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**THE GREATER FORT WORTH INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
AMON CARTER FIELD**

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Welcome to Greater Fort Worth International Airport (Amon Carter Field).

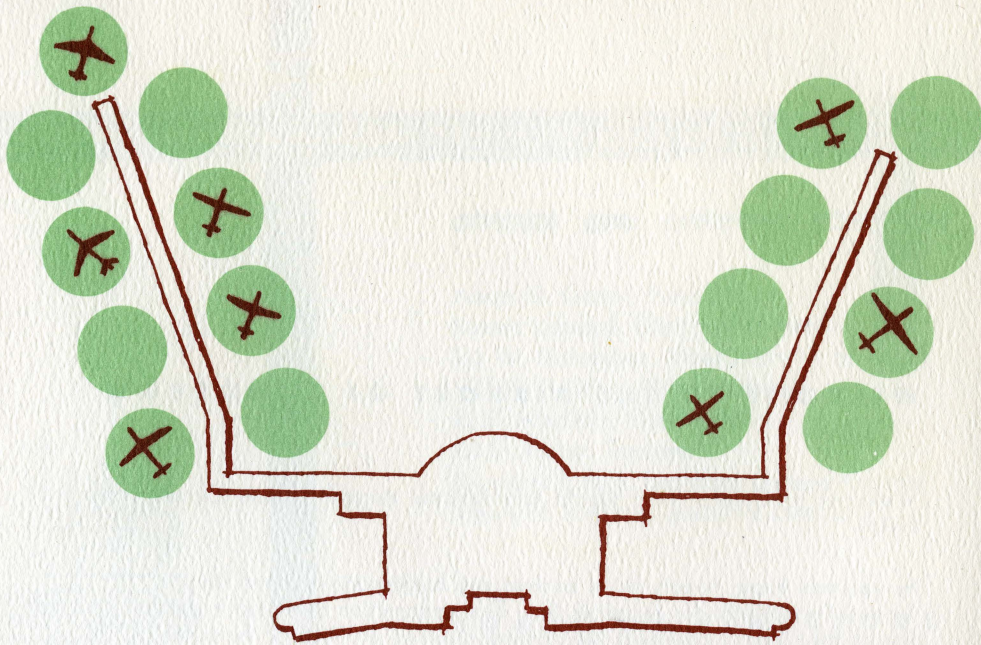
As you may know, twenty-three bankers and businessmen of Fort Worth formed Fort Worth Air Terminal, Inc. This corporation provided a portion of the funds to construct the terminal building and leased the entire airport from the City of Fort Worth for a period of thirty-six years. Thus, the airport has been set up as a business institution and will be operated by businessmen for the benefit of the air-traveling public.

We are justifiably proud of this airport, believing it to be one of the world's safest and best. It is ideally located in gentle rolling country away from city congestion. Its design is based upon a thorough study of leading airports throughout the nation, and it incorporates the recommendations of Civil Aeronautics Administration engineers, airline operators, and other aviation authorities. It has safety zoning regulations and all the latest aids to navigation. It was constructed with the safety and comfort of the air traveler always in mind.

And perhaps most important of all, this airport was built for the future, with the land already acquired and the plans already drawn for doubling its present size. It could easily accommodate around two million passengers annually. Before too many years have gone by, it may be called upon to do so, in view of the current industrial expansion and population growth in the Fort Worth-Dallas area and the steady increase in the volume of air travel during recent years.

Appropriately enough, Greater Fort Worth International Airport was completed during the golden anniversary of powered flight. We believe that this ultramodern air terminal will get aviation's second half-century off to a flying start.

The City of Fort Worth
Fort Worth Air Terminal, Inc.



