

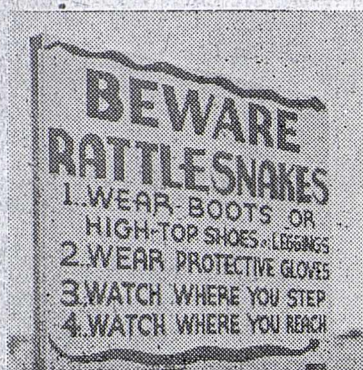
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## THE RATTLER

PYOTE, TEXAS

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## THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON, D. C.

It is highly fitting that in the midst of the world struggle for liberty we should remind ourselves of the spiritual realities by which the ideals of freedom are nourished. The principle of human brotherhood is the source of our political democracy and this principle is rooted in the faith which our fathers knew and which we have lived by. One God is our father and all of us are brothers and sisters in his family. We worship at different altars and express this faith in many ways. But deeper than the differences is the spiritual unity that makes us one people.

On battlefields throughout the world, Americans of many cultural backgrounds stand together in one fighting force that presents an unbroken front against the enemies of freedom. We move forward to victory—one people dedicated to one flag in the service of justice and peace for all. All these men and women of the fighting forces carry on their struggle against tyranny overseas, they dream of the homeland in which equal opportunity for the good life is open to all. It is, therefore, a solemn duty for us who live and work in the United States to keep our country free of prejudice and bigotry so that when our fighting men return they may find us living by the freedom for which they are ready to give the full measure of devotion.

The United States is the greatest team of free men and women that the world has ever seen. This is the hour for us to decide that our determination shall be in peace, as in war—teamwork. I am happy, therefore, to welcome the twelfth anniversary of Brotherhood Week, February 18-25, 1945, under the auspices of the National Conference of Christians and Jews. I hope that our people will come together this week to renew and strengthen their determination to serve the high principles of liberty through spiritual unity.

*Franklin D. Roosevelt*

## THEM KP BLUES

All it takes is one day on KP to turn a meek, lovable little soldier into a growling, fierce monstrosity of a man who spits in blind men's tin cups and eats little children on his Wheaties.

The reason being that a KP's lot is not a happy one, at best—and when the fellows who eat at the mess hall don't observe a few courtesies that would ease the burden of the man with the spoon—a KP looks for hills to go over and far away.

Really, guys, it would be a nice gesture for you to take your bowls and unused bread with you when you leave and not let them stay on the table for the KP to clean up; it would be a courtesy if you would empty your excess coffee and not leave it for the guy washing cups to throw out; it would be an appreciated mark if you wouldn't take it out on the KPs because the mess hall isn't serving turkey or runs out of butter; it would be a good deed if, should you arrive at the last minute at the mess hall, that you leave when finished with your meal so that the KPs might be able to start cleaning up.

We don't say your observance of these would make KP a thing of beauty and a joy forever, but it would keep the messhall jockeys from renting the air with loud curses and hysterical shrieks. It might even let a guy finish KP and still have some love left for his fellow man.

## SERVICE CLUB

Thu.—EM Wives Luncheon, 12-1:00; Sewing by Wickett ladies from 10 AM to 5 PM.

Fri.—Informal dance from 9 to Midnight.

Sat.—Informal Juke-box dancing.

Sun.—Open house; letter-writing, games, informal activities.

Mon.—Informal activities. (At Theater No. 1, "What A Life.")

Tue.—Informal activities. (At Theater No. 1, "What A Life.")

Wed.—GI Movies at 8:30 PM.

## CHAPEL SERVICES

CATHOLIC: Sunday Masses: 8:00, 12:00, 5:15. Daily Masses: 5:15, except Mon. and Thurs. at Hosp. Red Cross Bldg., at 9:30 AM; no Mass Mon. Evening Devotions Tues. and Fri., at 5:45. Confessions: Sat., 4:30-5:15, 7:30-9:00, before all Masses, or any time you request.

PROTESTANT: Sunday: Hosp. Service at Red Cross auditorium 9:15; Section C Chapel service 10:30; Section C vesper service 8:00 PM; Wed.: Section C Bible study 7:30 PM; Bible Quiz at Station Chapel 8:00. Thurs.: Chapel Chorus rehearsal 7:00 PM.

JEWISH: Friday Sabbath Evening service at 7:30 PM.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE: Sunday Weekly service 2:30.

## MONAHANS USO

Thu.—Bingo!

Fri.—Family night with informal dancing, games, refreshments. Everyone invited.

Sat.—Dance with music by the masters of rhythm.

Sun.—Coffee and donuts 11:00; Recorded classics 2:30; Buffet Supper 6:30; Song Fest 7:30; Movie, "Western Caravans", 8:30.

Mon.—Song Fest 7:30; Movie, "Western Caravans", 8:30.

Tue.—Arts and Crafts program.

Wed.—Better Halves Luncheon 12:30; Games, Informal Dancing at 7:30.

## USAFI CLASSES

Free off-duty classes courtesy US Armed Forces Institute. Current classes in following subjects:

SPANISH: Mon., Tues., and Thurs., 7:30 PM. ALGEBRA: Tue., Thurs. and Fri., 8:30 PM.

Classes are held in Shipping and Receiving Office, Bldg. T-625, opposite Mess Hall 1. Classes will soon be started in Chinese, German, French, Art, Calculus. For full details see Educational Advisor, Personnel Services Office; phone 27.

## IS THERE A SANTA CLAUS?

Kansas City (CNS)—The question and answer editor of the Kansas City Star was stumped when he received this query in the mail: "Is it true that anyone over 6 feet tall doesn't have to pay taxes?"



Q. Can a warrant officer serve on a court martial?

A. No. According to Par. 4b, section V, Cir. No. 164, (1943) a warrant officer may not (a) be detailed to serve on a court martial, military commission or court of inquiry (b) on any board of officers where the conduct, status, liability or rights of a commissioned officer are in issue (c) as a claims officer or investigating officer within the purview of Article of War 70 or (d) as adjutant general, inspector general or judge advocate of any command.

Q. Is it true that, once a man has been returned to the States under the rotation plan after two years of overseas service, he can't be sent outside the country again?

A. Sorry, but it's not true. However, WD Cir. No. 8 (1945) provides that when the military situation permits, soldiers returned under rotation shall be given duty in the States before returning overseas and that, when possible, soldiers with no overseas service, followed by those who have been back in the States for six months or more shall be shipped before all others.

## REMEMBER?

Headlines of a year ago culled from the files of The Rattler:

Feb. 16, 1944—Col. Bernard T. Castor took over the reins as Commanding Officer, replacing Col. Louie P. Turner. The Officer's Bowling Alleys opened. The ground was broken for the Red Cross building, PX cafeteria was due to reopen Feb. 21st. The 4th War Loan entered into its final stages. A valentine party was held at the Hospital. The Medics gave out with a cupid dance at the Service Club. The CCD office started its weekly "rating" of Sections.

## 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.)

Gen. Joseph Stilwell, Commander Army Ground Forces: "It will take a long time to beat Japan and there will have to be a major effort on the continent of China to defeat her. There is no quick route to victory in the Pacific."



## Local Artists Exhibit Soon At Service Club

All military personnel who plan to enter exhibits in the Army Arts Contest are urged to get their work as soon as possible. Since an exhibit of all entries will be held at the Service Club a selection of the work to be hung must be made. The committee in charge will consider the merit of the work paramount but other available exhibit space will be allotted on a first-come-first-serve basis.

Any soldier who does any sort of painting, sculpturing, drawing, photography or handiwork in metal, plastics or any other medium is urged to bring his work to the Personnel Services Office at once.

The primary purpose of this activity is to give GIs a chance to view the creative abilities of their comrades at arms. Any entry that merits it, will be forwarded to 2AF Headquarters and from there may be sent to the National Art Gallery in Washington, D. C.

