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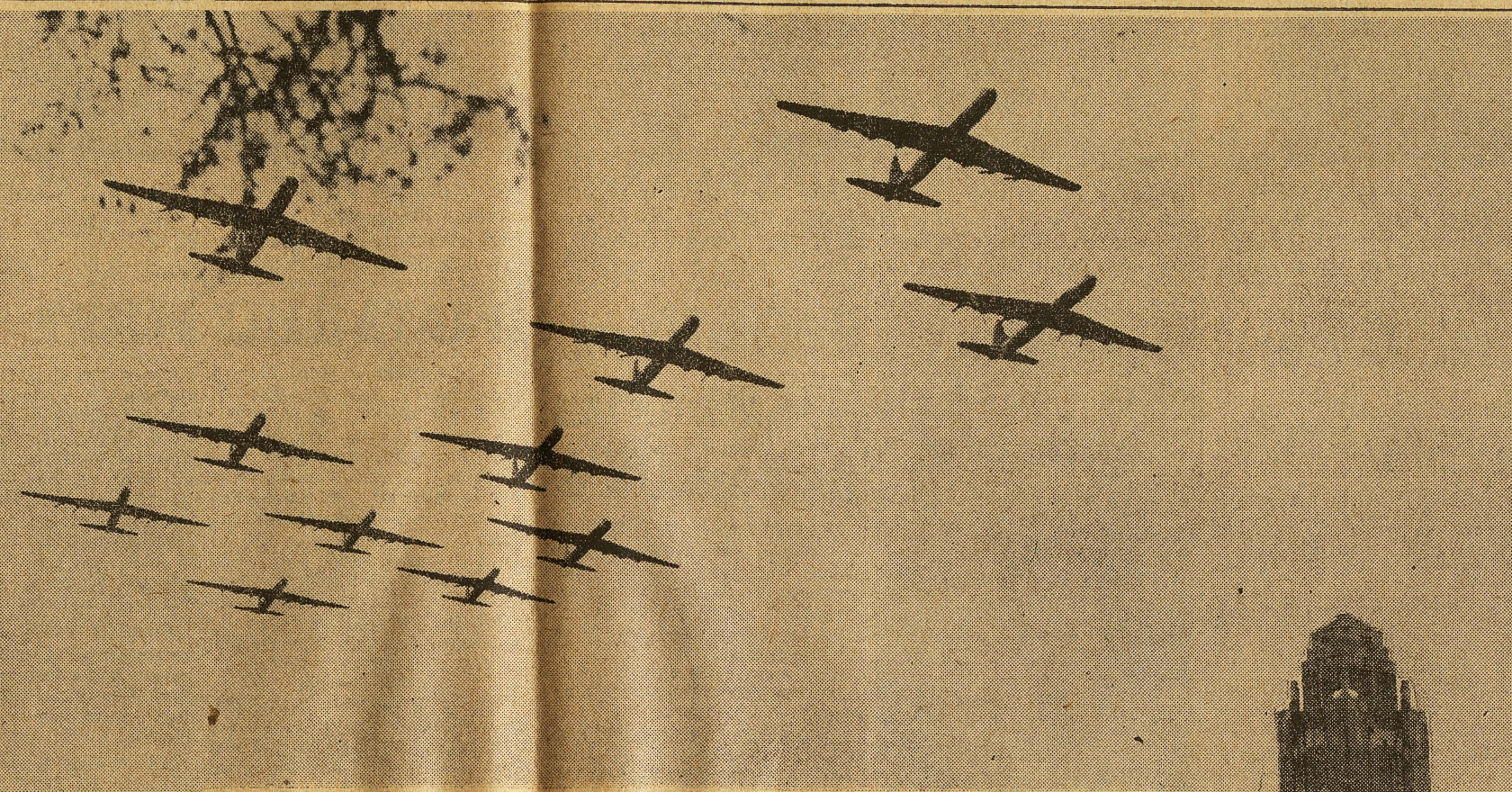
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Spatz Hails Performance Of B-36 Flight

Matching a historic anniversary with a "first" performance, 8th Air Force pilots roared a salute to the organization's seventh birthday Friday with a formation flight of 11 B-36 bombers, largest number of the huge planes yet flown, as present and former generals watched.

