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# Commander's Comments...

By COL. JAMES A. GUNN III  
Wing Commander



The year 1963 has been a memorable and successful one for us at Reese. We have undergone transition into the T-38 program in a smooth, professional manner and have passed a command general inspection with flying colors. We have all worked and strived together toward the common goal of mission accomplishment, with the results of these efforts obvious in our knowledge of having one of the finest organizations in the command.

Indicative of our spirit here is the winning of the Air Training Command Commander's Participation Trophy for 1963. Despite competition from bases with nearly 10 times as many people as we have, we were able to win this most coveted of all ATC awards. This achievement reflects a tremendous team effort on the part of everyone, from the individuals who gave so much of their time, skills and energies in direct competition, to those who made it possible for them to participate.

My congratulations go to everyone for such an outstanding accomplishment.

As we look toward 1964, we realize that we must approach the future with the same determination and professionalism evident just one year ago. Many of us will have gone to new jobs before the year-end, but our responsibilities will remain the same — to do the best we know how in our assigned duties.

Above all, my family and I extend to each of you our warmest regards and best wishes for a most happy Christmas and a very profitable new year.

## Christmas Means Birthday Of King, That God Is Close

By Chaplain Wayne L. Stork  
**The Birthday Of The King**  
"But when the time had fully come, God sent forth his Son...." Galatians 4:4.

From where have we come? And to where are we going? The sound of these questions hardly die away before science takes one more stride forward.

From the days of horse and buggy to the days of pink and purple Cadillacs; from the days of hand milking and cream separators to the day of glass milk bottles sitting on the front step; from the days of yellow two-winged airplanes to the day of rockets capable of thrusting men into the outposts of the sky.

We have come from the "darkness" into what seems to be the "light." But where have we come? And, what is this "light"?

Christmas about the world at this special season declare that the "Light" we must follow has come, that this "Light" is not the result of man's search for truth or a product of his scientific approach, but this "Light" is the Revelation from God.

**Christmas is the Birthday of the King.** It is the celebration of that time long ago when Mary and Joseph made their weary way to Bethlehem. And there in that city, a baby boy was born. His name was Jesus. He was the Son of God.

We celebrate this event in many ways. But we must constantly remind ourselves that behind the tinsel and bright-colored wrappings, behind the trees and burned-out lights, behind the wreaths and big turkey dinners, behind the red-nosed reindeer and old Santa Claus, behind all these things, Christmas means, certain things to all mankind.

**CHRISTMAS MEANS THAT GOD IS PRESENT HERE.** Too much is said today, and too little is done. We're quick to speak of the love of man toward men, the need for prayer, the worship of God, and the Christian responsibility. But quick to speak and quick to do seem never to get together. And love of man for men, becomes a good idea. And the need for prayer becomes a good thought. And worship of God, becomes a fine proposal. And Christian responsibility, becomes another job we don't take seriously.

Too much is said today, and too little is done. We begin to think God is not here.

Fortunately, someone knew better. The shepherds sitting on that lonely countryside one evening long ago knew better. The angel's voices rang down from above, they made it possible to find this Son of God who came to man. They knew better. By faith in the star and the manger. They knew better. The Son of God. That we must have this event which has come to man. Faith enough at work here, we too can believe that God has come to man. Christmas is the Birthday of the King. Christmas means that God is present here.

**CHRISTMAS MEANS THAT GOD IS CLOSE TO US.** We are not accustomed today to developing close relationships. We keep the family circle limited to fathers and mothers, sons and daughters, grandpas and grandmas.

We don't seem to be able to get beyond this small family circle. "God bless me and my wife, my son John and his wife, us four and no more."

This attitude has resulted in man being estranged from God. There is no close relationship. We have no concern to know God. This was the attitude before the birth of Christ. But when Jesus came, God made it possible to be

close to all of us. Thus, why would the shepherds hasten from tending their flocks to search out this new babe, unless they themselves felt the very nearness of God? Why would the Wise Men follow the yonder star till they approached the manger where Jesus lay and there place gifts at his feet, if they too were not motivated and moved by the very nearness of God?

And even for us, whether we actually realize it or not, all this noise and confusion, through all our headaches and pains, through all this hustle and bustle, doesn't there come a certain spiritual joy and peace? Doesn't there come a real knowledge of what Christmas is all about?

Now we have a chance to look upon that scene of long ago: to watch from afar the Wise Men as they bring their gifts, to see the shepherds kneel in prayer before the manger, to hear the cattle lowly mooing, to see the happiness upon the faces of Mary and Joseph, and to look now into the manger where Jesus Christ was born. Christmas is the birthday of the King.

**Christmas means that God is very close to each of us, even now.**

**CHRISTMAS MEANS THAT ETERNITY BEGINS NOW.** During the Summer Olympic Games several years back, an interesting thing occurred. The only runner to represent a small country of South America was entered in a major event. It was thought that he would probably win a Gold Medal and take honor to his small country. His country paid his expenses to the Olympic Games. He pushed himself into condition for the event. Finally, the time for the event arrived, but no representative from this small country appeared. Quickly the event was over. Later it was discovered that he had slept through the main event. He had lost his chance to bring honor to himself and to his small country. He had missed one of the most important things in his life.

This is what also happens to many of us today. We miss the main event in life. We miss the real depth of the meaning of

Christmas and of Christ. Eternity is not some pie in the sky up high. It is not something which will happen to us after we die. But as Christmas tells us, eternity begins today, at the very moment we give ourselves and our lives to Christ.

Beware that you do not miss the main event. Christmas is the Birthday of the King. Christmas means that eternity begins now.

And today, not only by His humble birth in the stable, but by His bloody sweat and suffering, by His toil and tears, by His death and resurrection, is He the Saviour of the world.

And even though the 11th hour has almost come in human history, it is not too late for us to turn back to Bethlehem, where the victorious way of the cross begins. We have only to go and give Him the trust of our tarnished lives, to believe in Him enough to obey Him, and to receive from Him the Christmas gift of eternal life. When we accept the challenge of Christmas day, Christ will become flesh in us.

And with all the glittering possible, His star once again is calling to us. "Come, follow the gleam!" THIS IS THE BIRTHDAY OF THE KING.

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**Rule Of Combat Pay Conditions Outlined**  
WASHINGTON (AFNS) —The specific conditions under which servicemen are eligible for special combat pay have been spelled out in a newly issued Department of Defense policy instruction.  
Combat pay of \$55 per month was included by Congress in the military pay raise legislation which took effect Oct. 1. Under terms of the legislation, to be eligible for the special pay, a man must be subject to hostile fire or on duty in an area where is in imminent danger of being exposed to hostile fire.  
**CONTROL TESTED**  
Wright-Patterson AFB, (AFNS) —A device for automatically controlling the atmosphere in spacecraft was successfully tested here recently. The device senses the percentage of oxygen in the atmosphere and the total pressure of the air inside the simulated space capsule. It automatically regulates the flow of gases required to control the atmosphere within set tolerances.

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# Colonel Faver to Command

## Colonel Gunn Reassigned To Lackland Executive Post

Colonel James A. Gunn III, wing commander at Reese since July, 1962, will relinquish his command in January and leave for new assignment as Center Executive at Lackland Military Training Center in San Antonio. He will be succeeded at Reese by Colonel Dudley E. Faver, present commander of the 3320th Technical School at Amarillo AFB.

The actual change of command will probably occur "around the middle of January," according to Colonel Gunn. He, Mrs. Gunn and two of their three children will leave for San Antonio at that time. An older son, James, will remain here as a student at Texas Tech.

Colonel Gunn has been removed from flying status because of a recent illness. He recently returned from a month's stay at Lackland AFB Hospital, undergoing tests for a vascular condition. Air Force regulations require commanders of flying units to be actively on flying status, a fact which necessitates the personnel shift at Reese. The primary mission at Reese is to train pilots for the Air Force.

"We leave with deep regret," said Colonel Gunn. "Reese is a fine base and Lubbock an excellent community in which to live. We have made many lifelong friends here and will remember our assignment at Reese forever. I know of no military installation having closer ties with the civic

community than Reese. The mutual regard and cooperation we have experienced here has made our brief tour at Reese a most memorable one."

Colonel Gunn has been in service since February, 1939. He served in Europe during WW II and later held several headquarters assignments both overseas and in the United States. He came to Reese from Sheppard AFB, Wichita Falls.

Colonel Faver, commander of the Amarillo Technical School since August, 1961, is a graduate of Newman High School in Sweetwater, where he was salutatorian of his class.

He was graduated magna cum laude from Abilene Christian College in 1937 with a major in speech and a minor in education.

In 1938 he taught speech at Levelland High School and the following year was high school principal. In 1940 he became a flying cadet of the U.S. Air Corps, but while awaiting call to enroll, completed the Abilene Christian College civilian flying training program and earned a private flying license.

He graduated from the Air Corps flying training program in October, 1941, and served as flight instructor in all phases of training at Mather AFB, California.

He was a member of the initial cadre which set up the instrument instructor school at Randolph AFB and moved with the school to Bryan AFB in March, 1943. He directed the academic program of the school, then became Chief of Academics and

Training Analysis in the same program until 1947.

Colonel Faver was deputy chief of operations of the Alaskan Air Command and director of Operations and Training of the Command until 1949, when he went to Air Command and Staff school.

On graduation he became commander of the instrument school which had moved to Barksdale AFB, La.

