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TOKYO HIT AGAIN BY 100 SAIPAN SUPERFORTS

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Santa Wears Khaki

Yeah, we have to admit it. We're a sucker for Christmas. We like Christmas 'n everything that goes with it—Christmas carols, tinsel and red ribbon, Christmas trees, mysterious packages, fresh snow, holly, mistletoe, tom 'n jerry—Christmas, to us, is just about the nicest season of the whole year.

It seemed always as though it was one day of the year that people became angels. There was somethin' in the air that made Christmas different from any other day in the year. You could walk up to a complete stranger, smile, and say "Merry Christmas!". There was a "great to be alive" feeling to the day; a sort of "God's in his heaven, all's right with the world!"

So we have to admit it. We're a sucker for Christmas. And Christmas, 1944, will be ours and yours at Pyote Army Air Field. There won't be any snow; and we don't have enough feminine traffic in our office to bother hanging up a piece of mistletoe. But rain or shine, Army or no Army—December 25th will still be Christmas Day.

Christmas is a day a guy likes to spend in the bosom of his family. He likes to get up Christmas morning, go to church, then come home and open presents; see the kids play with their new train, watch Sis try on the new housecoat for size; and hope Mom likes the new living room rug.

But just because we aren't home doesn't mean there's no Christmas! At least, it doesn't have to mean that.

We all can observe, in some measure, the holiday at Pyote.

In line with that, we call your attention to the story on page 3. The RATTLER is conducting a campaign to make a merry Christmas for the less fortunate kids in Monahans. Plans have been made to collect broken, discarded, and damaged toys; they'll be brought out to the Base and the fellas in the hospital's Convalescent Training Program will fix up these toys, give 'em a new coat of paint, and have them sparkling-new to deliver to some kid Christmas morning.

That's a bit of Christmas spirit, we think. That's a gesture that puts a little lump in our throat. It's one way that Pyote AAF can observe the Christmas day.

We'd like to take it a step further. If any of you GIs that aren't in CTP would like to pitch in for an evening and mend some toys—we'll try to arrange an evening for you to attend the workshop.

This is no "you, you, and you volunteer". You don't have to do it. But if you'd like to work a swing-shift in Santa's workshop this year, we think it can be arranged. We hope so, because we want to pitch in, too. Because, maybe, by fixing a wheel on a wagon, or giving a doll's face a new coat of paint—we can get into the Christmas spirit.

This year, fellas, for some kids, Santa Claus will wear a khaki uniform—and we want to give him a hand. If you feel the same way we do about it, and if you would like to help, why—"Merry Christmas, Mac". You and I talk the same language.

The editors howlingly regret that "The Wolf" is AWOL this issue. Camp Newspaper Service s nafu'd.

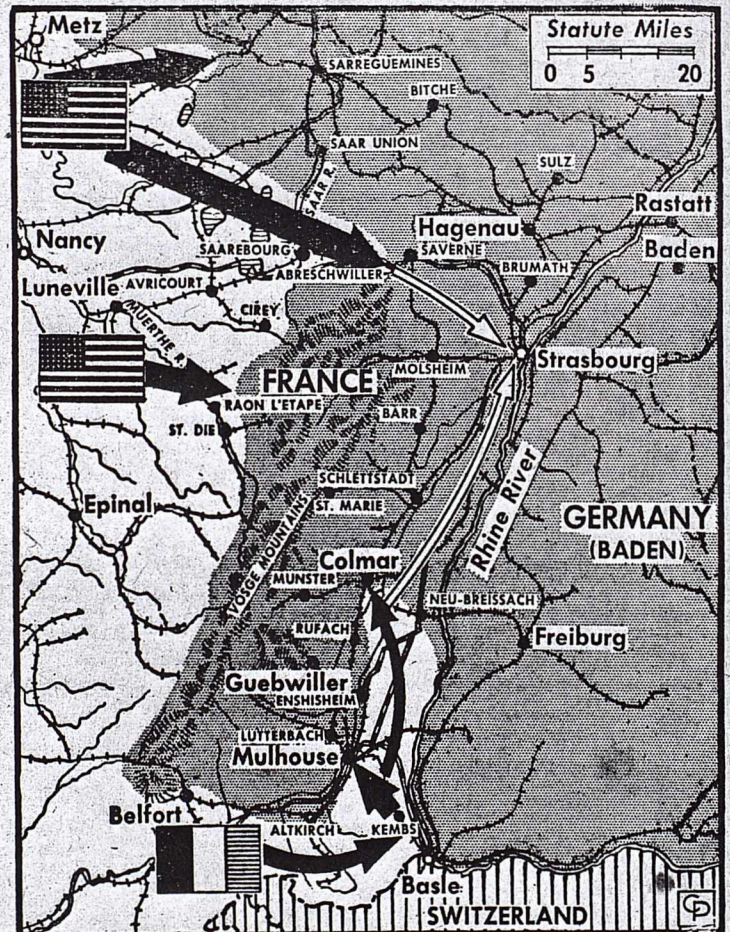
SWISS REPORT ALLIED PARATROOPS LAND BEHIND NAZI RHINE FRONT

In the 157th week of the U.S. at War, this was the news from: THE ASIATIC FRONT: The 20th and 21st Bomber Commands synchronized a one-two punch on the Japs; the B-29s from Saipan and India hit Tokyo (for the second time in four days) and Bangkok in Thailand. Leyte-based bombers hit 3 other islands in the Philippines, including Cebu—spot where Japs will probably head for from Leyte proper. 16 Jap planes were sunk by the 3rd fleet planes east of the Philippines. The Jap sweep in China continued with the fall of Hochih in southern China, last forward American air base in that area. The Nips fought on toward Kwiechow province.

THE EUROPEAN FRONT: Swiss dispatches stated that paratroopers landed in Germany east of the upper Rhine. The U.S. 1st smashed a bloody trail to within 20 miles of Cologne. The U.S. 3rd fought to within four miles of the Roer river, last great natural barrier before the Rhine. The U.S. 7th swept on to the plains of Alsace-Lorraine.

The French 1st held between the Vosges and the upper Rhine. The Russians fought through blinding snow in eastern Czechoslovakia. General Alexander took over the Mediterranean Command, as Gen. Maitland Wilson was transferred to the joint staff in Washington. Lieut. Gen. Mark Clark took over Alexander's command of Allied armies in Italy.

THE HOME FRONT: FDR cut down on smoking. Who didn't? The Senate promised an investigation of the rag shortage. 7 U.S. Senators showed up in London, but Clare Booth Luce couldn't be reached by the press. Secretary of State Hull resigned; the President (CONT'D. ON PAGE 10, COL. 3)



DRIVING NORTHWARD, French and American troops of the Sixth Army have advanced beyond Colmar, 22 miles north of Mulhouse, to trap the entire 19th German Army with its back to the river (see map). The Sixth Army cleared some 1,600 square miles in the offensive and liberated 433 towns and villages. The Rhine stronghold of Strasbourg was threatened. U. S. Seventh Army troops captured Sarrebourg and thrust several miles farther and took Mittelbronn, near the entrance to the Saverne Gap. (International)

CTP REPAIRS CHRISTMAS TOYS

PX Cafe Offers 35c Plate Lunch; Civ PX Cafe Opens

Effective last Morday, the Post Exchange Cafeteria offered customers an attractive luncheon—plate—meat, potatoes, vegetables, dessert, and coffee—all for 35c!

