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Salutes
Altus Air Force Base

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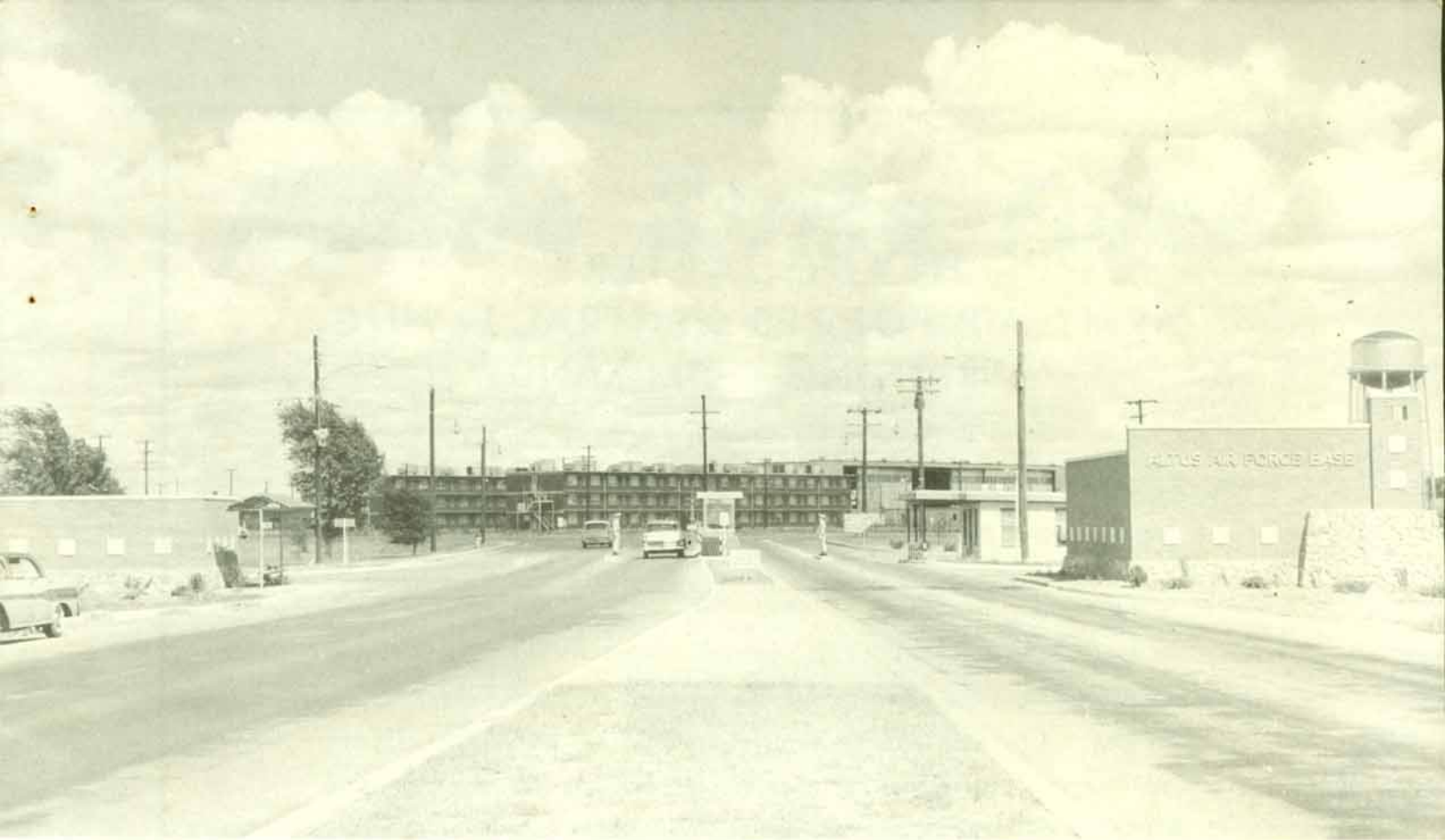
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★ THE COVER

The cover photo is an Atlas "F" Intercontinental Ballistic Missile as it emerges from its hard launch silo. It was taken during a propellant loading exercise at the missile site at Cache, Oklahoma, 42 miles from Altus Air Force Base. The site is one of 12 surrounding Altus attached to the 577th Strategic Missile Squadron.



Altus Air Force Base's main entrance is guarded by air police all hours of the day. Incoming personnel and guests must check in at the white building to the right of the entrance to receive visitor passes.

Welcome

Welcome to Altus Air Force Base, Headquarters of the 816th Strategic Aerospace Division, home of the 11th Strategic Aerospace Wing, 11th Combat Support Group and 816th Medical Group.

You are now a member of one of the prime organizations in our nation's first line of deterrent power for peace. Whether you are assigned to a unit of the wing,

group or medical group, you are a key figure in carrying out the mission of Altus Air Force Base. Because of this mission, you will find your duties exacting, at time a challenge to your abilities, but you will also find them interesting and you can look upon your assignment with the pride of knowing that you, too, are part of the world's greatest force.

We are interested in your well-being and in the well-being of your family. We are confident that you will apply your experience, training and talents to the improvement of the unit to which you are assigned and to the development of your career.

May your tour here be profitable, pleasant and a source of gratification to you. Welcome to Altus Air Force Base.

HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES CENTRAL FLYING TRAINING COMMAND

Office of the Commanding General

RANDOLPH FIELD, TEXAS



5 August, 1943.

To the Officers and Men of Altus Army Air Field:

Judging from the reports from the far-flung combat theatres, I think we may rightly feel that the Army Air Forces are getting on with the job. Reports from the front also indicate that our job in the Training Centers is also being done creditably. But I am conscious . . . as I know all of you must be . . . that war is a stern schoolmaster, and good marks are to be won only at the end of a hard and bloody course.