## Travel Credit Given To O'seas-Bound GIs

Rail and most bus carriers in continental United States have agreed to honor War Department transportation requests for round-trip furlough fare tickets which will be issued to moneyless enlisted personnel granted furlough in contemplation of movement overseas or authorized delays en route to a replacement depot for overseas shipment.

Enlisted men or women who do not have money for fare home before embarking will, with their commander's approval, be permitted to obtain the transportation requests from transportation officers.

The value of fares so advanced must be repaid.

Procedures for the transaction are outlined in War Department Circular 22 of 18 Jan. 1945.

## 40% OF MEN 28 REJECTED BY ARMY

Washington (CNS) — The relationship between a man's age and his fitness for military service is pointed out by a recent survey conducted by Selective Service. Of men called up at age 28, 40.3% were rejected, the survey indicated. The rejection rate jumped to slightly over 50% at age 34 and climbed to 59.1% for men age 38. At age 44, the percentage of those turned down was 63.2. Among students, generally in the lower age bracket, the rejection rate was 25.7%.

# All Qualified Men Get Combat Tour

At least one tour of combat duty can be expected by all qualified men of the Army Air Forces, according to a recent directive by H. H. Arnold, Commanding General of the AAF.

"The resources of our country are not unlimited", the statement read, "and we must devote ourselves unstintingly to our duty wherever assigned."

## 2 Kansan Workers Win 2AF Awards

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., Feb. 15.—Two Pratt Army Air Field civilian employees were presented cash awards totaling \$350 for suggestions they made to aid in the war effort.

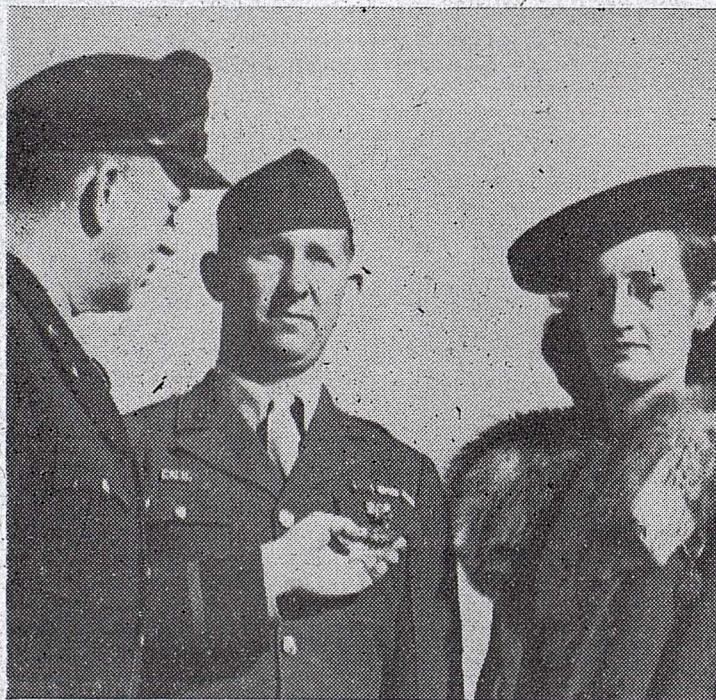
Mr. Homer L. Penwell received \$250 for an engine and nacelle maintenance stand which he suggested and constructed, and Mr. H. Connett was awarded \$100 for a skimmer device which saves the labor of two men and represents an annual cash saving to the government of \$4,087.68.

The awards were made by the civilian and military suggestion committee which has recently been established at all Second Air Force bases.

According to General Arnold, it will probably be inevitable that physically and professionally qualified officers and men will be assigned to more than one combat tour. It is, therefore, imperative that where practicable no effort be spared to provide one combat tour for all qualified officers before the inexorable demands of war require the return of the combat veteran to an active theater.

"There remain", General Arnold continued, "many thousands of highly qualified officers and men who have not yet had the opportunity for combat service. It is my intention that these officers and men shall have service in an active theater. To accomplish this objective will require their replacement by personnel returned from overseas. I shall expect commanders . . . to insure expeditious action to attain this objective."

## TWO MEDALS AWARDED AT REVIEW



Two awards were given by Lt. Col. Stanley M. Persons at the review Saturday. The Air Medal with 3 oak-leaf clusters was awarded post-humously to S-Sgt. Willie Curry and was presented to his widow, Mrs. Mary Joe Curry of McCamey, Texas. M-Sgt. Robert R. Davis of Albuquerque, N. Mex., was awarded the Air Medal for participation in the mass flight of heavy bombers in 1941 by the 19th Bomb Group.

## 65 Pyoters Added Stripe This Week

Sixty-one enlisted men and four WACs have received promotions since the last issue of the paper. Thirty-six men of Section II were made corporals; and twenty-one men and four WACs were promoted to privates first class.

The new corporals are:

### SECTION II

Floyd R. Griffith, William S. Reed, Robert B. Reiger, George W. Phillips, Eugene C. Reck, Robert P. Acker, Edward T. Cordier, Walter Pychewicz, Allison Madinger, William R. Shaver, Harvey H. Delles, William S. Dodson, Kenneth E. Brown, Patrick F. Battle, Jr., Ivan O. Bell, Z. Erol Smith, Jr., Robert A. Sutton, Alex W. Szmowski, William T. Findley, George C. Tilghman, Myron D. Williams, Howard J. Goodyear, Jones A. Chastain, Carlton A. Dick, John S. Molchanev, Henry F. Diefenderfer, Gordon A. Frieberger, Ignazio R. DeBelles, Joseph F. Spero, William E. Hixenbaugh, Thomas J. McMillan, Carroll T. Rabb, Melvin S. Shirley, Harold E. Mongan, William A. Hoover, and Walter O. Scholkopf.

The new PFC's are:

### SECTION C

Reuben Newman, Leon C. Dutton, Amos Sims, Johnnie Perkins, Jr., Olar L. Ward, James Jackson, R. C. McDonald, Claire E. Williams, Julius Brown, Matthew Minor, Morris Smith, Carnelius Portis, David Long, Ozell Sherwood, William S. Hawthorne, Walter T. Hunter, Sherman Powell, Jessie Green, Jr., Monroe Rush, and Tom Sullivan.

### SECTION B

Mary E. Taylor, Sharon L. Castle, Wilma L. Hughes, and Margaret A. Shevlin.

### SECTION F

Phillip Bryzman.

## OFFICER PROMOTIONS

Officers receiving promotions should turn a copy of the promotion order in to S-1 at Station Headquarters, it has been announced.

## THE COVER

"What A Life" is the story of one Henry Aldrich and the innumerable, amusing troubles in which he gets involved. The cover shot is a scene from the play where Henry (Ralph Coven) is getting ready to spin another "white lie" to get out of a ticklish situation. His best girl, Barbara (Terry Tubbs), just doesn't know whether to believe Henry or not. The play is packed with plenty of laughs and well-enacted by a fine cast. Cover shot by Gordon.



## Wing Inspectors Give Pyote Excellent Rating

The field was given an over-all rating of EXCELLENT by the team of inspectors from the 16th Bomb Wing in the quarterly inspection, it was announced today.

Three organizations were given SUPERIOR ratings and were commended for the outstanding manner in which their departments were conducted. They are: WAC Mess, Bombsight Maintenance, and Ordnance.

Two organizations that received EXCELLENT ratings, were also commended for the excellent way they operated their activities. They are: Motor Pool, and Armament.

Sixty-seven other departments on the field were rated EXCELLENT by the inspection team. They are: Operations and Training Inspector, Budget and Fiscal, Finance, Classification, Civilian Personnel, Chaplains Activities, Personal Affairs, Post Office.

Courts and Boards, Post Exchange, Intelligence, Public Relations, Mess No. 2, Section C Mess, Officers Club, Base Surgeon, Hospital Mess, Medical Supply, Veterinary and Sanitary Service, Dental Service, Nurses and Quarters.

