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## The Little Mail

By E. S. CHASTAIN

Many times we get short, terse little notes from people in the form of Letters to the Editor. Most generally they are nothing more than one sentence and are in the form of a question. I have selected a few that I thought perhaps you might enjoy, and have included an answer.

Q—Why don't you print more letters to the editor?

A—I sometimes talk to myself but I refuse to write letters to myself.

Q—Why don't you print a weekly sermon?

A—For the same reason a preacher doesn't write editorials.

Q—Why don't you put a little humor in the paper, like that item I sent you that Joe Blank spent Saturday night as the guest of the Sheriff? That would have been a good joke on old Joe.

A—There's a place in Texas for guys like you, and it ain't in Merkel.

The people up at the Merkel Telephone Co. are a busy bunch this week changing over to the dial system. No doubt you have had trouble getting your calls through. But before you gnash your teeth, slam up the receiver and mutter unprintable things under your breath, you might read the following little poem submitted by the operators at the local exchange.

"Operators Bow to Dial"  
The curtain is down, the lights are out,  
The key is turned in the door;  
The "Voice With the Smile"  
Just an echo forevermore!  
Is silenced now

A somber machine is taking her place  
With service that's guaranteed;  
A "Do - It - Yourself Kit" —  
standard size

A must for this world of speed,  
It's such a relief, the dial phone  
A mistake will never be made;  
It's "out with the old — in with the new"

For progress must not be stayed;  
Of course it can't give the time of day —  
Nor yet the day of the week —  
Or come to the aid of a stricken man,

So ill he can barely speak!  
Or "Operator quick — an ambulance, please."  
A doctor and yet, get a nurse;  
A head on collision on Route 35

Operator, quick, my house is on fire  
Tell me what shall I do?"  
"Or operator, please, get me some help  
My baby has just turned blue —"

"Transfer my calls for an hour or so  
I'm over here having tea;"  
Or "Gimme a ring in the morning at five  
Gotta go to work, you see!"

"What size dress does Mrs. Finnegan wear?"  
When does Prof. go to bed?  
Operator I'll be gone for the day,  
So call my sister instead!"

"When does the train come in from the North?  
When does it leave again?  
What's the fare to Timbuctoo?  
What do you feed a wren?"

These are the things it cannot do,  
These and a hundred more!  
But its Modern, Easy and Private  
What the town's been waiting for!

So, pick up your 'phone —  
Dial till your fingers are blue;  
But — if you should trip —  
if you should slip —  
Then you'll know WE WERE HUMAN TOO!!!

Of all things, we found a canoe paddle in the back room when we were doing some re-novating and came to the conclusion that some long - forgotten editor was keeping it to inspire himself with the old adage, "Paddle Your Own Canoe" or was keeping it just in case he got up a creek.

PARTING THOUGHT — "He who occupies a place in the sun must expect some blisters."

If you want to vote this year, you should get your Poll Tax Receipt. Deadline is Jan. 31.

Phone your MOD pledge to No. 928-5901 any time between 10 p.m. Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday.



Champion lambs in Taylor County Livestock Show. Left to right — Katie Neill holds her champion Southdown lamb while Aleta Scott shows Farris Neill's champion Hampshire. (Reporter - News Photo)

## MERKEL 4-H BOY SHOWS CHAMPION TAYLOR STEER

Any 4-H boy who places his entries and comes out grand champion winner is indeed a proud boy.

That is what happened to Bill Holloway, Merkel 4-H boy last Saturday when his steer carried off top honors in the Taylor County Livestock Show held in Abilene against keen competition.

Bill's steer was shown in the heavyweight division and was bred by his uncle, R. J. Holloway of Abilene.

Bill's cousin, Judy, showed the reserve champion, bred by her father, R. L. Holloway, and took top honors in the medium weight division.

The Holloways were popular during the show, with Wilburn and Paul, both of Abilene, taking first and third respectively in the second heaviest division; Lee Ann of Merkel coming in ninth in that division, second in the third heaviest and fourth and seventh in the lightest division.

Sue, also from Merkel, showed fifth in the third heaviest and third in the lightest division. Bill also took third in the heaviest division.

The champion finewool lamb was exhibited by Rex Miller of JimNed FFA. Mary Johnson of Merkel was owner of the champion crossbred lamb, with Farris Neill, Merkel FFA, showing the champion intermediate mutton breed lamb, Katie Neill, Merkel 4-H Club member, had the champion mutton breed lamb.

Brian Woody, Abilene FFA, had the champion Duroc, with reserve championship going to David Standard, Jim Ned FFA.

Ricky McMurray of Trent scored a double victory by winning both the championship in the Poland China barrow classes.

Champion in other breeds division was Al Maberry, also of Trent, with Randall Moore, Taylor 4-H, showing the reserve champion.

A heavyweight capon owned by Sue King, Trent, was in the champion ship spotlight with a lightweight owned by Mike Robertson of Abilene, taking the reserve champion position.

Grand and reserve champion pen of broilers went to Jerry Shafer, Trent FFA.

General superintendent of the show was W. H. Denman. There were 383 entries in the show.

Local chairman for the March of Dimes, Mrs. Horace Hargrove stated today that participation in the MOD has gotten off to a flying start.

The game night held last Friday evening in which bridge, 42 and 84 were played brought in a total of \$89. That was contributed to the drive.

The skating benefit for MOD will be held Friday evening in the Lone Star Rink. Admission will be 50c with one - half of the proceeds to go to the March of Dimes.

The Mothers March has been definitely set for Thursday evening, Jan. 31, sponsored by the Jaycee-Ettes and headed by Jan Hodgins.

Teen Age participation in the MOD will be headed by the adult committee consisting of the Rev. John Curtis and the Rev. Howard Marcom. Youngsters who will be working with the committee are Keith Wilson, Ann Curtis, Frosty Winter, Jill West, Jackie Reynolds, Aleta Scott, Luanne Howard and Hayden Griffin.

While plans are not yet completed, E. A. Conley and Homer Newby are making arrangements for a community wide coffee day in which coffee drinkers can donate their coffee money to the MOD drive.

For those who might wish to make their pledges by telephone, a booth will be set up by the chairman to accept called pledges from 10 p.m. Saturday night through 3 p.m. Sunday. The number of this telephone will be 928-5901. You are urged to use this phone for your pledge. A messenger will be dispatched to pick up your pledge after the call.

Stork Club

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Richie of Irving are announcing the birth of a boy, Lowell Thomas, born Jan. 15.

Tommy weighed 8 pounds and 15 ounces. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Richie of Noodle and maternal grand parents are Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Strother of Cisco. Congratulations.

Refreshments were served by about sixteen hostesses.

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## Nominations Asked For Naming R. T. C.

The Abilene Reserve Training Center could be named after a Merkel hero.

The Army has announced that the Abilene Training Center could be named after some military hero who called Taylor County home.

