

# President Nixon halts promotions, hiring

President Nixon announced on Dec. 11 that he has imposed an immediate freeze on all military and civilian promotions and hirings.

The President said that the freeze will remain in effect until the federal budget is transmitted to the Congress in January.

In announcing the freeze the President added that it will have no effect on employees eligibility for step increases or on the scheduled comparability pay raise for federal employees at the turn of the year. The freeze order has an immediate impact on the 16,300 airmen and 2,400 officers on promotion selection lists.

Exceptions to the freeze order the President said, will only be permitted in cases where the actions are essential to preserve human life and safety, to protect property, to preserve the continuity of government or for emergency situations—such as the need for the postal service to hire temporary help to meet the Christmas mail rush.

All exceptions will have to be approved on a case-by-case basis by the office of management

and budget. Some exceptions to the freeze have been approved. They are as follows: astrict promotions required by law; this includes officers holding a temporary promotion who have fulfilled the requirements for a permanent promotion; astrict people in MIA/PW status; also excepted are people completing training programs which lead to promotion, such as six-year enlistees who are guaranteed promotion to E-3 after completing basic military training. This also includes airmen in commissioning programs who will continue to be promoted to E-5.

Astrict promotions to E-2 will continue for those who are otherwise eligible and who have completed four months total active federal military service. The exception does not apply to accelerated promotions to E-2, therefore the promotion of the top 15 per cent of each basic military training class to E-2 is suspended until the freeze is lifted. No other exceptions to the freeze have been approved.

## the roundup

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SANTA IN BLUE—A1C Bill Hendryx, left, and SSgt. Dan F. Smith help unload the Air Force truck which was moving toys for the Goodfellows from their storage point to the place of distribution. The action took place Monday as the "men in blue" took on the role of the "masked Santa". (U.S. Air Force Photo by SSgt. Robert Barbour)

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# frame of reference

*"When peace comes it will mean a relaxation of tensions, but not vigilance nor determination"*

By Col. Walter H. Baxter  
Wing Commander

Monday is the big day for Christians throughout the world, as they celebrate the birth of Christ.

The day has its obvious religious aspects and these will be observed in services both on base and downtown Lubbock. The day will be filled with the joy of exchanging gifts—a tradition which dates to the time the wise men presented their gifts to the infant Jesus; however, the principal Christmas theme is "Peace on Earth, Goodwill Toward Men".

This theme has added significance as we moved toward a settlement in Southeast Asia. When that peace comes it will mean a relaxation of tensions, but not of our vigilance nor our determination to keep that peace. That is



why our mission will remain the same and with renewed purpose.

One of the pleasures of the holiday season is in renewing acquaintances, usually through the exchange of cards. Through this medium we re-locate friends and get up to date on families we haven't actually seen for years.

Personally, I would like to have the time to visit with each and every member of this base and pass on in person my holiday greetings. In doing so, I would like to add my thanks for your effort and successes during 1972. This is not possible, but I would instead like to use the "commander's corner" of the Roundup to express that thanks.

Mrs. Baxter joins me in extending to all of you and your families the very warmest Christmas greetings and best wishes for a happy and safe holiday season.

## Personnel talk to commander via Box 64

Not often do we get letters to Box 64, but I am always pleased when we do, for I feel that it is a good way to feel the pulse of the wing and communicate my ideas to you. This week we received two letters, and although they are unsigned, I will personally attend to their reply. I will address them in the order in which they were received: Letter No. 1

"Sir: Why is it we at Reese have no Commander's Hot Line, where questions may be directed to you, the base or wing commanders? Questions like:

"Why do so many officers wear wellington boots in direct violation of 35-10? Why do so many officers wear colored T-shirts with flight suits? Are all people supposed to wear hats from the parking lot to their office? Why are blacks allowed to wear excessive Afro hair styles? Show me a black with a mustache and seven times out of 10, it will be in violation of 35-10 and have a fly to boot. Why are the supervisors scared?"

"Why not let GI functions take priority for Party House reservations? Why are young troops allowed to wear uniform clothing with civilian attire? Why is it, unless you're a member of the NCO Open Mess, you cannot even buy a cup of coffee in the evening—not to mention a burger?"

"Minor?" Yes. But in today's people-to-people Air Force, these are a sample of the questions the people want answered. This is a fraction of what's on my mind, and I am only one of hundreds. Let's communicate."