He helped prepare the training program for the B-47 in March 1951, and was Deputy Training Group Commander of the B-47 combat crew training program at Wichita, Kansas, served a year as Group Commander at Pinecastle AFB, Fla., and then went to the Pentagon where for 42 months he was chief of the Officer Manning Control Branch, Deputy Chief of Staff, USAF headquarters.

After graduating from the War College in 1957, he served with the 66th Tactical Reconnaissance Wing, Laon Air Base, France, and then was director-ballistic missiles in the USAF in Europe at Ramstein, Germany, later moving to Weisbaden, Germany as director of ballistic missiles, winning the Legion of Merit.

Colonel Faver, who has visited Reese several times as commander of the technical school to which Detachment 429A at Reese is assigned, has four children, Pat, Tim, Dale, and Billy.



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### Personnel Of ATC Increasing Study

Officers and airmen assigned within the Air Training Command are displaying an increasing interest in higher education, figures released by ATC Personnel officials show.

During the first four months of Fiscal Year 64, there have been 326 high school diplomas and 65 college degrees earned by ATC personnel. Compared to the same July-October period last year, there were 26 more high school diplomas awarded and the number of college degrees earned by Command personnel almost doubled.

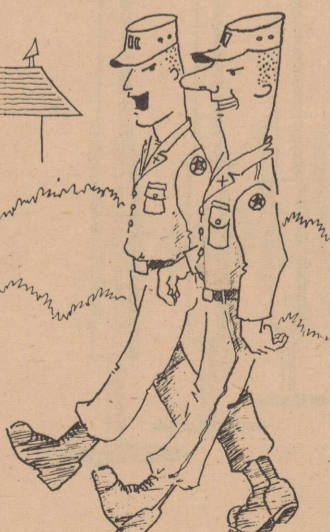
### First F-4C Crews Complete Training

MacDILL AFB, Fla. (AFNS)—The Air Force has graduated its first class of pilots and pilot systems operators scheduled to fly the F-4C, the fastest and most modern aircraft in the Tactical Air Command's weapons inventory.

The class of 24 finished three months training here last week. Their training included transitional instruction from other fighter and trainer aircraft and advanced weapons training in gunnery and bombing.

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## Another Good Record Sought Through Operation Homesafe

Renewed hope for another Christmas holiday period without injury to Reese personnel or their families was expressed this week by Col. Richard A. Steele, base commander, as Operation Homesafe was in full swing.

Hundreds of personnel will be leaving the base this weekend to travel more than a half a million miles, a majority of them on highways to distant points. Last year Operation Homesafe was a complete success; this year another perfect record is sought.

Everyone going on leave is being counseled by unit commanders to use caution on trips and to follow a sane and safe travel schedule, including limited distances daily, sufficient rest, and cautious driving.

Everything possible on the base to secure safety during the holidays was done.

Posters and other displays called for safety thinking. Drivers were urged to check their automobiles for brakes and steering facilities. Everyone was counseled to act properly and "look out for the other fellow; you never know what he will do."

The NCO Wives Club at its last meeting was given a complete Operation Homesafe briefing to assist in travel and safe action. Mrs. Joseph Miller, club president, urged every wife to cooperate and insist on safety.

The mandatory safety meeting last Friday in the base theater drew overflow crowds at each of the three sessions, with a safety

film and talk by Col. James A. Gunn III, wing commander, as highlights.

The colonel said he expected every person at Reese to do his part in securing a safe holiday period.

Posters prepared by children of Reese Elementary School were posted around the base and in the school. A pen or pencil went to each winner in the school poster contest sponsored by the Reese ground safety officer.

Winners included: Lesley Estu, Ross Price and Renna Raines, first grade; Stephen Goldfein and Karl Mulder, second grade; Mike Coard and Nancy Drake, third grade; Larelia Sadler, fourth grade; Karin Gylov and Gail L. Lucas, fifth grade; and Tres Longwell, sixth grade.

"The busiest period of Operation Homesafe 1963 is at hand; it is everyone's duty and privilege to contribute to what we hope will be a record of no-deaths, no-injuries," said Maj. George Dreier, director of safety. "For us all to have a happy holiday with our families, other relatives and friends, we must avert death or injury through carelessness and lack of safety consciousness.

"We all want the same thing — return to duty after the holidays in good health and spirits. We can do this if everyone has the proper attitude and uses proper judgment. There is no doubt in my mind that Operation Homesafe will be entirely successful."



CONTEST WINNER — Gail Lucas, daughter of TSgt. and Mrs. George W. Lucas, receives a ball point pen from 2nd Lt. Robert Moore for her winning entry in the fifth grade safety poster contest at Reese Elementary School. Second Lieutenant Daniel P. Howe and Gail's teacher, Mrs. Jewel Wilkes, look on. Lieutenants Moore and Howe coordinated the school contest with the base ground safety office. (Photo by A1C Robert F. Langley).

"The United States Air Force and its airmen are synonymous with air warfare and airpower, and there is a continuing role for man in this age of missiles . . . Man has—and will retain—a vital role in the future aerospace weapon systems—both manned and unmanned—not only in the air as crew members but also on the ground in jobs which are demanding higher technical skills and increasing professional competence."—Brockway McMillan, undersecretary of the Air Force.

The Air Force Systems Command, which is involved in coordinating the nation's military and scientific efforts toward development of aerospace weapon systems, administers, at any time, 60,000 contracts.

## Seven Suggestions Get Approval

Management improvement suggestions submitted by three military men and four civilians at Reese Air Force Base have been approved by the Incentive Awards Committee, which authorized payment of \$105 for savings estimated at more than \$5,000 a year for the base.

Adoption of the suggestions assisted the Cost Reduction Program which is in progress throughout the Air Force.

Awards of \$12.50 each went to A2C Victor R. Terranova and TSgt. Russell L. Johnson for a suggestion for use of a snap-on tool in place of a keylock tool in aircraft repair. A saving of \$3,036 a year in materials will be made at Reese and other bases may adopt the idea for further savings.

A \$10 award went to A1C Russell G. Heaton for proposing a guard for the airfield mower, with a saving of \$688 annually in manhours.

Guillermo F. Ramariz received \$45 for suggesting a water truck improvement which saves \$847 a year in manhours and material.

Orville G. Aicher, formerly of Reese, was awarded two suggestion certificates for proposing two devices to bring better patient care in the Reese hospital.

Clifford L. Robinson was awarded \$25 for suggesting a jig for use on teflon hose for an annual saving of \$466 in materials.

A suggestion certificate went to W. C. Teel for an improved method through use of non-cleat tires.

### CHIEF NAMED

WASHINGTON (AFNS) — Maj. Gen. Eugene B. LeBailly has been named new Air Force director of Information replacing Maj. Gen. William K. Martin. The shift will take place Jan. 7, 1964.

### RESERVISTS PROMOTED

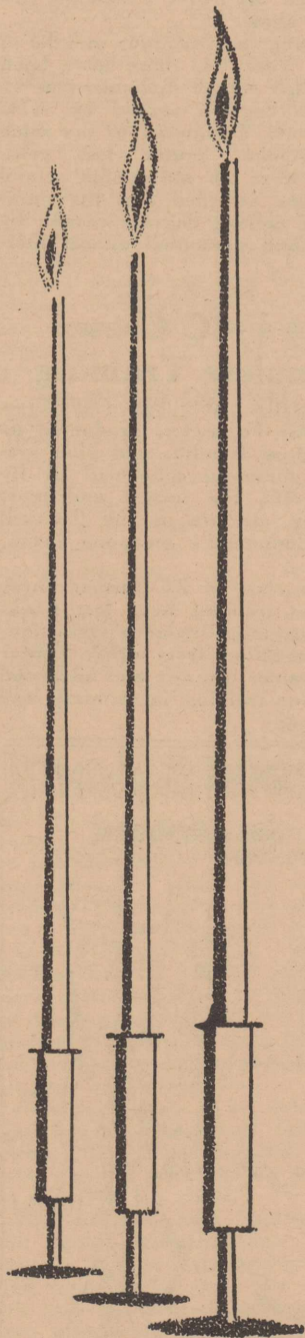
DENVER, Colo. (AFNS) — Names of approximately 6,000 reservists promoted to the permanent grade of captain have been released by the Air Reserve Records Center here.



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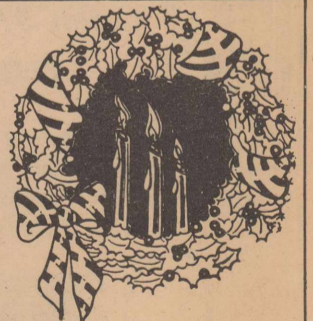
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### And It Came To Pass . . .

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed.

And this taxing was first made when Syrenius was governor of Syria.

And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.

And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David;)

To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known to us.

And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning the child.

And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.

But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.

And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

—St. Luke, 2, 1-20.

### Tree Decoration Prehistoric Rite Throughout World

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

The 1963 solstice occurs at 3:24 p.m., EST, 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 as Christmas decorations inside houses did not become popular until comparatively recent times. Martin Luther is said to have had a Yuletide tree for his children, but it was not until 1604, following Luther's death by 58 years, that trees came into use generally.

### Quote Of Note

"I stress the point that any defense posture should be evaluated in terms of its capacity to convey to the enemy the message of superiority — telling him that he cannot succeed and that he will be surpassed at all levels of conflict. This is true deterrence. Further, I want to make it clear that counterforce includes not only the capability to destroy Soviet military forces, but also — if need be — the capability to destroy his urban industrial base. This is flexibility. Finally, if general war should actually occur, a counterforce capability provides the best protection for American lives and property. This is our basic responsibility." —Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Curtis E. LeMay.

