nation's willingness to defend freedom, no matter where it is challenged.

"As Christmas and the new year approach, we should remind ourselves of the great blessings our country and its people enjoy and rededicate ourselves to the day when these blessings will be shared by all mankind in peace and harmony."

**General McConnell**

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. McConnell has sent the following Christmas message to members of the Air Force:

"With another year drawing to a close, I wish to express my sincere gratitude to all men and women of the Air Force for their total dedication and devotion to

the defense of America and her allies.

"I am particularly proud of those of you who, though separated from your loved ones, continue to carry on in the face of much hardship and sacrifice. You may be sure that your countrymen are fully aware of your many achievements and efforts.

"Each of you, no matter where you are, can take satisfaction in the outstanding job you are doing to uphold the blessings of democracy. Your professionalism stands as an example to all mankind.

"To each of you and your loved ones, I wish a merry Christmas and a happy new year."



## Traffic Accidents Often Turn Christmas Joy Into Sorrow

**(An AFNS Editorial)**

We are in the midst of the Christmas holiday season, one of the happiest times of the year. But it can also be one of the most dangerous times unless certain safety precautions are taken.

These joyous days are marked by hurried activity and increased driving. Air Force members and others during this season rush to homecomings and family get-togethers. And, because they're

in a rush, a few of these meet with tragedy.

In an attempt to combat this critical period, Air Force advanced its annual "Holidays from Danger" traffic safety campaign this year to include Veterans Day. The campaign will end at midnight New Year's Day.

Despite this intensified effort, five Air Force military personnel died in traffic accidents over the long Veterans Day weekend and five more Air Force traffic fatalities were recorded over the Thanksgiving holiday period.

Last December there were 19 Air Force fatalities and 204 disabling injuries attributed to private motor vehicle accidents.

We should be safety conscious at all times, but especially during this time of festive activity. If you're traveling over the holidays, allow time to drive at a speed consistent with road and weather conditions. Plan ahead so that you can drive and arrive safely.

way" (Matthew 2:12). Then again we read: "And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom, and the favor of God was upon him" (Luke 2:40).

Is there not a message here for us today? Because of God's gift of His Son, we are challenged to go through life not obsessed with hatred, strife, and distrust but glorifying and praising God as the shepherds did. From the wise men we learn that it's not enough to be satisfied with ourselves. We are to go through life by "another way" — God's way. From the Christ child himself we learn the importance of growing in wisdom, and in stature, and favor with man and God. Thus, Christmas is not something we observe, celebrate, and put away. It is forever. We are to keep ever before us the Spirit of Christmas and its sacred meeting.

We celebrate Christmas Day but once each year. May the beauty of Christmas however, be an inspiration to us throughout the whole year.

## New Bicycles Call For Added Traffic Cautions

**By SSgt. John Feltenberger**

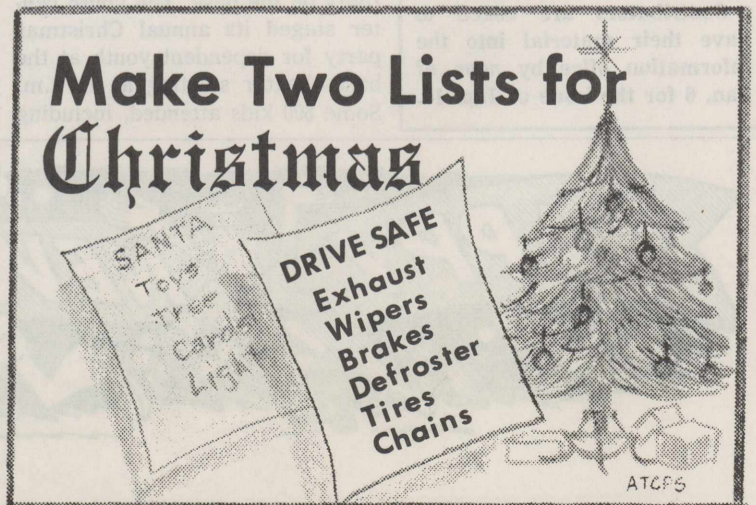
Parents . . . make a check now. Christmas is rapidly approaching and your children will not only be receiving, but riding new bicycles. Are your children "traffic orientated" (i.e., do they know basic traffic laws). Are your children aware that they must obey the same traffic laws that an adult must obey when he drives an automobile, including indicating the intent to turn by using hand signals, the need to stop at stop signs, or the need to yield to oncoming traffic? If your children will be riding their bicycles at night, are their bikes equipped with headlights and tail lights or reflectors?

Are your children "traffic orientated"? Let's hope so. Pray that when you hear the squeal of brakes on pavement, that your child was not hit by a car because he was riding all over the street instead of in the right hand lane; or because he failed to signal his intent to turn; or because he darted out into the street without looking for oncoming traffic. Parents! Children learn by example. Are You "Traffic Orientated"?

## Quote Of Note

**(An AFNS Feature)**

"Military strength by itself is not enough to achieve and maintain an acceptable peace. What success we have had has also been founded on the wisdom and discrimination of our political leadership and the full understanding and support of the people. We now have the military strength we need. I am confident that we will continue to have leadership with discriminating judgment." (Gen. J. P. McConnell, Air Force chief of staff, Washington, D.C., Nov. 11, 1968.)



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WORK OF ART Paige Young, who graces the center pages of November's Playboy, normally works out of a Malibu, Calif., studio as a free-lance artist, creating everything from portraits to bold abstractions. Nothing abstract about her appearance as an art subject!

