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Lloyd "Fig" Newton:

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There were so many wonderful people in Clovis - a great majority from Cannon Air Force Base. A great number of Cannon personnel have retired and chose to stay in Clovis.

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