### PREVENTED

SAIGON, Viet Nam (AFNS)— Personnel of the 315th Troop Carrier Group here were credited recently with preventing a major crop disaster in central Thailand. Using three C-123 aircraft, they sprayed 24,000 acres of farmland in a successful battle against hordes of locusts destroying growing crops.

The Air Force Communications Service operates and maintains a global network of more than five million miles of communications channels and a worldwide system of more than 1,500 electronic aids of air navigation and air traffic control.

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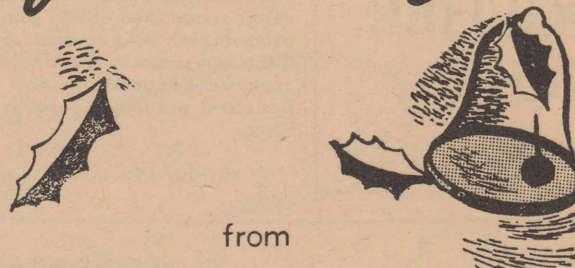
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### Big Lift Activity Magazine Subject

WASHINGTON (AFNS) —The swiftly growing capability of the

Military Transport Service as demonstrated in Operation Big Lift may lead the United States to replace some of its European-based Army divisions with rotational forces, Air Force/Space Digest Magazine declares in its December issue.

This prospect is discussed in the magazine's lead article, "Big Lift: Boon' Boondoggle, or Bust?", written by Associate Editor Allan R. Scholin.

In the same issue, Technical Editor J. S. Butz Jr. calls 1964 the "Year of Decision for the Strategic Force of the 1970s." He asserts that top defense officials are now approaching the question of the future of the manned bomber with more open minds than in January and February budget hearings.

### Pistolmen Take Eleven Awards

Eleven additional awards have been added to the Reese collection by virtue of victories in pistol matches at Levelland.

SSgt. Roger A. Manemann, Reese members of the USAF pistol team in national competition three years, took three first places — the grand aggregate, center fire aggregate and .45-calibre aggregate in the master class.

SSgt. Max H. Bolinger brought home first places in the grand aggregate, .22-calibre aggregate and .45-calibre aggregate and a second place in center first aggregate in expert class.

SSgt. Walter Chandler won first place in the center fire aggregate and second places in grand aggregate and .45-calibre aggregate in B competition of the expert class.

SSgt. Delmer Callahan captured first grand aggregate in the unclassified class.

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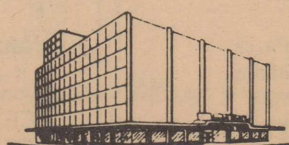
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"Merry Christmas" is a greeting that brings joy. It is a birthday greeting that epitomizes the hopes and aspirations for universal peace and good will.

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.

By early 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 every corner of the earth.

The Story of Christ came from the Holy Land, Santa Claus from Holland, carols from England, the Christmas tree from Germany, gift-giving from France and family festivities from Italy. American contributed the turkey to the holiday meal, for in European countries the fattened goose was more commonly eaten at the 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.

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.



**Optional Mess Dress Topcoat Available**

WASHINGTON (AFNS) —The Air Force has announced approval of a new black topcoat for optional wear with the mess dress or formal uniforms.

The plain styled garment may be worn either as a uniform item or with civilian clothes. When worn with the uniform, officers will use pin-on shoulder boards to indicate rank. No grade insignia will be used when worn by airmen.

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**Latins Join Forces In Airborne Moves**

HOWARD AFB, C. Z. (AFNS) — Operation America, comprising troops from five Latin-American nations, was carried out last week with an airborne assault on the town of Tolu, Colombia.

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WASHINGTON (AFNS) —Air Force Assistant Vice Chief of Staff Maj. Gen. John K. Hester has reminded commanders that individual participation in charity fund drives is strictly voluntary and the individual has the right to keep the amount of his contribution confidential.

In a letter to all major air commands the assistant vice chief of staff directed commanders' attention to provisions of the Federal Service Fund Raising Manual and AFR 30-7 which govern charitable fund raising activities within the Air Force.

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Active and vivacious in New York today is 75-year-old Dr. Virginia Douglas, well-known to all.

It was this woman, who 67 years ago was responsible for one of the best pieces of Christmas writing ever composed. Virginia O'Hanlon, an eight year old, heard "there isn't any Santa Claus." The present Dr. Virginia Douglas didn't believe it.

On advice of her father, she wrote the editor of the New York Sun, Charles Dana. Her letter didn't get to Dana, but Francis A. Church, a young writer, was told to write an answer. His answer has become a classic.

Here's what Virginia wrote: "I am 8 years old.

"Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus.

"Papa says 'if you see it in the Sun it's so.'

"Please tell me the truth, is there a Santa Claus?"

Francis Church tried to tell the little girl.

"Virginia," he wrote, "your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except what they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little mind. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's are little.

"In this great universe of ours Man is a mere insect, an ant in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole truth and knowledge.

"Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no child-like faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

"Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove?"

"Nobody sees Santa Claus, but

that is no sign there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor man can see. Did you ever see dancing fairies on the dawn? Of course not, but that is not proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders that are unseen and unseeable in the world.

"You tear apart baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart.

"Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernatural beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real?"

"Ah, Virginia, in all the world there is nothing else real and binding.

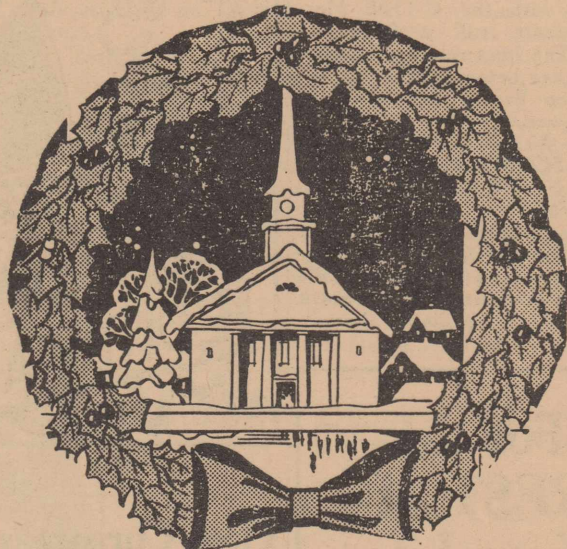
"No Santa Claus! Thank God he lives and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay ten thousand times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood."

## Mistletoe Thought To Help Cure Ills

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.

"The military departments often run ahead of the civilian economy in the introduction of management techniques. One example is the use of computers for planning and programming. The Air Force started the use of computers back in 1948."—Eugene M. Zuckert, Secretary of the Air Force.

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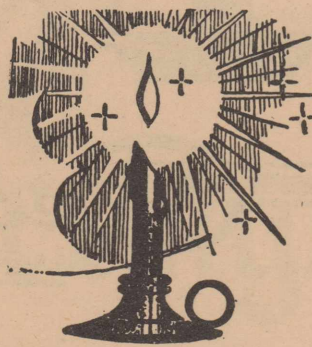
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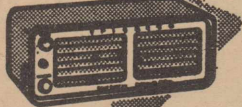


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**WESTAF Assigned Deep Freeze Mission**

TRAVIS AFB, Calif. (AFNS) — Airlift support next summer for Operation Deep Freeze, the annual trek to the frozen wastes of the Antarctica Continent, has been assigned to the Western Transport Air Force (WESTAF) headquarters here by the Military Air Transport Service.

The 86th Ai Transport Squadron, the first WESTAF unit to be equipped with the C-130E Hercules aircraft, will perform the mission. The long range, versatile, Hercules are being used on Operation Deep Freeze this year for the first time.

**SCORES HIGH**

RAF STATION, Bentwaters, Eng. (AFNS) — SSgt. James R. Griffin, a member of the 81st Combat Support Group here, recently posted a 95 percentile score, the highest possible mark on the 70270 speciality knowledge test.



**Yule Log Started In Time Of Druid**

The Yule log, which goes back to the Druids, is in some places decorated and anointed with wine. In France this custom is perpetuated 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.

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Several years later, more missions sprang up in the Southwest and in the California colonies of Spain.

In the English colonies along the Atlantic coast, the first recorded Christmas was celebrated in 1607 by the British soldiers at Jamestown, Va.

The leader of the colonists, Capt. John Smith, had this to say: "The extreme winde, rayne, frost and snow caused us to keep Christmas among the savages where we were never more mer-

ry, nor fed on more plenty of good oysters, fish, fresh wild fowl and good breads."

For the Pilgrims further up the coast, where the wind was really extreme, Christmas Day was another day of hard work and struggle against the elements.

As late as 1659, although Christmas was regarded as a solemn feast there, a man taking the day off from his labors was liable to a fine of five shillings.

One of the most memorable Christmas Nights in American history was that of 1776 during the War of Independence. That was the evening that the American forces under George Washington made their crossing of the Delaware River.