**SAVINGS BOND LEADERS**  
 WASHINGTON (AFNS) — Air Force Logistics Command and Tactical Air Command continued to lead civilian and military participation, respectively, in purchase of U.S. Savings Bonds through Oct. 1. Air Force's 64.8 civilian participation rate was third among the military services as was its 49.7 per cent military rate.

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# Wing OPLAN Drawn Up For Night Before...

(EDITORS NOTE: The following OPLAN was drawn up by Margie Negri, officer training section, DCO-C, a civilian employee at Reese.)

HEADQUARTERS, 3500 Pilot Training Wing  
 Reese Air Force Base, Texas  
 1 December 1968

3500TH PILOT TRAINING WING OPLAN 12-24-68  
 OPERATION—SANTA CLAUS

1. **GENERAL:** An official visit by Major General Santa Claus is expected at this station 25 December 1968.
2. **SITUATION:**
  - a. Not a creature will stir without official permission. This will include indigenous mice. Special stirring permits for necessary administrative action will be obtained through normal command channels. Mice-stirring permits will be secured through Base Personnel, with prior coordination through SP.
  - b. Personnel will settle their brains for a long winter nap prior to 2200 hours, 24 December 1968. Uniform for nap: pajamas cotton, light, drowsing, with kerchief, general purpose, OK and/or cap, fatigue with ear flaps. Equipment will be drawn from BEMO prior to 1900 hours.
3. **ASSUMPTION:** Personnel will utilize standard ration sugar plums or appropriate beverages for visions to dance through their heads. These items will be drawn through Base Dining Hall, Officers' Mess or NCO Open Mess.
4. **GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:** Stocking, wool, cushion sole, will be hung by chimneys with care. Necessary precautions will be taken to avoid fires caused by carelessly-hung stockings. Squadron Safety Officers will submit stocking hanging plans to this Headquarters prior to 0800 hours, 22 December 1968.
5. **COMMAND AND SIGNAL:** At first sign of clatter from lawn, all troops will spring from bed to investigate and evaluate cause. Immediate action will be taken to tear open shutters and throw open window sashes. OPS PLAN "Saint Nick", dated 12 December 1967 supporting document to this plan, will be in effect to facilitate shutter tearing and sash throwing. Sections Chiefs will be appointed for Reese Village and will familiarize all personnel with procedures and will be responsible for seeing that no shutters are torn or sashes thrown prior to start of official clatter.
6. **EXECUTION:**
  - a. Prior to 2400 hours, date of visit, all personnel will be assigned "Wondering Eyes" stations. After shutters are torn and sashes thrown, these station will be manned.
  - b. The Base Transportation Officer will assign one sleigh, miniature, M-63, and eight (8) deer, rein, tiny, for use of General Claus. Driver assigned must have current rooftop license and less than four points assessed from driving violations. All Student Squadron personnel will automatically be eliminated by this stipulation. Driver can be hippie and wear a beard but must be able to shout clearly "On Dancer, on Dasher, on Prancer and Vixen; up Comet, up Cupid, on Donder and Blitzen." WROCC will have two helicopters on standby as backup transportation.
  - c. General Claus will enter Reese Village and Base quarters through chimneys. All housing units, barracks and BOQs without chimneys will draw Chimney Simulator, M-6, for use during the operation. Chimneys will be drawn on Reese Form 555 and will be submitted to BEMO in seven (7) copies prior to 22 December 1968.
  - d. Personnel will be rehearsed in the shouting of "Happy Christmas to all and to all a good night." This shout will be given on the termination of General Claus' visit. Uniformity of shouting is the responsibility of Squadron Commanders. **SPECIAL NOTE:** Personnel are also reminded to refrain from the slang version of this quote by saying, "Sock it to 'em Santa."

CLYDE J. MORGANTI, Colonel, USAF  
 Wing Commander

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CHRISTMAS PARTY—Members of the Officers's Wives Club and their husbands admire the Christmas tree at the Officers' Open Mess during the recent OWC Christmas Formal. (USAF PHOTO)

### Weekly Dup Bridge Winner Announced

The Reese Duplicate Bridge Club held its benefit tournament Dec. 10 with proceeds from the tournament going to the youth center.

Winners of the tournament were the teams of Sam Smith and Steve Pitt and Mmes. E. C. Terry and Martin Harbison, both of which tied for the top spot. Second place also ended in a two-team tie between teams of Mmes. Sylvia Mariner and J. P. Giles and of C. C. Nelson and William E. Moore.



