

Yule Riddle Links Santa, Pawnshops

What is the connection between Santa Claus, the custom of hanging up Christmas stockings, and a pawnbroker's sign of three gold-colored balls?

A Scrooge might say that the answer to the Yuletide riddle is that Santa Claus would need help from a pawnbroker, to pay for filling all the stockings — but Scrooge would be wrong.

Both Christmas stockings and pawnbrokers' signs are traditions that come from legends about the first "Santa Claus" — St. Nicholas, bishop of Myra, in Asia Minor — according to the Encyclopedia Americana.

This early Santa was known far and wide for his generosity. And, so the story goes, he wanted to help a merchant who had lost all his money and had no way to provide dowries for the marriages of his three daughters.

Like Santa today, St. Nicholas wanted to be a generous but secret giver. When the oldest daughter was old enough to marry, he went at night to the merchant's house, with a bag of gold.

Some legends say he threw it through the window, and others that he threw it down the chimney. At any rate, the oldest daughter had her dowry and was able to marry.

St. Nicholas repeated the process for the second, and then the third, daughter. The third time, the merchant watched to see who brought the gold and told the story of the good saint's generosity.

According to legend, one bag of gold fell into a stocking hung up by the chimney to dry, and thus began the custom of hanging up stockings to be filled with gifts.

Pictures of the saint show him with the three bags of gold.

Bankers in Northern Italy took him as their patron and used the sign of three gold balls. Because bankers lent money, the sign later became associated with pawnbrokers, and today this custom still continues.

The Department of Defense has announced that nearly 1,000 aircraft and 15,000 troops from TAC units participated in the United States emergency build-up at Florida bases during the Cuban crisis.

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Educational Background Is Big Factor In Promotion Of Officers

HQ. ATC, RANDOLPH AFB, Tex. — An Air Force officer's educational background is rapidly becoming one of the main considerations for his future promotional opportunities.

Statistics released by Air Training Command Personnel officials show a high percentage of college graduates promoted "below the zone" during FY 62. In this category approximately 98 percent of the captains, 94 percent of the majors and 81 percent of the lieutenant colonels, up-graded, are college grads.

Personnel officials point out, however, that length in service and high performance records are still the primary selection factors.

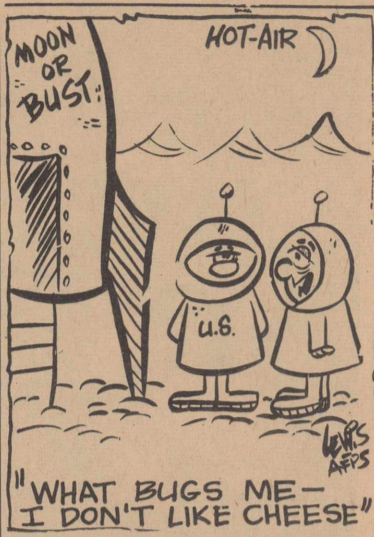
In the primary zone, which consists of senior captains, majors and lieutenant colonels, the percentage of promoted officers who have academic degrees was considerably lower than it was for "below the zone" promotions. Only 34 percent of the senior captains and 29 percent of the senior majors who were selected for advancement have degrees.

Somewhat more emphasis on education was indicated in the selection of primary zone lieutenant colonels for up-grading. Sixty-nine percent of the senior lieutenant colonels selected for promotion in FY 62 are graduates of colleges or universities.

The need for highly educated officers is based on the Air Force's expanding technology. ATC Personnel officials state that the complexity of future weapon systems and ultra-sophisticated command and control systems demand officers who have college degrees.

SCHOOL OPENING

MacDILL AFB, Fla. (AFNS) — The 4453rd Combat Crew Training Squadron (TAC) will be activated here Jan. 1 to train F-4C fighter pilots. When the squadron is up to full strength by September 1963, it will train 18 students, including three reconnaissance RF-4C pilots, every 45 days.



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LACKLAND AFB, Tex. (AFNS) — Cobalt-60, one of man's radiological weapons against cancer, will soon be in operation at the USAF Hospital here. Construction for installation of the unit has been underway for the past month.

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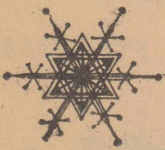
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Prehistoric Man Decorated Cave With Mistletoe

When Americans this month decorate some 40 million Christmas trees, they will perform a rite which dates back to prehistoric times when man celebrated the winter solstice.

The 1962 solstice occurs at 2:29 p.m., Dec. 21 — the time when the sun stops its seemingly southward drift and begins to move back north. Ancient man, watching the sun move steadily away from him, was stricken with fear as the days grew shorter and colder,

trees became bare and game grew scarce.

So, when the sun began moving toward him again, he celebrated by decorating his shelter with those plants that had withstood the cold — evergreen trees, mistletoe, holly and ivy.

The actual use of trees and Christmas decorations inside houses did not become popular until comparatively recent times. Martin Luther is said to have had a Yuletide tree for his

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Retirement Up In ATC In '62

HQ. ATC, RANDOLPH AFB, Tex. — A total of 1,024 Air Training Command airmen retired during the period January through October this year, while last year over the same period there were 860 retirees. This represents an increase of 19 percent.

A majority of the airmen retiring from service during the same period were serving in highly technical fields. For the 10-month period in 1961, a total of 368 retirees had been serving in highly technical fields, representing slightly less than 43 percent of the total. This year 434 ATC airman retirees had been serving in the highly technical fields, slightly over 42 percent.

Most of the retirees for both periods had served under 21 years, however the number remaining over 21 years increased slightly this year. During the 10-month period in 1961 a total of 405 airmen in pay grades E-9, E-8 and E-7 retired with under 21 years service, while 156 airmen serving in these grades retired with more than 21 years. This year a total of 407 of the top three graders retired with under 21 years, while 208 had more than 21 years.

A larger percentage of the airmen retiring with under 21 years service were serving in pay grades E-6 and below. In 1961, during the January to October period, 264 E-6's and under retired with under 21, while only 35 in these grades had more than 21 years service when they retired. This year 339 tech sergeants and under retired with under 21 years, while 70 retired with more than 21 years.

ATC personnel officials pointed out that the majority of airmen in all grades retiring with over 21 years service this year had served less than 22 years.

Decorated Log Follows Custom

The Yule log, which goes back to the Druids, is in some places decorated with flowers and anointed with wine. In France this custom is perpetrated in Christmas cakes baked in the form of a Yule log decorated with flowers.

For good luck, the log was not allowed to burn out during the Christmas season, and part of it was kept to start the Christmas fire the following year. Its ashes were believed to bring added fertility to soil, a belief based on scientific fact.

Christmas cards are believed to have originated in England, where a London artist, Joseph Cundall, in 1846 is said to have made the first illustrated Christmas card. The idea didn't really catch on, however, until 1862.

Since then it has become a multi-million dollar industry. Before then, it was the custom in England to throw the windows wide open on Christmas day to call out a Merry Christmas to friends and neighbors.

Switching Center Opens New Phase

NORTON AFB, Calif. (AFNS) — A new phase in military communications opened in November with the activation of the first automatic electronic switching center of AF DATA-COM — the Air Force's data communications network — here. The center, first of five to be completed by Western Union Telegraph Co. for the Air Force, immediately established communications with its 53 nationwide tributaries.