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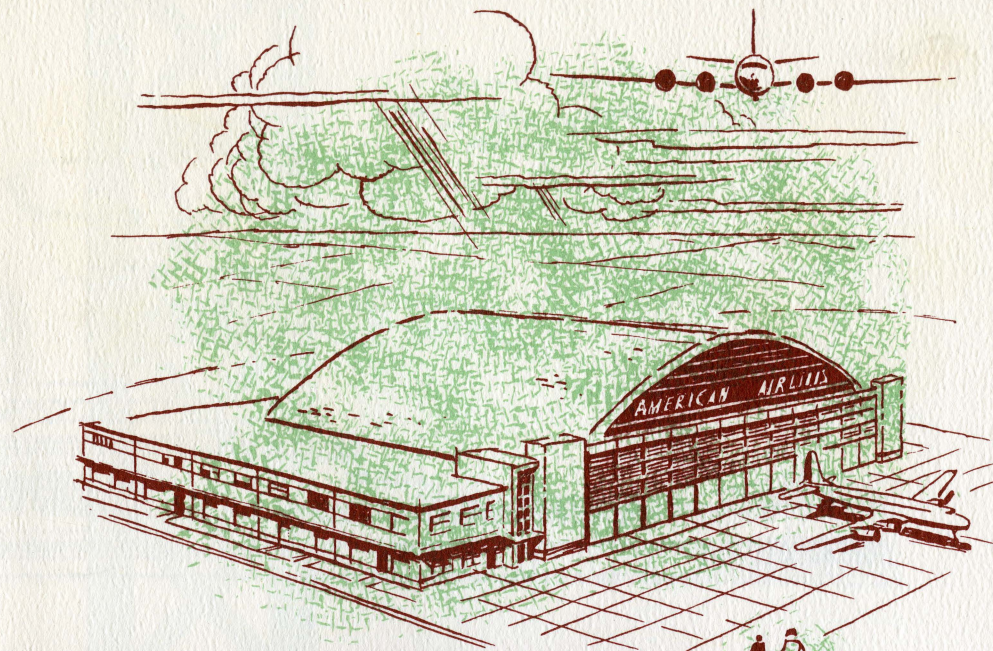
Location—Closer than You Think Greater Fort Worth International Airport (Amon Carter Field) is located on Highway 183, exactly halfway between Fort Worth and Dallas. The proposed expressway between the two cities will pass two miles to the south, and the airport will be linked with it by a boulevard and a cloverleaf intersection. When this expressway is completed, Greater Fort Worth International Airport will be more accessible to downtown Fort Worth and Dallas than either Meacham Field or Love Field is today.

How Big—Now and in the Future? In keeping with its Texas heritage, the airport is big — 1,858 acres. So big, in fact, that the airport's present operating facilities could be doubled without buying another foot of land.

The airport's two passenger-loading fingers can load and unload 17 four-engine airliners simultaneously and without confusion. Two additional fingers—with 15 loading positions — are included in the overall plan of the airport, in the event future air-travel demands make the expansion necessary.

Heavy-Duty Runways — Plus a Heliport The airport master plan has parallel runways 1,800 feet apart — a total of 5,000,000 square feet of heavy-duty concrete.

The main runway (northwest-southeast), now 6,400 feet long and 200 feet wide, will be extended shortly to 8,400 feet, and plans have already been drawn to extend it to 12,000 feet, if and



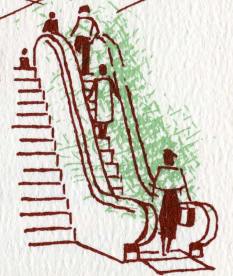
HANGAR AND OFFICE BUILDING

when jet airliners should require such length. The north-south runway is 6,400 feet long and 150 feet wide. Both of these runways are of 9-inch-thick reinforced concrete on a 24-inch prepared base capable of supporting the heaviest airplanes of the foreseeable future. The northeast-southwest runway, principally for itinerant aircraft, is 4,100 feet long.

This is the first airport in aviation history with a heliport designed into the original plan. The heliport, just west of the terminal building, will enable helicopters to pick up and deliver airline passengers, express, and mail to and from downtown Fort Worth and Dallas in a matter of minutes. Several applicants are currently seeking certificates to operate this helicopter service.

Zoned for Your Protection The approaches to all the runways are clear on a 50:1 glide angle or better, and zoning regulations enforced by a joint Tarrant County-Dallas County zoning board will keep the approaches clear on a 50:1 glide angle. Structural heights within the turning area — five miles from the center of the airport in all directions — are also zoned by this joint board, and no other airport or obstructions may be built within this turning area.

Comforts and Conveniences You'll see no fuel trucks or airconditioning carts for airplanes tearing about the airport and creating safety problems. Planes are fueled and airconditioned at loading stations by modern underground systems.





TERMINAL BUILDING — FIELD VIEW

Another unusual feature of the airport is its seven escalators for bringing passengers from ground level to the passenger concourse in the loading fingers.

That old bugaboo of air travel — waiting for your baggage after landing — has been eliminated at Greater Fort Worth International Airport. Electric carts on one-way ramps will speed the delivery of baggage so that in most instances your baggage will be waiting for you when you get to the counter.