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## Service Club Schedule

<p><b>Today, 20th</b> — Ceramic classes —9:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; films —7 p.m.</p> <p><b>Tomorrow 21st</b> — Table tennis and talent practice—2 p.m.; pool tournament — 5 p.m.</p> <p><b>Sunday 22nd</b> — Coffee—2 p.m.; games for merchandise prizes (bachelors only) — 3 p.m.; pinochle — 5 p.m.; turnable dance with Mays — 7 p.m.</p> <p><b>Monday 23rd</b> — Ceramics—9:30 a.m.; "Christmas Wishes" at game time — 8 p.m.</p> <p><b>Tuesday 24th</b> — Fireside activity: song-folio-sing; Christmas films; hang a stocking; add a touch to the Christmas painting; add a line to the letter to Santa; Santa visits in the evening.</p> <p><b>Wednesday 25th</b> — Open at</p>	<p>noon; holiday coffee — 2 p.m.; phone call drawing — 3 p.m.; pool tournament —5 p.m.; Santa visits; late snacks — 9 p.m.</p> <p><b>Thursday 26th</b> — Pre New Year Dance with noisemakers, hats, horns, serpentine, etc. — "The Soul Agents" play from 8:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>Friday 27th</b> — Ceramics (no class); films — 7 p.m.</p> <p><b>Saturday 28th</b> — Table tennis and talent practice — 2 p.m.; pool tournament — 5 p.m.; fire-side activity (evening).</p> <p><b>Sunday 29th</b> — Coffee time — 2 p.m.; pinochle — 5 p.m.; turntable dance — 7 p.m.</p> <p><b>Monday 30th</b> — Ceramics (no class); "New Year Resolves" at game time — 8 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Tuesday 31st</b>—Old sayings quiz — 6 p.m.; jam session — 7 p.m.; TV 'til '69 with toasts and toast, noisemakers, hats, serpentine, etc.</p> <p><b>Wednesday 1st</b> — Recovery bar opens — noon; ceramics (no class); watch TV Bowl Games and parades.</p> <p><b>Thursday 2nd</b> — Dance time with the Roy Roberts Dance Band — 8:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>Officer's Open Mess</b> Today and tomorrow The Storme will play at the Officers' Open Mess, 8 p.m. to midnight tonight and 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. tomorrow night.</p>
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## Officers Wives Club Schedules Board Meeting For January

The Officers' Wives Club board meeting will be held Jan. 7, 9:30 a.m. at the Officers' Open Mess. "A Psychedelic Lunch-In" is the theme for the OWC luncheon to be held Jan. 9, at noon, in the Officers' Open Mess. Hostesses will be the wives of 3501st Pilot Training Squadron. The program will feature a talk on L.S.D. by a representative from the police department.

For those interested in gift ideas for Christmas, "Recipes On Parade" printed a series of four cookbooks on meats, salads, desserts and casseroles compiled from favorite recipes of officers' wives throughout the world. Further information may be obtained by calling Mrs. Gary Thomsen, SW 9-6882, OWC cookbook chairman.

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KAPPA PICKERS—The Kappa Pickers, a group of girls from Texas Tech, entertain officers and their wives at the Officers' Wives Club Christmas Formal. (USAF PHOTO)

## Base Theater Schedules Movie Entertainment

(NOTE: Comments on features taken from the Army and Air Force Motion Picture Service Press Release.)

**Today:** "Strategy of Terror"—Hugh O'Brian, Barbara Rush, Harry Townes, mature (M). A plot to assassinate an undersecretary to the United Nations is thwarted in this action-packed, suspense-filled story.

**Tomorrow (matinee):** "Tarzan and the Valley of Gold"—Mike Henry, Nancy Kovack; general (G). The new Tarzan is as much at home on a superhighway as he is on a jungle path. Adventure lovers will find both the old and

new in this well done action adventure movie.

**Tomorrow (evening):** "The Wicked Dreams of Paula Schultz"—Elke Sommer, Bob Crane, Maureen Arthur; mature (M). A romantic and suspenseful comedy about the defection of an East German athlete to the West.

**Sunday:** "Boom!"—Elizabeth Taylor, Richard Burton, Noel Coward; mature (M). The movie details the events and drama of a much married widow of enormous wealth and power for whom it seems that a new romance is about to begin.

**Tuesday:** "Will Penny"—Charlton Heston, Joan Hackett, Donald Pleasence; general (G). A veteran, middle-aged cowhand who has just finished a cattle drive and is seeking winter work, has a series of unique adventures that change his life.

**Wednesday and Thursday:** "The Extraordinary Seaman"—David Niven, Faye Dunaway, Alan Alda, Mickey Rooney; general (G). A comedy adventure set in the Pacific during World War II.

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# Wing Regulation 162-2 Details Dental Program

The 3500th Pilot Training Wing has issued Wing Regulation 162-2 which outlines the details of the preventive dentistry program for dependent children at Reese — a program announced in The Roundup two weeks ago. (Dec. 6 issue).

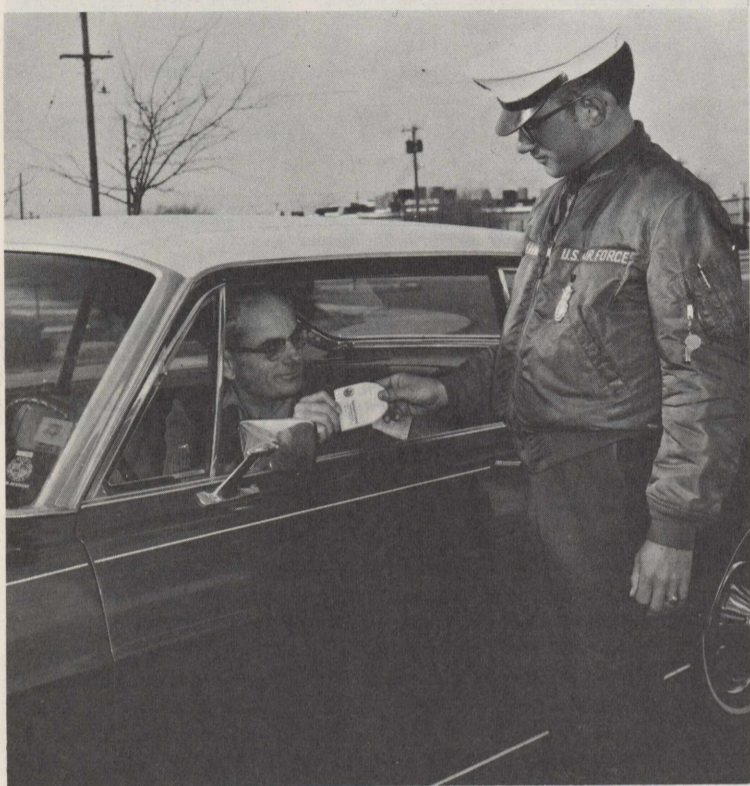
The regulation outlines the eligibility, services to be rendered, schedule for treatment, individual responsibility, broken appointments and cancellations. The regulation is dated Dec. 9.