This luncheon menu is available each noon for all PX cafeteria clientele, as well as the ala carte meals, Capt. E. L. Stromfors announced.

Captain Stromfors, Post Exchange officer, clarified a recent 2AF directive banning hot lunches at the PX, in his statement that "as yet this ruling does not affect Pyote." In other words, the PX cafeteria will continue to serve hot meals. A number of 2AF bases have closed down their cafeterias for anything besides sandwiches, because too many cafeteria services were being maintained on the individual fields.

The Post Exchange cafeteria, Captain Stromfors stressed, welcomes GIs and civilians to take advantage of this special noon-time luncheon plate.

The PX also cut the price of sandwiches to ten cents.

The Civilian Personnel Cafeteria opens today, Thursday, Nov. 30th., under the supervision of Maj. J. F. Sewares and Mrs. Joe Dee Harris.

The cafeteria will cater to officers and enlisted men as well as civilians, it was stated this week. Hours are from 6:15 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. and breakfast, lunches, and dinners will be served.

The dinner will consist of salad, choice of 2 or 3 meats, 2 or 3 vegetables, soup, dessert, bread, coffee, etc. and will cost 60 cents.

The cafeteria will be operated by Civilian Personnel and is located in the main Civilian Personnel bldg. Your patronage is invited.

THE COVER

First shot of a Pyote-based B-29 is framed in the camera lens for this week's cover. Cleared by the War dept., this picture will appear in "Victory" picture will appear in "Victory" — magazine distributed throughout the world—in a story of Pyote and the B-29 program. (Photo by OWI—shot at Pyote.)

Lt. Col. R. C. Sexton Named Assistant C.O.

Lt.-Col. Robert C. Sexton, a wing-wise veteran of 21 months experience in the CBI theater, is the new assistant Station Commandant for Pyote Army Air Field.

Announcement of the Las Cruces, N. M. flyer's appointment was made this week by Col. C. E. Duncan, Station Commandant. Lt.-Col. Sexton came here from the instructors' indoctrinational school at Galveston AAF.

He was one of the first airmen in the group which started the "over the hump" lifeline to China in the early days, numbering among his colleagues at that time Col. Robert L. Scott, the author of the best-seller, "God Is My Co-Pilot", and Gen. Caleb Haynes. He served in the India-China Wing which operated under the 10th Air Force and was activated from the old India-China Ferry Command. Prior to his CBI service Col. Sexton was on duty in the Caribbean.

He has been in the Army ten years, finishing his pilot training at Kelly Field and receiving his commission in 1938.



LT. COL. R. C. SEXTON

Here's Some G-Ideas for Christmas Gifts Available at Post Exchange

Inasmuch as scarcely a home in America lacks a service-star, this Yuletide season will be spelled with a Merry P-Xmas.

The Pyote Post Exchange has a tidy array of gifts to send to Mom, sis, the little woman, or the flame in the frame—and gifts that affect you a neat saving on the pocketbook.

11 Percent Of Quota Met As 6th War Loan Nears Half Mark

Including sales to Tuesday, November 28th, Pyote Army Air Field has reached 11% of its 6th War Loan quota, according to War bond officials.

Total sales to that date rang up \$14,970 on the Headquarter scoreboard, with \$136,000 as the goal for the field.

Section F led all other Sections in total bond purchases to date. Enlisted men had bought \$2215 worth of bonds, 8 per cent of their quota; Officers had purchased \$9355, 22% of their quota; and civilians \$2650, 13%.

The 6th War Loan continues till December 20th. Capt. H. D. Lucey, station War Bond officer, expressed hope that pay-day (today) would bring sizeable increases in both purchases and Class B allotments.

A few gift tips were given by Miss Martha Gould, PX "Miss Santa", as to what would tickle the femme fancy on Christmas morning.

Cigarette and wallet sets, in matching designs, are on sale for \$6.50; compact and cigarette sets are an attractive item for \$7.50. A "string of pearls" melody for the pearly-white throat of your best gal can be had for \$9.25. Cluster pins (don't know what that is, but the gal will probably squeal with glee over it) are yours for \$8.75. Pin and earring sets are on sale at the PX in several designs, shapes, and sizes for \$6.00. A bevy of compacts for the turned-up nose you love to see are priced from \$3.75 to \$4.25.

Jewel cases that Miss Gould describes as "darling" (you know how women go for such stuff) can be had for \$11.50. A jewel case, she informs, is a small box designed like a treasure chest, with various compartments for jewelry. Then there are wallets and wallets (and nowadays every gal carries a wallet in her purse) priced from (CONT'D. ON PAGE 4, COL 3)

Rattler Campaign Gives Needy Kids A Real Christmas

The poor kids in Monahans will have a big Christmas this year—if the boys at Pyote Army Air Field have their way about it.

They'll get rebuilt and repaired toys which the soldiers are now fixing for distribution come Santa Claus day.

The city police station is the collection point for all toys being donated to the drive, through the courtesy of Police Chief Ray Keenan.

Read "Santa Wears Khaki"—the editorial on opposite page.

Hospital patients in the Convalescent Training Program will do most of the repair work, and will be aided by other GIs contributing their spare time. The STP work shop has been made available for the program.

The Rattler's campaign to put a "Merry" in some Monahans kids' Christmas is receiving the enthusiastic support of civic and field officials.

It's one way the GIs can keep their own Christmas spirit—by chipping in a little time and labor to give some needy kid a real Christmas.

Mr. Gibbs Appointed RC Field Director

Mr. Clifford L. Gibbs, former Red Cross field director at the Altus, Okla., Army Air Field has been assigned the same position at Pyote Army Air Field replacing Mr. Charles Beatty.

Mr. Gibbs, who called Lubbock, Tex., his home before he joined the Red Cross and started traveling two years ago, has taken up his duties here and will be joined by his family, now living in Lubbock, as soon as living quarters are available.

Mr. Beatty has been transferred to St. Louis, Mo.

TIME'S AWASTIN'!

There are only—

25

more days—

TILL CHRISTMAS!

19th Group Will Receive Philippine Defense Medal

Men who fought in the Philippines—at Bataan, Corregidor, and now at Leyte—will be honored for his fight, the Philippine Minister of Information announced.

Members of the 19th group are eligible for the Philippine Defense ribbon, for their service during the early days of the war.

B-Gen. Carlos Romula, Minister of Information, stated that members of General MacArthur's invasion forces will receive the Philippine Campaign of Liberation ribbon, while those who took part in the Corregidor and Bataan campaigns will get the Philippine Defense ribbon.

Many men stationed at Pyote, who fought with the 19th group, will receive the decoration, for slugging it out with the Japs in the early days of the war.

PX GIFTS—

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\$3.25 to \$4.25. In the more expensive brackets there's a 2-piece matching luggage set (and that should put a gleam in the lassies' eyes). The 18-inch case sells for \$9.50 and the 26-inch case for \$13.50. These luggage sets are very durable, wood-framed, and sell in matching sets—at \$23.00.

Stationary is a suitable gift which also supplies the hint that maybe the little-lady ought to be writing more often. The PX has stationary to delight the gal.

Then, for the poor, underslung PFC. that has too many girls and not enough cash, there's a nice Jurgens or Woodbury set for 85 cents. The set consists of rouge, lipstick, and powder.

Those are just a few of the gifts for your Christmas list guidance at the Post Exchange. And incidentally, remember that the PX will gift-wrap any presents you care to send—no matter where they are purchased.

Christmas isn't too far away, and the pin-up princess of yours will be looking for a package with a Pyote postmark. So better get over to the PX and look around for presents.