Gen. Carl Spaatz, retired former chief of the Air Force who directed combined Allied air operations over Europe in World War II, told anniversary dinner guests with satisfaction, Friday night:

"In spite of anything you may have heard to the contrary, the B-36 is a great ship—the biggest and best bomber the nation has now—and the performance this morning was fine indeed." He and fellow generals had watched at Carswell Air Force Base the morning review of B-36s, B-29s and F-82 fighters.

Spatz was honor guest of the 8th Air Force birthday dinner given by Amon Carter at the Fort Worth Club.

Eaker's Comment.
Lt. Gen. Ira C. Eaker, former commander of the 8th in England during the war, recalled greeting the 8th's first six men who arrived there; seeing its first bombing mission head out over Europe, and
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ON LAND AND IN THE AIR—The cream of the nation's aerial might, 11 B-36s in formation, are shown passing over the tower of Will Rogers Memorial Coliseum and Auditorium Friday morning in a salute to the 8th Air Force. Below, part of the riders in Friday afternoon's parade heralding the opening of the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show move north on Main Street.

—Star-Telegram Staff Photos.

STOCK SHOW CALENDAR

SATURDAY.

4-H, FFA and Soil Conservation Day and Stamford, Ennis and Ranger Day.

7:30 a. m.—Gates open to public.

8 a. m.—Sifting of all livestock entries other than fat steers and lambs.

8 a. m.—General livestock

10 a. m.—National Cutting Horse Association membership meeting, second floor, coliseum.

12:30 p. m.—Fort Worth Musicians Union Concert, Will Rogers Equestrian Statue Plaza.

1 p. m. Future Farmers and 4-H Club grass judging contest, cattle arena.

Stock Show's Paraders Are Chilly but Colorful

The riders had the advantage over the horses in the Stock Show parade Friday afternoon. They were dressed for the weather. But everybody seemed to love it as thrills vied with chills along the
out being told that this was a Western-style show.
The scene was like a chunk plucked out of a Gene Autry feature.
The kids on the sidelines were



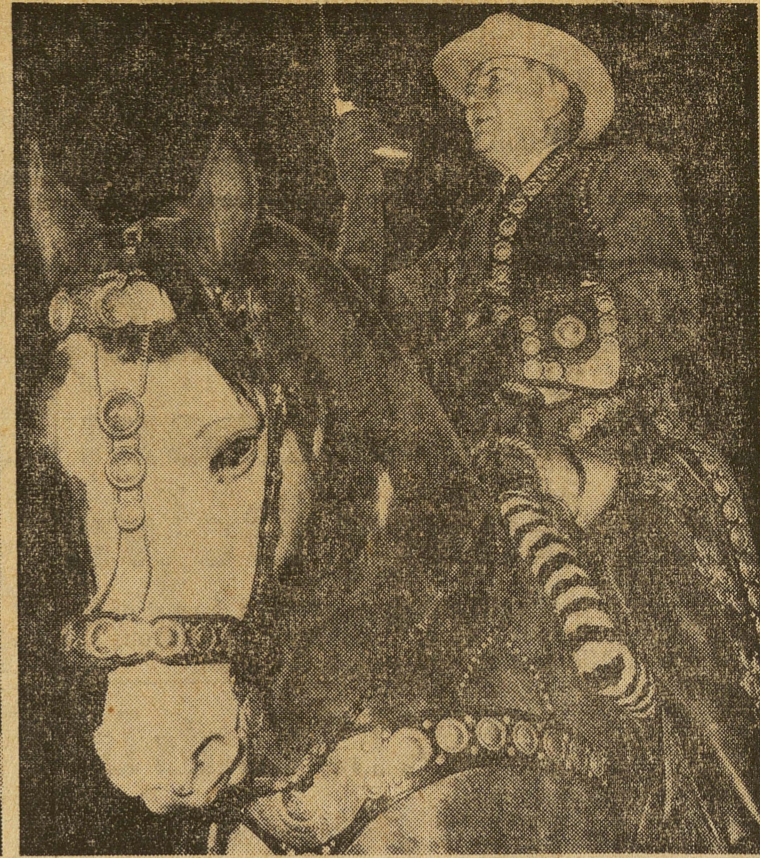
BULLY SHOW—Sky horsemen of the Air Force cheered and jumped from their seats in excitement Friday night as cowpokes took to the rail to escape wild steers, in the opening rodeo performance of the South-