Another decided convenience is the large parking area. In front of the terminal building is a parking area for 1,100 cars, and plans for an additional 6,000-car parking area are already completed. There's indoor storage in the terminal building for 200 automobiles, primarily for air travelers who wish to store their cars for a few days until their return flights.

Limousine service, taxicabs, buses, and a car-rental agency provide quick transportation to downtown Fort Worth or Dallas.

Plans are ready for the development of a community shopping center in the 135-acre area west of the terminal building. A landscaped esplanade will run through the middle of this community center, with 3,310 front feet of shops on each side when the center is fully developed.

Employees, too, get a break at Greater Fort Worth International Airport.

Besides their own cafeteria, they will eventually have their own recreation area in a 55-acre plot near the southwest corner of the field.

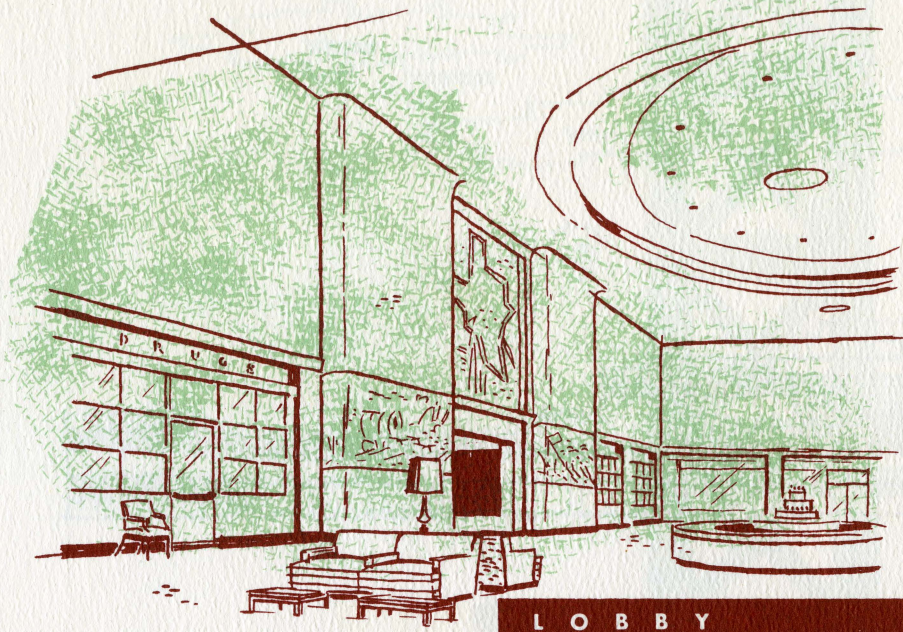
The airport has its own water, fire, sewer, and garbage-disposal departments. These utilities — plus gas, electricity, and telephone systems — can accommodate a city of approximately ten thousand people at present, and they can be expanded almost without limit. (The water-system plant is the structure south of the terminal building.)

North of the terminal is a hangar and office building which has been leased to American Airlines. Three major airlines have leased 75 acres of land for the construction of hangars, shops, and office buildings, and 188 additional acres are available for leasing to base operators and others.

The Terminal Building Itself In the eyes of the average air traveler, however — who probably notices items of comfort and safety only when they are lacking — the pride of the airport is the terminal building with its vaulted lobby.

This building contains 242,000 square feet (five acres) of floor space with plans already drawn for doubling the floor space if necessary. It's fireproof and airconditioned. Atop it is one of the largest air-traffic control towers in





