



# Realistic Navy Maneuvers or Start Of WW II? B-17 Crew Wasn't Sure

**Editor's Note:** The following is an account of a flight made in 1941 from Sacramento, Calif., to Clark Field in Manila, with a supposed refueling stop at Hickam Field, located at Pearl Harbor, in Hawaii. The narrator is Lt. Col. (then 2d Lt.) Robert L. Ramsay Jr., director of comptroller at Dyess. It is an off-the-cuff description of America's blackest day.

My subject is a personal experience that happened some years ago, but one that I'll probably remember long after I've forgotten others.

Probably the best place to start is some time before the event, in Salt Lake City, Utah, where I happened to be stationed with a heavy recon outfit. We had been making regular trips to the Boeing plant in Seattle to pick up brand-new B-17s, and had finally equipped the entire squadron. We were to make a flight across the Pacific and were to be stationed at Clark Field in Manila.

We had a rather important matter to prove before we left on our flight, and that was: Would the B-17Es make the long overwater jump? B-17 "Bs," "Cs" and "Ds" had made the trip, but it hadn't been proved that the "E" would make it safely from Hamilton Field to Hickam Field.

So the next detail was a series of gas consumption tests: long, 14-hour flights equal to the required distance. Two of these flights were without incident but the third ended up in Tucson, Ariz., instead of our home station at Salt Lake City. This fact in itself is not very interesting,

but, having landed, we were told we wouldn't be returning to our home station; we were to go directly to Sacramento for a few minor modifications, then to Hamilton Field to take off for Clark Field.

I don't think I could possibly picture for you the confusion that existed at that moment. A 5,000-word telegram was required to tell our fellow officers what to break into and what to do with cars, personal effects, financial matters, rooms, houses and apartments, and a million things you wouldn't think about unless you were to be faced with a like situation.

The next morning we went to Sacramento, stayed for two days and then went to Hamilton Field, arriving in the early afternoon.

In the early evening we received a briefing by a general officer, and I've wished many a time that I could remember his name. The only words I can remember him saying caused quite a furor when he said them, and they were "good hunting, good bombing and good shooting, because you gentlemen will be doing some."

This came as quite a shock. So far this flying had been fun, and now here was someone inferring that we were going to shoot and bomb someone else, and this probably meant that they would shoot back.

At any rate, that evening we took off into the San Francisco fog at five-minute intervals, and proceeded to wind up in the biggest mess I, at least, was ever involved in.

**Almost Routine**  
The greater part of the flight was uneventful, merely a long and tiresome overwater flight. However, during the last 100 or so miles I had been trying to raise Hickam Field by radio and had been trying to pick up the radio range, without any luck whatsoever. I thought it rather odd, but nothing to get alarmed about. We weren't lost, so no problem.

Just after dawn we sighted the islands and approached them from the mainland side, which means that, to get to Hickam Field, you must round the island of Oahu. So, a few minutes later, we rounded Diamond Head and looked in on the attack of Pearl Harbor, the "day of infamy," the seventh of December, 1941.

At that time we could see entirely too much activity at about 1,000 feet, which was where we were sitting. So I made a pass at the field, but there was too much smoke, which was right down the runway, so I pulled up and was trying to figure something else out.

The flight engineer had been in Hawaii before, and suggested I try another field he knew of (Schofield Barracks). The route, unfortunately, took us over Pearl the great pillars of smoke, the great number of aircraft in the area, the anti-aircraft bursts filling the air, but still didn't have the slightest idea as to just what was going on. I can remember my first impression was that the Navy was really having a realistic maneuver, with no holds barred.

Just a few minutes later we were over the field, and then

Col. Maybin Wilson, department engineer for the State Adjutant General's Department for 10 years, has retired after some 40 years' public service.

knew something was drastically wrong, as we could see burning planes, bombed hangars and buildings, ships on fire and sinking, bombs, torpedoes and depth charges exploding, and that apparently everything in sight was a shambles.

As we arrived over the field we received our first and last call from the Hickam tower (at that point of the battle, the tower was a mobile jeep). His statement, "We have been attacked by Japanese aircraft," really shook us up.