western Exposition and Fat Stock Show. Left to right: Lt. Gen. Curtis E. LeMay, boss of the Strategic Air Command; Maj. Gen. Clements McMullen, former 8th Air Force commander; Brig. Gen. Robert Landry, President



Truman's Air Force aide; Lt. Gen. Ira Eaker, another former 8th commander; Gen. Carl Spaatz, retired former Air Force chief; Maj. Gen. Roger Ramey, present 8th commander celebrating the historic outfit's 7th



birthday Friday; LaMotte T. Cohu, Convair president and general manager; and Governor Jester, saluting the exposition opening after riding in the grand entry.

—Star-Telegram Staff Photos.

3 More In Council Race; Two Others Eyeing Seats

Three more hats were thrown in the ring Friday for the City Council election while two new possible candidates came into the picture.

Dr. R. H. W. Drechsel Sr., Travis P. Young and C. L. Barnhart announced they will seek council posts in the April election. Drechsel, a former councilman, will oppose incumbent Roy C. Murphy in Place 1; Young will run for the Place 6 seat of Clay Berry; and Barnhart will try to unseat Malvern Marks in Place 9. Murphy succeeded Drechsel on the council when the latter went into service in 1940.

Drechsel is a dentist; Young, an insurance agent; and Barnhart, owner of the Milwaukee Bottling Company.

Meantime, Dan Lydick Jr., an insurance agent, and George Seaman, a former councilman, were considering the race. If Lydick runs, he said he would oppose Berry. Seaman said his friends have been talking to him about entering the race.

L. A. (Dub) Wallis, manager of the Isis Theater, clarified his position by saying that he would run for Place 5 if Mayor Deen does not seek re-election. Otherwise,

JESTER

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then I added some white face . . . I'm not one of these rich-raising breeds fellows. But I do make a profit out of it."

The city-bred state chief executive allowed that perhaps horses had the softest spot in his heart. "When I grew up, everybody in Corsicana had a pony. Just like boys have bicycles today. We had only one store delivery a day, and when mother or the cook forgot to buy some sugar or something, I'd get up bareback and go downtown for it."

Jester, who was accompanied by Senator Kelly of Fort Worth, was the guest of Amon Carter at dinner before the show and will be Carter's overnight guest at the Fort Worth Club.

He was most impressed by the price paid the winning steer and lamb Friday and whistled his appreciation.

Jester will be in town until 1 p. m. Saturday. He'll make a transcription for the March of Dimes Saturday morning.

"Then I'm going out to the show to look over the stock," he said with relish.

he said he will not be a candidate. George Smith, president of the Rosen Heights Citizens League, announced Wallis' candidacy Thursday night.

On another front, the Fort Worth Trades Assembly — by unanimous vote—threw its support behind M. M. McKnight who was nominated Wednesday night by a joint meeting of AFL, CIO and independent unions.

Andrew F. Price, an insurance agent who has been rumored as an opponent for Councilman Marks, said he has not "the slightest intention" of entering the race.

Saw First in England

8th Growing Mightier, British Writer Discovers

Editor's Note—This story by Montague Lacey, staff correspondent of the London Daily Express, was written in connection with his visit to Fort Worth Friday to cover the 7th anniversary of the 8th Air Force.

