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## Over 450 Attend Dinner Climax For First Airbase Reunion

The Liberal Airbase Reunion banquet and dance at the Ag building Saturday night played to a packed house.

Reunion Chairman Max Zimmerman announced that approximately 450 had registered for the weekend Reunion, and most of them attended the banquet program in addition to local and area citizens.

Highlights of the banquet program, which included many introductions and presentations, were a musical

program presented by the high school Madrigal group and memories of returning former airmen voiced over a roving microphone in the audience.

Director Larry Owsley and the Madrigals had prepared a special musical program for the reunion audience which included songs of the 40s (airbase days) up through the present. "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy of Co. B" was especially a crowd pleaser.

Welcomes were extended by Zimmerman, master-of-cer-

emonies; Cyndi Strecker, Chamber president; and by Mayor Jodie Mahan.

Mahan also doubled as auctioneer in auctioning off reunion souvenir \$18.75 bonds. The highest price bid for the three bonds auctioned off was \$105 bid by Retired Colonel Ernest Rookhuyzen of Liberal.

Presentations included a large, framed picture of the B-24 by Pilot Bob Schneider to Mayor Mahan following introduction of the crew to the

audience.

Phyllis Windle of the Tourist Center presented a painting of a B-24 under attack by Japanese Zeroes to Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Kapp, Miami, Fla., for traveling the greatest distance to attend the reunion. B-24 pictures also went to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hagan, Corvallis, Ore., and to Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Burns, Syracuse, N.Y. Awards also went to two 80-year-old men, the oldest in the audience.