WASHINGTON (AFNS) — Air Force Maj. Gen. Rollen H. Anthis has been named special assistant for counterinsurgency and special activities to the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

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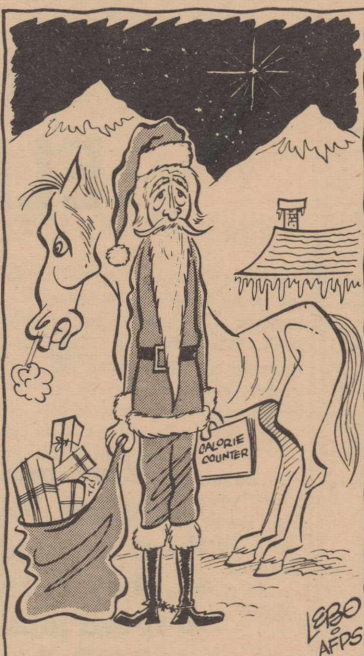
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# Honors, Distinguished Vistors Come To Reese During Notable Year

Receipt of honors in several fields, arrival of the T-38 supersonic jet trainer, hundreds of promotions and visits by aviation leaders of foreign air forces highlighted 1963 at Reese Air Force Base.

Under the command of Col. James A. Gunn III, the 3500th Pilot Training Wing received honors in flying and ground safety and other fields. Highlights by months showed:

### January

The first T-38 Talon, newest pilot trainer, arrived Jan. 11; Operation Homesafe for the Christmas-New Year holiday period was a major success, with no deaths or injuries; seven captains were designated for promotion to major; 13 supervisors received recognition for outstanding accomplishments; the base newspaper, The Roundup, was named the best paper in its class in the Air Training Command for 1962.

Reese began new teaching

methods for ATC, testing in navigation instruction; Lt. Col. Martin Hooper was designated Outstanding Supply Officer by the Air Force; 31 foreign students at Reese were made honorary citizens of Lubbock; the 1962 on-the-job training program was declared "excellent" by ATC; the air safety record of the base was lauded by Lt. Gen. James A. Briggs, ATC commander.

### February

Promotion came to 84 airmen; enrollment of Reese people in Texas Tech and South Plains College at Levelland hit the highest peak in history.

### March

Reese was awarded \$9,261 for making the greatest progress in 1962 in improving its ground safety record; the base became linked with all Air Force stations in the world with a new DATA-COM communications system; six of seven airmen completed a 50-mile hike from Morton in the newest craze; Reese received praise for its participation in the Crusade of Freedom drive; national recognition came for contribution to the Lubbock Community Fund; 14 civilians were honored for 10 and 20 year federal service.

### April

Five non-commissioned officers were promoted to supergrades; the Belgian Air Force chief of staff paid a visit to Reese to study operations; student training in the T-38 Talon began; four majors were notified they had been selected to become lieutenant colonels.

### May

Students, making first solo flights in the T-38, praised the aircraft in superlative language; Reese hosted thousands of visitors at the annual Armed Forces Day celebration; SMSgt. Joseph Miller was named outstanding airman at Reese; promotions came to 106 airmen.

### June

Reese began training of 36 Air Force Academy cadets in flying and behind-the-line duty programs; the Air Force Communications System unit on the base was elevated to squadron status; 45

Reese students volunteered for simulated aerospace vehicle tests and 17 were selected; 2nd Lt. William McKinney was the highest ranking member of Class 63-H in ATC; Aqua Villa, Reese recreation area at Buffalo Lakes, opened; Reese graduated its 15,000th student in pilot training. The graduate, 2nd Lt. Lon Richards, was given the "red carpet" treatment in three days of entertainment by the City of Lubbock.

### July

Reese changed to the dual deputy organization concept, with deputies for training and materiel and a base commander, as well as wing commander; the Reese Credit Union paid its regular five per cent dividend to members; the National Safety Council Award of Merit came to Reese for its 1962 ground safety achievements; the Reese Jets became champions of the North Pony League in Lubbock; six members of Class 64-A left to make simulated space capsule tests at Marietta, Ga.

### August

Air Training Command's standardization board gave a high rating

## Lights Express Christmas Hope

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 Hanukkak, 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 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.

## General Given DMS For Medical Work

WASHINGTON (AFNS) —Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Curtis E. LeMay presented the nation's third highest military decoration to retiring Air Force Surgeon General, Maj. Gen. Oliver K. Niess, in a formal ceremony at the Pentagon.

General Niess was given the Distinguished Service Medal, the top decoration for peacetime achievement, in recognition of his historic "Peace Through Medicine" program.

ing to the Reese Standardization Board for its accomplishments; Capt. Albert Crews, Reese graduate, returned to speak on work with the X-20 space ship to which he has been assigned.

### September

Use of the T-33 "T-Bird" as basic jet trainer ended at Reese, with the T-38 used exclusively in basic work; 50 officers were notified of their selection for promotion to captain.

### October

Reese broke Air Force records for total hours of T-38 flying time with 4,423.4 hours flown and 4,169 hours programmed. It also flew 5,093.4 hours of T-37 primary trainer time, also six per cent more than programmed. Reese went over its goal in the United Fund Drive with 103 per cent of its financial goal and 11 units hitting 100 per cent on participation and financial goal. The Communications Squadron estab-

lished a new monthly record with 2,150 Ground Control Approaches, almost doubling its previous mark. Attendance at the Family Services Orientation established a new high. A feature and picture published in The Roundup won ATC quarterly honors; 23 Reese drivers were recognized with certificates as safe drivers; 138 airmen won promotions.

### November

The new base nursery opened; 16 non-commissioned officers were notified of promotion to supergrades.

### December

The Airman Magazine, USAF monthly publication, published the first of two consecutive articles on Reese. It was a by-line story by 2nd Lt. Richard Bunting on how he felt on his first T-37 solo flight. Honor graduate of Class 64-D in Air Training Command was 2nd Lt. David C. King of Reese.

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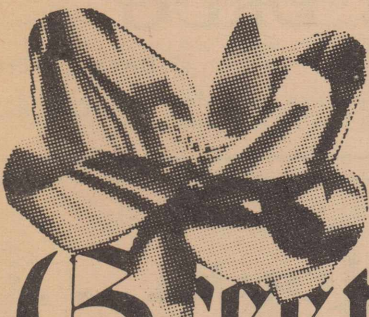
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### Santa Origination Credit To America

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

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

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

### Project Officer Reports Cost Reduction Progress

Reese is doing its part in carrying out objectives of the Air Force Cost Reduction Program and is contributing plans and ideas which are proving helpful, Col. Joseph E. Payne, CRP project officer at Reese has stated.

The colonel pointed out that in the last five years Air Force participation in the Department of Defense economy drive accounted for audited savings of \$1.23 billion and its expanding program during Fiscal Years 1961 and 1965 has saving goals of \$1.6 and \$1.8 billions.

"During the last fiscal year, Air

Force progress in the cost reduction program was viewed as encouraging by officials who said that the Air Force accounted for more than 50 per cent of the savings reported by the Department of Defense," the colonel commented.

The Cost Reduction Program has three primary aims: buy only what is needed, buy at the lowest sound price, and reduce operating costs.

In the last fiscal year, Colonel Payne said, Air Force savings included \$469 million through reduced requirements of some 400,000 items used in repair operations, \$67.3 million by reclamation of parts from excess aircraft engines, more than \$40 million saved through use of competitive bidding, and millions of dollars saved through an approximate 20 per cent reduction in cost-plus-fixed-fee contracts.

Reese is seeking cost reduction through close supervision of materials and improved management procedures in all fields of operation.

Audited savings in the Cost Reduction Program at Reese this year total more than \$140,000.

These include \$107,471 in excess supply which was turned over to needing agencies, \$17,000 in improving testing methods for engine heat, and numerous lesser savings.

Other savings have come in improved packaging for household goods shipped from the base, improvement in repair methods for aircraft radios, reduction in communication costs, changes in real estate management, improved equipment maintenance management and other areas.

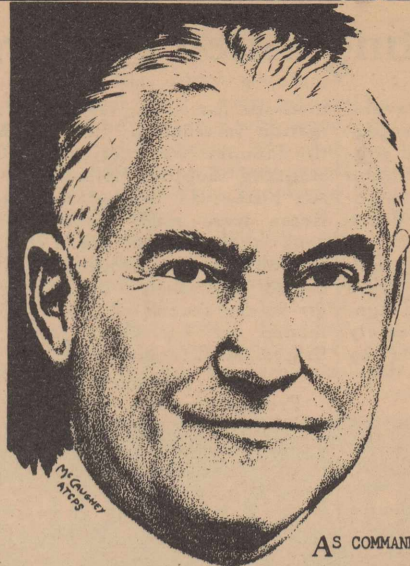
For several years Reese AFB has received recognition for its Incentive Awards program, through which management improvement suggestions are made by workers at the base.

Annually Reese has surpassed the average for the Air Force in suggestions adopted.

So far in 1963, savings of \$58,760 have been made through adoption of improvements proposed by Reese people, in addition to many suggestions without tangible value but furthering safety practices. Civilians proposed 66 improvements which were adopted to save \$30,545 on the base. Some suggestions also were adopted by other Air Force units. Military suggestors brought savings of \$26,215 a year through 32 adopted proposals.

Air Training Command, of which Reese AFB is a part, has emphasized management techniques designed to provide more efficient training programs that save time and money, Colonel Payne cited.

