

LSO Opens New Home Wednesday

Project Completed; Program Is Set At 1311 Main Street

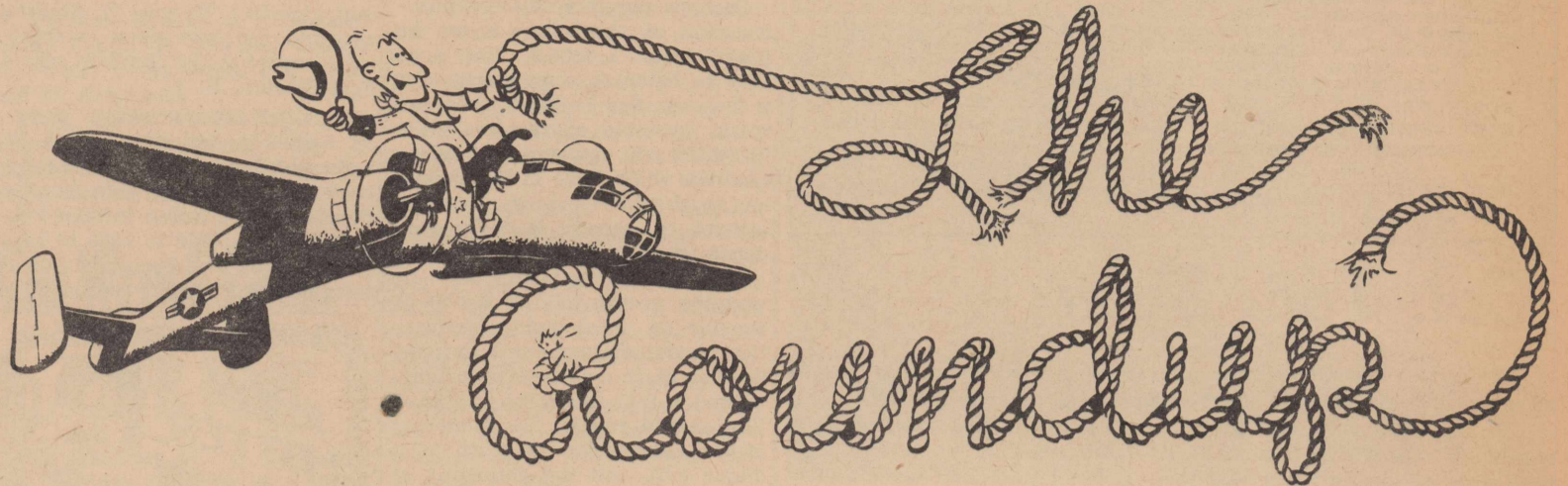
A gala celebration—including open house, a dance, a dedication ceremony, and visiting Air Force dignitaries—will officially open the new home of the Lubbock Service Organization Wednesday evening.

Lt. Gen. Robert W. Harper, commanding general of ATRC, and Col. G. W. Pardy are flying down from Scott AFB, Ill., to appear as honor guests on the program. General Harper and Colonel Pardy, as well as Col. Thomas J. Barrett, base commander, are scheduled to address opening night visitors during the dedication ceremonies.

Months of construction precede the LSO opening. Work which was begun by airmen of the Installations squadron was taken over by a private contractor. Local workmen's unions and Lubbock businessmen donated time, paint, lumber and other materials to the project.

Airmen and girls of the LSO have spent evenings during the past weeks preparing the building for the occasion. Lounge chairs and other furniture have been completely reconditioned by the group and other equipment readied.

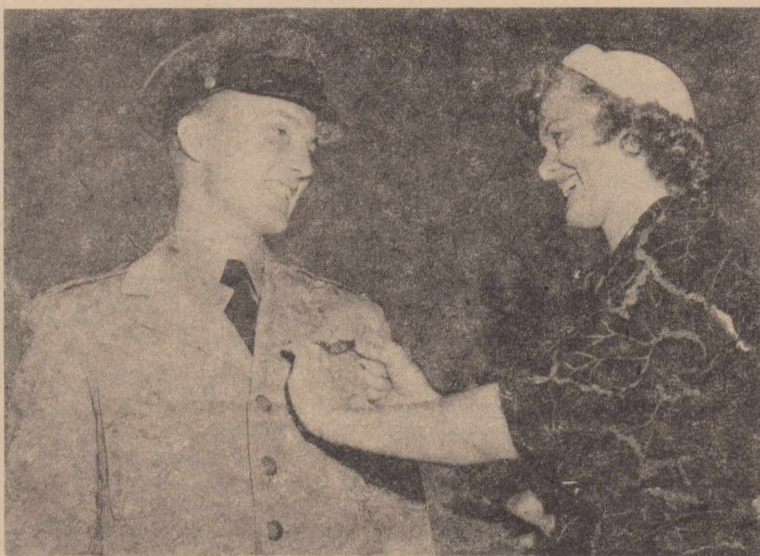
Included in the layout is a game room, check room and snack bar in the front and main section. Upstairs is a writing area and later it is hoped, a classical music room will be added. The rear part of the building houses the lounge area and the dance floor and bandstand.



