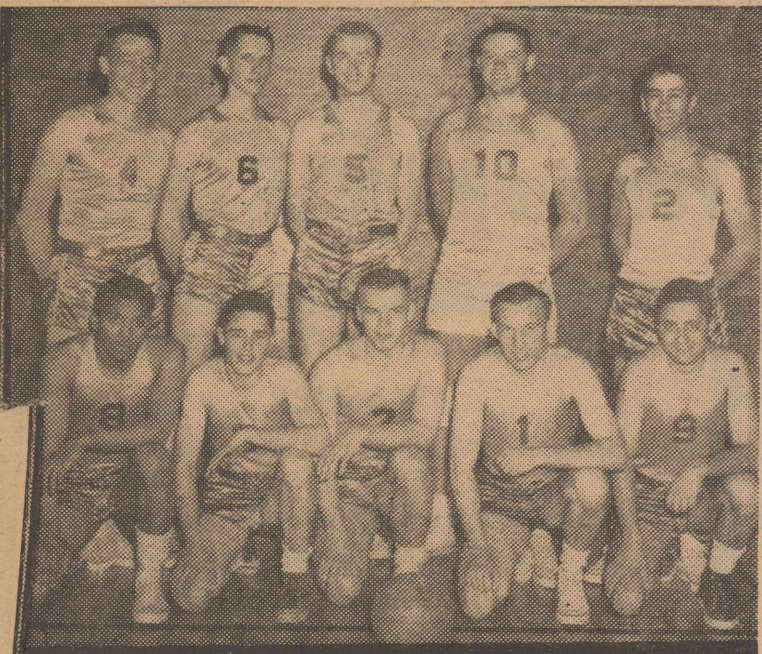




ASSUME COMMAND — New cadet officers of the Student Squadron pose for a picture shortly after being named to their posts. From left to right are: Maj. M. J. Hintze, group adjutant; Lt. Col. J. F. Huppertz, group executive officer; Col. G. E. Boss, group commander; Maj. H. L. Monteith, Jr., group training and operations officer; and Maj. H. W. Trippipo, Jr., group sergeant major.



BIG HOPES — are held by Air Base Group's basketball team as they work toward building themselves into base-wide champions for the second consecutive year. Kneeling (left to right) are E. Grier, H. Brooks, Jr., B. Labus, B. Beutel and G. Wassif. Standing are J. Bauwens, R. Casel, J. Weeks, F. Hansen and B. Carls. The pressure is on them to bring home the trophy again this year.



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BASE BOWLING STANDINGS

MIXED FOURSOME

Mixed bowling is still going strong in its sixth week at Reese. With six teams in the league competition standings are:

Team	Wins	Losses
1. No. 1	15	5
2. No. 4	12	8
3. No. 6	9½	10½
4. No. 3	9	11
5. No. 2	7½	12½
6. No. 5	7	13

TOP FIVE AVERAGES

	AVERAGE
1. Naggy	166
2. Payne	165
3. Crowder	163
4. Bokun	161
5. Payne	161

Entry into Aviation Cadet Program Open to Airmen

Word has come to Reese by way of FlyTAF that at the present time there is an urgent need for sufficient active duty officers to fill the student officers' training slots in the class beginning February 3, 1954. Along with this it has been announced that the Aviation Cadet program is in need of a larger backlog.

The high school training program has not yet reached the desired proportions for a suitable buildup to meet future training class requirements. Now, for the first time in over a year, active duty airmen can be assured of quick entry into the pilot training program. Aviation Cadet pre-flight classes begin every two weeks, according to the flow established by the USAF. Therefore, the sooner an airman makes his application, the sooner he joins one of these classes.

However, this opportunity will quickly vanish if airmen do not take immediate steps, due to the pilot training program that was opened to civilian high school graduates on November 1st.

Officers applying now can definitely be assured of assignment to the February class. After this class has been filled, it is contemplated that very few active duty officers will have an opportunity to enter the pilot training program until July, 1954.

It is hoped that a large number of those rated observers who have fulfilled the duty obligations resulting from their training will apply in accordance with the provisions outlined in AFM 35-7, dated 1 April 1953.

ARE YOU A POTENTIAL KILLER?: If you drive, don't drink if you drink, don't drive.

ABC Does Everything Differently - They Say

By A-C Francis A. Larrony
 It's a Great Day! Is this how you feel when you wake up in the morning or do you wake up wondering what you are doing standing in the chow hall at 0530? Well the latter happened to me this morning, but with the thought of the glad events of this week I soon assumed the former mood.

Wednesday the cadets of 54-ABC received the commissions they have worked darned hard for. Most of the ABC cadets have been in the program since October 3, 1952, and with 14 months of sweat and work a good per cent of them are now at a turning point in their careers. As cadets the gig system penalized errors in judgement with gigs and tours. (Hours of walking). As officers these errors of judgement will be considered breach of conduct and will be punishable by loss of prestige for the officer and his corps. Privileges and responsibilities will both increase in proportion. We of ABC hope that the training and work behind us, coupled with our efforts will serve us in good stead as AF pilots.

ABC was composed largely of holdovers from 53-G, who were sent to Lackland to initiate a new and longer program which was to develop the familiar tiger. This was the start of a class which really did things differently all through the program. ABC had a very pleasant five days in DC at inauguration time to make up for that extra three months of pre-flight. For the full tale ask any ABC man or read a recent copy of "Readers Digest."

When ABC got to the contract schools a couple months late it seems 53-G had been serving as lower class in the interim and was most happy to welcome ABC. Boy, what a riot! Plenty of lost time was made up for except at Marianna, Fla., where ABC, civilian workers, (building the base), two well-worked tac officers, (most time spent locating ABC cadets who wandered off the blazed trails) and oodles of rattlesnakes and ruins. When ABC left they left one of the most beautiful base going. (Club had been completed a week prior to departure).

This is just one sample of how ABC has acquired a reputation for being first and last in more than one deal.

Wouldn't have it any other way though. But at last we are lining up for our real goal! the wings of a pilot in the AF. 54-A got theirs at the commissioning ceremony Wednesday; B, January 16, 1954; and C, February 1, 1954. Here's to the future.

ABC graduation dance was held at the Officers club Sunday, and was a fine finish to a week end of tie cutting which was initiated at the Friday stag party. Congrats to THE sergeant who completed the collection of top ties Saturday night. I think a shag rug for the floor of his office in the cadet club would be in order. (Made of ties match)!

I would like to comment on the sterling performances presented Monday by the Texas Tech chorus. I couldn't begin to describe the beauty of the music, but would like to mention the infectious nature of the spirit of the group. The performances were aptly labeled a Christmas gift from Texas Tech to the personnel of Reese. I was fortunate enough to occupy a front row seat and was impressed by the warm sincere manner of the entire chorus. The smiles were so warm and friendly that they seemed to kindle Christmas spirit in the whole audience. I know I left feeling as though I knew what "Peace on earth, good will to men" really stood for.

Why don't we all make an effort to spread cheer with smiles this Christmas and maybe even continue through the new year. These mean looks which some characters carry all the time do not really scare or impress anyone and a smile can accomplish so much more. Try it TODAY.

Best wishes for a wonderful holiday and good luck on that long trip home. (Good sense will help).

Flight 2 Named Best

Top honors for the month of November in "Best Flight" competition were awarded to Flight 11. In order to win this title, flight 11 had to make the best score among all the others, B-25s included.

It is the opinion of the instructor of flight 11 that the possibility of losing the title of "Best Flight" is quite remote.

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Cadet Foss Finds He Is Caught In Gigantic Draft Board Maze

"Selective Service" doesn't mean exactly what it says, Aviation Cadet Gerald P. Foss of Oslo, Norway, stationed at Reese, believes after "beating the draft" in both the United States and Norway.

Cadet Foss was born in Lake Forest, Ill., and was taken by his parents to Norway when he was three months old. His father was a Norwegian; his mother was born in Sweden, but was a naturalized American citizen. By birth Foss was an American citizen. He grew up in Oslo and attended Ris Skole, both in high school and college phases.

Then came the draft — from two countries.

"Norway held that since the United States was drafting Norwegians in this country that I, as an American, could be drafted in Oslo," Foss said.