I think some of the answers are self evident: We do have a hot line drop box to the commander . . . you used it. I'm unaware of

"so many" officers violating 35-10. When I see a violation, I correct it on the spot . . . officer, NCO or airman, and I expect everyone in the chain of command to do so. Discipline is a continual problem, haircut and mustache problems are not limited to blacks as you suggest (I wonder about your perspective and attitude as a result of your comments). Concerning colored T-shirts with flight suits—I have no objections, flyers have my permission to wear colored scarfs, too.

Reservations at the party house are "first come, first served"—in the event of a tie, the GI party wins. Now about your wanting to use the NCO club without being a dues paying member—either join up or use the BX facilities. The dues paying members didn't join to pass our charity to others who get paid on the same scale. Now, on the subject of communication—sign your next letter so we can really talk these things out. This column will take up the whole paper and still not be as good as talking face to face.

Letter No. 2  
(Editor's Note: The following letter has been paraphrased because of limited space in the Roundup.)

An NCO went to bat for airmen who have been working overtime in 64th Field Maintenance Squadron and the 64th Organizational Maintenance Squadron. He suggested to Colonel Baxter that:

1. The airmen involved in working overtime "week after week, month after month" be awarded the Air Force Commendation Medal (Meritorious

Achievement). He suggested this because "the airmen would be credited with three points in his WAPS score" and thus would not just be a "recognition gimmick." He added that "Anything short of the Commendation Medal would be an empty gesture in the young airmen's eyes."

2. We shouldn't "be too critical of the depth of documentation" on the flight line, "in the interest of improving morale" in these areas.

"You may not know this, but my first duty in the Air Force was as an aircraft crew chief on P-38's in the middle of the Arizona desert called Luke Field. For that reason, I am most sensitive to the plight of the mechanics. They work under the worst of conditions, in the snow, sun, rain and wind. They work long hours, long duty weeks, odd hours and the work is frequently dirty, often physical and always pressure packed. The lives of the pilots depend upon the work of the mechanics.

I understand and I appreciate these things. I also know that the 43xx career field gets a lion's share of the promotions because of the understanding of our leaders and policy makers.

I also know that while the dramatic impact of working weekends and odd hours may not be as clear in other cases, we have other people who routinely work odd hours, weekends, far more than 40 hours per week, etc. Let me name a few, and let me bet that you will still be able to add jobs or names to the list: Security Police, doctors, civil engineers, firemen, chaplains

and their assistants, gym supervisors, motor pool drivers, supply specialists and (from time to time) squadron and wing commanders. Perhaps you'd even be surprised to learn that student pilots have an 11.5 hour scheduled day, on the average, every day they are in the 52 weeks of pilot training, and that doesn't include home study, weekend flying or required navigation training.

Let me get back to the subject now, or maybe I've already led you to the conclusion. I don't believe we can simply reward with a medal, everyone who works long hours—the rewards would become meaningless. I'm confident, too, that the esprit in LG is not simply a function of time off, medals or some sort of recognition "gimmick". Esprit is built by leadership and pride; it is a result of mission achievement. Little I can say or do will add to or detract from your feeling of accomplishment—if you don't feel it, you simply don't know how well you have done, for the wing has done extremely well, and to continue to do so will require continued hard work and long hours. Much of the recognition for this will be self-pride generated right there in your work center by your attitude.

I know you don't like the weekend work, but don't buy all the silver bullets—you're not the Lone Ranger.

Walter H. Baxter III, Colonel  
Wing Commander

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## Wives' luncheon slated

"Crafts 1973" is the theme for the Officers Wives Club monthly luncheon and business meeting scheduled Jan. 4 at noon in the Officers Open Mess.

Due to resignations from the board, there will be an election to fill the posts of first vice president, second vice president and corresponding secretary. Candidates for the office of first vice president are Mrs. Mack Baker, Mrs. William Dedderick and Mrs. Clarence K. Whiteside. Candidates for second vice president are Mrs. Austin Bryan, Mrs.

Lawrence Clark and Mrs. Gordon Daugherty; for corresponding secretary; Mrs. David Wood, Mrs. Robert Baskett and Mrs. Dennis Kelly.

Reservations and cancellations must be in by noon Wednesday. Reservations may be made by calling Mrs. James Nuber, 795-9910.