We had a big time (ha!) firing at them from the waist windows with .45 caliber pistols. I'll never know why they didn't make a concerted effort to shoot us down, but it must have been that they had more important targets, or were a little worried about all the guns we carried. Of course what they didn't know was that all the guns were cosmo-lined and we didn't have any ammunition for them even if they had been in operating condition.

**Waited Out Attack**  
Arriving at Schofield Barracks, we discovered that they were worse off than Hickam, so back through the gamut we ran. We had to set down some place, for we were operating on fumes about then. So I decided to set her down on Hickam no matter what.

I managed to get the plane on the ground and I taxied, tail high, to one edge of the field, killed most of the switches, and we all jumped out, ran to a ditch, jumped in and watched the rest of the young war from the bottom of said ditch.



**DYESS' PERSONAL FRIEND** — Lt. Col. Vincente A. Adecer, left, student of Air University's Air Command and Staff College, receives a few pointers on an assignment from his faculty advisor, Maj. H. A. Pederson, right, ACSC instructor. Colonel Adecer fought in the battle of the Philippines during World War II. (USAF PHOTO)

## HOME DEMONSTRATION NOTES

By LORETA ALLEN

Taylor County Home Demonstration Agent

Generous storage space, a front porch, and carport are featured in a new 3-bedroom house I toured in a new 3-bedroom house plan I have received.

The house provides privacy in the living and sleeping areas, and each bedroom has plenty of closet space. The master bedroom is large enough for twin beds and the other bedrooms will each accommodate a double bed.

An L-shaped kitchen features liberal storage space that is

conveniently located near work surfaces, and has dining space for 6 people. A large picture window in the kitchen give an unobstructed view of the backyard and play area.

Storage walls serve as partitions for the rear - entry hallway. The wall facing the kitchen is designed for storage of canned foods, cleaning equipment and an ironing board. The other storage wall, which opens into the workroom, provides space for work clothes.

The house has more than 1,300 square feet of living space and the front porch and carport (with storage) add another 546 square feet.

The plan provides for slab-on-grade construction.

You can obtain working drawings of this plan No. 7150 from me at my office located at 317 Pecan Street, Abilene.

If you're a calorie counter — trying to lose or maintain weight — watch how you fix those potatoes.

Nutritionists in the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Research Services say potatoes in themselves are not fattening. It's what people do to them that makes them high calorie items.

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We have no quarrel with the civil service in regard to the new postal rate hike to go into effect on January 7. Fact is, we hold more of a sympathetic attitude toward them, especially those in the Post Office division. Since the bill is an accomplished fact and will be in effect as of January 7th, we might just as well stop bellyaching, put up and shut up.

Percentage-wise the increase is terrific. First class letters will show an increase of 25 per cent and the old penny post card will jump to an all-time high of 33 and one-third per cent. Second class mail such as newspapers, magazines, etc. will go up 10 per cent in January and by 1965 they will show a total increase of 30 per cent.

The original bill, on its inception had some good logic. It was rightly intended to wipe out the Post Office deficit. But, on passage and final enactment this intention proved nothing but a big joke. The same bill that raised the postal rates gave salary increases to civil service employes in the federal government not in the postal department. The salary increases will total more than the new revenue will bring in, and we are not saying that civil service employes, outside the postal department do not deserve a salary raise.

What it really means is that the postal department will still be operating under the same old deficit. We sincerely believe the general public and businessmen over the nation have a perfect right to criticize the enactment and wonder why congressmen we elect to watch over and protect loop holes of this sort, allowed such a bill to go through.

## STITH NEWS

By MRS. FRITZ HALE

Happy New Year to All!  
We are having nice weather. The gin is still running. There is still some cotton left in the fields.

Mr. and Mrs. Pick Payne attended the funeral of her sister, Mrs. Luther Williams at the Baptist Church in Weatherford Sunday, Dec. 23.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bradley, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. McDonald, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. West, and Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Bradley attended the funeral of a cousin, Guy Bradley, at O' Donald Sunday afternoon. We extend our sympathy to them.

Mr. and Mrs. Derrell Kelso and baby of California, spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Kelso and Leon. Mrs. Willie Cox, Sam Herndon and children, of Abilene and Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Berry had Christmas dinner with them.