Wanna Be A Farmer? Booklet Gives Info

GIs who are interested in taking up farming as a post-war career are advised to send for the booklet, "Shall I Be A Farmer?". This handy little pamphlet, published by the Dept. of Agriculture, Washington 25, D. C., gives you the whys and wherefores on farming and it's post-war chances.

If you wish further information, see your Personal Affairs Officer who may have some helpful literature, or, in any case, can get it for you.

Rattler Reviews '44 Thanksgiving

Pyote observed Thanksgiving in the time-hallowed traditional way last Thursday. It stuffed itself on turkey, cranberry sauce, candied yams, and pumpkin pie, and all the trimmin's.

A complete Rattler news and photo staff covered the occasion at all the Mess Halls on the base (See pictures on pages 6 and 7) and sandwiched in time for a few extra bites of delicious turkey.

They recorded the following turkey day highlights of 1944 for posterity (and next year's Thanksgiving issue):

A large crowd of civilians took advantage of the guest invitations from GIs. Many wives and girlfriends hit the chow-line for the GI feast; and numerous kiddies—from babes in arms up to teenagers—had Thanksgiving Army-style. For some of the tots it was their first Thanksgiving dinner, and others a few years older were spending the first turkey-day they'd remember in a way they would long remember.

Non-coms volunteered en-masse in response to the Rattler campaign (instigated by an anonymous T-Sgt.) to pull KP. First Sergeants of Sections A, E, and F were scrubbing pots and pans, or trays for the thankful lower-ranks.

Complete "zebra" rosters were provided by Sections A, E, and F. Numerous non-com volunteers pulled kitchen police from Section M. Those NCOs who made the lower ranks BTOs-for-a-day were—

M-Sgts: W. Casso, Russell Richardson, John Yaros, Gene Kmetovicz, Richard L. Davis, Clarence A. Daniel, Robert W. Huff, Irving Murphy; F-Sgts: Stanley Schmidt, Jack A. Blackburn, Edward Walsh;

T-Sgts: H. Sollie, G. Tannery, James O'Rourke, James Greeve, Daniel Cronin, Hymen Adlin, Eugene Minton, Michael Hennessey, V. F. Mahan, Harry J. Van Sciver, Albert E. Wheals, Howard K. Trautman, Delbert M. Clair, Myron Polochaylo, Martin P. Joyce, Francis Podolak, Walter Schiller, Wayne B. Henry, Dale E. Crabtree, Symie L. Glenn, John E. Dullanty, Leroy W. Echols, Gilbert Reynolds, Marion Kearley;

S-Sgts: C. S. Dacus, S. L. Pinkston, D. F. Newman, Francis Da-

HEADS CENTER



Baptist Service Center Marks Anniversary

Rev. Auburn Hayes, (above) director of the Pyote Baptist Service Center, celebrated the first birthday of the center—built and operated by Mr. Hayes himself.

Last Friday marked the first anniversary of the opening of the Center, and a sizeable crowd attended the birthday ceremonies, marked by informal speeches, a song-fest, and lunch.

The Pyote Baptist Service Center is maintained by Reverend Hayes for the men of Pyote, and its doors are always open to them, Mr. Hayes remarked.

Car Hits Train But Officer Unhurt

His car was a total wreck, but Lt. Harold Weinstein, an Army Air Forces dental officer stationed here, walked away last week after a midnight collision with a freight train.

Lt. and Mrs. Weinstein were dragged 25 feet and their car was crumpled between the locomotive and signal tower at the Monahans, Texas crossing. After the miraculous escape the officer was on duty the next day.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel W. Weinstein, 3096 Brighton Sixth Street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

GERMANS PLANNED TO INVADE IRELAND

LONDON (CNS)—German plans for the invasion of England, via Ireland, were uncovered recently by the Allies and revealed here. The plans, described as complete and detailed were extensively documented with maps and photographs and were kept up to date until 1942.

Classified Ads

WILL THOSE who were promised puppies at Mess Hall No. 1, please call for them as soon as possible? Their mother was killed by a car.

Infantrymen, Unfit for Combat Duty, Transferred to AAF At Keesler Field

GIs feeling the hot breath of the Infantry breathing down their necks can find small satisfaction in the following item from Keesler Field, Miss.

Hundreds of men from the army ground forces have been temporarily stationed at Keesler Field, transferred to the AAF following

disqualification for combat duty. vidson, Welby Booker, Francis Kelly, Gordon Larson, R. Miller, Herman Gillette, Howard O. Gamble, Miller J. Coleman, Willis Hanson, Robert Freas, Thomas W. Hardy, John H. Dodd, James M. Abbott, Orland T. Sells, James D. Judge, Charles W. Swartz, Alfred J. Harper, Arthur I. Rudick, Leo E. Shreve, Charles N. Mix, Robert J. Swinehart, Stanley M. Nicpon, Allan R. McCue, Burton B. Buthenwith, Ralph E. Resig, R. E. Felty, Milton L. Anderson, George M. Abraham, Richard G. Jones, Ralph K. Jarrell, Howard K. McAllister, Howard M. Jack, John Badousek, Wesley B. Miller, Ray G. Schultz, Robert L. Sokow, J. A. McLoughlin, Arthur Siemens, Don Gonzalez, R. Woodward, O. Anderson, Phillip Eonta, Robert Cross, Howard Hall, Walter Yearwood, Albert Haas, Francis Marshall, Ray Merrick;

While at Kessler, they are being classified as to assignment in the AAF. Many of the men have been in action overseas. Others are transferees from continental stations. They were all previously members of the various branches of the infantry and other ground commands.

LONDON (CNS) — Eight RAF Typhoon pilots have received official credit for fatally wounding Field Marshal Erwin Rommel, famed German "Desert Fox" after bombing a farmhouse near Caen last July 7. The eight men reported at that time that they had raked "an important looking staff car" with 20-mm cannon.

DALLAS, TEXAS (CNS) — A sneak thief snatched the purse of Miss Pauline Griffith, as she was leaving her office. She chased him down the hall, felled him with a flying tackle, recovered her purse and threw him down a flight of stairs.

Sgts: Ward Howell, Victor Pearson, and Daniel Pittman.

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Star Dust
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Who's who and what's new in the radio, movie, band, and stage circles.

FILM-LAND: Paulette Goddard, wife of Burgess Meredith, tells friends she is expecting . . . So's Susan Hayward. . . Eleanor Parker, who wowed local cinema fans in "The Very Thought of You", is back at work after recovering from injuries incurred when she tried to stop a dog fight. Arf-arf. . . Marilyn Maxwell, blonde honey, has the lead in the new Abbot-Costello slapstickler, "Lost In A Harem". . . John Garfield and Geraldine Fitzgerald will co-star in "Nobody Lives Forever", a crime story by the author of "Little Caesar". It ran as a serial in Collier's about a year ago. . .

BAND-BEAT: Artie Shaw's new crew will take off the wraps in Mpls. the first of the month. His new orch. books at 2 grand per week. Who sez bein' Artie doesn't pay? . . . Stan Kenton returns to the Palladium tomorrow. . . Sinatra has the largest earned income in the world, sez his press agent. His annual tax return showed \$1,400,000. . . Shep Field and band are at the Meadowbrook in N.J. Billie Rogers, girl trumpeter, will follow them with her orchestra at that spot. . . Ina Ray Hutton is reorganizing her crew. . . Erskine Hawkins at the Club Plantation in L.A. . .