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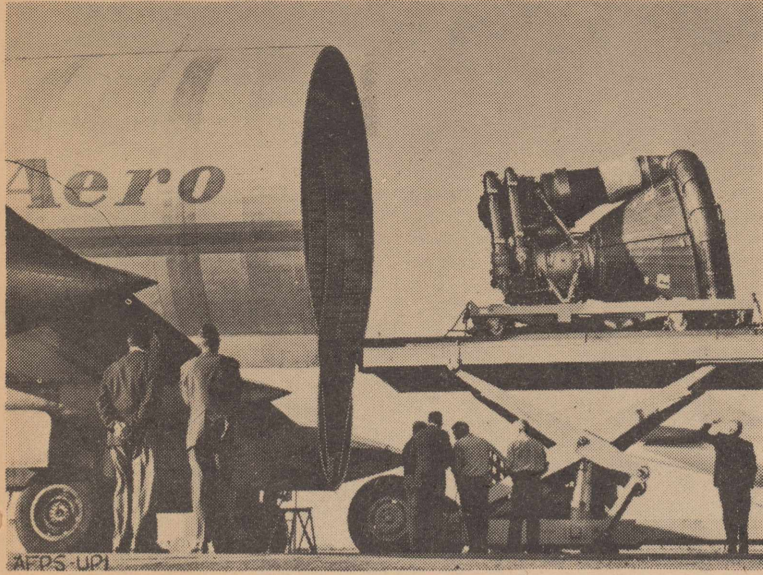


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**Christmas And Holiday Fire Safety**

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

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

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

Always consult your fire chief or fire marshal for advice on decoration safety.

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

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

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

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**We'll Hear Bells Christmas Day**

I heard the bells on Christmas Day  
Their old familiar carols play,  
And wild and sweet  
The words repeat  
Of peace on earth, good-will to men.

So wrote Henry Wadsworth Longfellow about an "old familiar" Christmas Day. It was the kind of day, no doubt, when the family got together for a special feast and the warmth and fellowship around the family hearth.

Many members of the Armed Forces will again miss the traditional family fellowship this Christmas. Yet the very reason for men being away from their families is to protect their homes, their relatives and their Nation from those who do not actually believe in "peace on earth, good-will to men."

The knowledge of this fact can contribute something to the special Christmas dinners and observations being prepared for America's fighting men from the Republic of Vietnam to the Berlin Wall.

This 1963 Christmas season brings to the forefront the great truth that an American is free to worship the God of his Faith, be it from a fortress or from his home. (AFPS)

The Air Force provides the primary air arms for all Armed Forces in Europe, the Pacific, the Far East, Alaska and the Caribbean area.

**IT'S A.....**

- BOY:**  
Michael Douglas, to 1st Lt. and Mrs. George E. Horn, Dec. 2.  
Donald Craig, to A2C and Mrs. Larry C. Beal, Dec. 4.  
James Jeffrey, to SSgt. and Mrs. Tracey L. Steadman, Dec. 4.  
James Ronald, to Capt. and Mrs. Ronald L. Violette, Dec. 5.  
Stephen Wayne, to SSgt. and Mrs. Bobby L. Barbour, Dec. 6.  
Donald Raymond, to A2C and Mrs. Melvin L. Ritton, Dec. 6.

- GIRL:**  
Dawn Marie, to SSgt. and Mrs. Franklin D. Fortner, Nov. 23.  
Brenda Louise, to A2C and Mrs. Douglas B. Barney, Nov. 23.  
Melissa Lynn, to A3C and Mrs. Charles W. Corder, Nov. 30.  
Lorene Denise, to 2nd Lt. and Mrs. Grady E. Talbot, Dec. 15.

**At the Movies**

The base theater motion picture schedule has been altered for the Christmas-New Year's holidays, 2nd Lt. Paul A. Iszler, personnel services officer, has announced.

There will be no Friday night late show on Dec. 27 and Jan. 3. The Saturday and Sunday matinee on Dec. 22, 28 and 29 and on Jan. 4 will be cancelled. The evening performance on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve also are cancelled, the lieutenant said.

**DIRECTOR APPOINTED WASHINGTON (AFNS)** — H. H. (Pat) Frank, author and former Washington and foreign correspondent, has been appointed as director of public information for the Office of Civil Defense.

**Secretary Expresses Sentiment**

"In wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year in this year of the 50th anniversary of Silver Wings, I do so with more than the ordinary sentiment of the holiday season. I do so with the knowledge that comes from both professional personal association with you: the men and women of the Air Force, who have contributed so much to the preservation of peace. It is an association that has been to me both inspiring and heart-warming. Whether at home or abroad, in the air or on the ground, our Air Force personnel serve as ambassadors of good will and members of the great defense team which is a deterrent to those who seek to deprive us of our liberty and our way of life. I wish you and your families the most joyful Christmas and a New Year filled with the rewards of peace, happiness and good fortune."

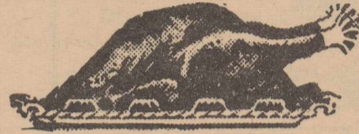
—Eugene M. Zuckert, Secretary of the Air Force

**Chief Praises Loyalty**

"To the loyal men and women of the United States Air Force, at home and overseas, go my hearty thanks and best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. The dedication and devotion of Air Force personnel to the cause of peace with honor are in the true spirit of the Christmas season. Your performance during the past year has aided immeasurably in building a surer peace for all the world."

—Curtis E. LeMay, General, U.S. Air Force Chief of Staff

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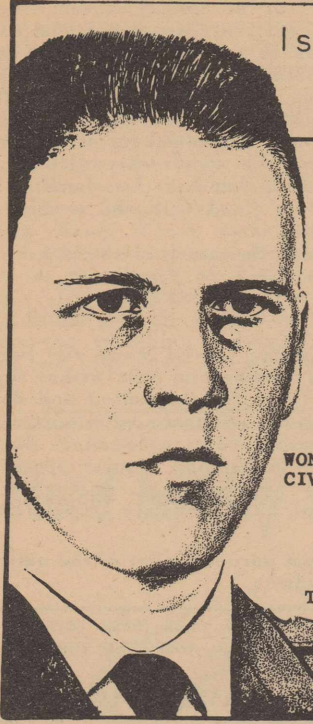
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**Dignity Marks Professional**

A professional, whether he is a member of the Air Force or a person following any of a score of professions, is an individual who must be imbued with several attributes which are a mark of his professionalism.

He must have a sense of unity and consciousness of belonging to a group apart from other groups in society. Air Force people and their families have for years been a different breed of people. Not a strange breed but a special one, dedicated to the perpetuation of a way of life of devotion and service.

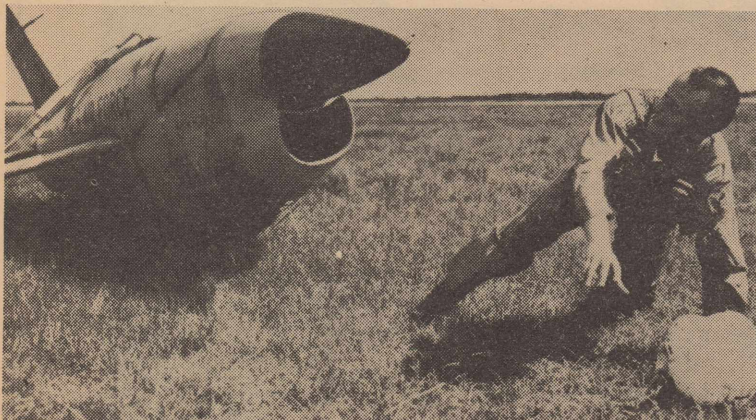
He must have a strong sense of cohesion, of joining in a common task.

And he must be proud. He must have pride in his country, his service and his uniform. His uniform is the symbol of military spirit and teamwork required to carry out the Air Force mission.

Above all, he must have dignity. Professionalism demands dignity of accomplishment. It is necessary to carry out the diverse duties required of the Air Force members. Dignity is necessary to assure those outside of the Air Force that its members are doing their job well; that they know what they are doing and why they are doing it.

Dignity dictates that the professional accomplishes his mission quietly, without complaint and within the scope of guidelines given by superiors, both military and civilian.

Possessing all of these traits, the Air Force enlisted man and officer can then see himself as he would want others to see him — proud of his service, capable, belonging and dignified — in every sense a true professional.



**TURN ABOUT'S FAIR PLAY** — The Q-2C "Firebee" target drone aircraft is getting pretty tired of being shot down by Air Force fighter interceptor pilot, so this one decided to strike back. The "Firebee" provides Air Force pilots a "live" target to test their proficiency upon.

**Reese Puts Major Interest On Medal Of Honor Holders**

As the Air Force observes the 50th anniversary of Silver Wings worn by its flyers, Reese people have particular pride in two officers who wore the wings proudly and also won Medals of Honor. These men were Maj. George A. Davis Jr. and 1st Lt. Jack Mathis.

The major, a Lubbock man, lost his life in Korea while on a mission performed at his request after he was eligible to return home. The Congressional Medal of Honor was presented posthumously to him in ceremonies at Reese, with Gen. Nathan Twining, Air Force chief of staff handing the medal to Mrs. Davis, the widow.

Lt. Mathis, of San Angelo, died in World War II over Germany. Mathis Service Club at Reese was named in his memory.

"Major George A. Davis Jr., distinguished himself by conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty near the Sinuiju-Yalu River area, Korea, on 10 Feb. 1962," said the citation read at Reese.

"While leading a flight of four F-86 Sabrejets on a combat aerial patrol mission near the Manchurian border, Major Davis' element leader ran out of oxygen and was forced to retire from the flight

with his wingman accompanying him.

"Major Davis and the remaining F-86 continued the mission and sighted a formation of approximately 12 MIG-15 aircraft speeding southward toward an area where friendly fighter-bombers were conducting low-level operations against the Communist lines of communications.