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SILVER WINGS AND PEARLY SMILES reflect the happiness of an aviation cadet and his lovely lady. Tomorrow morning this scene of A/C and Mrs. Glen H. Richards will become a happy reality for graduating cadets of Class 51-D.

51-D Graduates Sat.; Cedric Foster Speaker

Saturday is "G-Day" for 21 aviation cadets and 28 student officers of class 51-D who will graduate from the Advanced Multi-Engine Flying school here.

The ceremonies in the base theater will be highlighted by an address by Cedric Foster, internationally-known MBS radio commentator and reporter. Silver pilot wings for all and second lieutenant bars for the cadets will be awarded by Foster and Col. Thomas J. Barrett, base commander. Awards will be made to Aviation Cadets George H. Jones, highest academic standing, Foster A. Post, outstanding military achievement, and Wallace C. Ryan, as outstanding athlete of the class.

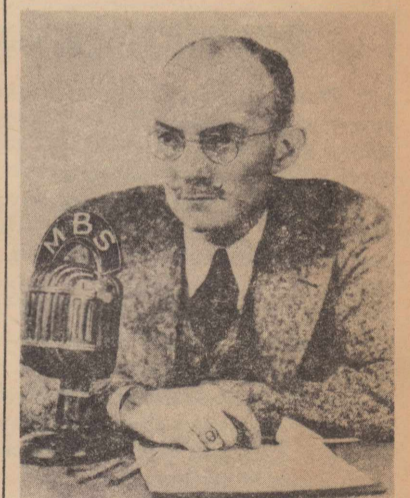
The group of 49 hopeful pilots arrived at Reese on 3 January of this year, having entered into basic flight training during the last of May, 1950.

Out of the entire 51-D class, California is best represented with five members hailing from the "Golden West." Twenty-seven states are represented, with three native Texans included. Among the student officers, there is one lieutenant colonel, one captain, five first lieutenants and 21 second lieutenants.

Following the graduation ceremonies, the graduating pilots will be honor guests at a Wing review. Class 51-E will conduct a fly-over in honor of the graduating class and the 514th Air Force Band will lead the parade as well as provide music for the ceremonies in the theater.

"... as a war commentator, he easily ranks with the best on New York stations." A Georgia businessman told Foster that "I get more from your broadcast than all others on the air." An army general wrote "You have done a grand job in disseminating military information to the radio audience in a clear, concise way."

Cedric Foster is a native of Hartford, Connecticut, where he served for many years as an editor and reporter on the Hartford Times, and as featured news analyst and executive of Station WHTT. In addition, he has served on the staffs of five other New England newspapers, as Connecticut Manager of United Press, and with the Associated Press.



During his long journalistic career, Foster traveled extensively in the United States and Europe on journalistic assignments, and lived for several years in the islands of the South Pacific. His baptism in radio occurred when he broadcast the famous Waterbury Trials for 72 consecutive nights, after which it was found that he had reached 41% of the listening audience over this long span. Then came his current large schedule of coast to coast broadcasts from the Boston studios of the Yankee Network.

Foster was married in 1921 to Marguerite Lane of Butler, Missouri. They now reside in picturesque Concord, Massachusetts, with their two daughters. Educated at New York Military Academy and Dartmouth, Foster is a confessed "bookworm" and crack bridge expert—strange leisure, perhaps, for a man whose analysis of battle technique is acknowledged to be among the most astute on the air.

Veteran Newsmen, Foster is Tops In Radio Commentary

Cedric Foster is the "Connecticut Yankee" of network newscasting. Almost as widely traveled as fictional namesake, he imparts a New Englander's outlook of far-flung world trade to his Mutual network commentaries, which brings the war news into sharper perspective for the average listener.