Sections A, B, C, D, E, F, M, Band, Commandant of Crews, Director of Maintenance and Supply, Purchasing and Contracting, Utilities-Power Water Sewage Dumps, Flying Field Area, Property and Cost Accounting, Rail Transportation, Maintenance Section A, Maintenance Section B, Maintenance Section C, Section C Communications Maintenance, Section C Radar Maintenance.

Quartermaster, Sales Commissary, Salvage, Tech Supply, Director of Training, Staff Navigator, Staff Bombardier, Staff Communications, Staff Radar, Staff Intelligence, Staff Gunnery, Base Operations.

Army Airways Communication Detachment, Weight and Balance, Link Trainer, Bomb Trainer, Celestial Navigation and G-1 Training, Navigation School, Bombing School, Engineering School, Gunnery Range, Calibration, Physical Training and Base Photo Lab.

## WD Theaters Drop Movie Coupon Books Saturday

Effective Sat., 17 Feb., the sale of Army Motion Picture coupon books will be discontinued, the War Department has ordered.

During the period 17 Feb.-23 March, inclusive, unused coupon books in the hands of purchasers may be used for admission to motion pictures. Coupons will not be accepted for admission after 23 March.

Coupons unused after 23 March will be redeemed from purchasers by the theater officer on the basis of actual value—12 cents—and not of face value—15 cents—of coupons remaining in the book. Loose coupons will not be redeemed.

The War Department is hopeful that the majority of coupons will be used prior to 23 March to keep the number of individual refunds at a minimum.

Effect of the order will be to increase price of admission to motion picture theaters from 12 to 15 cents for those who were in the habit of buying the 10-coupon books. However, Army Motion Picture Service states that only 6 per cent of its admissions were by coupon.

The Inspector General of the Army ordered the move, declaring that the administration of the coupon system was costly in terms of money and manpower and was not in accord with the placing of soldiers' activities on a cash basis at the beginning of the war.

## HENRY'S DONE IT AGAIN



This is one of the more amusing scenes in "What A Life" coming to Pyote next Monday and Tuesday evenings. Mrs. Aldrich (Martha Gould), the exasperating Henry's mother, pays a visit to the school principal, Mr. Bradley (Chuck Rudolph), and gets an earful of the troubles Henry has caused. "What A Life" plays Theater No. 1 at 8:15 PM, Monday and Tuesday evenings.

## Manufacturers Assure GIs Post-War Jobs A-plenty

"No veteran who left a job in manufacturing industry need worry about stepping back into it upon his return, if he wants it."

That is the pledge made to America's fighting men by Ira Mosher, president of the National Association of Manufacturers.

Re-employment of the veteran at his old job is "the minimum guarantee under the Selective Service Act and the so-called GI Bill of Rights," Mr. Mosher said.

"But," he added, "there isn't a manufacturer among the 12,000 members of the NAM or the 40,000 employers affiliated with this organization through the National Industrial Council who wouldn't consider the mere letter of the law a personal, scarlet brand if that were all industry had to offer."

Mr. Mosher declared that the manufacturing industry is assuming responsibility for some 3,000,000 jobs for returning servicemen when the war ends, as a "minimum." According to Bureau of Labor Statistics, manufacturing normally employs about 25 percent of the total national labor force.

"But industry," he continued, "is throwing 'minimums' out the window today. Management is planning new 'averages' and a survey conducted among some 2,000 NAM members, shortly before Von Rundstedt's December break-through, taught us to stop thinking about post-war plans so heartily, indicates that manufacturing will supply 30 percent more

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## Feb. Birthday Patients Feted At Hospital

The February birthday party for guests at the Pyote Regional Hospital was held Friday evening under the auspices of the Officers' Wives Club. Fifty people attended, and honor guests were M. H. Post, Peter Earbushack, Tom Evans, Harry Arones, M. P. Welch, Anthony Pedito, Frank P. Prechonovitch, Monro Weaver, John Lott, and Floyd Sherrell.

Valentine decorations and invitations formed the motif for the birthday party. The program included a Mexican dance by Bertha and Salvadore Calderon, songs by Frances Hall, two readings by Mrs. R. A. Daniels, and piano selections by S-Sgt. Irvin Worthamer. Refreshments were served and distributed to ward patients, as well, who were unable to attend the party.

Hostesses were Mrs. W. H. McKenzie, Mrs. C. Malec, Mrs. R. C. Watts, Mrs. D. Kaplan, and Mrs. T. Moore.

## FASHION FLASHES

for the well-dressed G. I.



fannies will be worn covered, this season, in discreet O. D. That goes for knees and elbows, too. Smart dressers will change to appropriate (old) attire before engaging in sports or other rough pursuits suggested by the sergeant.



# 'WHAT A LIFE' TO GIVE 2 SHOWS

## PYOTE PLAY-BILL

Theater No. 1 shows at 1:30, 6:00, and 8:00; Theater No. 2 shows at 7:00 and 9:00, unless otherwise noted below.

**Friday: "THE SUSPECT"** with Charles Laughton, Ella Raines. Story of a cowardly shopkeeper who falls for pretty girl and murders his nagging wife. Gloomy, morbid, and thrilling. **Shorts:** "Rhythm of the Rumba" and "Dog, Cat and Canary". (Running time: 102 minutes.)

**Saturday: "EADIE WAS A LADY"** with Ann Miller, Joe Besser, and Jeff Donnell. A college student by day and a strip-tease artist by night is the fluff plot that gives Ann Miller a chance for a dance. Joe Besser does some nifty comedy. Hal McIntyre's orchestra provides the music. **Shorts:** "Congo", Screen Snapshots, and Sportscope. (Running time: 106 minutes.)

**Sun. & Mon.: "ROUGHLY SPEAKING"** with Rosalind Russell, Jack Carson. Yarn of a young gal growing up in the naughty-naughts who plans to be a career-femme but ends up a housewife. Funny in spots. **Shorts:** Paramount News. (Running time: 135 minutes). **Second shows slightly later than usual. No movie at Theater No. 1 Monday night; Theater No. 2 shows at 6, 8, and 10.**

**Tuesday: Double feature—"DOUBLE EXPOSURE"** with Chester Morris, Nancy Kelly. Photog from the poor man's "Life" fakes murder mysteries and wears his hat-brim up in another newspaper yarn with pretty reporters and dead bodies. **"Under Western Skies"** with Martha O'Driscoll, Noah Beery, Jr., and Leo Carrillo. Western yarn with music and show girls. Better than average horse-opera, and O'Driscoll's a frilly filly. (Running time for both shows—120 minutes.) **No movie at Theater No. 1 Tuesday night; Theater No. 2 shows at 6, 8, and 10.**

**Wed. & Thurs.: "THIS MAN'S NAVY"** with Wallace Beery, Jimmy Gleason, and Tom Drake. Rough-as-nails, heart-of-gold, Beery snivels and burps through a story of Navy lighter-than-air adventures. **Shorts:** Donald Duck in "The Clock-Watcher" and Paramount News. (Running time: 116 minutes.)

## At The Theaters

THURSDAY

### 'Practically Yours'

Claudette Colbert, Fred MacMurray, Robert Benchley

FRIDAY

### "The Suspect"

With Charles Laughton and Ella Raines

SATURDAY

### "Eadie Was A Lady"

With Ann Miller, Joe Besser, and Jeff Donnell

SUNDAY AND MONDAY

### "Roughly Speaking"

With Rosalind Russell and Jack Carson

TUESDAY

### "Under Western Skies"

### "Double Exposure"

WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY

### "This Man's Navy"

With Wallace Beery and Jimmie Gleason

## THE FLAME IN THE FRAME

### Ex-Printer Is Daddy of A First Edition

When Cpl. John R. Scofield was introduced to Jean—something went pop, and cymbals crashed and stars twinkled. It was love at first sight. And when he returned from a tour of duty overseas, he popped the question and Jean and John decided not to wait until V-day for their W-day. And Jean became Mrs. Scofield.