Those eligible are basically dependent children under the age of 21, or under 23 and enrolled in a full-time course in an approved institution of higher learning. Services will include dental examinations without X-ray, cleaning of teeth, topical application to the teeth of a fluoride solution, but definite dental treatment will not be performed under this program. Minors must be accompanied by an adult member of the sponsor's family.

Children will be scheduled for 4:15 p.m. insofar as possible. This will include Reese Elementary School pupils and pre-school children. Where school times, transportation and such dictate, program appointments will be made at 4:45 p.m. Parents will make appointments in person at the **Dental Clinic for all children who are living at home.**

Eligible children living away from home who desire treatment will secure consent forms from the Dental Clinic. Upon completion and return of the forms to the Dental Clinic, appointments will be made. All appointments must be made during normal duty hours of the calendar month preceding the child's birth month. Treatment will be accomplished during the child's birth month. Failure to make appointment during the prescribed calendar month will result in the patient being placed on a waiting list for treatment as vacancies occur.


For complete information on the program, it is suggested that sponsors obtain Wing Regulation 162-2 and read it thoroughly.



**SAFETY DEVICES**—A1C Darrel Y. Dearman, security policeman on duty at the main gate at Reese AFB hands an ice scraper to Jack House, civilian employe at Reese courtesy of the Security Police and the Reese Credit Union. The ice scrapers will be distributed as long as they last at the main gate and at the open house planned at the Credit Union Dec. 23-24. (8 a.m. to 5 p.m.) (USAF PHOTO BY A1C LARRY KERR)

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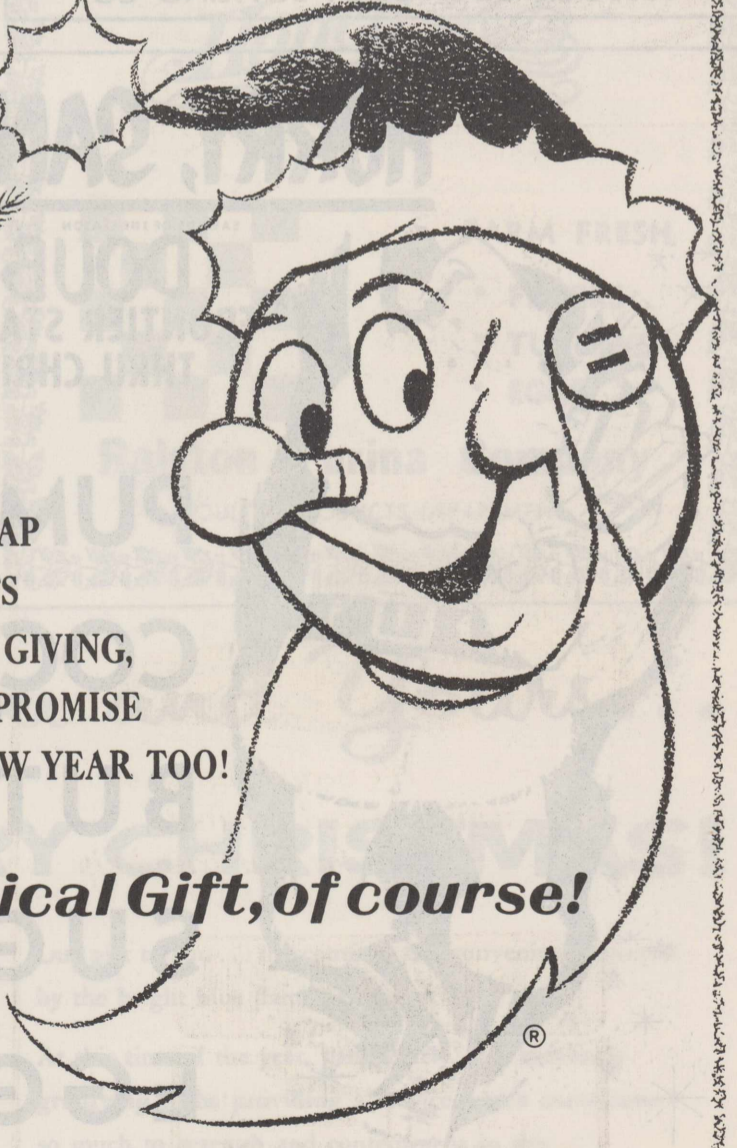
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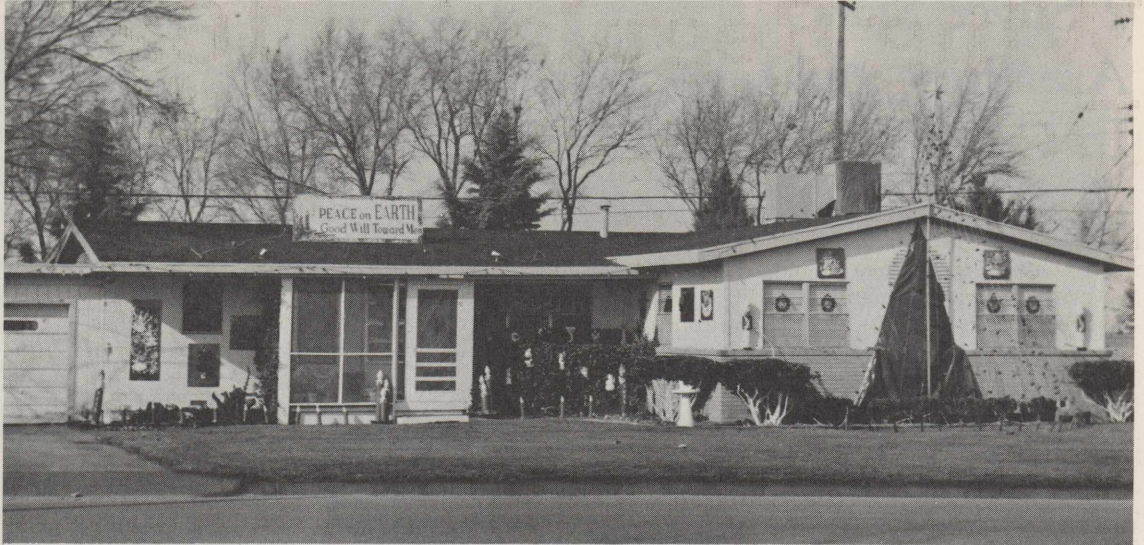
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**CHRISTMAS HOUSE**—The editor of The Roundup toured Reese Village Monday looking for the house best decorated for the Christmas season. In his opinion, this was one of the best. It is the home of Col. William C. Sipes Jr., base commander, who lives at 105 Andrews. A Christmas tree motif is augmented by colored lights, giant candles and a sign: "Peace On Earth, Goodwill Toward Men." (USAF PHOTO)