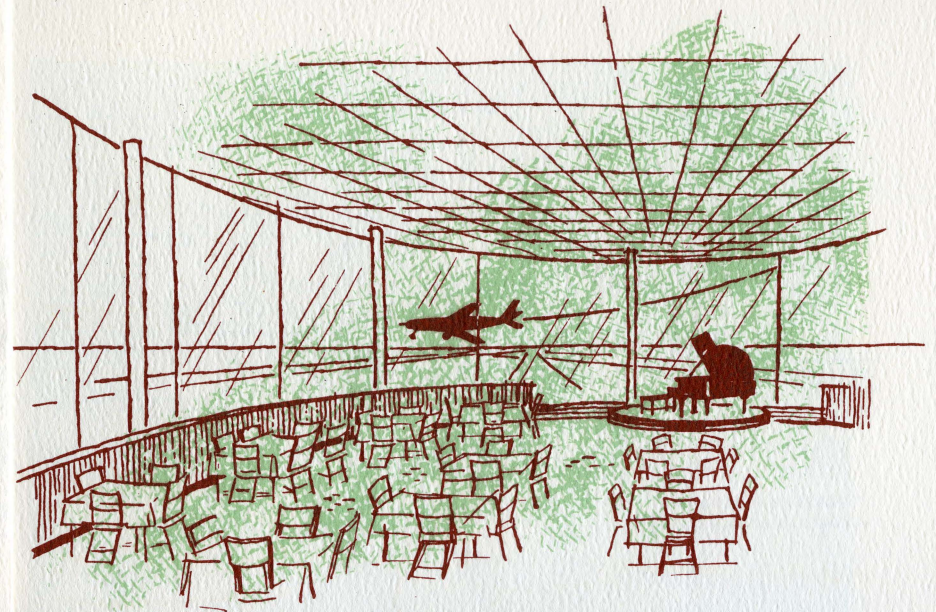
LOBBY

the United States, with room for all the latest aids to air navigation and their controls.

What's Below? The lower floor of the terminal building contains the work area for outgoing baggage, an airmail postoffice, air freight and cargo areas, a modern barber and beauty shop, the plane-meal kitchen, an employees' cafeteria, storage areas for concessionaires, and airline operations offices and ramp equipment storage areas (in the passenger-loading fingers).

There is also an extensive basement, containing operating equipment such as boilers, airconditioning units, and conduits. Two eight-foot-high concrete tunnels run the full length of the terminal building and the passenger-loading fingers, carrying the utility lines and making them easily accessible for maintenance.

On the First Floor At opposite ends of the terminal building are 208 feet of airline ticket counters and a 100-foot-long baggage counter.



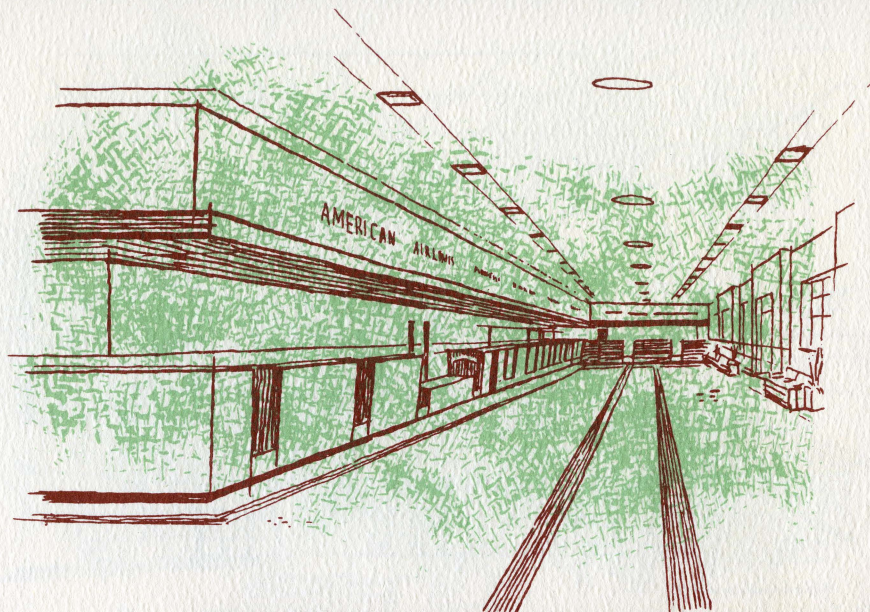
MAIN DINING ROOM

The lobby — 180 feet long and 60 feet wide — has a ceiling 31 feet high, giving the lobby a spaciousness rarely found in terminals. It also has a warmth and hotel-like informality missing from the typical waiting room. This is brought about largely by arranging the modern furniture so that 115 passengers and visitors can be seated in small groups. Soft background music over the 499 speakers in the public-address system adds to the friendly atmosphere.

The lobby, decorated in modern western, contains the various concessions — gift shop, newsstand, western shop, coffee shop, flower shop, apparel shop, and the like.

Center of attraction in the lobby is an impressive bas-relief mural in three panels, each covered in gold leaf. The middle panel is an outline map of Texas, highlighting the state's industries. The right panel shows the state's early history, from the days of the conquistadors through the fall of the Alamo. The left panel depicts pioneer days in Texas — covered wagons, Indians, cowboys, and the first railroads.