She's a native of Montana, and a graduate of a secretarial school at St. Louis, Mo. She journeyed to the West Coast to visit relatives and liked the country so well she stayed on, and took a position as secretary for a storage and trucking concern.

Hubby is a Message Center Chief and clerk at Headquarters, Combat Crew Detachment. Mrs. Scofield joined her husband at Pyote and was employed as secretary to K. O. Knight, former manager of the Base cafeterias. She returned to her mother's home, now at Pasadena, Calif., last fall to await the visit of the stork.

They're now the parents of a 8½-pound daughter, Irene Ruth, born to them on January 11. The new papa is proudly displaying recent photographs of Irene Ruth to all-comers.

Jean, the proud mama, is a vivacious red-head, with a twinkling Irish eye that hints at her fine sense of humor.

Corporal Scofield was employed



JÉAN SCOFIELD

as a printer on the Seattle Post-Intelligencer before the war and plans to return to his old job someday, and establish a residence where they can hold "open house" to their many friends here.

## Plays Theater 1 Mon. And Tues.; Curtain At 8:15

Pyote will see "What A Life", Broadway hit reproduced by the field, for the field, at Theater No. 1 Next Monday and Tuesday, Feb. 19 and 20, at 8:15 PM.

Currently the 3-act comedy is touring nearby towns and bases where the Broadway hit of a few seasons ago is playing to packed houses and enthusiastic audiences.

Henry Aldrich, one of the most celebrated comedy characters of our time, is the hero of "What A Life" and the story concerns his trials and tribulations as a student at "Central High".

Opening last Monday night at Monahans High School, the play was well received by one of the largest turn-outs ever gathered at the auditorium.

"What A Life" is the first 'Legitimate' play ever to be presented at Pyote, for Pyote, by personnel of the field.

The cast includes: Pfc. Ralph Coven as Henry Aldrich, Cpl. Richard Moore as Bill, Miss Theresa Tubbs as Barbara, Miss Martha Gould as Mrs. Aldrich, M-Sgt. Charles Rudolph as Mr. Bradley, Cpl. Jack Nystrom as Mr. Nelson, Sgt. Jack Cannon as Mr. Patterson, Miss Bobbie Tubbs as Miss Shea, Miss Louise Wyrick as Miss Wheeler, Sgt. Theora French as Miss Eggleston, RdM. 2-c Robert Donaho as Bob, Pfc. Barbara Kazaley as Gertie, Cpl. Myer Trupp as Ferguson, and Cpl. George Kahn as Vichetti.

The play, presented by the Personnel Services Office, is admission-free to field personnel, their guests and civilian workers on the base.

Remember—two performances—next Monday and Tuesday evenings at 8:15 PM at Theater No. 1.

## OFFICERS' WIVES HOLD VALENTINE DAY DANCE

The Officers' Wives Club entertained their husbands with a cocktail party followed by a tasty turkey buffet supper on February 14th.

Dancing was held in the main lounge from nine to midnight, midst traditional Valentine decorations. Approximately 125 attended.

Committee members were Mrs. A. J. Port, Mrs. T. Sawyers, Mrs. Stanley M. Persons, Mrs. D. J. Taylor, Mrs. R. A. Diedrich, and Mrs. O. Vance.



## Rattle Snake Charmer



This week's Pyote Pin-Up is one Alexis Smith, a WB starlet (in this case, junior, WB means "Warner Bros.", not Wolf-Bait!) who is set, they tell us, to go places and do things. We don't doubt she'll go places, and—as any fool can plainly see—she can do things! Ah yes, the Smith a mighty gal is she, with strong and sinewy, for that matter.

### BOSTON LEARNS FACTS OF 'LIFE'

Boston (CNS)—Two Massachusetts State legislators, incensed at a recent Life Magazine layout on Boston have asked that the magazine be banned from the newsstands. The 2 men claim the layout attempts to "ridicule the Irish people of Boston." Replied a Life spokesman: "If (they) don't like the slum pictures they might better use their legislative powers to help abolish the actuality rather than in trying to suppress the record."

### NEW WINTER MASK FOR U.S. TROOPS

France (CNS) — Troops in the ETO are going to get a new cold weather face mask, the Quartermaster Corps has announced. The new mask is made of waterproof cotton satin, lined with wool pile and felt, and has a removable flap to permit eating.

### BUS INFORMATION

All personnel requesting information as to bus schedules and other official matters pertaining to bus companies serving this Station shall contact the Station Transportation Officer.

### GIs HAVE HIGH PRAISE FOR HOME FRONT EFFORT

First Army Front (CNS)—Here's the report on the home front given by two anti-aircraft soldiers back with their 1st Army buddies after 30-day furloughs in the U. S.

"The dames are prettier, the beer colder, the skies bluer and, in general, the U. S. A. is still tops."

Their praise also included the folks on the home front. Any complaint the home folks don't know there is a war on, they said, "is a crock of stew. The people at home know the score."

## Gt. Bend Civvies Win \$400 Awards

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., Feb. 15.—Two Great Bend (Kans.) Army Air Field civilian employees have received three awards totaling \$400 for their suggestions to an "Ideas for Victory" contest sponsored by Second Air Force and its military installation which resulted in substantial government savings and increased efficiency.

They are Charles A. Pizinger, 48, superintendent of utilities at Great Bend AAF, and Clive C. Cushing, 60, foreman of the sheet metal shop.

Mr. Pizinger received two awards of \$150 each for suggesting a water pump switch control stabilizer at the pumping station, and a plan for runway emergency lighting power during high-line failures. At the Great Bend pumping station, his plan has affected an estimated annual saving of \$8,400 in salaries alone. He is a veteran of World War I, decorated 11 times for action in France and Belgium, and has a son who is a Marine Corps pilot.

Mr. Cushing's \$100 cash winning suggestion was for a space heater conversion that would permit the heating of rooms where open flames are prohibited. Both men are eligible for further remuneration from the War Department Bureau of Civilian Awards.

## Chicago Hotels Give Soldiers Break On Reservations

If you're planning to go to Chicago soon, you'll be interested in the recently established system of the Greater Chicago Hotel Association which enables GIs to make reservation for hotel rooms in the crowded Windy City.

The hotel association is setting aside in a different hotel daily a limited number of rooms for service personnel. Then reservations are routed through the Hotel Reservation Bureau Headquarters, Sixth Service Command, Civic Opera Building, Chicago.

Here's the procedure:

If you're planning a trip to Chicago, write the Hotel Reservation Bureau, stating the time and date of arrival and whether you want a double or single room. If there isn't time to write, the bureaus will accept prepaid telegrams.

When time permits, the bureau will confirm your reservation—by mail, or by telegram. However, if there isn't time for you to receive confirmation, you can call the Chicago Military Police Detachment when you arrive in the city and they'll tell you the status of your reservation request.



## CT Program Adds Range-Riding To Patients Activities

Riding the Texas range has been added to the Convalescent Training Program at the Pyote Regional Station Hospital. It's a new activity that is helping patients who are almost entirely recovered to get back into the active routine of normal life and it is proving most popular both for the riders and for the patient spectators who turn out to cheer the hospital cowboys.

The horses belong to Lt. Col. Charles TenHouten, Station Surgeon, who is allowing the CTP to use them. As part of a CTP activity project, the patients built a corral and now take an active interest in the care and feeding of the animals.

Chief horseman at present is Pvt. Jack Fitch, a photographer from Brooklyn who has gone "native" since arriving on Texas soil. He encourages the more timid patients to mount the "critters" and keeps a watchful eye peeled to see that nobody gets hurt—and nobody includes the horses.

Lt. Milan C. Stancel, Convalescent Training Officer, and T-Sgt. L. H. Shipp, Program Director, express the belief that this new project has proved its value and they have already listed several of the patients who have participated on "cured" and "improved" rosters.