Foster's Monday through Friday news have reached the highest popularity of any similar daytime network news programs. The reason for his immense popularity is made clear by letters from his listeners. Famed New York Sun columnist, H. I. Phillips, wrote

The LSO Story, 1942 to 1951 ...

Club Again Assumes Old Wartime Role

A history that begins in 1942 lies behind the new home of the Lubbock Service Organization at 1311 Main.

For it was in February of that year that the LSO began a weekend entertainment program for men stationed at Reese, then known as Lubbock Army Flying school.

And the director of the LSO, Miss Leona Gelin, is no newcomer, either, to Lubbock's service recreation programs. She was the director of the very first LSO here, and has led it successfully

through its entire operation.

A junior hostess club, the Hubettes, was begun in those early years, and in December of 1942 the rapidly expanding group moved to a building at 1211 Thirteenth street and began a full-time operation. By that time, another air base had been established in the area, and Tech college was training pre-flight and engineering students. There were around 10,000 servicemen in the immediate vicinity of Lubbock to take advantage of the recreational facilities.

Early in 1943 a \$39,000 remodeling grant was given the LSO by the Federal Security agency. The money was used for new furniture, remodeling and for the re-decorating of a building for a negro recreation center in Carver Heights.

Although a USO drive in Lubbock failed because of local enthusiasm for the LSO, the national organization later sponsored the Lubbock club. USO funds were used but director Gelin remarked, "I think we were the only club in the country which operated under the USO and remained community in spirit."

The peak year of 1944, with over a half million men enjoying the facilities, also marked the decline. After the war, the LSO turned its building over to teenage groups and with the city founded the Lubbock Symphony orchestra.

A \$5,000 Community Chest allotment to the LSO came with the re-activation of Reese in 1949 and the LSO again began a program of dances, picnics and a program on the base.

Last January, the group took over the Baptist church annex and began remodeling. An \$11,000 allotment set off the drive and men of the Air Installations squadron undertook the work. The job was finished by a private contractor. Lumber yards donated lumber for the dance floor, and paint, and other local groups furnished workers.

During the past weeks, airmen and girls of the group have held work parties to refinish furniture and clean the new club.



A PRE-OPENING DISCUSSION of the LSO is held by Miss Leona Gelin, director, and Cpl. Dick McCune, of the Roundup. The interior shot shows the lounge chairs and coffee tables in the north-east section of the game room.

Fathers for a Day...

Cadets Fete Milam Home Boys

Loaded with presents and bearing boyish smiles of happiness, eight youngsters from the Milam Home in Lubbock returned there Saturday afternoon after a big day with their "fathers for a day" at Reese Air Force Base.

Eight aviation cadets "adopted" the boys for a special Fathers Day program which included meals in the Cadet Club, a tour of the base, review of the cadets and presents for each of the guests.

Softballs and bats, dominoes, checkers, games and puzzles were given the young men. The entire cadet squadron also contributed to a cash fund of \$114 for the boys who were allowed to spend a part of it at the base exchange.

Honor guests at the cadet change of command ceremonies and review, the Milam Home lads were then treated to breakfast in the Cadet Club. At lunchtime, the boys again dined on cadet fare.

On the flight line, TB-25's were inspected from every imaginable position as the young guests were allowed to all over, in and through the aircraft. Cadet "dads" also escorted the group over the rest of the base.

Boys, in all ages from eight to 14, who were guests were: Roy Smith, Arnold Smith, James Guthrie, Jimmy Lewis, Edwin Ford, Nicky Bejos, James Wallace and Charles Medlin.

Their "fathers" were Aviation Cadets: John P. Shaddick, Leland E. Dawes, Wallace C. Ryan, David

P. Perrine, Everett J. Vangaasbeck, Frank N. Roybal, George H. Jones, Harry Jones and Richard M. Friedman.

Capt. Clyde W. Bradley, commandant of students, was in charge of activities during the boys' visit to the base.

Car Wreck Fatal To RAFB Man

Pfc. Anthony W. J. Simeone died Monday morning as a result of injuries received in an automobile accident near Somerset, Pa.

Private Simeone was returning to Reese from a leave when his auto ran into the rear of a tractor-trailer at 515 hours. He died at 0705 hours that morning.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Simeone, 5614 134th street, Flushing, N. Y., Private Simeone was assigned as a supply helper in the supply squadron here.

A graduate of N. Y. C. high school, he attended City College of New York for two years where he studied civil engineering. He enlisted in the Air Force in October of last year.