It would be less than justice to comrades who have withstood the first conflicts with the enemy, if we concealed our pride in them. Men of this training command already have seen action. Some have given us increased inspiration by their heroic deaths. Others are daily creating new examples of daring, skill and courage. All of them have responded well to General Arnold's faith in the Army Air Forces: "I am confident that the personnel of my command will acquit themselves with honor and distinction, no matter where and when we shall meet the enemy."

I am happy to send my greetings to you all at Altus . . . officers, cadets and enlisted men, flyers and mechanics, instructors and students. But of your real labors, self-sacrifice and devotion to duty, it is best not to speak. These have, and will, speak for themselves.



Major General, U. S. Army
Commanding

Base History

Altus Air Force Base was first opened for military use in 1942. It served as a flight training school during World War II and was deactivated five days after the European phase of the war ended. From 1945 until early January 1953, it was used as the City of Altus municipal airport.

January 7, 1953, the base was reactivated under the Tactical Air Command (TAC). On the same day the 63d Troop Carrier Wing was activated and assigned to Altus Air Force Base.

October 15, 1953, the mission of the base was changed and Altus was placed under the jurisdiction of the Strategic Air Command. The 96th Bombardment Wing was activated here November 1953.

The first year of operation under the Strategic Air Command brought the first KC-97 tanker squadron to be assigned to an Eighth Air Force installation. April 1, 1955, Altus Air Force Base was reassigned from the command jurisdiction of Eighth Air Force to that of Fifteenth Air Force. November 1, 1957 Altus was transferred to Second Air Force of which it is now a member.

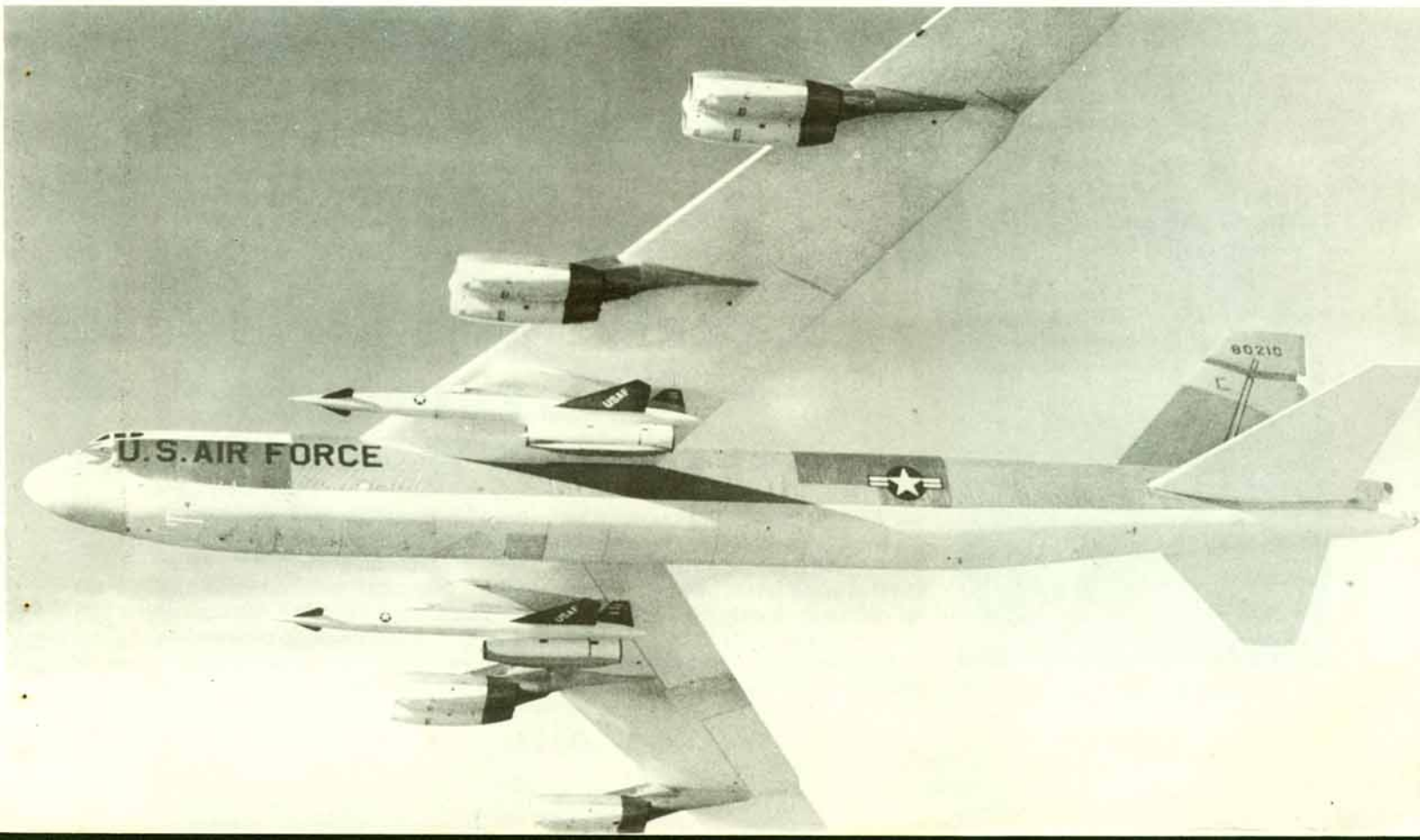
Altus Air Force Base received its first B-47 April 19, 1955. It was christened "The City of Altus" and has since been retired from service and now stands in the city park of Altus as a monument of the goodwill of base and community. The wing is now equipped with the B-

52 Stratofortress and the KC-135 Stratotanker.

September 16, 1957, the 11th Bombardment Wing, now named the 11th Strategic Aerospace Wing, was assigned here to replace the 96th Bombardment Wing. The wing assumed operation at Altus Air Force Base December 2, 1957.