—Sugar

PRINCESS . . .



The Princess and the Pirate boasts Virginia Mayo as the former. Virginia, as any fool can plainly see, is something you'd like to find in your Christmas stocking. We can plainly see. Miss Mayo takes lead honors with Bob Hope in "The Princess and the Pirate" showing Sunday and Monday at Theatre No. 1 and 2.

Theater Schedule

Thu.—FROM BOWERY TO BROADWAY with Jack Oakie, Maria Montez, and Susan Foster. (1895 story about rival beer-garden owners.) Also "A Wolf's Tale" and Paramount News.
Fri. & Sat.—LAURA with Gene Tierney and Dana Andrews. (Critics acclaim best mystery film in many a bloody moon.) Also "Army-Navy Screen Magazine" and Al Trace and Orch.
Sun. & Mon.—PRINCESS AND THE PIRATE with Bob Hope, Victor MacLaglen and Virginia Mayo. (Old ski-nose flips quips in a technicolossal.) Also Puppetoon and Paramount news.
Tue.—BRAZIL with Virginia Bruce and Tito Guizar. (Soft guitars and romance south of the border.) Also "Brones and Brans", and "Seafood Menu".
Wed. & Thur.—THE DOUGHGIRLS with Ann Sheridan, Jack Carson, and Alexis Smith. (It was a wow on the stage and though scrubbed-up should still pull plenty of laffs.) Also "I Love to Sing", and Paramount News.

Service Club

Thur.—Sewing, 10:00-5:00. EM Wives' Luncheon 12:00-1:00.
Fri.—Informal activities; radio, relaxation, etc.
Sat.—Informal activities; games, reading, etc.
Sun.—Informal activities; cards, chess, reading room.
Mon.—Informal activities, records, letter writing, etc.
Tue.—Informal activities; cards, chess, reading room
Wed.—GI movies: 8:30.

Monahans U S O

Thu.—BIRTHDAY NIGHT, (See story on this page); Protestant Discussion Group.
Fri.—Informal activities.
Sat.—DANCE, Refreshments
Sun.—11:00—Coffee hours; 6:30—Buffet supper; 7:30—Song Fest; 8:30—Movie, "Escape To Glory".
Mon.—7:30—Song fest; 8:30—Movie "Escape To Glory".
Tue.—Arts and Crafts Program, Mrs. M. L. H. Baze.
Wed.—12:30—EM Wives Luncheon; 3:30—Catholic Discussion Group; 8:30—Spanish Class.

Service Club Changes Dance-Night; Next Ball Friday December Eighth

Now that the football season is over, Dance night at the Service Club will be moved to Friday, Miss Eleanor Crowder, senior hostess, announced.

The next dance will be Friday, December 8th at the Service Club from 9 to midnight.

A good attendance of junior hostesses will be on hand as partners from the surrounding communities, as usual, and the Pyote orchestra will play the pop tunes of the moment.

The Sunday evening Garber engagement will be at the Rec. Hall, not the Service Club, Miss Crowder emphasized.

So—keep that in mind—next Service Club dance is Friday, December 8th—and each Friday thereafter.

HOMETOWN PAPERS—

The Special Service requests copies of hometown papers. If you have a subscription to a hometown newspaper, when you're through with it, drop it off at the Special Service Office (next door to the Service Club). They'll appreciate it.

USO Honors Nov. Birthdays Tonight

Birthday Night with cakes, candles, and all good wishes for November born G. I.'s will be celebrated tonight, November 30 at 8:30 o'clock at the Monahans USO. Mrs. George Baker and her committee have arranged to precede the cake cutting and candle blowing with a bingo game. Cigarettes will be given to the lucky card holders. So all you November babies come out to the Monahans USO tonight.

And speaking of birthdays—December 7th marks the first year anniversary of the present Monahans USO. Watch for further announcements regarding that date.

Garber Plays Rec Hall Dance Dec. 10 For EM

Jan Garber, the Sultan of Swing, will play for two dances in his Pyote engagement Sunday, Dec. 10th.

Jan Garber's Orchestra will play a dance for the EM at the Rec Hall, Sunday, Dec. 10th from 8 to 10:30 p.m.

From 11 to 1:30 a.m., Garber's musical crew will play at the Officers' Club dance.

Garber, who's solid swing band broke all-time records at the Palladium last summer, will bring a full complement of entertainment here, including luscious June Barton, Garber canary.

Ship Own Baggage Prepaid, WD Advises

If you are having your folks ship you some personal baggage, or you're shipping some to yourself on transfer, be sure that the transportation charges on the baggage are prepaid.

These are the instructions contained in WD circular 386.

Serious congestion and delays have been experienced at many Army installations as a result of the practice of forwarding personal baggage collect.

HOSTESS . . .



This is Gerry Larson, vocalist with Vincent Lopez and his orchestra. "Luncheon With Lopez", an MBS network feature saluted Pyote Army Air Field in its broadcast today; the pin-up Miss Larson dedicated two songs to the Rattlesnake GIs.

Cameramen Rehash Pyote's Turkey Day

Cooks, KPs Are Unsung Heroes of 'T-Day' As GIs And Guests Out-Gobble Gobblers

SECTION 'C' OBSERVES THANKSGIVING



BLACKBURN LATE; 'POTS 'N' PANS'!



Highlight of the holiday were the non-coms who volunteered to be KPs for a day. Heading the Section "F" roster was F-Sgt. Jack Blackburn, detailed to pots and pans. The No. 1 man of Section F landed that job because he was late for KP. Ah, fate

(Above) Section C sits down to Thanksgiving dinner. A large turnout of civilians at all Mess Halls throughout the field gave a holiday air to the holiday at Pyote.

C. O. INSPECTS



(Above) Colonel Duncan, Station Commandant, stops by Mess Hall No. 1 to make sure that everyone gets his share of turkey.

HE'S GONNA BE A CHOW-HOUND WHEN



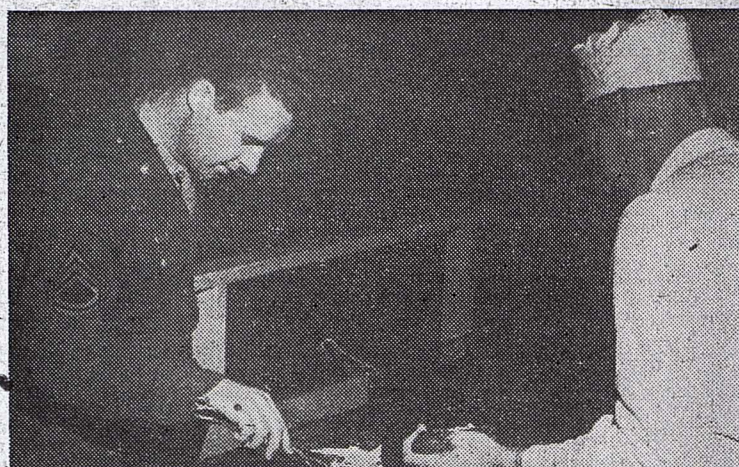
Two-year old Warren Arend, Jr., of St. Paul, Minn., had a big time with his parents. He's shown throwing the drum stick for a loss. S-Sgt. A gar 4 inspection crew.

MEDICS ENJOY HOLIDAY FEAST



(Above) The Medics ate in real style—even to table-cloths. Special festivities marked the hospital dinner. The orchestra played during the meal at Section M, as well as Mess Halls 1, 3, and 5.