Decided on America

The Norwegians had progressed as far as giving young Foss his physical examination. Meantime, the United States selective service organization sent a few communications relative to service in the armed forces of this country. Foss had to decide which country he would serve. He sailed for America.

"I didn't know much English when I arrived on the Fourth of July, 1951," Foss said, "so I got a dictionary and looked up just what 'selective' meant. The dictionary said 'selective' was a matter of choice, or choosing."

That was fine, young Foss decided. He went immediately to the selective service board to talk with the nice people just what the branches of service were and what they offered. There he planned to select his branch, maybe even just where he would serve and what he would do. Foss, with his limited English, took a long time to accomplish much with the many questions and blanks the selective service board clerk gave him to fill out.

Walks Out on Draft Board

"After two hours I decided I wasn't being given much choice,

just wasn't choosing anything for myself; so I just walked out," the Reese cadet said.

He spent a couple of days finding his brother, Charles, with Army Intelligence in the United States. The brother carefully explained about selective service, about the Army and other branches of service, and suggested signing up with the Air Force. Six days after he reached America, Gerald Foss was in the Air Force, enroute for Sampson AFB and basic training.

From Sampson he was sent to Keesler AFB at Biloxi, Miss., to attend the electronics and radar school. There he met and became friendly with Donald J. Stahl of Waukegan, Ill., who helped him from a language standpoint. On graduation, Stahl was sent to a radar outpost in the northwest; Foss remained at Keesler as a radar instructor and interpreter in the intelligence division.

Meets Old Buddy

In March, 1952, Foss made application for pilot training and last

February he began learning to fly at Bartow AFB, Fla. The first man he saw in his class was Cadet Stahl. From then on they were buddies again. Stahl also is a member of Class 54-J, recently arrived at Reese. Enroute from Bartow to Reese, the young men visited in Stahl's Waukegan home and Foss went to nearby Lake Forest to see his birthplace.

"I like the United States. I'm going to stay here, and in the Air Force," Foss said this week.

He has visited portions of the country, mainly the east coast and south by virtue of securing flights in training and while at Keesler AFB.

"What impresses me about the United States is that anyone with initiative can do so much," he commented. "There are no restrictions, real restrictions, on business."

Foss for a time was a radio operator for the Norwegian coast guard, in addition to helping in his father's landscaping business.

AF Officers' Transportation Course Offered by ECI

J. Floyd Reeves, education officer at Reese, announced today that a course for Air Force transportation officers, prepared by ATRC, is now being offered through the USAF Extension Course Institute. The course consists of five volumes which cover the functions and responsibilities of a transportation officer, including the correct methods of shipping of USAF personnel and supplies by air, rail, motor and sea travelways.

The first volume of the course gives the student background information on the history and organization of Air Force transportation, then discusses passenger and freight transportation. Volume two covers the motor pool — its organization and its operation. Other divisions cover operator selections, training and testing, traffic control, vehicle abuse, map reading, and motor march. Volume three explains the components and functions of a vehicle, fuels and lubricants and vehicle maintenance. Volume four takes in the Military Air Transport Service, and volume five discusses cargo delivery, the handling of passengers, shipment of mail, and revenue traffic.

The transportation officer will find the ECI transportation course helpful as review material or as an introduction to those just beginning. Interested officers may

apply for enrollment through their base education office located in building T-421. Reeves stated that here at Reese any interested personnel of officer status may contact him at extension 437 and that all necessary forms were available.

Special Savings Plan Offers Top Interest For Budget-minded

With approximately fifty persons actively participating in the monthly saving plan known as "Airmen's Deposits," M-Sgt. W. C. Preston, NCOIC of the Reese finance department, desires to stress the fact that a four per cent per annum rate of interest is made on all airmen's deposits. He says this is a large amount of interest and that it is available to all military personnel on the base.

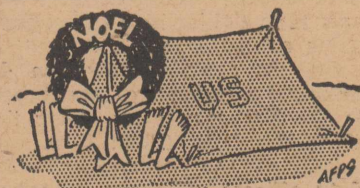
In order to begin saving in this way, airmen must first go to their squadron orderly room where they are given a deposit book. Thereafter, when deposits are made, airmen pay the money through the orderly room and are given a deposit slip. Then the airman hand carries the money and slip to the finance officer who in turn signs his deposit book.

Deposits may not be withdrawn unless in the case of emergency or discharge.

Six months after the money has been deposited, the interest begins to accrue. However, one cannot make deposits of less than the minimum of five dollars or more than his monthly pay.

All interested persons are urged by Sergeant Preston to check with their squadron commanders or first sergeants.

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MANAGEMENT SCHOOL GRADUATES — Members of Class 53-E are pictured after completing the base level personnel management course 14 Dec. The course, which began 19 October, deals with the fundamentals of good supervision and is designed to meet the needs of the first line supervisor. Front row, left to right, are: S-Sgt. Donald Workman, S-Sgt. Rosendo Aragon, S-Sgt. Charles Mabry, S-Sgt. Thomas Rice, Sam Poteet and Harry Owen. Second row, C. C. Galbraith, instructor, T-Sgt. William Knight, T-Sgt. Albert Dale, M-Sgt. James Horton, A-1C Marvin Luttrell and T-Sgt. Carl Schwamb. Third row, Leo Hall, S-Sgt. William Maloney, Willie Hammond, M-Sgt. Ernest Ellis, S-Sgt. George Lomas and S-Sgt. Otto Samples. Not present for the picture was T-Sgt. Setser.

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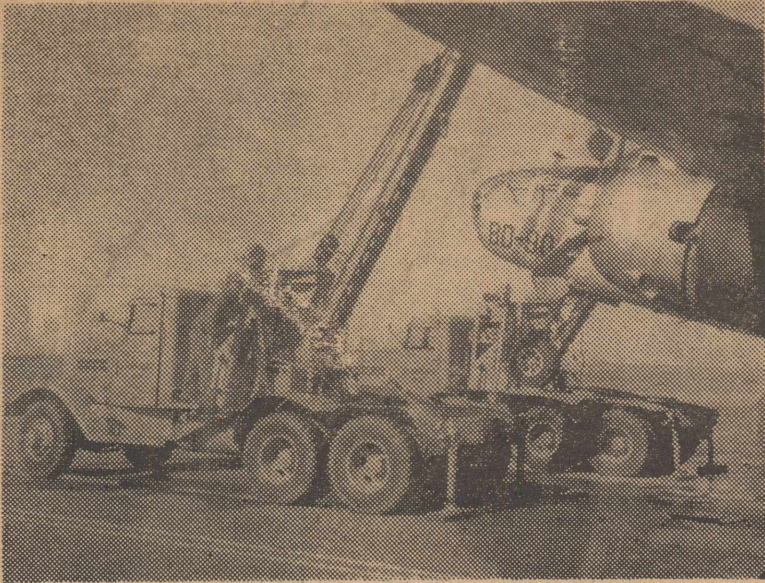
Second Lts. David B. Davis and Donald T. Fisher, student officers, this week received a "well done" from flying officers for their handling of a B-25 aircraft, on which the hydraulic malfunction rendered their landing gear inoperative. The plane was landed, wheels-up on the runway.

The pilots, members of Class 54-D, Flight 4, were on a day solo transition mission, practicing landings last Thursday when they noticed an unsafe landing gear indication while performing a pre-landing check. They advised the control tower of their difficulties and were talked through all emergency gear lowering procedures by qualified maintenance and supervisory personnel who had been summoned to the tower. However, as the lieutenants circles for almost three hours they found no procedure would work and decision was made for a wheels-up landing.

The crash crew stood by near the approach end of the runway. Lieutenant Davis, at the controls, made a good approach and the touch-down impressed observers, many of whom were pilots, as a smooth one. Lieutenant Fisher, copilot, assisted Lieutenant Davis by calling off airspeeds, making radio calls, and lending a helping hand as he could.

Neither the student nor their engineer, A-1C John D. Hyden, were injured in the emergency landing, due to Lieutenant Davis' techniques, supervisors said.

The damage to the aircraft was no more than normal under the circumstances. The aircraft was removed immediately by the crash crews, headed by M-Sgt. Hose H. Farrow and M-Sgt. Frank H. Meserole, Jr., to the hangar where extensive inspection work is being carried on the preclude possibility of future accidents of this nature, supervisors said.