The Atlas "F" ICBM has been added to the weapon inventory of Altus as part of the wing's global striking power. The Atlas was assigned to the 577th Strategic Missile Squadron which was activated here June 1, 1961. An Atlas "F" crew of the 577th became the first all-military crew to launch an Atlas "F" from the Vandenberg Air Force Base, California, test launch pad in 1963.

The mighty B-52H with its two hound dogs slung beneath its wings carries out its vigil over the United States from Altus Air Force Base.





Brigadier General William B. Campbell

816th

STRATEGIC AEROSPACE DIVISION

Primary mission of the 816th Strategic Aerospace Division is to exercise command jurisdiction over units and bases assigned in accordance with policies established by higher headquarters.

The division has the responsibility of monitoring and coordinating the equipping and operational readiness of assigned units for the primary purpose of conducting

strategic air warfare on a global scale. It also monitors the assignment of EWO tasks and insures that assigned units are prepared to perform current emergency plans and related operations orders. The 816th Strategic Aerospace Division is responsible for insuring that assigned units understand and comply with policies of higher headquarters.

11th

STRATEGIC AEROSPACE WING

The primary mission of the 11th Strategic Aerospace Wing is to conduct strategic bombardment operations on a global scale, either independently or in cooperation with land and sea forces.

Responsibilities of the 11th include maintaining assigned units in a state of readiness to permit immediate operations against

enemies of the United States and being prepared to perform tasks assigned in current emergency plans against enemies of the nation.

A prime factor in its mission to train bombardment crews and the Atlas "F" ICBM unit for the performance of global operations.



Colonel William B. Kyes



Colonel Raymond J. Lacombe

11th

COMBAT SUPPORT GROUP

Primary mission of the 11th Combat Support Group is to support the 816th Strategic Aerospace Division, the 11th Strategic Aerospace Wing, 816th Medical Group and attached units.

The support group is required to maintain and develop base facili-

ties, provide custodial services for permanent installation records, provide administrative and logistical support for assigned units and be prepared to provide augmentation of tactical units as required to support deployment and operation from forward bases.

Assignment Altus



Headquarters Building proudly displays the chain of command crests. From here control of all the aircraft and personnel attached to the wing is maintained.

Forward

This brochure is prepared by the Base Information Office to assist you in becoming better acquainted with Altus Air Force Base, surrounding communities and the local populace.

To the majority of us, a change of station is strange and often bewildering with its related disruption of established habits and separation from a familiar locality.

Probably the questions uppermost in your mind at this time are those concerning your military life and duty at this base, the local community and the people you will meet. It is in recognition of these questions that this brochure has been prepared.

REPORTING IN: Altus Air Force Base is located in the southwest corner of Oklahoma, just 15 miles north of the Texas border and 162 miles from Oklahoma City, state capital. Altus may be reached from the east and west via U.S. Highway 62 and from the north and south via U.S. Highway 283.

You may arrive by bus or automobile. There is not passenger train or commercial airline service to Altus. However, you may fly to Oklahoma City or Lawton, Oklahoma, or Wichita Falls, Texas, and then proceed by bus or car to Altus.

The Class "A" uniform is the proper dress in which to report

for duty. Incoming officers and airmen sign in at the Directorate of Personnel, Building 147, and receive instructions. Personnel arriving during off-duty hours will sign in and be directed by the Staff Duty Officer or Staff Duty NCO in Building 1.

If you arrive at Altus via private automobile, you must obtain a visitor's permit at the main gate which you may use until processing has begun. During the processing period you will obtain a permanent vehicle permit. Base Regulation 125-2 outlines the requirements for various vehicle passes.



Consistent with the high standards of SAC, 2AF and 11SAW the B-52 bomber crews are always read at a moment's notice to be airborne and on their way to any target throughout the world. This crew is being inspected by the aircraft commander prior to take off.

Aircraft Strike Force

The combination of B-52 Stratofortresses and KC-135 Stratotankers gives the 11th Strategic Aerospace Wing a global reach in carrying out its mission.

The B-52 jet bomber and the Hound Dog guided air missile provide the 11th with a devastating "one-two" punch. The Hound Dog is carried in pairs, one beneath each wing, of the giant B-52. The missile is a jet-propelled nuclear carrier in its own right . . . faster than the speed of sound . . . capable of covering distances of more than 500 miles . . . able to fly high or low and to take evasive action. But

these missiles represent only one of many devices this bomber uses to penetrate and to neutralize enemy ground and air defenses. The six crewmen aboard the B-52 also can launch decoy missiles and use overpowering electronic signals to trick enemy radar as they drive in to drop their bombs on target.

The B-52 Stratofortress, built by Boeing Air Plane Company, has a speed of over 600 miles per hour and a ceiling above 50,000 feet. Its range exceeds 5,000 miles and it has a bomb capacity of more than 20,000 pounds.

The 11th Strategic Aerospace

Wing's KC-135 all-jet Stratotankers, powered by four jet engines, have made jet-to-jet aerial refueling possible. This means that Strategic Air Command bombers can take on a full load of fuel without slowing down, changing course or descending to altitudes at which they burn fuel at a much faster rate. The Stratotanker can exceed 600 miles per hour and can fly at altitudes above 50,000 feet. It can off-load three times as much fuel as the KC-97 which it replaced. It can carry 40 tons of fuel for air-to-air refueling over distances of more than 4,500 miles.