## More First-Termers Eligible For Early Out

Air Force has expanded the early out program three months and has accelerated early release losses already scheduled. First term airmen at Reese whose dates of separation (DOS) fall between October and December 1969 will be eligible for a February, 1969 early out. Airmen who have already been identified for early release in February and March 1969 will have their DOS's adjusted to January, 1969.

First term airmen committed for an overseas assignment with an EDCSA through the month of March 1969 are ineligible for early release. These airmen will be processed for overseas assignment as previously scheduled. Airmen who indicate that they will suffer hardship if released early will be allowed to waive early out. Airmen who are otherwise eligible will be counseled by Personnel as to the advantages of reenlistment. Airmen who meet eligibility criteria and indicate positive intent to reenlist will not be scheduled for separation or have their DOS adjusted. Those not reenlisting will be scheduled for a separation physical as soon as possible. Personnel involved in this additional rollback will not be eligible for further early release under the Christmas early release program. Failure to experience the expected losses in the original rollback is indicated as the reason for the expanded program.

## Spring Term Classes At Tech Will Begin Jan. 27 At Reese

The spring term (1969) on-base college program offered through the Texas Technological College Extension Division will begin Jan. 27 at Reese AFB. Final examinations are scheduled for April 30 and May 1. Courses to be offered include accounting, economics, English, foreign languages (French, German and Spanish), government, history, math, philosophy, and sociology. Schedules with descriptions of each course are available in the education office, bldg. 1033. Tuition charge will be \$15 for all students. Military personnel may secure a reimbursement at the rate of \$11.25 per semester hour. The registration period will be Jan. 2 through Jan. 17. Military personnel desiring tuition assistance must complete AF Form 1227 (Tuition Assistance Form), available in the base education office. Registration materials are available in the base education office. Arrangements for registration after regular duty hours can be made by calling ext. 634. Since Texas Tech requires an overall average of 15 students per class established on base it is very important that all interested personnel register as early as possible. Students will not have to pay their part of tuition until the class has been officially established.

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# 2 Silver Stars Are Presented In Ceremonies

Two Silver Star Medals were presented — one posthumously — at Reese AFB Dec. 13.

The presentations were made by Brig. Gen. Ernest T. Cragg, deputy chief of staff, Operations, Air Training Command and a former wing commander at Reese.

The medals were presented to 1st Lt. Phillip W. Johnson, who is recently assigned to Reese, and to Mrs. Carla Jean Oberdier, widow of Capt. Lyn D. Oberdier, who died May 5, 1968 in an aircraft crash in South Vietnam. Also presented Mrs. Oberdier were the Purple Heart Medal and first Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal.

The presentation of a third Silver Star, to W. B. Riley, SSgt., USAF Retired, was postponed when Mr. Riley was unable to make the ceremony.

Captain Oberdier received the Silver Star for gallantry in connection with military operations against an opposing force as an A-1H tactical fighter pilot near Da Nang, RVN, April 21, 1968.

Lieutenant Johnson was awarded the Silver Star Medal for gallantry in connection with military operations against an opposing force as an F-100 pilot near Ben Tre, RVN, on Feb. 2, 1968.



SILVER STARS—Brig. Gen. Ernest T. Cragg, deputy chief of staff, Operations, Air Training Command (left) poses with two recipients of the Silver Star Medal at wing headquarters Dec. 13. The recipients are Mrs. Carla Jean Oberdier, widow of Capt. Lyn Oberdier, and at right is 1st Lt. Phillip W. Johnson, recently assigned to Reese AFB. See story at left. (USAF PHOTO)

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(Continued From Page 1) base and attended the matinee in the base theater.

Later Saturday afternoon, still another party — this one an unusual one. Members of Brownie Troop 349, made up of Reese Elementary School second graders, held a Christmas party for two Norwegian students, 2nd Lieutenants Tor Strand and Gunnar Rolland of Class 69-06 at the youth center. The girls fed the officers cookies, cupcakes and punch, presented a Christmas play and presented them with Christmas stockings and original Christmas cards.