NO TIME LOST—Seconds after this B-25 belly-landed on the runway last wee, crash crews, headed by M-Sgt. Hose H. Farrow and M-Sgt. Frank Meserole, were at the scene and had the aircraft in a hanger for examination. The two student officers flying the aircraft, 2nd. Lt. David B. Davis and 2nd. Lt. Donald T. Fisher, were uninjured.

Reese Cadet Officers Now Seen Wearing Different Type Insignias

Cadet officers of Class 54-F at Reese this week appeared in a new type insignia which attracted a lot of attention and many questions. Traditional "officer stripes" gave way to "diamond and circular pips."

The new aviation cadet group officers assumed command at retreat ceremonies last Wednesday, with Maj. Billy S. Hockaday, director of military training, presenting the insignia. The new A-C colonel is George E. Boos, who wears three diamond pips. Assisting him

are: J. F. Huppertz, group executive officer, lieutenant colonel, two diamond pips; H. L. Monteith, Jr., group training and operations officer, major, one diamond pip; M. J. Hintze, group adjutant, major, one diamond pip; and H. W. Trittipio, Jr., group sergeant major, one diamond pip and two bands. Squadron commanders have ranks of major, also, while squadron adjutants and operations and training officers are captains, wearing three circular silver buttons. Flight commanders have the rank of lieutenants, and wear two round silver buttons. Squadron sergeants wear two round buttons, corporals one button.

At the same ceremonies in which the new officers took over, recognition was given outstanding graduates of Classes 54-A-B-C. Those recognized will receive special consideration for regular Air Force commissions on the basis of high standing in military, academic, and flying phases of training. They are: A-C Wayne E. Latimer, 54-A; and A-Cs William H. Himebaugh, Walter Kaczaral, Morgan G. Closs, Jr., and Warren E. Beaumont, 54-C. Maj. Tobias Shenindler, student squadron commander, congratulated the five on their achievement.

Sergeant L. E. Chinn Receives A Diploma For Extension Work

At Gunter AFB, Alabama, site of the USAF Extension Course Institute, M-Sgt. Lewis E. Chinn of Reese's Hq Squadron, 3500 Maintenance and Supply Group was recently awarded a diploma from the Institute upon completion of the Aircraft Maintenance Officer correspondence course.

Free correspondence courses are offered to military personnel through ECI. General courses are based upon the resident curricula of the Officer Candidate School and the Air University's Squadron Officer and Field Officer Courses and Air War College. Special courses are based on subjects taught at resident Air Force technical schools.

The Greatest Gift - Peace



01st, Maint. Loses Old M-Sgt. In Reassignment to Barksdale

By S-Sgt. Colyon J. Driver

GAINS
A-2C Jack E. Dearborn.

LOSSES
With regret we are losing one of our oldest members, M-Sgt. George A. Hall. Sergeant Hall has been assigned to Barksdale AFB. He was a charter member of the 01st and an outstanding NCO. We are all wishing you the best of luck and hoping to serve with you again. The 01st is also losing A-2C Charles E. Anderson, maintenance clerk. Airman Anderson was assigned to this squadron in January, 53. He will have a 30 day leave at home in Hattisburg, Miss., before reporting to the POE station.

PROMOTIONS

B. Laudenberger and B. Walker will be sporting T-Sgt. chevrons this week end.

B. J. Brummett will be an 01st NCO with a new set of S-Sgt. stripes.

B. H. Ryals has passed the cigars around already. Now A-1C.

New members to the NCO Club are P. Hill, E. P. Myers, and W. L. Wolfe who have just received their second class stripes.

SPORTS

Well, fellows, we made a two point gain this week, but Food Service Sq. improved just a wee bit too much for us. The best we could do was to split with them.

T-Sgt. Stailey bowled a 518 series with games of 148, 169 and 201.

CONGRATULATIONS TO

A-1C Edward J. Mathis. His wife gave him an extra special Christmas present — a five lb. two oz. baby boy.

With the holidays approaching fast, no doubt 50 per cent of the RAFB personnel will be on leave, including your reporter. 48 per cent will be traveling by motor vehicle. Let's all be wise and, airmen, look out for yourself and the other fellow too. On 5 January when the first sergeant calls your name, "be wise, be present."

Promotions, Births Bounce into Spittle At Motor Pool

By S-Sgt. John D. Murphy

The Motor Vehicle squadron extends a hearty congratulations to S-Sgt. and Mrs. Tallie Warr on the arrival of their seven pound, eight ounce daughter, born 14 December at the base hospital.

Newly assigned to the motor pool is M-Sgt. Wilson A. Clayton. Sergeant Clayton has just returned from a year's duty in Greenland. "Glad to have you with us, Sarg."

PROMOTIONS

S-Sgt. John E. Murphy has his new T-Sgt. stripes. A-1C James Stewart has taken over at chief clerk in Auto Maintenance wearing four stripes now. A-1C Donald Hollingsworth broke into the "Big Three" by making the grade of S-Sgt., and A-3C Charles Warner will be joining the NCO Club this month as a proud two striper.

Advanced Guns Tested by USA To Replace M-1

Washington (AFPS) — The Army has announced it is testing two new rifles — either one capable of replacing the M1, carbine, machinegun, sub - machinegun, and the BAR.

The T-44, an American ordnance-developed weapon, and the FN, a product of the National Arms Factory of Belgium, are the two rifles under consideration. The T-44 has been under test for some time and the FN is now being procured for extensive field testing under varying climatic conditions.

The Army points out that such procurement and testing in no way constitutes a commitment for adoption.

Both of the new rifles are shorter and lighter than the standard M1. The T-44 has a 10 or 20-round capacity while the FN has a capacity of 20 rounds.

The FN will be chambered for a new, experimental .30 cal. shell. Designated the T-65, this shell is 10 per cent lighter and one half inch shorter than the present standard rifle ammunition.



CHRISTMAS STOCKINGS



Pretty as a Christmas card are the stockings hanging at this holiday fireplace, thanks to vocalist Anita Gordon (left) of CBS Radio's "Edgar Bergen-Charlie McCarthy Show," and actress Joan Morgan of the network's "21st Precinct" dramatic series.

OPERATION BLONDE



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Student Officers May Move Kin To New Stations

Personnel in flight training and other courses involving a series of PCS moves can now move their dependents through all phases of training at government expense, an article in this week's Air Force Times reported. To receive this new benefit the student's course must cover a period of 20 or more weeks.

Previously, dependents could be moved at AF expense only to stations where their sponsors were to be stationed for at least 20 weeks. Now, under this latest change, they may follow sponsors through the whole course even though it involves a number of PCS moves of less than 20 weeks each.

The **TIMES'** articles noted that the change will be of particular benefit to **AFROTC graduates and other student officers in flight training.**

Students may elect to have their household goods shipped to one point in the ZI for storage during the training period, or they can store furniture at the base where they received PCS orders and take their dependents to the various places at which they will train.

If the length of stay at any one station is less than four weeks, dependents will not be moved at government expense.

Although students may take dependents throughout the series of moves, they may make only one furniture movement.

Officers Wives Club

With Mrs. William O. Miller as senior hostess, the Officers Wives Club met last Thursday, their agenda filled with canasta and bridge playing. Mrs. Miller was assisted by Mmes. Richard W. Phillips, Vernon R. Stutts, Thomas G. Carroll and Louie E. Lutche. High score in the bridge games went to Mrs. Murray W. Crowder, Jr. while Mrs. Jack W. Gentry followed in second place and Mrs. Edward W. Kubin had low score. Mrs. Maury Hill and Mrs. Carroll received traveling prizes.

Honors in canasta went to Mrs. B. C. Gaizaukas. Mrs. J. J. Rance was second in the canasta circle and here Mrs. Gentry and Mrs. H. K. Travis received traveling prizes.

INFORMAL PARTY

Major and Mrs. John S. Bonner, Jr. and Major and Mrs. Samuel L. Osver entertained with an informal party Saturday night for 75 guests in the television room at the Officers Club. The serving table was centered with holly, spruce and red candles.

HOSTESS AT COFFEE

The lounge of the Officers Club was recently the site of a coffee given by Mrs. Quinn L. Oldaker and Mrs. Charles E. Wilson. The refreshment table was laid with a green cloth and centered with holly, starfoam canes and red candles.