DATA-COM is expected to be fully operational early in 1963 when its wholly automatic system will have the capability of accurately handling digitalized information equivalent to 100 million words daily. It will handle aircraft movement, air traffic control, aircraft maintenance, passenger information and light control data. Finance, medical, personnel and statistical reports will be handled when these reports are fully automated.

Joining the Norton AFB facility in the near future will be centers at McClellan AFB, Calif.; Tinker AFB, Okla.; Andrews AFB, Md., and Gentile AS, Ohio. The completed AF DATA-COM system will serve 300 tributary stations.

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Troops Moving In Short Spurt To Use B-47's

Operation Short Spurt, a new system established by the Air Force to test a new short-tour individual rotation idea, has become a reality as 12 Air Policemen from Maxwell and Gunter AFBs were alerted for European assignments early next year. Short Spurt has been set up to test the system of sending personnel in support career fields for short 120-day periods to USAFE.

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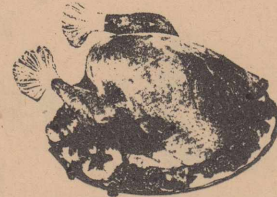
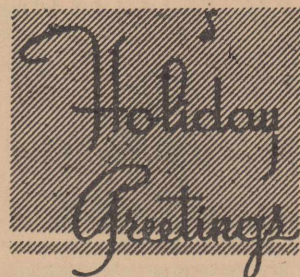
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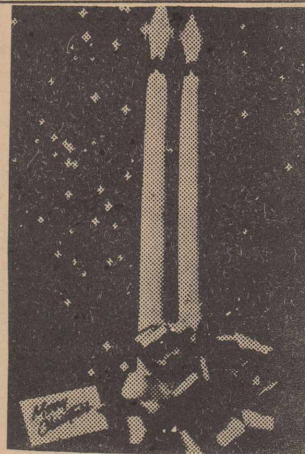
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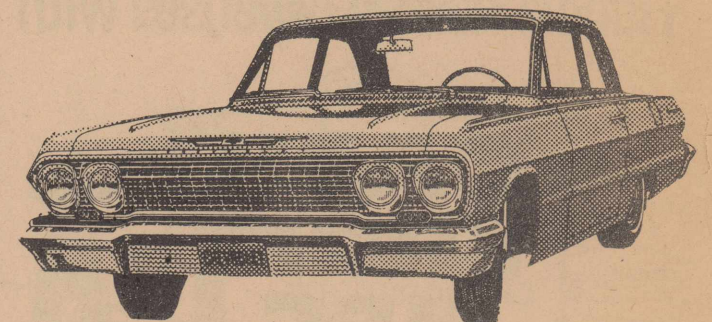
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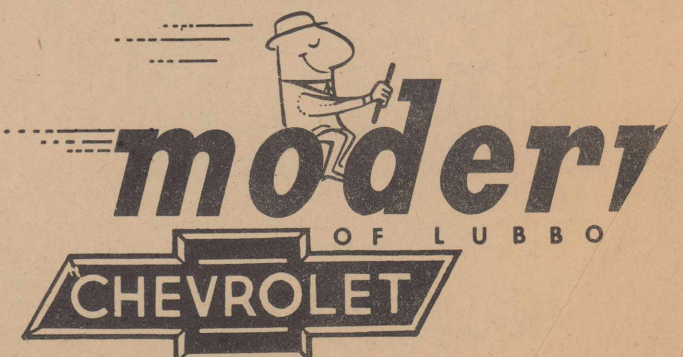
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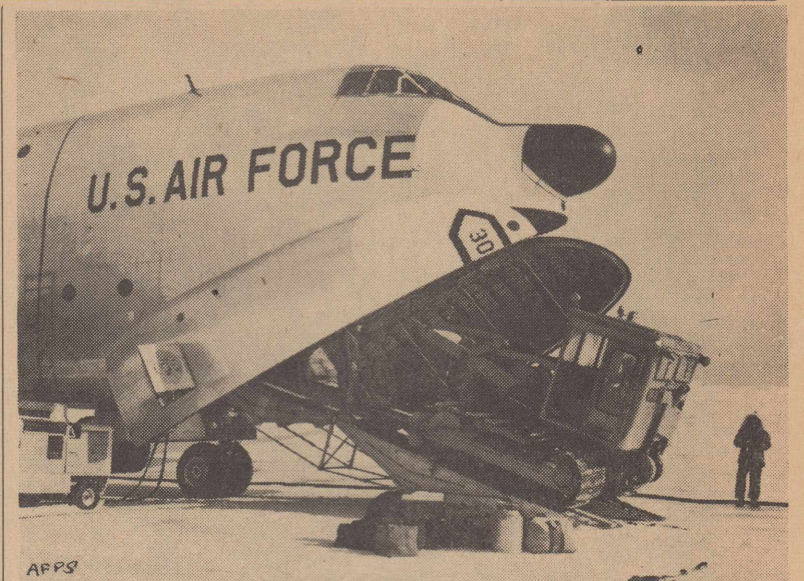
Help is given citizens-to-be each Monday night, it was pointed out, in meetings in the basement of a Lubbock bank. Miss Murvil Rankin has taught the class for upward of ten years and says that a majority of South Plains residents who have become naturalized have benefitted from the weekly meetings.

Numerous Reese personnel and their wives have attended the class to learn everything needed to successfully pass tests given by the Daughters of the American Revolution. Information may be obtained by calling Miss Rankin at PO 5-5706.

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ASSUMES COMMAND

Colonel Harold T. Babb, former Reese deputy commander, has become deputy commander for support for the Kanto Base Command near Tokyo, Japan. He is serving his first tour in Japan.

**Fire Hazards
Of Christmas
Get Emphasis**

A renewed plea to guard against fires at Christmas time was made this week by Col. James A. Gunn III, wing commander, and Truett S. Cranford, fire chief.

"The Christmas season is a time of joy and good will for all," said Colonel Gunn. "It is also a time of increased fire hazards because of our traditional decorating and partying. We must all exercise a little extra care in the selection and installation of decorations and in our conduct to avoid wasteful loss or possible tragedy."

"We are interested in protecting people as well as buildings and homes. We all know rules for safety and should remember them. I urge you to apply these rules to the utmost so that we may have a 'Merry Fire-Safe Christmas.'"

Rules Listed

The colonel and Chief Cranford stressed simple rules of safety, including use of fresh trees of fir, spruce or pine; placing water in a container at the base of the tree; supporting the tree firmly; remove the tree as soon as possible where they might burn or cause electrical short circuits.

The chief also cited that candles may not be burned in housing areas, electrical cords need close checking, circuits should not be overloaded, only approved outdoor lighting should be used and trees should not be left, lighted when the family is gone or asleep.

Care also was urged in use of decorations and in disposing of Christmas wrappings promptly.

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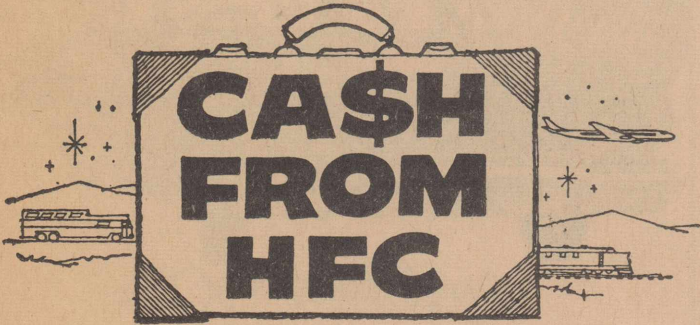


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Look Ahead View Is Needed, In Opinion Of Chief Of Staff

NEW YORK (AFNS) — General Curtis E. LeMay, Air Force Chief of Staff, speaking before the American Ordnance Association's 44th Annual Industrial Preparedness meeting here, said it is vitally necessary to squeeze lessons from every situation to maintain the United States' deterrent margin.