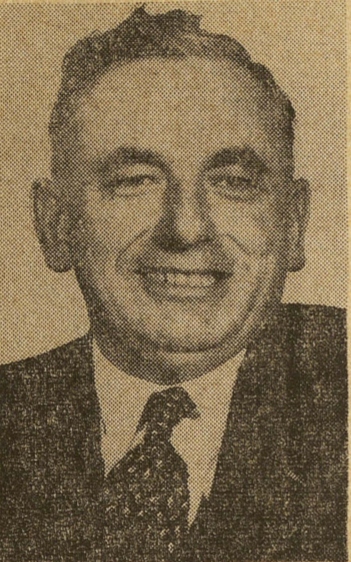
BY MONTAGUE LACEY.
London Daily Express Correspondent.

The 8th Air Force grows mightier and mightier. And, I have seen it grow, as I have almost been part of it since the first few Flying Forts touched down on an English airfield seven years ago. It was a thrill to us in sorely tried London to watch the first few American machines go out on their opening bombing mission.

But, it was even a bigger thrill Friday to watch the giant B-36 bombers fly over Fort Worth, to celebrate the seventh anniversary of the world-renowned 8th Air Force.

What Air Force in the world has ever achieved so much in such a short space of time? The officers and men of the 8th have become part of British history. Their deeds of valor, and their friendly dwelling among us will live forever in our memories.

As a British war correspondent attached to the American Forces, I was proud to be able to pictorialize for the British public the operations of the 8th Air Force, and later the 1st U. S. Army. In both



—Star-Telegram Staff Photo.
MONTAGUE LACEY.
Watched 8th Air Force Grow.

these forces, I made many Texas friends.

It was with a great deal of reluctance that I had to say "good-bye" to the 8th, on being transferred to the 1st Army for the Normandy invasion. Therefore, it was a joy and privilege to renew my contact with the 8th for this celebration, and to see its past and present great generals, assembled on the review stand.

I had caught a preview of what the 8th can do in peacetime, when I saw them fly over Washington, during the Inauguration Day ceremony. That was the finest and greatest formation flying that I have ever seen.

The blizzard in Nebraska nearly prevented me from getting to Fort Worth Friday. An ambulance, with chains on all wheels, picked me up at my Omaha hotel at 5 o'clock in the morning. At the Offutt Air Base men had worked all night to keep the runway clear, and before Gen. Curtis E. LeMay could take off, a hole had to be dug in the snow to get the plane from the hangar to the runway. When I knew General LeMay was to pilot the plane, I recalled what he had done in England, and I knew that I should get to Fort Worth. And, I am very glad I came.

Modesty in Buckinghamshire.
Let me recall the first speech that General Eaker made when the 8th was receiving its first public welcome, in the little farming

Ban on Using '49 Cotton Plant As Base OK'd

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28 (P).—The House agriculture committee Friday unanimously approved a resolution providing that the 1949 acreage in cotton should never be used in determining future production quotas.

The measure is expected to be taken up in the House early next week.

Disposing of the current year's crop, so farmers can plant with the knowledge that the 1949 acreage will have no bearing on any future acreage allotments which may be imposed, the committee then took up administration of controls if and when they are re-established.

Controls in 1950.
Controls are expected to be reinstated in 1950 for the first time since the outbreak of the war, because of steadily increasing supplies.

Farmers themselves would determine in a referendum if they wanted controls limiting cotton acreage.

E. D. Bell, an official in the Agriculture Department's cotton division, outlined details of a program it would like to see enacted into law.

These are the basic points of the department's recommendations:

That the secretary of agriculture be given authority to determine the minimum annual production figures, based on supply and demand.

Stiffer Penalties.
Acreage up to 2 per cent of the national allotment should be set aside for new plantings each year.

Penalties against farmers who plant more than their acreage allotment should be stiffened and strictly enforced. Liens would be placed on their crop, and penalties fixed at 50 per cent of the value of the excess crop. Annual allotments would be reduced for those who violate regulations.