Among those present were Mmes Casper P. West, M. W. Crowder, John Jones, William O. Miller, Robert J. Halsworth, Samuel L. Osver, Raymond A. Lawn, Thomas G. Carroll and Miss Eunice Goff.

Guest of Mrs. Bob G. Miller and Captain Miller is her mother, Mrs. Olive M. Thompson of Salina, Kansas.

Captain and Mrs. Robert J. Halsworth will spend the holidays in Indianapolis, Ind., as guests of his mother, Mrs. Teresa Halsworth.

Mrs. Paul L. Norris will spend the holidays in Baltimore, Md., with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Marshall McCare.

Christianity is the dominant faith among about 780 million people.

STATISTICS: Six feet of earth make all men equal.

Virtually all fruits and most vegetables depend on bees for pollination.

FlyTAF Command Inspects Remodeled Hospital Mess Hall

By A-1C E. R. HAYS

Last week, Maj. Gen. Gabriel Disoway visited the hospital mess to inspect the remodeling of the hospital mess hall. The kitchen has been enlarged considerably. A new meat cutting room, a pastry room, and a large double walk-in box have been added to the kitchen.

The hospital mess hall was closed 3 August 1953. Meals since that time have been prepared on the Wards while the remodeling has been underway. The hospital dining hall hopes to reopen again by 22 December.

Second Lieutenant Marjorie Shute leaves Reese the 24 December for reassignment with the Third Air Force in England. Lieutenant Shute arrived at Reese 29 June 1953 from Guter AFB, Alabama.

A-2C Thomas Hague left Reese recently to be reassigned to Foster Air Force Base, Texas. Airman Hague had been stationed at Reese for the last 22 months.

S-Sgt. H. A. Gunn, NCOIC of Dispensary was called home this week on an emergency leave. Sergeant Gunn's father passed away Monday evening.

Maj. Mary Gates plans on leaving Reese this week end to visit friends and relatives in Michigan.

Second Lieutenant Martha Smith leaves this week end on leave for New Jersey. Lieutenant Smith plans on spending the Christmas holiday with her family and friends.

Mid-Jan. is Deadline For Applications To USCG Academy

Washington (AFPS) — All applications for the nation-wide competitive entrance examinations for the U. S. Coast Guard Academy, scheduled for Feb. 23-24, 1954, must be postmarked before Jan. 15, 1954.

Qualified applicants, including military personnel, will be tested at centers in 109 major cities. There will be no Congressional appointments or geographical quotas. Successful candidates will enter the Academy class beginning in September 1954.

An applicant must be age 17-22, a high school senior or graduate with at least 15 units by June 30, 1954. These must include three units in English, two in algebra, one each in plane geometry and physics.

He must be 66-76 inches in height with proportionate weight, uncorrected 20/20 vision in each eye, and have a minimum of 20 vital serviceable teeth.

The academy, located at New London, Conn., prepared potential career officers during a four-year course for a bachelor of science degree in engineering and a commission as ensign in the Coast Guard.

Inquiries should be addressed to the Commandant (PTP), U. S. Coast Guard, Washington 25, D.C.

'53 Cage Champions Seek to Retain Title In Current Season

By A-1C Jim Sunderland

On the shoulders of this year's basketball team rests the hopes of repeating the enviable record set by the team of the preceeding season. The big goal is to bring home another championship. Being the major sport of Reese's winter season, basketball is going to place a lot of pressure on the athletes from ABG.

The squadron team, in 1953, won the base championship and this highly regarded prize led to an enthusiasm and spirit that carried through for the Hq. Sq. Section of Air Base Group setting a record that will stand for many a year. The squadron then copped the base volleyball championship, the base badminton singles and doubles championships and finally the league and base championship in the softball field.

NCO WIVES CLUB

In traditional fashion the NCO Wives Club of Reese promoted their annual Christmas dinner party and dance 14 December at the NCO Club. Guests were none other than the ladies husbands.

Main decoration in the hall was a large tree and mistletoe hung at intervals. Further decorating was done in the ball room where the tables were centered with red candles placed in frosted holders encased in holly and red bows. Favors for the occasion were holiday corsages.

Holding a gift exchange before dancing began, St. Lee Burton received a door prize and a booby prize went to Mrs. Calvert W. Wilson.

Music for the dance was furnished by Vaughan Brinson and his four piece orchestra.

Hostesses for the evening were Mmes. Ken McCullough, George Lack, Frank Meserole and Dan Matthews. One hundred members and their guests were reported to have attended.

Colonel and Mrs. Casper P. West and Sgt. Garrett Lee were special guests.

Your Chapel

Christmas 1953! What meaning does it have for you? Is it a fairy tale woven out of longing of men's hearts? It tells of a Babe born in a manger. There was the voice of an angel, "Unto you is born this day a Savior, which is Christ the Lord." There is more to Christmas than trees, tinsel, and Santa Claus. It tells a story of the Jesus, whose name meant to save his "people from their sins." Tiny Tim may have caught its significance in "God bless us every one," but it also showed the shadow of the cross necessary to receive this blessing. Christmas is the search for the lost children of men who grope in darkness. It is the story of light to those who live in the night of despair. Puck and Peter Pan, in their pagan origins, may entertain us; however, the Christ speaks of immortality away from superstition and fear. "I am come that ye might have life and have it more abundantly." A life can begin at the manger at Bethlehem in faith and adoration and live rich, full and overflowing through out all eternity.

Most of us have only tasted small fragments of the feast prepared for us in Christmas. It can make us master of life and death — it offers you a victorious conquering soul which will forward with the "Prince of Peace, the Everlasting God." The carols you have heard ring with joy and words of comfort that can take away the weariness of your life, heal your loneliness, and make a heart sick feeling turn to joy. Give the Child of Bethlehem time to come into your lives during these busy days. Give the King of Kings room to live in your barracks, in your home, and in your hearts. Then you will have "peace on earth, good will toward men."

ALVIN A. KATT
Chaplain (Major) USAF
Wing Chaplain

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Chaplain (Major) and Mrs. Harold B. Howard were honored by the Ladies Christian Fellowship of the Base Chapel during a Christmas party Tuesday afternoon at the home of Chaplain (1st Lt.) and Mrs. Robert E. Quigg in Reese village. Mrs. H. E. Cole assisted with the hospitalities.

Members participation in the Christmas fun were Mesdames George Sprague, Cole, Quigg, Harry Jones, LeRoy Gregory, Lawrence Teater, Richard Pratt, F. W. Juffma, C. W. McConnell,

Gailon Combs, Dale Klutsenba, William Bridges, Robert Caris, E. Jucket, Roy Garrison, Hal B. Howard, Johnny Klinger, Fr. Cadenhead, Len Jordan, and La Vada Paul.

Chaplains attending were Hal B. Howard and Robert E. Quigg and Welfare Specialist Bert Kr. Mrs. Howard and son will m their home in Murray, Ky., during Chaplain Howard's tour of duty the Far East. The chaplain leave Reese December 22.



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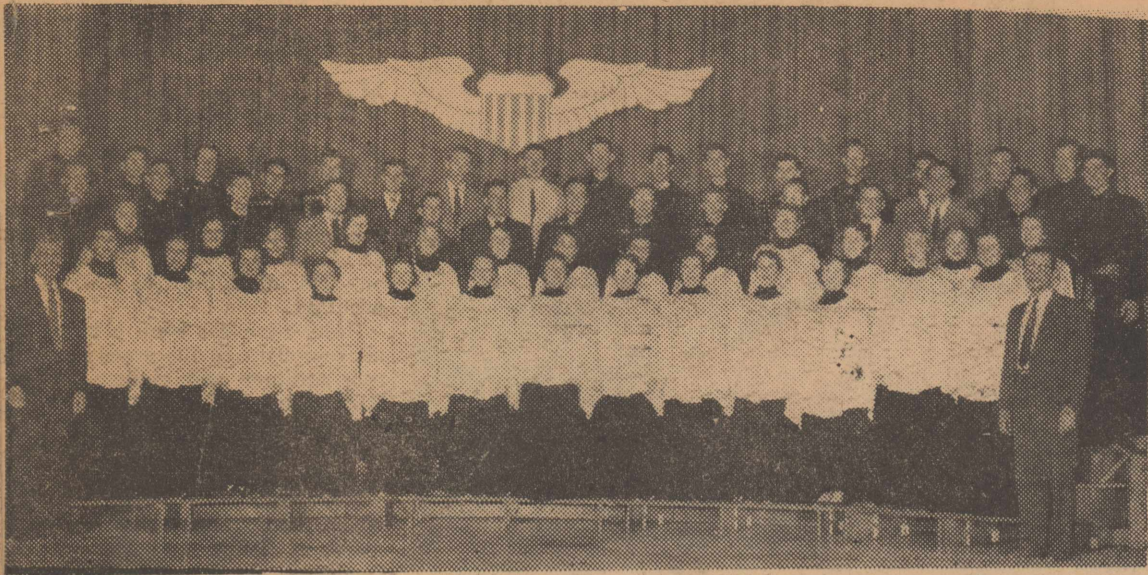
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Tech Choir Appears in A.I.P. Show

Reese personnel — and the choir were enthusiastic this week over appearance of the Texas Tech choir at Monday's AIP in the base theatre.