PX Mgr., E. H. Neal Goes To New Post

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Neal has been manager of the Reese exchange since its reactivation with the base in September, 1949. Actively employed in exchange work since 1933, when he began as a department manager at the Barksdale PX, Neal came to Reese following a three year break during which he operated his own private business in Bossier City, La. He also served as general manager for the Hunter Field exchange during 1940 to 1946.

Married, Neal has two children, a girl, Kay Lynn, 11, and a boy, Henry, four. His home town, Bossier City, is located only 180 miles from the base at Lake Charles.

RCAF Airmen Pick Up Reese Trainers

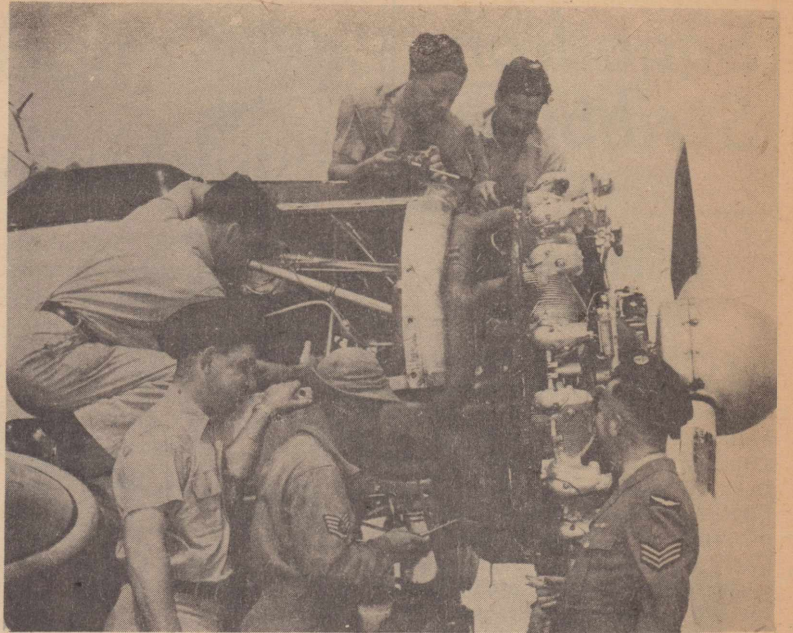
A flight of 12 Royal Canadian Air Force pilots and ten mechanics arrived at Reese Air Force Base Thursday aboard a C-47 to accept and ferry back seven T-6 trainers from Reese to the main RCAF repair depot at Trenton, Ontario.

The single engine T-6 trainers, which are being replaced at Reese by the new, improved T-28 trainers, are being transferred to the RCAF to be utilized in training pilots of the North Atlantic Treaty nations. The "kites" (as Canadians call 'em) will be used in basic flying training throughout Canada to train pilots for Belgium, Holland, Italy, Norway and other allied nations.

"Canada will receive 100 T-6's" disclosed Flight Lt. W. A. Speck, RCAF officer in charge of the ferrying operations. "Already 89 have been delivered, plus the seven here, and three more to be picked up at Sherman AFB, Kansas City, tomorrow, and one more not yet designated."

The T-6 can easily be utilized since it is basically the same airplane as Canada's North American "Harvard" trainer, except that the "Harvard" doesn't have a steerable tail wheel and the mixture controls work opposite.

Death Valley, in southern California, is the hottest and lowest point in North America, being 276 feet below sea level. The terrific heat in this region caused the death of numerous pioneers who first attempted to cross the valley.



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Aerial combat featuring sleek model airplanes zooming and lashing at the string or tape on the other's tail at speeds of over a hundred roaring miles per hour and the ensuing aero-acrobatics is planned as one of the highlights of a fascinating, action-packed Lubbock Model Plane contest to be held on the flight line here Sunday.

A crowd estimated at between five and seven thousand is expected to gather at the northeast end of the ramp to witness the first big official AMA (Academy of Model Aeronautics) meet on the base. Flying will begin at 0800 hours and official flights will be concluded before 1700 hours.

The victors in the 14 free flight and control line events will be presented at 1730 by the Plymouth dealers in Lubbock with 73 trophies, and the high-

point winner under 21 years of age from the Lubbock area will receive an expense-paid trip to Detroit, Mich., where he or she will represent Lubbock in the International Model Plane contest at Selfridge Air Force Base and Belle Isle Athletic Field, Detroit.

