

July-August 1982



Lackland Officers' Wives' Club
requests the pleasure of your company
at a Welcoming Coffee

in honor of

Mrs. William J. Porter

Mrs. George L. Ruble

Mrs. James E. Wilhelm

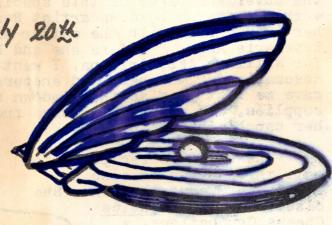
on Thursday, the twenty-second of July

at ten o'clock

Lackland AFB Officers' Club

R.S. V.P. by July 20th

Linda Weatherford 681-8597 Nancy Taylor 341-5331







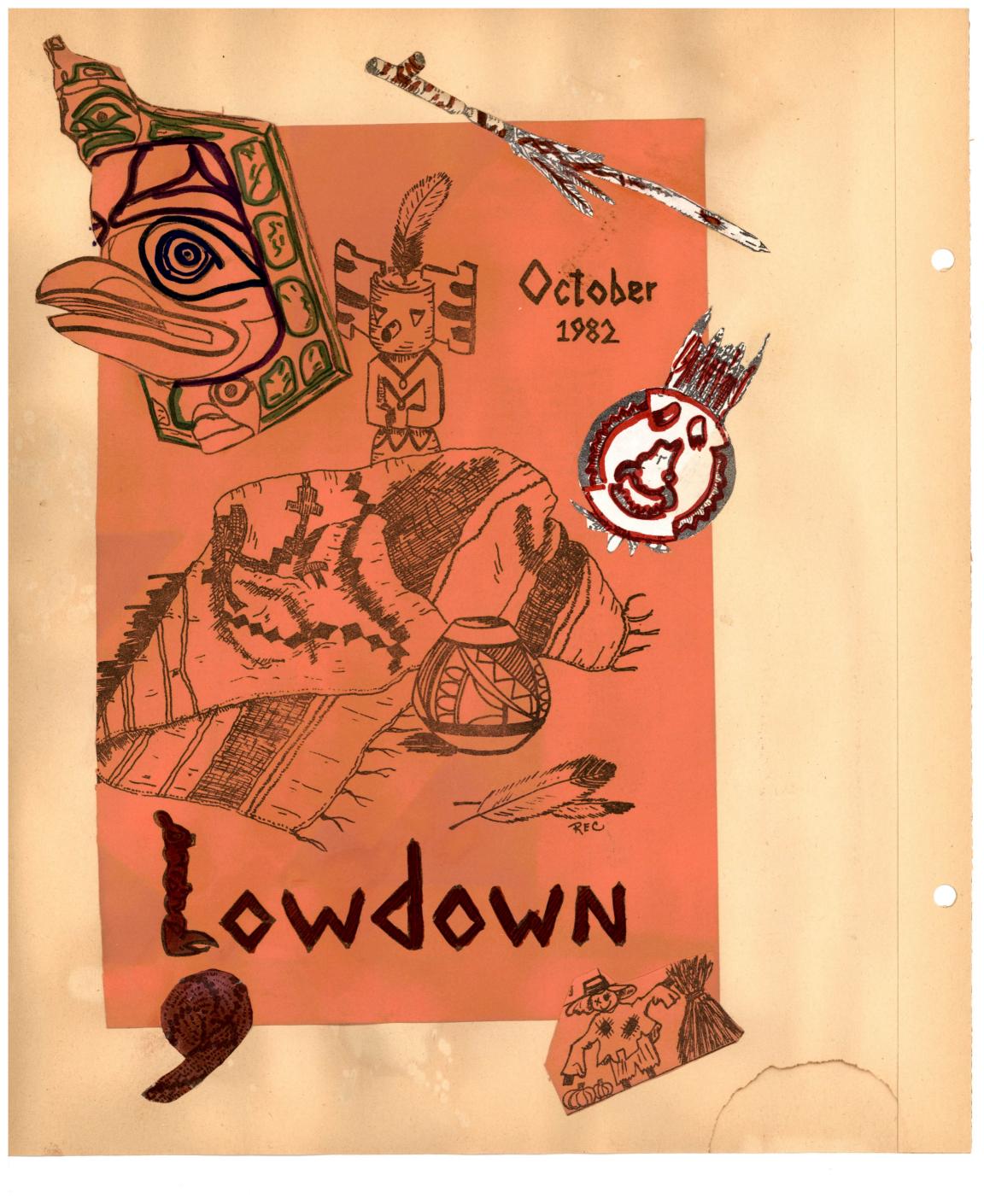






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The Domecq Family poses with the vanquishing Texas team at Museum Benefit.