Comparing the military professional to the production line worker, he said: "he can't point to any tangible results of his day's efforts."

"Under normal circumstances, the only time a military man sees the product of his efforts is when it is tested in war," he stated. "Without this kind of test, he must rely on debate in his schools, his service staffs, joint staffs, and in all the other place that make up the national military policy production line."

"More often than not, this debate turns on intangibles such as military doctrine. This doctrine generally evolves from our war experiences. One real danger in this situation is the common failing of preparing to fight future wars with new weapons but with concepts developed from past wars."

"It's important to keep in mind that in this stage of fast-moving technology new generations of weapons are far different from anything we've seen before. This means that we may one day find ourselves postured without a single war-tested weapon system in the military inventory. With the art of war and the art of deterring war changing radically, a failure to modernize concepts right along with modernizing weapons could have tragic consequences. It would be equally as dangerous to create modern military concepts in utter disregard of past military experience."

"It is vitally necessary to squeeze lessons from every situation in which the military plays a tangible role," he said.

Officials Study Use Of Retired

WASHINGTON (AFNS) — The Air Force Association and the Department of Labor will co-sponsor the First National Conference on the Utilization of Retired Military Personnel here on Dec. 17.

Some 500 industry leaders as well as Civil Service, Department of Defense and United States Office of Education officials are expected to attend.

Secretary of the Air Force Eugene M. Zuckert will represent the Department of Defense at the day-long conference.

Labor Secretary W. Willard Wirtz said the purpose of the conference is to identify the growing number of retired servicemen in all ranks as a valuable national resource and to explore their full utilization in the domestic economy.

SURVEY STARTS

WASHINGTON (AFNS) — A broad survey, designed to help plan the future of the Proficiency Pay Program, will get underway in all major air commands in January, the Air Force announced here. Particular emphasis will be made on the contribution that pro pay makes to the airman reenlistment program.

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General Officer List Prepared

WASHINGTON (AFNS) — The Air Force roll of active duty general officers will be increased by about 30 in January when the names of those recommended for temporary brigadier general promotions by the October selection board are presented to Congress for confirmation.

In making the announcement, the Air Force said the list of new brigadier generals was taken from permanent and

temporary colonels rolls. Some 4,000 officers were considered for the hike to the higher grade. The number of colonels selected for the promotion to one-star rank includes officers of the line and component branches of the Air Force.

CONTRACTS LET

Contracts totaling more than \$1,412,000 have been awarded to 19 companies by the Air Force. Work will include development of missiles, aircraft, electronics, research and other fields. Contractors are in seven states.

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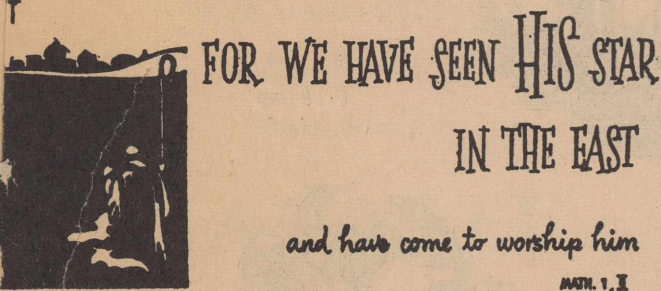
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Presenting pins was Lt. Col. Alvin J. Collins, commander of the Civil Engineering Group. Presented 10-year pins by their immediate supervisors were Charles W. Arthur, Jr., Daniel E. Gilbert, Floyd D. Pinkerton, and Milo G. Johnson, jet engine maintenance; Jessie W. Jones, engineering work control; Farret C. Paul, fire department; and Irma A. Selmi, cost accounting.

Board Studying General Moves

A board to select Reserve officers for promotion to brigadier and major general will convene at USAF on Dec. 19.

According to present indications, 47 colonels of the USAF Reserve and two brigadiers will move up in the general officer category. Only those Reserve officers who can meet the eligibility requirements of AFR 45-34 will be considered by the board.

One of the important considerations is the age of the aspirants. Only those who have a Ready Reserve status and who are at least one year below the maximum age of 55 years will be considered for promotion to brigadier general. The maximum age limit of 57 years will be applied for those seeking major general rank.

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President Kennedy Has Praise For Readiness Of Service

WASHINGTON (AFNS) — President John F. Kennedy in letters to the commanders of Tactical Air, Strategic Air and North American Air Defense

Commands has praised the "high state of readiness" of the military at the bases he visited on Nov. 26.

In a letter to Gen. Walter C. Sweeney Jr., commander of TAC, the President said:

"I have a renewed appreciation of the part that the Tactical Air Command is ready to play and the support that it is ready to offer the Army, both in combat and as an airlift to the battle zone. I would appreciate it if you would convey to those Reserve Units who gave such a ready response my special commendation for their fine performance.

"Those in active service realize the extra sacrifice that these men make when their civilian careers are interrupted to respond in a national emergency.

"Please pass to the members of your staff and all the units assembled in your command my thanks, my commendation, and warm wishes."

In identical letters to Gen. Thomas S. Power, SAC commander-in-chief, and Gen. John K. Gerhart, NORAD commander-in-chief, the President wrote:

"Please accept my thanks and congratulations for the wonderful day afforded me by my visit to your command. It would be an inspiration to every citizen to see the high state of readiness of the soldiers, sailors, airmen, and marines whom I visited. A sincere 'well done' to all ranks."

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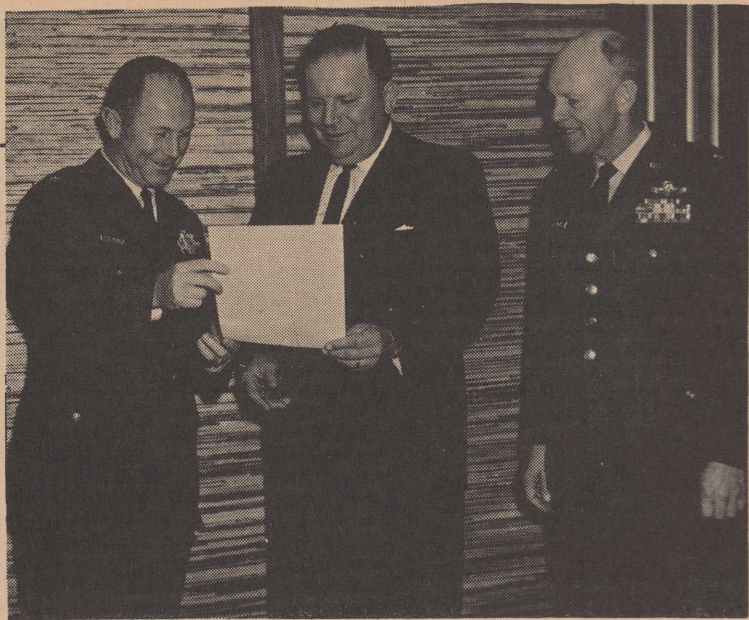
Pathology Aid To Crash Cure

A closer study of man in relation to his aircraft may result in the solution of some of the mysteries behind air accidents.