Missile Strike Force

Standing deterrent duty alongside the 11th Strategic Aerospace Wing's bomber and tanker force is the Atlas "F" ICBM, assigned to Altus' 577th Strategic Missile Squadron.

The Atlas, our first operational intercontinental ballistic missile, has been produced for the Air Force in several models ranging from "A" through "F". Most of those now standing alert with the Strategic Air Command are late "E" and the "F" model such as we have assigned here, equipped

with the jam proof, inertial guidance systems. The accuracy of earlier Atlas models depended, in part, on guidance instructions relayed by radio. Many "firsts" were realized during the development of the pioneering "A" models, including the use of movable rocket engine nozzles which helped solve the delicate problem of achieving directional control. It was the Atlas "D" which placed our first Astronauts into orbit.

Altus' 577th Strategic Missile Squadron has the distinction of

providing the first all-Air Force crew to launch an Atlas "F" from the Vandenberg Air Force Base, California, test pad.

Contracted by General Dynamics-Astronautics, the engine is manufactured by North American Rocketdyne, one-and-a-half stage liquid fuel. Its thrust is approximately 360,000 pounds at takeoff. The Atlas is 75 to 82 feet long (depending upon nose cone) and is 10 feet in diameter. Its speed is approximately 18,000 miles per hour and its range exceeds 6,300 miles.

At the Atlas "F" missile sites surrounding Altus, the well trained missile crews man the mighty bird. The 577th Strategic Missile Squadron, which is responsible for the sites, holds claim to many historic firsts and works to make certain it will remain one of the best missile units in SAC. This crew is in position for a countdown at the console in the launch control center.



Generally Speaking

MILITARY BEARING AND COURTESY: In all walks of life, the first impression is usually the most enduring, so it is important that you make a good first impression. This is a military installation and you will be constantly noticed and judged on your outward ap-

pearance, dress, conduct and observance of standard Air Force customs and courtesies. The uniform you wear identifies you as a representative of the USAF on display before a vast audience. Wear your uniform with pride and in a manner which emphasizes that pride.

The air police conduct formal retreat ceremonies each day at the wing flagpole.

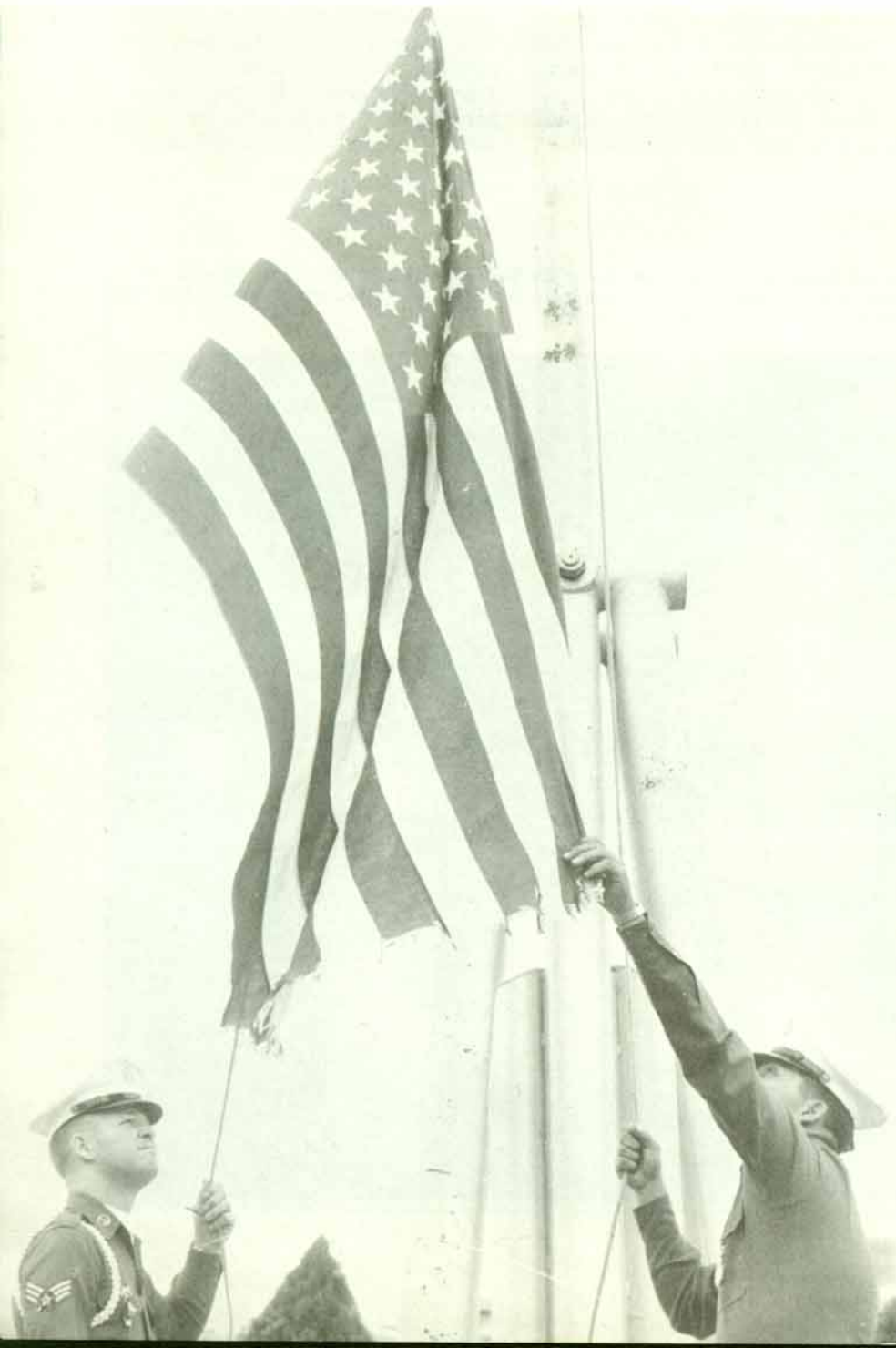
PART OF THE COMMUNITY: Many worthwhile organizations are active both on base and in the city of Altus. You will be comfortable and happy here if you join in these activities. Places become more enjoyable when we accept them as home and enjoy becoming an active member of the community. Fraternal, service, hobby and charitable organizations welcome new members on base and in the nearby community.