## War Dept. Clarifies Officer Discharges

If you're balking at applying for OCS because of a belief that chances of an officer being discharged upon partial demobilization would be less than that of an enlisted man, you're figuring all wrong, according to the War Department.

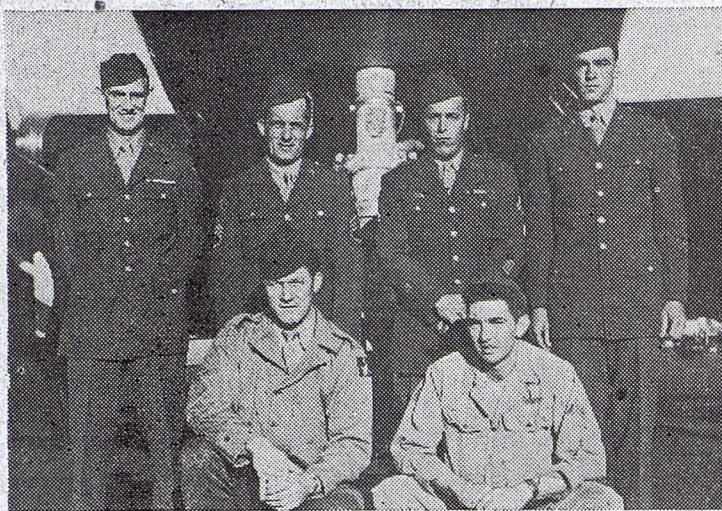
"Such beliefs or impressions are not justified," says WD Memo 625-44. "Eligibility for discharge or relief from active duty for both officers and enlisted men will be determined by military necessity and the Adjusted Service Rating Card."

Encouraging all enlisted men or warrant officers interested in or qualified for OCS to read and study AR-625-5 (containing complete information on OCS), the Memo declares: "Any qualified warrant officer or enlisted man is eligible to apply for any officer candidate school regardless of the arm or service to which he is currently assigned."

## NAVY NURSES GIVEN GREEN LIGHT ON MARRIAGE

Washington (CNS)—Members of the Navy Nurse Corps now are permitted to marry without resigning from the service under a modification of regulations an-

## MAINTENANCE CREW OF THE MONTH



This maintenance crew kept its Superfortress in the air more hours during January than any other ship on the base. All members of the "Crew of the Month" were given three-day passes as a reward for their fine work. Left to right, back row: S-Sgt. R. L. Habenicht, Casper, Wyo.; S-Sgt. Phil G. Spencer, Butte, Mont. (crew chief); Cpl. Wayne E. Leighton, Whitney Point, N. Y.; and Pvt. J. D. Richards, Joplin, Mo.; front row: Pfc. H. J. Hirshenberger, Lebanon, Pa.; and Sgt. P. F. Kearns, New Castle, Pa.

## 9 Maintenance Crews Top 150-Hour Mark; Win 3-Day Passes

The Crew of the Month contest, which awards the hard-working maintenance men with a "break" in the form of three-day passes, was more of a nip-and-tuck affair than usual this month.

No less than nine crews kept their airplanes in the air 150 hours or more during the month—which is an exceptional record. The crews, all of whom will be given three-day passes, are chiefed by:

S-Sgt. Lester L. Mills, Sgt. Anthony Clements, S-Sgt. Joe R. Beckam, S-Sgt. Warren E. Tatro, S-Sgt. Chester H. Paine, S-Sgt. Robert W. Kramer, S-Sgt. Edward A. Osborn, Sgt. Daniel C. Huth and Sgt. Marion A. McIntosh.

## Yanks At Front Find Whisky Cures Frost

Belgium (CNS)—Army hospital units near the Front have one staple cure for frostbite—whisky. Alcohol expands the blood vessels and increases circulation in frozen limbs.

So successful and so popular has this whisky treatment been that, as one doctor said, "it's gotten so that every ambulance driver coming in around here claims he is a frostbite case."

announced by V-Adm Ross T. McIntire, Surgeon General. The ban on accepting married nurses remains, however. The marriage rule has been responsible for 80 percent of all separations from the Corps, Adm. McIntire's announcement declared.

## Beware Fakes, Veterans Told

"Come-on" advertising and misleading publicity about the loan provisions of the GI Bill of Rights were hit in a recent speech by Edward S. Rooney, an Albany, N. Y., banker, before the New York State Veterans Service Agency.

Said Mr. Rooney: "I feel that the advertising that is put forth by banks generally and the misinformation that has unfortunately been disseminated to the veteran has created a very serious situation. The veteran feels that he is coming home to his bank and all he has to do is walk in and there is \$2000 waiting for him in a tiny little envelope with his name on it.

"The fact is that this is entirely untrue and the banks, in my opinion, instead of using 'come-on' advertising, as they have been doing, should engage in an education campaign and explain to the veteran that if he borrows money he most certainly has to pay it back.

He declared that those interested in the veterans' welfare could perform a real service in their communities if they would "explain to the veteran and outline to the bank the real need for a frank discussion of that fact that the veteran is getting absolutely nothing free except a part of the first year's interest, and that if he borrows money, it must be paid back."

Misleading publicity, he added, has made some legitimate benefits of the GI Bill of Rights appear as careless gestures of charity rather than soberly-considered assistance for self-respecting men.

## Defines 'Duration' WD Answers \$64 '?':

Don't start counting those six months the day hostilities end.

The War Department has issued an explanation of what those terms "duration plus" and "termination of the war" mean in practice. Here's what it says:

"The state of war will not end with the cessation of hostilities. The date of termination of the war will be determined either by the conclusion of a treaty of peace or the proclamation of peace, or Congressional determination of the date or dates when the wars will be considered to have terminated."

The "duration plus six months" is generally regarded as being the outside limit of time for which most men may expect to remain in the army. The War Department recently announced "point system" for discharges, which it is understood, is designed to apply to releasing men before the "duration plus."

## Stilwell's New Job Puts Focus on Asia

Washington (CNS) — Appointment of Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell to head the U. S. Army's Ground Forces is expected to throw focus here upon the war in Asia and the Pacific. Gen. Stilwell formerly headed the U. S. forces in China. He succeeds Lt. Gen. Ben Lear as AGF commander.

New honors came to Gen. Stilwell shortly after his appointment as AGF chief was announced here when Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek officially named the recently completed 620-mile Ledo-Burma highway "The Stilwell Road" in honor of the veteran American general who planned the artery and almost saw it completed before he left China for re-assignment in the U. S.

## Glider Pilot Training Program Cut Planned

Washington (CNS)—Only those officers who have their airplane pilots' wings and are proficient in flying two-engine planes will be eligible for glider pilot training in the Army Air Forces beginning Feb. 15.

Individual glider pilot training conducted by Lt. Gen. Barton K. Yount's AAF Training Command at South Plains Army Air Field, Lubbock, Tex., has been discontinued. As a result of the new policy, future graduates from glider pilot training will have dual ratings—airplane pilot and glider pilot.



# HOW'S THE WEATHER UP THERE? THEY KNOW!

## Liaison Pilots Keep Weather Readings Timely

Every afternoon at 4 o'clock, if you happen to be watching, you might see a little L-5 move out from its parking place in front of Base Flight and thread its way cautiously out onto an unoccupied runway.

Taxing carefully among the rows of hulking B-29s, the little L-5 looks something like a fox terrier at a St. Bernard dog show.

Two men ride the ship daily, one of them carrying a handful of equipment from the Weather Office. Most important piece of his equipment is a psychrometer—a little gadget with a handle like a can opener, and a two- or three-inch chain on which are suspended two thermometers running parallel on a light frame. He also carries a bottle with some water in it, and a blank sheet of paper.

This is the "APOB" team which makes two flights daily to record weather data. "APOB" is Air Corps terminology for "airplane observation" and differs from a "RAOB" in that instruments are carried aloft by plane rather than by radio-equipped balloons.