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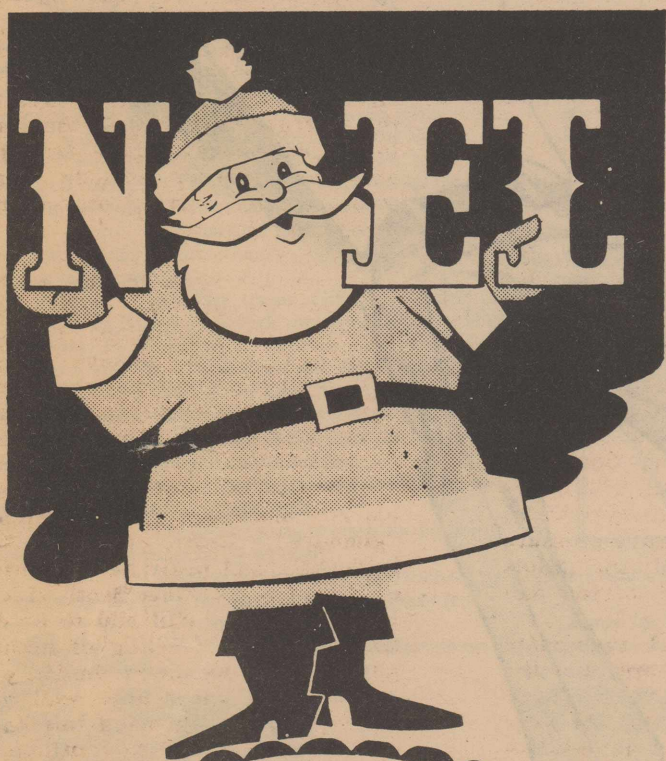
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COMMANDER'S RECEPTION—Reese personnel and Lubbock dignitaries applaud one of the scheduled entertainers at the Wing Commander's Reception held Saturday at the Officers Open Mess. Hundreds of guests were on hand at the affair to celebrate a year in which many projects were undertaken by the combined forces of Lubbock and Reese. (U.S. Air Force Photo)

*flick flack*

## Theater hours to change

The operating hours at the base theater will be moved up for the winter season beginning Dec. 31.

The doors will open each evening at 6:30 p.m. and the shows will start at 7 p.m. The Saturday matinee will still begin at 2 p.m. The theater is open Tuesday through Sunday. The theater will be closed Christmas Eve as well as New Year's Day.

### Tonight

"Junior Bonner" details the new life of an ex-rodeo champ. It stars Steve McQueen and is rated PG, all ages admitted, some material may not be suitable for pre-teenagers.

### Matinee Tomorrow

"Shinbone Alley" is an animated musical about a philosophical cockroach. It is rated G, all ages admitted.

### Tomorrow Evening

"The Thing With Two Heads" is the story of a mad scientist's two-head syndrome and cranial rivalry. It stars Ray Milland and is rated PG.

### Tuesday

"Fillmore" is a recording of Santana's and the Grateful Dead's concert at the Fillmore East and West. Many other rock stars will also be highlighted in this musical documentary that is rated R, under 17 requires accompanying parent or adult guardian.

### Wednesday

"Melinda" is a gangland drama about an outsider who messes with the gang boss' girlfriend. It stars VONETTA McGEE and Calvin Lockhart and is rated R.

### Thursday and Friday

"Play Misty for Me" is a chiller starring Clint Eastwood. A surprise ending makes for some exciting entertainment in this R-rated film.

The matinee on Dec. 30 will be

"Pufnstuff", a cartoon musical that is rated G. The evening show on Dec. 30 will be "J. W. Coop", a PG-rated western. Dec. 31 the theater will present "The Other", a mystery thriller. It is rated PG.

The first film of the new year will be "Dulcima", a mystery that is rated PG. It will be presented Jan. 2, 1973. "You'll Like My Mother" will be presented Jan. 3. Patty Duke stars in this edge-of-the-seat thriller that is rated PG.

Jan. 4 and 5 will see the screen-

ing of "Bluebeard", starring Richard Burton. It is rated R. Both the matinee and the evening performance on Jan. 6 will be "Man And Boy". It is rated G. Jan. 7 will feature a terror story called "Nightlegs". It stars Susan George and Honor Blackman and is rated PG.

"The Seven Minutes" will be presented Jan. 8. It is rated R. "Getting Straight", the Elliott Gould comedy-drama that is rated R, will be shown Jan. 10. Jan. 11 will screen "When The Legends Die". It is rated PG.

## Custodial service booted

A lack of funds has caused cancellation of custodial services in Bachelor Enlisted Quarters (BEQs) throughout the Air Force.