CAMERAS: Military personnel may take photographs of the base provided they are not of the flight line or in other restricted areas and if photographs do not include any portion of those areas.

FIREARMS: All privately owned firearms possessed by military personnel living in dormitories will be stored in the recreational services supply storage room which is equipped to protect your property. All firearms must be registered at the base police identification and registration section. Personnel living in the on-base Capehart housing area or within the civilian community may retain their weapons in their quarters; however, they must register their firearms with the base police. Personnel are responsible for safe storage of ammunition.

IDENTIFICATION CARDS: Department of Defense Form 1172, Request for Identification Card, will be initiated at your orderly room and must be varified by the Personnel Officer before DD Form 1173, Uniformed Services Privilege Card, will be issued. After the request form is varified, it is hand-carried to the Pass and Registration section. All dependents over the age of ten must be included on forms.

SECURITY BADGES: Security badges, SAC Form 138, will be issued by the Pass and Registration Section upon presentation of a properly initiated SAC Form 69 which will be accomplished by your section and coordinated through the Director of Personnel and Base Security Clearance Sections in accordance with SAC 205-3.



Base Facilities



The Capehart housing on-base provides 720 all-brick homes for military personnel. All of the homes have central heating and air conditioning. They are situated on some of the most beautiful landscaped lawns in the area and are close to all the facilities on-base.

FAMILY HOUSING: Currently, there are 720 Capehart homes in the on-base family housing area, 280 for officers and 420 for enlisted personnel. All units are single construction except two-bedroom homes which are duplex. All units have attached garage, central air conditioning and heating, garbage disposal, stove and refrigerator and washer and dryer. The city of Altus also has housing available.

AIRMEN HOUSING: Airmen housing at Altus Air Force Base consists of dormitory-type quarters. The dormitories are cooled by evaporative-type air conditioners and each dormitory has a dayroom for recreation and relaxation. Most unit dayrooms are complete with television.

BACHELOR AND VISITING OFFICER HOUSING: There is one bachelor officers quarters

which provides comfortable living quarters for single officers and officers unaccompanied by their dependents. There is also a visiting officers housing unit for those on official business or touring the base. At the present time, guest quarters are not available for relatives and friends of base personnel visiting Altus Air Force Base.

MEDICAL FACILITIES: The hospital here is located on the corner of First Street and B. Avenue. The hospital offers excellent in and out-patient care for military personnel and their dependents. Medical care available includes general medicine, obstetrics, gynecology and emergency dental care. Consultation services available at Sheppard or Lackland Air Force Bases provide a most complete medical program.

DENTAL CARE: Two dental clinics serve Altus personnel. The

base dental clinic, the main facility, is located in Building 230. The other facility is the hospital dental clinic which serves rated personnel, alert force members and the medical group. All incoming personnel must report to the main dental clinic within 30 days after arriving on base. Dependent care is limited to emergency cases only and is handled at the hospital clinic.

NURSERY: The base nursery caters exclusively to military personnel. Because of limited space and facilities, there is a limit as to the number of children who can be cared for at one time placing care on a first-come-first-served basis.

Several nursery schools are also available in the City of Altus and may be contacted individually by parents desiring to enroll their children. A private kindergarten, using the latest in educational techniques, also operates on base.

CHAPEL: The base chapel provides a complete schedule of worship services, religious education and chapel-related social activities for all personnel and dependents in both spiritual and human relations matters. The chapel serves the needs of Protestant, Catholic and Jewish personnel. Special Jewish activities are scheduled at Fort Sill in Lawton, Oklahoma. Jewish services are held monthly in the chapel annex.

DINING FACILITIES: Tasty food is served by skilled personnel in newly redecorated dining halls. The dining halls are located in the vicinity of each group of dormitories. Separate facilities are provided for non-commissioned officers in each of the dining halls. Twenty-four hour service is available for personnel on shift work and transient personnel in Dining Hall Three.

FAMILY SERVICES: Wives of Air Force personnel who have volunteered their time are organized in the Family Services program so that they can assist you in helping yourself. These volunteers are dedicated to relieving emergencies for you and your dependents.

The Family Services Center ope-



The main altar of the base chapel serves those of all faiths. The quiet beauty of the newly remodeled chapel makes it a pleasant and inspiring place to worship.

rates a housekeeping loan locker which makes available household items until personal property arrives on base after shipment. In addition, in times of emergency,

the center provides transportation and child care.

PERSONAL AFFAIRS: Altus personal affairs office provides information and renders assistance to military personnel and their dependents. Counseling is provided on insurance, Veterans Administration benefits, passports and visas and the Retired Serviceman's Family Protection Plan.

AIR FORCE AID SOCIETY: The Air Force Aid Society is the official emergency relief organization of the United States Air Force. Its mission is to better the morale and welfare of Air Force personnel and their dependents by rendering assistance in the form of non-interest loans, outright grants in times of unforeseen emergencies and financing of higher education of dependent children of Air Force personnel. The Air Force Aid Society here can be contacted by visiting the personal affairs office.