The 55-voice choir came to Reese expecting to get a cordial, but not an enthusiastic reception. Instead, about 1,000 persons, including dependents, who attended the two concerts applauded loudly, and with vigor. This cheered the choir members and they were not too pleased to return to their classes. The concert opened with "Say Hello to the Righteous," by Thompson, which the choir sang in Latin. Then came a Russian number, "Only Begotten Son," by Gretchenhoff, and "Ye Shall Have a Song," by Thompson. Heavy applause greeted each number.

Two barbershop quartets, one the female Harmodears, the other the male Harmonknights, sang two numbers each at the morning AIP and three at the afternoon AIP. Reception was slightly on the boisterous side and applause was pronounced.

The closing portion of the concert included "You'll Never Walk Alone," "Dream," and "Set Down Servant," arranged by Shaw. Each was fast moving and spirited and permitted the choir to show each section to advantage. The program ended with the Christmas number, "Silent Night," in which the audience joined. Dr. Gene Hemmle, choir director and head of the Tex-

as Tech music department, said he was surprised at the way the audience joined, and the quality of several voices he heard in the chorus.

Frederick W. Huffman, Red Cross director at Reese, opened the AIP with a brief talk in which he emphasized what Reese personnel had done and would do through contributions to his organization.

Safety Tips

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your car in shape before you start out, and get the feel of the road before you open her up. Another important thing, he explained, was to remember that many road markers — like speed limits, shoulder markers and curve signs — were prepared for roads in good weather. For example, 50 m.p.h. may be safe in July on one stretch of road, but very dangerous, even though it is the speed limit, on a December night.

Even if the weather right around Reese happens to be good and the roads are in fine shape, that may not hold true all the way home and back, the official emphasized. This means that airmen who want to get home safely will have to arrange their schedule to allow for safe speeds, to avoid fatigue, and to take weather conditions into account.

"We'd like to bring them all back alive," Lopez said, "but unfortunately in some cases, we can't. It is completely up to the airman behind the wheel. We just hope a few words to the wise will help everyone get home safe and back safe."

Cadet Marries—

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ing in multi-engines and will be graduated February 1. He has asked for and expects to get assignment to B-29 training at Randolph AFB, San Antonio, for 16 weeks. That will put his graduation from that phase of training the latter part of May. By that time all necessary checks by the Armed Forces will have been made, he believes, and on his leave before permanent assignment, he'll fly to Germany, marry, and bring his bride back to the United States.

Yoder doesn't see a chance of anything interfering with his plans. He has been a Cadet captain, commander of Squadron D, at Reese, which is a high honor, and he has been high in grades in his class.

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LIVE AND LET LIVE: Life is worth living. That extra second in driving can mean the difference between life or death.

New AACS Arrival Assigned to Reese Control Tower Staff

By A-1C LYLE D. MURPHY

A new arrival in the form of A-2C Wesley Crow has added a boost to the staff of control tower operators presently assigned. Airman Crow hails from North Carolina, and has just returned from an overseas tour of duty in Korea.

Airman Second Class Gordon Hull is still with us after attempting to journey to Keesler AFB, Miss., to attend an advanced course of training in the Air Traffic Control field. Due to a last minute change in orders, he was halted from making good his attempt to purchase a ticket at the local train station, thus foiling his chances for a trip to Keesler.

Staff-Sgt. Alvin Taylor, A-1C Vernon Swendsen and A-2C William Bice have all departed on Christmas furloughs.

We are sorry to hear that A-2C Frederick Hansen has been hospitalized with an ankle injury suffered while competing in a basketball game here on the base. The Detachment wishes him a speedy recovery.

Airman Second Class Jack Shimm is en route to Keesler to attempt to broaden his views and knowledge of Air Traffic Control by absorbing an advanced course of training in that highly technical field.

Tipsy gentleman: "Hi, babe, do you speak to strangers?"

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She: "Now, Sam, you know Pa don't want you hanging around the house."

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MAKE HIT — Appearance of the Texas Tech choir at Reese's Airmen's Information Program in the base theatre Monday created a wave of enthusiasm seldom seen here. The large mixed group presented a number of selections during the morning and afternoon performances which were widely acclaimed by attending personnel.

Big Plans Made for Christmas—

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the Officers and NCO Wives clubs. Members of the Officers Wives committee are Mesdames C. P. West, Murray W. Crowder, A. A. Katt, Charles Wilson, Elmer Ours, Robert L. Wright and Robert E. Quigg. NCO committee members are Mesdames John Breeland, Gailon Combs, Murray Gordon and George Courtney.

Prizes were given each squadron for best individual Christmas decorations last night. Separate prizes were awarded for the best interior and exterior decorations of organizations and day rooms.

Prizes will be given for the best quarters decorations. Judging will take place on the evening of Dec. 23. Residents on the base, trailer court and Reese Village are eligible to compete. Judges for the event are Maj. Homer L. Parsons, Chaplain Robert E. Quigg and WOJG Kenneth Wolgemuth.

Protestant candlelight services will be held in the chapel Christmas Eve at 2100. In conjunction with the Christmas message, the children's choral group will sing and Miss Rosemary Sprague will render a solo violin selection accompanied by organist Joyce Elliot. Services will be conducted by Chaplain Katt.

Catholic Midnight Mass will be held Christmas Eve at the chapel conducted by Chaplain McCarthy. The St. Elizabeth's school children's choir will present special music for the service. The chapel will be decorated especially for the occasion. Lubbock citizens are invited to attend any of the services.

The Children's Choral group will sing carols Christmas Eve at the base hospital, barracks areas, trailer court and in Reese Village.

Huffman, and his children carolers, will appear earlier on the same night over KDUB-TV at 1800. Christmas carols will be featured and a Christmas story narrated by Charles Wilson and Corda Mae Jordan.

Members of the children's choir are Carolyn Horton, Robert Crowder, John Christenson, Fred Crowder, Jimmy Horton, Eric Christenson, Joe Blanks, Charles Clock, Foster Qualls, David Phillips, Paul Meserole, Elizabeth Crowder, Connie Katt, Mary Anne West, Carole Katt, Courtney Ours, Pamela Holtkamp, Jacqueline Abra-

ham, Melodie Cron, Mary Anne McTaggart, Carol Guy, Judy Qualls, Eugenia Weathers, Dianne Adams, Dianne Bordelon, Carla Carter, Windy Hill, Pamela Whalley, Ann Wilson, Audrey Hinson and Ronnie Melton.

At the Service club base personnel may participate in singing traditional carols on Christmas eve. A special quiz program is scheduled Christmas day at 2000 hours. On New Year's Eve the club will be open until midnight for those who wish to spend a safe and sane evening on the base. Refreshments will be available at all times in the club during the holidays.

Dads to Play—

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Gutherie, 14, Capt. Robert Strouse; Jimmy Lewis, 11, Capt. George E. Esser; Joe Boy, 11, Capt. Byrne P. Whalen; Dick Stevens, 1, Capt. Richard L. Bales; Jessie Holden, 10, 1st Lt. Albert T. Bernerdini; Justin Mewsom, 10, 1st Lt. Robert S. Anderson; Billy Murphee, 9, 1st Lt. Arthur L. Curry; Butch Medlin, 9, 1st Lt. Slaton L. Johns; Mack Newsom, 8, 1st Lt. Aubrey R. Beene; Alynne Armond, 6, Capt. J. C. Youngblood; Jerry Mewsom, 6, Capt. Howard G. Crawford; Mike Nichols, 5, Capt. Cullen D. Hardin; and Dennis Armond, 5, Capt. Clyde H. Plemons.