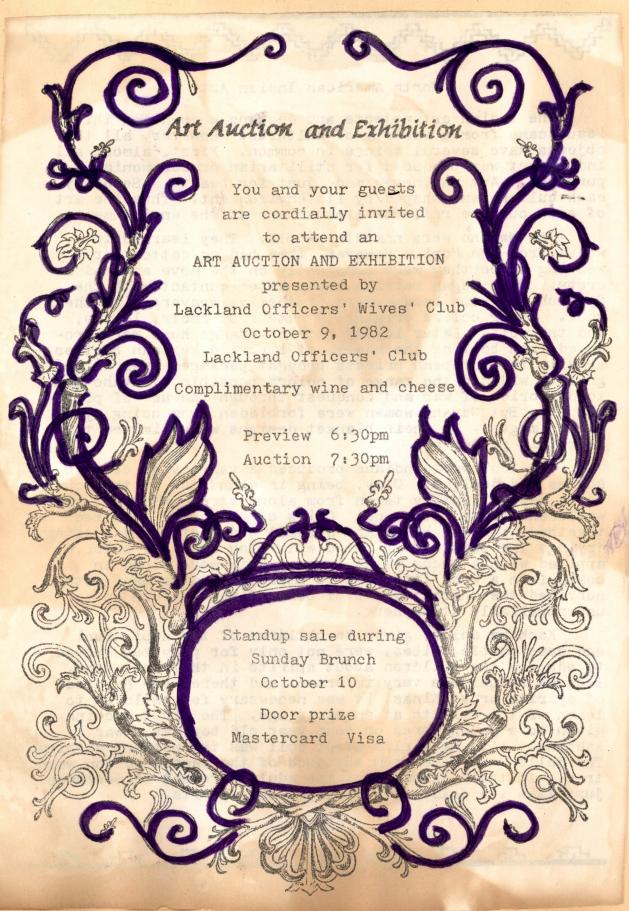
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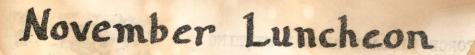












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LACKLAND OFFICERS' CLUB

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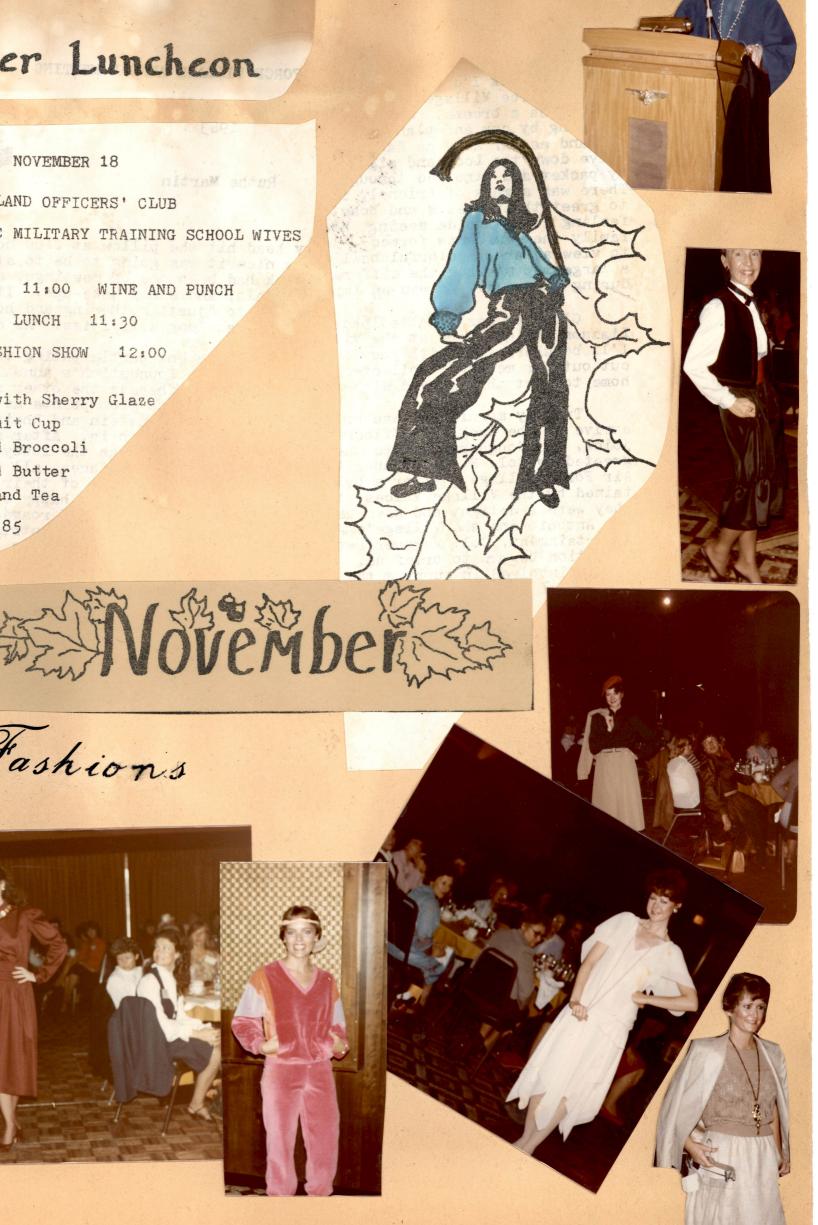
SOCIAL HOUR 11:00 WINE AND PUNCH LUNCH 11:30