The new science, known as aerospace pathology, is based on a closer examination than heretofore of man and his air vehicle as one entity of flight.

Col. Frank M. Townsend, USAF Medical Corps, director of the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology, pioneered the study of man and his aircraft 10 years ago. He has been applying the methods of laboratory analysis in physiology, anatomy and toxicology to the engineering of the airplane in an effort to find the cause of events which lead up to an unsuccessful flight.

Modifications in both aircraft and equipment have resulted from Colonel Townsend's studies.



CITIZEN—Col. Chuck Yeager, first man to fly faster than sound, was made an honorary citizen of Lubbock when he came to Reese to speak at graduation of Class 63-D. Mayor Jack Strong, center, made the presentation as Col. James A. Gunn III, wing commander, looked on.

Pilots Undergo Test For Space

BROOKS AFB, Tex (AFNS) —Four Air Force jet pilots are undergoing simulated spacecraft environmental tests at the Aerospace Medical Center here. They are being exposed to simulated environments to obtain various data relative to their physiological-psychological responses.

The tests began on Nov. 20 and will continue through Dec. 18. The program includes phases which will have the participants tested in a space chamber for eight days at ground level, 12 days out of the chamber and eight days at 200 millimeters mercury pressure (a pressure equivalent of 32,000 feet altitude).

The 8x20-foot chamber used for the experiment will provide the men with a little more than bare essentials for comfort. Participants include Capt. John Larson Jr. of Sheppard AFB, Capt. Jay T. Pierce of Laredo AFB, 1st Lt. James H. Ayers of Connally AFB and 1st Lt. John C. Boyer of Perrin AFB.

Solar Testing Brings Success

ANDREWS AFB, Md. (AFNS) — Significant amounts of electricity have been produced from the sun's heat in experiments conducted for the Air Force Systems Command's Aeronautical Systems Division, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio. Air Force scientists, who are conducting the experiments, said this is the first step in the development of a secondary power source for space flight. The electricity produced is obtained in a thermionic system by heating solid material to the point where electrons "boil off," cross a vacuum and collect on a cool surface. With the circuit closed, a current of electricity results. The heat is converted into electricity without any moving parts.

Swap For Work Pact Negotiated

WASHINGTON (AFNS) — The Air Force has announced an ingenious "wheat for wheels" barter agreement for accomplishment of Air Force procurement in the European area.

Negotiations started in 1960 when Air Force officials from the Air Procurement Region Europe and the Beherman Demoen Engineering Co. of Antwerp, Belgium began their talks on the unique contract.

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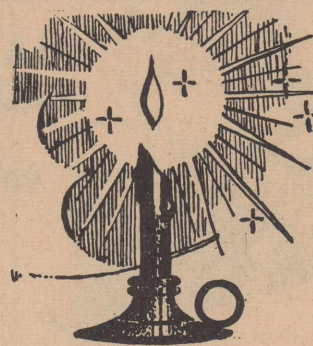
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Christmas Tea Held By Wives

A formal Christmas tea and style show was held Dec. 13 by the Officers Wives Club with Mrs. Elwin Kirby as chairman. Co-chairmen were Mmes. Joseph Payne, Richard Steele, Roscoe Woodruff, J. G. Malloy, Clark Dufield, Thomas Manjak, Herbert Leong, John Martin, Ronald Kinion, Dennis Smith and Paul McClure.

Mrs. Albert Skibell of Lubbock narrated the show and Mrs. Robert Walker played the piano.

Models included Mmes. Keith Krause, John Christian, William Reese, Philip Goodman, Delano Castle, Harry Hennigar, Robert Moller, Gordon Bowers, Val Loose, Preston Bridgewater

Worker Speaks On Evangelism

Miss Katherine Raspier, child evangelism fellowship missionary appointee, was guest speaker at the Dec. 11 salad luncheon of the Protestant Women of the Chapel. Hostesses were Mrs. Wayne Stork and Mrs. Frances Fleming.

Miss Raspier prepared for missionary service in Argentina by serving eight months as director of Child Evangelism Fellowship in Lubbock, following several months work in Big Spring.

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Youth Activities

The free photography course resumes at 7 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 9, in the Youth Club dark-room.

Pre-Teens will hold a Christmas party from 7 to 10 p.m., Friday, Dec. 21, in the club. Party clothes will be in vogue.

Junior and Senior Teen Club members will have a formal Christmas banquet and dance from 7 to 11 p.m. Saturday. Boys will wear dark suits and the girls formals. A good band will play.



Woman's

Chatter

By Mrs. Alexander M. Milligan

The 3500th Pilot Training Squadron held its Christmas party Dec. 14 at the Officers' Club.

Flight 9 got together in the home of Capt. and Mrs. Daniel Perkins Dec. 15.

Mrs. Richard Gregory is handling 3500th PTS news until further notice.

Mrs. William E. Roth and daughter, Elizabeth, have gone to Scott AFB to be with Mrs. Roth's mother, who is ill. Captain Roth will follow on Dec. 22 to spend Christmas with his family.

Houseguests in the home of Capt. and Mrs. A. M. Milligan during Christmas week will be Mrs. Milligan's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold W. Schumann of Denver, Colo.

Houseguests in the home of 1st Lt. and Mrs. Wolfram Wislicenus during Christmas week will be the lieutenant's parents, Dr. and Mrs. George F. Wislicenus of State College, Pa.

Club Activities

Mathis Service Club

The December Birthday Party will be held at 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 20. Birthday presents will be given to all December birthday celebrants and there will be cake and coffee for all.

The semi-formal Christmas dance featuring the RAIDERS will follow the December Birthday Party at 8:30 p.m. Dec. 20.

There will be a program of Christmas music each day from 6 to 8 p.m. throughout the Christmas Season. The music will consist of organ serenades of seasonal music or recorded music.

The caroling session and party on Christmas Eve is at 7 p.m. Accompaniment for the carolers will be on the club organ and refreshments will follow the caroling.

There will be open house at the club on Christmas Day with Christmas music and refreshments.

New Years festivities will be celebrated on Thursday, Dec. 27 with a semi-formal New Years Dance at 8:30 p.m., featuring Bob Lamont and his orchestra

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Secretary Hopeful

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Events of the past year have served to emphasize most clearly the responsibilities you bear in the defense of our nation's liberties — and I am confident that through your continued efforts and determination the Air Force will become even stronger and better able of contributing to our military readiness.

May the coming year fulfill our hopes for a surer peace, and may it bring the best of health, happiness and success to each of you.

—Eugene M. Zuckert, Secretary of the Air Force

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Reese Has An Active Year; Looks Forward To Receiving T-38's

Santa Claus plans to bring some T-38 Talon supersonic aircraft to Reese next month as a delayed Christmas present. And he did right well by the base throughout 1962.

During January several Talons are scheduled to be assigned to Reese so that instructor pilots may become familiar with the aircraft and so that early training of students may start.

The T-33's which have been used for the past three years as basic trainers for student pilots will be retired from the base.

Numerous highlights marked life on the base this year.

In January the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award was presented to the 3500th Maintenance and Supply Group for its high standards and production during 1961, when the Daedalian Trophy was earned.

February was marked by national recognition of Reese contributions to "Money Tree," a movement aimed at bringing better management and economies. Also, 70 airmen were promoted that month.