The Training squadron is financing the entire visit. Cooperating were Col. Richard W. Phillips and the Motor Pool, bus; Lt. Connor R. Scott and M-Sgt. Harold Straughan, Officers club; Capt. Douglas R. Wood and S-Sgt. Gerald Houchin, photos; and Chaplain Katt, chapel visit.

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02nd Maint. Boasts Moos Promising Basketball Squad in Intramural Tilt

By A-1C DWYER

This week has seen the 02nd Maintenance squadron basketball team win three games. Two in the base league and one from the Hobbs, New Mexico negro All Stars.

In our first game we defeated the 3500th supply team 65 to 34. Touchette was our high point getter with 19 points to his credit at the end of the game. Bob Ballew, one of our bigger men, played a heads up ball game all the way, and was terrific on the rebounds he took off the backboards. Mulroy was high for the losers with 13 points. We played our second game of the week against 3500th PTW and won 59 to 27. Dailey was high point man with 18 points, mostly acquired by the fast break for which the 02nd team is noted. Jack Garlington followed with nine points for 02nd. Peterson was high for the losers with nine points.

As the maintenance eagers journeyed to Hobbs last Saturday for the all star game much excitement was expected for the game, and all expectations proved to be true. When we jumped only 21 points to a winning score of 56 to 35, which still keeps our players' averages per game to 56. During the first quarters, we gained 13 marks; 26 in the second quarter; six in the third and 11 in the last. We were only the underdog in the first minutes of the game, but quickly massed forces and never trailed again during the entire game. High players in the game were Levi and Touchette along with Ballew and Dailey. It was a great game and was a very enjoyable game, too. Some ten car loads of personnel from Reese attended the cage match which was our 12th winner of the season. The spirit is indeed high in our squadron over our successful winning team and all are hopeful that we will continue to be winners when the season comes to a close in 1954.

BOWLING

The 352nd bowling team is tied for 11th place in the base bowling league. They bowl every Monday night. We hope they keep up the good work and become real win-

ners for the rest of the season. T-Sgt. Clarence Shearer and A-1C Robert Russel are the two high scoring men on the team.

CHANGE IN STATUS

Joint income tax forms will be filed as soon as Edwin G. Anthony changes his status from bachelor to husband. The commander and men of the 3502nd maintenance squadron congratulate him and his spouse-to-be on their coming marriage. It is they for whom the bells toll.

INTERESTING PERSONALITY

If at any time you pass 427 and you hear a crazy drumbeat, you will probably wonder if Gene Krupa or Louie Belson are doing a drum solo, but, this is not so. It is our own Angelo Clementi. Angie has been in our squadron for a year now. Some of the fellows, along with myself have never seen him doing anything in his spare time but practice on that set of drums he has. We call him "Sticks" or sometimes "Wackey." At the present time he is playing for Bob Lamont and his orchestra. He has been playing for Bob for nearly a year and a half now.

He started drumming when he was ten years old. At fourteen, he had his own combo of five pieces. He had this for a year and was booked for local school dances and parties.

After disbanding his own combo, he played with a lot of bands around Boston, Mass., his home town. Prior to entry into the Air Force, Angie had been noticed by some of the top notch bands of the land. He had auditioned for Tommy Reynolds and Louie Prima.

He plans to go back to Boston upon discharge to attend the Boston Conservatory of Music to study writing and arranging. He has not had any formal teaching, but picked up his knowledge from watching and self-initiative.

In Lubbock, he plays at the NCO Club, Officers club, the Cadet club, and other well known spots. The Country club is just one of those. When Angie goes into one of his drum breaks, you can hear the comments from one end of the place to the other. We all enjoy



DEAR SANTA — Blonde and devastating Peggy Maley is one of the major decorations in Columbia Pictures' "The Wild One." Dazzling Peggy returned recently from the British Isles where she created a minor sensation with her acting ability — and eye-stopping beauty.

NCOs May Get Stripes Back Six Months After Discharge

Non-commissioned officers who possess vital AFSCs will have the opportunity to reenlist in grade for a period of up to six months after their release from active duty, it was learned this week. The AIR FORCES TIMES stated that commanders at wing or equivalent level could authorize reenlistment in-grade to airmen at the five and seven levels in some 60 shortage AFSCs.

Reenlistees who fall heir to the

newest in-grade provision, may expect other considerations. Re-up bonuses will be improved if proposed legislation goes through.

Called direct mail recruiting, the device became effective December 11, but is not retro active. To qualify, men must have possessed a primary specialty of authorization from their former commander.

Specialties which will make airmen eligible for the re-up offer are listed in an attachment of AFL 39-30. They include generally the same critical AFSCs which blocked airmen from separation under the recent early release program. The list will be revised periodically to include new shortage AFSCs and delete those in surplus fields.

The rank given the re-upping airmen will be the temporary grade in which they last served. Date of rank, however, AF TIMES said, will be the date of reenlistment rather than date of original award.

Trojans Scheduled To Return at Least Four Months Early

Reese's handstand and tumbling team, The Trojans, will return from their world tour of armed forces bases March 1, four months earlier than previously planned, the AF TIMES said this week.

The Trojans, A-1C Keith Anderson, A-1C James J. Beifuss, and A-2C Peter Dopudja, were scheduled to return to the States this week as members of the "Tops in Blue" troop which had visited western and Far East stations during the past six months. The troop was booked to go to the Northeast and Europe during the first six months of 1954, but reduced funds forced curtailment.

Under the new program The Trojans and other performers will report to Bolling AFB January 5, perform in and around Washington three days, go to the Northeast Air Command three weeks, visit Westover and Sampson AFB's, and then hit to the South for a month of shows, and then go back to their home bases. Anderson, Beifuss, and Dopudja will return to duties with the 3501st Maintenance squadron.

Promotions this month advanced Anderson and Beifuss in rank, but Dopudja must pass a test before he may become an airman first class.

his drum solo's and they are requested very often.

Someday in the future, if you see "Now Appearing — Tony Angelo (his professional name) and his Orchestra," at the Hollywood Pladium or Bird Land in New York or even back at Reese Air Force base, you will know it is our own Angelo Clementi. Keep up the good work and someday we hope to see you at Bird Land, New York City or over NBC. He is the mostest to say the leastest. WELCOME

The Commander and men of the 02nd Maintenance squadron would like to welcome these new men to the squadron, A-2C Norman R. Bear, A-3C Bill D. Dunlap, A-3C Gerb J. Crawford, and A-3C Sherrel D. Speegle. We hope they enjoy their stay with us. These men are just arrived from Sheppard AFB A and E school.

Supply Sq. Planning Yule-Season Party; Cover Fee Light

The squadron wishes to welcome two new officers to its ranks, 1st Lt. James B. Cook, salvage officer and 2nd Lt. Clifford E. Hammond adjutant.

Party time has been planned for all members of the supply squadron, military and civilian. M-Sgt. High announced that the party would begin at 1500 hours, 24 Dec. A slight fee of one dollar will be charged to cover cost.

Mr. and Mrs. William Overman of St. Louis Missouri will be the guest of T-Sgt. and Mrs. E. P. Overman during the Christmas holidays.

M-Sgts. John D. High and John R. Hance have received orders to appear before the recruiting service selection board at Abilene on 16 Dec.

Promotions just in time for Christmas have gone to the following airmen of supply squadron: M-Sgts. Leslie H. Earles and Gailor B. Combs.

T-Sgts. Paul G. Vowles and Raymond Harmell.

S-Sgts. Warren E. Lakely and James H. Nicholas.

A-1C Basil M. Tyer.

A-2C Augustus Hill and Michael G. Scholinsky, Jr.

A-3C William D. Foy and James A. Shaffer.

Mothers' Club Has Guest Speaker

The Reese Mothers' Club held its monthly meeting Monday at the chapel annex. Guest speaker was Dr. Ramon Kireilis physical educational director at Texas Tech.

