

Confederate Air Force Restores, Flies Old Aircraft

(By Associated Press) Considering the fact that the old World War II plane hadn't been off the ground in nine years, it really turned out to be a pretty ho-hum trip.

No you won't get any complaints from Vernon Thorp of Oklahoma City, Lefty Gardner of Brownwood and Connie Edwards of Big Spring.

The three men, all colonels in the Confederate Air Force, found plenty of excitement in just flying the Douglas A20 Havoc from Boise, Idaho, to Brownwood.

The Confederate Air Force is a group devoted to finding and restoring elderly military planes.

Now that they have the craft in Texas, they plan to overhaul it before it joins the Confederate Air Force's collection of World War II planes.

The three located the plane, believed the only one of its kind still in flying condition, at the Boise airport, where it had been grounded for nine years since it was

last used for spraying against a forest disease.

After solving some problems turned up in a test flight, they left on the 1,400-mile trip to Brownwood. While Edwards navigated from his plane, Gardner and Thorpe took turns flying the A20 on the seven-hour trip.

A few problems did develop. Thorp and Gardner had to fly the A20 as slow as it would go to keep from outrunning Edwards' Cessna 301.

Near Lubbock, the two planes

were separated for about 25 minutes until Edwards found the A20.

The men also flew through a cold front shortly after they left Boise and were buffeted by winds of 35 and 40 miles an hour.

But overall the men say the flight was uneventful.

The A20 was built for a crew of two or three, and Gardner said it felt "unusual to fly the plane alone. You feel pretty insignificant."



(l. to r.) Earl Rudder, Bryan T. Preas, Col. D. L. Baker.

Preas Named ROTC's Top EE Major

Bryan T. Preas of Texas A&M University has been selected the outstanding junior electrical engineering major in the nation's senior-division ROTC programs, announced Col. D. L. Baker, A&M commandant.

On the basis of the selection, Preas, a native of Cooper, was presented a \$500 Armed Forces Electronics and Communications Association scholarship for continuation of his studies at A&M. The scholarship winner was selected from numerous nominations.

A perfect 3.0 grade point ratio

student, Preas is a member of Company G-1 in the Cadet Corps, the Scholarship Honor Society and Society of American Military Engineers.

The cadet has studied under an opportunity award scholarship of the Former Students Association for four semesters at A&M.

The scholarship presentation was made by Col. Baker, with A&M President Earl Rudder and Engineering College officials on hand. Also attending the ceremonies were Preas' parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. T. Preas, 311 N. W. First in Cooper.

Gavel Club Formed To Aid Student Speech

A Gavel Club which will be affiliated with Toastmaster International will be organized in the near future, announced Don Houston, Y Cabinet program chairman of the YMCA.

Houston said the purpose of the club will be to help students improve their speaking ability and self-confidence and learn parliamentary procedure.

The organization will meet once a week from 6-7:30 p.m. in the new dining room of the Chicken Shack on Highway 6. No definite meeting date has been set. Each meeting will consist of dinner and two five-minute prepared speeches. Everyone else will give one-minute impromptu speeches.

Membership will be limited to 30 active members and 10 associate members. Any student wishing to join may do so by leaving his name and address at the desk of the YMCA. The dues will be \$2.00 initially with a \$1.25 charge for each meal.

The first meeting, to be held at the YMCA, will be devoted to drafting a constitution and by-laws and electing officers.

Ad Fraternity Initiates 13

Thirteen A&M students were initiated Tuesday night into Alpha Delta Sigma, the national professional advertising fraternity for men.

The ceremonies took place at the Journalism Department in Nagle Hall.

The chapter is open to all Marketing and Journalism majors who plan careers in advertising.

"All but one of the inductees Tuesday night were marketing majors," said Kelly Parker, president of the chapter.

The inductees were: Danny J. Ahart, Michael L. Batsell, Edwin C. Booth, Thomas W. Hughes, Afton B. Johnson, Al J. Ludwig, John Menger, Michael Richer, Phil Shaunfield, Joe Spadora Jr., David Wiggins, and Parrish Wood, all Marketing majors; and Winston E. Green Jr., Journalism major.

TPA News Clinic To Have Big Audience Participation

TPA newsmen of the Lone Star State attending Texas Press Association's News Clinic in Austin on November 19 each will have a part on the program.

After every talk or panel during the one-day meeting at the Stephen F. Austin Hotel, there will be an expanded question-and-answer period, said Program Committee Chairman John Taylor, Egeun Gazette.

Co-sponsor of the clinic is the University of Texas Department of Journalism.

Some 200 Texas newspaper reporters, photographers, make-up men, columnists and publishers are expected to attend the meeting, said TPA President Jim Barnhill, Hillsboro Mirror, who will preside.

Included on the varied and updated news clinic program are topics of interest to the news side of newspapering, from writing heads to planning a news photograph.

Also on the program will be Dr. C. Richard King, UT, and James (Monk) Vance, Fort Worth Star-Telegram, who will discuss

various types of feature-writing; Robert Heard, Associated Press in Austin, Bob Rogers, Austin American-Statesman, and Terry Young, UPI Capitol Bureau, who will present modern trends in crisis reporting; Bill Rives, Denton Record-Chronicle and Professor Hinkle, speaking on "Columns".

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