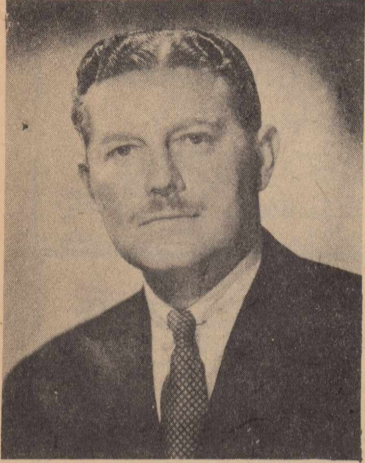


# Armed Forces Day Edition

## Pioneer President Is Guest Speaker On Today's Program



Brig. Gen. Robert J. Smith, president of Pioneer Air Lines and former vice-chairman of the National Security Resources Board, will deliver an Armed Forces Day address from the reviewing stand on the ramp at 2:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon.

General Smith has been prominent in the American Aviation industry for more than 25 years and will speak from his vast experience in both civilian and military aviation. He was formerly commanding general of the 443rd Troop Carrier Wing in the U. S. Air Force Reserves and also president of the National Air Council, a national organization with some of the most prominent businessmen and civic leaders in the country as its members.

Shortly after World War I, General Smith earned AB and LLB degrees at Jefferson University and at Northwestern, and in 1925 he was named head of the aviation department of the Dallas Chamber of Commerce.

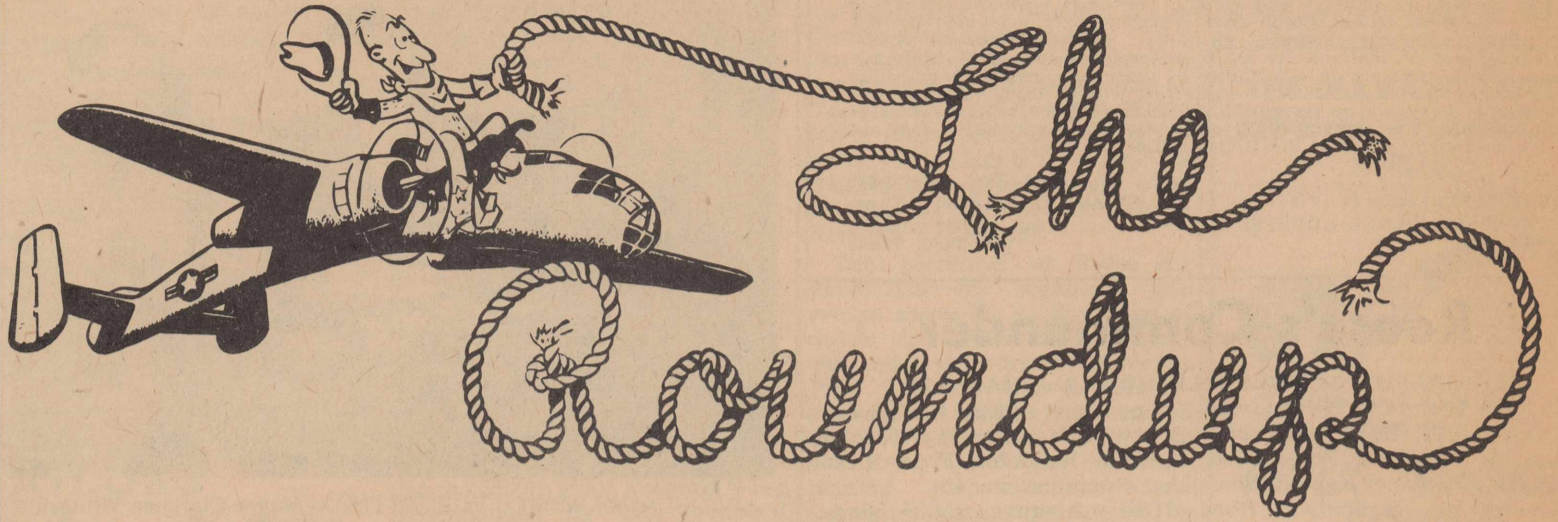
He remained at this task until November, 1928, when he went to New York City to become the General Traffic Manager of American Airways, the company which later became American Airlines. Returning to Dallas in March of 1933, General Smith became an associate in the law firm of Clark and Rice, an organization with which he was associated both actively and inactively until the outbreak of hostilities of World War II.

In October, 1937, General Smith joined Braniff Airways in Dallas and was executive vice president when he entered military service in World War II.

On leave from Braniff, he went to Washington and negotiated the important Air Transport Command contract with the nation's commercial airlines, which became the backbone of the global network of airways used by the branch of the Air Forces throughout the war.

Following the completion of these negotiations, he volunteered for active duty with the Air Forces and was commissioned a lieutenant colonel in the Air Transport Command stationed in Washington. He later was promoted to the rank of colonel and was sent to the North African Theater to act as deputy commander of the North African Division of the ATC with headquarters in Cairo, Egypt. Those bases under his command were scattered from Tripoli to Karachi. Some of these vital and important landing fields and bases were in Tripolitania, Russia, India, Iran, Iraq, Syria, Lebanon,

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## Plains Citizens Gather for Open House

### Aerial Demonstrations, Displays By All Services Climax Activities As Entire Nation Celebrates

#### PROGRAM OF EVENTS

- 11:00 a. m. until 5:00 p. m.—Aircraft and static equipment on display on flight line. Buildings open for inspection.
- 12:20 p. m.—Arrival of T-28 formations, peel-offs and landings.
- 1:15 to 1:45 p. m.—Concert by 514th Air Force Band.
- 1:45 to 2:15 p. m.—B-25 formation fly-over, peel-offs and landings
- 2:15 to 2:30 p. m.—Concert by 514th Air Force Band.
- 2:30 to 3:00 p. m.—Address by Brigadier General Robert J. Smith.
- 3:00 to 3:30 p. m.—Artillery firing demonstration.
- 3:30 to 4:00 p. m.—Helicopter aerial demonstration.
- 4:00 to 4:30 p. m.—Jet formation demonstration, speed run, peel-offs and landings.

All static exhibits will be on the ramp near the flight line. The band concerts and the address by General Smith will be from the reviewing stand in the same locality. Free films will be shown in the Base Theater throughout the afternoon. Food and soft drinks will be available along the flightline.

