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Springerville Shaken Up by Sonic Booms

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SPRINGERVILLE — What residents termed the loudest sonic booms yet heard in this community caused more than \$500 damage Wednesday morning. The double boom occurred at 10 a.m.

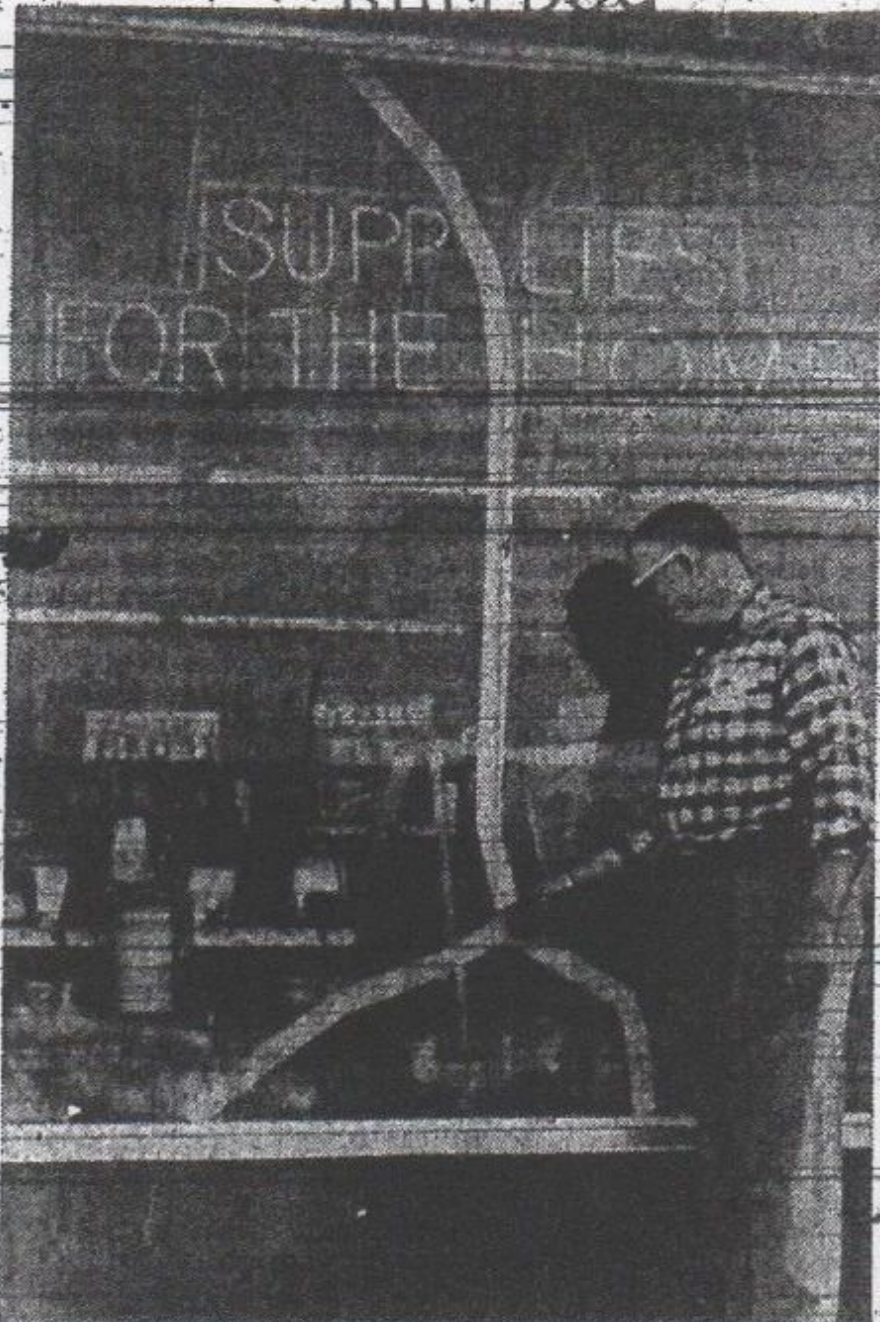
Residents here, accustomed to sonic booms, called Williams Air Force Base to complain of the apparent increase in loudness.

An investigator from the Air Force base will be sent within a few days and the matter will be referred to the base commander, an Air Force official said.

In the last few weeks the booms appear to be getting closer and louder and consequently more and louder and consequently more. Cox, manager of the Becker Mercantile Co.

Three windows of the store were cracked, Cox said.

"I thought every window in the store was going to cave in," Cox said. "It's the worst blast yet."



SONIC BOOM DAMAGE—Clayton Cox, manager of the Becker Mercantile Company in Springerville, examines a crack in one of three windows damaged by double sonic boom Wednesday morning. The booms caused an estimated \$500 damage to various business establishments and homes.

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