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Burns and daughter of Jackboro, and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Burns, Abilene, visited Mr. and Mrs. Jim Burns Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. Murry Toombs and Tommy of Lubbock, spent Christmas with Sam Mashburn. Sandra Hale and Bobby Malone attended a banquet in Abilene Thursday night, Dec. 20, for the employes of the International Service Life Insurance Co., sponsored by the manager, Ben Parkes.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Vantress spent Christmas in San Antonio with their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Mundy and son.

Mr. and Mrs. Myrvin Lyles of Abilene had Christmas dinner with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Stanley.

Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Jones had all their children home for Christmas. They were Mr. and Mrs. Truett Jones, Cross Plains; Mr. and Mrs. Olin Potts and Sharon of Anson; Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Berry of Abilene, and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Jones of San Angelo.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Berry Christmas evening were Mr. and Mrs. Bud Lilly, Vickie and Tona, and Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Berry of Abilene.

The Rev. and Mrs. Herbert How and children of Edmondson, spent several days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bradley.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Hudson visited in Odessa Thursday and Friday, with Mr. and Mrs. Gene Powell and children, and with Mr. and Mrs. Burns Powell and children. On Saturday the Hudsons visited in Bangs with Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Powell and children, and in Albany Sunday, Mrs. Jesse Lenoir returned home with the C. O. Willinghams.

with them.

Walter Mashburn died in California on Friday night. He lived in this community before moving to California several years ago. He has two brothers living here, Sam and Wesley Mashburn. Sam left Friday for California to attend the funeral. We extend our sympathy to them.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Mashburn and Brenda and Rodney had Christmas dinner with their mother, Mrs. Shaw at Hawley.

F. J. and George McDonald made a trip to Temple Monday to see George's doctor.

Mrs. Nora McDonald went with them where she was met by a son, and continued on to Taft, to spend two months with Mr. and Mrs. Royce McDonald and with Mr. and Mrs. Noel McDonald.

Visitors in the John Browning home Christmas day were Mr. and Mrs. Billy Ray Browning and children of Tuscola; Mildred, Johnny and Lonnie Harris; O. B. Tatum, Merkel, and Oma Pace of Abilene.

George McDonald gave a party at the Stith Community Center on Saturday night, Dec. 22.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Harris and Kathy of Midland, spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. F. J. McDonald, Pat and George, and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Burns. Mamie Hardie returned home with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Grinnaway and son, and her father, Mr. Trot of Abilene, attended services at the Stith Baptist Church last Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hollis of Hawley, visited Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Hale Sunday afternoon.

## Trent Gardeners' Winners Told

The Trent Community Garden Club sponsored a Christmas decorations contest. There were twenty entries. Judges were Mrs. Charley Sherrill, Mrs. W. T. Sadler and Mrs. Carrol Benson.

Winners in windows decorations were: 1st, Mrs. C. W. Edwards; 2nd, Mrs. Lesley Beasley; 3rd, Mrs. O'hell O'Kelly.

Winners in door decorations were: 1st, Mrs. Carl Edwards; 2nd, Mrs. Geta Williamson; 3rd, Mrs. Cecil Taylor.

Winners in yard decorations were: 1st, Mrs. Weldon Beasley; 2nd, Mrs. Ronnie Freeman; 3rd, Mrs. Onis W. Graham.

Prizes included rose cuttings and daffodil bulbs.

Other activities to be sponsored by the Garden Club includes the setting out of a tree on the school yard on Arbor Day.

Mrs. Dale Litton will be guest speaker on January 21. She will discuss "Modern Trends in Flower Arranging."



It seems to me that the "little" sleeveless frock with matching sweater is the one constant in an ever-changing fashion scene. This beauty by R & K has satin binding and belt, and a deliciously embroidered Orlon sweater. P.S. Better get one quick, and keep it for Summer!

## HOME FARE

by Adeline Garner

Home Service Director

True Story Magazine

**WARM AND WELCOME**  
Everyone loves butterscotch flavor and children love it especially. Warm butterscotch topping adds a saucy note to puddings, cakes, and ice cream. Thanks to handy butterscotch morsels you can make the sauce in a matter of minutes. Bring 1/4 cup light corn syrup and 1/4 cup evaporated milk just to a boil over moderate heat, stirring constantly. Stir in one 6-ounce package butterscotch morsels. Heat until dissolved.

