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"THAT THESE MEN  
SHALL NOT HAVE  
DIED IN VAIN"

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# FDR WINS 4TH TERM IN DEMOCRATIC SWEEP

## THE RATTLER

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## The \$64 Question

The phrase "post-war world" is taking a beating lately. It shoots at you from soft-drink ads in the slick-paper magazines, it oozes out of your radio in connection with soap, beauty cream, or baking powder. Newspapers tell of autogyros, vacuum-packed autos, floating houses, and airports in every backyard when Victory comes.

But in spite of the hoopla and ballyhoo, the phrase "post-war world" rings beautifully in the ear of any soldier.

Frankly, we doubt that the Army will give a jeep with every discharge, or that helicopters will land in our kitchen . . . but we think it is high time that we all give a little thought to what happens when V day comes and that long-awaited paper rests safely in our hands.

There is a personal post-war world that all of us have to build. There are a hundred vital questions that concern each of us as individuals—questions that we have to answer ourselves.

Are you going back to your old job? To your old town? Are you going back to school? Are you going to marry the girl? Are you going to build a home? Are you going to tackle a new profession?

Just what ARE you going to do when you get back in that white shirt, red tie, and suede shoes? That is a post-war world that concerns you, and you alone.

The poor underslung GI of today will be a vital factor in the world of tomorrow. Ten million men—men who have given up time, health, and sometimes—much, much more—will be a potent force in the U. S. A.

And their collective opinions on issues of the day will carry immense weight. Are you prepared, brother, to shoulder that responsibility? What do you think of unions, politics, security, benefits?

How can we improve the U. S. A? Remember, it's going to be our job, and it's going to be a big one!

Post-war world is much more than gadgets and push-buttons. It is a responsibility of the soldiers of World War II, ten million strong, to make the country they were willing to die for better to live it.

It gets right down to a personal issue. What benefits the country as a whole, benefits Main street in Topeka, Kansas, benefits the big white house on the shady street where you raise your family.

What are you going to do when the war ends? That's a 64 dollar question that deserves plenty of thought.

With this issue, The Rattler opens a forum on questions of the day; questions that concern GIs everywhere. And we have big hopes for this forum. We hope it'll start us all thinking about these questions; arguing about them; talking about them; seeking out the right answer.

Because this "post-war world" is going to be our ball—and God help us all if we fumble it!

## B-29s BOMB SUMATRA, SINGAPORE; RED ARMY POUNDS AT BUDAPEST

On the basis of unofficial, and still incomplete, returns, President Franklin D. Roosevelt retains his MOS as President of the U. S.

With FDR leading in 39 states, including New York and Pennsylvania, Governor Thomas E. Dewey conceded the election, called for a united nation to back the man who has won his fourth consecutive term as the nation's leader.

An unprecedented home vote, plus the ballots of servicemen, delayed tabulating final results, but a definite Democratic sweep was indicated, with the Roosevelt forces gaining greater majorities in both the House and the Senate. On returns thus far, GOPsters will have approximately 35 Senatorial seats, Democrats 60. The present Congress has a bare majority for the Democrats. In the lower House the count now stands: Democrats 187, Republicans 104. Sixteen contests have switched from the GOP to the New Deal column.

Of sideline interest, the Nebraska voters turned out to deliver a thundering "NO" to the proposed amendment providing prohibition in that state. Old Guard isolationists Nye and Fish lost their Senate seats by thumping margins.

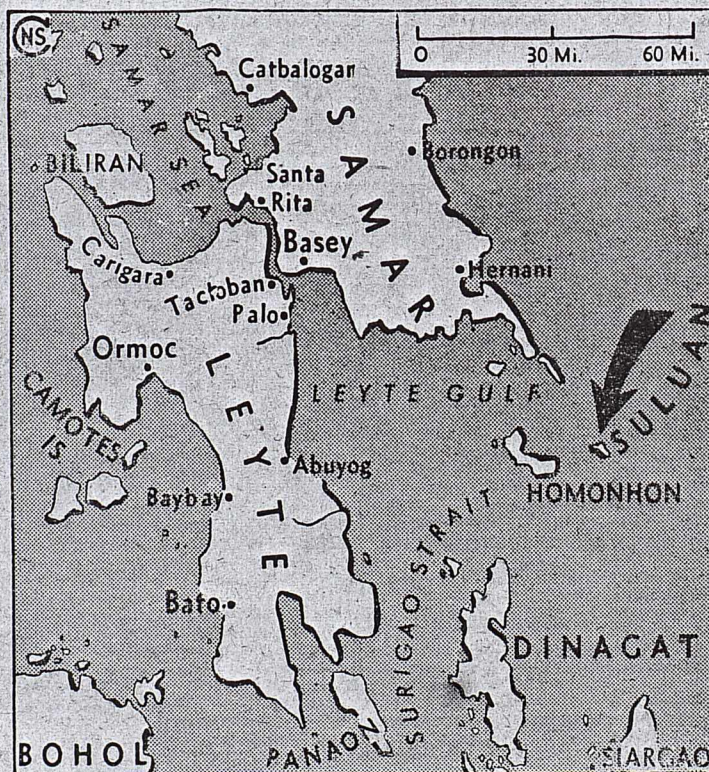
**PACIFIC FRONT:** Superfortresses blasted with increasing frequency at Jap holdings. Singapore was attacked in what could well be the prelude to a landing in southeast Asia, Burma or Malaya by the Allies. The B-29s also battered the northern end of Sumatra, the east coast of Honshu; Heavy

bombers rained blows on Rangoon, Vinh in French Indo-China, Manila, Clark Field, Legaspi, the Bonin Islands. Americans advanced on the Jap-held port on Leyte. Stalin called the Japs a few nasty names, gave rise to hopes that Russia will join in Pacific war after Germany's defeat.

**THE WESTERN FRONT:** U. S. troops, driven from Vossenack reentered the city, 13 miles south of Aachen. Allies forced the Germans into two small pockets in Holland; Canadian troops smashed at Dunkerque.

**THE EASTERN FRONT:** The Soviets banged at the gates of Budapest, doomed capital city of Hungary; Nazi claimed to have retaken Goldap in East Prussia. "We will hoist the Soviet flag over Berlin", Stalin promised.

**THE SOUTHERN FRONT:** The 5th Army was still stalled somewhere down the road from Bologna.



Close-up of the two Philippine Islands where U. S. Troops started the PI invasion. Worried Nips have named their top warlord, Yamashita, to defend this attack.

WIFE ADMIRES PURPLE HEART



Doris Swinehart looks on happily as husband, S-Sgt. Robert, exhibits the Purple Heart awarded to him at last Saturday's review. Sgt. Swinehart was given the medal for wounds he received in action against the enemy on April 28, 1944.

Field Commemorates Last War's Heroes In Armistice Ceremonies

Twenty-six years ago, on November 11, our armies completed their sweep across France to win a crushing victory over the Teutonic invader. Over 100,000 of our fighting men never knew that an armistice had been reached. They were beyond the ken of human affairs.

Saturday the servicemen and women and the civilians of the Pyote Army Air Field will do their humble best to pay homage to the deceased of World Wars I and II. A ceremony has been arranged to which all civilians from the surrounding communities have been invited. As a part of this solemn ceremony, two minutes of silent reverence will be observed. The siren at the Fire Station will blow at approximately 1100, at which time all Station personnel will lay down their pencils and the tools of their respective trades and face the East.

So little to do, but although they have died, they will live in our hearts forever.

THE COVER

Pyote Army Air Field will mark Armistice Day, 1944, the 26th anniversary of the end of World War I with special ceremonies. This week's cover, dedicated to the men, living and dead, of that war, features Sgt. Oscar N. Bard and Pfc. Inez I. MacManus saluting the Fortress that will conquer Festung Europa. (Photo by Charak; Montage by Bard.)

RATTLER GETS A NEW DEN

Jap War Prisoner Repays Red Cross

Payment of Red Cross loans is an unpredictable affair depending solely on the credit standards of the individual, according to Richard Beatty, Red Cross field director. Payment of a Red Cross loan when the loanee has become a prisoner of war is an act designed to surprise and delight any field director.