Robert E. (Bob) Kennedy, vice president of the West Texas Utilities Company, is chairman of a

memorialization committee.

Kennedy asked that names be submitted as soon as possible to him at the West Texas Utilities box — Number 841, Abilene. Kennedy asked that the proper documentation accompany the nominations and asked that the nominations be in to him by February 1.

The committee chairman out-

lined the following criteria for nominations Thursday morning:

1. The name, grade, branch of service, and service number of the candidate for memorialization.

2. The candidate's outstanding achievements (the incidents constituting the basis for the recommendation be listed.)

3. The candidate must have performed an act of heroism or held a position of high responsibility in the armed forces.

4. The candidate must be deceased.

5. He must have been a respected member of the community or the immediate area.

6. He must have been a native of or an established member of the community or area which the Army Reserve Center serves.

Kennedy said that under Army policy, a training center such as this normally will be named for an individual who distinguished himself while serving in or with that branch of service.

The person to be memorialized may be a veteran of any of the wars in which the United States has participated.

Kennedy said, "we are anxious to get as many nominations as we can, and our memorialization committee will give each nomination close scrutiny. If the organization individuals are interested in submitting a name but who are uncertain of the procedure, I urge them to call me."

Jack Holden, director of public information at McMurry College and a captain in the U. S. Army Reserve, is project officer. Kennedy said anyone wishing information on any aspect of the project could call either himself or Holden.

Kennedy's committee will screen and investigate nominations and make a recommendation to Headquarters, VIII U. S. Army Corps in Austin. The memorialization committee will be made up of representatives of a number of veterans organizations and civic clubs in the city.

Final approval will be granted by Headquarters, Fourth U. S. Army in San Antonio.

A suitable memorialization ceremony will be held, Kennedy said.

Members of the Brush Stomper Club numbering possible fifteen will ride in the Grand Entry at the Show.

A block of 50 tickets for the Ft. Worth Show are now going on sale at the Merkel Drug Company and at the Chamber of Commerce office. Tickets also may be purchased from the Brush Stomper committee consisting of Walter Hensley, Mrs. Ted McAninch and Ralph Russell.

Anyone wishing to attend with the delegation are urged to contact the committeemen as soon as possible.

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## AREA POISED FOR LIONS ANNIVERSARY

When "top drawer" men of the Lions Club meet in Merkel for the Merkel Lions 35th anniversary they will find a club that has an illustrious history of service to the community.

When the Lions Charter picture was published last week, Lions President Onis Crawford, did not have the complete list of all charter members. Since that time the complete list has been received which shows the names of other charter members not included in the picture, who deserve their rightful place as charter members. They are: R. O. Anderson, Dee Grimes, Dr. R. I. Grimes, J. H. Jackson, Max Mellinger, Herbert Patterson and George Woodrum.

Scheduled to be in Merkel for the combination 35th anniversary banquet and ladies' night are Jim M. Cherry, a director of Lions International from Columbia, S.C., Dr. Rupert N. Richardson of Hardin - Simmons University and District Counselor, and Pete Shotwell, Abilene, district governor.

Lions from throughout the area have called in for tickets for the dinner to be held Saturday, Jan. 25, at the high school auditorium at 7:30 p.m.

The history of the Merkel Lions Club show that throughout the years the organization has been active in civic and community work.

In 1927 and 1928 the Merkel Lions sponsored a clean - up campaign and cooperated with city officials to secure a municipal band and better telephone service.

There has only been a one year period during the depression year of 1933 that the Merkel Club has not been listed by Lions International as participating in community betterment.

Members of the Merkel Lions Club have:

Led trade trips to nearby cities. Promoted the construction of a new hotel, built a road, helped Boy Scouts, supported school athletic programs, awarded prizes to farmers for the first bale of cotton.

Members have sponsored medical programs, planted trees, helped with the cemetery beautification. They have raised funds to employ a night watchman, sponsored donkey baseball games, helped fight the business section during Christmas.

During the war years the Merkel Lions held patriotic programs, gathered paper, formed civil defense units, participated in Red Cross First Aid classes, promoted sale of Defense Bonds sponsored a USO drive, assisted

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## P-TA Meets January 24

The monthly meeting of the Merkel Parent - Teacher Association will be Thursday night, Jan. 24, at 7:30 p.m. in the high school auditorium. The theme for this program is "Good Citizenship: Responsibility Through Civic Participation."

The program will feature Don and Ann Carson playing a piano duet. The school feature will be presented by Mrs. Speer's sixth grade room.

Mr. Dave Erumbeau will discuss the principal subject concerning civic participation.

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CAROLYN GRAHAM ... at Lubbock

## Trent Girl LCC Queen Nominee

Carolyn Graham, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Onis W. Graham of Trent, is one of three nominees for Homecoming Queen at Lubbock Christian College, Lubbock.

The queen was chosen during a recent student body election and will be revealed during Homecoming activities Feb. 2.

Miss Graham, a 1961 graduate of Trent High School, is a sophomore at LCC.

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## LARGE CROWD EXPECTED AT BADGER AWARDS DINNER

If good ticket sales and top-notch speakers have a faculty of forecasting good crowds to an event, the Annual Badger Awards Banquet to be held Thursday, Jan. 24, promises to be an outstanding affair.

Besides enjoying good food, guests will have the opportunity to hear one of the outstanding speakers in the area. Coach Charles Gilstrap, top notch speaker and head mentor of Arlington State College will be the featured speaker of the evening.

The banquet will be Thursday, Jan. 24 at 8:00 p.m. at the High School Cafeteria, and will honor the coaches and players of the Merkel High School.

Admission is \$1.50 and tickets may be bought from any member of the Booster Club. At Wilson's Food Store, Merkel Drug and Carson's Supermarket.

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## THREE FROM MERKEL TO SHOW LAMBS

Mary Johnson, Bitsy Johnson and Farris Neill of Merkel will have lambs in competition at the 1963 Fort Worth Livestock Show, Jan. 25 through Feb. 3.

Livestock superintendent W. A. (Bil) King, reported Bitsy Johnson will have three junior show lambs, Mary Johnson will have two junior show lambs and Farris Neill will have three lambs.

FROM CURRIER AND IVES

## EDITORIAL OPINION

The principal financial problem of most local governments today consists of the costs of education, all the way from the public pre-schools to the tax-supported state and municipal universities and colleges.

A steadily increasing proportion of property and other taxes goes to support them. This is in accord with the American philosophy that every child is entitled to a chance to become an educated human being, possessed of knowledge that is of use to the nation, to society, and to the individual.

But, certainly, the least we can ask is that the most be made of our education plants — plants which have become almost unbelievably expensive and luxurious in many instances. Most of us have school gymnasiums and sports fields which dwarf the educational facilities, and compare favorably with the Yankee Stadium.

There is a growing movement to use the educational plants on a full-year or near-full-year basis. As of now vacation periods cut deeply into their use. So, the taxpayers wind up with the short measure production out of facilities which are perfectly capable of handling a full year's work.