"With selfless disregard for the numerical superiority of the enemy, Major Davis positioned his two aircraft, then dove at the MIG formation. While speeding through the formation from the rear, he singled out a MIG-15 and destroyed it with a concentrated burst of fire.

"Although he was not under continuous fire from the enemy fighters to his rear, Major Davis sustained his attack. He fired at another MIG-15 which, bursting into smoke and flames, went into a vertical dive. Rather than maintain his superior speed and evade the enemy fire being concentrated on him, he elected to reduce his speed and sought out still a third MIG-15.

"During this latest attack his aircraft sustained a direct hit, went out of control, then crashed into a mountain 30 miles south of the Yalu River. Major Davis' bold attack completely disrupted

the enemy formation, permitting the friendly fighter-bombers to successfully complete their interdiction mission.

"Major Davis, by his indomitable fighting spirit, heroic aggressiveness and superb courage in engaging the enemy against formidable odds exemplified valor at its highest."

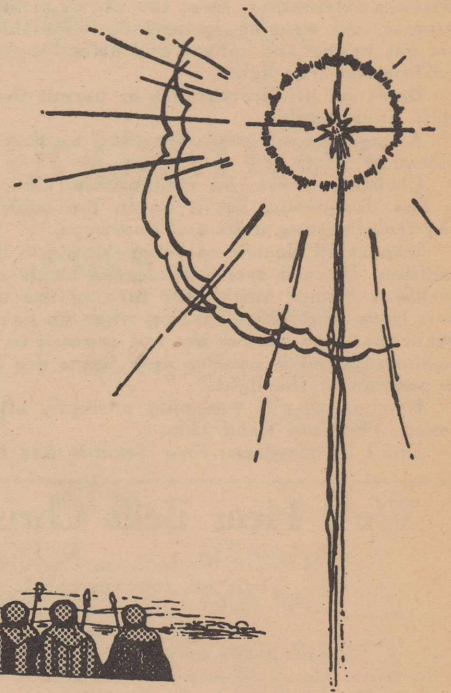
Lieutenant Mathis, Silver Wings wearer, died Mar. 18, 1943, over Vegesack, Germany. His citation disclosed:

"Lieutenant Mathis, a leading bombardier of his squadron, flying through intensive and accurate anti-aircraft fire, was just starting his bomb run, upon which the entire squadron depended for accurate bombing, when he was hit by enemy anti-aircraft fire.

"His right arm was shattered above the elbow, a large wound was torn in his side and abdomen, and he was knocked from his bombsight to the rear of the bombardier's compartment.

"Realizing that the success of the mission depended upon him, Lieutenant Mathis, by sheer determination and will power, though mortally wounded, dragged himself back to his sights, released his bombs, then died at his post of duty.

In the spirit of this holiday time, we wish you a heart full of good cheer, a home full of friends and loved ones, and a life filled with happiness. May all the joys of the Yuletide be lastingly yours, to brighten and enrich every day.



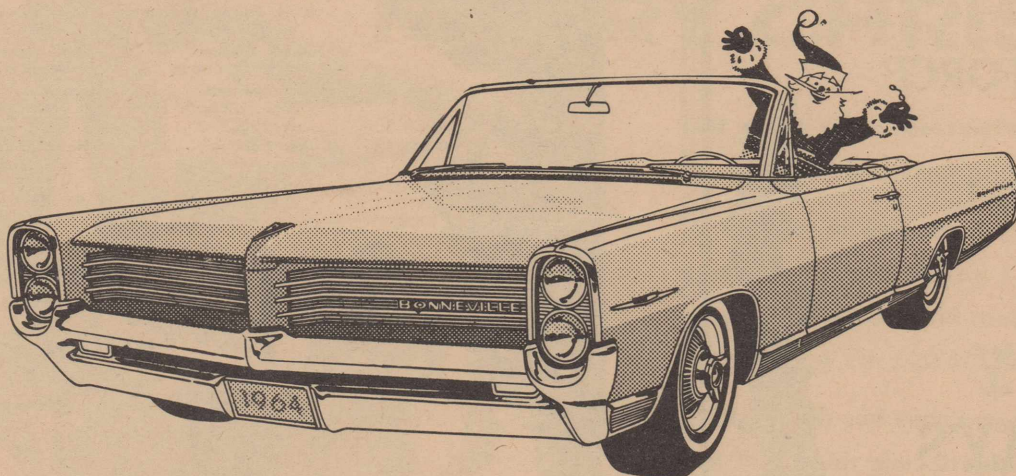
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**MERRYMAKING** — Chaplain (Maj.) Robert M. White, the duly appointed Reese representative for Santa Claus, had his sleigh up for static display last Saturday while passing out gifts to base children during the Youth Club Christmas Party at the service club. The 700 children who attended the party heard a youth club choir led by 2nd Lt. Michael E. Board sing Christmas carols. Solos, including a trumpet instrumental, were performed by other children.

"What counts most in evaluating the military man is his record of achievement."—Eugene M. Zuckert, Secretary of the Air Force.

## Club Activities

**Youth Club**  
Youth Club members will participate in a bowling session at 6:30 p.m. Friday in the base alleys, with prizes offered the best boy and girl bowler. All club members may bowl. Refreshments will be served at the Youth Center later.

Club members will have a game night at 7 p.m. Saturday in the base gymnasium, with refreshments at the center to follow.

The Youth Center will be closed Dec. 24 and 25 and Jan. 1.

Boy Scouts are selling Christmas trees across from the BX.

The Reese Chapel basketball team played its first game Monday at Atkins Junior High School gymnasium.

A pancake breakfast will be served from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday in the Youth Center, with everyone invited to eat hot cakes, ham, honey, butter, coffee or milk. Tickets may be secured from Youth Club members. Proceeds go to help club activities.

Free ceramic lessons for adults start at the Youth Center at 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 6, with Mrs. Jan Collins instructing.

Free beginner and advanced hat making lessons start at 9:30 a.m. Jan. 8 in the Youth Center. Mrs. Sue Kendrix will instruct.

### NCO WIVES CLUB

By Diane Carlson

Activities of the NCO Wives Club for December were canceled because of the death of President Kennedy.

The club still is selling Christmas hard candy and butter bits in fancy canisters for \$1.

Eleanor Davis became a new member at the last meeting. Virginia Smusz was a visitor.

NCO Club fruit cakes may be obtained by calling Adeline Miller at Extension 208, or by calling the NCO club.

The NCO Wives Club members wish the very best for a Happy and Safe Christmas and New Year.

### Mathis Service Club

Several special events are planned for the Christmas season at Mathis Service Club.

Airmen from the club will sing Christmas Carols in Reese Village from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Christmas Eve. Interested airmen may leave their names at the club. Refreshments will be served and gifts will be distributed after the carols.

A variety of Christmas goodies will be at the club throughout the holiday.

The Sparkies will provide music for a post-Christmas dance the night of Dec. 26. Dress will be formal.

The Raiders are to provide music for the New Year's Eve semi-formal dance.

Operation Santa Claus is in full swing and additional workers are needed.

The December Birthday party also is planned, with all airmen with birthdays during the month as honored guests.

Activities curtailed during December because of the death of President Kennedy will return to normal next week.

Mathis Service Club workers join others in extending wishes for a Merry Christmas and prosperous New Year.

### Military Training Instructors Needed

The Air Force needs a number of volunteer applicants to serve as military training instructors at any one of a half-dozen bases.

Applications are now being accepted from personnel in approximately 20 career fields, most of which are in the support area. Accepted applicants will be assigned to Amarillo AFB, Chanute AFB, Ill., Keesler AFB, Miss., Lackland AFB, Lowry AFB, Colo., or Sheppard AFB, Tex.

### KIT DEVELOPED

BROOKS AFB, Tex. (AFNS)—Technicians from the Aerospace Medical Division's Arctic Aeromedical Laboratory at Ft. Wainwright, Alaska, have developed a lightweight medical kit which can be attached to para-rescuemen just below their reserve parachute. The canvas kit has a large compartment for medical items, one for survival clothing and two external pockets for a small radio transceiver and batteries.

## Jingle Bells Or Fire Bells?

Only 5 more shopping days till Christmas. It's time to start planning to make this Christmas a Holy and happy one. While you are at it, why not go a little farther? — Plan on a safe holiday.

Christmas is a dangerous time around the home. Dry Christmas trees, paper decorations and wrappings, faulty wiring, and make-shift electrical hookups combine to make fire an ever-present danger. Every year during the holidays thousands of families have home fire with results ranging from inconveniences to tragedy. A little advance planning would have prevented most of these fires.

Here are a few simple rules to follow which will lessen the possibility of fire spoiling your holiday.

1. Choose a small tree.
2. Keep your tree outdoors until ready to decorate.
3. Cut the trunk diagonally at the bottom and set it in water.
4. Set it away from radiators, heaters, and fire-places and away from exits.
5. Insist on "flame-proofed" decorations and ornaments. Do not purchase them unless they are marked "flame-proof" or "fire-proof."
6. Inspect all lighting fixtures to make sure they are in good condition. They should bear an approval stamp from Underwriters Laboratories, Inc.
7. DO NOT leave lighted Christmas trees or decorations unattended.
8. Avoid using inflammable material, such as cotton, hay or straw in your decorations.

The few simple rules and a little common sense will insure that fire does not mar your Merry Christmas.