## Many Careers Open To Reese Personnel

Young men who enter the Armed Forces as Airmen are not giving up a career, but on the other hand, many of them are trained in a career which would not have been possible for them under civilian circumstances.

While the Airman is still in the indoctrination center, he takes a series of written and oral tests and is interviewed as to his education aptitudes and desires as to the type of work he would like to do. If he has had civilian experience along one of the many lines that can be utilized by the Air Force, he is given an opportunity to continue in the work with which he is familiar. If he has ambitions as to what he wants as a career following his tour of duty with the Armed Forces, it is quite possible to pick an Air Force career field which will qualify him for the civilian job of his choice.

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taken under the supervision of the United States Armed Forces Institute, special courses offered by the Information and Education Section here at Reese, and attendance at night courses at Texas Tech. The Institute courses and the Tech. classes give credits toward college degrees.

A few of the Airmen are sent to technical schools upon their completion of basic training at the indoctrination center, but more of them are sent direct to bases such as Reese where they receive "on-the-job" training in their career field.

These career fields are many and varied. They offer along administrative lines, personnel, law enforcement, journalism, aircraft mechanics, motor mechanics and shops, printing, draftsmen and illustrators, photographers, fire-fighting, transportation and traffic supervision and more unusual

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#### Welcome To Reese

Today is open house at Reese Air Force Base and that applies in the fullest sense of the word. We welcome you most cordially. You are invited to visit any part of the base you desire. Buildings, with very few exceptions for security reasons, are open for your inspection and personnel will show you through and explain the work carried on there. Please feel free to ask questions about the things which interest you.

We hope you enjoy every minute of the time you spend here, and that your visit to Reese will result in a better understanding of the training mission performed by this base which is a small segment of the overall effort of the U. S. Air Force towards national defense.

*Thomas J. Barrett*

THOMAS J. BARRETT  
Colonel USAF  
Commanding

## Reese AFB Spends Millions Annually In South Plains Area

The Air Force, through Reese Air Force Base, releases more than \$1,000,000 into the South Plains area each month, most of which goes directly into the city of Lubbock.

The majority of this is in pay-rolls for military and civilian personnel, which in turn pays for rent, groceries, clothing, furniture, automobiles, gasoline, amusement and the multitudinous small items which the average family requires.

Although some of the families of military personnel and bachelor officers and airmen are housed on the base, they still contribute to

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A three-ring circus is the closest thing to today's Open House celebration as spectators throng Reese Air Force Base in an effort to take in the multitude of sights here for the second Armed Forces Day observance.

And the crowd will have to move right along to keep up with the array of exhibits and displays, demonstrations, speeches and movies designed to show South Plains residents the activities of the military services.

Paramount among Reese's contributions to the affair are 96 training aircraft, which will fly in mass formations over the base and 20 towns and cities in the area. Sixty planes, twin-engine TB-25 Billy Mitchell bombers and single engine T-28 trainers will comprise the largest formation. Two groups of eighteen TB-25's each will also be seen in flight formation during the day.

B-29 Superfortress medium bombers from Randolph AFB have been dispatched in a similar combat type formation and were scheduled over the Lubbock earlier today. One of the Superfortresses, with a full combat crew of eleven and three maintenance experts, is on display at the flight line.

A four-engine Boeing C-97 Stratofreighter is also open to public inspection. Inside, the high-flying giant, based at Kelly AFB, has been rigged so as to demonstrate

#### LOST CHILDREN

Small children who become separated from their parents during the Open House activities will be taken by the Air Police to the Chapel Annex which is located across the street northwest of the Base Chapel.

If the children are old enough to give their names, these will be broadcast over the speaker system.

The children will be well taken care of during their stay at the Annex and the facilities of the adjacent playground will be used to entertain them.

## THE ROUNDUP

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## Reese's Commander

BIOGRAPHY OF COLONEL THOMAS J. BARRETT

Colonel Thomas J. Barrett, who on October 15, 1950, took command of Reese Air Force Base, Texas, is a native of Kenton, Ohio. Following his graduation from high school there, he attended Ohio State University where he received

his B. S. Degree in 1934. He learned to fly in civilian flying schools and shortly after graduating from college was given a reserve commission. In 1936, he went to Randolph Field, Texas, as an aviation student.

One of his first assignments was with the 27th Pursuit Squadron at Selfridge Field, Michigan, where he was stationed from August 1936 until May 1941. He was then assigned to Albrook Field in the Canal Zone with the Fighter Command of the 6th Air Force. In May 1944, he was assigned as commander of the Fighter Replacement Training Units at Perry, Florida. The next year he went to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, as executive officer and during his stay there he completed his work for a masters degree from Ohio State University receiving it in 1949.

In October 1949, he transferred to Nellis Air Base, (Las Vegas, Nevada) as commander of the Training Group and from there to Reese Air Force Base as Base Commander.

Colonel Barrett is married and has two children—Thomas, Jr., four years old and Linda Ann, less than one year old.



PROCLAIMS ARMED FORCES DAY—Mayor Clarence Whiteside, center, added another to his long list of proclamations as Lubbock's chief executive recently proclaimed May 19 as Armed Forces day in Lubbock. He is pictured signing the document, calling for participation in the event by the entire citizenship, as L. E. Davis, left, city commissioner and civilian chairman of Armed Forces day, and Col. Thomas J. Barrett, RAFB commanding officer, right, look on.



The inter-faith Chapels to be found on Air Bases of the United States Air Force are a real indication of the interest in the religious welfare of the personnel of the Air Force. These Chapels have been so designed that they are immediately available to be set up for the observance of a Protestant service, a Roman Catholic Mass or a Jewish service. The altar is so constructed as to be correct for all three types of religious services.

Set up because of the direct interest of the Commander-in-Chief, and under the direction of Chaplains from all the major denominations of our country, these Chapels have become the religious centers of the Bases. Not only the activities of assigned Chaplains are centered there, but all religious activities, sponsored by Air Force or Civilian agencies, center in the Base Chapel.