FIRST AT THE TURKEY



(Above) First man to have Turkey dinner on the field was T-Sgt. Paul Lavalle of Section "F", who works at PLM. Lavalle takes a choice cut of the white meat in brief interlude from KP at Mess Hall No. 5.

WACS DINE IN SUPER-STYLE



(Above) The Wacs' Mess Hall was decorated for the occasion; and many of the girls extended dinner invitations to fellows on the field. A typical group are pictured above.

HE GROWS UP



...e eating Thanksgiving dinner ...end is a mechanic in a Han-

COOK'S TOUR



Cpl. Carl Semf, one of the cooks in Mess Hall No. 1, was the busiest man on the field on Thanksgiving and the day before, according to Mess Sgt. Tony Piskorski. Here Cpl. Semf is rushing around with an armful of supplies.

FIRST SERGEANTS VOLUNTEER



KP was a stripe-happy affair at Mess Hall No. 1. Here, F-Sgt. Edward Walsh and F-Sgt. Stanley Schmidt, of Sections E and A, respectively take the china clipper run in the dish-washing brigade. A full turn-out of "A" and "E" non-coms served.



KOOPS' KORNERS

(At last reports Koops was still rasslin' with a turkey at Mess Hall No. 5. The turkey was winning. His column this week is composed of notes and memos from his ever-lovin' secretary—Sugar.)

SUGAR REPORT . . . Dear Koops, Hunter Field, 3rd AF staging wing is turning out Christmas cards for the personnel at the field with a Hunter field motif. Seems we Pyoters could use a Pyote Christmas card. Could PX do right

by us? . . . Guys back from o'seas wanna know if they can wear their overseas AF patch instead of the "bird". ARs say "Sorry, but they are in the 2AF now" . . . For your Pyote quotes, Ed, how about this comment from the bus-stop as they loaded up for the 11:30 trip to the base: "They oughta put swinging doors on that bus!" . . .

In answer to numerous requests, Ed, here's the official dope on Officers eating, or drinking, at the PX cafeteria: "It is against base policy for officers to patronize the PX Cafeteria or tap room!" Unquote . . . The Hobbs Variety show, due here this week but canceled, was killed because of Army regulation that forbids Wacs from traveling with a soldier show . . . Have you heard the Air Force new song? "She was only a Pilot's sweetheart—you could tell by her 50 mission crush." . . . And isn't it about time to revive the old gag about the football season being the only time of year a GI can walk down the street with a blanket on one arm and a girl on the other, and not be under suspicion? . . . The Maxwell Field Post, camp paper, carries a terrific yarn called "Slave girl". A gunner from a a Liberator bought a slave girl for \$8 in Oran. The Provost Marshal made him give her back. The slave-trader demanded \$32 before he'd accept the gal back. Such goin's on! . . . Somebody called up to say the Rattler got a very purty write-up in Don Larrabee's column in the Desert-Airman. Can't find a copy of it anywhere, though . . . Then there's the one about the guy who learned to play the piano because you can't rest a glass of beer on a violin.

. . . Here's an item from Kearney Field, Nebr.—a 2nd AF base—: Their PX cafeteria line goes through in 2 minutes! "Soldiers", the article continues, "will also notice a great improvement in the food. Another innovation is hot chocolate, with marshmallows!" . . .

Speaking of the PX, boss, here's an idea somebody told me to pass onto you. Why not set up the PX

ice cream parlor with a line, so the first ones there get served first? The old system, used a year ago, was what we're getting at. As it is, you can wait 30 minutes to place your order, and then some jerky-come-lately comes in and gets waited on pronto! . . . And Koops—you will be delighted to hear that the movie "Sign of the Cross" has played Biggs Field and

probably is due for a local showing. You love these old movies so, here's a 1932 classic for you. Incidentally, "The Great Ziegfeld" was re-released to GI theatres overseas. How come they don't re-release it for Army posts in the States? . . . **Mess Sergeants report that the Non-coms who pulled KP on Turkey day did one of the best KP tours ever on this field! Take a bow, fellas, you deserve it. 'Twas a great service . . . Hear this one? A Major and a Colonel were seated in a cafe. Across the way sat a Private with a luscious blonde. The two officers wanted to meet the babe, but didn't know how to get the Pvt. out without pulling rank, which they didn't want to do. . . . Finally the Major sent a note over to the Pvt.'s table: "Didn't I study with you at Yale. The Colonel claims he studied with you at Princeton. Please come over and straighten us out" . . . The Private wrote a return note: "I didn't study with the Colonel at Princeton, nor with you at Yale. But I did study at the National School of Taxidermy, and I'm stuffing this pigeon, myself!" . . . Good news for the Christmas season: Special Services has arranged a return showing of "Holi-**

day Inn" for the Christmas season. . . . Koops, how come Officers are using the PX barber shop? Understood that was for EMs only. Look into same, wouldja? . . . And ribbons to the girls at the library who worked on Thanksgiving in order that the library might be open on the holiday. Thanks girls.

Ed, say thanks to Captain Stromfors of the PX for that 35 cent plate lunch. That's appreciated. Chaplain Norton says that a choir of Christmas carolers will tour the base Christmas eve, and will definitely do some "caroling" on the line . . . **Li. G. B. Mother-sead, Special Service Officer, says that Jan Garber will play for a dance for the enlisted men on the 10th in the evening! Check on that, wouldja? . . . And Monty Ash brings in the good news that plans are definitely cooking for a musical comedy in February—"Hit the Deck", or maybe "Girl Crazy", he says. Sounds good, huh? . . . A stack of ribbons to the PX that promises to wrap any Christmas gift package for the GI, no matter where it's purchased. . . .**

. . . Definition: Wolf—A man who devotes the best leers of his life to women. Love. Sugar.

M A L E C A L L

By Milton Caniff

MISCUE AT STAGING AREA

PANEL 1: Soldier 1: "DID YOU NOTICE THAT THE RIDGE RUNNER GOT NO CHRISTMAS BOX — NOT EVEN A CARD?"
 Soldier 2: "HE NEVER GETS MAIL! ... I FEEL KINDA SORRY FOR OL' RIDGE!"

PANEL 2: Soldier 1: "YOU DON'T GET ANY MAIL, RIDGE... GOT NO FOLKS?"
 Soldier 2: "NUP..."

PANEL 3: Soldier 1: "DON'T YOU HAVE A GIRL?"
 Soldier 2: "I DID — BUT..."

PANEL 4: Soldier 1: "...SHE ONLY WRIT ONCE AFTER I SENT HER THAT THERE A.P.O. NUMBER — SHE SAID THAT IF THE POSTMASTER IN NEW YORK WAS AGITTIN' MY MAIL I MUST BE AHANGIN' AROUND THEM WICKED WIMMIN' ON BROADWAY — AN' SHE DIDN'T RECKON I NEEDED HER NO MORE!"

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MAINTENANCE NEWS

Aside from the fact that it is windy as hell at this writing, news from the "line" is scarce. Or maybe we just don't get around like we should.

Hangar One is in the spotlight again fellows, and it's your own fault. The boys got together, chipped in, and held a little blowout in the form of a spaghetti dinner at the C.P. cafeteria. Sam Mussachia and Frank Pagliarini did the chef work and they are due many fine compliments on the luscious stuff.

Overheard in the coffee shop, "Sure it's coffee."