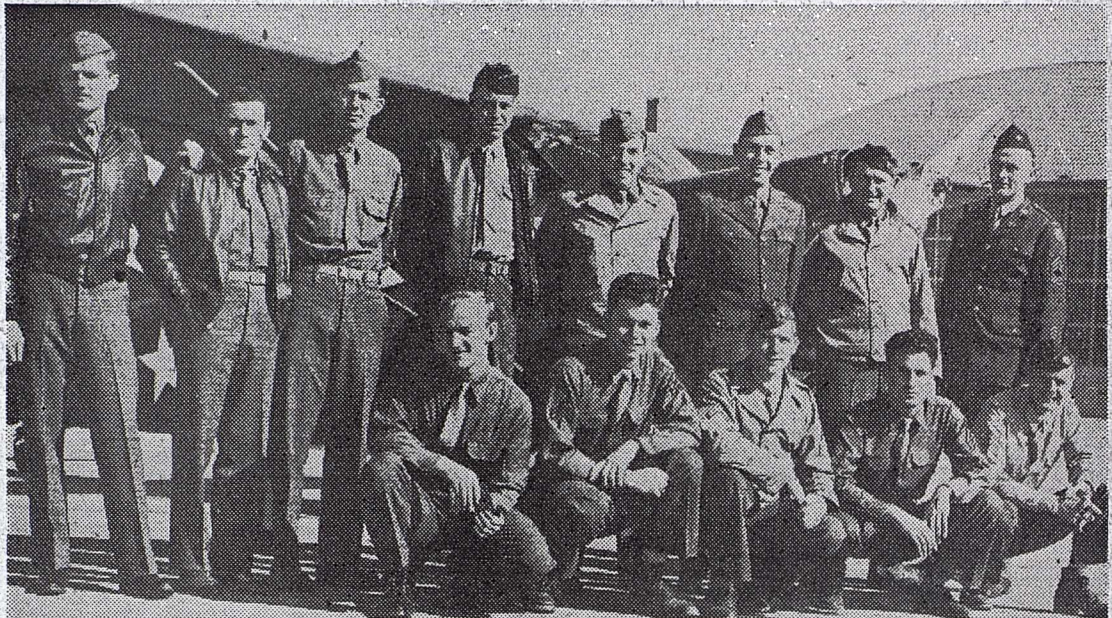
Every day one of the three liaison pilots at this field carries up a weather observer from the Station Weather Office. Making a flight up to 12,000 feet, the pilot levels off every 1,000 feet, so that his observer can "take a reading."

This is a fairly simple process. The psychrometer is dipped into the bottle of water. As one of the thermometers is the "wet bulb" type, and the other is completely shielded, this gives both a wet bulb and dry bulb reading, when the psychrometer is dangled over the side of the plane. After a minute's exposure it is brought back in and two readings—the temperature and relative humidity—are recorded.

Later, at the Weather Office, these figures are transcribed on an adiabatic diagram. This adiabatic diagram has so many lines it looks something like a topographical chart. The temperature and humidity figures plotted on the chart gives what is called a "sounding curve". This line tells the weatherman which one of the great air masses is over the station at the moment. If it is what is known as a continental air mass, the figures gained here will be coupled with those picked up from Biggs Field, El Paso, to tell what weather lies ahead. If it is not the continental air mass, the figures will be used with those taken from the weather station at Big Spring, Texas.

The fact that it is impossible to identify this great mass of air is

## FLYING METEOROLOGIST OBSERVE WEATHER



These thirteen men are the lads responsible for the task of keeping Pyote weather observations for aircraft accurate and timely. Under the supervision of Capt. R. R. Reece, their department has won commendations for its efficiency and operation. This organization boasts some of the few remaining "flying sergeants" in the Army Air Forces.

what makes the two daily trips necessary. The "sounding curve" line on the chart also indicates the freezing point upstairs, above which clouds would bring icing conditions.

Ten men—two forecasters and eight observers—make the APOB flights, taking turns. They are: M-Sgt. Thomas Coleman and T-Sgt. Lester B. Larson, forecasters; and S-Sgt. Lawrence Mayfield, Sgt. Wilson Royer, Sgt. Robert Miller, Sgt. Williford Kusch, Cpl. Charles Combs, Cpl. Harry A. Krall, Cpl. Frederick Green and Pfc. John McCall, observers.

The flights are made under the supervision of Capt. Robert H. Reece, Weather Officer.

Three staff sergeants, with liaison pilot ratings, fly the ship. They are James J. Krieg, Burton Buthenuth and Allen L. McCue.

Usually the afternoon flights are uneventful, unless there are heavy clouds. But the second flight, which is made at 1 o'clock each morning, has its aspects of adventure. As there is no radio connection between the L-5 and the control tower, all flying is contact.

Before leaving the ground the liaison pilot always finds out how many B-29s are out. He must gain his 12,000 feet altitude directly over the field in order to get the proper data, so he must watch for ships entering the pattern at low altitudes and must keep a sharp look-out in all directions after that. The observer has his own

## Are There Any Ladies Present?

CHAPLAIN J. W. ROBERTS

"I had a good time last night," the soldier said excitedly to the interested group of male spectators in the office. "Why ———, if I ———" he was about to continue, but a warning voice softly interrupted:

"Watch your language, Joe. There's a lady behind you!"

The soldier's face crimsoned in embarrassment. Turning to the lady he said, "I'm very sorry lady. I-I, well, you see I didn't know there were any women present. I hope you'll pardon me. You see-ah—" And he made a hurried and chagrined exit.

Yes, the lady did see. What she saw was a soldier with a latrine vocabulary, a smelly, filthy thing that stank of sewers and cesspools.

I don't know just what the soldier resolved to do about the matter. Perhaps he decided to watch his speech a bit more carefully. But a latrine vocabulary cannot be corrected by simply observing if ladies are present before speaking.

One must remove the latrine

business to worry about, so he isn't of much help in watching out for Superforts.

Flying pay is arranged so that four men are put on flying status each month, and each man gets in a flight every other day.

## Vets To Get First Chance At Property

Washington (CNS)—The U. S. Senate has confirmed a 3-man Surplus Property Board in the Office of War Mobilization which will prescribe regulations governing disposition of an estimated \$100,000,000,000 worth of government-owned material, tools, land, plants and facilities.

Board members are: Former Senator Guy M. Gillette, Iowa Democrat; former Governor Robert A. Hurley, of Connecticut and Lt. Col. Edward Heller, Army Finance Officer.

Congress has directed the board to draw its regulations so as to give any lawful preferences to veterans in the disposal of any property useful in the establishment or maintenance of small business enterprises.

from his mind.

Until that is done he will continually and inevitably advertise himself as a man with a foul vocabulary. Perhaps in a public speech, or perhaps in the presence of ladies, his limited supply of decent words will become exhausted, and suddenly like an unclogged sewer the latrine vocabulary will turn itself on.

Don't be the sort of guy who can hold a good conversation—only in a latrine.

Shove the latrine out of your mind and heart and plant a flower garden there.



# PYOTE RING SQUAD READIES FOR MEET

## Rattlers Make It 8 Out Of 9; Beat Abilene, 49-37

### SPORTS BULLETIN

The plucky Rattlers finally dropped a game in a photo-finish with the Hobbs AAF quintet, 62-60, in overtime period, at the Rec. Hall Monday night. A good house witnessed the most exciting court tussle of the season between two evenly-matched squads who capitalized on the breaks and showed speedy offense and alert defense. Ray was high point man for the Rattlers with 27 tallies; Butler for Hobbs, with 24. Butler and Evans (Pyote) were outstanding in their respective line-ups. S-Sgt. 'Lefty' Abolafea and Sgt. Hussey officiated in one of the smartest jobs of refereeing on the local court. A return game at Hobbs has been scheduled by T-Sgt. Fred Hightower, Rattler coach.