**PLANTER ROOM DIVIDER**  
A sturdy screen made of panels of strong pegboard becomes an attractive planter-room-divider when you attach red clay pots containing trailing plants like ivy, philodendron, chlorophyllum and rosary vine. Cut wire coat hangers into pieces long enough to encircle each pot under the rim and leave enough extra to bend into hooks to insert into the holes of the pegboard. Or, you can buy inexpensive brackets at your garden supply store.

**CANNED FOOD STORAGE**  
Canned foods may be stored any place. The best storage is a dry place at a moderately cool, or cold, but not freezing temperature. A cool, dry cellar is suitable. Storage near steam, pipes, radiators, furnaces or kitchen ranges should be avoided.

**COOK'S CHOICE**  
Mrs. Jane Walter is TRUE STORY'S January Cook of the Month. Her recipe is a favorite with friends and family.

**Carrot Cake**  
Makes 3 8-inch layers  
Sift together:  
2 cups sifted flour  
1 teaspoon baking powder

1 teaspoon baking soda  
1 teaspoon cinnamon  
1/4 teaspoon salt  
Combine:  
1 1/4 cups salad oil  
2 cups sugar  
Mix well.  
Add, one at a time:  
4 eggs  
Beat well after each addition. Gradually add dry ingredients, mixing well.

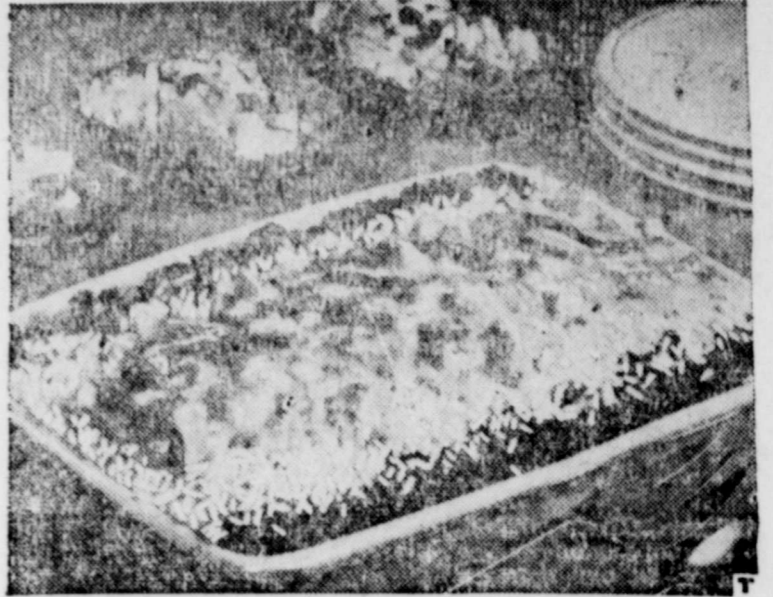
Add:  
2 cups finely grated carrots.  
Mix well. Turn into 3 8-inch layer cake pans which have been greased and floured. Bake in a moderate oven (350° F.) for 50-60 minutes. Remove from pans and cool on racks. When completely cool, fill and frost with nut icing.

**Nut Icing**  
Combine:  
1/2 cup butter or margarine  
1 package (8-oz.) cream cheese  
Beat until light.  
Gradually add, while beating:  
1 package (1 lb.) confectioners' sugar  
Add:  
1 teaspoon vanilla extract  
1 cup chopped walnuts  
Mix well.

**MORE LIGHT**  
Estimates say that up to 40 per cent of the electricity you pay can be wasted if incandescent bulbs or fluorescent tubes are dirty. Remove these from their socket occasionally, and wipe with a soft cloth wrung out of suds. Be sure to avoid wetting the metal "neck." Dry carefully before replacing in the sockets.

**SHORTCAKE PINK**  
It is hard to improve on strawberry shortcake, but it is possible. Strawberry Whipped Cream accomplishes the feat. Combine 1/4 cup quick strawberry-flavored mix with a dash of salt and 1 cup heavy cream. Beat until thick. Pile on shortcake and frozen strawberries.