Farmers would vote in a referendum whether they wanted controls placed on the next approaching crop, on the next three subsequent years, or whether they wanted no controls whatever. Heretofore, the cotton referenda have determined controls for only one year at a time.

town of High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire. He only spoke twenty words, and he said: "We won't do much talking until we've done more fighting. We hope that when we leave you'll be glad we came. Thank you."
The whole world knows how the

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witnessing its first launching 7,000 planes against the enemy.

"I've seen what the 8th Air Force has done, and I know what it can do," he added seriously. "I hate to think of what might happen if we didn't have the 8th Air Force."

Carter introduced Maj. Gen. Roger Ramey, present 8th commander, as "a true Texas, who led in the bombing of Japan and is doing a fine job now training his men to handle the B-36s."

Other Guests.

Present also were two other former 8th commanders—Maj. Gen. William E. Kepner and Maj. Gen. Clements McMullen—and Brig. Gen. Robert Landry, Air Force aide to President Truman.

Other guests included LaMotte T. Cohu, Convair president and general manager; Ray O. Ryan, di-

vision manager; R. C. Sebold, chief engineer; Emmett McCabe, public relations director; Brig. Gen. Robert J. Smith, national Air Reserve Association president; Col. D. Harold Byrd, regional Civil Air Patrol commander; Col. Beverly H. Warren, Air Materiel Command; Col. John Roberts, 8th Air Force chief of staff, and Cols. W. H. Blanchard and Bryan B. Harper of the 8th headquarters staff.

Governor Jester welcomed the visiting Air Force officers to Texas and Mayor Deen and Web Maddox, Chamber of Commerce president, welcomed them to Fort Worth.

The visiting airmen were guests of Carter at Hotel Texas and attended the opening performance of the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show Friday night as his guests.

Breckenridge Trade Group OK's Dicker to Buy WF&S

BY E. D. ALEXANDER.
Star-Telegram Staff Writer.

BRECKENRIDGE, Jan. 28.—Business men of Breckenridge Friday night authorized Robert W. Chapman, president of the Chamber of Commerce to name a committee to negotiate for the purchase of the Wichita Falls and Southern Railway.

Chapman told a group of 25 men assembled at the Burch Hotel that a man, whose identity was not revealed, has offered to finance half the estimated purchase cost of \$750,000 if interested citizens along the route of the 165-mile railroad will put up the remainder of the money.

The committee will be named Saturday, instructed to confer with Orville Bullington of Wichita Falls, chairman of the board of the railroad, and the unnamed financier.

Beset with strikes by the operating brotherhoods, the railroad resumed operations Jan. 6, on a 90-day strike truce. The railroad employees went back to work so that

Ft. Worth Boy, Childress Girl Die in Crash

A Fort Worth student at West Texas State College and a Childress girl, also a student there,

water could be hauled to Archer City and so the cities might have an opportunity to finance the purchase.

Bullington previously announced his desire to abandon the railroad and sell the property at salvage costs.

H. S. Lemmons, vice president of the Chamber of Commerce, revealed the strike trouble and explained that the ICC would not grant authority to abandon the road unless the line was showing a loss. Chapman told the group that since 1942 the railroad had shown a profit each year except one.

Fred Ward manager of Chamber of Commerce said the unnamed financier has good financial standing and that he is interested if the people along the line are interested. The railroad runs from Wichita Falls to Archer City, Olney, Graham, Newcastle, Breckenridge, Ranger, and terminates at Dublin.

Ward said that Bullington advised him he was willing to sell at a salvage value in accordance with ICC practices. Ward also told the group that directors of the railroad had approved a petition to abandon it, but that Bullington has held up signing the petition but that he will sign it.

A. Tuck told the group that the railroad tonnage at Breckenridge alone would support the road.

Business men of eight other cities along the railroad had been invited to the Breckenridge meet-

Mrs. Sherwood Dies at Home; Once Teacher

Mrs. Verna Carlisle Sherwood, 63, of 4715 Harley, died at her home at noon Friday. She had been in poor health for two years.