All model plane flyers in the Lubbock district are eligible to compete. Entrants may register at the three Lubbock Plymouth dealers, Fenner Tubbs company, Hub Motor company and Louthan-Dowell Motor company, before the contest. Or they may sign at the base from 0700 until 1300 hours. Sunday.

Model airplane clubs from as far as Houston, Albuquerque, Denver and Oklahoma City have pledged to participate. The Oklahoma City contestants will enter scale models of jets.

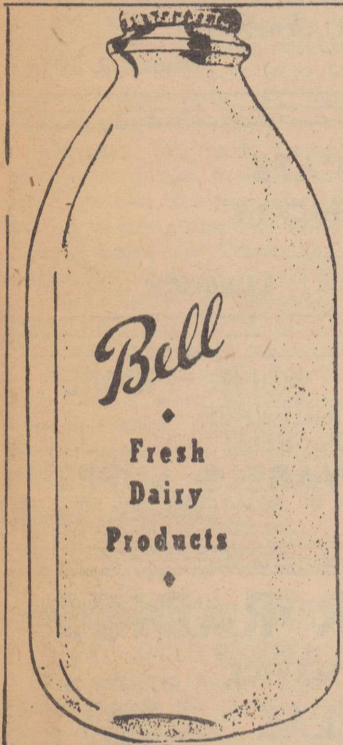
During the speed runs which are scheduled to be flown between 0930 and 1400 hours, three judges will clock each run and in addition an AMA representative will be on hand to record any record-breaking flights so that they will be officially recognized.

Prize To Be Awarded For Magazine Name

A monthly magazine, to be published soon by the Air Training Command, is as yet unnamed. And if you can suggest a title for the slick, colorful publication, ATRC says an "appropriate prize" will be awarded you.

All suggestions for the publication, which will be distributed free to ATRC personnel, must be original.

Send in your title ideas to Headquarters, ATRC, Attention PIO, to arrive not later than 29 June.



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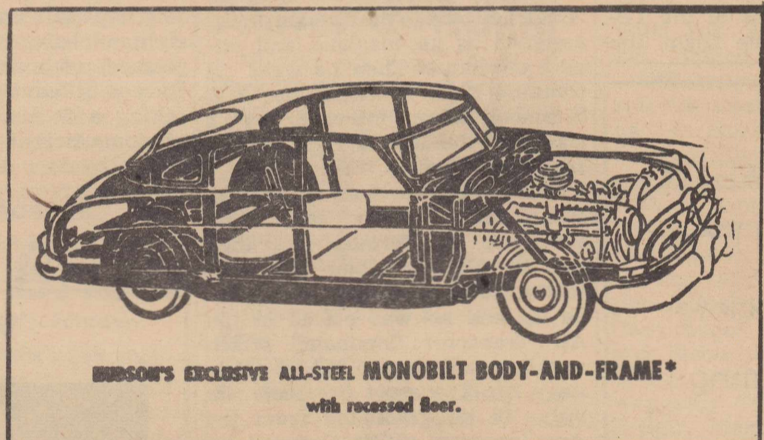
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(horseshoes and volleyball equipment may be picked up at the base gym), and water and latrine facilities.

For organizational parties, squadron COs should contact the personnel services officer at extension 612.

The following rules have been submitted in order to insure most efficient handling of the area;

1. No beverage stronger than beer will be consumed in the Buffalo Lake area.
2. Clean up picnic grounds before leaving.
3. Abide by all rules established by the owner of the Buffalo Lake recreation area.

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NCO Club Notes

Bingo Tonight—\$300.00 and 54 numbers—Dance after Bingo to the music of Kay Carter and his Orchestra.

Saturday Night, 23 June, is Western Dance night—Western style dress will be acceptable this night.

Sunday night 24 June, Kay Carter and his orchestra will return to the bandstand for dance music from 2000 until 2300 hours.

Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, 25-26-27 June will be open house nights—Ladies Auxiliary meets Monday night, June 25th.

Thursday, 28 June is STAG NITE — members only — NO GUESTS—Buffet supper from 1700 hours until 2000 hours—after 2000 hours, it will be "open house."

Coupon books are now available to all members (in good standing) at the Mess Office—These books can be purchased from the 10th thru the 25th of each month only—During office hours, see Mr. Neeley or the Club Steward on duty.