FASHION SHOW 12:00

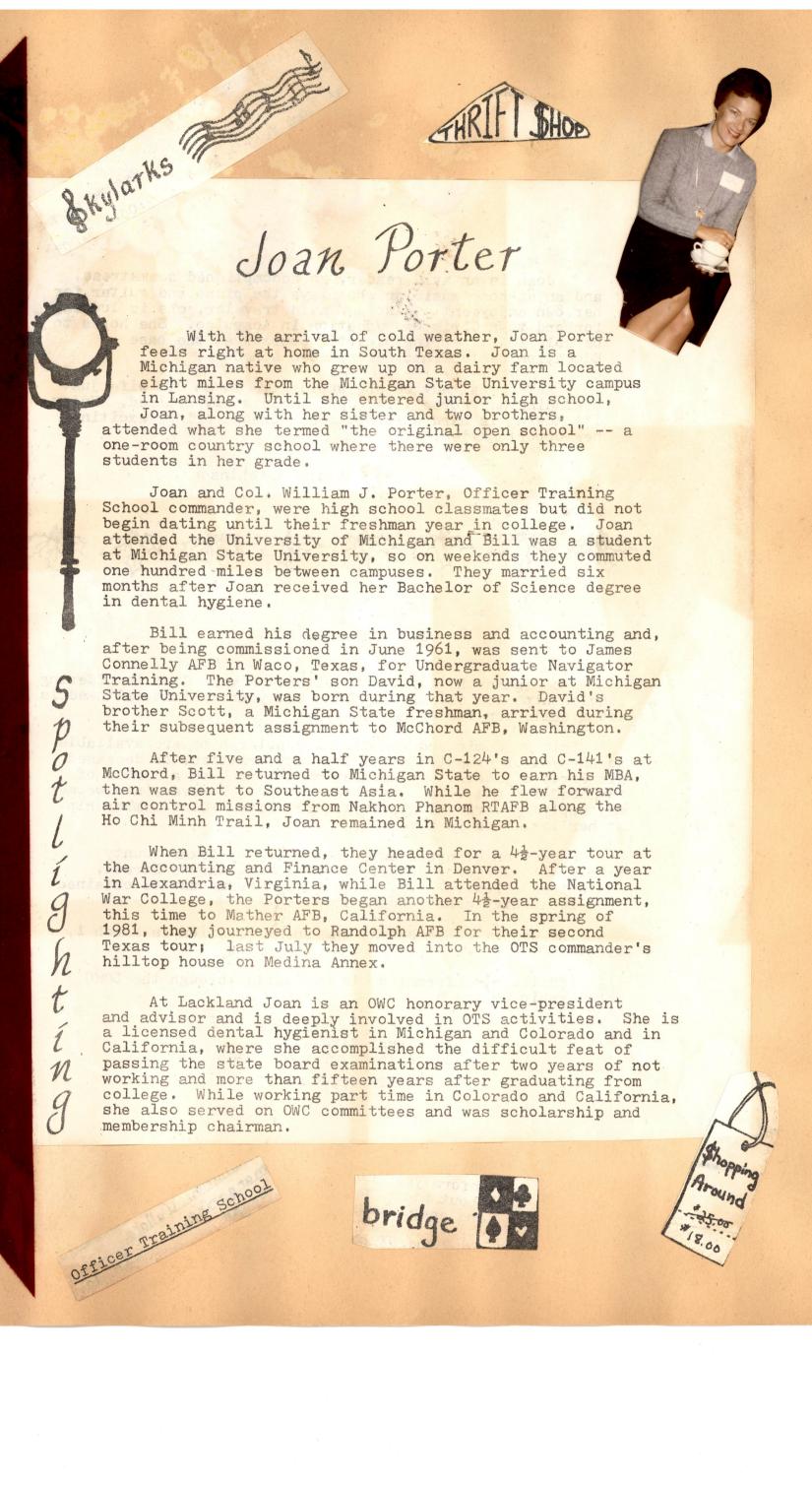
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Chicken Crepes with Sherry Glaze Fresh Fruit Cup Carrots and Broccoli Rolls and Butter Coffee and Tea