In March the M&S Group was named representative of Air Training Command in Air Force competition for the Daedalian Trophy and the unit was selected as having the best maintenance program in ATC. Graduates of Class 62-F heard Lt. Gen. James E. Briggs, ATC commander, deliver the graduation address. Six Reese majors were selected for elevation to lieutenant colonel in March.

April was highlighted by the first Vendors Day, with Reese playing host to representatives of South Plains firms which did business with the base and shared in Air Force expenditures.

May was highlighted by Armed Forces Day, with the Hon. Eugene M. Zuckert, secretary of the Air Force, as speaker. Seven members of the Congress were on hand here for the observance.

June saw the M&S Group receive the Air Force Maintenance Achievement Award for its activities. Reese hosted the first of seven Air Force Academy cadets assigned for two weeks of OJT training in "Operation Third Lieutenant." Fourteen Reese NCO's were promoted to senior and master sergeant.

A change of wing commanders highlighted July activities here. Colonel L. C. Hess went to Okinawa to command a fighter wing and Col. James A. Gunn III became commander.

The Daedalian Award as highest ranking undergraduate pilot training program student was presented to 2nd Lt. Raymond G. Boisvert of Reese; AFROTC summer training here was in full swing; work started on the Buffalo Lake recreation building; and four Reese captains were elevated to major.

August at Reese found three new group commanders, Col. Richard Steele in Air Base Group; Lt. Col. Alvin Collins in Civil Engineering and Lt. Col. David Davis at the Hospital. BEMO, a new supply set-up, started in full swing.

Five Reese UPT graduates completed 30 days in a simulated aerospace vehicle at Marietta, Ga., and were hailed for their contributions to aerospace research.

In September 38 Reese officers were promoted to captain and training of T-38 mechanics was started by the Mobile Training Detachment newly assigned to the base.

On Oct. 1 Reese marked its 14th birthday and during the month 93 airmen were promoted. The Student Squadron took the ATC touch football title, Reese was cited by the Texas and Federal Governments for its program on employing the handicapped, the new bowling alley opened, Flight 1 passed its 30,000 jet hour without an accidents, and a T-38 was brought in on loan to the M&S Group for training of maintenance men.

November also saw some highlights. Announcement was made of impending increase in M&S strength to care for a larger student load and T-38 aircraft, the United Fund drive again went over the top, 19 were promoted to higher rank, 30 lieutenants were given permanent rank and the 68,000th accident-free jet flying hour was marked up by Reese.

December, of course, is marked by the Christmas holidays. Another highlight was appearance of Col. "Chuck" Yeager, first man to fly faster than

the speed of sound, as graduation speaker for Class 63-D here.

During 1962 Reese graduated seven UPT classes and added 246 new highly qualified pilots to the United States Air Force, as well as adding 16 pilots to Air Forces of other friendly nations.

WAF's Get New Summer Uniform

Washington (AFPS)—A new WAF summer uniform made of cotton, polyester blue and white cord and requiring minimum laundry care has been approved by the Air Force.

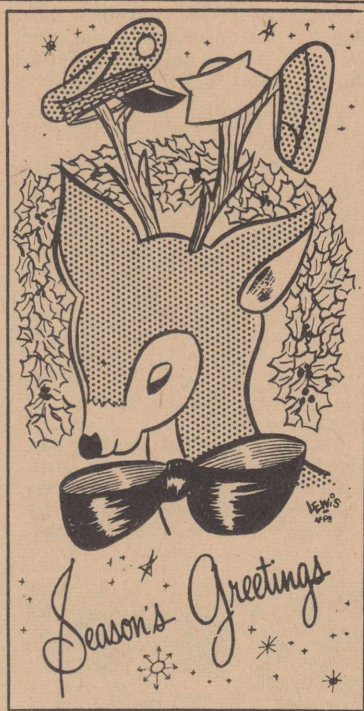
While the new uniform will be phased in as a replacement for the present cotton cord as it reaches sales stores, it is not expected to be available from that source until 1964. However, it should be on sale commercially by spring 1963.

Some modifications appear in the uniform. The pattern of the jacket has been changed to remove shoulder pads, narrow the sleeve cuffs, add dark blue braid to the cuffs, collars and shoulder tabs, and eliminate the slit in the back of the jacket.

The new skirt pattern provides a slightly flared, 6-gore skirt similar to the one recently adopted for the Blue Shade 1084 uniform.

Get rid of Christmas wrapping as soon as possible. Reduce the danger of fire.

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Duck Hunting Period Ending

Duck hunting at Reese on Imhoff Lake will end Dec. 30 after an open season which started Dec. 6.

Reese hunters have been using eight duck blinds, accommodating two men each, during authorized hours from noon until sunset. Reservations for the remainder of the season may

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Gen. Curtis E. LeMay, Air Force chief of staff

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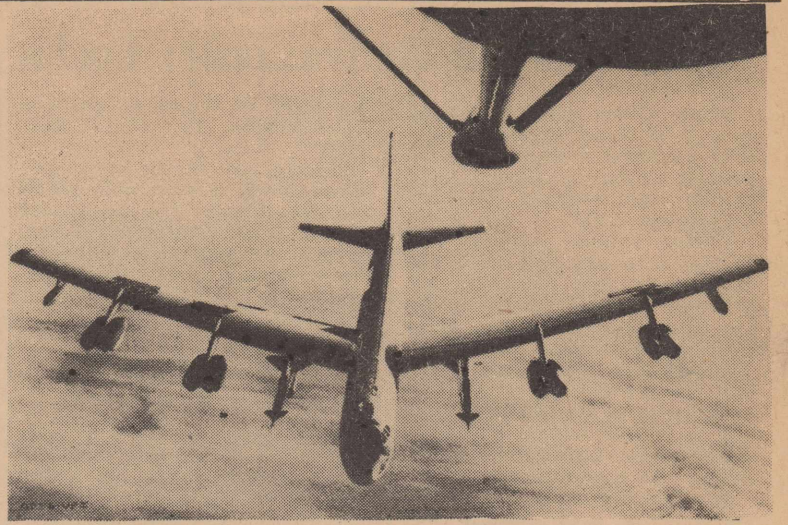
WASHINGTON (AFPS) — The Air Force will soon be able to simulate the tremendous shocks created by nuclear explosions.

A new facility to do the job is nearing completion at the Air Force Special Weapons Center, Albuquerque, N. M.

Already scheduled for early testing is the shock isolation system of an underground ballistic missile site launch control center.

The Air Force Systems Command said a full scale launch control center weighing over 25 tons will be suspended within the facility for the facility for the shock tests.

Since a control center has both launch personnel and electronic equipment, it must be protected from the shock generated by a nuclear blast. The shock isolation system



DETERRENCE FORCE—Two Hound Dog missiles nestle beneath the wings of an Air Force B-52 Stratofortress as the aircraft prepares to receive the extended fuel line from a KC-135 tanker. The exercise was part of a Strategic Air Command training mission to test the readiness of crews.

provides protection much like shock absorbers do for an automobile on a bumpy road.

But while a bumpy road produces shock from just one direction, a nuclear blast creates shock from several directions. This makes it necessary to completely isolate a launch control center because the surrounding ground may go up, down or sideways.

The new facility is the first of its kind, the Air Force said, in which shocks of this magnitude from more than one direction can be produced simultaneously.