Dr. Kireilis lectured on the effects of emotional stimuli on the mental and physical development of children.

Hostesses were Mrs. Richard Wood and Mrs. Clyde Eenson.

Members who missed the meeting have been informed that the club has organized a cooperative nursery for the "small fry."

The next meeting of the Mothers' club is slated for Jan. 20 at 1445 in the chapel annex.

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Many Festive Yuletide Events Fill Reese's Christmas Stocking

Turkey Feasts Readied For 'Big' Day

Big Plans Made For Yule Season

Final plans for Christmas holiday festivities at Reese were completed this week, according to base officials. The events got underway last night with the annual tree lighting ceremony.

Official Yuletide greetings were extended to the assembled by Col. C. P. West, base commander. All Christmas lights on the base were turned on, revealing the various displays built by many Reese organizations. Participating in the ceremony was the Protestant choir directed by A-2C Albert Knott, and the base childrens' choir directed by Fred Huffman, Red Cross field director. Music was played by the 514th Air Force band under the direction of WO-2 Robert L. Kaler. Master of ceremonies was Chaplain (Major) Alvin A. Katt who was instrumental in planning event for the coming holiday season.

This afternoon at 1600 hours a childrens' Christmas party will be held in the base theatre. Last year's party for the kids was a big success and approximately 50 persons attended. This year, even more kids are expected to be present when the youngsters are served refreshments and Santa Claus presents each child with a gift. Colonel West will greet the kiddies and music will be furnished by the base band. The base childrens' chorus, led by Huffman, will sing.

Chaplain Katt, with last year's proven ability, will again be master of ceremonies.

Much of the work and planning for the party was accomplished by

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Reesemen Will Play 'Daddy for a Day' To Visiting Orphans

In Operation 'Daddy for a Day,' the 3501st Pilot Training squadron today is playing host of 14 orphan boys from the Milam home, Lubbock, in activities on the base.

Each of the boys, ages 5 to 14, has a sponsor for his visit, which was scheduled to begin with loading of the visitors into a Reese bus at 1130 hours. On arrival at the base the bus will tour various sections briefly and then unload at the Officers club, where lunch will be served and presents given. Gifts were purchased for each boy according to need and clothing size.

From the club, the visitors are scheduled to go to the base chapel to be greeted by Chaplain (Major) Alvin A. Katt and his staff. Then comes a tour of the flight line, with each boy posing for a picture in an aircraft. A party in the base theatre at 1600 hours is to conclude the day.

Maj. John S. Bonner, Jr., was in charge of arrangements for the 'Daddy for a Day' program, assisted by Capt. Alva T. Adams, Jr.

Boys visiting the base, with their age, and sponsor, include; James

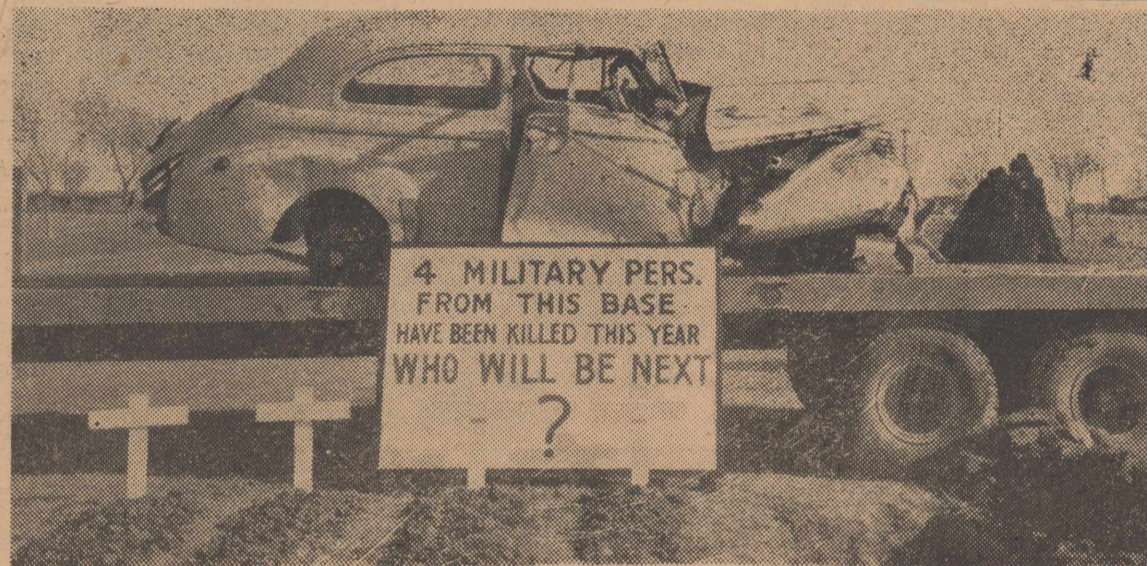
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Safety Tips Given Reese Vacationers

German Holiday Nears For 'Altar-bound' Cadet

Memories of a moonlight dance late in July, 1947, this week are calling A-C Robert L. Yoder of Reese back to Germany. He is going to complete arrangements to marry the girl he met and danced with that night in Munich during the annual seasonal costume party, similar to the New Orleans' Mardi Gras.

Yoder left Germany February 1, 1952, as a staff sergeant after four years of operating and teaching direction finding equipment for the Air Force. He returns to his fiancée, Miss Isobella Marietta Belohobek, in Utting am Ammersee near Munich after almost two years, this time as a second lieutenant.

Marriage Postponed

Cadet Yoder enlisted July 20, 1947, and the following March was sent to Germany, remaining until February 1, 1952. Three and a half years before he left Europe he had met Miss Belohobek at the dance and had been having "dates" with her all along. The couple had decided to be married a couple of weeks before orders came for his return to the United States. Yoder wanted to become an AF flyer, but he could not enter training if married. So the wedding was postponed.

The bride-groom-to-be became an aviation cadet November 3, 1952, took primary training at Bartow AFB, Fla., and came to Reese last August 10 as a member of

Class 54-C. Wednesday he will be commissioned a second lieutenant and Friday he carried his new gold officer's bars by air to Munich, and Christmas with his fiancée. During the visit final plans for the wedding will be made. It will be a "big" holiday season, for a family reunion is planned.

Nine Months of Red Tape

Young Yoder, 25, started work to clear the way for his marriage to clear the way for his marriage about nine months ago. It was not until mid-summer that he was able to ask for a check on his bride-to-be so that she might enter the United States. He recently sought and received permission to visit Germany and Miss Belohobek, and he requested permission to marry. The way Yoder has it planned all "red tape" will be out of the way in time for a June wedding.

He will be back at Reese January 4 to complete his pilot training.

LAST ROUNDUP OF 1953

This issue of THE ROUNDUP marks the last to be published during this calendar year. There will be no paper December 25 nor January 1 due to the holiday schedule, but publication will resume with the January 8 issue. The Office of Information Service wishes all a 'Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.'

Kicking off a campaign to hold holiday leave accidents to zero for 1953, Ground Safety officials joined with local law enforcement agencies this week to issue tips to Reese personnel about driving home.

"We don't want to cancel a single leave half-way through because of an auto accident," Joe Lopez, Reese Ground Safety director stated. He warned airmen planning to drive home on holiday leaves to be prepared for bad weather driving.

"And, even if the road is smooth all the way home and back," he said, "a driver can still get into a lot of trouble."

He pointed out that good roads don't mean "you can't drive without sleep, or try dosing yourself up with coffee and pills to keep awake. It is people who try that who make up the fatality statistics for the finest roads and turnpikes in the country."

Talking especially about bad-weather driving, Lopez said, "Most people, especially those who will face bad winter driving for the first time, do not realize that ice is about twice as slick at 32 degrees as at zero. Motorists have to keep one eye on the thermometer all the time this part of the year."

He also pointed out that a driver has to reduce speed to 15 m.p.h. on an icy road to get the same stopping ability he would have at 50 m.p.h. on a dry road. And, the type of tire being used does not make much difference. Even with tire chains, the driver would have to come down to 25 m.p.h.

"The smartest thing you can do," Lopez said, "is to get

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Base to Operate At Half Strength During Holidays

Personnel who find themselves unable to make the trip home during the Christmas holidays will find a full slate of activities provided for their enjoyment.