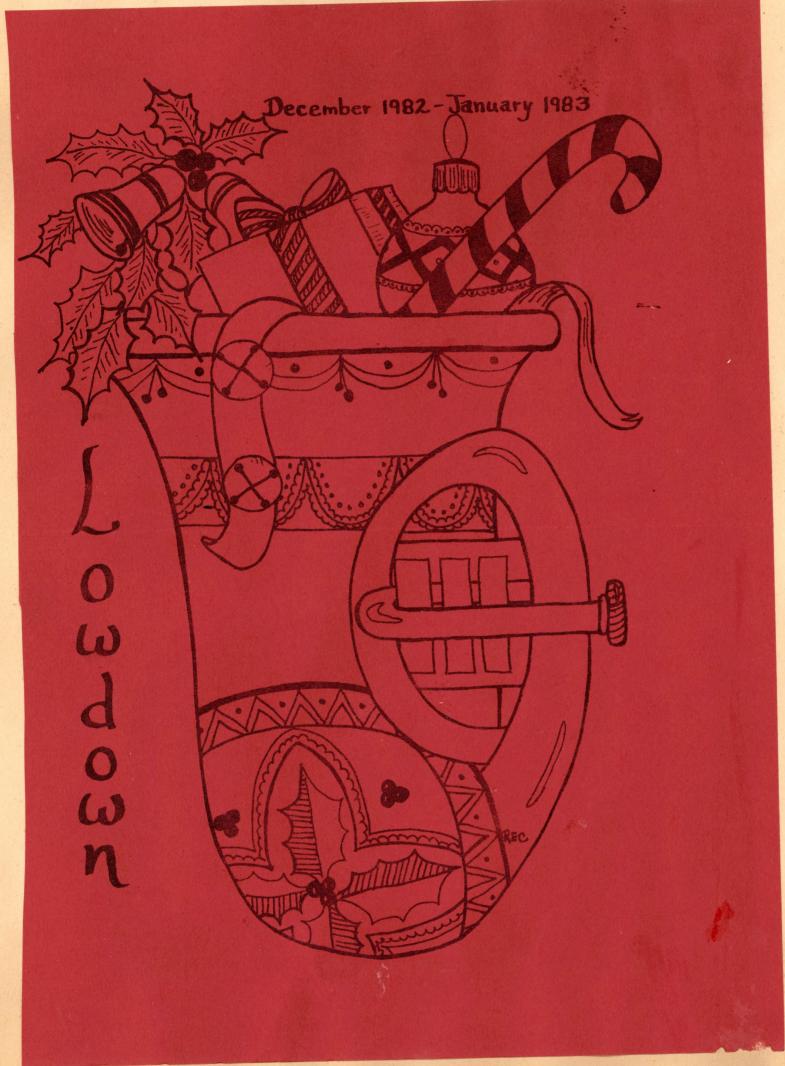
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