That is what happened last week when the local field office received \$35 from the mother of S-Sgt. George W. Adams who shipped from this field on September 9, 1943. Enclosed was an excerpt from a letter written by Sgt. Adams to his mother on June "The Red Cross is doing a great job for us fellows in prison camps, and when you receive this letter, I wish you would pay them \$35 for me. I borrowed it when I was in the States and never got a chance to pay it back. I borrowed

Name Maj. Gen. Williams C.G. Of Second Air Force

LEADER OF SCHWEINFURT RAID REPLACES MAJOR GENERAL ENT

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo.—Maj. Gen. Robert B. Williams, 43, recently returned from 15 months as a bombardier division Commander in the 8th Air Force, Great Britain, has replaced Maj. Gen. U. G. Ent as Commander of the 2nd Air Force. Maj. Gen. Ent is at Brooks General Hospital, San Antonio, recovering from a serious accident.

For Major General Williams it is a return to Second Air Force where, in its formative stages, he was Bomber Command CG.

He is a native of Albany, Texas, and has been in the Army Air Force since he was commissioned a Lieutenant in the Air Service in 1923, after graduation from Texas A and M. with a civil engineering degree.

General Williams has played an important part in the development of four-motor bombers since its acceptance by the Army in 1937. He made good will flights with the late Major General Robert Olds, subsequently a 2AF Commanding General, to Buenos Aires in 1938 and Rio De Janeiro in 1939.

As an American observer in London during the aerial blitz of 1940-41, Major General Williams received serious injuries when a Nazi bomb made a direct hit on his apartment.

In 1942, he commanded the 2nd Bomber Command of the 2AF at Fort George Wright, Washington. He went overseas in June, 1943, after commanding the 2AF's First Bomber Command at El Paso.

On August 17, 1943, he led the celebrated Schweinfurt raid, most

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MAJ.-GEN. R. V. WILLIAMS

important 8th Air Force operation to that date. For that achievement Major General Williams received the Distinguished Service Cross.

POST OFFICE ALTERS FEES

Charge for minimum money order (1c to \$2.50) dropped from ten to six cents. Fees for insuring 3rd and 4th class domestic mail, valued to \$5, will be dropped from ten cents to three. The present ten-cent special delivery fee for 1st class mail (that's regular letters) jumped to 13 cents. It might be a good time to remind the home folks that the Army does NOT special deliver special delivery letters.

ARMY ANNOUNCES NEW FURLO FORM

The Army has authorized a simplified furlough form about the size of a bank-deposit slip, designed to fit comfortably in the GIs' wallet, along with his folding money. To which we answer—What folding money? For that matter—what furlough?

it when I came home on the last delay en route. Life here is rather dull but I will get along O.K. with the library and athletics to be enjoyed."

THE CRYSTAL BALL

(Each week The RATTLER will record predictions on the duration of the war, as made by ranking men and women of our time.)

Rear Adm. William R. Munroe: "Despite military successes in Europe, it may be years before we gain final victory over Japan."

## PYOTE OPINION

# PYOTE GIs DEBATE VETERANS ORGANIZATION

## GI Forum Gathers Pros and Cons On 'Vets' Argument

The Rattler inaugurates a page devoted to "Pyote Opinion". Each week individuals will be queried as to their ideas on controversial questions of the day—questions that concern every soldier now as regards his post-war world.

This week's question: "Should GIs have a post-war organization of their own?", is an important issue that faces every soldier. The opinions of a few Pyote personnel are recorded here.

**T-Sgt. Gilbert H. Reynolds**, Jefferson City, Mo., Chief Clerk, S-2: "With the well-founded organization already established within the ranks of the veterans, I should oppose an organization designed only for the GIs of World War II."

**Pfc. Robert B. Stitt**, Washington, D. C., Gunnery Instructor: "I am in favor of establishing a new veterans' organization for World War II veterans, since the veterans of the present war shall and must play an important part in world affairs of the future. Present circumstances indicate that previous organization failed in this respect."

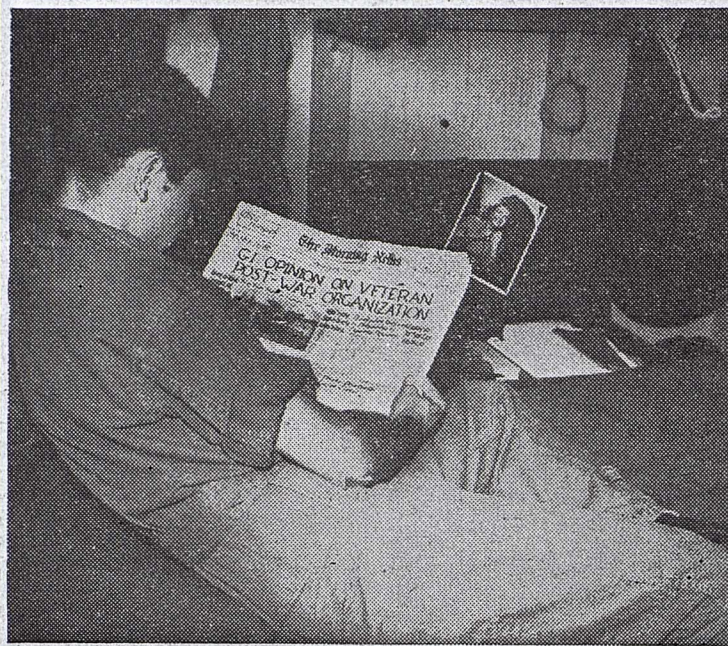
**Sgt. Ward L. Howell**, El Paso, S-1 Clerk: "I am in favor of a new veterans' organization for us GIs. When the soldiers in this war return home they should be given the opportunity not only to organize but serve actively on all committees of World War II Veterans' organization."

**Pvt. Alia C. Johnson**, New Orleans, La., Maintenance Sec. B (WAC): "The present Veterans organization should have benefitted by the experiences of the years they have been in existence and it may be that we in this World War II can gain the advantages by joining up with the present Veterans' organization instead of a new one."

**Pfc. William A. Kelley**, Elkton, Maryland, Radar Gunner: "No, the present veterans' organizations have been helping the GIs of this World War II already. I cannot see why there is a need for two organizations as men now returned from the present war are serving well in the old organization. The principals would be practically the same as the old."

**Pfc. Harvey C. Shaw**, Bristol, Penn., Gunner: "No, because most of the boys in the service now have fathers in the Veterans' organization, and they know what we are going through now. The mistakes they've made we can correct as we would be on their committees."

**Cpl. Arthur W. Costantino**, Providence, R. I., Legal Clerk: "They



With this issue The Rattler opens a page of public opinion on controversial subjects of the day that affect or will affect GI Joe. Although our reporters take an impartial poll of representative opinions, all personnel cannot be reached. If you desire to express an opinion on next week's question, simply mail or send it to The Rattler. Next week's Pyote Opinion question is open for discussion now . . . "Do you agree with the War Department's plan for discharging soldiers according to length in service, combat time, and children?"

should have an organization of their own. Since the older organization proved itself sterile during the years when it might have helped the youth of this generation either in preparing for existing conditions, or by avoiding this difficulty when the time was proper. The lessons learned by the members of the old organization were not passed on to us. The old organization can be judged only by what it has accomplished and not what it promises to do in the future."

**1-Sgt. Harry D. Bartsch**, Corpus Christi, Texas, 1st Sgt. Sec. III: "I think they should. The space of twenty-five years between this war and the last which means that this war is fought much differently than the last war, due to improved methods of fighting equipment. Although in a sense, basically, our problems are more or less the same, due to present legislation, our problems will be more or less solved."

**Pvt. Theodore E. Sparks**, St. Joseph, Mo., Ordnance: "I think they should. We'll need help from our own young men in helping to put in our Bill of Rights. We'll want our own individual organization as well."

**Pvt. William F. Carter**, Dallas, Texas, Tech Supply: "Yes, due to

the fact that the present trends afford a much different outlook on the future and what it holds for the men of this war, it is better that we have our own organization. At such time in the future I find a need for consultation in regards to the privileges of one who has been discharged from the present war, I will feel that the decisions will be made more applicable to our present circumstances."