It is interesting that the Services of our Country should lead the field in the observance of a general worship service for all Protestant faiths; that in these Chapels we find Jewish Rabbis, Roman Catholic priests, and Protestant ministers working hand in hand, in the very best of cooperation, ministering together to the needs of the men of their particular faiths.

Through the Chaplain's activities have opened new fields of specialized ministry, such as the "Chaplain's Hour," a mandatory lecture on the principles of morality and citizenship in our nation, available to all airmen and offi-

cers. These lectures are given on a regular schedule, and are amplified by sound motion pictures and other training aids.

Through the Chapel come all incoming and outgoing officers and airmen, to check in or out with the Chaplain of their faith. The Chaplain's offices provide daily ministrations to men with particular problems or emergencies, and welfare activities of the Base are coordinated by a Joint Welfare Board of which the Wing Chaplain is chairman. The Base Chapel thus is not only the "Home Church" of the personnel of the Base, but also a clearing house for many other allied problems.

Military or civilian, you will always find a welcome in the Base Chapel, to attend services on Sunday, or to visit with the Chaplains during the week. A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend the services of your choice at any time.

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Reese is a part of the Air Training Command which has bases scattered throughout the United States. The base is one of the sixteen under the direct jurisdiction of the newly activated Flying Training Air Force at Waco, Texas. The base unit at Reese is the 3500th Pilot Training Wing, commanded by Col. Thomas J. Barrett.

Colonel Cecil C. McFarland heads the Pilot Training Group with Lieutenant Colonel Kenneth

E. Rosebush as Director of Flying and Clyde W. Bradley, Jr., as Commandant of Students. The two student flying sections are commanded by Major Stanley D. Kline and Major Russel E. Kline. Major Clyde M. Livingston is Director of Academic Training. All training and operations are coordinated by Lieutenant Colonel Kenneth A. Gaskin.

The personnel at Reese Air Force Base are organized into groups according to the types of duties they perform. The students and instructors are under the Pilot Training Group. House-keeping and related functions fall under the Air Base Group with Col. Robert L. Wright as commander. All maintenance and supply duties are performed by the Maintenance and Supply Group under Lieutenant Colonel Walter J. Kerbel. Colonel I. Louis Hoffman commands the

Medical Group and is the Wing Surgeon. The Wing administration is directly under the Wing Commander and is handled by personnel of the Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron commanded by Capt. Clyde W. Owen.

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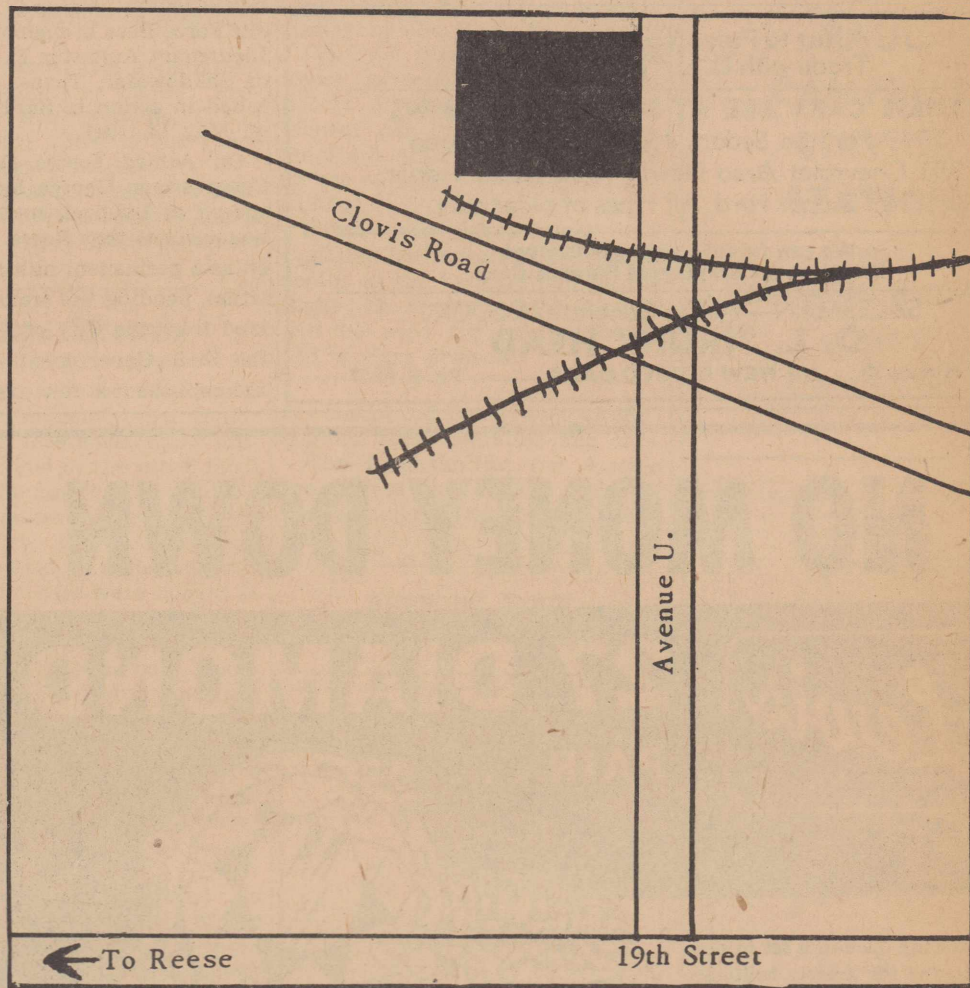
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# History of Reese AFB Dates Back To 1941

The history of Reese Air Force Base begins in July 1941, when during the feverish defense preparations which preceded World War II, construction contracts were let, at Lubbock, Texas, which would turn cotton fields on a tract of land lying approximately twelve (12) miles west of that city into an Air Force Base where future pilots of the United States Air Force could be trained.

Then known as Lubbock Army Air Field, the base was nearing completion when the news of the attack on Pearl Harbor was heard. The field cost \$3,500,000 exclusive of the land which was provided by the City of Lubbock.

A security detachment which arrived in December 1941 from Brooks Field, San Antonio, Texas, was followed in the early weeks of 1942 by the first class of cadets, men who later, as Air Force pilots, flew the bombers, the flying Fortresses, Liberators and B-26's of World War II, over such targets

as the Ploesti oil fields, Berlin, Rome, Naples, Mersburg, Tarawa and Iwo Jima, Wake Island and Guam, the Philippines and Okinawa, the Humps, Burma and Tokyo; a total of 7,008 bomber, fighter and transport pilots.