A message received from ATC Nov. 30 stated that Headquarters, USAF had imposed a ceiling on such custodial services being provided under contract which would be reached by Dec. 31. The message directed that all such service be discontinued no

later than Dec. 31, except in transient airman quarters (TAQs). The TAQ at Reese is located on the ground floor of bldg. 420 and the custodial service to the latrines and common use areas there will continue. The common use areas are described as the lounges, corridors and laundry rooms.

The remainder of bldg. 420 and all of bldg. 320 will lose the service.

*tweety topics*

## Best wishes issued even to the Spooks.

By Capt. Charles M. Thrash  
Merry Christmas from the 35th FTS. The squadron takes this opportunity to wish everyone a happy and safe holiday season. There are a few units to which

we would like to send a special greeting. Our maintenance people deserve special credit for the outstanding job they've done this year. They brave the elements and still have a great attitude.

The crash and the Ground Control Approach (GCA) units at Terry County Auxiliary work and suffer with us daily. Anyone who has to spend 1½ hours in a truck every day riding around West Texas deserves a special word of thanks.

We also send greetings to our friends down the ramp—the Spooks. It's been a good year for both of us and we're looking for an even better one in '73. Our special present was presented at the wing commander's stand up briefing last week and our football coach says, "Wait 'til next year!"

So as Christmas approaches, Tweety Topics hopes that everyone gets the present he wants. We especially hope the students get a heater for the solo tank.

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# 54th anticipates season

By Capt. Roger Carter

The 54th has adjourned for the holidays and everybody is looking forward to the Christmas stockings, turkey dinners and Saint Nick.

Even the weatherman is in the spirit; cold weather and snow certainly don't seem out of the forecast, as we all know.

Actually, the festive events of the season began this past week around the squadron with celebrations celebrating the coming celebrations. After encountering a great number of the occasions, I began testing to find the best party punch since so many varieties appeared.

In formulating a rating scale: color, taste and potency were considered along with the ability

of the liquid to "grab you and throw you on the floor". On a technicality the award went to Goat Flight's Capt. Butch Hansen and his gasoline-hued brew of last Saturday. Actually, all of the selections sampled at the the selections sampled at the many parties were of excellent quality but my taste buds died after the first and the judging was discontinued.

I wish Christmas cheer to all and a best wishes for the New Year.

This week's "close . . . but not quite" award goes to the Goat Flight student who, while on his solo navigation out-and-back, called Reese ground with, "Hew 852, flight of two, taxi!"

A few other notes of interest: F-Troop's Capt. D. Hagle is

looking for a car to borrow; Capt. Hal Anderson is looking for a car!

The members of Alpha Flight seem to have finally secured a real kitchen pass for 1st Lt. Bill Ashton to aid in improving participation of that group's traditional Friday afternoon stag bar briefings. And, while we're on the subject, what ever happened to the chug-a-lug challenge carried back to the tweety bird bunch by defeated Capt. Gordy Isachsen after two consecutive losses last month?

The 54th is highly talented and represented in the sport with our new squadron commander rumored not withstanding from an honorable match. Bottoms up, y'all!

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# Mathis schedules tourneys

Events at the Mathis Recreation Center this week include a special ladder tournament for elimination in pool and table tennis.

**Tonight**—Tournaments for elimination in the present standings on the pool and table tennis ladders will get under way at 8 p.m.

**Tomorrow**—The weekly pool tournament will start at 5:30 p.m.

**Sunday**—Coffee and doughnuts will be served at noon. The football pool will be activated for an NFL playoff match. It will be starting at 1 p.m.

**Monday**—The weekly meeting of Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) will start at 7 p.m.

**Tuesday**—The weekly meeting of the Airmen's Wives Club (Dependettes) has been slated for 7 p.m. The center has also planned some special films for Reese personnel, also to get under way at 7 p.m.

**Wednesday**—The weekly table tennis tournament will begin at 7 p.m.

**Thursday**—Chess Club Night has been declared at Mathis for local competitors.

**Friday**—Game Night will feature prizes and refreshments beginning at 8 p.m. There will be no admission charge for this event.

**Dec. 30**—The weekly pool tournament will start at 5:30 p.m.

**Dec. 31**—Coffee and doughnuts

will be available for all at noon. An NFL playoff game will be featured at 1 p.m.

**Jan. 1, 1973**—TOPS will hold their weekly meeting at 7 p.m.

**Jan. 2**—The Dependettes have scheduled their weekly meeting

for 7 p.m. Once again, the center has planned special films.