**Pfc. Charles de Haven**, Utica, New York, Radar Gunner: "With our generation, everything is in a much faster pace. Unlike our fathers who wanted to go back to their old jobs, we who are fighting in this global war instead of a continental war, want to when we return, live an entirely different life in general. Our own organization will be more alerted to the newer train of thought."

**Pvt. Robert K. Fisher**, Kingsville, Texas, Aviation Mechanic: "If we're going to have one we ought to have one of our own. There would be too many conflicting thoughts between the present generation and the last due to the changes made in this present modern global war."

**Pfc. Jimmie Foley**, Fond du Lac, Wis., Gunner: "Yes, we should have our own organization, but

don't let it have the political interest and scope the veterans of World War I have. Make the new one an organization of fraternal ideas with the idea of good will."

**T-Sgt. Woodrow J. Senn**, Dixon, Ill., Armament: "Yes, there are so many of us in the present war and I, just back from overseas, feel that we might freeze the others out who have already started a good thing. We'd do just like they are doing. You can't mix younger with older fellows and get the right feeling about it."

**Pfc. Harry J. Krall**, Gowanda, New York, Weather Observer: "I don't feel they should. The present American Legion has the same ideas as any new organization that might be set up. If we had two different organizations, there would be too many conflicting ideas."

**S-Sgt. Charles Fizer**, Port Arthur, Texas, Flight Engineer: "I really don't think so. Both world wars should be included in the present Veterans' organization, as those in the present Veterans' organization fought for the same things we are fighting for today."

**S-Sgt. Hubert E. Kiker**, Childress, Texas, Propeller Specialist:

"I think they should. One reason mainly is labor. We're going to need some kind of an organization to help the employment of those returning from this war. Also, our recreations and interests are younger. Our own generation can meet these problems better than that of the older ones."

**Cpl. Ray C. Owens**, Washington, D. C., Ward Master, Station Hospital: "Having just come back from Iceland, I feel we should have an organization of our own. It's a different war, another generation. The old Veterans' organization has their old ideas. We'll want ours new with younger men in it."

**Pvt. Donald A. MacMillan**, Newark, New Jersey, Patient in Station Hospital: "Yes, I do! In order to keep abreast with the times I don't believe the present organization would meet the requirements the present soldiers would find upon their return, as I find from the North African and Mediterranean area. The ideas that were adhered to by our former Legioners are such that conception of needs for the returning soldiers are not wholly recognized."

**M-Sgt. Edward Olsen**, Huntington, Beach, Calif., Operation Clerk, Sec. III: "We should have our own. Instead of being absorbed in the present American Legion, members should participate in a new organization, just as those who participated in the last formed their own organization."

## Theater Schedule

(Theater No. 1 shows at 1:30, 6 and 8; Theater No. 2 at 7 and 9; unless otherwise noted below.)

- Thu.—**THE CONSPIRATORS** with Hedy LaMarr, Paul Henreid, Sidney Greenstreet and Peter Lorre. (Terrific spy story with terrific cast and that terrific Hedy.) Also **Army-Navy Screen Magazine** and **Paramount News**.
- Fri. and Sat.—**CLIMAX** with Boris Karloff, Sussanna Foster. (Mad doctor scares daylight out of opera singer again.) Also **Popular Science** and **Bugs Bunny cartoon**.
- Sun. and Mon.—**SONG OF BERNADETTE** with Jennifer Jones and Charles Bickford. (Academy Award winner of 1944 here at last.) Also **Paramount News**. (Note: See story on special times of showing.)
- Tue.—**STRANGE AFFAIR** with Allan Joslyn and Evelyn Keyes. (A pretty good mystery, we hear.) Also **Emil Coleman's Orch.** and **Screen Snapshots** with Ken Murray.
- Wed. and Thu.—**IRISH EYES ARE SMILING** with Monty Woolley, June Haver, and Dick Haymes. (Technicolor musical with the beard and some Erinesque songs.) Also **This Is America** and **Paramount News**.

## Service Club

- Thu.—**EM Wives Luncheon** 12 to 1 Jam Session 8:30 p.m.
- Fri.—Informal activities. Games, letter-writing, etc.
- Sat.—Informal activities. Games, records, relaxation.
- Sun.—Informal Activities.
- Mon.—**Bridge Tourney**, 8:15 p.m.
- Tue.—Dance, 9 to midnight.
- Wed.—Sewing 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; **GI Movies**, 8:30 p.m. (Army-Navy Screen Magazine with Snafu in "Outpost", "Has Anybody Seen Kelly", "How to Vote", "Table Tennis Topnotchers", and "Flicker Flashbacks".)

## Monahans USO

- Thu.—Protestant Discussion Group; Refreshments.
- Fr.—Informal activities.
- Sat.—Armistice Ball, with Pyote Orch., and Cpl. Gene Elston, vocalist.
- Sun.—11 a.m., Coffee Hour; 6:30, Buffet Supper; 7:30, Song Fest; 8:30, "Doctor Takes a Wife" (movie).
- Mon.—7:30, Song Fest; 8:30, "Doctor Takes a Wife" (movie).
- Tue.—Arts and Crafts program, Mr. L. H. Baze.
- Wed.—12:30, "Better Halves Club" Luncheon; 8:30, Photography Class; 8:30, Catholic Discussion Group; 8:30, Spanish Class.

## "Monkey Shines" Plays Thursday At 7:15 & 9:15

Another USO show hits the Rattlesnake Field a week from tonight Thursday, November 16th, at Theater No. 1 for two shows: 7:15 and 9:15 p.m.

"Monkey Shines" boasts a talent line-up that spots it as one of the finer USO troupes to play here.

Heading the list are the Radio Rogues. Fresh from the stage at

## Monahans Names New USO Director

Mr. Frank Solewski of Chicago is now the director of the USO in Monahans, replacing Mr. Edward Pallange who has been transferred to a new post in South Carolina.

Solewski brings a wealth of experience into his position at Monahans. Before his arrival here, he was with a USO in San Antonio. He knows the Army and speaks the GI language.

Assisting Mr. Solewski is Miss Feby Brusok, of Sheboygan, Wis.

Loew's State, you probably have seen them in many movie shorts; they made quite a run with Hellzapoppin' in New York City.

Other turns on the bill are: Helen Wall, an acrobatic dancer; the Three Kelly Sisters of Lake Forest, Illinois—a triple chick chirp trio; Aileen Read, a tap dancer who appeared in the Broadway shows "Leave It To Me" and "Crazy With the Heat"; and John Sully and Muriel Thomas, comedians, who completed a USO tour of Alaskan bases.

## Service Club Plans Tuesday Dance; Girls, Floorshow, Music All On Tap

The Rattler stands corrected! In contrast to our statement last week that the Sadie Hawkins dance would be the last shin-swing for a while—there WILL be a dance next Tuesday and every Tuesday as far as anyone knows.

Next Tuesday's jam-jive starts at nine, lasts till midnight; features the Field Orchestra in some nice dreamy ballads, some hot

jump ditties, and their own arrangements on some smooth oldies.

There will probably be an intermission floor show; and there'll be some tag dances. In short—they will have a ball at the Service Club Tues. night—complete with some gorgeous gals, from surrounding towns, GIs in their best bib 'n tucker, music, and dancing.

Let's squirm, worm.

## Armistice Dance At Officers' Club

An Officers' Club dance will highlight Armistice Day activities. The dance, semi-formal, will feature George Annis and his orchestra, a floor show that will star Miss Betty Jo Ratliff, the drum-major who appeared at the Superbomber game, and a big evening's entertainment.

Dancing from 9 to 1, Saturday, November 11th.

## Jal Sees Show; Buys War Bonds

The Pyote Field's War Bond troupe—a volunteer cast of singing, dancing, and acting talent recruited from GIs and civilians of Pyote—made a sizeable increase to the 6th War Loan drive.

In an appearance at Jal, N. M., the troupe sold \$6600 worth of bonds in addition to the bond admission charge. Mr. Ken Lane, manager of the Rex Theater in Jal, expressed his thanks to the troupe for its splendid work.