RED CROSS: Altus Air Force Base is served by a field office of the American Red Cross which provides consultation on all matters pertaining to Red Cross activities such as confirmation of emergencies, financial assistance and blood donations through the regional Red Cross Bloodmobile.



During the lull before the storm, personnel sit and wait their turn in the dentist's chair. The dental clinic is equipped not only with a pleasant waiting room but also the newest in dental care equipment.



The aerial gas station, the KC-135A, mates up with the B-52 to give it needed fuel. Utilizing these aerial refuelings, the B-52 can fly as long as the crew is physically able to keep the aircraft in the air.



Controlling the approaches to the base by air is the tower which directs the aircraft on their landings and take-offs.



With a wide variety to choose from this lady selects one of the newest shades of fingernail polish while her daughter looks for a new watch. The exchange carries a broad selection of items for your every need.

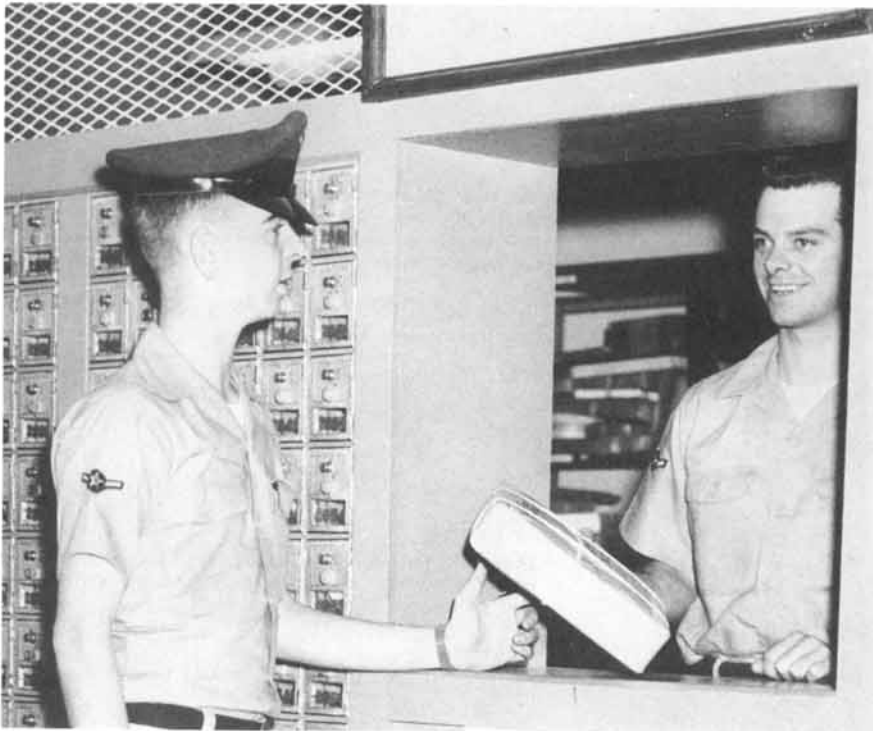
LEGAL ASSISTANCE: The office of the Staff Judge Advocate is staffed with a number of attorneys and counsellors to provide Altus AFB personnel with legal assistance. The staff is prepared to handle all matters that may arise as to military justice, military affairs, claims and legal assistance. A liaison between the base and the Jackson County Bar Association has been established.

COMMISSARY: Commissary privileges are available to military personnel and their dependents. To protect these privileges, all commissary patrons, military and dependent, are required to show identification prior to making purchases.

BASE EXCHANGE: The exchange is located at the corner of 6th Street and E Avenue. Altus also is served by an exchange annex (the Country Store) which remains open after the exchange closes and offers food items and articles normally found in a hardware store.

POST OFFICE: A post office is located on base providing complete postal services including money orders, stamps and registration of parcels. The post office operates during normal duty hours.

SAFETY OFFICE: The base safety offices are located on the second floor of Building 132 and are interested in the safety of all personnel assigned to Altus Air Force Base and their dependents. Texas and Oklahoma state maps may be secured for travel planning through the ground safety office. For trips outside of Oklahoma the safety office will assist in planning routes of travel. Oklahoma driver's manuals are on hand for personnel requiring a driver's license for Oklahoma.



A welcome sign to any airman is a package from home showing that someone remembered. A card is placed in your mailbox whenever there is a package for you. The window is open every afternoon except on weekends.



The city of Altus furnishes the highest of educational standards for the dependent children of the base. Buses run to and from the base to the downtown schools. There is also an extensive adult education program available for those interested.

Education

EDUCATION: The base education center provides educational assistance at all levels from grammar school through college. High school and college level General Education Development (GED) tests and achievement tests in the elementary and high-school-levels are administered during duty hours. On-duty classes in basic elementary and high school subjects are offered on a continuing basis. United

States Armed Forces Institute (USAFI) and Extension Course Institute (ECI) are also available.

Off-duty educational facilities are offered through the Altus Junior College and an extension program of the University of Oklahoma. The curriculums of both schools are designed to provide the most helpful program of advanced education for base personnel.

DEPENDENT EDUCATION: An elementary school for dependent children is located in the Capehart housing area. Junior and senior high school children are transported to the city of Altus schools. The Capehart school is operated by the Altus School System. Parents are urged to participate in Parent-Teacher Association (P-TA) and attend the various school programs.