Early in 1944 the field completed its mission of training pilots and began turning out instrument pilots, a job it continued until the field was closed December 31, 1945.

In the fall of 1945 the Air Force released a list of permanent installations which did not include Lubbock Army Air Field and the inactivation was ordered for November 15, 1948, but was held up three or four times and did not become effective until December 31.

For the next four years the base served as a haven for veterans and their families who experienced housing difficulties. Barracks were converted to low rental apartment units. Other buildings served as meeting places for National

Guard, Air Corps Reserve, Naval Reserve units and Veterans Administration District offices.

Early in 1949, word went out that the field was to be reactivated. The base was put under the jurisdiction of the 3500th Pilot Training Wing, then at Barksdale Air Force Base and on July 1 rehabilitation work was begun. The apartments which had housed veterans were made into quarters for Non-commissioned officers and their families, hangars were renovated, shops equipped, office buildings refurnished, supply organizations established, and all of the necessary details were accomplished by a stand by unit from the 3500th.

On October 1, 1949, the 3500th Pilot Training Wing was officially moved from Barksdale to Lubbock. On October 15, 1950, Colonel Thomas J. Barrett assumed command of Reese Air Force Base, with Col. George W. Pardy, commanding. On November 1, the first post-war aviation classes, 50-A and 50-B arrived and the base began its primary mission, multi-engine pilot training.

On November 5, 1949, the name was officially changed to Reese Air Force Base in memory of First Lieutenant Augustus F. Reese, Jr., of Shallowater, Texas, who was killed in action in Sardinia, Italy, on May 14, 1943.

On Armed Forces Day, 1950, Congressman George Mahon, in a speech at Lubbock made the announcement that Reese was chosen as a permanent military installation, pending the transfer of the land from the City of Lubbock to the U. S. Government. This was accomplished a few weeks later.

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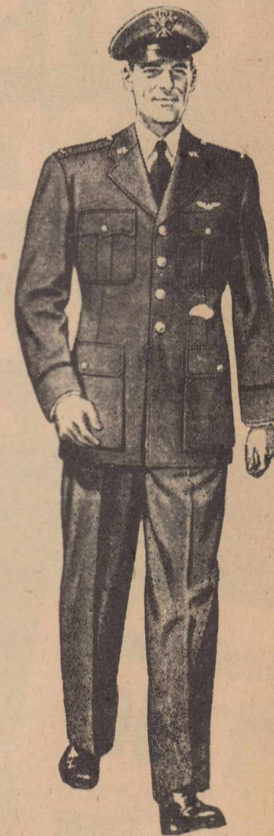
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**Guest Speaker**

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Palestine, Saudi Arabia and Libya.

During this time General Smith became interested in feeder type or community airlines; ones which would provide passenger, mail, freight and express service to those living in the smaller communities as well as those in the larger cities. He was discharged in early 1946, and joined Pioneer Airlines as its president in March of that year.

At the time General Smith joined Pioneer, the youthful company served only six Texas cities

over a route of 683 miles. The present Pioneer system consists of 22 cities in Texas and New Mexico stretched over routes exceeding 1,870 miles. Applications for even more extensions to new cities in Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico are pending before the Civil Aeronautics Board in Washington.

General Smith is a member of the American Bar Association, the Texas Bar Association and the Dallas Bar Association. He is past president of the Air Reserve Association, a director of the Dallas Chamber of Commerce and a vice president of the Downtown Club of Dallas.

In July 1950, President Truman named General Smith to the post of vice-chairman of the National Security Resources Board under W. Stuart Symington, chairman.

General Smith went to Washington on July 29 to assume his duties with NSRB. When those duties were completed on March 1, General Smith submitted his resignation and returned to Dallas to be president of Pioneer Air Lines.

President Truman said in accepting General Smith's resignation that "Because of the considerations which you emphasize, I must acquiesce in your wishes. Accordingly I accept reluctantly and with sincere regret, your resignation . . ."

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General Smith has a mobilization Assignment as Chief, Programs and Requirements, Office of the Deputy Chief of Air Force Materials and Services.

The resignation became effective March 15 and General Smith has been active with Pioneer since.

**Aerial Demonstration**

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strate its facilities for carrying cargo, litter patients, and personnel.

A Navy PBV patrol bomber represents sea-going aircraft in the group. The twin-engine amphibian has been furnished by the Naval Air Station at Memphis, Tenn.

Jet fighter planes will thrill spectators with team formation flying. On exhibit are the famed "Shooting Star" F-80 and the F-84, "Sabre Jet," from Nellis AFB, Las Vegas, Nev. San Marcos AFB has supplied a late model helicopter for exhibit and demonstration.

Everyone should get a "bang" out of the 155 and 105 mm. field pieces being shown by artillery troops from Fort Sill, Okla. The guns are fired by radio directions from light liaison aircraft. The ROTC unit at Texas Tech has also furnished Army field equipment, including a 250-pound bomb.

A portable SK radar trailer, a beach radio station, shipboard and field radio transmitter and receiver, asbestos fire fighting suits and other equipment make up a static display by the U. S. Navy.

Principal speaker for the Open House ceremonies is Brig. Gen. Robert J. Smith, president of Pioneer Air Lines. Concerts by the 514th Air Force Band provide an air of gaiety to the day's activities.

Snacks and refreshments are available for visitors at concession booths in the hangars and on the flight line. Proceeds from the sale will be used for base activities and welfare projects.

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**Reese Spends**

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the resources of the community which they frequently visit. In addition fresh vegetables, dairy products and some of the other foods served in the dining halls and sold at the commissary are purchased locally. Much of the furniture equipment used in clubs and day rooms on the base were bought in Lubbock.

In turn, the city of Lubbock has done much to help the base. Housing which was critical at the time of activation has been made available. The city has put forth every effort to adjust to the influx of personnel from the base and other sources and has made the newcomers welcome into their churches and civic affairs.

This has been appreciated to such an extent that many of the Reese AFB families have purchased homes and become Lubbock citizens and taxpayers.