Sunday's activities got under way early at the base chapel as the Children's Christmas Pageant, sponsored jointly by the Protestant and Catholic Chaplains religious education programs, was held.

The children presented a play entitled "And Lo It Came To Pass" to about 150 persons. Narrators were SSgt. Hiram Moseley and Sgt. Joe Nester.

The play was the first part of the service. It concluded with the lighting of individual candles and the singing of carols. Following the program, a social hour was held in the chapel support facility.

Tomorrow, members of the Protestant Youth of the Chapel will tour the base singing Christmas carols, adding the final touch to the pre-Christmas activities.

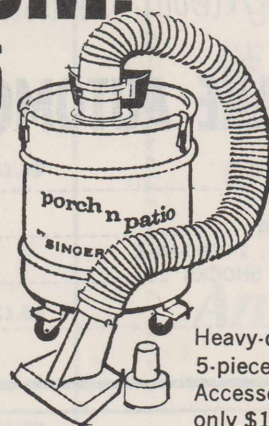
All this will lead up to Christmas eve and Christmas day activity with the emphasis strongly on the religious aspect of the two days.

The base chapel will have both Protestant and Catholic services scheduled both days. Protestants will hold their annual candlelight service and holy communion at 7 p.m. Tuesday and will climax it all with a Christmas day service at 11 a.m.

Catholics will hold midnight Mass at 11 p.m. Tuesday and two Christmas Masses Wednesday — at 10 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.

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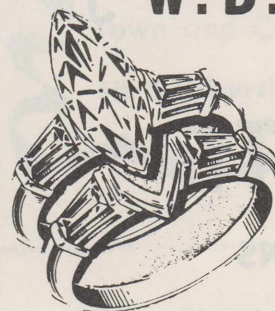
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A General Wililam S. Stone memorial is being created at the (CSSA), USAF Academy, Colo., 80840. Make checks payable to: USAF Academy in memory of the former Academy superintendent who died Dec. 2 of a heart attack in Mons, Belgium.

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Reesites planning to eat their Christmas dinner out will have very little choice as both the Officers' and NCO Open Mess cafeterias will be closed, along with the cafeteria and snack bars on the base.

The one facility open will be the wing dining hall where active duty military may dine and bring their families and up to two friends. Officers and airmen without guests are encouraged to dine from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Officers and airmen bringing their families and friends will dine from 12:30 to 3 p.m.

Meals will be paid for at the wing dining hall on Christmas day. Separate ration personnel pal 60 cents, officers and dependents and guests over 12 years of age will pay \$1.10. Children under 12 will pay 75 cents. No reservations are necessary.

The menu will read as follows:

CHRISTMAS DAY MENU 1968  
Shrimp Cocktail  
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Giblet Gravy Cranberry Sauce  
Snowflake Potatoes  
Glazed Sweet Potatoes  
Buttered Green Beans  
Assorted Relish Tray  
Parker House Rolls — Butter  
Mince-meat Pie Pumpkin Pie Ice Cream  
Whipped Cream Fruit Cake  
Fresh Fruit Assorted Nuts Candy  
Tea — Coffee — Milk

The Officers' Open Mess will be completely closed. The NCO Open Mess will have open the Rocker bar only.

## NCOA Chapter Plans Auxiliary

The Kuykendall Chapter of the Noncommissioned Officers Association of America (NCOA) held its regular monthly meeting Dec. 9 at the NCO Open Mess and made preliminary plans for a ladies' auxiliary. Presiding over the meeting was chapter chairman SMSgt. Samuel Madison.

The members decided to wait until its January meeting to appoint a committee to work out details of a Valentine Sweetheart Banquet which will serve as a vehicle for initiating the ladies' auxiliary.



TREE SALE—Troop 548 of the Boy Scouts of America (Reese AFB troop) held a highly successful Christmas tree sale this past week on the base. Here, 2nd Lt. James D. Mitchell, Field Maintenance Squadron (left), buys a tree from MSgt. Billy L. Russell, chairman of the committee on Christmas tree sales for the scouts. A total of 250 trees were put on sale, and most sold. (USAF PHOTO)

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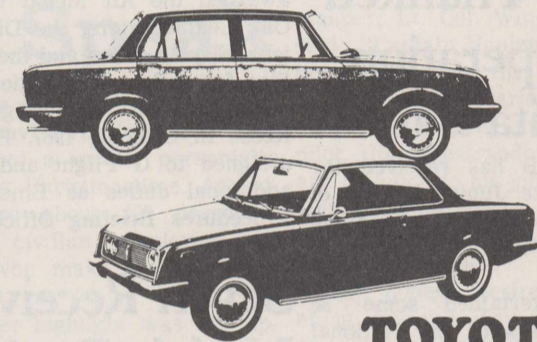
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**Captain Vernon G. Ash**

# '00th IP Named Base Junior Officer Of 1968

Capt. Vernon G. Ash, an outstanding student pilot at Reese AFB in 1964 and an outstanding instructor pilot at Reese today, has been named Distinguished Junior Officer of the Year at Reese.

Captain Ash was selected by a blue-ribbon board of officers from among nine nominees for the singular honor. He will be given a plaque, emblematic of his achievement, and a letter of con-



Catpain Ash

gratulations from the wing commander.

Captain Ash is currently assigned to the 3500th Pilot Training Squadron and was nominated by his squadron commander, Lt. Col. Albert S. Martin. The nomination points out that Captain Ash started his career at Reese as a student in March, 1964 and was recognized by being awarded the Flying Training Award for having achieved the highest flying grades in his class.