**Jan. 3**—The weekly table tennis tournament will kickoff at 7 p.m.

**Jan. 4**—The Chess Club will meet at 7 p.m.

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# Open Mess sets hours

The Officers Open Mess has announced its schedule of operating hours for the remainder of December.

The special hours will begin Sunday when the mess will close at 4 p.m. for Christmas. The mess will remain closed Christmas day. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, the holiday operating schedule will be in effect. The operating hours will be from 9 a.m. until 7:30 p.m.

Hours for Dec. 29 will be from 9 a.m. until 1 a.m. A stage show will be presented for Reese officers and their guests. On Dec. 30, the holiday schedule will again be activated when the mess will be open from 9 a.m. until 7:30 p.m.

Dec. 31 the mess will open in the morning from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. and open again at 5 p.m. It will remain open for at least the rest of the evening for a special new year's seeing-in party. Jan. 1, 1973, the mess will be closed and Jan. 2 will see the resumption of regular operating hours.



## Christmas services set

Protestants will conduct services from 9 to 11 a.m. Sunday in the chapel sanctuary. The annual Christmas Eve Adoration Service will begin at 7 p.m. Sunday.

The regular Sunday schedule of masses will be offered at 10

a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Sunday. Also the traditional midnight mass will be held at midnight Sunday. Congregational singing of Christmas hymns will begin 30 minutes before mass. Masses on Christmas day will be at 10 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.

## Season's hours set at chow hall

The wing dining hall has announced special hours for the Christmas season.

Beginning Tuesday and ending Dec. 29, the serving hours will be: breakfast—from 5 until 7:30 a.m.; lunch—from 11 a.m. until

1 p.m.; dinner—from 4 until 5:30 p.m.; and midnight chow—from 10:45 p.m. until 1:15 a.m.

Jan. 1, 1973, will also see the dining hall operating under the above hours.



FIGURES SHOW—Proper food and exercise add up to good health. Playboy model Linda Summers uses that equation and she's sum number!

## Credit Union posts dividends increase

Semi-annual dividends of 5 1/2 per cent have been declared as of Dec. 31 by the Reese AFB Federal Credit Union, according to Capt. John R. Beaty, Credit Union president.

The dividend will be posted to share holder's accounts as of Jan. 1, 1973. Dividends of 5 1/2 per cent have been paid for the past six years.

Captain Beaty attributed the Credit Union's growth to the many services it provides such as free life insurance on shares up to \$2,000; insured loans in the event

of permanent disability or death; and reduced interest rates on loans.

The captain also reported that the 4,713 active members of the Credit Union have increased their holdings to an average of \$671 with assets increasing to more than \$3.6 million.

Members of the Credit Union are encouraged to attend the annual meeting Jan. 23 in bldg. 820. The agenda will include the election of six new board members with \$100 in door prizes being offered.

## AFA holds annual drive

The Lubbock Chapter of the Air Force Association is conducting its annual membership drive through Jan. 15, 1973, with the offer to pay half of the \$10 annual membership dues to those who sign up during the drive.

Tom Ireland, president of the Lubbock chapter, said the chapter would pay \$5 of the regular membership fee. This will entitle the new member to all benefits of the association, including the monthly Air Force Magazine and eligibility to sign up for a variety of

insurance plans which offer reduced rates to members only.

Many units have volunteer project personnel to aid in signing up new members. Prospective members may pick up application blanks—or in the case of members who have not yet transferred to the Lubbock chapter, the necessary transfer request—through those project people or through Mr. Ireland, Civilian Personnel, ext. 2290, or Jim Comeaux, Information Division, ext. 2410.