The long summer vacation, let it be remembered, is a hang-over from the forever-gone era when the farming population was, proportionately, far greater than it is now, when the chores were largely done by hand, and the children were needed to help in the fields. This Cur-charm, but nothing more. The case for full utilization of rier-and-lives picture of American life has a nostalgic our educational plants and systems is a strong one.

### YEAR RECAP

## '96th' Scores 'Perfect' In '62' IPT Quarters

By MSgt. C. A. BULLARD  
NCOIC, Base IPT Section

The year "1962" was a complete success for the Individual Proficiency Training section. The 96th Strategic Aerospace Wing was 100 per cent effective on the Strategic Air Command Management Control System for each MCS quarter.

To start the year, the 819th Medical Group won the Base Individual Proficiency Trophy. Second and third place went to the 96th Organizational

Maintenance Squadron and the 96th Transportation Squadron respectively.

In the second quarter, the 96th Combat Defense Squadron was in first place, with the 96th Civil Engineering Squadron and the 96th Supply Squadron in second and third places. First place in the third quarter went to the 96th OMS, with 42nd Munitions Maintenance Squadron and 96th CDS running a close second and third.

The fourth and final quarter for the year resulted in the 96th OMS with first place honors again, with the 96th CDS in second and 96th CES in third. It was a hard but successful year, with cooperation and coordination being the key to success.

During the year, there was a cumulative total of 3,760 trainees on IPT. There were 1,110 tested, 989 of which passed for an average of 89 per cent. There were 1,288 upgraded during the year for a 34 per cent upgrading rate.

To obtain results of this type, it requires professionalism and a devotion to duty of all concerned. Supervisors and trainers passed on their experience through demonstration and classroom instruction. Mechanics, cooks, medics, clerks, drivers, etc., became teachers, instructors, testers, and counselors to accomplish these goals.

No certain person can be pointed out as contributing more to the program than anyone else, but it indicates an outstanding accomplishment of 'team effort.'

America's first billionaire was John D. Rockefeller.

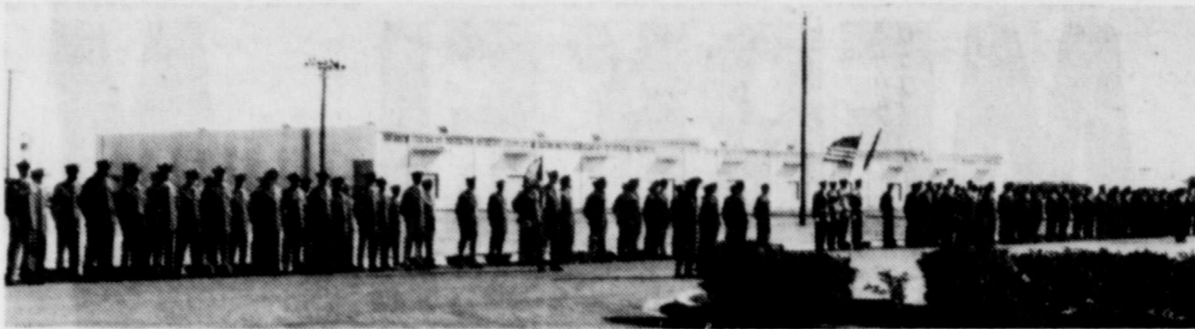
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**TROOPS FOR THE CEREMONIES** — Troops members of the new 516th Troop Carrier Wing as it was activated as the newest Tactical Air Command unit at the Air Force Base. (AIR FORCE PHOTO)

## Twelfth AF History, Commanders, Reflect Unit's Many Accomplishments

When the 516th Troop Carrier Wing was activated, it became a part of one of the three numbered Air Forces in Tactical Air Command, the Twelfth Air Force with Headquarters at Waco, Tex.

The Twelfth Air Force is a global "fire fighting" organization. It is capable of deploying supersonic tactical fighters and troop carriers to any world trouble spot within hours after the alarm is flashed from the Tactical Air Command's round-the-clock command post.

The Twelfth Air Force is one of two operational air forces within TAC, which is recognized as the most versatile and the most mobile of the Air Force commands. It is continually planning, training, and executing practice deployments which involve independent action as well as participating in joint training exercises with surface forces.

The command is equipped to fight large or local wars with nuclear or non-nuclear weapons. This capability, coupled with a high degree of flexibility, make TAC a strong deterrent to any potential military aggression & would serve as a decisive force in war. In addition, TAC is prepared to augment the air defense of the United States should the necessity arise.

The Twelfth Air Force commands all tactical bases and units within the western two-thirds of the nation, while the Ninth Air Force (with headquarters at Shaw AFB, S.C.) is responsible for the eastern third of the country.

"Furnish tactical air power, world-wide, as directed" is the key element in the complex, five-fold mission of the Twelfth Air Force. This current mission is as follows:

1. To command, organize, equip, train, administer, and prepare for combat, such units and combat crews of the Air Force as may be designated, assigned or attached.
2. To discharge operational, administrative, training, and logistic support functions as directed by the commander, TAC.
3. To provide Air Force participation in joint operations and training with surface forces.
4. To plan for and deploy assigned and attached units, and support operations of other commands as directed.



Grady Shepard of Hale Center, Texas, was the recipient of The Cattleman Magazine's first annual "Southwestern Cattle Feeder Award," which was presented at the Annual Cattle Feeding Conference sponsored by the Cattle Feeders Division of the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association, in Corpus Christi, Dec. 5. The award was in the form of a leather plaque which was presented by Henry Biederman, editor of The Cattleman.

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5. Furnish tactical air power, world wide, as directed.

Included in this statement of mission, the Twelfth Air Force has the responsibility for supervising the training and inspection of Air National Guard and Air Reserve units within the western two-thirds of the nation.

The Twelfth AF was activated Aug. 20, 1942, with Gen. Howard L. Neely as its first commander. Upon its deployment to England in September, 1942, Gen. James H. Doolittle assumed command, with Gen. (then Col.) Hoyt S. Vandenberg as Chief of Staff. In quick succession the Twelfth Air Force was organized, trained and in action. This urgency of action has characterized the Twelfth throughout its history.

Following action in the North African Invasion, "Operation Torch," the Twelfth Air Force hastened the defeat of the Afrika Corps in 1943. Field Marshal Rommel, its commander, testified to the impressive air striking power developed by the Allies. The Twelfth Air Force

distinguished itself in "Operation Corkscrew," the invasion of Pantelleria; this so-called Italian Gibraltar was an outpost island lying off Sicily.

Participation in bombing missions over Sicily followed. Even before the defeat of this major stepping stone to the peninsula, the Twelfth Air Force was carrying out long-range strikes to the Italian mainland. Action over Anzio was the next highlight, with Twelfth Air Force flying 5,500 pre-invasion sorties, 500 beach patrols and 135 patrols over convoy lanes.