Round-Robin Radio Program Is Taped

A fifteen minute recorded radio program, written and produced by 2nd Lt. Nat P. Secrest, assistant PIO, will be submitted soon to ATRC Headquarters in accordance with a round-robin type of exchange.

The program, which depicts the life of a cadet during his training in the flying school here, will be

circulated among other bases for reproduction in local radio stations. Similarly, Lubbock stations will be asked to carry shows originating from other ATRC bases.

Bob Sanders and Gene Luper, KCBD announcers, read the lead roles in the semi-dramatic production and PIO staff members assisted.

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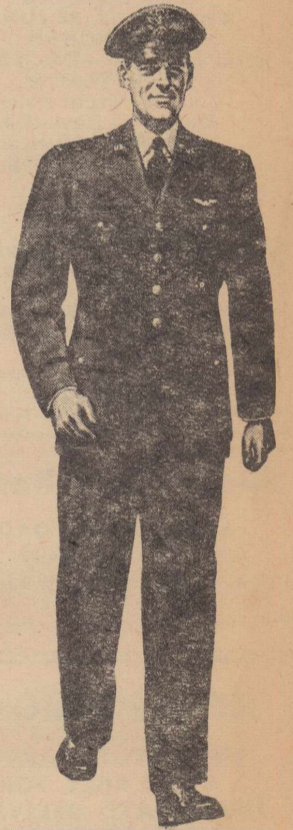
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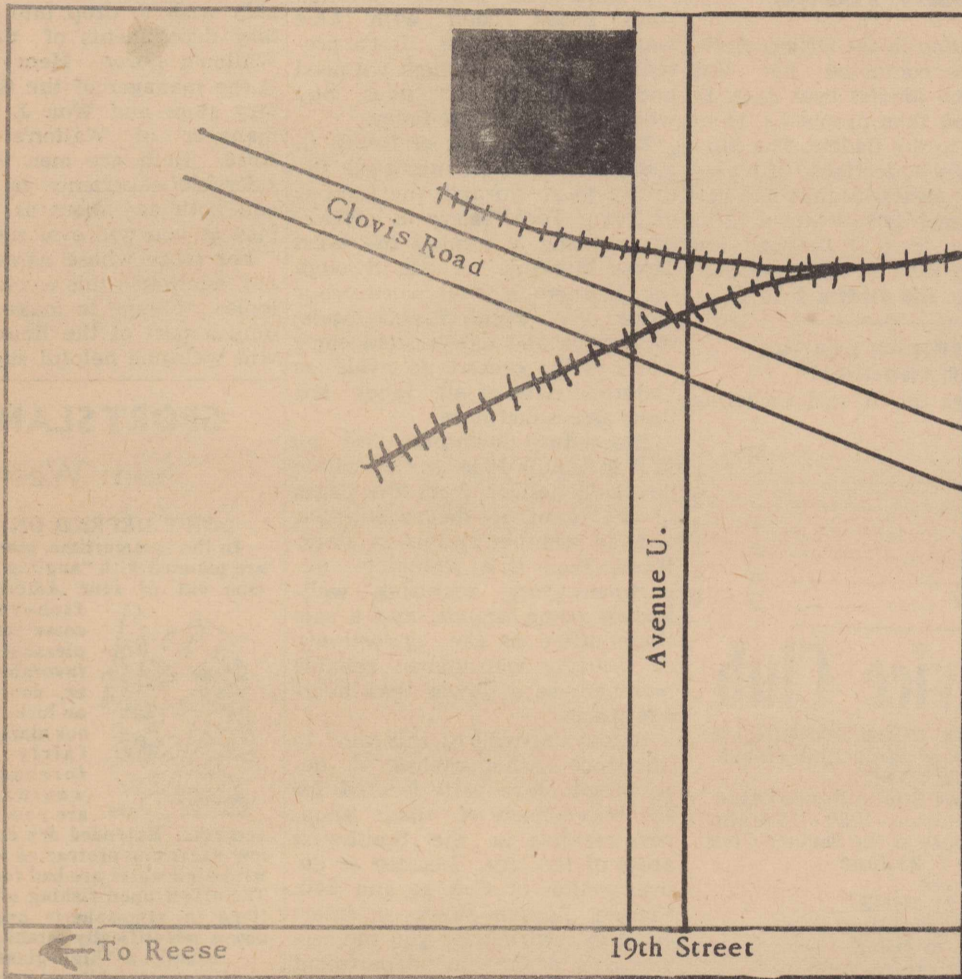
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