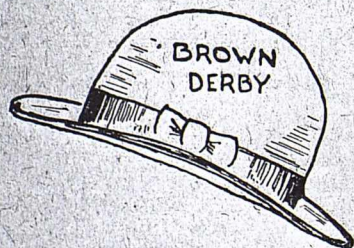
Long, lanky Fred Hightower's cagers came home with another win—pitting their record up to 8 out of the past 9 games. This time the victim was Abilene AAF, who ended up on the short end of a 49-37 score.

The Rattlers came from behind to do it, however. At half time the Abileners were leading 23-21. Ray's 16 points proved the victory margin that saw the Rattlers pull away in the second half. Warwick was high-man for the losers with 12 points.

A tough schedule faces the plucky Rattlers this coming week. Abilene shows up at Pyote for a return match on the 19th, Monday night; Friday, 17th, the Rattlers travel to San Angelo, and on to Hobbs on Wednesday, 21st.

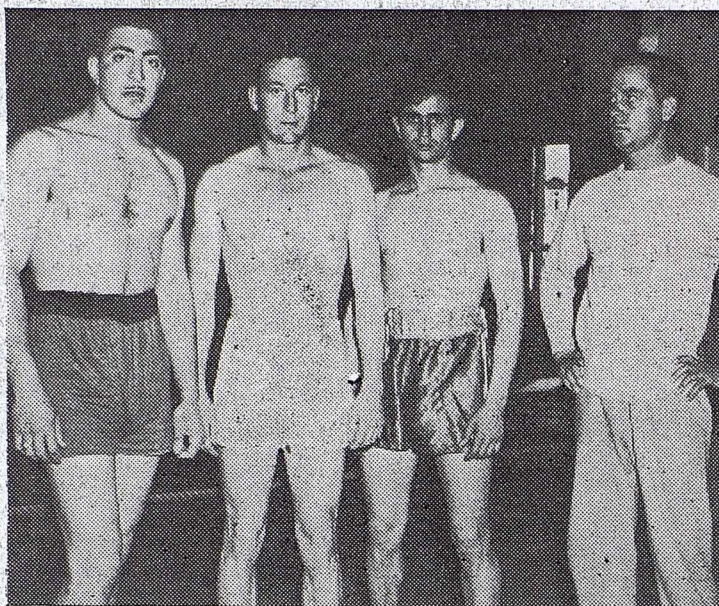
The Rattlers, under Hightower, are displaying some of the best hoopery in west Texas, tipping rivals like ten-pins.

## PT AWARD



This week's shame chapeau went to Section E for the lowest percentage in PT participation (93.56%). Second place went to Section D with 95.19%.

## CONTENDERS IN 2AF TOURNNEY



Pyote's chances in the 2AF Boxing League will rest on three pair of husky shoulders. Three of the better boxers on the team are (l. to r.) Art Greco, Clifford Weiss, and LeRoy Constantini. S-Sgt. Fred Root, boxing coach for the Rattler squad, gives the boys a prayerful look. (See story in adjoining column.)

## Flashes Set Bowling Record; Racks .977 Team Single

The Flashes of the Gold League, with a 9 won, 9 lost record to date, put on a burst of steam and set themselves a new league record. The Flashes bowled a high single of .977—the highest team single yet hit.

The Dusters increased their league lead, meanwhile, and the Hangar No. 2 squad, which had been in the place spot, dropped into a four-way tie.

In the nip-and-tuck Red League, the Static Chasers came through when the chips were down, pulled themselves back into a tie for first place with the Foul Five; both teams won 11, lost 4. Harp, James, and Raisler were 1-2-3 in high averages; Harp held the high for 3-game series. The averages were Static Chasers all the way, but the Foul Five clung to the first-place tie.

The Spare Boys chinned themselves into a tie for first place with the Planets in the White League. No high singles or games were disturbed this week. The clicking Klerks hit a new low with one win, and 14 losses.

In the Blue League, the South Paws still led the Mad Medix in a close duel. Macy took the high average with a .171. Shepard boasted a .169.

(Standings include games of February 10th.)

## Warmin' The Bench

Pete Gray, famed one-armed outfielder of the Memphis Chicks and now the property of the St. Louis Browns won the annual award of the Spokane Sportsman's club which includes a one-grand war bond . . . Cpl. Fritzie Zivic, the old thumb and lebow fighter, came back to Madison Square Garden on a recent furlough from Normoyle AAB, Tex, and beat Billy Arnold, 17-year-old Philadelphia lightweight sensation in an 8-round bout. Zivic looked good, Arnold very bad indeed . . . The 2d AAF Superbombers finished their gruelling 15 game football schedule by dropping a 13-6 game to mighty Randolph Field in New York . . . Playing the longest and toughest schedule in the country the Superbombers won 10, lost 4, tied one. Big star of the club was Glenn Dobbs, ex-Tulsa All American who threw 136 passes, competing 71 for 958 yards and 14 touchdowns.

## Greco, Weiss Are Big Guns In Pyote Glove Shoving Team

S-Sgt. Fred Root is losing no time in preparing a Pyote entry for the 2AF boxing tourney to be held at El Paso (the end of March.

Root is lining up a squad that he is confident can knock the chances of 2AF bases in this area into a cocked hat, with or without visor.

Competition will range in eight classes, from bantam to heavy. Pyote is staking much on Art Greco and Cliff Weiss, two sharp glove-shooters who know their way around the squared circle. And Root is hoping that Bush, young lightweight, will be eligible for the tourney.

The 2AF tourney is divided into five areas, splitting Second Air Force fields. It has not yet been announced whether area winners will go on into a super tourney to decide 2AF pugilistic champs of champs.

Root is still looking for more boys with the 1-2 know-how in any class. If interested, you're advised to contact S-Sgt. Fred Root at the Rec. Hall.

## Post-War Jobs

(Continued from Page 4, Col. 3) jobs than in its last peace-time year."

"There won't be much lag, either, while industry is re-converting to peace-time production, he declared. The same survey, he said, "indicates that 95 percent of all industry can complete reconversion within 8 weeks after the government gives it the 'green light' and 76 percent of these firms will be in full production within that period.

"It (the rest of our economy does as well," he added, "it is quite likely that this country will have maximum employment in no uncertain terms."

Industry is giving special attention, Mr. Mosher asserted, to the problem of placing the handicapped man. It has learned, he declared, that "no disabled or handicapped man is handicapped if he is properly placed on the right job."

"Industry," he concludes, "is ready for the returning serviceman—selfishly so. War took the best this nation had to offer, the best of our youth. Industry wants it back, and so does every other segment of this economy."

Do you know that enough days were lost on this Field to put every man in Section D in the hospital for a period of 15 days? Be careful!







# Want A Part Time Job? Read Classifieds!

The Rattler will accept classified ads for publication, free of charge. Ads must reach The Rattler or Public Relations Office before 5 p.m. Monday. The Rattler will act solely as a media for publishing the advertisement and as such will not accept any responsibility for ads printed.

## CLASSIFIED ADS

### LOST AND FOUND

**FOUND**—On the Flight Line, a leather kit containing toilet articles. Owner may have same by calling 118.

**FOUND**—Two "cylinder lock" keys on PT field; probably lost Thursday, February 8. Owner may have same by identifying at Rattler Office. (T-640).

**LOST**—Shaving kit, with toilet articles including razor, lotions, etc. Small kit inside the larger one. Lost between Pyote and Monahans. Please return to Pfc. E. L. Hail, Ward 1, Hospital Convalescent Bks. Reward.

**FOUND**—Small ring at Monahans News Office belonging to truck driver from Motor Pool. Call for same at Rattler Office.

### TRANSPORTATION

**WANTED**—Ride to Indiana or nearby. We wanna go back to Indiana—on February 20th. My wife and I will share expenses and driving with owner. Contact Mrs. Bosstick at Standardization Board; extension 92.