## STAR DUST—

(What's new and who's who in the realm of stage, swing, screen, and radio.)

Burgess Meredith gets the role of war-correspondent Ernie Pyle in "Here Is Your War" . . . Lena Horne's terrific personal tour broke records throughout the mid-west. She's now back in Hollywood to star in a new musical comedy. . . . Although "Going My Way" won countless fans for Barry Fitzgerald as "Father Fitzgibbon", Hollywood has only cast him in one picture since. What kinda business is that, huh? . . . "Going My Way" cleared the highest box-office take of any movie in history. "Snow White" is second, and "Gone With the Wind" third. . . . The film-land custom of calling big-name movies by their initials hit a snag. They called "Gone With the Wind" "G.W.T.W." and "Since You Went Away" was "S.Y.W.A."—but they didn't do that with "Song of Bernadette" . . . Bob Montgomery and Clark Gable, both released from service duty, will co-star—with Lana Turner—in their first movie. . . . Critics are panning

## Pyote's A-Poppin' Will Feature Raft Of Gags And Gals

Another in a series of GI shows is due here November 27th, according to a Special Services announcement.

In line with the policy of a local show a month, they hope to follow up their past successes—"Off Limits", "Cactus Capers", and "Easy Does It"—with a hair-brained, screwball variety show that'll kid the pants off Pyote.

"PYOTE'S A-POPPIN'" is the name of it, and patterned after the Olsen and Johnson wild Broadway antics, it will feature a bevy of Pyote talent—new and old.

Pvt. Monty Ash, who will direct "PYOTE'S A-POPPIN'", is on the hunt for new talent. Interested parties are urged to contact Ash at the Special Service Office, next door to the Service Club.

"PYOTE'S A-POPPIN'" is going to be aimed right at the Pyote GIs—with a lot of gags and most of the action taking place right in the audience's lap.

November 27th is the date for this free show. Next week's Rattler will carry more information concerning the cast and the show times.

## FILM SHOWINGS!

### SPECIAL SHOW TIMES

The movie, "Song of Bernadette", coming to the Field Theaters Sunday and Monday has a running time of 160 minutes.

Show times are as follows for both Sunday and Monday:

Theater No. 1: 1:30, 6 and 9 p.m.  
Theater No. 2: 7 and 10 p.m.

"Marriage Is A Private Affair" for its stupid portrayal of matrimony. . . . Jean Arthur says she'll retire from movies. Priscilla Lane already has is now an "army wife" at 2AF Hqts. in Colorado Springs.

—Sugar.

WIN OCTOBER HONORS FOR KEEPING 'EM FLYING



The Maintenance crew of ship 397, a B-29, won honors last month for keeping their ship in the air with the most flying hours. The crew from left to right, front row: Pvt. Ivan Dettmer, Cpl. Daniel Cronin, S-Sgt. Louis Hetzel, Pfc. Edwis Chabert, and S-Sgt. Sam R. Friend. Back row: Cpl. Charles E. Bradley, S-Sgt. Robert W. Krammer, Pfc. Walter Prus, Lt. Charles Grant; Sgt. Cecil Shoe, S-Sgt. Dewey Burrows, and Pfc. Douglas Held.

LUSCIOUS LOIS



Lois Collier, Republic cutie, can get us to cheer any day for the Republic forever. But tsk, tsk, Lois, don't you know it isn't good manners to point?

THIS COMBAT CREW HAS HARMONY



This quartet, known as the Combateers, have made numerous appearances at Enlisted Men's and Officers' Clubs. They are, right to left: Pfc. Jack Bragg of Des Moines, Iowa, tail gunner (first tenor); Pfc. Ray B. Coffman, Edinburgh, Va., electrical gunner (second tenor); Pfc. Alonzo W. Gregg, Norfolk, Va., tail gunner (second bass); and Pfc. Jack Escourido, Miami, Fla., right waist gunner (baritone).

TRADED OLD GLORY FOR SWASTIKA



THIS GERMAN prisoner, shown talking to Pvt. Moon Mullins of Decatur, Ala., right, formerly served in the American Army when he was a member of the same division in which Private Mullins is now attached. The American-turned Nazi, whose name is Karl Young, formerly lived in Wayne, Pa., and has two sons in America, one of whom is in the U. S. Army. This is a U. S. Army Signal Corps radio-photo. (International Soundphoto)

**CLUB'S HALLOWE'EN DANCE WINNERS**



Winners in the Hallowe'en costume party get together to have their picture taken. The GI in the long-handles and paraphanelia is Abe Veroba who took first place for the males; the girl sitting in the middle is a Wac newcomer to Pyote, Pvt. Alia Johnson who garnered first for the girls. To the left and right, respectively, are two sisters who contended for the costume honors: Mrs. Jackie Gentry and Miss Trixie Adams. Cute, huh?

**TWIRLS AT OFFICERS' CLUB DANCE**



Betty Jo Ratliff of Odessa, Texas, whose twirling baton and nimble marching won the applause of football fans at the Super-bomber game, will appear in the floor show at the Officers' Club next Saturday night for the Armistice dance.

Betty Jo won national championships in 1939 and 1940 as the best drum-majorette in the country. Her feat of twirling two batons at the same time, or her stunt of twirling a flaming baton, are considered tops in drum-majorette circles.

*Rattle Snake Charmer*

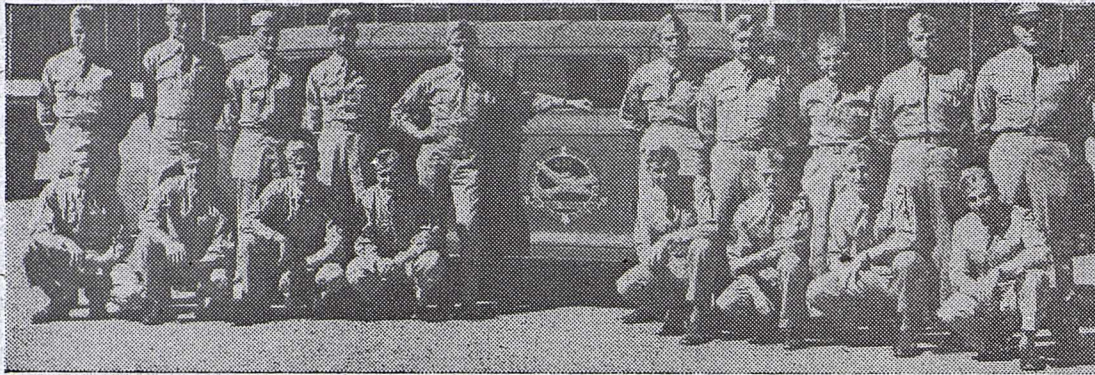


This week's Pyote Pin-up is one Dale Evans, Republic Pictures star. A year ago today Miss Evans made a personal appearance at the Rattlesnake Field—and, oh how we wish she was back with us; or better yet, oh how we wish we were with her. Mmmm—all this and Evans, too!

**CHAMPION BENKOVIC BOWLS AT FIELD**



Frank Benkovic, one of the world's foremost bowlers, put on an exhibition of trick shots and then engaged in a doubles tourney. Benkovic is joint holder of the world's record in ABC doubles. Despite illness, he insisted on playing the field here, and wins a tremendous vote of thanks from Pyote GIs.



Boys of the MTU. Reading left to right: T-Sgt. Brugger, Sgt. McCombs, T-Sgt. Shoemaker, Sgt. Crosley, M-Sgt. Zima, Cpl. Knox, Cpl. Curnotte, T-Sgt. Crites, S-Sgt. Greenwood, Lt. Lever. Kneeling, left to right: Cpl. Fowler, Sgt. Seevers, S-Sgt. Smith, Sgt. Scherer, S-Sgt. Brown, T-Sgt. Rebellia, S-Sgt. Cormey, and Cpl. Cottone.