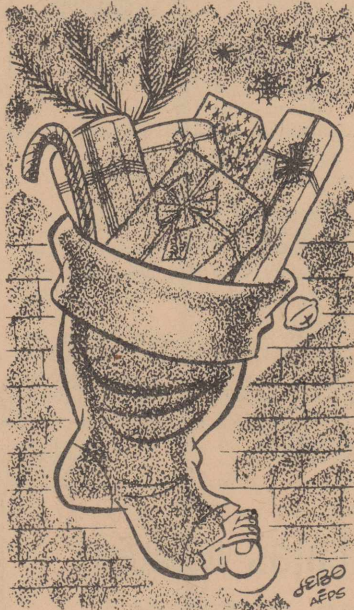
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British 'Colony' Visits Florida

A British "colony", the largest in this country since the days of 1776, will settle down at Eglin AFB, Fla., next summer.

The group of "colonists" will number about 1,000, including wives and children. It is part of a British Joint Trial Force which will be in the United States for extensive SKYBOLT missile training with both British and American aircraft.

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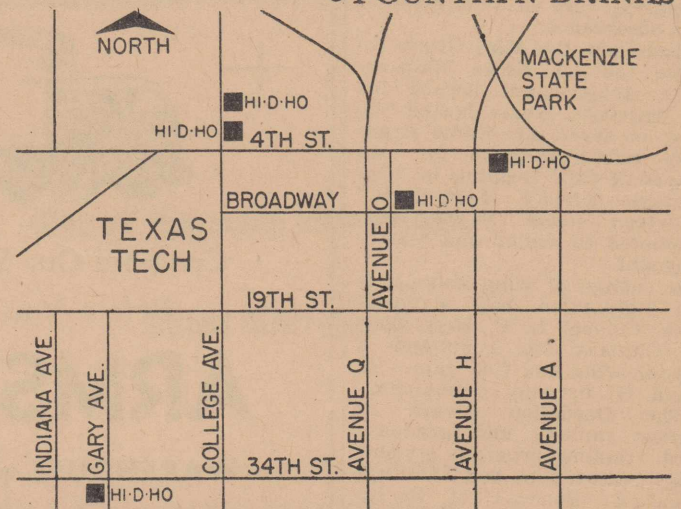


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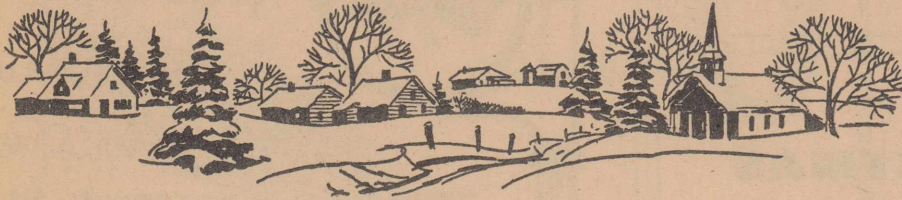
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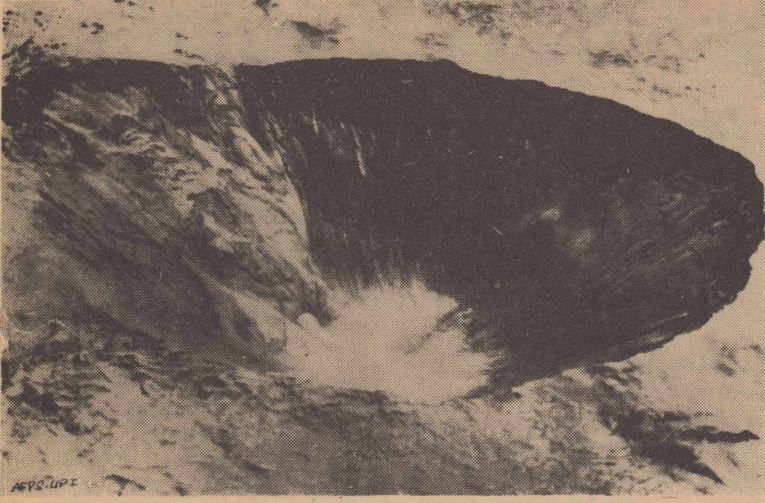
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Changes Made In AF Tests

Eight major air commands have been levied for personnel in nine career fields to act as subject matter specialists for the first revision of Air Force specialty knowledge tests for 1963.

A total of 32 selected airmen in grades from technical sergeant through chief master sergeant will spend approximately 40 days at the Personnel Research Laboratory, Lackland AFB. This group will make up the test revision teams.

Tests scheduled for revision starting on Jan. 8 are surveyor-computer technician, weather observation, fire protection specialist, information specialist, and personal equipment specialist.

A second battery of tests will undergo revision on Jan. 29 when teams of specialists start reviewing wire and antenna specialist, telephone installation specialist, accounting and finance specialist, inventory management, and supply inspection technician.

Present plans for the first landing of men on the moon call for a stay of not more than four days.

X-20 is the new name for the Air Force's boost-glide, space vehicle, formerly known as Dyna-Soar.

Civilian Employees Are Awarded \$200 For Improvement Ideas

Two Reese civilians each received a \$200 addition to Christmas funds as Col. James A. Gunn III, wing commander, presented them with checks as additional awards for management improvement suggestions.

Bert Oatman, crating inspector, received his \$200, approved by Air Training Command, for recommending the use of tape, instead of staples, in packaging household goods for shipment. The shipments affect all military personnel in the Air Force, Army, Navy, Coast Guard and Marines. Oatman received an initial \$300 award for the idea previously.

House's check was for suggesting a chance that affects maintenance of all Air Force aircraft. He proposed stenciling identification numbers in a spot where the numbers could not be rubbed off by maintenance and flying personnel.

Oatman has earned \$1,520 for eight management improvement suggestions in the past five years. His suggestions save the Department of Defense \$128,330 annually.

House has earned \$1,040 for 16 approved suggestions in the past 10 years. His ideas save the Air Force \$28,313 a year.

Other management improvement suggestion awards also have gone to AIC William Reanier, letter of appreciation; Billy Turner, \$15; Bob Bishop, \$15; Henry Middleton, Sr., \$15; and Mary Lundy, suggestion certificate. The suggestions improved aircraft maintenance, safety practices and office procedures.

ECI COURSES POPULAR WITH ATC PERSONNEL

HQ. ATC, RANDOLPH AFB, Tex.—ECI enrollment figures attest to the fact Air Training Command personnel have a high regard for the benefits available through the Extension Course Institute (ECI).

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DELEGATES ATTEND

TOKYO, Japan (AFNS) — Delegates from 15 Asian nations were among conferees at the 12th annual PACAF Medical Conference held here Dec. 9 through 12. Medical men from Japan, the Philippines, Republic of Korea, Republic of China, South Viet Nam, Cambodia, Thailand, Indonesia, Pakistan, India, Burma, Australia, Malaya, and representatives of the British armed forces in Hong Kong and Singapore were invited to attend.