Some of the guys in Hangar Two, Flight Line Maintenance section wanted some more said about the "greasy coverall" situation, so here goes. With only two pairs ever issued and the laundry situation like like it is, some of the boys wondered if perhaps a separate fatigue laundry could be set up here on the base. The average mechanic, as we said in an earlier writing, just can't keep clean in two pairs of coveralls. If we had our own coverall laundry here, we could clean them with some special grease solvent and get them back to the fellows sooner than the regular G.I. laundry does.

For you Section E men, we couldn't get any dope on the mail-room being enlarged, but we'll keep trying.

Do you think it strange that no one from Hangar One has been married lately?

Evesdropping in Hangar Three: "Some guys just can't live without, wine, women and song. I can get along without music."

Blue ribbons to those who conceived and developed the line taxi. Sure saves G.I. shoe leather.
—R.W.T.

FLYING TIME AWARD

Section III, in last place a week ago in the "operational efficiency" ratings took the winning honors this week. Percentages, based on number of flying hours out of available flying time, read:

- Section I: 97.4%.
- Section III: 98.5%.
- Section II: 91.2%.

GIs IN PHILIPPINES FOLLOWED MAGELLAN

WASHINGTON (CNS)—GIs, by driving into the central Philippines and landing on Leyte Island, followed in the footsteps of Magellan, who discovered the islands 400 years ago.

Suluan Island was the first land Magellan sighted in the Philippines in 521 and was the site of the Americans initial landing too.

Rattle Snake Charmer



This week's Pyote Pin-Up is Universal film's Gloria Jean. Now we can remember way, way back to the days when Gloria was a promising child actress; and now she's posing in bathing suits. Goodness, we are getting old! But not too old to say "Yipe!"

The Civvies

The Civilian Personnel Cafeteria will open Thursday, Nov. 30, 1944. The Cafeteria will be opened from 6:15 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. with three meals served daily at moderate prices for all personnel. The Cafeteria will be operated by the Civilian Personnel under the supervision of Major Sewares and Mrs. Joe Dee Harris. Most of us are well acquainted with Mrs. Harris and we are happy to have her working with us.

Sadie Holland is spending a few days with her husband, Cpl. Ed-

ward Holland who is confined to the General Hospital in Amarillo, Texas. Cpl. Holland is well known in the Civilian Personnel and we wish him a speedy recovery.

Floryne Preslar spent Thanksgiving Day with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Green Preslar of Sweetwater, Texas.

Mrs. John M. Donovan, of Chicago, Illinois is visiting in the home of her daughter, Mary Jane Youngholm.

During our Holiday Season let's not forget the boys overseas and provide a Christmas for them by buying a War Bond.

U. S. TO START PRODUCING V-1 TYPE ROBOT BOMB

WASHINGTON (CNS)—The War Department has contracted for the production of from 1000 to 2000 copies of the German V-1 robot bomb. Among 10 plants receiving experimental contracts is the Ford Motor Company, which will manufacture the jet-propulsion engines.

INDIANAPOLIS (CNS)—Guards at the Indiana Women's Prison rubbed their eyes when they spotted someone climbing over the wall into the prison. It was the prison engineer. "Forgot my keys," he muttered.



Rev. W. W. Phares Will Hold Mission Here, Dec. 3-7

Rev. W. W. Phares, D. D., of Dallas will conduct a preaching mission at the Station Chapel from Dec. 3-7, it was announced this week by Chaplain Edwin W. Norton.

Services will be held daily at 1030 and 2000 with special music and singing of favorite hymns. All personnel are invited to attend.

Dr. Phares has been pastor of the First Christian Church of Dallas for over 30 years. Before that time he had pastorates in McComb and Jackson, Miss., and in Tennessee and Oklahoma. He is chaplain of the Dallas Writers Club, a committee member of Y. M. C. A. and Dallas War Chest, an honorary member of the board of trustees of the T. C. U. board of trustees and publicity director of Jarvis Christian College board.

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.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE—Thursday: 2000, regular weekly service.

PROTESTANT: Sunday—9:15—Hospital Service, Red Cross Auditorium; 10:00—Section C Chapel Service; 10:30—Station Chapel Service; 7:30 p.m.—Section C Vesper Service; 8:00 p.m.—Station Vesper Service. Wednesday—7:00 p.m.—Chapel Chorus Rehearsal; 8:00 p.m.—Bible Quiz.

JEWISH—Friday, 1930, Sabbath Evening Service.

LAST CHANCE FOR PIGSKIN PROPHETS

Will Army's unbeatable power roll over Navy? Or will Navy's great forward wall stop Army's set of super backs?

That's the big question of the week for the final Rattler's Football Dopester Contest of the year. As there are not enough college games to fill out the card, we're delving into the pro ranks for four of our games, which ought to complicate matters a little more.

Write in your scores and bring or mail the sheet to the Public Relations Office, Station Headquarters. The persons entering the three best sets of scores will be awarded War Department Theater Booklets.

Here are this week's games:

THE GAMES			
Team	Score	Team	Score
Army	_____	Navy	_____
T. C. U.	_____	S. M. U.	_____
Rice	_____	S'western (Texas)	_____
Texas Tech	_____	South Plains AAF	_____
Virginia	_____	North Carolina	_____
Nebraska	_____	Oklahoma	_____
Notre Dame	_____	Great Lakes	_____
Detroit (Pro)	_____	Boston	_____
Brooklyn Tigers (pro)	_____	Philadelphia	_____
Pittsburgh Cards (pro)	_____	Chicago Bears	_____
NY Giants (pro)	_____	Washington	_____
Contestant's Name _____			
Section _____			

Thomassen Picks 'Em: Leads Grid Guessers

Cpl. Wesley Thomassen, Sec. E, is winner of last week's Football Dopester Contest by virtue of having all but one game picked correctly.

Four pigskin clairvoyants guessed all right but one, and they all missed the same game—2nd Air Force which tied with 4th Air Force, 0-0. In second place was Joe Tucceri, Sec. F, and third place won by Pvt. Everett L. Hale, Sec. A.

S-Sgt. Floyd Barbour, Sec. F, was the fourth man to hit 11 of 12 right but his scores kept him from the select circle.

HOW ABOUT THAT ROSTER?

That's the question posed by S-Sgt. Lefty Parvin, the PT instructor who has charge of organizing a Station Basketball League.

Sgt. Parvin urgently requests all team managers who intend to participate to turn in their team rosters at once so schedules can be set up and league play begin.

War Summary—

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named Under-Secretary Stettinius to the big job. Hurley was named Ambassador to China. Churchill celebrated his 70th birthday. An 18 year-old El Pasoan smashed up his car because he 'couldn't take his eyes off' his 14 year old wife. A Great Falls Montana casanova is in jail, and in trouble with 5 sweethearts and his wife, all six women are enciente. The jury was chosen for the T-Dorsey vs. Jon Hall rumpus. Skeezix, comic-strip soldier, still didn't know he was going to be a father.

RUN OVER BY TANK. MARINE MERELY YAWNS

PACIFIC (CNS)—Few men who have been run over by a tank live to tell about it. But Marine Cpl. Lawrence McKinney not only wasn't killed, he wasn't even hurt. After the tank passed over him on the beach of Peleliu, McKinney got up, yawned, and brushed himself off. Amazed fellow-corpsmen made him lie down again and called a doctor, but an X-ray examination disclosed he was okay.

Alamogordo '5' Drops Rattlers 66-42 In Debut

Running up against a red-hot scoring machine in their opening 7th Area league game, the Rattlers were turned away by the Alamogordo (N. M.) five by 66-42.