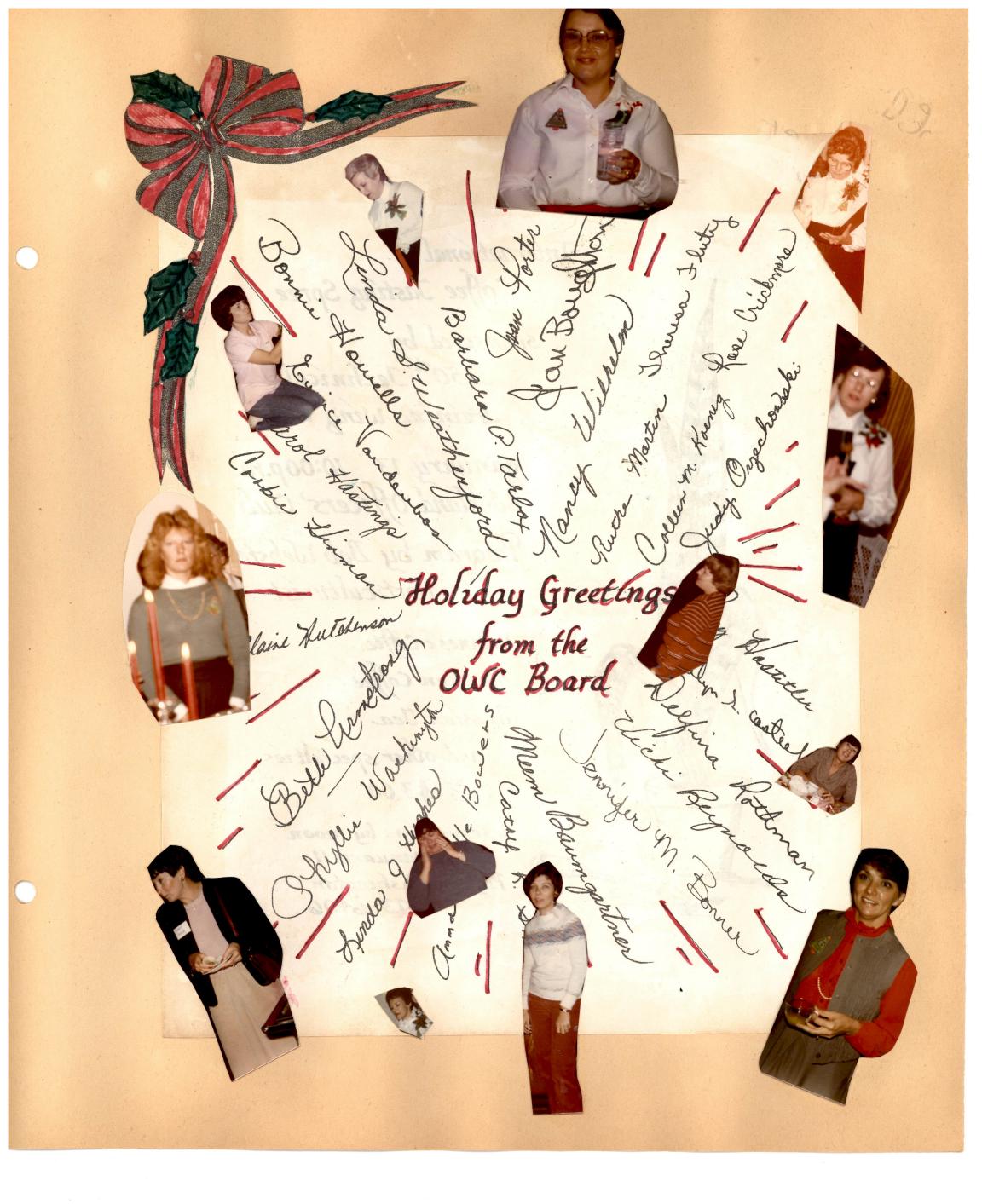