The recent orders to active duty by mobilization assignees have resulted in many former Lubbock citizens becoming Reese personnel, another example that an Air Force Base does not long remain separate from the neighboring community.

**Careers Open**

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ones such as trainmen, locomotive operators and the marine field where airmen are taught to operate crash and utility boats.

A number of schools are conducted here at Reese to increase the efficiency of airmen and help them to advance in their career. One of the most widely attended is the clerk-typist school where the men are taught typing, clerical work and military correspondence. These subjects are required in the lower steps of a number of the Air Force ladders. The military correspondence course is also offered to new civilian employees who are unfamiliar with the military.

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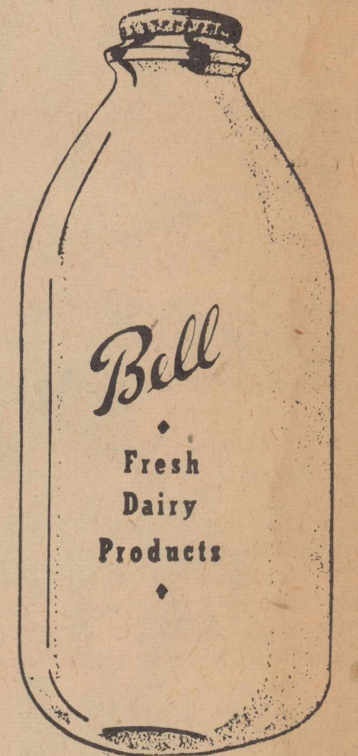
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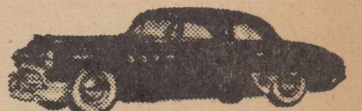
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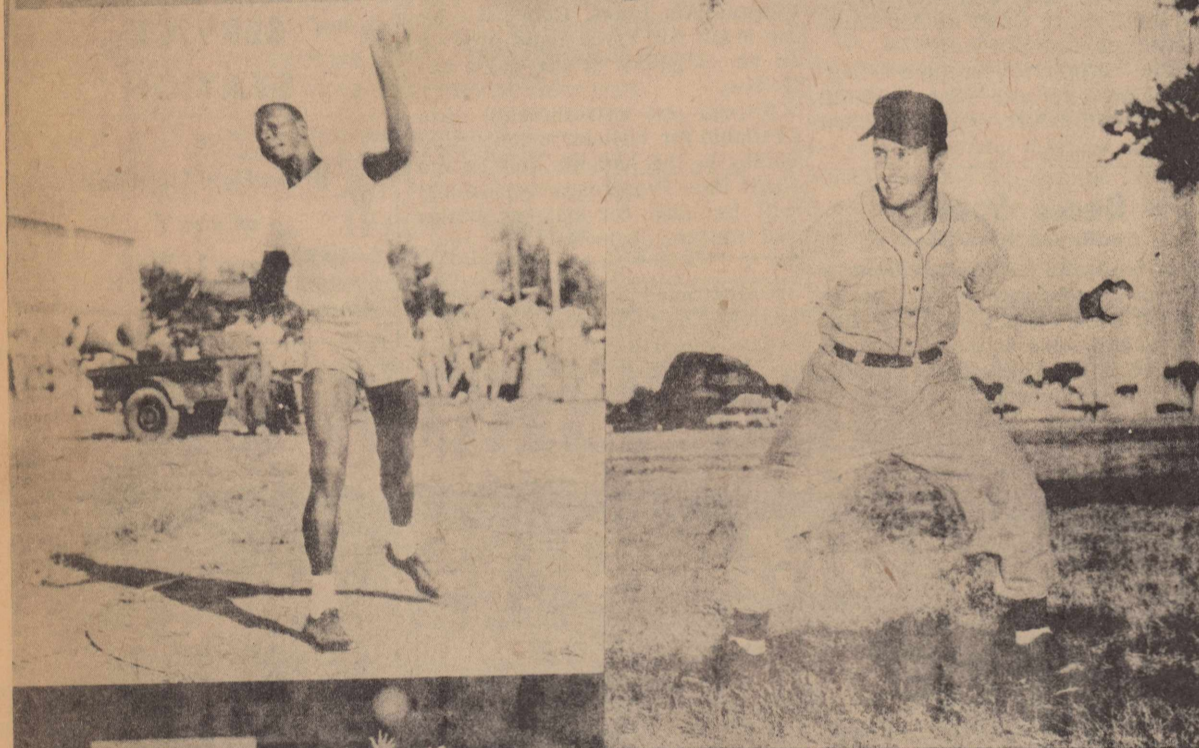
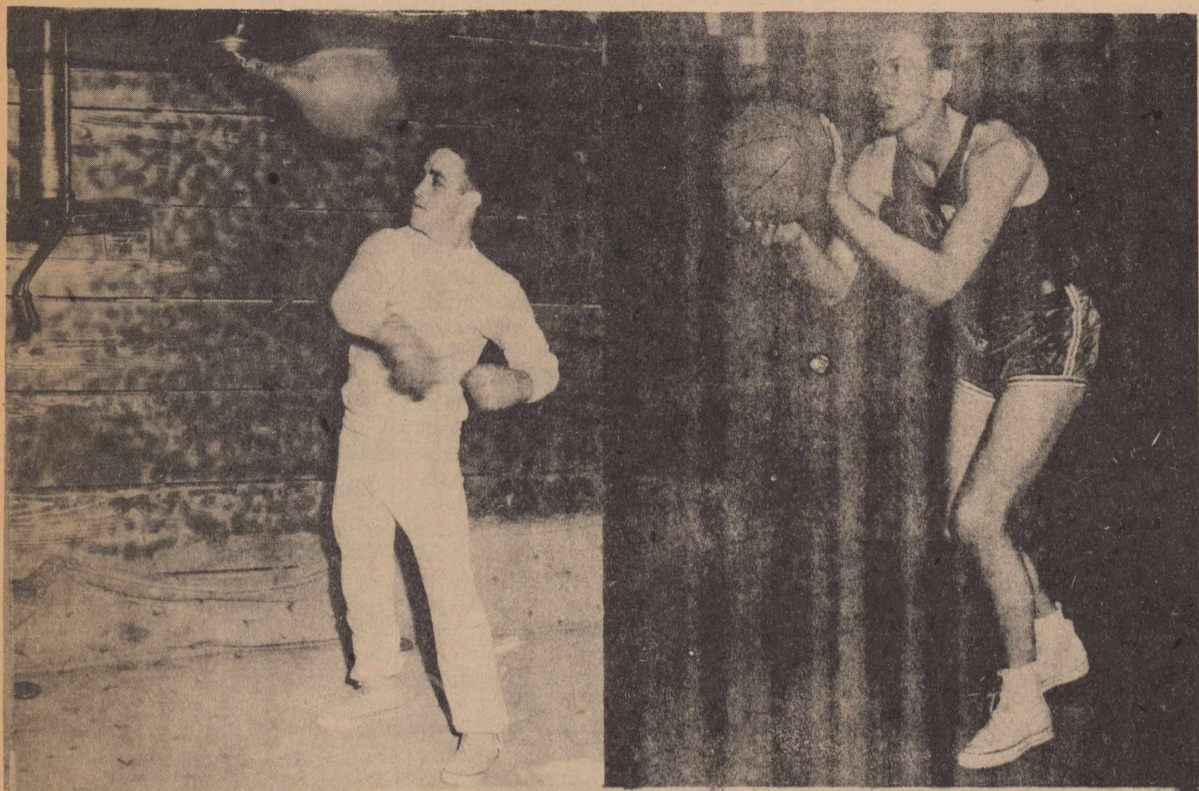
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Basketball and baseball are the two top sports, with the Reese Rattlers (the name goes for both teams) participating in the Western Area of the Inter-Service Conference. Last year the Rattler basketball team ended the season with a 13-8 record. The baseball team has been actively engaged in pre-season games, and will begin Inter-Service Conference play on May 24th at Biggs AFB.