## RICE AND CHICKEN SUPREME



Rice Council Photo  
There's no need to worry about unexpected dinner guests when you've some packaged rice and canned chicken on your pantry shelf and some frozen broccoli in the freezer.

With such supplies on hand, you can whip up a colorful, flavorful entree that belies its ease of preparation. Rice and chicken supreme is an expandable recipe that is as suitable for guests as it is just for the family.

The hot cooked rice forms a "bed" for the quickly cooked broccoli. Chunks of chicken in sauce (easily prepared using canned mushroom soup) made more piquant by the addition of deviled ham, tops the combination. Pimiento strips or hard cooked egg slices can be used as the garnish.

With this meal-on-a-platter, serve individual bowls of crisp waldorf salad, if you like. Wedges of pumpkin chifon pie would be a delicious dessert accompanied by hot coffee.

### RICE AND CHICKEN SUPREME

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| 1 can (10 1/2 ounces) mushroom soup | 1 1/2 cups diced cooked chicken                       |
| 3/4 cup water                       | 2 packages (10 ounces each) frozen broccoli, cooked   |
| 1 can (2 1/2 ounces) deviled ham    | 3 cups hot cooked rice                                |
| 1 teaspoon minced onion             | Hard cooked egg slices or pimiento strips for garnish |
| 2 tablespoons diced pimiento        |   |

In a saucepan, combine soup, water, ham, and onion; stir over medium heat until smooth and hot. Fold in pimiento and chicken. Arrange broccoli on serving platter. Top with rice. Spoon sauce over rice. Garnish with eggs or pimiento strips.  
Makes 4 servings.

## NOODLE NEWS

Well, it's all over. We can do no more to 1962 except to record it in history. And, sure enough we are all making new year's resolutions only to turn right around and break them. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Poplin and Phil, from Midland, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Mason, Jackie, Judy and Jeff from College Station and Tim's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mason of Abilene, were all guests in the Vess Justice home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Garvis Tarpley, Mike, Marsha and Collye were guests of his mother, Mr. and Mrs. Dock Callaway. Mrs. Ann Lucas, Eddie and Jane visited Mrs. Will Herndon and Mrs. Dock Callaway last Thursday.

Carrol Best had his mother and his brother Bill Best and family for the Christmas holidays.

Mrs. Zenobia Lucas had both of her daughters and families home for Christmas. Visiting her also was her sister-in-law and brother in law, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Adkins, Anson; and her aunt, Mrs. Ethel Richardson of Riverside, Calif.

We want to say now, how much we are enjoying the Merkel Mail and the new editor.

The George West, Texas, courthouse lawn holds a mounted Longhorn in a glass case. It is the last Longhorn steer of the great West herd.

The University of Texas has a permanent fund which is increasing by approximately \$17 million a year.

**For COLDS take 666**

## CARING FOR YOUR FAMILY

by Edith Clarke

### Notes On New Babies

A new baby in the home calls for adjustment on everyone's part, for even the tiniest bundle of joy makes many demands on mother's time and energy. During baby's early weeks, he reacts to the atmosphere around him. If all is calm and serene, baby is apt to be that way too. If he senses apprehension and is disturbed by it, chances are he'll howl.

Experienced mothers say that for this reason, first babies often cry more than subsequent children. A new baby often requires adjustment on the part of older children in the family, too. Actually, it is normal for a young child to be jealous of a new baby in the home. A wise mother will find ways for the older child to help with baby care. By "helping," the child will be encouraged to show loving feelings toward the infant.

Child care specialists tell us that every child develops at his own rate of speed, and that comparisons with other children are not wise. So, in setting up your care and feeding schedules for the new baby, allow some room to be flexible so that both you and baby can adjust together.

Changing and diapering can be a pleasant time for both of you, since it affords an opportunity for some cuddling, exercise and play. An older child could help, too, by fetching a fresh diaper. Mother, of course, rubs baby's diaper area with Vaseline petroleum jelly. Gentle petroleum jelly, a baby care



"standby" for many years, forms a waterproof coating on the skin that prevents ammonia burn and protects against painful diaper rash, as well. Finally, keep in mind that a new baby is a miracle of nature. When you are exhausted at a late feeding, discouraged by a row of bottles to be sterilized or running still another load of diapers through the washer, baby may seem like a lot of work. And he is. But the joy of helping that tiny infant grow and develop is truly one of life's most satisfying experiences.