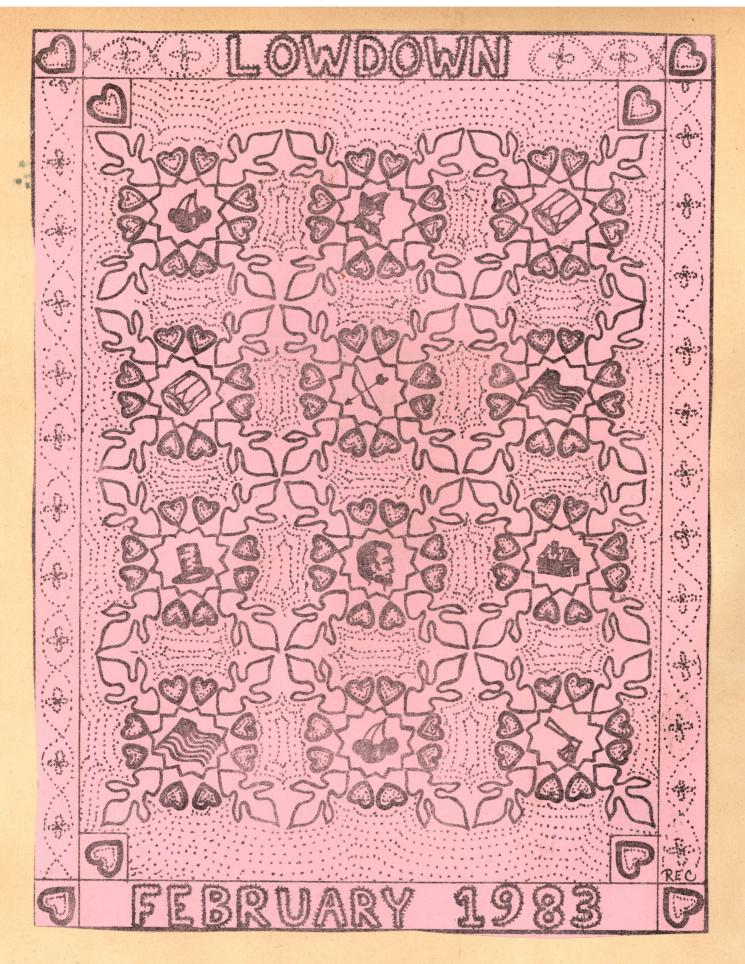














LOWC Brunch Crystal ! Silver Games

Sponsored by Ladies of the Air Force Village

February 10 10:00 a.m.



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Joy Kilborn



What do you say to a Prince when you suddenly find the two of you in a room together and you are left to carry on a conversation and all the words in your vocabulary have vanished in thin air?

This is a dilemma that most military wives will never have to face but it happened to Joy Kilborn recently when His Royal Highness the Crown Prince of Thailand was a guest in the Kilborn home.

Joy's husband John is Commandant of the Defense Language Institute at Lackland and the Crown Prince was a student at the Institute a few months ago. An urgent long distance call sent Colonel Kilborn out of the room momentarity and Joy found herself in the enviable but undeniably bewildering position of having to entertain the Prince in her husband's absence.

With grace and warmth their conversation continued and there is no question that His Royal Highness felt a familiar comfortableness in his surroundings for Joy's affection and fondness for the Prince's homeland is reflected in her tastefully unusual Thai furnishings, colorful wall hangings, her numerous brass accessories, and the sparkle that lights up her face when she talks about the Thailand assignment the Kilborn family completed prior to coming to San Antonio.

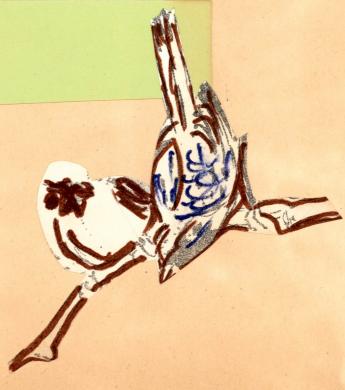
Colonel John Kilborn was Chief of the Air Force Division, Headquarters/Joint United States Military Advisory Group Thailand and it hardly seems necessary to ask Joy to name her favorite assignment.

"Isn't it too bad that people can't get an assignment like that while their children are still small," she observes, "because household help is so plentiful." Which, of course, frees mother to pursue other interesting endeavors. The American community in Bangkok was small and intimate and Joy enjoyed and misses the close ties they all shared.

She speaks of Bangkok in quick, punctuated terms. "Very exciting...Thai people are terrific...fascinating... the traffic was absolutely awful...HOT!"

The opportunities to journey to other story book lands beckoned to this woman who had not traveled outside of her home state until after her marriage. Burma and the Philippines and Okinawa. And also Korea, Japan and Hong Kong.

Joy was born in Burkburnett, Texas; grew up in Electra, Texas; worked as a bank teller in Monahans, Texas, and met her future husband in a bowling alley. He was stationed at the time at Pyote Air Force Station. She bowled for the bank



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team - he for the base. Her 'paid' working career began in a bank as she climbed up the corporate ladder, but not until six months after she and her 1st Lt. groom were married did she have the opportunity to venture beyond the State of Texas. Their first assignment - Germany. Inevitably other assignments followed: Williams AFB - Scott - Air War College at Maxwell - San Antonio - Keesler in Mississippi - Bang-kok and back to San Antonio.

Joy says unexpectedly and candidly, "Tenjoy moving. After being raised in a tiny town and then to start moving like we have, well, I'm ready to pick up and go every two years."

Ask Joy how she would describe herself and she takes a long moment to answer, then says she's not sure. "There's not much to say about yourself when you've just stayed home and taken care of a family."

Not much to say except...she has raised four sons, one now in the Navy, another married and living in Houston and two still at home. She shared many of her hours with her boys being a den mother and was a loyal supporter of their baseball league. Joy centered her life around their young years and stayed alert to their needs and well-being.

Not much to say except...as the wife of the Air Force Chief of JUSMAG she carefully and painstakingly planned and chaperoned tours around Bangkok for the wives of visiting dignitaries, taking them to doll factories and brass making companies, and of course, escorting them to the shopping markets.

Not much to say except... "having taken up the game of tennis at such a late age, five years ago" she won first place in the mixed doubles JUSMAG tennis tournament and first place in the U.S. Embassy ladies doubles and was presented the awards by the Ambassador to Thailand.