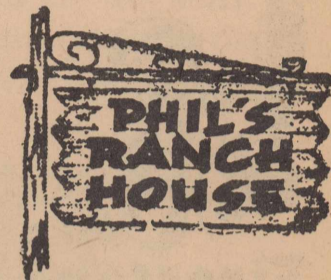
On the squadron level, basketball, softball, ping pong, and particularly football, flourish. Each squadron has its own team and participates in base-wide leagues and eventually in a base tournament for the championship. Spirit is high in these leagues, and the competition is keen, making for a lot of good, entertaining, healthful sports activity. Volleyball and bowling are also carried on a squadron level with play-offs for the base championship. Bowling is having its first year here at Reese, as the new bowling alley was just opened this spring. Bowling has proved to be extremely popular with Reese personnel, both in league play and open bowling.

For individual participation and recreation, Personnel Services provides badminton equipment, horse shoes, handball and weightlifting equipment and fishing tackle for anyone interested in these activities. Shotguns are checked out to the Reese "Dan'l Boones" during the hunting season, and archery equipment is available to all. A judo class is conducted each Tuesday and Thursday evening, and Saturday afternoon in the base gym under the direction of Capt. John M. Sorenson. Interest in judo has been excellent with approximately 15 persons turning out for instructions.

Last, but certainly not least, is the golf course. Air Installations has been working with Personnel Services to provide fine greens, and a good course for the golfers of Reese. Golf clubs, balls, etc., are at the disposal of all personnel, and it is expected that interest in golf will run high this year at RAFB.

Reese is proud of its sports program, as it justly has reason to

be. More and more activities are being planned as the seasons change to provide the utmost in recreational activities for Reese personnel. Keen, healthful competition in sports programs builds a stronger, more alert Air Force. A strong Air Force means a stronger United States, and the preservation of world peace.



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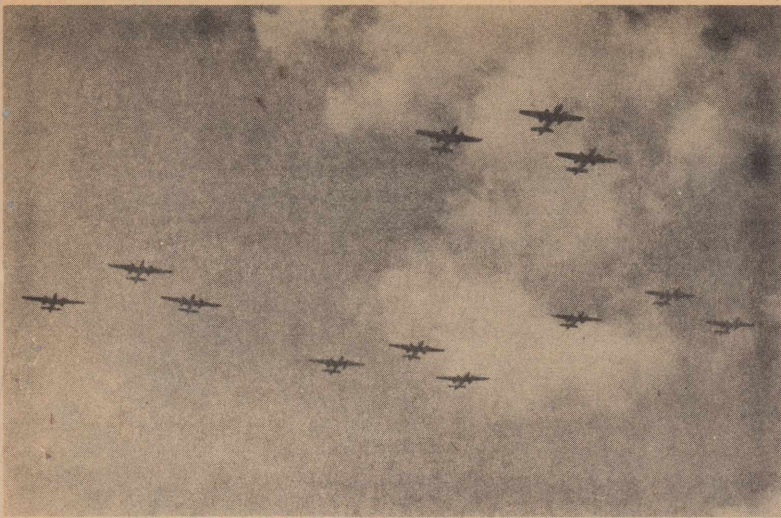
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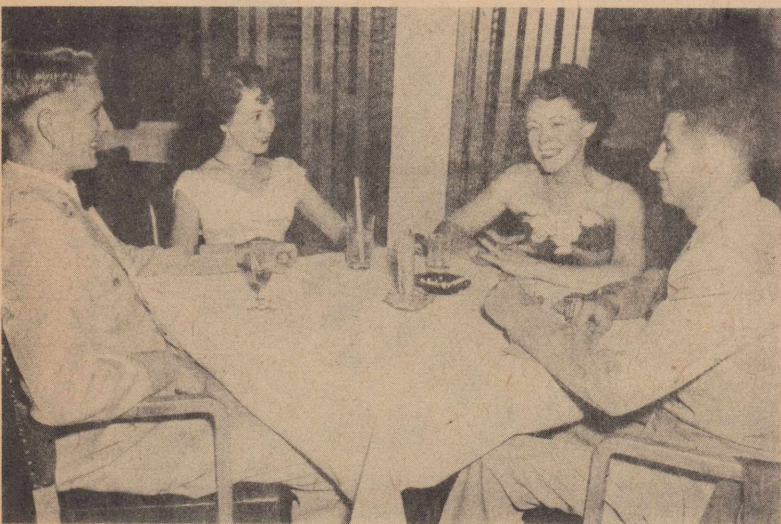
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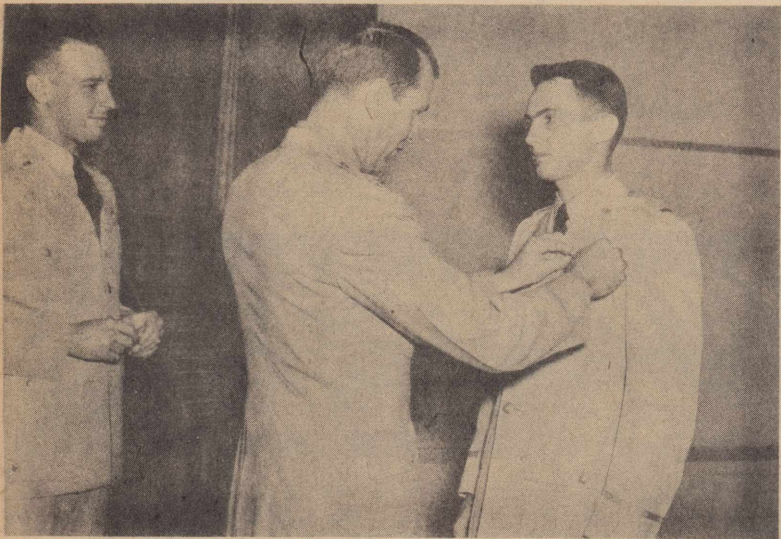
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THUNDERING OVERHEAD in a final salute to their former classmates and now newly commissioned officers, students and instructors of class 51-D made two T-28 and TB-25 flyovers Saturday morning during the wing review.