## Brunch Time—Coffee Time



AFTER A WEEK OF HURRIED BREAKFASTS, almost everyone enjoys a leisurely Sunday brunch with time for "seconds" —and maybe "thirds" of coffee.

Make coffee by the potful, using Instant Sanka Coffee with its blend of superior coffee beans from the world's greatest plantations. Put about one-fourth cup of coffee in a pot, add a quart of boiling water and stir. Then cover and let stand over low heat for about five minutes to bring out the full rich flavor.

Start the brunch with grapefruit juice "old fashions", made with reconstituted quick-frozen grapefruit juice and crushed ice with a maraschino cherry for garnish. Serve a hot dish in a casserole or chafing dish, and pass Orange Glazed Muffins with the coffee.

### ORANGE GLAZED MUFFINS

Package muffin mix    Quick-frozen concentrated orange juice, thawed  
Sugar cubes  
Prepare muffin mix as directed on package. Spoon batter into well-greased muffin tins. Then top each muffin with a cube of sugar which has been dipped into concentrated juice. Press sugar cubes down into the batter. Bake as directed on mix package. When done, muffins will have glaze on top.



**MOVING DAY** — TSgt. Billy Watts of the Dyes Aero Club takes a minute for a final talk with Mr. Jack Hughes, owner of Abilene Aviation Co., which leased the aero club offices at Abilene Municipal Airport. The club moved to the Dyes flight line last week. (AIR FORCE PHOTO)

The story of

## WILLIAM ALLEN WHITE and The Church Bell

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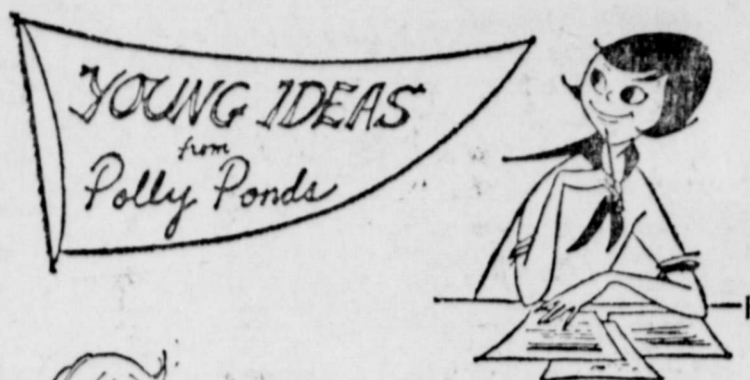
"In that event," replied the thoughtful publisher, "we can dispense with the oldest advertising medium for the oldest institution in the world. See that church down the street," continued Mr. White, pointing to one of Emporia's oldest and most beautiful structures, "That church has been established here for many years. Everyone knows what it is and what it does. In the tower of the church is a bell and every Sunday it rings out to remind folks to come to church."

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*On the surface, however, face-washing is only a partial answer. If you overdo this treatment you may be in danger of chapping or irritating the skin and actually making it more vulnerable than ever.*

*Three thorough soap-and-water washings plus a cream cleansing daily will keep you face spanking clean. If your skin is oily, use a greaseless Vanishing Cream. If normal, use Cold Cream.*

*For extra protection, wear a medicated pressed powder or cream make-up that's especially formulated to retard surface bacteria.*

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## Bright Ideas

Protect bamboo blinds from mildew with a thin coat of clear shellac.

A GOLDEN BROWN TURKEY, beautifully served, and complete with cranberries, sweet potatoes and pumpkin pie, is one part of the Thanksgiving festivities that none of us would want to miss—particularly the cook. A little act of carelessness in the kitchen, however, can ruin this wonderful feast for the chef who suffers a minor burn while the meal is being prepared. Try to concentrate on one chore at a time while you are cooking and your chances of accidental injury will be lessened. And follow this first aid tip for the treatment of mild burns that do occur. Hold the wound under cold running water until the pain stops; then apply Vaseline petroleum jelly and a bandage.

Pockets cut from discarded trousers make excellent dusting mitts.