Upon leaving Reese, Captain Ash was awarded the Top Gun award for being rated the top graduate in his F-100 gunnery training class at Luke AFB. In the first quarter of 1966, he became known as one of the "Top Ten" guns in the 354th Tactical Fighter Wing at Myrtle Beach AFB.

Captain Ash was instrumental in the deployment of the 352nd Tactical Fighter Wing to Vietnam during the buildup of 1966. In Southeast Asia he soon became known as one of the youngest and most competent flight leaders in Vietnam and was thrust into the positions of leading older pilots into combat. For his efforts in Southeast Asia, Captain Ash was awarded the Air Medal with 13 Oak Leaf Clusters, the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Silver Star for gallantry in action.

Captain Ash was assigned to Reese in October, 1967. He was assigned to G Flight and given additional duties as Emergency Procedures Briefing Officer and

Associate Stan/Eval Member.

Last spring, Captain Ash was selected above all other nominees throughout Air Training Command as ATC's representative on the Junior Officers Advisory Council to the president of the Air Force Association. He was recently selected as one of 16 senior RSU controllers in the 3500th PTS.

## Reese Thanked For Operation Senorita Part

Reese AFB has received the thanks of the Junior League of Lubbock for its part in making the recent "Operation Senorita" a success.

Reese entertained some 30 young students of the National Teacher's School of Mexico City two weeks ago on a tour of the base, one of the highlights for the visiting girls.

The letter, addressed to Col. Clyde J. Morganti, wing commander, read as follows:

"Dear Colonel Morganti:

"On behalf of the Junior League of Lubbock we want to express our sincere appreciation for the delightful morning the Senoritas spent at Reese. This time was one of the highlights of the week for these girls.

"We are convinced that the benefits from Operation Senorita can have a real impact in Mexico as these young teachers share the experience with their many students. This has been the only chance most of these teachers will ever have to see the American way of life.

"We are grateful for your part in it.

Sincerely,"

The letter was signed by Mrs. Robert Moore, chairman and Mrs. Harry Mayes, co-chairman, of the operation in Lubbock.

## Seven Receive Medals During Squadron 'Call'

A total of seven medals were presented officers assigned to the 3500th Pilot Training Squadron at the squadron commander's call Dec. 10.

A pair of captains, James C. Lesseig and Leslie R. Tompkins, received Distinguished Flying Crosses. Air Medals went to Maj. Stuart W. Levy (his 2nd through 12th clusters) and to Capt. William W. Harris (his 1st through 16th Oak Leaf Clusters). Maj. William E. Fisher received his first Oak Leaf Cluster to the Commendation Medal.

Two officers received Vietnamese Air Service Medals, Honor Class. They are Maj. Charles D. Thomas Jr., and Capt. Travis E. Vanderpool.

The medals were presented by the squadron commander, Lt. Col. Albert S. Martin.

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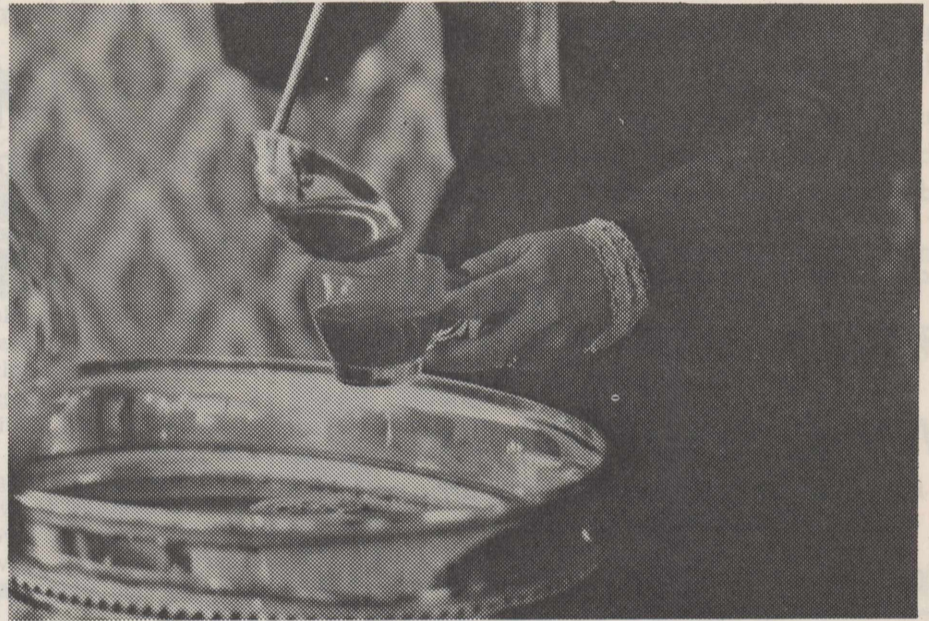
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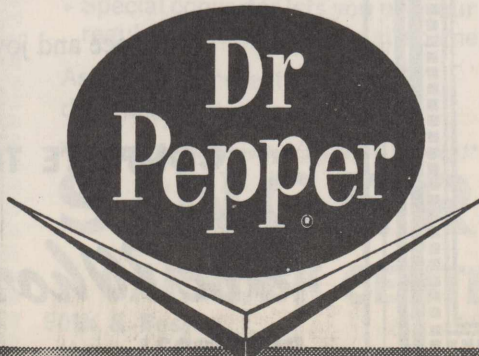


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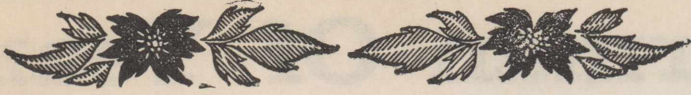
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**BUSY SANTA**—St. Nick had a busy day Saturday at the base theater as he handed out toys and candy to some 600 children at the youth center-sponsored Christmas party. The children were dependents of Reese military personnel and special invited guests from the Buckner Baptist Childrens Home in Lubbock. (USAF PHOTO)

**Kegler's Korner**  
**Hospital Leads In Intramural Bowling Play**

Hospital swept four games from Supply last week to pad its lead in the Reese Intramural Bowling League. James Bibb led the way with a 65I series.