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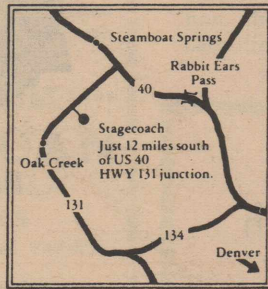
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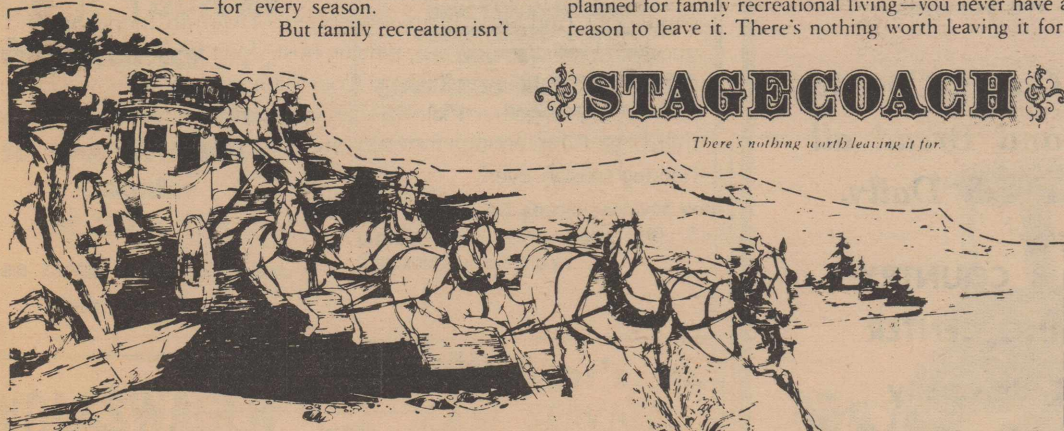
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**CHRISTMAS PARTY**—Two Reese dependents receive a present from television personalities Admiral Foghorn and his first mate, Salty Sam, during the annual Reese Christmas party Saturday. Also attending were 266 children from three West Texas children's homes. These children were sponsored by their "parents for a day" and were given a grand tour of the base. Shown with the sailors are Tracy (left) and Ava Lamont. (U.S. Air Force Photo)

## BX plans annual white sale

The Reese Exchange will hold its annual white goods sale from Dec. 29 to Jan. 13, General Manager Vaughn Mongan has announced.

Customers visiting the exchange during the sale will find a variety of specially procured merchandise. A 12-page tabloid, offering 37 items of special value,

will be handed out in the store beginning today. If customers cannot find specials in the store during the first 10 days of the sale, they should ask for a rain check.

"This year's event is a real spicy one," Mongan noted, "In fact, the theme for the event is 'Spicy, Spicy'."

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## Dining hall to offer Christmas feast

Services Division at Reese has announced operating hours at the wing dining hall for Christmas day.

Breakfast will be served from 7 until 8 a.m. Lunch and dinner will be served continuously from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. Rates for the afternoon meal have been set at \$1 for enlisted personnel; officers, dependents and guests, \$1.50; and children under 12 years of age, 75 cents.

Highlighting the menu will be roast turkey, cornbread dressing

and giblet gravy. Baked ham will also be served along with cranberry sauce, glazed sweet potatoes, mashed potatoes, buttered broccoli, peas and carrots, assorted relishes and hot rolls.

Dessert items will include mincemeat pie, pumpkin pie with whipped cream, fruitcake, assorted candy, assorted fresh fruit and nuts. Coffee and milk will also be available.

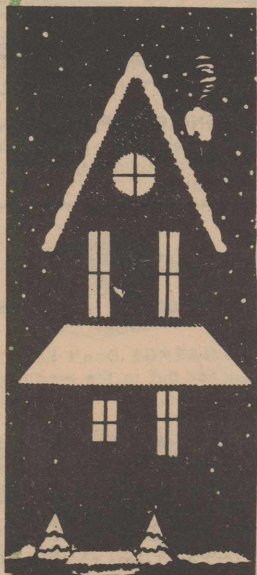
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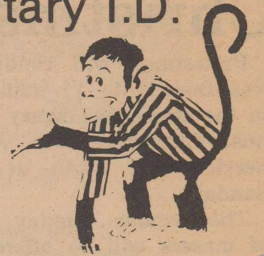
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## Open Mess sets events

The list of scheduled entertainment at the NCO Open Mess is highlighted tonight with the appearance of Don Roberts and the Branded Four.

The dining room will be open tonight and tomorrow night from 5 until 10 p.m. Tomorrow night's dancing music will be provided by Pete Morales and his band. The club will be closed Christmas day until 4 p.m.

Thursday night will feature Discotheque Night with Gerald Lewis. The mess offers the happy hour game every Monday through Friday at 5:45 p.m. A dinner special is also available every Tuesday and Wednesday night.