## MAINTENANCE NEWS

T-Sgt. J. R. Wood of Hangar Two's electric shop asked me to let you know he's repairing radios in his spare time, so any of you Gee-eyes who have trouble getting Bing or Dinah let J. R. know. Lt. Suskin is still looking for a good used car, if you know of one for sale, you might let him know. By the way, Lieutenant, some of the boys in Section D would like to have the use of our dayroom after midnight, and lately it seems to be locked up. So, for the benefit of the later shifts, do you suppose it might be kept open later?

A new policy is coming into effect on the line to bolster maintenance. The ground crew of the aircraft with the most flying hours each month will have their picture taken and put into The Rattler with a story telling how they did it, also, though as yet this is not certain, the crew chief may get his name painted on the ship's nose.

Lt. Sakraida is having trouble keeping track of his truck and tugs. Those boys in Hangar One are just naturally working fools, can't let things sit idle. Another great move, Engine Change and specialist personnel have unrooted and moved to Section E. We're sufferin' from "Barracks Bag Stoop" from this moving biz. Now if we can borrow 1st-Sgt. Litson to come over with us, we'd be happy. How about that, Ralph?

We'd like to make a crack about Tony Palczewski's brush haircut, but won't. He'd probably take a crack at us. Also Paddy Kerns, this neanderthal trend is skull-cuts is making Pyote look like a French prison colony.

We've sorely neglected to mention that Lt. Pinkham attained his silver bar, and thereby got overlooked when he gave out seegars—11-cent R. G. Duns, too, dammit.

What's become of that lad that startled everyone in Mess 5 awhile back screaming, "Feed 'em, they're hungry"—Pfc. Pecchio, wasn't it?

## 41st Mobile Training Unit Gives Instructions On Super-Fortresses

The boys of the 41st Mobile Training Unit have been stationed here for six weeks giving instruction in every phase of training on the B-29.

Instructor personnel of the Unit has been picked from every section of the country. Members have an average of two to three years of teaching experience at various Tech schools and other MTUs.

## Combat Makes GI Lazy, Says Ace

Explaining the mental attitude of some airmen who have returned from theaters of operations, Maj. Walker M. Mahurin, cited with 21 Nazi planes, says combat may make a flyer lazy.

"It's damn foolish for us returned pilots to lie on our backs and pretend we're winning the war just by wearing our ribbons," Major Mahurin explained. "And another thing. We sometimes have chips on our shoulders for men who have been in this country sweating out gasoline rationing while we've been trying to de-luft the Luftwaffe. We don't realize that a lot of these fellows are honestly as sore as boils because they've been stuck in this country when they wanted to be doing what we have, but couldn't."

Major Mahurin's story, a straightforward piece of advice to returning airmen, is told without pulling his punches, but without hint of preaching. He admits the temptations toward arrogance and sloppiness in some men, but gives the one sure way of fitting into the AAF work that is being done in the States.

"When you get back to the States you will be well treated, probably will have your picture. But after the shouting is all over, you will find there is a lot of work to be done—and you're expected to help do it," the Major says. His story, "Combat May Make You

Twenty-five per cent of the personnel have had overseas duty.

The 41st MTU has been in the field since June, has given instruction on B-29s at four 2AF bases.

Instructional courses cover these subjects: Airplane General, Engines, Carburation, Turbo Supercharger, Electronic Regulators, Instruments, Props, Hydraulics, Electrical Systems, C-1 Auto Pilot, Norden Bombsight, Glide Angle Bombing Attachment, Central Fire Control, Computer, Radio and Communications.

## At The Chapel

**CATHOLIC**—Sunday Masses: 0800, 1615, 1830. Daily Mass, 1830, except Thursday. Mass Thursday at 0930 in Red Cross Reading Room. Evening devotions Tuesday and Friday, 1900. Confessions Saturday, 1730 to 1830; 2000 to 2100; before all Masses on Sunday.

**PROTESTANT**—Sunday: Section C chapel 0900; Hospital Service in Red Cross Auditorium: 0915; Station Chapel Service: 1030; Civilian Housing Service: 1130; Station Vesper Service: 2000. Wednesday: Chapel Chorus rehearsal: 1900; Bible Quiz: 2000.

**CHRISTIAN SCIENCE**—Thursday, 2000; led by Mrs. Mabelle N. Homes, Wartime worker.

**JEWISH**—Friday, 1930, Sabbath Evening Service.

Lazy," appears in the November issue of AIR FORCE, the official service journal, now available at your orderly room.

## GRADE CEILINGS BY THE NUMBERS:

SSN	MOS	Ceiling
289	Personnel Consultant Assistant	S-Sgt.
301	Investigator	Sgt.
345	Automotive Equipment Operator	Cpl.
348	Parts Clerk, Automotive	Sgt.
365	Optician	S-Sgt.
366	Orthopedic Mechanic	S-Sgt.
383	Fire Fighter	Sgt.
400	Tabulating Machine Operator	Sgt.
405	Clerk-Typist	Sgt.
409	Medical Technician	Sgt.
425	Tabulating Machine Repairman	S-Sgt.
442	Entertainment Spec.	Sgt.
458	Dog Trainer	Sgt.
502	Administrative Spec.	M-Sgt.
505	Ammunition Supply Technician	T-Sgt.
510	Information Center Operator	Sgt.
511	Armorer	Sgt.
521	Basic	Pfc.
522	Guard Patrolman	Cpl.
528	Airplane Hydraulic Mechanic	S-Sgt.
542	Communications Technician	M-Sgt.
548	Fabric and Dope Mech.	Sgt.
550	Airplane Woodworker	Sgt.
555	Airplane Sheet-Metal Worker	S-Sgt.
566	Duty NCO	Sgt.
573	Aircraft Welder	Sgt.
580	Remote Control Turret Mechanic Gunner	T-Sgt.
581	Communications Supply Technician	T-Sgt.
590	Duty Soldier	Pfc.
593	Link Trainer Mech.	Sgt.
609	Leather and Canvas Worker	Cpl.
611	Aerial Gunner	Sgt.
612	Airplane Armorer Gunner	S-Sgt.
617	Altitude Chamber Technician	S-Sgt.
620	Parachute Rigger and Repairman	Sgt.
622	Finance Tech. Clerk	M-Sgt.
623	Finance Typist-Clerk (Finance Only)	M-Sgt.
631	Intelligence Specialist	S-Sgt.
650	Telephone Switchboard Operator	Sgt.
657	Medical Corpsman	Sgt.
658	Link Trainer Instructor	S-Sgt.
665	Fuel Cell Repairman	Sgt.
667	Message Center Clerk	Sgt.
673	Medical Administrative Specialist	M-Sgt.
677	Military Policeman	S-Sgt.
678	Power Turret and Gun-sight Mechanic	S-Sgt.
683	Bombsight Mechanic	S-Sgt.
684	Airplane Power Plant Mechanic	S-Sgt.
685	Airplane Electrical Mechanic	S-Sgt.
686	Airplane Instrument Mechanic	S-Sgt.
687	Airplane Propeller Mechanic	S-Sgt.

(Continued Next Week)



# The Civvies

A Civilian Orientation Training Course is being held for the purpose of improving employee relationships and to develop and improve attitude on the job. Approximately eight hours of instruction in orientation will be given each employee to complete the course. The instruction material is selected from Civil Service Manuals, Regulations, Charts, Safety Manuals and Directives. This orientation course is designed to familiarize the employee with the information and procedures required of an employee in relation to his duties and welfare.

Politics and Texas seem to be the main argument in the Civilian Personnel lately, however, Texas is the leading represented state, there being 11 employees from Texas; California 2; Missouri 1; New York 1; Maryland 1; Indiana 1; Nebraska 1; Massachusetts 2; Washington 1; and last, Mary Jane Youngholm is from CHICAGO, Illinois.

Lately, Floryne Preslar has been doing all of the good—wonder how she rates two men, a Buick, and four bars?

A payroll school is being held in El Paso, Texas, for four days, and it seems that all of the payroll girls and Major Sewares are going to attend. Just remember students—we want a report on PAYROLL and not JUAREZ!

We are losing Florence Allen in the Housing Department as she is leaving for Colorado Springs, with the Hubby. My, oh my, how are we going to keep up on Boston, Mass.