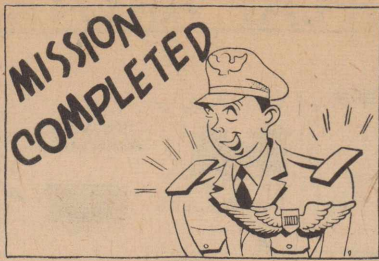
THE NIGHT before graduation is always a gala social occasion for cadets and their one and only. Shown relaxing and discussing post "G-Day" plans at the dance Friday were, left to right, 2nd Lt. and Mrs. E. H. Hoyt and 2nd Lt. and Mrs. Wayne H. Hemm.



THE BASE COMMANDER, Col. Thomas J. Barrett, pins pilot wings on 2nd Lt. William T. Capers, III, one of the two cadets to receive a regular Air Force commission, as Lt. Col. Kenneth E. Rosenbush looks on.



THAT COVETED DIPLOMA which aviation cadets dreamed about during a year's flying training at last becomes a reality for 2nd Lt. Ervin H. Hoyt. Beaming proudly he receives his "sheepskin" from chief of Air Force chaplains Maj. Gen. Charles I. Carpenter.



Saturday, May 12, was graduation day at Reese Air Force Base and 35 aviation cadets and 10 student officers of Class 51-C were given the silver wings of an Air Force pilot. Two of the Aviation Cadets, because of their outstanding work during their course, were given regular Air Force commissions while the other cadets of the class were sworn into the Air Force Reserve.

Such graduations are held at Reese every six weeks, and the new pilots are assigned to various Air Force bases where their services are most needed. A new class arrives approximately a week after the old class graduates and under the present system there are four classes in training at Reese at one time.

The graduations mark the completion of one year of intensive training, six months of which are spent at a basic school and six months at an advanced. Under the Air Force expansion program a number of Air Force schools which have to date been used for basic pilot training are being converted to other types of pilot or crew training and the basic training will be accomplished by schools conducted under civilian contracts. Goodfellow AFB San Angelo, however, will continue as a basic pilot school.

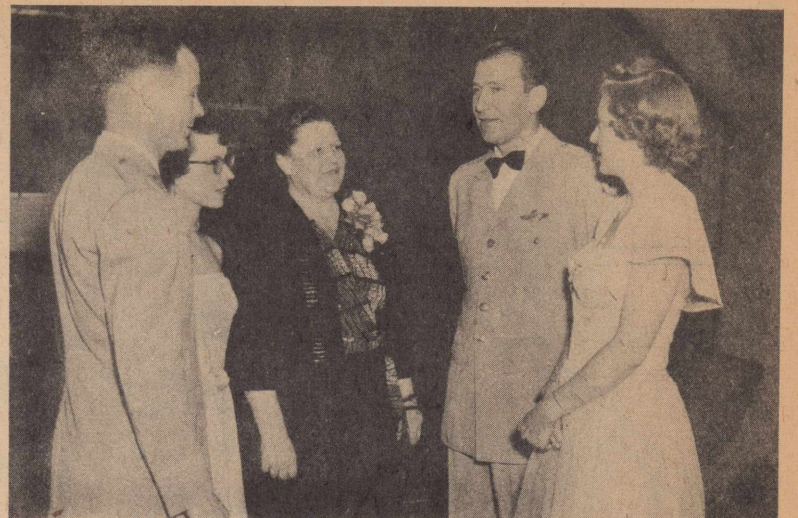
Following basic the cadet or student officer is scheduled for advanced training at a fighter school, a multi-engine school such as Vance AFB, Enid, Okla., and Reese, or a jet school such as Williams AFB, Chandler, Ariz.

The pilot training courses for aviation cadets and student officers are very similar, except for some of the academic work. Cadets in most cases had no previous officer training, and are given classes in leadership, traditions of the service, protocol and military subjects similar to those given in Officer Candidate schools, while the student officers study advanced courses in management, administration, officer effectiveness reports and subjects slanted toward increasing their officer efficiency.

The "ground school" courses such as navigation, principles of flight, link trainer problems and the flying requirements are the same for both cadets and student officers.

An aviation cadet may be distinguished by the epaulets on the shoulders of his uniform. White stripes on these shoulder ornaments indicates the cadet's rank within the cadet groups. The cadets are given responsibilities much the same as they will have as officers and thus develop their leadership ability. Before he leaves Reese each cadet is given the opportunity to spend a minimum of two hours in each section on the base where he is thoroughly briefed in the functions of that section and the method of accomplishment.