The Twelfth Air Force continued its air interdiction missions until the invasion of Southern France. On D-Day, the Twelfth dropped 5,000 paratroops with their supplies between Nice and Marseilles. Shortly afterwards the military situation developed favorable in western Europe, and with the war ending in Europe in 1945 so did one facet in the career of the Twelfth Air Force.

On Aug. 21, 1945 the Twelfth was disbanded until 1946, when it was reactivated as a training



**COMMENDED COLONEL** — Lt. Col. Odell K. Smith, 516th Wing Communications officer, is presented the Commendation Medal by Maj. Gen. Fred M. Dean, deputy commander for Twelfth Air Force, at the wing activation dining-in which was held last week. Colonel Smith, who served as Wing communications officer from the period Aug. 29, 1961, thru Nov. 30, 1962, will retire from the service in February. (AIR FORCE PHOTO)

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FOR SALE — See me for Knapp shoes. Peck Eager, K & E Service Center, Ph. 208. 34-1fc

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FOR SALE — Baby wagon, clean. Phone Mollie at 519-72, Merkel.

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CARD OF THANKS This is a little note to say "Thank You" but we do wish to thank each and everyone who brought candy, fruit, and gifts to the home and to the patients during the Christmas holidays; also for the ones who came and sang carols. MARY OUTLAW, Star Nursing Home. 45-1tc

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Warren visited with their son and family, Capt. and Mrs. Tommy Warren in Clovis, N.M. last weekend. While there they also met Miss Mary McKeever from Mayland College at Plainview who also visited them. Coming back by way of Big Spring, they visited another son, R. C. Warren and family.

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- Refuse rides offered by strangers
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## Stith News

By MRS. FRIZ HALE  
There is not much news due to Old Man Winter keeping folks at home. It has been as low as 5 degrees.  
There is still some cotton in the fields, but this week should finish the crop.  
As far as I know the health of the community is good.  
Pat McDonald started to business college in Abilene last week.  
Mr. and Mrs. Rubene Finch have moved from this community to Hodges community, for the present. They plan to move to River, Ark.  
Roy Hudson of Loveland is visiting Hella, Bob and Louise Hudson this week.  
Mr. and Mrs. John Brown have sold their farm here to Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Clemmer of Merkel.  
Bill Tarpley of Merkel who bought the Bert Harris place is improving it and has stocked it up some.  
Mr. and Mrs. John Browning visited their son, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Ray Browning at Tuscola Tuesday.  
O. B. Tatum spent several days last week with the Brownings, Mildred, Lonnie and Johnnie Harris of Merkel visited the Brownings on Saturday night.

## NOODLE NEWS

Cold and mere cold has been the order of the day. So many were, and still are out of water. Today's sunshine is welcome.  
Last Thursday, Eld Womack's sister, Mrs. Betsey Benham, son Mike and daughter and Mike's girl friend, all from Hawley, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Womack.  
The first four primary rhythm band pupils played the piano for the P-T-A program. They are

Mrs. Norma Bicknell's piano pupils.  
Last Wednesday afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Dock Callaway went home with his sister, Mrs. Leta Barbee in Abilene and spent the night. They came back Thursday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Eld Womack.  
Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Brown and daughter Gloria spent Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Dock Callaway.  
Mrs. Jenobia Lucas attended the fiftieth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Adkins on Sunday.  
Minister and Mrs. Norman Hogan and daughter Ann were dinner guests of the Boyce Vancells on Sunday.  
W. H. Orr and his wife visited in the Orr home this week. The W. H. Ors are from Monahans.  
Visiting at the home of Mrs. O. L. Justice was her daughter, Mrs. W. C. Rhoden of Clyde.

## Quarterly Report of Taylor County Treasurer

On Jan. 15th, 1963, The Commissioners Court met in regular session, compared and examined the report of Mrs. Bob Halle, County Treasurer, for the quarter ending on Dec. 31, 1962, and found same to be correct and the respective amounts received and paid out to be correct since the preceding report.

Fund	Balance Last Qtr.	Received This Qtr.	Paid Out This Qtr.	Balance This Qtr.
Jury Fund	\$ 20,499.86	\$ 15,443.50	\$ 8,240.58	\$ 27,692.78
Precinct No. 1 Fund	45,125.42	13,418.31	21,693.01	36,850.72
Precinct No. 2 Fund	47,974.10	11,959.11	18,478.02	41,495.19
Precinct No. 3 Fund	65,822.25	12,249.41	13,129.33	64,942.29
Precinct No. 4 Fund	25,651.52	12,026.53	17,697.72	21,980.43
General Fund	122,667.50	206,598.63	139,548.01	155,718.12
Paper Fund	4,697.00	29,093.64	24,233.55	8,557.09
Road Dist. No. 1 Fund	230.00	.00	.00	230.00
Bookmen's Fund	14,151.10	.00	2,023.19	12,127.91
Perm. Imp. Fund	19,973.64	6,320.25	604.99	16,688.90
Spec. P. & B. Fund	1,233.00	.00	.00	1,233.00
Co. Wide Mach. Fund	2.70	.00	.00	2.70
Withholding Tax Fund	5,823.79	20,447.59	17,275.61	8,995.74
Officers Salary Fund	55,897.09	114,177.06	104,024.83	66,049.32
Rd. Dist. No. 1 Skg. Fd. 47-53	31,263.69	3,342.19	.00	40,110.88
Perm. School Fund	693.45	197.50	197.50	693.45
Lateral Road Fund	93,788.85	609.50	1,155.79	93,242.56
T.L.C.A. Tax Fund	14,134.47	8,549.91	8,198.58	14,485.80
Road Bond Series 1953	24,607	.00	.00	24,607.40
Library Fund	8,024.52	1,172.00	457.00	8,739.52
Perm. Imp. Skg. Fd.	13,282.47	20,446.72	.00	33,729.19
Rd. Dist. No. 1 Bond S. 1955	2,186.40	.00	.00	2,186.40
Rd. Dist. No. 1 Skg. Fd. S. 1955	5,451.82	12,499.34	.00	17,951.16
Ref'd. Bond Skg. Fund	3,608.56	17,776.90	.00	21,385.46
Road & Bridge R.O.W. Fund	105,403.91	14,039.02	27,911.43	91,531.50
	\$760,632.62	\$426,907.71	\$395,905.32	\$791,635.01

## BANK BALANCES

First National Bank \$342,281.28  
Citizens National 255,350.42  
First State, Abilene 95,910.20  
First State, Tuscola 97,553.16

\$791,635.01

## TOTAL DEPOSITS & TIME DEPOSITS

Total Deposits \$791,635.01  
Total Time Deposits 185,884.42

\$605,750.59

## SECURITIES OWNED BY TAYLOR COUNTY

Owned By Perm. School Fund  
Precinct No. 3 Fund Gov. Bonds \$ 5,000.00  
Jury Fund Gov. Bonds 10,000.00  
General Fund, Gov. Bonds 24,000.00  
Rd. Dist. No. 1 Skg. 47-53 3,492.30  
Rd. Dist. No. 1 Skg. 47-53 3,200.00