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# Christmas Menu

Christmas dinner will be served in the wing dining hall from 12 noon until 3:30 p.m., with all personnel authorized to subsist in the dining hall encouraged to bring immediate families and two guests.

A turkey dinner with all the trimming is planned. No supper meal will be served.

Airmen not on separate rations will pay nothing; airmen on separate rations will be charged 45 cents; dependents and guests will be charged 65 cents and children under 12 will pay 30 cents. Officers not on per diem will pay 65 cents and officers on per diem will be charged \$1.

The menu includes shrimp cocktail, roast tom turkey, baked Virginia ham, dressing, cranberry sauce, giblet gravy, raisin sauce, whipped Irish potatoes, sweet potatoes, buttered peas, buttered corn, chilled relishes, parkerhouse rolls, fruit cake, pumpkin pie, mincemeat pie, fresh fruit, assorted nuts, hard candies, iced tea, milk and coffee.

## 'Good Will Among Men'

"We celebrate Christmas this year with a climate of national tragedy. But the spirit of Christmas bids us look forward to the challenges and hopes and blessings of the future. In this frame of reference, and in behalf of the Armed Forces Chaplains Board, I extend Christmas greetings and sincere good wishes to every man and woman serving within the Armed Forces.

"The message of Christmas is God sharing himself with us through the sending of his Son into the world. In this relationship, He comes very near; He understands the intimate; He is a part of our every expression. Therefore, as He has shared himself with us, let us share the fullness of his being and his way of life with others.

"We are men and women charged with the responsibility of 'keeping the peace.' During Christmas 1963, may we find our response in the words of the ancient pronouncement, 'Glory to God in the highest, peace on earth, good will among men.'"—Robert P. Taylor, Chaplain, Major General, USAF Chairman.

## Chapel Schedule

You are invited to participate in the following services of worship for the coming week. Free nursery service is available during all scheduled Chapel services.

**CATHOLIC:**  
Masses: 9 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Sunday; 12 noon, Tuesday thru Friday; 9 a.m. Saturday.

Confessions: 7 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday; 30 minutes before each Mass.

Christmas carols, followed by candlelight procession, 11:30 p.m. Christmas Eve; Midnight Mass; Holy Masses 9 a.m. and 10 a.m. Christmas Day.

**PROTESTANT:**  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m. for all ages.

Worship Service: 10 a.m. and 11:00 Sunday, Chaplain Robert M. White in charge.

Protestant Youth of the Chapel meet at 4:30 p.m. in the Chapel Annex.

Christmas carols and Holy Communion, 7:30 p.m., Dec. 24, Base Chapel.

## OWC Urges Book As Christmas Gift

Members of the Reese Officers Wives Club are urging purchase of "Chef Propelled," their cookbook with hundreds of recipes from around the world, as an ideal Christmas gift for women. Recipes cover virtually every field of eating.

The book is priced at \$2.50 and may be obtained by calling Mrs. Bernie Wilson, SW 9-3981, or Mrs. Gene Pearson, 885-4400.

## Reese Boy Shoots First Deer On Hunt

Richard Steele, son of Col. and Mrs. Richard A. Steele, has killed his first deer on a hunting foray.

Richard was one of four boys selected by the National Rifle Association to participate in a deer hunt near Crosbyton, Tex., Dec. 6-8. The trip was entirely successful for young Steele.

Christmas lights are pretty — and pretty dangerous.

## Assigned 29 Years In Texas, Reese Sergeant Retiring After 30 Years

SMSGt. Christopher Sturrock, who spent 29 of his 30 years in service assigned in Texas, retires Jan. 2 and will go to Schertz, Texas, to live.

The sergeant grew up in Colmesneil, Tex., and was assigned to Fort Sam Houston at San Antonio as his first duty. He later served in the Air Force at Bryan, Randolph and Lackland AFB's prior to coming to Reese in February, 1958. He was recruiting NCOIC here until 1959, when he became personnel section sergeant major.

At Randolph in the 21st Air Base Squadron orderly room he

moved through every rank to master sergeant, performing administrative duties, including first sergeant and mess sergeant in a unit which was a unit with its own mess hall.

A year's overseas duty in Guam in 1946-47 was the only time assignment took Sergeant Sturrock from Texas. This year, plus three years in the Army, were the only times he left Air Training Command.

Sergeant Sturrock and his wife, the former Espie Evans of Troup, Tex., bought their retirement home in Schertz, a few miles from San Antonio, many years ago.

## Basic Airman Flight Lauds Former Reese Sergeant For Training Work

Something unusual has happened to a former Reese tech sergeant at Lackland AFB, San Antonio. In an open letter, members of a flight he trained have thanked him for "something priceless."

Praised is TSgt. James F. Mangum, formerly NCO of civil engineering supply, and for six months in the same capacity at the hospital. The sergeant is a training officer in the Lackland training center. Such people, by nature of their duties in indoctrinating basic airmen on duties of the Air Force, are not among the most liked persons. Yet, members of Flight 1379, said of Sgt. Mangum:

"How do you thank someone for something priceless? There is no way.

"But still we feel that something should be said. What you have given to us is a way of life, a method whereby we may succeed in our Air Force careers and in the years to follow. We all thank you very sincerely.

"To express this thanks, we have chosen to use the very thing you gave us. We will perform our duties to the best of our ability, through the training that you have given us."

The sergeant left Reese last July to become a military training instructor at Lackland.

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## 700 Children Attend Party

Upward of 700 children and parents attended the annual Christmas party Saturday in Mathis Service Club. Santa Claus was on hand to distribute gifts and Youth Club members provided the program. Each child received a sack of nuts, candy and apple.

The musical program included "Oh Little Town of Bethlehem," "Silent Night," "Deck the Halls" and "Jingle Bells" by the chorus; "Oh Holy Night," Roger Miranda; "Hark the Herald Angels Sing," "Fernie Miranda; "Jolly Old St. Nicholas" and "Jingle Bells," cornet solos, Ron Friday; "Rudolph, the Red Nosed Reindeer," Kathy Mabey, Carol Kumpf and Kim Paride; and "Santa Claus is Coming to Town," Larelia Sadler.

Appreciation was expressed by Mrs. Aileen Gunn for aid in preparing the party, including Mrs. June Provence and Mrs. Ruby Grice, Mathis Service Club; 1st Lt. Maurice Wachtel and Air Explorer Scouts; 2nd Lt. Vernon Hogden, choral director; 1st Lt. Michael Board, accompanist; and Maj. Robert M. White.

### MATS PERFORMS

WASHINGTON (AFNS) — Military Air Transport C-124 aircraft last month airlifted a mobile hospital and its staff from Hanover, Germany to Jidda, Saudi Arabia. It was later moved by other transportation to Najran, Yemen.



**SCRAMBLE** — The action was hot and heavy under the Reese basket at the juncture in the second game of a two-game set the local five had with Sheppard AFB over the week-end at the base gym. Sheppard won the first contest 84-65 on Friday night, but Reese came storming back to win the second fray 74-72 on Saturday. In action here are: (left to right), Bill Bogan (S), Bennie Davis (S), Bill Nelson (R) and Perry Gould (R).

## Reese, Sheppard Cagers Split Pair

The Reese AFB basketball squad in opening its 1963-64 season broke even over the week-end. It split a two-game set with the Sheppard AFB cagers, on Friday and Saturday. Sheppard took the first contest 84-65, but the Reese club came back strong to edge its taller opponents from north Texas 74-72.

In the first game the Reese squad, led by Perry Gould with 16 counters in the first half, looked like it packed the gear to down the visitors, but a cold hand in the second half, coupled with torrid shooting by Sheppard spelled defeat.

Gould led the Reese five with 24 points. The Sheppard hoopsters, led by Bennis Davis with 23 counters, had three men in double figures. Ted Hall notched 18 and Harvey Tann had 14.

In the second contest it was tight all the way, but Reese managed to hold on to the lead it grabbed at the outset. Led by Mike Fox's 18 points in the first half the local lads walked off the

court at intermission leading, 37-30.

Sheppard came on strong in the second half, led by Davis and Hall with 15 points apiece, but it was not enough to turn the tide, as the Reese five led by Fox and Becker hit for another 37 points and the ball game.

It was interesting to note, that Reese won this contest at the foul line, particularly in the second half when it dunked 17 of 20 free throws against 8 of 11 for their opponents.

Fox led Reese and the field with 27 points. Also in double figures for the locals was George Becker with 10.

Again Davis and Hall were the big guns for Sheppard with 25 and 19 points respectively. They were followed by Charlie Allen with 12.

The next scheduled contest for the local five will be at Sheppard AFB, Jan. 10 & 11.

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## Army-Navy Game Develops Into Hit, Run, Keep Going

PHILADELPHIA (AFPS) — What's it like to play in an Army-Navy football game?

After Navy's 21-15 squeaker here on Pearl Harbor Day, players on both sides described it any number of ways, but not one called it "just another football game."

Said an Army sophomore whose first Army-Navy game will remain a classic in the series' history:

"I had the usual butterflies when we first came onto the field. But after I saw those Navy guys, all I could think of was knocking one of them down. Everything else was automatic."

A Navy tackle said the emotions of this game defy logic. "In other games you have to fight fatigue as well as the opponent. But in this game you get stronger as the game wears on."

Noise, which played a prominent role here this year, struck Army quarterback Rollie Stichweh. "It's so noisy in this game you can hardly hear yourself think."

Navy fullback Pat Donnelly, who scored all three Navy touchdowns, said his concentration on winning was so intense that "It seemed like the game was over before it began. Other games seem three times as long."