**WANTED**—Someone who is driving to Los Angeles the last of Feb. or first of March. Will share expenses and driving. Got room for myself and my wife? See S-Sgt. Robert P. Jett, CDD Personnel Office.

**WANTED**—Ride to either Kansas or Nebraska around Feb. 24th. Will share driving and expenses. Contact Mrs. G. B. Mothersead at Officers' Club (Phone 75) or Mrs. Nelson, Monahans 354.

**WANTED**—Electric phonograph, any make, any model. See Sgt. Ward Howell, S-1, Personnel Office, Base Headquarters.

### PERSONALS

**WANTED**—Enlisted men for spare time work at Post Exchange. Contact Mr. Bramlett at the Main Exchange.

**WANTED**—Light car, any model from 1935 to 1938. See Lt. Robert E. Croll, BOQ 727, Bed 10.

**BLAIR**—I WAS only kidding about the whole thing. Can't you give me a chance to explain? Kate.

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MESSAGE CENTER FOR THE MAIN BODY

By  
**Milton Caniff**

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**MAKE \$5 EASY!**—I'm willing to pay a five-spot for information that will lead to my obtaining an apartment for my wife and children. Phone J. C. Meeker at 16.

**WANTED**—GIs to work, in off-duty time, at Service Club, main store, cafeteria, and tap room. See manager, main Post Exchange.

**I'M ON THE** lookout for a good used car; any model in good condition. See Lt. Austin, Station Weather Office, or phone 32.

**WANTED TO RENT** or buy—Sewing machine, electric or pedal type. See Mrs. Mildred Smith, Budget and Fiscal office, Headquarters.

**WANTED**—35 mm camera. Will pay \$10 or \$100. Pvt. H. H. Anbender, CCD Area, Bks. 626.

**WANTED TO SELL**—One-way ticket to Cincinnati, Ohio. Contact Alice Weems at the Service Club.

### YOU MAKE US SO MAD, WE COULD SPIT!

Honestly, we just don't know what to do with you people. Here we knock ourselves out filling 12 pages with stories and pictures and jokes and cartoons and goodness-knows-what-all, and you people have to read these classified ads! Just like the ad we printed a few weeks ago that said:

**FOR SALE**—Simmons iron bed, double, complete with mattress. Good condition. See S-Sgt. Robert P. Jett.

Jett tells us that 45 minutes after The Rattlers were distributed, he sold the bed. And that for the next two days he was pestered to death with telephone calls. Over a hundred people wanted to buy it! Honestly, can't you find anything else to do with you time? And if you must read the Classified Ads—remember, everybody else has got the habit. It's a swell place to advertise—free!

## STORK CLUB

(The column of the STORK CLUB welcomes all announcement of births to personnel of the field.)

**ROSENBERBER**—Born to T-Sgt. and Mrs. John W. Rosenberger at the Pyote Regional Hospital, January 30, a girl, Susan Kay. The mother is the former Virginia Waller.

**STONE**—Born to Lt. and Mrs. John H. Stone, at the Pyote Regional Hospital, January 30, a boy, Thomas Gregory. The mother is the former Eleanor Hansen of Kingsbury, Calif. Lt. Stone's home is in Dinuba, Calif.

**SILVERMAN**—Born to Capt. and Mrs. Hymen L. Silverman at the Pyote Regional Hospital, January 29, a boy, Jerold Francis. The mother is the former Eva Loseff of Chicago, Ill.





# KOOPS' KORNER

## THE STORIES THEY TELL

Staging Wing, Hunter Field (Ga.) sheet, one of the snappiest to hit this desk, always comes up with some neat remark. This week's issue has a honey. "The new slogan of many an old Air Corpsman being faced by the INF, is: "Keep ME Flyin'!" . . . You must have heard about the party they were going to have at the Guard House; all the prisoners wanted it "open house". . . The Provost Marshal's office is a place where the stew of the night meets the Officer of the Day. . . The Colonel was dancing with some old dame one evening and his eagles kept winking at her crow's feet. . . Overheard at the PX: "That babe is chasing me again—coming in with a ring and a prayer!" . . . A honeymoon is over when the wife starts to complain about the noise her husband makes when he's getting breakfast. . . A drink is something that makes a married man see double and feel single. . . One thing is certain, though, you can't stay out with the owls all night and keep up with the eagles all day! . . . Stupidest song title of the week: "If This Train Don't Stop At Frisco, There'll Be An Awful Splash". . . To err is human, but with a blonde, it's divine. . . A man who has no secrets from his wife either has no secrets or no wife. . . Everything comes to those who wait; only trouble is, by that time we're waiting for something else. . . Strip poker is a game in which the more you lose the more you have to show for it. . . A bigamist is somebody who adds one and has two to carry. . . Eavesdropped at the Service Club: "She wears the kind of gresses that keep everybody warm but her!" . . . We give up too!

## GRAPEVINE INTELLIGENCE

You might have guessed it, but it is now official. Texas has more Army installations than any of the 48 states. North Dakota has the least, the only state in the US that has no Army camps of any kind. Sounds like that's where good soljurs go when they die. . . Saddest story of the week: Think of this when you wanta weep in your beer. A Camp Lee, (Va.) GI was up for discharge and decided he'd stall it off for two weeks and have an appendectomy on



"Darn nice place—of course I think some of their prices are a little out of line."

## The Wolf

by Sansone

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"I guess he can't stand shots. This is the third time he's passed out!"

the Army. He got the operation okay, but by that time the War Dept. ruled out the kind of discharge he was getting. . . New York gals with hubbies or sweethearts in the service have a new protection from home front wolves. A little silver figure of a sailor or soldier points to a heart on a lapel pin, on which is inscribed word "taken". . . At Salt Lake City, a civilian was arrested for swearing at a sergeant. . . And at Ft. Meade, Md., a GI arrived at the Separation Center, went AWOL while awaiting his discharge. . . Top tune of the week on the field's juke boxes is "Accentuate the Positive" with "Rum 'n' Coca-Cola" in the place spot. Up-n-comer is lissome Lena Horne's "One For Baby", it's so torchy you can hear the flame crackle. . . As regards last week's colyum on the theater, we got a phone call from the cinematadors who informed us that "both doors of Theater No. 1 will be open at the second showing, and two lines will be formed, instead of one. This is probably old news by the time this gets in print. . . Also Mr. Clifford Gibbs, Field Red Cross Director, called concerning the column of two weeks ago re: mobile units for blood donations. A mobile unit, as we understand it from him, can work in larger cities but not out in these parts. Reason being that the blood has to be processed into plasma almost immediately after donated, and the distance to a "plasma-plant" is too far. That clear that up?

## THE MORNING MAIL

"Dear Koops: I'm going to make a few complaints that I wish you would put in your column. Why can't the prices in the PX tailors and lunch room be lowered to a fairly reasonable price, considering the PX is run for the benefit of the Army personnel and to save the GI as much money as possible? What is the reason for locking up the door to the PX patio on the west side before they're closed? Yours, A fellow GI."

The PX tailor shop is operated as a civilian enterprise and its prices are approved by the military. They operate at or under price ceilings set by the OPA. In my opinion, their prices are consistent with pre-war dry-cleaners; if you think otherwise, keep in mind that in a big town—where competition is keen, dry-cleaners throw in "button-sewing" free in order to attract trade. The cafeteria is not allowed to operate at more than a certain profit percentage. This profit is turned over to a fund for the benefit of the EM. It seems to me that the food prices are getting in line for a GI's income; we don't eat there often, but recall a story on a 35-cent plate lunch at the noon meal. Isn't that still in effect? That hain't expensive, pal. As to the other question, the gate is closed for a pretty good reason. Due to the tremendous loss of beer bottles last month (a loss that results in less beer for the PX) GIs have been detailed to guard the exits. That's not a pleasant job, and the one gate is closed at nine in order that these two men can relieve each other. Okay?