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SHARED IN PLAUDITS FOR FLYING HUSBANDS—Among the others honored Thursday night at the Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce dinner at Hotel Texas hailing the globe-circling flight of the B-50 crew were wives of the fliers and other Air Force guests. From left to right, around the table, are Mes. J. G. Gallagher, Donald Traugh, Virgil Young, Roland B. Bonner, Glenn E. Hacker, Earl L. Rigor, David Parmelee, J. C. Selsler Jr., Robert R. McLeroy, Arthur M. Neal, D. E. Bailey, B. G. Cantrell, Robert G. Davis and William F. Caffrey.

Here With Husbands

Wives of Lucky Lady II Crewmen Luckiest and Proudest in World

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Wives of the Lucky Lady II fliers think that they are just about the "luckiest ladies" — and the proudest ones—in the world. The wives who accompanied their husbands here from Tucson Thursday, as Fort Worth paid tribute to Capt. James G. Gallagher and his crew, were all sure of one thing. When they heard the news of the record-breaking round-the-world flight, they were happy, excited and proud all at once.

The captain's wife, the former Miss Mary Cranston of Washington, was so stunned when he called her in New Orleans that she said, "Isn't that nice?"

"That was a masterpiece of understatement I'd ever heard one," Gallagher recalled Thursday.

The couple met in Washington when both worked in the office of the surgeon-general and married in 1946. They have a daughter, Kathleen Anne, 9 months old.

Mrs. Frances Marie Rigor, wife of 1st Lt. Earl L. Rigor, "just sat down and bawled" when she heard the news over the radio in Tucson. The couple attended high school together in Oregon and married in 1942. They have two children, Gary Earl and Jerie Lynne.

When a Star-Telegram reporter called Tucson and told Mrs. Mary Hacker the news, she was "flabbergasted." Then she started calling everyone in Tucson and telling them the news. She is the wife of Capt. Glenn E. Hacker. Mrs. Mary Bonner, who met 1st Lt. Roland B. Bonner on a blind date in 1939, was visiting in Bakersfield, Cal., when she heard the news, and was "so proud and excited."

The former Miss Faye McNair met 1st Lt. William F. Caffrey when he came into the surgeon's office at 11th Air Force headquarters in Harrisburg, Pa., with

Mrs. Cleo Cantrell, who met Tech. Sgt. Burgess G. Cantrell in a cafe in Pound, Va., started telling their son, Gregory, that "daddy's a hero" when she heard the news of the historic flight. Mrs. Marjorie Young, wife of Tech. Sgt. Virgil L. Young, was "so excited,"

and Mrs. Betty McLeroy, wife of Staff Sgt. Robert R. McLeroy, was "thrilled to death."

"It was just wonderful," agreed Mrs. Leatrice Traugh, wife of Staff Sgt. Donald G. Traugh Jr., and Mrs. Esther Davis, wife of Staff Sgt. Robert Davis.

HONORS FOR B-50 FLIERS

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"We are reassured though, as we go back and forth across the country and stop in a city like Fort Worth meeting people who express appreciation and act like they are really proud of the service we represent.

"That is the thing that keeps us in service and keeps us going."

General Ramey gave a reminder also of the "less known and unsung people who make these flights possible—the maintenance and supply people who are the backbone of the Air Force."

Web Maddox, president of the Chamber of Commerce, which was host for the dinner, presented Carter and Mayor Deen. The city's chief executive read a tribute to the flight and the City Council's resolution conferring lifetime citizenship on the airmen.

Maddox called the flight "one of profound strategic and tactical consequence to the whole nation."

The resolution extended citizenship also to President Truman, as commander-in-chief; former Secretary of Defense James V. Forrestal who was in office when

ment, with a map of the flight in relief on one side and on the reverse, the date, time, name of the flier and the "Fort-Worth-to-Fort-Worth" starting and finishing point, were presented to each flier.

Crew recipients besides Gallagher included Capt. Glenn Hacker, first navigator, Eldorado, Kan.; Capt. James H. Morris, third pilot, San Antonio; Capt. David B. Parmelee, flight engineer, Guilford, Conn.; Lt. Roland Bonner, radar officer, Redondo Beach, Cal.; Lt. William Caffrey, radar officer, Lewiston, Maine; Lt. Arthur Neal, second pilot, Grand Valley, Cal.; Lt. Earl L. Rigor, second navigator, Corvallis, Ore.; Tech. Sgt. Burgess Cantrell, radio operator, Pound, Va.; Staff Sgt. Robert McLeroy, radio operator, Alvarado; Staff Sgt. Melvin Davis, gunner, Long Beach, Cal.; Tech. Sgt. Virgil Young, flight engineer, Cranestville, Pa.; Tech. Sgt. Robert G. Davis, flight engineer, Niles, Mich.; and Staff Sgt. Donald G. Traugh Jr., gunner, Danville, Pa.

Carter, in presenting the gold medals, gave to each man also an alligator leather wallet containing a card attesting Fort Worth citizenship signed by the mayor and city secretary, and in a leather folder an engraved parchment copy of the City Council's resolution conferring citizenship.

He told each "Wherever you