Carter Field Urged As Air School Site

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WASHINGTON.—Rep. J. Frank Wilson proposed Wednesday that the Air Force use Amon Carter International Airport for its long-sought air academy.

The Dallas congressman offered his plan as the House armed services committee opened hearings on a bill authorizing an Air Force Academy equivalent to the Army and Navy Academies.

Under the Wilson proposal, a site on the shores of Grapevine Lake could be used for the main campus, and Carter Field for flying activities.

The Grapevine Lake site is sponsored jointly by Dallas, Fort Worth, Denton and other nearby towns. It is located in Denton County.

Carter Field and the proposed Grapevine Lake site are only a few miles apart.

Wilson understood that one of the big troubles with the Grapevine Lake site is lack of an airstrip. He pointed out that using Carter Field would eliminate that difficulty.

"It would save the taxpayers many millions of dollars," he asserted.

Wilson announced that after listening to the hearing Wednesday he had decided it would be impossible for Congress to select the site. The choice should be left to an impartial board, Wilson believed. The pending bill leaves the selection to the Air Force Secretary, with the advice of a board.

Dr. John A. Hannah, assistant defense secretary for manpower and personnel, told the committee he had originally held to the belief that the military academies should draw their students from civilian colleges.

Hannah said, however, he had undergone a complete change of viewpoint and was led to that change by personal observation that West Point and Annapolis "perform two unique functions which no civilian institution of like rank could hope or be expected to do."

He listed the emphasis on the ideal of service to the country and the high standards of integrity and personal ethics enforced at the service academies. Hannah also believed a complete air academy would attract to the faculty the nation's foremost authorities on aviation.

Air Force Secretary Harold E. Talbott "guessed" the air academy will cost in excess of $125,000,000 to establish.

Air Force plans are to set up a temporary academy by the summer of 1955 and to have the permanent academy in operation by July, 1957. He hopes to start construction by July 1, but this was considered an impossible date by members of Congress.

Talbott hoped to have a permanent location picked before the temporary academy is started. He indicated that if the permanent site has the facilities, the temporary academy would be at the same location.

A new location board would be named by Talbott, who said he would consider previous reports. He told the committee he will name to his new board two members of the last selection group—Lt. Gen. H. R. Harmon and Gen. Carl Spaatz, retired.

The old board narrowed its sites down to seven, three of them in Texas, but never made a final choice among these seven.

The Texas locations were Grapevine Lake, Randolph Field at San Antonio and a Grayson County site near Lake Texoma.

Rep. Paul Kilday of San Antonio, who wants Randolph Field selected, informed the committee he has decided an air academy will never be created if Congress picks the site.

Kilday previously has insisted that Congress perform this task, instead of the Air Force Secretary. He announced he will not press for his bill designating Randolph Field, although he still

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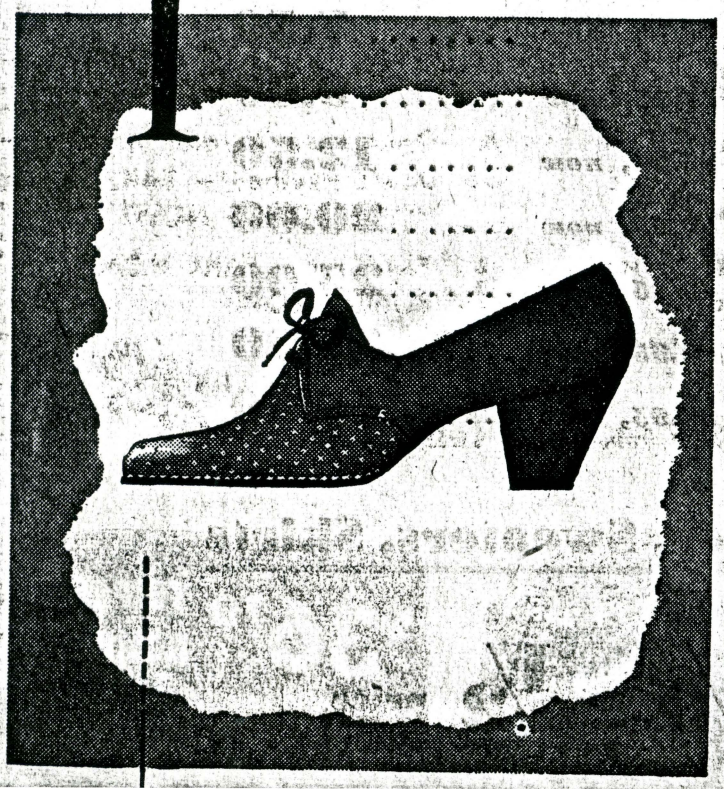

IKE HAS SPOT, BUT WON'T SAY

WASHINGTON. — President Eisenhower has his own choice of a site for an Air Force Academy but will never reveal it.

He told his press conference Wednesday he recognized the need of an air academy when he decided in 1945 there ought to be a separate Air Force.

Mr. Eisenhower went on to say he personally knew where the academy ought to be but had kept his mouth shut and will never tell it.

The President's statement caused speculation on whether Randolph Field at San Antonio was his location. The President wooed his wife in San Antonio when he was a young Army officer.

27 Alpine Vill Buried in Ava

VIENNA, Austria (AP).—Twenty-seven Alpine villagers were found crushed or smothered to death Wednesday under avalanche masses in the hamlet of Blons and hope was all but abandoned for thirty-five others missing in the snowy depths there.

Forty-four were found injured in Blons and most were brought out to safety during the day.

Rescue workers at Blons came upon the greatest single concentration of tragedy in the spate of wind-blown avalanches that spread death and destruction in three neighbor nations since Sunday.

The forty-four injured and the sixty-two dead or missing represent more than a fourth of Blons' 285 population.

Although the danger of avalanches generally slowed down during the day with the coming of colder temperatures, a report from Mellau near Bregenz Wednesday said five persons were killed and six injured in an apparently new snow slide there.

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Court OK's Settlement

Dist. Judge Paul Peurifoy Wednesday approved a $25,000 settlement by the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe Railway to the guardian of three children whose mother was killed in a train-auto accident.

The settlement was in a suit in which Chelsie Corley, the guardian, pointed out that Mrs. Annie Laura Marshall was killed May 1, 1953, when a train of the firm hit the Marshall car at the Walnut Street Crossing in Garland.

Under the settlement, the minor children, Robert Wayne Marshall, Loretta Kay Marshall and Tina Sue Marshall, received a total of $15,000 and Newton P. Morrison, their attorney, got $10,000.

Boy's Confession Leads to Arrests Of 3 for Thefts

City detectives Wednesday rounded up three teen-age boys implicated in a small crime wave by the confession of a 16-year-old lad who walked into headquarters Tuesday night and said he wanted to "straighten up some business."

The boy confessed to burglaries, auto thefts and two armed robberies last month. Then detectives went out and picked up two 17-year-olds and a 19-year-old. A fifth youth was sought.

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