Mrs. Sherwood was the widow of F. H. Sherwood, former vice president of the Fort Worth National Bank. She was a native of Beech Grove, Tenn., but was reared in the Sherman area. Mrs. Sherwood taught school in Gainesville before coming to Fort Worth. Here she taught at the old Central High School before her marriage.

After the death of her husband in 1934, Mrs. Sherwood returned to teaching at Paschal High School.

Mrs. Sherwood is survived by a son, Frank Henry Sherwood Jr.; a nephew, Paul D. Gregory, and a brother-in-law, F. M. Gregory, all of Fort Worth.

Services will be conducted at Robertson-Mueller-Harper Temple at 4 p. m. Saturday with Christian Science Reader Carl L. Karges officiating. Burial will be made in a Gainesville cemetery.

CLARK RICHARDSON.

Clark Richardson, 43, of 2013½ Lincoln, died Friday afternoon at a hospital after an illness of three weeks. He had been safety director for B. F. Walker Oil Transport Company for six years.

Richardson was a native of Denver, Colo., and had lived here since he was 15 years old. He was a graduate of old Central High School.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Frances Joe Richardson; and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Richardson, Los Angeles, Cal.

Services will be conducted at 4 p. m. Saturday at Shannon's Chapel with Rev. W. L. Hankla officiating. Burial will take place in Greenwood Cemetery.

SONDRA LINGUIST.

Rev. T. E. Durham will conduct services in the Arlington Heights Baptist Church at 10 a. m. Saturday for Sondra Linguist, 8-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. Ed Linguist, 1820 Western. Burial will be made in Greenwood Cemetery.

Sondra died in a hospital here Thursday of burns suffered when she fell into a stove at her home.

Pallbearers will be R. J. Robertson, A. F. Linguist, M. R. Curtis, and C. B. Norris.

JAMES B. LOFTIN.

Rev. W. A. Flynn will conduct services for James Benton Loftin, 59, of 2011 Ave. B, at 2 p. m.

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the veteran clowns, George Mills, Hoyt Heimer and John Lindsey. The specialties included Capt. William Heyer and his dancing horse, Starless Night, trick and fancy riding by six riders; two pony hitches; trick riding by Little Beaver and the Boomtown Quadrille.

Rodeo and horse show performances in the Coliseum topped off an opening day highlighted by a record-equating price for the grand champion steer and a record-breaking price for the grand champion sheep.

The champion steer was sold to the Amon G. Carter Foundation for \$6 a pound. The champion sheep was sold to Convair for \$7.50 a pound.

Carter, chairman of the exposition board, called to bidders as the sale opened Friday morning to offer good prices.

"Nothing encourages these youngsters like a good price," he said. "A good price is an incentive for ambition to do better. The whole world is made up of ambition."

He declared that "These youngsters have spent a whole year pampering and petting these cattle, getting them in shape."

Praises Industry.

"Unfortunately, the price of cattle is not as high as it has been. This doesn't mean everybody hasn't worked just as hard and spent just as much time on the cattle."

"There is no uncertainty about the future of the livestock industry," he added. "It is the backbone of the country."

Carter recalled when the sale place was a ring "with a little pile of hay in the middle of it."

"When you look at this fine new installation, you can see that we are keeping pace with the cattle you are producing."

The Texas Livestock Marketing Association was host Friday at a barbecue in Pioneer Palace for approximately 300 boy exhibitors.

Saturday's program will be highlighted by a special rodeo at 9:30 a. m. for 4-H Club and FFA members. There will be bronc riding, saddle bronc riding, steer wrestling and bull riding. In addition, there will be junior calf roping and junior calf riding for 4-H and FFA teams.

Prior to the rodeo performance, William James Junior High School and 585th Air Force bands played.

Other Events Today.

Saturday is 4-H Club, FFA and Soil Conservation District Day and Stamford, Ennis and Ranger Day. Sifting of all livestock entries other than fat steers and lambs will begin at 8 a. m. and the general livestock judging con-