\$55,692.30

## SECURITIES OWNED BY REFUNDING BOND SINKING FUND S. 1957

Permanent Improvement Bonds \$5,000.00  
Government Bonds, Series J 1,368.00

\$6,368.00

## BOND AND WARRANT INDEBTEDNESS

Issue Original Issues Bonds Redeemed Bonds Outstanding  
Bond Series 1953 \$ 350,000.00 \$ 95,000.00 \$ 255,000.00  
Bond Series 1955 350,000.00 150,000.00 200,000.00  
Bond Series 1954 850,000.00 266,000.00 584,000.00  
Bond Series 1957—Ref'd Bond 397,000.00 166,000.00 231,000.00

\$2,297,000.00 \$1,027,000.00 \$1,270,000.00

## The Requirements of Atr. No. 401 P. C. have been complied with, and a tabular statement has been filed as required.

GROVER NELSON Commissioner Precinct No. 1  
FLOYD TATE Commissioner Precinct No. 3  
ROY SKAGGS County Judge, Taylor County

JOE CYPERT Commissioner Precinct No. 2  
J. T. McMILLON Commissioner Precinct No. 4  
MRS. CHESTER HUTCHESON County Clerk, Taylor County

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# HOME DEMONSTRATION NOTES

By LORETA ALLEN  
Taylor County Home Demonstration Agent

Taylor County Home Demonstration Council held its first regular meeting of 1963 Jan. 17. Mrs. Charles Smith, new chairman, introduced the other officers: vice chairman, Mrs. Herman Hamon; secretary, Mrs. Lance Smith; treasurer, Mrs. J. A. Moore. She also recognized the new Home Demonstration Club called the Young Homemakers Demonstration Club. Mrs. R. M. McCombs, vice president, and Mrs. R. J. Giddens, council delegate, represented this club.

After introductions Mrs. Smith read a poem on friendship as an opening exercise.

Miss Loreta Allen reminded the group of the Home Demonstration responsibilities of council which are (1) to serve as an advisory committee, (2) to be a means of communication between the clubs, between the clubs and the agent and between the clubs and various groups and individuals interested in the objectives of Extension Service, (3) to be a demonstration in organization.

Mrs. Smith announced the following committees with each chairman presenting the recommendations from her committee: Finance — Mrs. J. A. Moore, chairman; Mrs. Novel Balze, Mrs. Frank Brnovak.

Yearbook — Mrs. Edgar Holly, chairman; Mrs. J. B. Turner, Mrs. Denzil Cox.

Three E. Committee — Mrs. L. A. Greene, chairman; Mrs. Wilbert Vance, Mrs. Allen King, Mrs. Rex Reddell, Mrs. C. S. Billingsley.

Recreation — Mrs. Roy Mannhan, chairman; Mrs. H. O. West, Mrs. J. R. LeMay.

4-H Leader — Mrs. Lester McDonald, chairman; Mrs. Clarke Orr, Mrs. George Black.

Mrs. Frank Brnovak led the recreation.

Announcement was made of the Texas Home Demonstration Association Planning Meeting to be February 22 in Eldorado, and the district meeting to be May 1 in Fredericksburg.

Representatives from ten clubs gave reports of their club activities with all reporting they were enjoying their new way of planning their yearbooks.

Mrs. Gene Dobkins gave a report of 4-H work in the county.

Twenty three attended the meeting in Abilene on record keeping and preparing Income Tax reports conducted by Mrs. Robert Kensing, Area Farm Management Specialist, from San Angelo.

## Star Nursing Home News

By MARY OUTLAW

Everyone is doing fair at this writing.

We are sorry that we have had no news since Christmas but due to his shortage we have been having to work pretty hard and a lot of hours, but we have our staff back at work now.

We welcome M. L. (Farmer) Jones, Treat, to our home. We invite his friends to visit him here. He is improving at this writing.

Morris Phillips, Abilene, visited his mother Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Wallace, Rotan, visited their aunt, Aquila Durost, Sunday. If Aunt Aquila is here until April, she will be 105 year of age. She is still pretty active. She sits up each day after her bath and she attends singing almost every Sunday which she seems to enjoy.

Mrs. Beasley, Treat, visited her mother Mrs. Ashford on Saturday.

We have another new patient who is from Fluvanna. He is Mr. Nettles. He is a very nice patient and we hope he will be happy in his new home.

We were saddened Saturday by the death of Mrs. Annie Hughes. She had been with us several months and we had learned to love her very much. We wish to express our sympathy to her children and to her mother at

## New Knitted Look



THIS DOUBLE-KNIT jacket goes to a new fashion length. Lilli Ann calls it the "Florentine" length and marks its graceful lines with lighter-toned binding. The three-piece suit includes an overblouse bound to match the jacket, and a slim skirt. Charcoal with pale gray or donkey with beige, about \$90. The cloche hat is by Adolfo.

Knox City, Mrs. Hughes' age was 82 and her mother is 93.

Mrs. Greene wishes to thank her good friends of Merkel for their thoughtfulness during the Christmas holidays and on her birthday. She would like you to visit her when you can.

We had no church or singing Sunday because of the cold weather. We hope we can continue our singing next Sunday.

Mrs. Margaret, last as visitors Saturday her daughter and son-in-law and their three children from Kerville.

Mrs. Betty White, San Antonio, visited her husband, Clay Wylie Friday.

Our good neighbors from Austin and Lubbock, Texas, home. They renewed our license again for another year.

Mrs. Lew Beasley, Texas, visited her granddaughter, Mrs. Gilbert, Saturday.

Several worried and wondered about their patients and expressed concern whether we had any gas pressure these last cold spells. The pressure was low but by keeping the patient's doors closed their rooms were warm.

Mrs. Coca McKee has returned from St. Ann Hospital where she had cataract surgery. She is doing well. We were happy to have her back home.

We are glad Mr. Charlie Gouge is back home from the Veterans Hospital at Big Spring. He says he is feeling pretty good.

We want to thank the YWA of Trent and their sponsors for coming into our home every two weeks and setting, drying and combing our ladies' hair. The patients look forward to their coming and we do want you to know we appreciate it.

## Givens - Seymore Engagement Told

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Givens, Seminole, Okla., are announcing the engagement and approach marriage of their daughter, Loyce Gayle, to Hugh Baker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Baker of Merkel.

The wedding will take place March 8 in Merkel in the home of the Mack Seymores.

Miss Givens, a graduate of Alvina Christian College, is employed as a business teacher by the Merkel Public Schools.

The prospective bridegroom is a graduate of Merkel High School. He is employed by Taylor a graduate of Merkel High Electric Cooperative, Merkel.