A deadly scoring forward, Stanijewski, poured 18 points through to pace the Alamo quint. High man for Pyote was Ray with five field goals for 10 points.

The box score:

ALAMOGORDO				
Williams, f	7	1	1	15
Winchell, f	1	0	1	2
Stanijewski, f	8	2	0	18
Drummond, f	1	0	0	2
Floyd, f	4	0	2	8
Paddock, c	3	2	1	8
Baker, c	2	1	2	5
Dabrowski, c	0	0	0	0
Markioni, g	3	0	2	6
Seitgizincer, g	1	0	1	0
Preston, g	0	0	0	0
Flanigan, g	0	0	0	0
	30	6	10	66

PYOTE				
Joyce, f	0	1	1	1
Bostick, g	3	0	0	6
Burns, f	2	2	0	6
Funk, f	0	0	0	0
Burke, J., c	0	0	0	0
Burke, W., c	2	0	1	4
Hogan, g	1	1	0	3
Owen, g	1	0	1	2
Ray, g	5	0	2	10
Michna, g	2	2	0	6
	18	6	7	42

CLOVIS 36, PYOTE 19

In a practice game at Clovis Friday night, Nov. 24, the Rattlers dropped a 36-19 decision. Labate of Clovis led the scoring for both sides with eight points. Owen and Funk led the Rattlers with four points each.

Don't Beat Up Your Draft Board, Boys! Uncle Sammy'll Spank

The latrine lawyer who speaks unkindly of his draft board had better reconsider.

Threats and physical violence against draft board members by members and relatives of registrants are subject to \$5000 fine or 5 years in prison or both.

U. S. District Attorney Clyde O. Eastus of Dallas stated: "Draft board members are entitled to all of the protection of the government and they are going to get it. They work without pay and have a difficult job. They draft their own sons just as they do the sons of others. They do not make the rules but they have to abide by them."

G. I. BOXING CARD SET FOR MONAHANS DEC. 2



Stop Me If You've Heard This One Before

Jumping Joe Savoldi, fullback on one of Knute Rockne's last great teams at Notre Dame, was a sweet football player although no genius in the classroom. Flunked by a professor on the eve of the Army game one year, Savoldi was barred from the team—to the dismay of his teammates and the sporting world in general.

At last, however, the entire student body bore down to such an extent that Savoldi's professor relented, agreed to give him another test. His classmates crammed him for a week and a large cheering section waited outside the professor's house when Joe's ordeal began.

"Now, Joe," the prof assured him, "I'm going to ask you 2 questions. If you answer one of them correctly I'll pass you."

"Shoot," said Savoldi.

"First," the prof said. "What does the chemical formula H₂O stand for?"

"Ink," said Savoldi.

"Wrong," said the prof. "Now, take your time on this one: What is the chemical formula for water?"

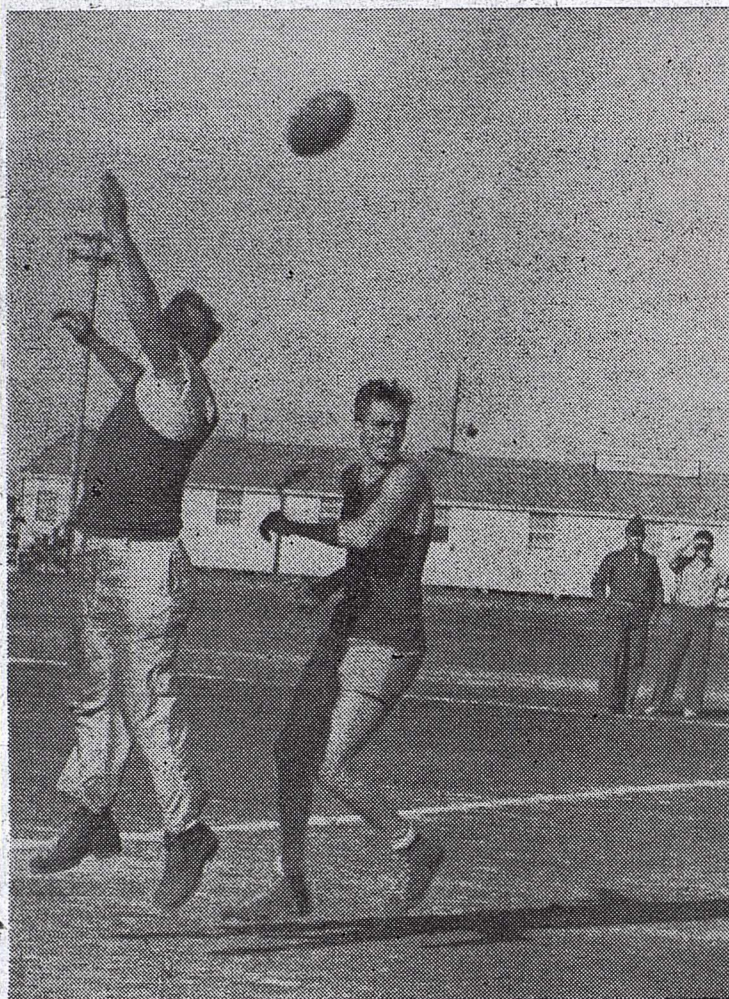
"I dunno," said Joe.

"Right!" said the professor in triumph. "You don't. I pass you."

Are Ball Players People?

During the first World War, Casey Stengel, ex-manager of the Brooklyn Dodgers and the Boston Braves, was in the Navy, where he managed the Brooklyn Navy Yard team with remarkable success. His system was simple. Everytime a warship docked he would hustle out to schedule a game with the crew for the following afternoon, never giving the other guys a chance to recover from their sea legs. Consequently the Stengel team won them all. . . . The Boston Braves have 5 men in the South Pacific fighting zone: First Baseman Buddy Gremp, Shortstop Wally Fletcher and Pitchers Port-hole Bill Posedel and Johnny Sain. . . . Brainbridge Naval victors by a 49 to 20 score over previously unbeaten North Carolina Pre-Flight, now ranks as one of the top 3 service teams in the U. S. The others: unbeaten Randolph Field once-beaten Iowa Seahawks. . . . New England race track owners are being driven daffy by a wealthy and mysterious "Lady in Red" who is

GENTS WIN T-FOOTBALL TITLE 33-19



Mythical champions of Touch Football in these parts are the Gents of Sec. A, winners of the National League title who went on last week to bump off the American League title-holders, Sec. D's Dusters. Here is a moment of play involving Chuck Simon (left), Sec. D lineman, and Wayne Clark of the Gents, who won 33-19.

Wolf Pack Leads Officer Bowling

At the end of three weeks of play here are the standings in the Officers Bowling League:

Wolf Pack	6	3	.666
Beach Boys	5	4	.555
Hot Rocks	5	4	.555
Wreckers	4	5	.444
Swoopers	4	5	.444
Spiders	2	7	.222

Leading the individual maplers is Lt. Stanley Serafinski with a high average of 164. Capt. William Riggs is leading in two departments: He has the high series, 531, and has a high single game of 211.

creating minus pools at Rockingham and Naragansett by betting huge sums on shoo-in favorites to show. In less than a week she bet \$57,000 at the 2 tracks, won \$5700. . . . never lost a bet.

Championship Game Pits Pecos-Merkel

In bi-district championship play the undefeated Pecos Eagles of District 7-A will play host Friday night, Dec. 8 to the also unbeaten Merkel (8-A) club.