AIRLINE TICKET COUNTERS

Just off the lobby, toward the runway side of the airport, is the luxurious dining room, featuring soft music provided by a piano and pianist on a revolving turn-table. This room, which seats 225, is terraced in two levels so that every diner can look through an 11-foot-high glass wall at the airliners coming and going.

Speaking of watching airplanes, there's an observation deck, with sufficient space for 500 spectators. This deck, reached through ten-cent turnstiles, has food and beverage service from the main kitchen.

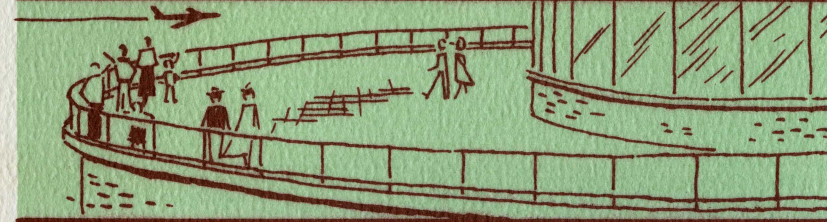
Also on the first floor is a travelers' aid room for women and children, with a hostess on duty.

What's Above? Here you'll find private dining rooms overlooking the field. Through use of modern-fold partitions, these rooms can accommodate up to 150 persons at once.

Opening off these private dining rooms is an outdoor dining terrace capable of seating 300 persons.



TRAVELERS AID ROOM U. S. WEATHER BUREAU



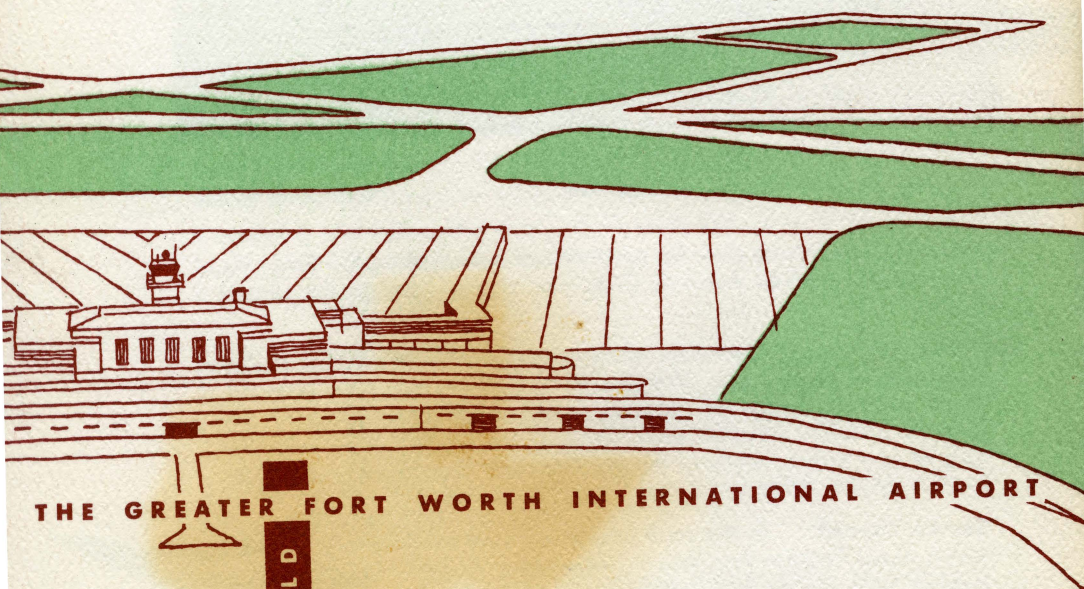
OBSERVATION DECK

There is also a private club, for members only, overlooking the field. It's an American Airlines Admirals Club, one of only three in the United States.

And here on the second floor are the various offices essential to the operation of an airport — Weather Bureau offices equipped with the latest weather-observation devices, safety operations offices of the Civil Aeronautics Administration, office of the aviation director of the City of Fort Worth, office of the Air Transport Association, and offices of Fort Worth Air Terminal, Inc.

See for Yourself In this small booklet we have touched only the high points about Greater Fort Worth International Airport. But even if the booklet were ten times as large, we would not be able to capture in word and picture the full story of this ultramodern air terminal. So we urge you to wander around it and see for yourself, at firsthand, the features we have briefly described and those we have omitted. Then, you will realize more fully why this terminal is justly called the airport of tomorrow.





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