## Union Ridge HD Club Has Meeting

The Union Ridge Home Demonstration Club met Jan. 15 in the home of Mrs. O. E. Harwell. Mrs. Harwell presided for the business session in the absence of the president, Mrs. Denzil Cox.

Miss Mabel McRee gave the council report.

Miss Loreta Allen, Home Demonstration Agent gave a demonstration on "The Home Business Center" which was very helpful.

Refreshments were served to Miss Allen, Miss J. H. Clark, Clyde Newton, J. C. Walton, Mrs. M. L. Douglas, Miss Mabel McRee and the hostess.

The next meeting will be in the home of Mrs. J. C. Walton Feb. 15 at 2:30 p.m.



SERVED UNDER Mac Arthur- Sgt. James E. Armagost, who served with the 22d Bomb Group under General McArthur during WW II retired last week. Sergeant Armagost was in the 64th Field Maintenance Squadron. He had over 20 years service. (AF PHOTO)

## STITH HD CLUB APPOINTMENTS MADE

The Stith Home Demonstration Club met Wednesday, Jan. 9, at the Community Center with the president, Mrs. Ida Mashburn presiding.

Mrs. J. E. Swindell brought the devotion.

Roll call was answered with "What I am Thankful for."

The New Year Books were passed out and committees were appointed. Mrs. Paul Bradley received the hostess gift, and names were drawn for Secret Pals.

Mrs. Orval Ivy was hostess and eight members were present. Mrs. Charlene Patigiani and children of California were visitors. Mrs. O. J. Filks will be hostess for the next meeting, Jan. 23.

## ARBOR DAY MARKED BY GARDEN CLUB

Members of the Merkel Garden Club saw slides of a recent trip to Europe at their meeting.

Mrs. H. N. Odum was hostess and showed the slides.

Arbor day was observed by the planting of trees on the school grounds.

The following members were present:

Mmes. W. L. Brown, Mary Clegg, Johnny Cox, Odell Freeman, Joe Hartley, Robert Hicks, Earl Hughes, O. B. Leuch, Dale

Litton, Herbert Patterson, Charlie Sherrill, Ernest Teaff, Jarrett Williams, Miss Nora Foster and Miss Christine Collins.

The club's next meeting will be in the home of Mrs. A. H. McMurray.

## HDC MEMBERS STUDY COVERING SHOES

Members of the Blue Bonnet Home Demonstration Club heard Miss Sue King, the junior teacher of Maberry Canyon 4-H, give a demonstration on covering shoes.

Members also discussed sponsoring a booth for the 4-H Club at the Merkel Fat Stock Show.

Visitors present included Mrs. Elgin, Mrs. Scroggins, Mrs. Cowden, Mrs. Reid, Mrs. Seymore and Clemmer.

Members present were Mrs. R. G. Toombs, Mrs. Frank Brnovak, Mrs. Frase Demere, Mrs. A. Farmer, Mrs. Horace Miles, Mrs. Oward Everett, Mrs. R. E. Clemmer, Mrs. Charles J. Mincey.

The next meeting will be Feb. 5 with Mrs. R. G. Toombs hostess.

Mrs. Dwight D. Eisenhower is the 2,185th member of The Daughters of the American Revolution.

An English brewery offered to help the Red Cross blood donor drive by exchanging beer, pint for pint, for Wood.

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# Lt. Col. H. R. Finfer To Be Transferred Soon

Lt. Col. Ray Finfer, base deputy commander for services, will depart Dyess Jan. 23, for an overseas assignment to Tachikawa AB, Japan.

Colonel Finfer's job while in Japan will be officer-in-charge of all Air Force recreation activities in the Tokyo area. He

will be in charge of seventeen Officer and NCO Open Messes, three 18-hole golf courses, and five bowling houses.

He has been the base deputy commander for services for the past two years. Colonel Finfer, who is rated a master navigator with over 4500 hours flying time, has been in SAC since 1949. He flew 75 missions during WW II in B-25s and B-26s in Africa, Italy and France, and 33 missions during the Korean conflict in B-29s. He has a total of over 700 combat hours.

Colonel Finfer's overseas assignments have been: (EAME) Europe, Africa and the Mediterranean from June 1944 till January 1945; (ETO) European Theater of Operations from July 1946 till May 1949; and (FEAF) Far East Air Force from October 1952 till July 1953.

His awards include the Air Medal with four clusters, Purple Heart, Presidential Citation with three clusters, French Croix de Guerre, and the Air Force and Army Commendation Medal with two clusters.

Colonel Finfer, who calls Chicago, Ill., home, graduated from Austin High School in Chicago. He entered the service January 1942, and at present resides at Capehart with his wife the former Ruth Huff of Athens, Ga., and children, Harry Ray and Michael Randall.

Colonel Finfer's successor will be Maj. John R. Asher, who at present is the recreation services officer.



LT. COL. FINFER

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## Sgt. Carney Saves Navy Jet

A certificate of exemplary service was recently presented to SMSgt. Kenneth J. Carney of the 2010-4 Communications Detachment, crediting him with saving a Navy jet last September.

Sergeant Carney is the



A LIVING REPRESENTATION of "Four Score Years of Service to America" by federal employees under the 80-year-old Civil Service Act is portrayed by Howard D. Kesler and Mrs. Jane Dill, at Dyess AFB. Federal agencies across the Nation observe the anniversary through this month. The Civil Service Act, signed into law Jan. 16, 1883 by President Chester A. Arthur, placed Government jobs on a competitive merit basis. (Mr. Kesler is employed as a production control specialist with the 96th Field Maintenance Squadron; Mrs. Dill as an administrative specialist with the Base civilian personnel office.)

(AIR FORCE PHOTO by AIC BOBBY G. BURNES)



FIRST C-130 — March 3, 1961: The first C-130 A arrives at Dyess AFB for the newly activated 64th Troop Carrier Wing. Col. Donald F. Blake, then wing commander, accepts the aircraft from Lt. Col. Joseph J. Kesler. Looking on are Maj. (then captain) James L. Patterson, copilot of the aircraft, 1st Lt. Tim Brady, navigator, and SSgt. James O. Ellis Jr., Loadmaster.

chief ground approach controller at the Dyess radar approach control facility (RAPCON). While on duty he contacted an F4D jet making a critically low approach nine miles from Dyess. His response prevented a probable crash during bad weather.

The certificate was signed by Maj. Gen. Kenneth P. Bergquist, commander, Air Force Communications Service. Exemplary service certificate

awards are determined by board evaluations at AFCS headquarters, based on evidence that an imperiled aircraft was saved through application of extraordinary and timely knowledge of air traffic control techniques.

This was the twelfth such certificate for Sergeant Carney since 1958. A rated senior pilot he has 20 years experience in flying and air traffic control.

## 516th Wing Passes 12th AF Inspection

An inspection team from Tactical Air Command's Twelfth Air Force has given the new 516th Troop Carrier Wing at Dyess an overall satisfactory rating.

The results of a week-long inspection of the unit were announced this morning by Col. James R. Wergin, inspector general for Twelfth, at a classified briefing and critique.