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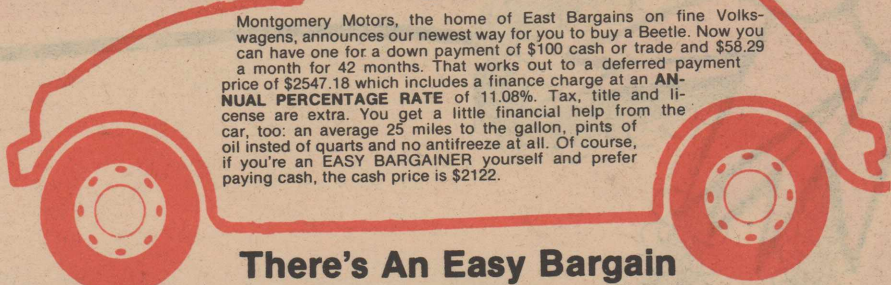
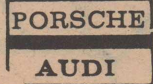
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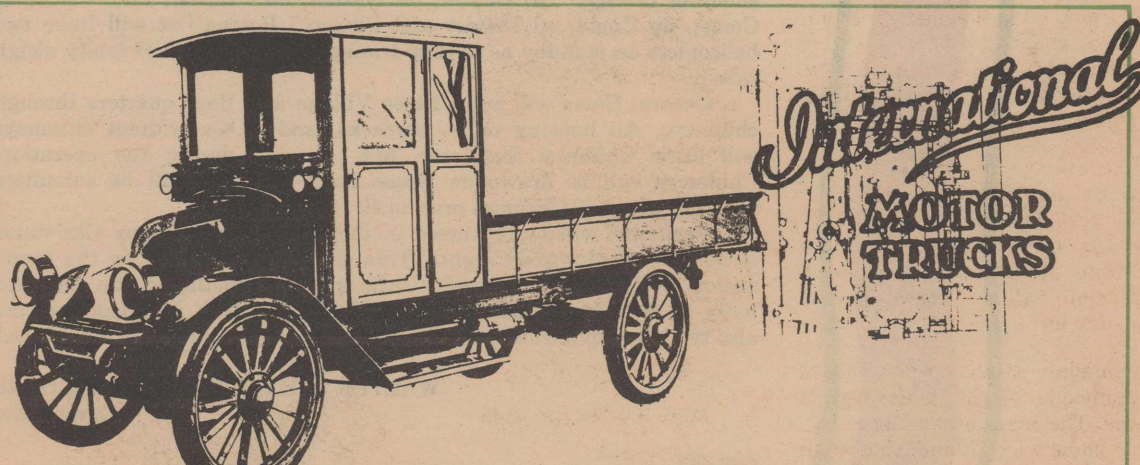
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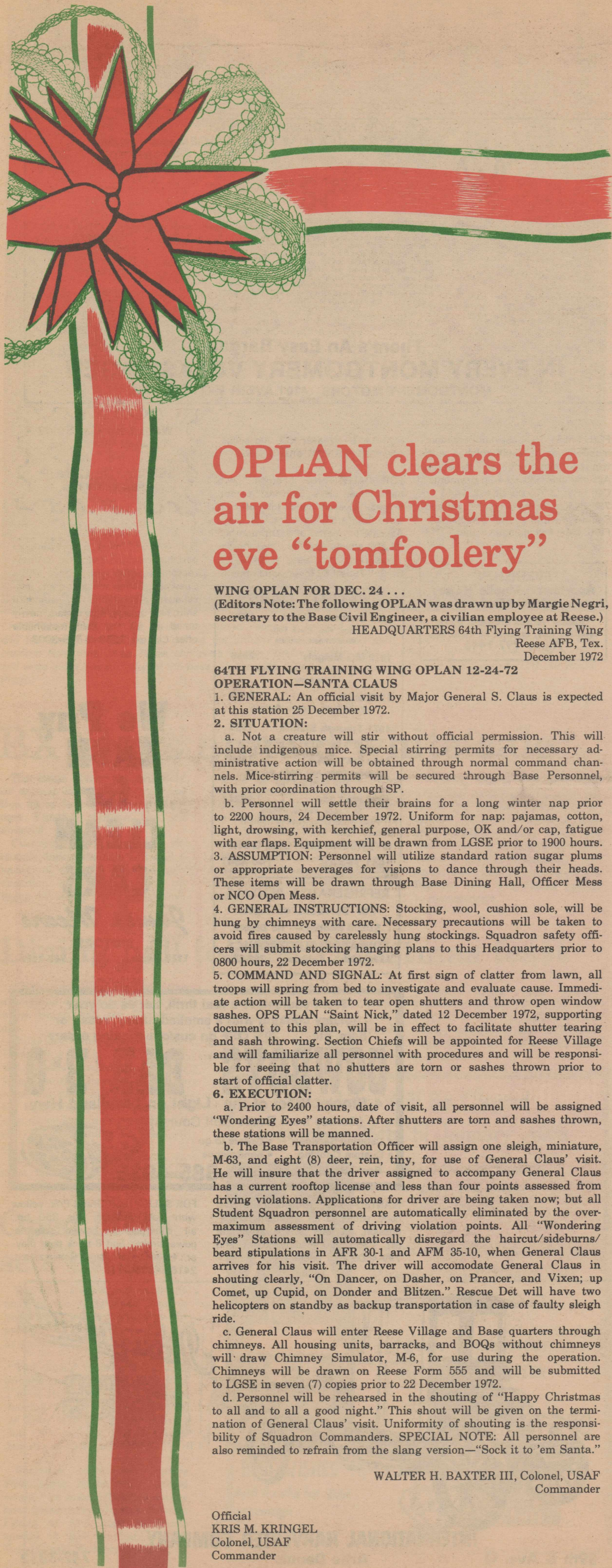
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## OPLAN clears the air for Christmas eve "tomfoolery"