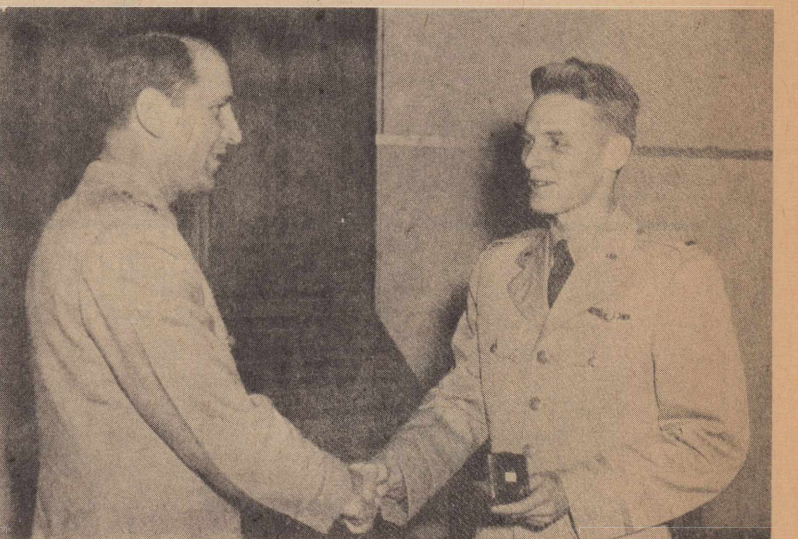
Only the best qualified officers are chosen as instructors on the line and in the class rooms. The instructors pilots have many hours flying time back of them and are required to keep up their own proficiency and instrument check flights.



SECOND LT. EARL W. HANDING introduces his girl friend and mother to the base commander, Col. Thomas J. Barrett, and his wife at the traditional reception and dance held Friday night at the Officers Club for the graduating cadets.



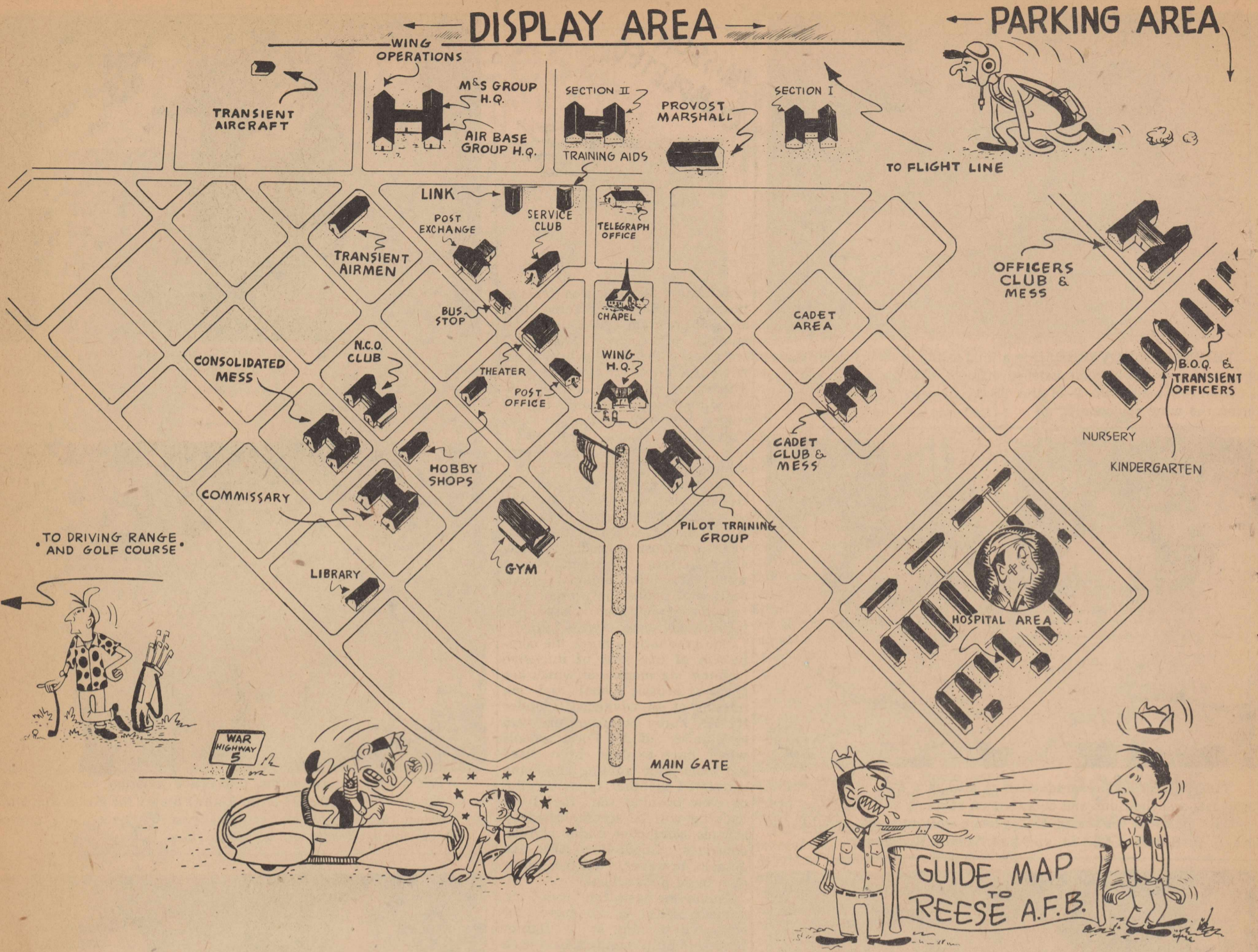
WITH FIRM determination thirty-five aviation cadets of class 51-C take the oath as officers of the United States Air Force. Ten student officers, consisting of two captains, two first lieutenants, and six second lieutenants, graduated with the class.



OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC student of class 51-C, 2nd Lt. Lee R. DeValliere, receives a medal and congratulations from the base commander, Col. Thomas J. Barrett, at graduation ceremonies in the base theater Saturday morning.



IT'S A HAPPY MOMENT for the new Air Force officers as they emerge from graduation exercises to receive the best wishes of their loved ones. Mrs. Lawrence H. Handing of St. Louis, Mo., congratulates her son, 2nd Lt. Earl W. Handing, on a job well done.



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