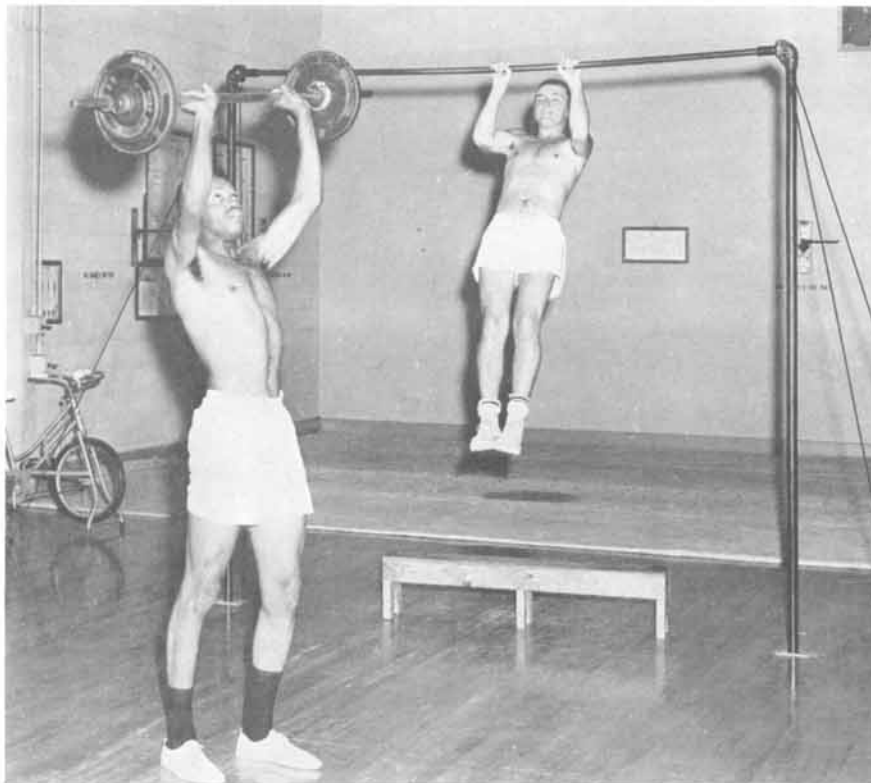
CLOTHING SALES STORE: A complete line of authorized Air Force Clothing is available at the base clothing sales store. Alterations are free of charge to enlisted personnel at time of purchase.

LOCATOR SERVICE: If you wish to reach an individual at Altus Air Force Base but you do not have the telephone number or unit, the base locator can assist you. During normal duty hours, call extension 402 and during non-duty hours call extension 266.

TAXI SERVICE: One of the transportation services offered by the 11th Transportation Squadron is an around-the-clock taxi service, seven days a week, for conducting official business. A taxi fleet of radio controlled sedans, pick-up trucks and station wagons is used to provide this service. The taxi service is available to all personnel and normally can be provided within five minutes after receipt of the request at the vehicle dispatch office.



The officer's pool provides a pleasant diversion for the officer and his dependents. There is no better way to relieve a day's tension than a cool swim.



To aid Altus Air Force Base personnel in keeping physically fit, the gymnasium offers all types of exercise equipment. From barbells to handball to basketball you can choose the way you want to stay in shape.

SERVICE STATION: Altus Air Force Base is served by a base service station located at the corner of J Avenue and 6th Street. Complete auto service, including lubrication and washing, are provided.

OFFICERS OPEN MESS: Modern facilities and fine foods await you at the Officers Open Mess. Located at the north end of First Street, the Officers Mess offers excellent entertainment, including dancing, and a variety of other special activities, both formal and informal.

NCO OPEN MESS: We rate our NCO Open Mess among the finest in the Air Force. Beautifully decorated, the facility includes a swimming pool, ballroom, package store, main bar, stag bar and dining room.

The NCO Mess features the best in entertainment, which includes dancing, floor shows and special social events. These activities are listed on the open mess monthly calendar. All non-commissioned officers and airmen first class are urged to enjoy the NCO Open Mess facilities.

SERVICE CLUB: The service club offers many activities to meet the needs of Altus personnel during their leisure time. Included in the monthly calendar of events are dances, parties, games, tournaments, tours and special activities.

The club is located in Building 148 and offers many facilities, including color television and a games room equipped with pool, table tennis, snooker and shuffleboard. Magazine racks are kept well stocked with the latest editions of national and local magazines for your reading pleasure. A snack bar is featured in the rear of the club.

PHOTO HOBBY SHOP: The photo hobby shop is located in the service club and a qualified instructor is on duty at all times during shop operating hours. Facilities include all phases of photography, developing, printing and enlarging, and printing paper is available on request.

CERAMICS HOBBY SHOP: The ceramics hobby shop, also located in the service club, offers a wide and varied range of leisure time hobby activities. Included in the listing of ceramics hobby shop activities are: ceramic work, leather tooling and design, mosaic tile work, metal enameling and copper jewelry work. The shop has a complete range of tools and equipment to meet the needs of all shop activities. A competent instructor is on duty during operating hours.

AUTO AND WOOD HOBBY SHOPS: Building 343 contains the auto and wood hobby shops. The auto shop has equipment available to complete most automotive repair jobs, except machine work. The wood shop has equipment for most small woodworking jobs.



Whether it be serious art or just for fun, personnel and their dependents can create to their heart's content here. The ceramic shop has its own kiln and all the necessary equipment to help you give vent to your creative moods.



Dancing is available at the service club. Dances are held every Thursday evening and record hops on Saturday evening in the service club's large ballroom.



Newly remodeled lanes and automatic pinsetters give you one of the most modern bowling facilities at the bowling alley. You can also get a quick sandwich at the snack bar between trips to the line if you like.

LIBRARY: The library is located in Building T-108 and has over 15,000 books in its collection and also stocks 320 periodicals and newspapers and well over 800 records. A special feature of the base library is its collection of language records to aid personnel in learning foreign languages.