### WING OPLAN FOR DEC. 24 . . .

(Editors Note: The following OPLAN was drawn up by Margie Negri, secretary to the Base Civil Engineer, a civilian employee at Reese.)  
HEADQUARTERS 64th Flying Training Wing  
Reese AFB, Tex.  
December 1972

### 64TH FLYING TRAINING WING OPLAN 12-24-72

#### OPERATION—SANTA CLAUS

1. GENERAL: An official visit by Major General S. Claus is expected at this station 25 December 1972.

#### 2. SITUATION:

a. Not a creature will stir without official permission. This will include indigenous mice. Special stirring permits for necessary administrative action will be obtained through normal command channels. Mice-stirring permits will be secured through Base Personnel, with prior coordination through SP.

b. Personnel will settle their brains for a long winter nap prior to 2200 hours, 24 December 1972. Uniform for nap: pajamas, cotton, light, drowsing, with kerchief, general purpose, OK and/or cap, fatigue with ear flaps. Equipment will be drawn from LGSE prior to 1900 hours.

3. ASSUMPTION: Personnel will utilize standard ration sugar plums or appropriate beverages for visions to dance through their heads. These items will be drawn through Base Dining Hall, Officer Mess or NCO Open Mess.

4. GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS: Stocking, wool, cushion sole, will be hung by chimneys with care. Necessary precautions will be taken to avoid fires caused by carelessly hung stockings. Squadron safety officers will submit stocking hanging plans to this Headquarters prior to 0800 hours, 22 December 1972.

5. COMMAND AND SIGNAL: At first sign of clatter from lawn, all troops will spring from bed to investigate and evaluate cause. Immediate action will be taken to tear open shutters and throw open window sashes. OPS PLAN "Saint Nick," dated 12 December 1972, supporting document to this plan, will be in effect to facilitate shutter tearing and sash throwing. Section Chiefs will be appointed for Reese Village and will familiarize all personnel with procedures and will be responsible for seeing that no shutters are torn or sashes thrown prior to start of official clatter.

#### 6. EXECUTION:

a. Prior to 2400 hours, date of visit, all personnel will be assigned "Wondering Eyes" stations. After shutters are torn and sashes thrown, these stations will be manned.

b. The Base Transportation Officer will assign one sleigh, miniature, M-63, and eight (8) deer, rein, tiny, for use of General Claus' visit. He will insure that the driver assigned to accompany General Claus has a current rooftop license and less than four points assessed from driving violations. Applications for driver are being taken now; but all Student Squadron personnel are automatically eliminated by the over-maximum assessment of driving violation points. All "Wondering Eyes" Stations will automatically disregard the haircut/sideburns/beard stipulations in AFR 30-1 and AFM 35-10, when General Claus arrives for his visit. The driver will accommodate General Claus in shouting clearly, "On Dancer, on Dasher, on Prancer, and Vixen; up Comet, up Cupid, on Donder and Blitzen." Rescue Det will have two helicopters on standby as backup transportation in case of faulty sleigh ride.

c. General Claus will enter Reese Village and Base quarters through chimneys. All housing units, barracks, and BOQs without chimneys will draw Chimney Simulator, M-6, for use during the operation. Chimneys will be drawn on Reese Form 555 and will be submitted to LGSE in seven (7) copies prior to 22 December 1972.

d. Personnel will be rehearsed in the shouting of "Happy Christmas to all and to all a good night." This shout will be given on the termination of General Claus' visit. Uniformity of shouting is the responsibility of Squadron Commanders. SPECIAL NOTE: All personnel are also reminded to refrain from the slang version—"Sock it to 'em Santa."

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