The Civilian Store is well stocked with Christmas presents for everyone. Packages will be wrapped and mailed with a compliment of the employees.

All new employees from Ballinger and Coleman you are cordially invited to visit the Civilian Recreation Center.

## VICTORY ORGIES BARRED BY NEW YORK MAYOR

NEW YORK (CNS)—Mayor Fiorello H. LaGuardia has expressed sharp disapproval of plans attributed to a few groups for unrestrained celebration of V-E (Victory-in-Europe) Day.

"There is one thing I am sure we will not do, should not do and must not do," the Mayor said, "and that is indulge in orgies of hilarity, in all sorts of demonstrations that are disorderly and destructive, for the war is not over. Even after we have defeated Hitler and conquered Germany, there are still our boys in the Pacific."

## DAUGHTER TO SCARBOROUGH

S-Sgt. Jesse T. Scarborough, Mess Sergeant at Mess Hall 4, is the proud father of a baby girl who weighed in at 8 lbs. 13 ozs.

# Morning Report

(The Rattler apologizes that space limitations in previous issues prevented appearance of Section columns, promises that henceforth they'll be in, explains that cutting decorative headlines gives more space for news, requests columns be in Rattler office by Saturday at 5 p.m.—The Editors.)

### Section A

Hot news, but here goes just the same. Many belated congratulations to Owen and Edna McMahon who have finally simmered down that deal that has been cooking too long. . . . Section A's grid team cleaned the Medics a couple weeks ago 19 to 0, to chalk up its 4th straight win. . . . Cigars were flying around headquarters like mad two weeks ago. Lt. Louis DiCillo, the Personnel Office was boosted to Capt., and S-Sgt. Doug Pilchner now answers to the name of Pop. It's a girl. . . . Sgt. Pete Urgan wishes to inform the Station that Section A men have dug, raked, scraped and cleaned around their barracks.—Sgt. Ward Howell.

### Section C

Salutes go to our C.O. and Adjutant—Captain Martin A. Died-

richs and Lt. Gaston C. Roumas. They've been with us only a short while, but because of their interest in the Unit, they have won the applause and faith of all of us. . . . Basketball practice begins soon, so all you basketeers who are interested give your names to Pfc. Nathaniel Phillips. . . . We need talent, talent, and more talent for our show, "C Breezes", and if you are one of those fortunates we have overlooked, let us know.—Pvt. Cornell Ridley.

### Section M

Could the old oil boom days of '29 ever return to Pyote? Apparently some of our officers feel that way. The result is the HBM Oil Company. Major Henderson, Captain Burdick and Lt. Minges have purchased a track of Pyote land of undisclosed size and seem almost positive of discovering oil. . . . Sgt. McTigue's post-war plans are complete. All the info necessary was discovered on a match cover the other day, that head: "S. P. McTigue and Son Hardware Store, Perry, Iowa." . . . From Frisco we hear the notorious Brute Lonergan finally got a furlo. . . . It's Ward 4 for our own Cpl. Doherty who is now a patient at Beaumont Gen'l. Hospital at El Paso. Johnnie's making splendid

recovery but those letters will help even more. . . . Cpl. Ransom of Iowa is teaching Pvt. Landau of the Bronx some of the fundamentals of farming. . . . Pvt. John Nolan, Indiana flash, received a check for the grand sum of eight cents. . . . Sgt. Fohey, Pvt. Bonny and Pvt. DeLuca seem to be having bed trouble of late. The question is "Where will I sleep tonight, that is, if I can find my bed." . . . Mystery: Who Is Petunia?—T-Sgt. L. H. Shipp.

## Photography Class At USO

A photography class for service men and women will be held twice a month at the Monahans USO beginning at 8:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 15.

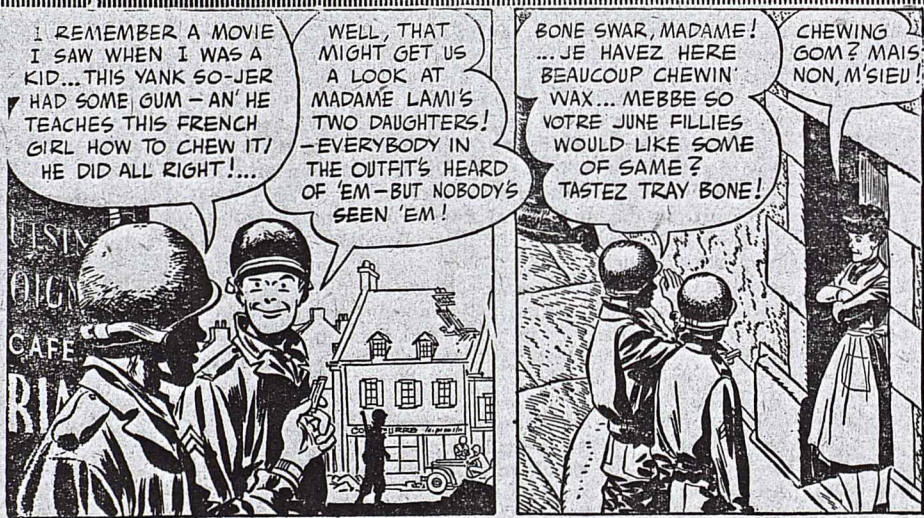
Mr. Louis Pinkerton of the Pinkerton Studio in Monahans will conduct the course.

SAN FRANCISCO (CNS)—Harvard-educated Caro Lippman, Jr., arraigned on an insanity charge, so successfully defended himself in court here that he was freed by the jury. Lippman charged that his father wanted him confined "because I wanted to live my own life."

# M A L L E C A L L

By

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# KOOPS' KORNER

**SEALED WITH A KOOPS:** Wherein the Korner answers a few of the queries from the morning mail.

"Dear Koops: Give is the dope on the overseas regulation for guys who've been over once. I say they can't send a guy over again unless he signs a waiver. Righterong? L.S.H."

The War Dept. says: "It is the desire of the War Dept. for men who have been returned to the U. S., that they should not be transferred on orders to fill casual shipments. If a man desires to be sent back he may do so by signing a statement to that effect. Every effort should be made to fill overseas shipments with men who have not served a tour of duty overseas during this war."



"Dear Koops: Didja hear about the Private that rode in a cab with a girl that was so beautiful he could hardly keep his eyes on the meter? Joe."

No, but we heard Don Larrabee's story (he's editor of the Tucson Field paper) about the one broom that asked the other broom if they might have a little whisk broom. "Why, don't be silly", said the second broom blushing, "why, we haven't even swept together!"



"Dear Editor: Thought you might like to know that Col. C. E. Duncan personally commended June Morton, Mildred Bloom, Adell Katz, and Faith Monto for their excellent work in preparation for the IG inspection. A Reader."



Dear Koops: For your consideration, why not have each EM in each Section pay a dollar or even two a month for about 30 permanent kay-pees to work alternate days? Or if that doesn't click, how about paying such a collection to the present KPs? And what can be done about cutting the number of days from 3 to 1? A KP."

Okay, but who's gonna volunteer for permanent k.p. Get those guys together and maybe the CO will listen to this story. If ARs don't conflict, why not add a nickel-table-service fee for each meal? The KPs for that day split the take. Cutting days from 3 to 1 should be able to work out for you in your own Section. Just find two other guys that feel the same way you do and rotate your shifts.



"Dear Koops: Why not have a small corner in The Rattler each week to remind us all of various rules on etiquette and human relations? Now is the time for us all to learn these things to use in civilian life. An Observer."

We think you have something. Space won't permit it in here, but we'll send your letter on to other authorities along with our suggestion that a poster-campaign for same be conducted in the Mess Halls. Thanks.



"Dear Editor: I humbly suggest that we Zebras volunteer to serve as KPs on Thanksgiving and Christmas as evidence of our appreciation of the work done by the men of the lower four grades. At many Army posts this has become the custom and it would be fitting to adopt it here. An Eager Tech."

How about it, you Techs, Masters, and First? How about it, you Non-Com clubbers? We all talk of boosting morale, of achieving harmony between the EMs—well, this is a sure way to help. We'd like a reply on this fellow's question for next week's Korner. Who else wants to volunteer?