FULTON OURSLER TELLS of a telephone operator who received daily requests for the time. One morning she asked the man why he called every day. He said, "It's my job to blow the whistle at noon, and I want to be sure when it's twelve o'clock." "That's strange," she replied, "but I set my clock by your whistle." We, too, can measure our lives by others who check with us—and everyone will maintain the same level indefinitely. Or we can strive for a true measure of life through worship. This November the Religion In American Life program sponsors its fourteenth worship attendance program. The theme, "You can lift your life—worship this week," is our invitation to be present in God's House.

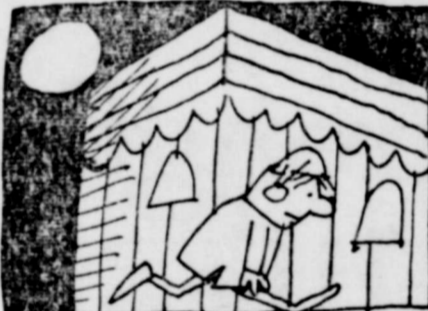
To mend holes in glove fingers, you can make use of a lipstick case with a rounded end as a darning egg.

## SCIENCE FACT AND FABLE



THROUGHOUT THE AGES, PEOPLE HAVE TRIED MANY STRANGE REMEDIES FOR COUGHS. IN NORFOLK, ENGLAND, PEOPLE USED TO TIE A COMMON HOUSE SPIDER IN A PIECE OF MUSLIN AND PIN IT OVER THE MANTLEPIECE TO CURE COUGHS.

IN SOME RURAL AREAS OF THE UNITED STATES, PEOPLE THOUGHT THEY COULD STOP COUGHING BY WALKING THREE TIMES AROUND THEIR HOUSE AT MIDNIGHT.



ONE TIP TO AID IN RELIEVING COUGHS IS TO PLACE PANS OF WATER ON RADIATORS OR STOVES TO HUMIDIFY THE AIR. DRUGS, SUCH AS TOCLASE, HELP SUPPRESS COUGHING.

## Evening Drama



HAVE fun this gala holiday season in this sparkling new long dress. The finishing fashion touch is Talon's Zephyr, the new all nylon coil zipper. Flexible and almost as delicate as a seam it gives this slim sheath a smooth line. It pulls itself out of a jam with a bend, a zip down and one up. When pressing simply set the iron at synthetic or use a press cloth over the zipper. It's Vogue pattern No. 5707.

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IN FEB. 1 CYCLE . . .

## 338 Dyess Airmen Slated For Stripe Gain

Washington (AFNS) — Promotion quotas announced this week by the Air Force reveal that some 44,000 airmen in three of the lower grades will be eligible for hikes during the Feb. 1 cycle.

Dyess' special actions unit has disclosed that 33 promotions quotas to staff sergeant, 84 to airman first class and 221 to airman second class have been received from higher headquarters. The number shows no great variance from the last promotion cycle.

Of the total quota of 44,394 set for airman second class, airman first class and staff sergeant grades, the greater number of eligibles will come from those being advanced to airman second class. The quota for promotion to this grade while 5,948 vacancies have been

authorized for promotion to staff sergeant.

In the airman promotion distribution list that accompanied the February quotas, a total of 136 skills was listed, fixed limitations for any skill.

Airmen looking for promotion to airman first class or staff sergeant will get an unexpected break with the removal of the Exceptionally Well Qualified limitations of several years ago.

Removal of EWQ limitations several years ago.

Those to be promoted to airman first class total 16,454 in the February cycle marks the first time that the limits have been taken off since the in all commands is 21,992.



**CREW OF THE MONTH** — The 64th Troop Carrier Wing Crew of the Month has been announced. Commanded by Capt. George J. Young, Jr., Crew E-003 includes (seated) Capt. Richard A. Pearson, Captain Young; (standing, left to right) SSgt. M. A. Ashcraft, SSgt. J. F. Mitchell, and 1st Lt. J. J. Clayton. Captain Young's crew was selected in November for the first Special Weapons delivery mission to be performed by the 64th, and accomplished the job "in a very professional manner," according to Lt. Col. Guy E. Ridgway, Commander of the 17th Troop Carrier Squadron. It was Colonel Ridgway's nomination which brought the award for Crew E-003. (AIR FORCE PHOTO)

## 516th TCW Will Activate Jan. 8

OLIN CHRISTOPHER IS HOSPITALIZED

Olin Christopher, Merkel resident, was hospitalized in the John Sealy Hospital in Galveston during the past week. Mr. Christopher has been ill for the past few weeks and was removed to Galveston at the suggestion of Dr. Sadler. Mr. Christopher is an employe at the State Hospital in Abilene.