THEATER: The base theater has a seating capacity of 730 and is located in Building 114. It is equipped with Cinemascope screen

and provides two shows each evening and a matinee on Saturday and Sunday. A special free kiddies show is presented each Saturday morning.

BOWLING ALLEY: Altus Air Force Base has a modern ten lane bowling alley which is open to both league and open play. Built in 1961, the alley is equipped with Brunswick equipment. Automatic pin-setters and ball-returns are in use. A snack bar and spectator area are included in the building. The

alley meets specifications of the American Bowling Congress (ABC).

SWIMMING POOLS: There are three swimming pools on base, one each located at the NCO and Officers Open Messes, which are available to members of the respective open messes. The base pool is located adjacent to the service club, and is open to all base personnel although generally regarded as the "airmen's" swimming pool."

Open to all personnel, the airman's pool is crowded throughout the swimming season. During the hot summer months it is a welcome spot to just relax and take it easy.



The Community



City of Altus

Altus has been under the national flags of Spain, France, Mexico, the Republic of Texas, the Confederacy and the United States of America.

The Wichita Indians built their huge village of more than 2,000 homes in the fertile valley between the Elm Ford and the North Fork of Red River.

In 1884, John McClearen bought Texas land certificates to 1,100 acres in what is now the immediate vicinity of Altus. He located his family several miles west of the present city of Altus, establishing the community of Frazier. When rising waters of the Salt Fork River forced abandonment of the community in 1891, it was re-established on high ground a few

miles eastward. The new community was named "Altus" meaning high place. It was dedicated a town under Texas laws, and through a court decision it became part of the Oklahoma Territory in 1896.

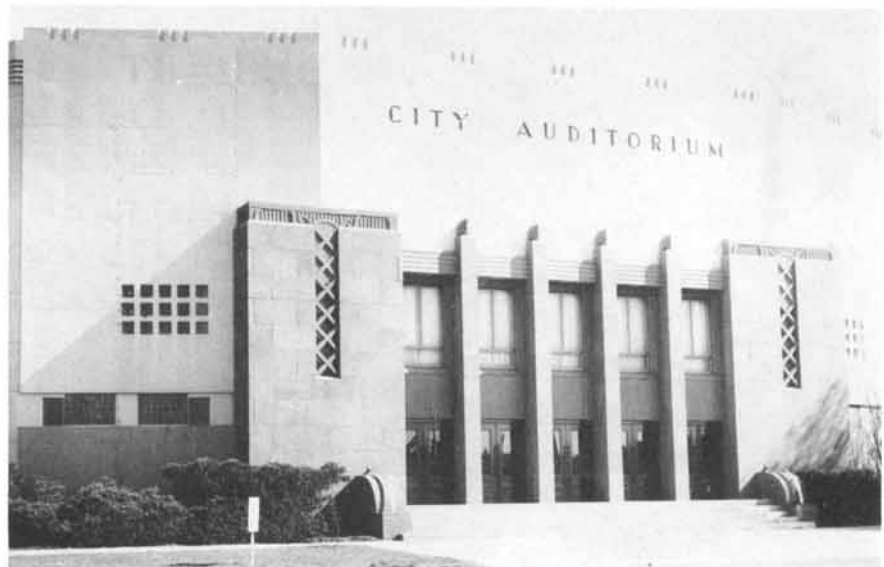
When Oklahoma became a state in 1907, nearly a half-million acres were detached from Greer County to form the present Jackson County with Altus as the county seat.



The city hall is one of the many new buildings in Altus. Practically all of the city officials have offices here, including the police station and the city fire department.

ALL-AMERICAN CITY: Altus was the first of only two Oklahoma cities ever to be named All-American City by Look Magazine and the National Association of Municipal Leagues. Its beautiful homes, churches, schools, retail stores, theatres, and many other conveniences of the modern city combine for pleasant living.

Altus Municipal Auditorium has a stage which can handle the best concert productions. It has a seating capacity of 1,600. The basement houses a club room with a private kitchen.



WATER: Altus obtains its water from Lake Altus, located in the heart of Quartz Mountain State Park. Lake Altus is 142,000 acre feet in size. The water rates are among the lowest in Oklahoma.

CLIMATE: Altus has mild winters and some occasional snow. The summer temperature is considered quite warm. The average daily minimum temperature is 49.7 degrees, the average daily maximum temperature is 76.8 degrees and the average daily temperature is 63.2 degrees. The average yearly precipitation for the past 25 years is 23.56 inches.

TRANSPORTATION: The Altus Airport is located four miles north of the city on U.S. Highway 283 with charter and private passenger service. Bus service to and from Altus is provided by the Mid Continent Coaches to any point.



Lake Altus's 152,000 acre feet of water serves as a municipal supply for the city of Altus and for the 70,000 acre Lugert-Altus Irrigation District. (Times Democrat Photo)



POPULATION: Altus is a growing city with a 1963 population of 22,600. Between 1950 and 1960, Altus grew on the average of 1,149 persons annually or a 124 per cent increase.

AGRICULTURE: Agriculture is a large industry in the Altus area. The Lugert-Altus Irrigation District (first of this type in the United States) covers an area of 70,000 irrigated acres. The yields of crops have been doubled and in many instances tripled by the use of irrigation. The leading crops are cotton, wheat, alfalfa and maize. A large number of cattle add to the agriculture economy.

Wheat is a major crop in the agricultural economy of the Altus area, ranking second only to cotton in annual income for Jackson County farmers. Here, two combines work as a team to harvest a bumper crop of the golden grain in a field near Altus. (Times Democrat Photo)

Recreation & Entertainment



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