It has been announced that from the 24th of December through the 27th will be holidays for base personnel. The Food Service squadron reveals that a mammoth holiday feed for Reesemen and dependents that will even rival Mom's table.

Approximately 50 per cent of the RAFB military strength will be on leave with the remaining half being required to report for duty on Dec. 21, 22, 23, 28, 29, 30 and 31.

On Christmas Day, Tom Turkey will rein in the base dining halls. The field ration menu in both officer and wing eateries will be as follows:

- Crap Meat Cocktail
- Cocktail Sauce
- Roast Tom Turkey
- Virginia Baked Ham
- Sage Dressing
- Whipped Potatoes
- Glazed Sweet Potatoes
- Green Beans
- Scalloped Whole Kernal Corn
- Parkerhouse Rolls and Butter
- Mince Meat Pie
- Fruit Cake
- Ice Cream
- Assorted Fruits, Relishes
- Mixed Nuts, Lemon Wedges
- Candies
- Coffee

Hours and prices were not available at press time, but officials expected all arrangements would parallel those on Thanksgiving day.

President's Greetings

To the Armed Forces of the United States:

My most sincere Christmas greetings go to all our men and women of the Armed Forces serving at home and abroad. I know our whole Nation shares my profound appreciation of your contribution to the free world's dedicated quest for peace.

You and your families have my best wishes for a fine Christmas and for good health and happiness throughout the years to come.

DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER
President of the United States

Luttrell & Hegland Reported Improved

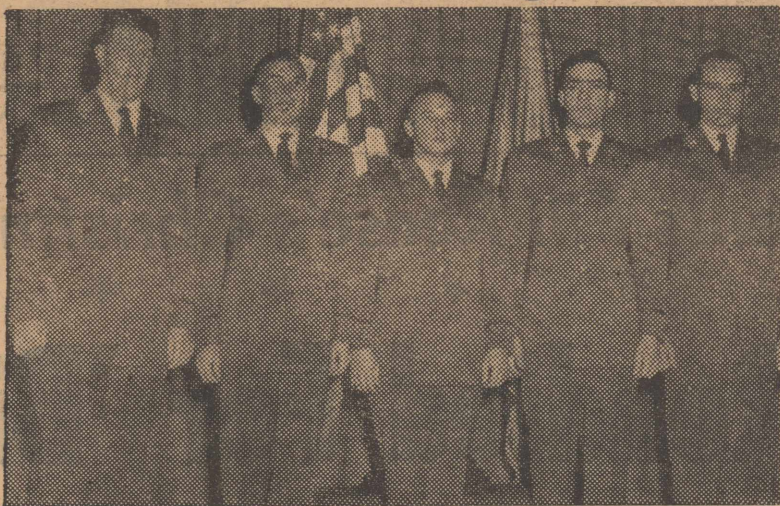
Two airmen injured in last week's major traffic accident, A-3C Ernest M. Hegland, Supply squadron, and A-3C Kenneth D. Luttrell, PTW, were reported improved this week at the base hospital.

Airman Hegland, unconscious most of the time for more than a week following the December 6 crash which killed two other Reese personnel, was brought to the base hospital Monday of this week. Hegland is suffering from head and internal injuries, Luttrell from a broken pelvis and shoulder, and internal injuries.

Urged to Set Good Example Class 54-A Awarded Wings;

Silver wings of the pilot in the United States Air Force were awarded 24 members of Class 54-A in graduation exercises Wednesday morning in the Reese theatre. Of the graduates, 18 trained as student officers and 16 as aviation cadets.

Graduates were urged by Maj. R. R. Melton, wing operations and



DISTINGUISHED GRADUATES are shown just after ceremonies in the base theatre Wednesday when aviation cadets in classes 54-A, B and C received commissions and Class 54-A received pilot's wings. The distinguished cadets were chosen for high attainment in flying, military and academic training. Left to right, they are, Wayne E. Latimer, Class 54-A; and Warren E. Beaumont, Walter Kaczaral, William H. Himebaugh and Morgan G. Closs, Jr., Class 54-C.

Returns For Wings

Second Lt. Javan Bayer covered close to 1000 miles extra to get his silver pilot's wings and to graduate with Class 54-A Wednesday. He was called to San Antonio last Friday by the serious illness of his wife. Late Tuesday night he flew to Reese, was graduated Wednesday morning, took a couple of hours to sign out all offices for his next duty assignment in Panama, and then left immediately for his wife's bedside.

training officer, to do their best at all times.

"If you are to serve your nation, either during emergencies or during peaceful times, you must attempt to do your best, to be the best AF officer that you possibly can, to make personal sacrifices, and to set the example," the major said.

"Sometimes it is difficult for us to think in terms of self-sacrifice and personal example because of the general attitude of a large portion of our population. We are criticized constantly and many times unjustly simply because we are in uniform. Those who volunteer to serve are usually criticized the most.

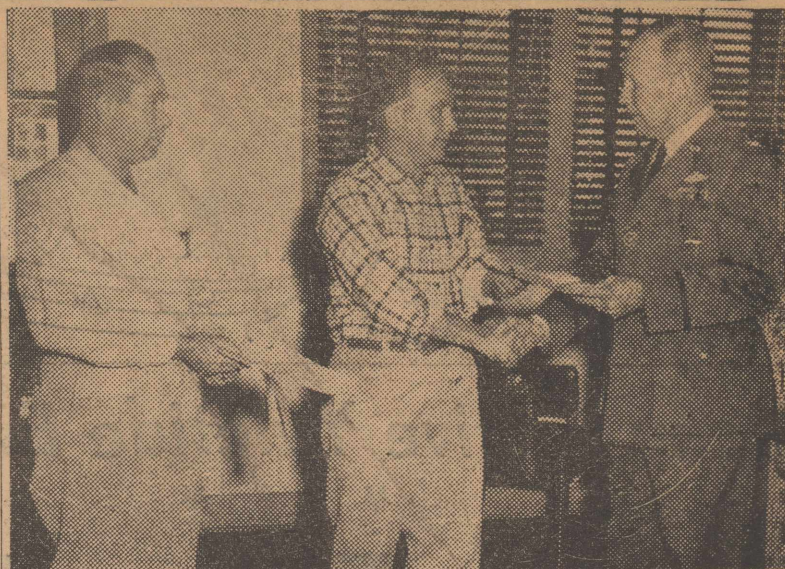
"I think our citizens must, and I believe eventually will, re-affirm their faith in the professional competence, integrity, and dedication of the professional fighting man." Major Melton declared that

much of the criticism had been "unwarranted and exaggerated" and the "half truths and in some instances complete falsehoods" had had an adverse effect on new officers. He urged that Class 54-A graduates not let criticism cut down effectiveness. Major Melton also urged that the graduates serve voluntarily and remain in the Air Force.

Honored at the graduation were five young men named distinguished aviation cadets on the basis of high attainment in flying, military, and academic training. They will be given special consideration for regular AF commissions. The five honored were Wayne E. Latimer, Earlville, Ill., Class 54-A; Warren E. Beau-

mont, St. John, Kan., Morgan G. Closs, Jr., Port Neches, Tex., William H. Himebaugh, Passaic, N. J., and Walter Kaczaral, Long Island, N. Y., all Class 54-C.

Col. C. P. West, base commander, introduced Major Melton and awarded the wings. Major Melton presented diplomas, and Maj. Jafus M. Rodgers, Pilot Training squadron commander assisted Colonel West in awarding wings. Maj. Tobias Schindler, Student squadron commander, presided; Chaplain (Captain) Gerald F. McCarthy gave the invocation and benediction, and the 514th AF band, directed by WOJG Robert L. Kaler, played.



SUGGESTION AWARD WINNERS — Jack Moore, civilian employee, receives a check and congratulations from Col. C. P. West for his suggestion of a new type protractor to measure aircraft control surface travel. Looking on at left is Jonah L. Graves who had just received his check from the colonel for adaption of an additional inspection cover on B-25 aircraft. Not present for the picture was Chester K. Fulton, who devised a dummy cylinder used in aircraft engine maintenance. Moore and Fulton received \$10 awards while Graves received \$23. As a result of the employees suggestions, several hundred dollars will be saved annually through reduction in man-hours and materials as well as resulting in more efficient operation.

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