At a press conference held in his office this morning, Col. Burl W. McLaughlin, commander, 64th Troop Carrier Wing, officially announced that the 516th Troop Carrier Wing would be activated at Dyess AFB Jan. 8, 1963, replacing

the 64th Troop Carrier Wing which will be simultaneously inactivated.

The 516th will provide airlift capability for the Tactical Air Command in discharging its limited war responsibilities. The newly activated wing will be assigned to Tactical Air Command's Twelfth Air Force, headquarters of which is located at Waco, Texas.

Colonel McLaughlin, who will assume command of the 516th during activation ceremonies on Jan. 8, also disclosed that a third tactical unit, the 345th Troop Carrier Squadron, will be activated and assigned to the wing Jan. 8. The 345th joins the 17th Troop Carrier Squadron, whose primary mission is the support of distant early warning radar sites in the bleak arctic regions of Greenland, and the 18th Troop Carrier Squadron, which will celebrate its first anniversary on the day the 516th is activated. The 17th and 18th Squadrons will be assigned to the new wing along with the 345th. The remaining squadrons in the wing will be the 516th Organizational Maintenance Sq., the 516th Field Maintenance Squadron, the 1st Aerial Port Squadron, and the 516th Headquarters Squadron.

Colonel McLaughlin also revealed that the 345th Troop Carrier Squadron will be equipped with the C-130E model, the newest and most improved version of the huge jet prop transport. The C-130E built by Lockheed Corporation, has improved performance characteristics over the A and D models now being used by the wing, has considerably greater range and is capable of carrying a 22,000 pound load 4,000 miles. Delivery of the first "E" model to Dyess is expected in the near future.

The relationship to the 516th Troop Carrier Wing activation to Abilene was pointed out by Colonel McLaughlin in terms of personnel and payroll growth. Starting in February 1961, the present troop carrier wing has grown to a current strength of over 1,000 personnel with an approximate annual payroll of five million dollars. In less than a year, Abilenians will see the 516th Troop Carrier Wing increase its activation

strength to approximately 1,800 personnel with an increase in annual payroll to eight million dollars. Additionally, the expansion of the Tactical Air Command mission at Dyess will require increased base facilities, many of which are presently in the planning stage.

In his closing remarks, Colonel McLaughlin paid tribute to the citizens of Abilene and surrounding communities for their interest in and support of military activities of the 64th Troop Carrier Wing. He expressed his sincere hope that the high standard of community-military relations would continue during the years of mutual growth ahead.

More detailed information regarding the men and equipment of the soon-to-be activated wing is expected in the next ten days. Additionally, Colonel McLaughlin is scheduled to appear on the local television stations today to personally announce the activation for the city-wide audience.

## Joint HD Clubs Hold Yule Party

The Home Demonstration Clubs of Taylor County met for a Christmas party in Pioneer Memorial Fellowship Hall with Bluebonnet Club as hostess. Mrs. R. E. Clemmer Jr., Bluebonnet Club president, greeted guests.

Mrs. Edgar Holly, council chairman led group singing of

Christmas Carols with Mrs. Kenneth Ray at the piano. Mrs. Eldon Landers, recreation chairman of council, was in charge of the program and recreation. Parts were given by Miss Loreta Aiken, County Agent, Mrs. Landers and other. Pleasant Hill registered guests and numbered gifts for exchange.

The Fellowship Hall was gaily decorated in red, silver and greenery. Gifts were distributed

from a lovely silver tree with silver and red decorations.

Refreshments of party sandwiches and cookies were served from the table of red satin cloth with tiers of red net caught up with silver Christmas balls. The table was centered with a large Christmas candle, cedar and silver balls. Mrs. Holly served coffee from the silver service.

Good byes were said by the Bluebonnet Club members.

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