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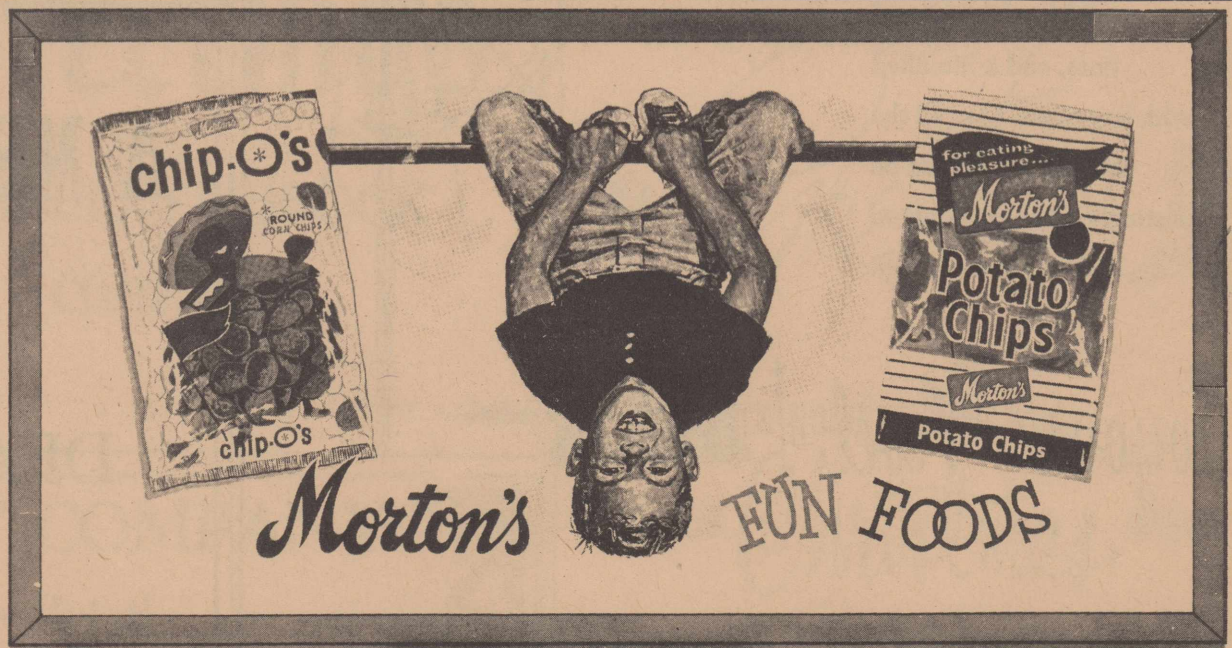
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SYMBOLS EXPLAINED

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

JINGLE- JINGLE

"Jingle Bells," was written in 1857 by the Rev. John Pierpont, a Unitarian minister.

The base chapel has a seating capacity of 190.

CHRISTMAS DON'TS

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

Don't fail to dispose of all wrappings as soon as gifts are opened. Don't throw wrappings in a fireplace. Put them in a container outside the house.

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

The T-38 is due to arrive at Reese during January.

Synthetic Trainers Await Talon Pilots

When the T-38 Talon supersonic jet trainers go into use at Reese early next year, synthetic training facilities for future pilots will be ready.

In a new building, especially constructed to house synthetic trainers, a T-7 flight simulator is operational and seven other units will be installed in time for quick and complete use by instructors and students.

The first T-38 Talons are due at Reese during January. The synthetic training will give student experience similar to actual flying and will permit them to evaluate every aspect of supersonic flight. Students also will have the opportunity to recognize all flight characteristics of the aircraft before climbing into the cockpit for their first dual flight.

Instructors operating the T-7 simulators make every effort to produce conditions which a pilot may face in the air. Many miles of control wiring and hundreds of radio tubes help them set up flight problems. Students, in facing the problems, must react as if in actual flight. Reactions and responses to the controls are monitored back through the simulator to be recorded on an ink graph which later is studied by each student and instructor. Mistakes must be correct in subsequent flights.

The T-7 also maintains six radio station set-ups which act as navigation aids on missions. Linked with these radio stations the simulator also has a cross-country and approach recorder which traces the student flight from take-off to let-down for a 160-mile radius.

A sometimes awesome sound system plays a major part in simulated training flights. The student hears retraction of the land gear, heavy winds, wheels

touching down on the runway and the screaming of brakes.

While in simulated flight the students may experience heavy buffeting of the aircraft in strong headwinds, or the trembling of controls and shaking of body structure which are symptoms of stalling in actual flight. Students also may follow in the T-7 ejection procedures and actually experience the "kick in the pants" feeling as the ejection triggers activate.

Personnel of the 3500th Pilot Training Group are charged with operation and maintenance of the simulators and serve as instructors. SMSgt. Paul Jansen is NCOIC of synthetic training, assisted by TSgt. Neil Klusmeyer.

All officers and airmen who will have duty with the T-7 have a familiarization period with the simulator, guided by George Tilley, civilian technical representative of Link Aviation, Inc., manufacturer of the trainer. Tilley is at Reese as troubleshooter and supervisor of T-7 installation and keeping them operational.

There are 38 foreign students undergoing pilot training at Reese.

Air Training Command operates 21 bases.



Santa finds the real flower.

Quote

"She would rather light a candle than curse the darkness and her glow has warmed the world."—U. S. Ambassador to the United Nations, Adlai E. Stevenson, in tribute to the late Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt.



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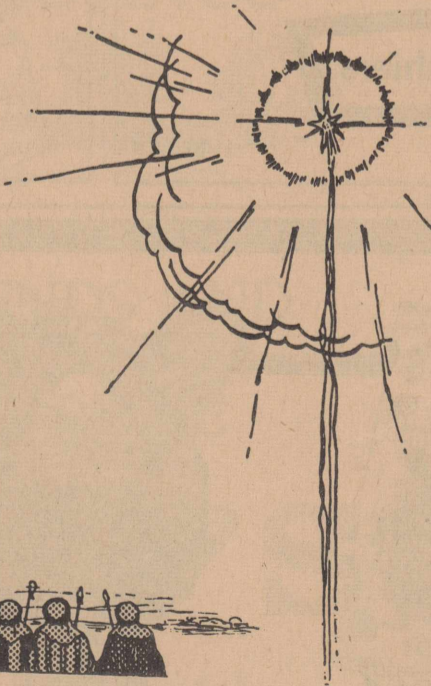
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Every land has its own customs, as well as those that are universal. Some go back to the dawn of history, while others are of more recent origin.

"Merry Christmas" is a greeting that brings joy. It is a birthday greeting that epitomizes the hopes and aspirations for universal peace and good will.

It is said that the first Christmas in the British Isles was celebrated in 521 A.D. by King Arthur, famed for his Knights of the Round Table.

Plays Given

By early Middle ages, it became the most widely celebrated holiday of the time. Plays were enacted in churches to mark the Nativity, carols were sung, and groups of England went from house to house to announce the joyous tidings.

Christmas customs in the United States have come from all corners of the earth. The Yule Log came from the North.

Santa Claus from Scandinavia, the Christmas tree from Germany, the Christmas carols from France, the Christmas stockings from England, the Christmas gifts from the Netherlands, the Christmas Eve vigil from Spain, the Christmas goose was most commonly eaten at this time.

Santa Claus came to America with the Dutch. At first a gaunt religious figure, he later became the roly poly, jolly fellow known today. In France he is known as pere Noel, or Father Christmas. Germany has given him the name Kris Kringle, from Christkindl, Christ Child.

Cattle Kneel

Among the most common legends is that which tells of cattle kneeling in their stalls at midnight to honor the Christ Child. In Switzerland all animals are said to be able to speak at midnight on Christmas Eve.