A few letters received can't be answered as yet until we get some additional information from the higher-ups.

The way we hear it the PX will soon start taking two inventories a month. One to count the stock, and the other to count the help.

## PIGSKIN PROPHETS!

Twelve games are on The Rattler's Football Dopester card this week, topped by the Army-Notre Dame contest.

Three winners each week will be presented War Department theater books as prizes. If you want to get in on the competition, check your selections below and turn the sheet in to the Public Relations Office, Station Headquarters, by 1700 Friday.

The rules are simple. Entrants must pick both the winner and score of each game on the chart, and winners are decided on the closeness of scores when equal numbers of games are doped correctly. Approximately a dozen games will be run each week, of which one or two will be in District 7-A, the district in which Monahans, Wink, Pecos and Kermit play. Remaining games will be among the top collegiate and service teams of the nation.

Remember the deadline—1700 Friday—and have your selections in. Winners will be announced in next week's Rattler.

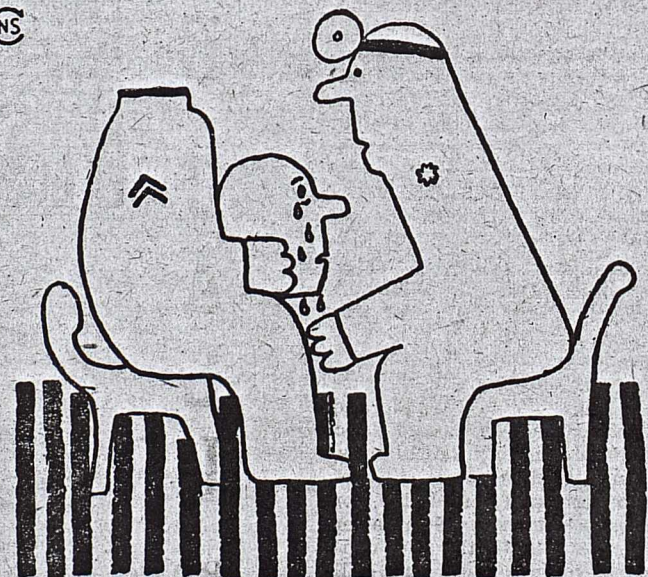
### THE GAMES

Team	Score	Team	Score
Colgate	_____	Holy Cross	_____
Army	_____	Notre Dame	_____
Penn	_____	Columbia	_____
Wisconsin	_____	Iowa	_____
Michigan	_____	Illinois	_____
Purdue	_____	Northwestern	_____
Washington	_____	Fourth AF	_____
California	_____	U. C. L. A.	_____
Second AF	_____	Ft. Warren	_____
Rice	_____	Arkansas	_____
Georgia	_____	Florida	_____
Monahans	_____	Kermit	_____

Contestant's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Section \_\_\_\_\_

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KNOENBERGER FLYING TIMES TEX.

"Calm yourself, man, and tell me how it happened."

MAKE "6" UNLUCKY FOR THE AXIS

# Rattler Five Readies For Pecos Twin Bill

## Play Saturday Night At Pyote Rec Hall In Revenge Match

The Pyote Rattlers are putting the finishing touches on a few new plays to unleash on the Pecos AAF quintet over the week-end. A two-game series between the two teams opens Friday night at Pecos, with the return match scheduled for Saturday night at the Rec. Hall.

Cpl. John Dahl, playing manager, has high hopes for the Rattlers this season, particularly after they dusted off the Clovis five in a pre-tournament game, 39 to 28.

"Clovis beat Alamogordo, and now that we've taken Clovis, I think we oughta go places in the 2AF league," said Dahl.

The 7th Area tourney matches four 2AF bases in this territory—Alamogordo, Tucson, Biggs Field, and Pyote. The first league game is the 21st at Alamogordo—the Rattlers' first home stand will be December first when they attempt to out-hoop Tucson.

The Pecos matches will find the Pyote five out for a bit of sweet revenge, to erase the three out of four wins Pecos took last year.

Game time Saturday night is 8:15 for the Pecos-Pyote battle at the Rec. Hall. Admission is free.

The Clovis game, which found the New Mexico boys on the short end of a 39 to 28 score, gave Fisher top honors for the evening for the Clovis quintet. Fisher swished the net for 17 points. Graham of the Rattlers, led the victory march with eleven. Bill (Ultra-Violet) Ray rang the bucket for eight and J. Burke and Hogan took six apiece.

Pyote led all the way with 13 to 3 at the quarter, 21 to 18 at the half, and 29 to 21 at the end of the third frame.

The box score:

Pyote (39)				
	FG	FT	F	TP
Cooper	1	2	1	4
Joyce	1	0	2	2
Graham	4	3	1	11
Burns	0	0	0	0
Burke, J.	3	0	3	6
Burke	1	0	0	2
Ray	4	0	2	8
Crenshaw	0	0	2	0
Hogan	3	0	2	6
Held	0	0	1	0
	17	5	14	39

Clovis (28)				
	FG	FT	F	TP
Hill	0	1	1	1
Camp	1	0	0	2
LaBate	1	1	1	3
Fisher	6	5	0	17
Boughton	0	0	0	0
Silvers	0	1	2	1
Smith	1	0	3	1
Kindt	1	0	0	2
	10	8	7	28

## AS RATTLERS FIVE TRAMPLE CLOVIS



A long shot careens off the backboard while Graham (12), J. J. Burke (5), and Bill Hogan (7), wait for the rebound. The Clovis team attempts to stop the score with Boughton (20), Silvers (12), and Fisher (19), involved in the play. The Rattlers defeated Clovis 39 to 28.

## Superbombers Beat Amarillo AAF 46 To 6

The 2AF football squad hit the win column again by toppling the vaunted Amarillo AAF Sky Giants 46 to 6. Dobbs completed six out of eleven passes to net 74 yards by air.

The Superbombers, having won 8 and lost 2, meet Fort Warren Sunday, follow up with U. of Washington on the 18th, and the 4th AF at Denver on the 26th.

## Award 4 Prizes To Football Guessers

Closest contest yet in The Rattler football dopesters' tourney brought up four winners. So close were the guesses that the judges narrowed the voting from six to four, then decided to award each of the four a free book of movie tickets.

A half-dozen selections picked two wrong out of 12. Closeness of the scores decided the issue. The four winners (who can get their movie books by stopping by the Public Relations Office in Hqts.) are: Cpl. Edward J. Rammelkamp, (F), Pvt. Everett L. Moore (A), Sgt. Charles Snell, Section II, T-Sgt. William J. Brophy.

SAN FRANCISCO (CNS) — Lightning struck twice for unhappy William Santos-Barboza, two weeks after his completion of a two-year stay in jail as a draft dodger. William was arrested again—on the same charge.

## Bowling Leagues Leaders Steady

No new records were set in the past week of bowling in either the Red, White or Blue leagues. Bentley continued to top the Red League individual averages with 171.7. Hartzell paced the White League with a 170.5 average. While Comanitz's 197.1 topped the Blue League.

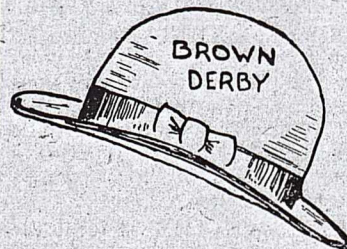
The standings (Monday night games included) were:

Blue League			
	W.	L.	Pct.
Musclemen	11	4	.733
Dusters	10	5	.666
Hangar 1	10	5	.666
Flashes	9	6	.600
Consolidated Mess	7	5	.583
Aleutian Aces	3	12	.200
Section II	1	14	.071

Red League			
	W.	L.	Pct.
Stargazers	10	2	.833
Superbombers	6	3	.666
Southpaws	6	6	.666
Crusaders	7	5	.583
Signal Five	6	6	.500
Medicos	6	6	.500
Pillrollers	1	8	.125

White League			
	W.	L.	Pct.
Airways	7	2	.777
Sawboners	9	3	.750
Quartermaster	5	4	.555
Riff-Raffs	5	4	.555
Static Chasers	6	6	.500
Spare Boys	6	6	.500
Lucky Strikes	2	7	.222
Planets	2	10	.166

## P. T. Award



The Brown Derby for the lowest percentage in PT participation rests on the shame-bowed heads of Section "A". They held the sorry average of 70.63. The Brown Derby will remain in their possession as long as they are at the bottom of the list.

with 6 of his pitches going for touchdowns. . . . Cpl. Grace Thorpe, daughter of famed Indian athlete Jim Thorpe, is stationed in New Guinea with a WAC detachment.