The game will be called in Pecos High stadium at 8:00 p.m. Reserved seats, on sale starting Dec. 2 in all Pecos drug stores, cost \$1.00. Gate admissions are 50 cents for EM and \$1.00 for officers and civilians.

It will be the last standout high school game of the year in this sector. In Texas Class A clubs go only into regional play sector. Pecos sacked up the verdict a week ago with a convincing 34-0 win over Monahans High School Lobos. The Eagles have scored 168 points against 74 for opponents while Merkel has amassed 282 points to 51 for opponents.

Pyote, Pecos And Alamogordo Send Biffers

It'll be khaki vs. khaki in Monahans when the cream of the clout crop from three air fields meet Dec. 2 in a fistic extravaganza that promises to be one of the best ever staged in this section.

Pyote and Pecos (Tex.) and Alamogordo, N. M.) air fields will be represented in the event, which is being sponsored by the Monahans Chamber of Commerce under the direction of Manager Rausey Sewell. Admission is free and contributions will be taken toward buying some much-needed athletic equipment for the Pyote field.

The seven-bout card starts at 8:30 p.m. in the high school gymnasium.

Topping the card will be the middleweight clash between Pvt. Richard Smith of Pyote and Pvt. Ed Hunter of Pecos, two of the finest colored boxers in the country. Hunter carries the middleweight limit into the fray—160 pounds—while Smith will go in at about 155. These two boys are the cream of their weight class at their respective fields and the bout carries the natural Pecos-Pyote rivalry.

Also the two best lightweights of the fields will meet when McKinnidy Parks of Pecos goes against Izzy Robertson of Pyote. Both lads, colored, weigh 135.

Cpl. Roy L. (Superman Jr.) Martin, 112 pounds of human dynamo, will take on the tough task of trying to reduce a mountain to a mole-hill when he tangles with "Man Mountain" Sharp, the Mountain that Walks Like a Man. Sharp, who cleans his fingernails with a 12-pound sledge and fears no man—not even the supply sergeant—will enter the ring at a delicate 240. Cpl. Martin, however, is unperturbed and says "Quote I'll Murder Tha Bum Unquote."

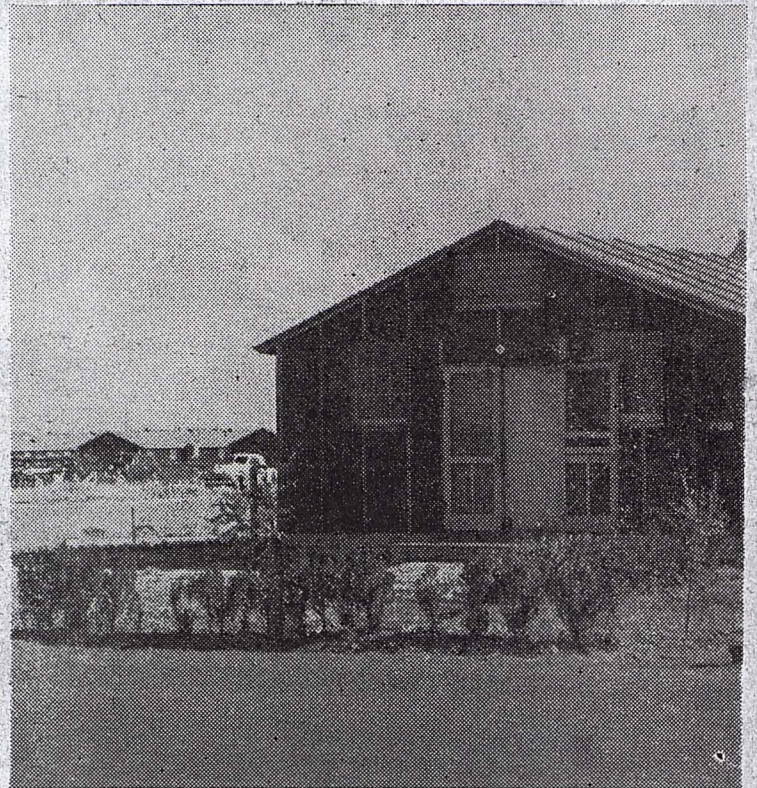
What may turn out to be the roughest and most entertaining bout of the evening will see Eddie Ownby of Pyote meeting an unnamed opponent from Alamogordo. Ownby is a clever boxer, plenty fast and rough, and the home forces believe him capable of handling anything Alamogordo sends down. It will be the only heavyweight clash of the evening.

In another Pyote-Alamogordo bout, Chief Niyah of Pyote will take on an unnamed Alamogordo opponent. Niyah, at 175 pounds, is one of the cleverest boxers in the area and promises to give a very worthwhile demonstration.

SO THIS IS PYOTE . . .



No, not every house in Pyote looks like the one above. But an oil boom town is a temporary place, and houses aren't built to last for generations. Trailers, cabins, lean-tos are scattered around the area . . .



. . . Barracks 539 at the Pyote Army Air Field is a real garden spot. These Section F fellows take pride in their barracks . . . shrubbery, flowers, and plants landscape the barracks area.

REMEMBER?

Headlines of a year ago, as taken from the files of THE RATTLER.

Dec. 1, 1943—The Monahans USO prepared for its formal dedication of the 7th. General Ent commended the 2AF for its safety record. The Pyote Service Center's opening was well attended. The Rec Hall lined up its second fight card. The basketball squad opened the season with two games against Pecos. Pyote Army Air Base had its name changed to "19th Combat Crew Training School". In the world news spotlight, Reds approached Kiev, the Italian offensive bogged down in seasonal rains.

THE \$10,000 QUESTION

Q. Have you converted your National Service Life Insurance into a permanent contract?

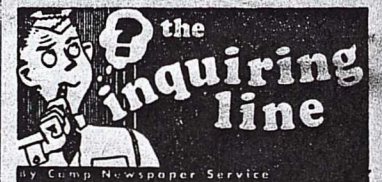
A. I have given it some thought, but somehow I never got around to it.

Well soldier, in that case you lose. The 5 Year Level Premium Term Contract you now carry is only temporary insurance and expires after five years.

After the 5 Year Level Premium Term Contract has been in force for one year, you can convert any part of it to Ordinary Life, 20 Pay Life, or 30 Pay Life.

How about doing something about it now before you are one year older, making your premiums increase that much more. See the Personal Affairs Section and they will assist you to get "the mostest for the leastest".

ITALY (CNS)—More than 90 per cent of the personnel of the Japanese-American 442d Regimental Combat Team have won Combat Infantryman Badges, it was revealed here recently. The enlisted personnel of this team is made up entirely of Americans of Japanese ancestry.



Q. I am a regular Army man with 23 years service under my belt. In a few weeks, I will be discharged from the service because of wounds. What's botnering me is that I have been told my discharge will be from the Army of the United States in stead of the Regular Army. After all those hitches it doesn't seem fair that my discharge should be the same as any selectee's. What's the pitch?

A. Your informant is right. You will get your discharge from the Army of the United States. There is no separate discharge form available for men whose term of service commenced in the Regular Army and ended during the war.

Q. How soon after I am discharged must I apply for my old job to be sure of getting it?

A. If you don't apply within 40 days after your discharge, you will forfeit our rights to your old job under the Selective Service Act.

Q. I expect to be discharged from the Army because of dependency. My application for maternity aid for my wife already has been approved. Will the fact that I am discharged cause me to lose the benefits of maternity aid?

A. No. Not if the application was approved prior to discharge.