The meeting was attended by Maj. Gen. Karl Truesdell, commander of Twelfth Air

Force, Brig. Gen. John N. Ewbank Jr., inspector general for Tactical Air Command, and Col. Burl W. McLaughlin, commander of the 516th Troop Carrier Wing.

The Wing was put through its paces on the eve of its redesignation as the 516th. The no-notice alert and inspection tested not only the war capabilities of the unit, but the day-to-day operations of each agency within. The Waco

team arrived shortly after the supper hour Jan. 3.

Several areas were commended by the inspectors. The competence of the air crews was termed "beyond reproach," and the Aerospace Ground Equipment branch of the 516th Field Maintenance Squadron was given an especially high rating.

The two-way radio networks and control center used to dispatch specialists and spare parts to aircraft on the flight line needing repair, was termed "one of the finest we've seen." On-the-Job Training (OJT) progress of several sections also brought praise from the inspectors.

In responding to the briefing by the inspection team, Col. McLaughlin commented on the value of this thorough check. "You can be sure that the problem areas that trouble us will receive our immediate attention," he told the visiting officers and the assembled men of the wing.

## Dyess Sgt. Knew 64th In 1941

A Dyess airman who saw the 64th Troop Carrier Wing as an infant unit of the Army Air Corps was present this Tuesday when the wing's colors are furlled to mark its inactivation.

TSgt. Charles A. Zilem, non-commissioned officer in charge of Tactical Operations in the 64th Headquarters, was Private Zilem in 1941 at March Field, Calif., when the 64th Transport Group, the predecessor to the Dyess unit, was training in C-47 transport aircraft for later action in the Mediterranean and China-Burma theaters.

Private Zilem, though assigned to a P-40 pursuit squadron at March, observed the daily activities of the 64th and knew many of the airmen who later went on to fame with the transport unit.

The 64th Troop Carrier Wing, activated at Dyess in 1961, was inactivated Jan. 8, 1963 to make way for the 516th Troop Carrier Wing. And as Gen. Karl Truesdell, commander, 12th Air Force, officially marks the end of an other chapter in 64th history.

Visiting at the home of Mrs. C. L. Justice was her daughter, Mrs. W. C. Rhoden of Clyde.

Mr. Roy Elliott, Dallas, spent Monday visiting with his mother, Mrs. W. M. Elliott in Merkel.

The United States ranks fourth in world population with 169 million people.



## ★ Your America ★

By CLARK KINNAIRD  
AFPS Feature

The National Audubon Society has appealed, "Let's save the bald eagle," meaning that our national symbol is threatened with extinction.

What appears to have been the eagle's original use as an American emblem was in the obverse of the first copper cents coined in Massachusetts after the Declaration of Independence; their circulation began in August 1776.

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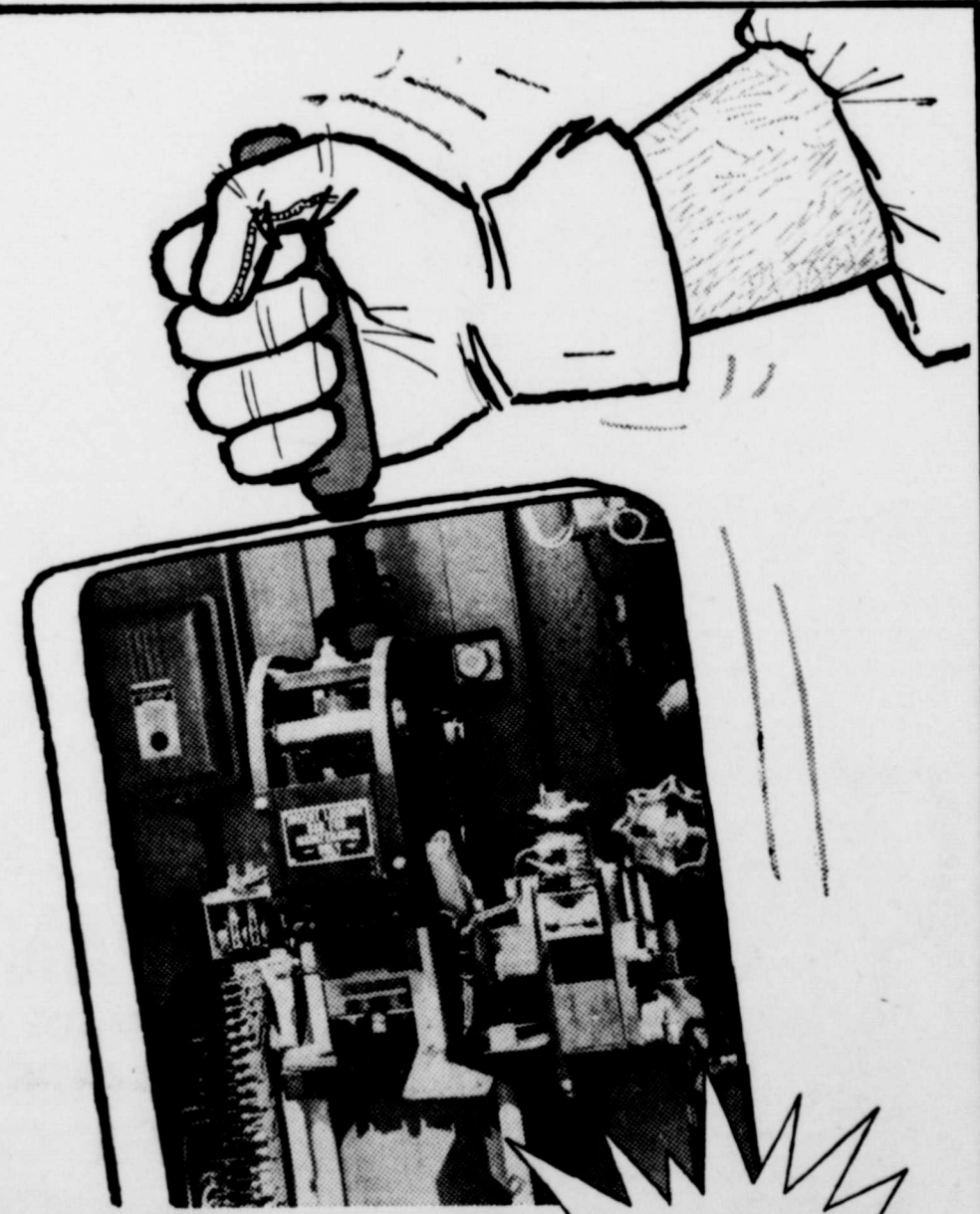


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**OUTSTANDING NCO** — SSgt. Harvey E. Fuller, 819th Medical Group, shown conducting one of his weekly classes to all trainees at the hospital, was recently nominated as the Base Outstanding NCO for the period July 1, 1962, thru Dec. 31, 1962. (AIR FORCE PHOTO)

### Private McInnis Chosen As Soldier of Qtr.

PFC Scott A. McInnis, 5th Missile Battalion, 517th Artillery, has been selected as the Soldier of the Second Quarter of FY 63.