Not much to say...but as your attention keeps drawing towards an adorable, huggable, fat-faced doll outfitted in red and resting against a pillow on the couch in the living room you find out that Joy made the doll which she refers to as soft sculpture and began the hobby only three months ago.

And when the conversation once again turns to her recent, illustrious house guest, the Crown Prince of Thailand, you can help but feel empathy for the woman who can't remember what she served when he dined with Colonel and Mrs. Kilborn. "I don't remember. I forget. Isn't it awful? I do know I served rice."

Anne St. Martin





The Nominating Committee of the Lackland Officers' Wives' Club is pleased to present the following Ballot for the 1983-1984 Board.

President:

Fran Melson

First Vice President!

Judy Orzechowski

Vivian Boyd

Second Vice President:

Linda Hughes
Mary Simmons

Recording Secretary:

Janey Wiemers
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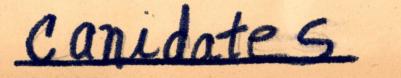
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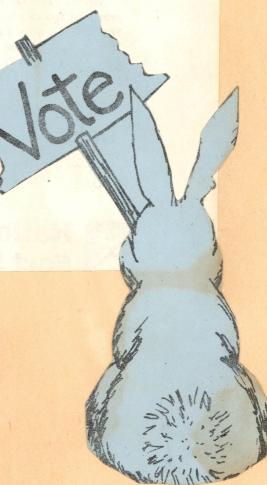
Joan Aubrey

Assistant Treasurer:

Judy Hyland
Nona Stansell









Mancy Wilhelm



Can the captain of the high school football team and his bright and perky cheerleader sweetheart from Davenport, Iowa find romance and high adventure as they leave behind their mid-America roots to enter the nomadic life of the Air Force?

They can and they did, and along the way Nancy Wilhelm and her husband Colonel James Wilhelm, now Commander of Basic Military Training, discovered the excitement of travel, the joy of making new friends and even new roots.

They met, Nancy says, in biology class when they were sophomores in high school. She hated dissecting frogs, so he did it for her and, "I was forever indebted to him so I ended up marrying him." Actually, Nancy adds, "We first built up a good friendship. His family background was very similar to mine. We started off as good friends and my husband is still my best friend."

They went steady right away but had to part when Colonel Wilhelm left for the Air Force Academy and Nancy started nurses' training. "It wasn't what I wanted to do. There were three of us girls and my father wanted one of us to be a nurse. I was the youngest so I was it."

She stayed in nurses' training only a year when she decided to take some secretarial courses at a junior college.

During Colonel Wilhelm's last year at the Academy, Nancy moved to Colorado Springs where she found a job as an executive secretary. She describes the job as "wonderful" and though she hasn't worked outside the home tor 17 years, her ambition has always been to go back to work -- probably in a managerial position. Still, she sometimes wishes she had gone ahead and worked towards a music degree.

Here at Lackland, as she has at other bases where her husband's been stationed, Nancy sings alto with the Skylarks. She has sung in church choirs and been the organist. She also plays the piano, but sadly her piano had to be sold when the Wilhelms found they had an overweight problem during a move.

Since her introduction to the military life in 1961, Nancy has seen many changes taking place, particularly among the Air Force wives. "The Officers' Wives Club is more casual now. Over the years women have become more independent. They speak out more than they used to. But I can see that they still support their husbands in their careers. With inflation many wives have had to go



to work. Some are able to work and still keep active in the wives clubs. Maybe in this day and time more wives work than they used to. But out of necessity."

She recognizes that along with the changes she's seen take place in the military, she too has changed over the years. "I started out as a real shy person. I was afraid to speak up for fear of saying the wrong thing. I always held back. Seems like things people said used to bother me, I took things personally." But I've come out of my shell."

She grew up sheltered, but, she says, "I've grown with moving around, meeting people. It's easier now for me to talk to people."

Although Lackland is the Wilhelm's second tour in Texas, having arrived last summer from Wichita Falls, Nancy and her family have enjoyed a variety of assignments. After Colonel Wilhelm's pilot training at Williams AFB in Arizona, they spent four years at Vance in Oklahoma, and when he left for Vietnam Nancy stayed on with their two children. She had become actively involved in the community and worked as secretary at the Emmanuel Baptist Church in Enid.

Sandwiched in between two tours in Colorado Springs was the Command and Staff School and also an overseas tour.

Very soon, during school spring break, Nancy and her husband along with son Tom and daughter Kelly, will be going off to Colorado again. This time to Steamboat Springs for a skiing holiday.