"You can see it on every player's face," the Army's Dick Nowak said. "Hit, run, and keep driving. Never let up for a second."

Indeed neither team did. And those seconds Nowak talks about turned out to be a valuable commodity in the 1963 game.

With 102,000 fans screaming "go, go" on one bank and "hold, hold" on the other, Army lost to the clock and Navy's defense, the game ending with the cadets a scant two yards from the tying touchdown.

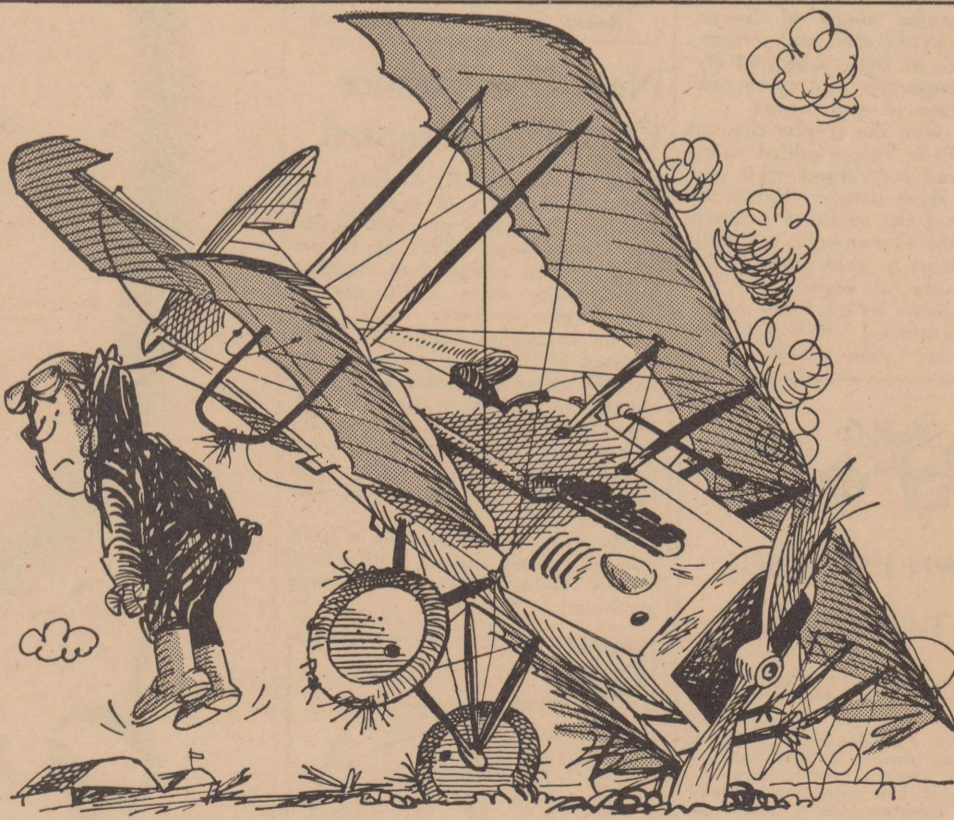
Army had first down goal-to-go on Navy's seven with 1:18 to play. Because ear-splitting cheering kept Army from hearing signals, the Black Knights could only get off three plays in the remaining time.

Navy's All-America quarterback Roger Staubach stood powerless on the sidelines during the harrowing final seconds. "All I did was say Hail Marys," Staubach said softly.

The victory was Navy's fifth

straight over the cadets, who trooped solemnly back to their dressing room, hardly consoled in the thought that one more play might have meant triumph.

Navy will now meet Texas in the Cotton Bowl in Dallas, on New Year's Day.



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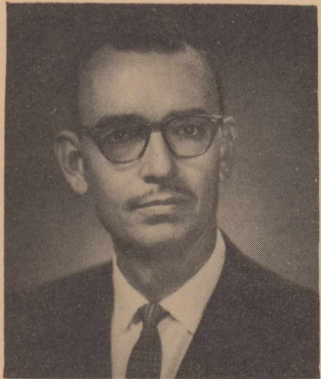
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# Reese ATC Trophy Winner

Outdistancing all of the other 27 bases, many of them several times larger than itself, Reese won the 1963 Commander's Participation Trophy of Air Training Command, Col. James A. Gunn III, Reese wing commander, has been notified.

Reese scored 4,325 points in competition for greatest participation of personnel in a widespread program to stimulate recreational activities. In second place in ATC was Keesler AFB, Miss., a large base, with 4,240 points, while Lackland AFB, also a large base, was third with 3,855 points. Notification of standings was contained in a letter from Col. Don M. Goodfleisch, director of ATC personnel services, to Colonel Gunn.

The Commander's Trophy program has several objectives.

It aims at stimulating participation in personnel services program, offers an incentive for bases to compete against each other, furthers use of hobby shops and numerous other programs and seeks to widen athletic participation, said 2nd Lt. Paul Iszler, Reese personnel services officer.

Points may be obtained by all bases for entering ATC competition, with further points earned through victories in individual events. Reese entered each of the 28 different events and won points for placing in most of them. It did not win a first place in any event, but scored in all. One objective of the athletic program is to develop entries from the Air Force in Olympic competition.

"Winning of the ATC Commander's Trophy came as the result of a team effort for Reese," said Lieutenant Iszler.

"By that, I mean that every person who entered competition helped the base; every supervisor who granted his men extra time to compete played a major part in winning; the base Hospital in setting aside time to give physical examination to entrants gave its support; the transportation division in providing vehicles when needed contributed; and Col. James A. Gunn, our wing commander, and Col. Richard Steele, base commander, encouraged everyone to participate, in addition to providing stimulus all along the line. The assistant personnel service officer, Leonard Maranto, was project officer, and had heavy responsibility.

"A major share of honor must go to the men and women who gave of their time and effort to supervise and carry out competition in each event.

"Reese won the trophy through united effort. Teams added to the laurels, and individuals who took part did their utmost. Reese has proven that the spirit of competition for the Commander's Trophy — the effort to gain participation in a variety of activity — was taken to heart by everyone here."

The lieutenant cited that one area where Reese would not be



AWARD — A2C Victor R. Terranova, center, 3500th Support Squadron, and TSgt. Russell L. Johnson, 3500th Headquarters Squadron, receive incentive award checks from BEMO officer 2nd Lt. James T. Hudgins. The two men were the joint originators of a suggestion expected to save the Air Force \$3,036 annually in materiel. (Photo by A2C Ted Gregory)

expected to score easily was in the arts contest. Several bases, he said, have large arts and crafts shops; Reese has none. Reese entries placed high.

The service club and library gained points through entering scrapbooks picturing activities. The library was third, Ma's Service Club second in ATC competition.

The varied sports program brought many points to Reese. Standings included these places for the base; squadron level basketball, 5th in conference; base level volleyball, 4th in district; base level basketball, 3rd in district; boxing, 4th in conference; judo, 8th in conference; squadron level volleyball, 3rd in district;

Bowling, 4th in district; talent show, 3rd in district; track and field, 5th in conference; model airplanes, 7th in conference; swimming and diving, 6th in conference; squadron softball, 8th, conference; tennis, 5th, conference; base level softball, 6th, district; golf, 12th, conference;

Baseball, 7th, conference; squadron level touch football, 4th, district; soccer, 5th, conference; designer craftsman, 2nd, conference; arts, 7th, conference; group singing, 4th, conference.

Reese also entered contests

in fencing, triathlon, weightlifting, Air Force short story, and photography.

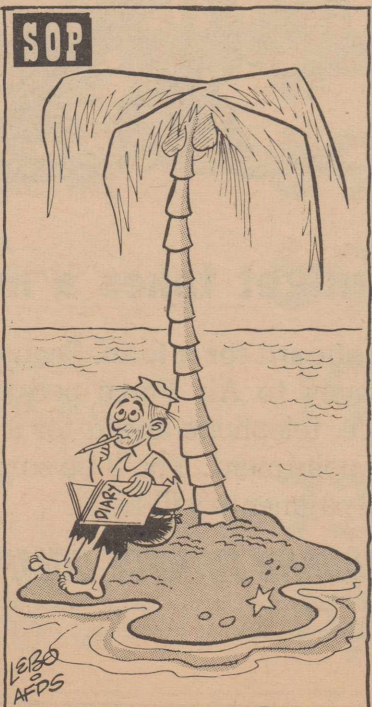
SSgt. Arthur Long placed third in Air Force world-wide competition in fencing. TSgt. Tom Pierce won third in ATC short story writing, and 2nd Lt. Glen Passey, weakened by illness, nevertheless moved through competition to compete in the Air Force track meet in the discus. TSgt. Charles Padgett was a member of the ATC model airplane team which competed in the world-wide meet, and A1C Rodney Paullin won the ATC weight lifting contest for his division.

## New Commander Of FTD Assigned

SMSgt. Charles R. Andrus, veteran of 15 years in service, has assumed command of Field Training Detachment 429A at Reese. He has been assigned to training detachments since 1958, on his return from overseas.

The sergeant, native of Tulia, enlisted at Plainview and took his oath of office in Lubbock. For six months he was crew chief for Col. Howell M. Estes, then commander of Lubbock Army Air Field, now Reese AFB, later performing maintenance duty for A-20 aircraft at Reese.

He flew 50 missions as a B-24 gunner in Italy during World War II and from 1955 to 1957 was stationed in Okinawa.



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