Jerry Beck had the only other 600 series — a fine 605 that included high game of the night, a 243.

Standings as of Monday are as follows:

TEAM	W	L
Hospital	35	17
FMS	28½	23½
AFCS	28	24
ABG	25	27
Supply	25	27
Weather	24	28
'01st	21½	30½
OMS	21	31

**Captain Hanley Named To IP Honor For '01st**

Capt. Francis J. Hanley, Flight G, has been named Instructor Pilot for the Month of November for the 3501st Pilot Training Squadron.

In nominating Captain Hanley for the honor, his squadron commander, Lt. Col. Wm. E. Moore said: "Captain Hanley can easily be rated among the very finest of his contemporaries, both as an officer and as an instructor pilot. His understanding, patience and devotion to his job have often meant the difference in success or failure to many students having difficulties.

"An honest desire to help, along with the competence to do so, as seen in the eyes of all his students, has allowed Captain Hanley to succeed in accomplishing the primary mission of our squadron—that of graduating proficient students. Captain Hanley's students continually stand at the top of their class."

Captain Hanley serves as flight emergency procedures officer and squadron general military training officer as additional duties.

**Career Girls Hear Mrs. Texas Speak**

Jeanne White, Mrs. Texas for 1968, was the honored guest at the Reese Career Girls annual Christmas luncheon yesterday at the Mathis Service Club. Other honored guests included Mrs. White's husband, Max, and Col. Clyde J. Morganti, wing commander. Mrs. White reviewed the popular book, "Miracle on 34th Street" by Valentine Davis. The book was later made into a movie, perennially shown at Christmastime. Attending were about 100 persons—women civilian employees at Reese who make up the membership.

Another highlight was the appearance of Cecil Bolton, a well-known local organist, who presented a medley of Christmas music.

A poem written by Mrs. Helen Fuller, base librarian, entitled "Bosses versus Bosses" was read as a means of expressing appreciation to the visiting bosses. Chaplain (Lieutenant Colonel) Isaac M. Copeland Jr., base chaplain, gave the invocation. Mrs. Johnnie Middleton closed the luncheon-meeting by leading the group in singing Christmas carols.



Mrs. White



Mr. Bolton

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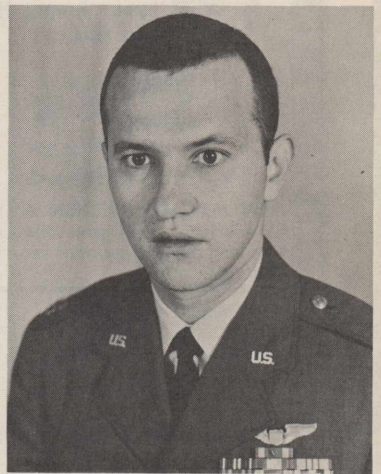
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TOP AIRMAN—SSgt. William H. Bryant, 3500th Field Maintenance Squadron, and his wife, Shirley, pose for their formal picture shortly after the ground equipment technician was picked as Reese Air Force Base's Airman of the Year. See story at right. (USAF PHOTO)

# Base Airman Of Year Goes For ATC Honor

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tional Maintenance Squadron.

The new Airman of the Year will receive basically all the honors normally afforded Reese's Airman of the Month, plus a \$50 savings bond and a trip to Randolph AFB, Tex. in the first week in January for himself and his wife, Shirley, at which time he will compete with nominees from other UPT bases within the Air Training Command for ATC Airman of the Year. If successful in that competition, he will receive additional awards and honors, plus a trip to Houston for himself and his wife in March where he will be spotlighted at the Air Force Association convention along with other command Airman of the Year winners.

Sergeant Bryant is 28 years of age and has been in the Air Force since May, 1959. He has been assigned at Reese since July, 1966, coming here from Hahn Air Base, Germany. At

Reese, he was assigned to AGE, and since then—according to his recommendation — “has impressed his supervisors with his outstanding performance of duty.”

The new Airman of the Year is described as “a fine example of what the serviceman should be to the civilian community in which he is living.” Sergeant

Bryant, his wife and their two daughters, ages three and five, live at 4915 38th Street, Lubbock. Sergeant Bryant is presently serving as president of the Christian Men's Fellowship at the Westmont Christian Church in Lubbock. He is also the treasurer of the church and an elected elder.



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## \$6,000 Savings In Management Action Realized

Management action in the Transportation Division at Reese AFB has resulted in validated savings of nearly \$6,000 a year over the next three year period. The action has been submitted to ATC for approval.

The action surrounds the method of shipment of seat ejection catapults to the Franfort Arsenal in Philadelphia and Hill AFB, Utah. Previously, this was done through commercial motor freight at a cost of \$1,087.50 per shipment to Philadelphia and \$897.75 for shipment to Hill AFB.

The management action recommends small shipments of the catapults to Cannon AFB, N.M. in a military truck for movement via LOGAIR to McGuire AFB, N.J. and then on to Philadelphia or Hill AFB at a cost of \$47.05 and \$37.05 respectively per shipment.



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