A four year tour in Germany, at both Weisbaden and Ramstein gave the Wilhelms the rare opportunity to do what they love to do best as a family. There they were able to ski the exciting slopes of Austria and Switzerland.

When Colonel Wilhelm attended the Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island for a year, the entire family fell in love with the area. "We were wishing it could have been longer," Nancy says. "Our apartment faced the water. The deck overlooked Narragansett Bay and we watched the 12 meter yachts in the 1980 Americas Cup Race pass in front of our deck. The four of us thoroughly enjoyed it."

Still, their hearts have never strayed far from their favorite spot -- Colorado Springs. "I've enjoyed them all (assignments)," Nancy says. "But we own a home in Colorado Springs and we will retire there. Our family loves to ski and we have lots of friends there. If there is one place where we have roots, it's there."

Anne St. Martin













New Officers









OWC Brunch 9:30



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8 Mothers Day

Linda Weatherford



This is the last time that she will stand before this attentive group of ladies and extend her sincere greeting as another social gathering of the Officers' Wives Club is about to begin.

We sit in a corner, Linda Weatherford and I, a small distance away from the bustling activities going on in preparation for the election luncheon which will take place shortly.

She is calm, completely at ease, and filled with mixed emotions as she reflects on the thought that to-morrow she will be one of us and no longer President of the Lackland Officers' Wives Club.

"I have enjoyed it much more than I thought I would," she tells me. "It's a nice ego boost. Your opinion counts for something, for someone who does not work outside the home."

She looks back through the dimming memories of the months past and calls it a 'positive experience'. There are many areas of the presidency that impressed her.

"Getting to meet my Board members -- getting to know the women better than I would have if I hadn't been President."

Linda has high praise for her advisory board who, as she admits, "have so much knowledge and just learning from them. She is also quick to acknowledge the importance of the other members who served on the Board. "There are other Board jobs much more demanding than being President," she remarks. "The Lowdown Editor. The Chairman of the Thrift Shop is much more demanding. Being Treasurer would be very demanding on me because I would always be correcting my mistakes."

About the Wives Club itself, Linda says, "Lackland OWC is very unique to me because the base is so diversified that it makes the OWC diversified. Mainly because at the other Boards I've sat on, the bases have always centered around flying."

She has been previously associated with ATC and SAC bases. "There, the little groups stayed to themselves. Here, I feel that Lackland doesn't have a lot of little groups but one big group. Lackland's Wives Club is unique in that we are one, if not one of the very few, that lets associate members sit on the Board and I've thoroughly enjoyed the associate members on the Board this year."

LINES FROM LINEA

Les almays.



One of the highlights of Linda's term as President was getting to meet General Gabriel, Air Force Chief of Staff. She met him at an Air Force Village President's Dinner where all Officers' Wives Clubs around the country were represented.

"Before I got here I wasn't really anti-Village, but I wasn't pro-Air Force Village," she admits. "After I got here and met all the wonderful people over there, it has completely changed my mind. I am completely pro."

"I took a tour to the Village. The whole Board was invited. Colonel Hagauer, the Executive Director of the Air Force Village, gave us a briefing. He said, 'This is what you have done as a group of ladies. This is what a group of ladies can do if they set their minds to it'."

That's when it hit her. "It's turned into an extremely worthwhile project. All at once all the bazaars and fund raisers I'd worked on seemed important because I'd seen what they had accomplished."

Besides being the most recent President of the LOWC, Linda fills in as the wife of Major Joseph D. Weatherford, Chief of Operations BMTS. She calls him Don, everyone else calls him Duke. She's mother to Mike 13 and Jinny 9.

Linda, laughing, says she and her husband came into the Air Force from a place that sounds right out of Dodge City -- Festus/Crystal City, Missouri, where Don was the basketball coach at a Junior-Senior High School. She reminds herself that she has 'too many' hobbies. She plays bridge, loves to sew, does all kinds of needlework, likes to read and cook and collects cookbooks. She does not participate in any sports activities because she says she is too busy supporting the athletic activities of the other members of the family. Her husband is on two softball teams, her son plays baseball and daughter, Jinny is involved in AAU swimming.

Now that she is no longer President of the Wives Club, Linda says she will "do everything I didn't do this past year, like make the path through my house wider."

If she had it to do all over, she would. "I have a much larger knowledge of how the wives clubs are run, how base organizations are run."

Her Board members were clearly an inspiration to her.
"Everyone of them did their jobs and did them well. They
say, there's a job for everybody," Linda remarks as our
interview comes to an end, "and the Board members proved it."

Anne St. Martin