Christmas celebrations in Spain begin on Dec. 24 and continue until Jan. 6. Many people go to the theater, movies or night clubs on New Year's Eve, when it is the custom to eat 12 grapes during the time the clock strikes 12. Those who finish the grapes before the last stroke of the clock believe they will have good luck for the coming year.

Short Term TDY Opens Up Study

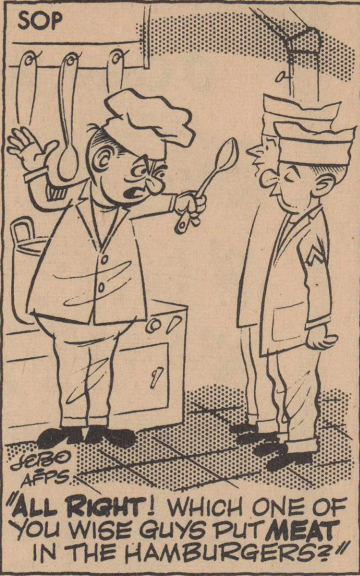
HQ. ATC, RANDOLPH AFB, Texas. Officers and airmen who have successfully completed at least nine semester hours through off-duty educational facilities may now qualify for short term TDY on-campus college attendance.

This is an improvement of "Operation Bootstrap," an education program for those airmen and officers requiring a final semester for completing work toward a degree.

Under the new provision of AFR 34-52A, airmen and officers may receive a maximum of 12 weeks TDY to take courses directly related to a career area or to meet AFIT or Airman Education and Commissioning Program prerequisites.

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Complete details, including a listing of courses available, may be obtained at the Education Services office.



Lights Symbol Of Hopes, Joys For Christmas

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

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

The burning of the Yule Log can be traced back many years in English history and the custom of its use goes back even to the Vikings who burned the log in honor of the god Thor.

Also because of these Norsemen, the belief is that Santa Claus is supposed to go down the chimney. According to their belief, a goddess Hertha appeared in the fireplace in the middle of the winter to bring them luck and happiness.

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

First Mistletoe Used By Druids

The Druids first used mistletoe because they believed it had curative powers. The Saxons gave it its name. It has become a symbol of peace and friendship, and is hung over the entrance door. All who stand beneath it are entitled to a kiss.

Moose A Problem To Communication In The Far North

ELMENDORF AFB, Alaska (AFPS) — He was one mad moose—a four-point buck that had got itself hopelessly entangled in a communications cable some 200 miles north of Anchorage.

He wasn't the first such critter to get into such a jam. By now the Alaska Communications System is used to the moose problem which it classifies as "unexpected interference."

The moose get tied up in the cable while scratching their antlers. The cable, strong though it is, usually gives under their desperate thrashing and

they escape. But not this particular buck. The ACS crew that found him couldn't get near the maddened animal. He was shot by Army Sp4 Larry D. Paulson before the cable could be repaired.

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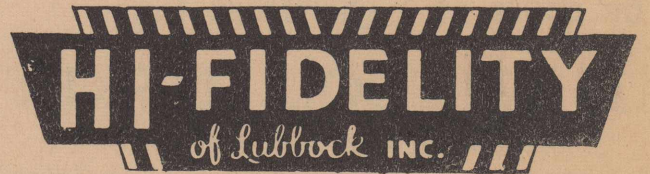
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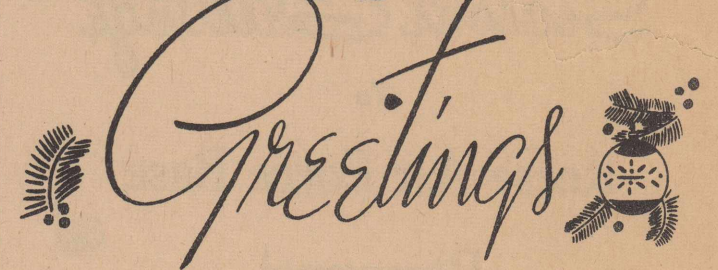
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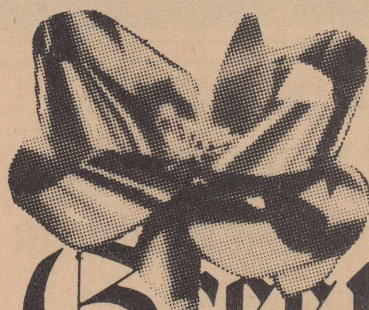


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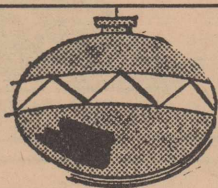
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Australians go in for outdoor picnics at Christmas time since it's summertime "down under" then.

General Carl Spaatz was the first chief of staff, United States Air Force.

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The first stamp in U. S. postal history commemorating the Christmas season was used by Reese families this year as a part of the 500 million issued.

The post office department issued the stamp partially as a financial matter. Officials hoped people mailing holiday cards would use the four-cent special stamp, instead of the customary three-cent, third-class rate. Reese sales of the stamp were good.

The stamp contained an ever-green wreath tied with a red bow. Two burning candles illuminated the initial U. S. and "Christmas 1962" was in a bottom panel.

Plans are for the stamp issuance to be an annual affair.

Colonel George Parady was the first commander of Reese.

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"ADESTE FIDELIS," one of the earliest Christmas hymns, is now one of the most popular — said to be sung, around the world, more often than any other. It is sung to the tune of "Cantus Diversi," published in 1751, and it probably existed much earlier. It has been translated into 120 languages, from the original Latin. Of the 40-some English versions, the best known is this one by Frederick Oakley.

Colonel Thomas Barrett was the second commander of Reese.

Soviets Retreat And Santa Wins

After unsuccessful efforts to keep Christmas from being celebrated as a Christian holiday, the Communist regimes of Russia and the countries of Eastern Europe have recently shown a more tolerant attitude toward traditional observances. Father Christmas, the Russian Santa, is back again, having refused to become Father Winter, the name Communists tried to give him.

Another gifts bringer in Russia is a legendary man called Babuska (grandmother). Legend says she misdirected the Magi when they asked the way to Bethlehem. She repented, and to atone she went about the world on Christmas Eve, looking for the Christ Child and distributing gifts to children.

Poinsettia Puzzle Is Christmas Fun

A fun-maker at Christmas is to ask family or friends this question: "What color is the blossom of the poinsettia plant?" Chances are, the answer will be, "Red, of course."

Actually, the red "blossoms" of the poinsettia are not the flower of the plant — they are leaves. The real blossoms are the tiny yellow flowers in the center of the red clusters.

A comparative newcomer to the traditional Yule greenery, the tropical poinsettia was discovered in Mexico in 1828, by Dr. Joel Roberts Poinsett, first U. S. minister to Mexico. He aroused interest in its beauty, and the plant is named for him.

Albert Ecke, a California farmer, developed and improved the plant, and first marketed it in 1906.

FAMED AS SCHOLARS

Bringing gifts to the Christ Child, the Magi also brought with them a reputation of wisdom. They were renowned, legend says, as philosophers, scholars, diviners and astrologists.

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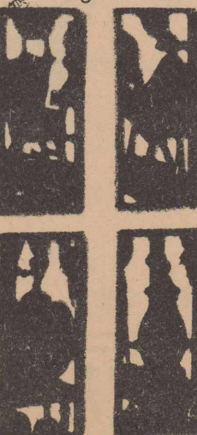
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