The award includes a \$25 check, a 3-day pass and a Certificate of Achievement from Headquarters of 2d Region Army Air Defense Command. Private McInnis, a clerk typist in the intelligence section of Battalion Headquarters, won

the quarterly competition on the basis of job knowledge, military appearance and knowledge of related military subjects.

A graduate of Ferndale High School, Ferndale, Mich., Private McInnis attended Ferris Institute in Big Rapids, Mich., from 1956 to 1961.

Winning the Soldier of the Quarter award, enables him to compete for the Soldier of the Year spoils.

Mr. Olin Christopher has been discharged from John Sealy Hospital in Galveston where he underwent surgery recently. Relatives report his condition much improved and that he is feeling fine.

## Memories of Nuremberg Are Awakened at Dyess

By MSgt. Jim Lovelace  
The scene was set in Nuremberg, Germany, in July 1947. What had once been a city of Gothic splendor and a rich background of history was then only a site of almost complete destruction. The city that Adolph Hitler had planned to be the capital of Nazism and the sports capital of the universe was devastated by World War II.

The extensive sportsplatz located on the edge of the city was one of the few areas that was left comparatively untouched from bombings and shell fire. Within this sportsplatz lay one of the finest swimming and diving facilities to be found in all of Europe. And it was here, at this beautiful 100-meter swimming pool, that the European Command water sports championships were held.

Many teams were entered in the meet that year; the Air Force, the Navy and the Army had competitors from throughout occupied Germany and Austria. Past records a n d team-depth established the Air Force and the Third Army representatives as co-favorites to win.

It was the second day, the day of the finals, and the preliminaries had uncovered a lithe young lieutenant in the Air Force who had been performing spectacularly. It was pre-determined that the success of the Air Force team rested largely upon the shoulders of this young water wizard.

The first event of the day was three-man medley relay (backstroke, breaststroke and freestyle), and the lieutenant was entered in his specialty, the backstroke. The star was shining early. He won his leg so convincingly that the Air Force won the event with comparative ease.

His next effort came shortly thereafter, and all attention was given him as he toed the mark for the 100-meter freestyle race. Although he did not win, his steady and powerful strokes brought him to the finish just inches behind his Army opponent.

At this stage the spectators had established a favorite, and the stands were buzzing with excitement as the Air Force team lined up for the four-man freestyle relay. The race was on, and the Air Force was trailing slightly after the third touch—and then the lieutenant sailed out on the anchor leg. Steadily he crept up on the leader, and in a whirlwind burst at the finish, he touched the wall in victory.

The climax of the meet came when the lieutenant stepped up to position himself for the defense of his 1946 European Command backstroke championship. A sudden hush fell over the crowd, the starter's gun broke the silence and the final swimming event of the day was in progress. To the accompanying wild cheering of the spectators, the 1946

champion carved through the water in poetic motion to win going away.

It was anti-climatic when the Air Force won the water polo crown to wind up the 1947 championships. The lieutenant?—yes, he was an outstanding member in this event, also.

I was there as athletic technician representing the athletic section, EUCOM chief of special services. The lieutenant is here, at Dyess; he is now a lieutenant colonel and is base deputy commander of services: Ray Finfer.

W. H. Orr and wife visited in the Orr home this week. The W. H. Orrs are from Monahans.

Only one person out of 109 in Finland is illiterate.

## Catholic Chaplain Reassigned

Chaplain (Capt.) Thomas D. Holland, Catholic chaplain at Dyess, since May 1960, departed this week for an assignment to Ankara, Turkey.

Father Holland entered the service Nov. 23, 1958, and since then has been assigned at Lackland AFB, Tex., and Shaw AFB, S. C.

Father Holland, originally from Denison, Iowa, graduated from St. Ann's Academy High School and Creighton University both in Omaha, Neb. While in college, Father Holland studied for a B.S. and Masters degree. He later attended the Immaculate Conception Seminary in Missouri

where he was ordained in 1955. While at Dyess, Father Holland completed his 500th baptism the week before his departure. He supervised the Catholic Youth Organization which included high school students from Dyess, the Holy Name Society, a men's organization; St. Ann's Guild, a women's organization; and the Knights of the Altar. He taught religious classes to all grade and high school

students once a week. Three hundred students attended these classes per week. He also taught religious classes to adults on Wednesday nights. According to Mrs. William E. Smith, president of the St. Ann's Guild, "Father Holland is considered a generous and kind friend to all Dyess' families."

Father Holland's parents are Mr. and Mrs. John J. Holland from Denison, Iowa.

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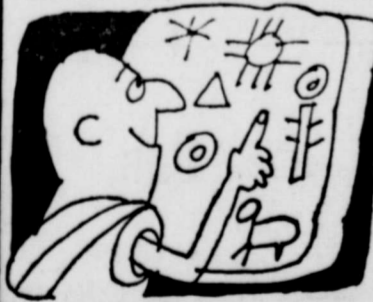
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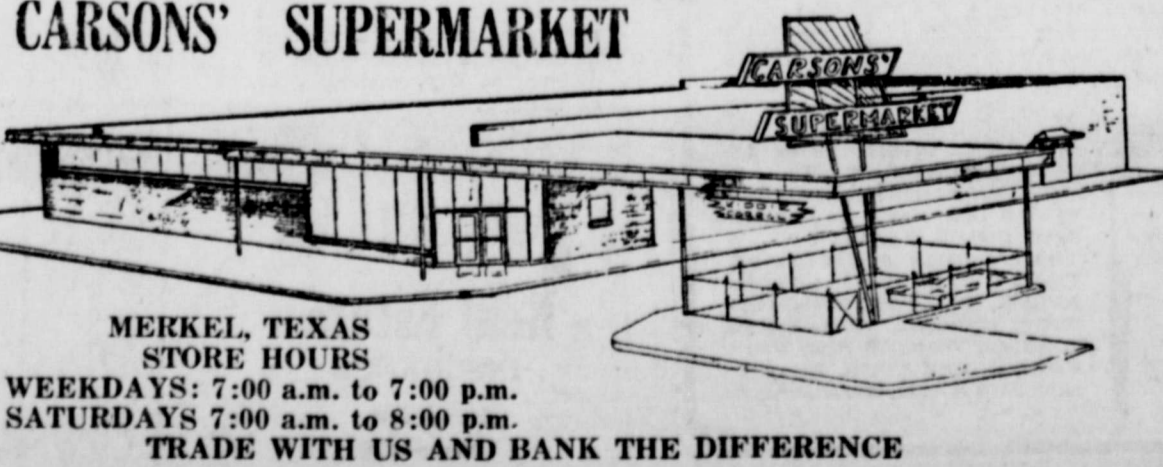
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