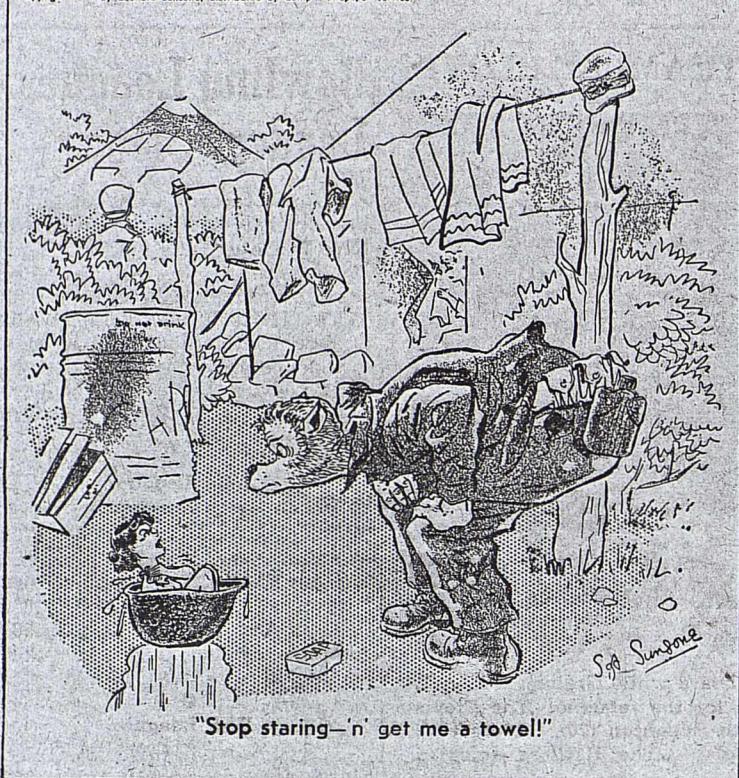


The Army is going to take 70 percent of all athletic equipment manufactured in the States for a period of 3 or 4 months, according to Lt.-Col. Eskie Clark. This equipment will be shipped to all fronts for use in a gigantic athletic program now being devised to entertain the troops, Col. Clark said. . . . Lt.-Col. Bernie Bierman, Minnesota grid coach, has been discharged from the Marines. . . . M-Sgt. Zeke Bonura, the Czar Landis of North Africa, is about to perform the same service for France. He already has organized a couple of leagues in that country. . . . Pvt. George Rowbotham, ex-golfer, doesn't care for Germany. "I don't see why the Nazis are fighting so hard to keep this country," says he. "I haven't seen a golf course yet. . . . Top service football team in the Eastern U. S. right now is the North Carolina Pre-Flight eleven. Victors over Navy, Duke and the Cherry Point Marines, the Cloudbusters are led by Automatic Otto Graham, brilliant Northwestern back, and Stan Koslowski of Holy Cross. . . . Most publicized football star in the service, however, is Lt. Glenn Dobbs, ex-Tulsa ace, now passing for 2AF Superbombers. Dobbs has 32 completions in 50 throws for 451 yards

The Wolf

by Sansone

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"Stop staring—n' get me a towel!"

GI Bill of Rights Aids Middy Appeal

NEW YORK (CNS)—A veteran of American participation in two world wars, using an avenue of appeal provided by the GI Bill of Rights, has won his fight to have a dishonorable discharge from the Navy changed to honorable.

He is Ryland B. Compton, 54, former chief electrician's mate, who was dismissed as a "shirker" May 12. He had been refused re-employment at his old job with a public utility corporation as a result.

Compton, who holds the Purple Heart for service in the First World War, enlisted in the Navy in September, 1942. Because he "didn't hit it off" with his commanding officer, his attorney contended, he was "put through the mill," forced to go on 15-mile hikes and subjected to unnecessary discipline which he wasn't able to take.

His appeal is believed to be the first under a provision of the GI Bill of Rights giving a serviceman 15 years to contest a dishonorable discharge.

REMEMBER?

Headlines of a year ago today at Pyote Army Air Field, as culled from the files of The Rattler.

Nov. 10, 1943—The Rattler started free distribution after 7 months



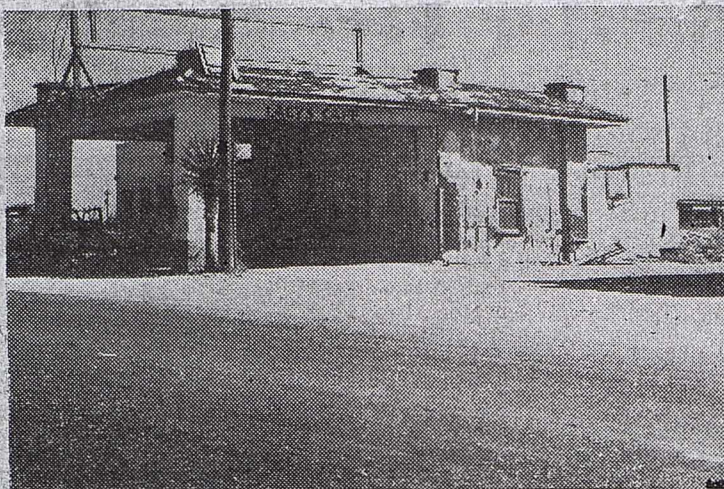
Q. I served in the Navy before Pearl Harbor and was honorably discharged. After Pearl Harbor, I was inducted into the Army. What I want to know is this: Will my service in the Navy count toward point credit in the War Department's Demobilization plan for the Army which will go into effect after the defeat of Germany?

A. Any service in the Navy after September 16, 1940, will count.

Q. What do Oak Leaf Clusters mean? I know a soldier who has three.

A. Three Oak Leaf Clusters on a ribbon means the decoration has been awarded four times. For instance, an Oak Leaf Cluster on a Purple Heart would mean that the bearer had received wounds resulting from enemy action on two separate occasions.

of PX sales at a nickel a copy. S-Sgt. Sam Armstrong of Aviation Squadron, went to OCS. Dale Evans, movie starlet, made a personal appearance at the Service Club's Sadie Hawkins dance, sponsored by the Wacs. Remnants of the 31st Airdrome Squadron returned to Pyote. Russia took Kiev. Allies hoped to take Rome by Christmas. The fall of Rabaul might bring the Jap navy out of hiding, Navy officials hoped.



This abandoned filling-station has started to decay behind its false-front of Mexican architecture. A few trucks use its drive-in for shade from the Texas sun, a circus poster heralds an old showing, and the cars zoom past . . .

SO THIS IS PYOTE . . .

If one word describes Pyote, if one word warns the newcomer of what to expect at this most unpredictable place, it is D - U - S - T. There is a difference between dirt and dust. Dirt is shameful. Dust? Ah, that is an integral part of living. No one mentions it except the visitors. It's like rain in California, or cold weather in Florida. Dust is Texas. And you don't mention it to a native.

A newspaper columnist had this to say about the Rattlesnake Base:

"Pyote, to you, may be a spot on the landscape of the most desolate part of Texas. It is that. Just a spot. It was picked out by the Second Air Force because it reproduces Africa or northern Australia.

"The boys out at Pyote say it's worse. There's sand and wind and heat and rattlesnakes and all the things you have to take in stride when you go to battle.

"Now the reason Pyote is important is this: Any lad who gets training there will stand 100 per cent more chance to come back alive."



. . . There's no lull at THIS filling station, though. Army trucks load a Flying Fortress with the gas that keeps it going. The B-17 uses approximately 200 gallons an hour in the air. Yes, this is Pyote, too!