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BEWARE RATTLESNAKES
1. WEAR BOOTS OR HIGH-TOP SHOES & LEGGINGS
2. WEAR PROTECTIVE GLOVES
3. WATCH WHERE YOU STEP
4. WATCH WHERE YOU REACH

RATTLESNAKE ARMY AIR FIELD

And the Moral Is--

A few weeks ago, Bill Hooten, editor of the El Paso Times, printed a small squib in his column "Everyday Events". It concerned a woman who complained of the service some sales-clerk in the store was giving. The manager explained to the customer that the clerk was recently discharged from the Army and that she should be a little patient. The customer said "Hmf!" and stormed out. That made Hooten a little angry. The following letter was sent to Hooten and reprinted in his column of a few weeks ago. We think it self-explanatory.

"After twenty months, they sent me home with a medical discharge and a pension and told me I would probably not be able to work for a long time. I came home and began the return to normal. I got my home back from tenants who had occupied it merely by telling them I was home and wanted it. I went to the phone company and told Mr. Richmond I would like to have a phone as I had had one when I went into service. He said he would do what he could. The phone was installed within 24 hours.

"I went to the gas company to get the gas turned on. No deposit was required of me. I went to a leading mortgage company who held the mortgage on my home—it was more than one year delinquent. They said not to worry about it. A few days later they called that the loan would be renewed—at \$10 less in monthly payments and a reduction in interest rate—with the first payment to begin three months from then.

"I went to the El Paso National Bank to whom I had owed a note since the day of my induction. They promptly extended the note. I went to the Popular Dry Goods Company whom I owed some money to. They told me they knew they would soon have it and that they were glad to see me and that my credit was good if I needed any civilian clothes.

"Best of all, from two sources, came jobs tendered after I had explained that maybe I could not hold them. There have been days, just a few, but some, when the mere effort of signing my name made the sweat break out all over me. During these few days, all people I have been with have been most considerate, understanding and kind.

"I wasn't wounded; I never got out of the United States; I just pooped out after 18 months. Nevertheless, my return to health has come since I got home, among people who understand and are kind and loyal. I am an El Pasoan by birth. This is my home. I love it and always have and always shall, but I cannot express my feelings toward it for how it treated me when I came home.

"I could go on and on with examples. I shall only say that lucky indeed is the El Pasoan who comes back to this City for this City is made of wonderful people. I can never pay my debt to them.

"There may be a few who are thoughtless. One day a 4F seven or eight years younger than I, and without children, saw my honorable discharge button, and not knowing what it was, said—'What the sam hill—have you joined the Elks or something.' Needless to say I enjoyed advising him that, while he, of course, could not know it, the button represented an honorable discharge from the Army. He was so ashamed that he could say nothing further, but had to walk away.



Q. I enlisted in the Navy when I was 16. Now they have discovered my true age and are going to discharge me. Is it true that I will get a dishonorable discharge and am I out of luck on mustering out pay?

A. If a man is under 17 when discharged, his enlistment is cancelled and he gets a discharge "under honorable conditions," and transportation but no mustering out pay. If he is over 17 when discharged, he gets the same "under honorable conditions" discharge and the mustering out pay.

Q. My wife recently divorced me and was awarded \$20 a week alimony and support by the court for herself and our 3-year-old daughter. How much will she receive in family allowances?

A. The maximum amount payable to a divorced wife is \$42, even though the court order may call for more than that. Your former wife would receive the \$42 allowed a divorced wife, plus the \$30 for the child, a total of \$72.00.

Q. Does the wife of a serviceman have to be dependent to receive a pension if he is killed in action?

A. No. The wife does not have to be dependent in order to receive the pension.



March 8, 1944—2AF furloughs were increased to 15 days plus travel time (but as yet they didn't cut them down to one a year). Seven officers and EMs were decorated. The USO scheduled a barn dance. Col. B. T. Castor said that stiff penalties will go to those who fail to salute properly. Eight new Wacs arrived on the field. Section C's First Sergeant, Garrett Maney, headed for OCS. In the sports world, the intra-mural hoop league was ready to go into the play-off stage. And in the world news spotlight, Yanks invaded Los Negros and other spots in the Admiralty Islands—some 1300 miles from the Philippines. The Germans admitted that the "Atlantic Wall" could be cracked. The battle for Anzio continued.

"To those who will follow me home, I suggest that if they will remove the chip from their shoulders (and we all come home with at least a little one) and try the least bit, they will find El Paso the warmest, finest, most understanding place in the whole world."

And about all we can add is that—the whole United States can be warm, fine, and understanding—if we are all a little more tolerant, a little more understanding, and a little more neighborly.

This Week--

SERVICE CLUB

Thu.—Sewing, 10:00-5:00; EM Wives Luncheon, 12:00-1:00.
Fri.—Dance from 9 to midnight.
Sat.—Club facilities available; dancing to juke-box.
Sun.—Open House. Jam session by orchestra from 3:30 to 5:30.
Mon.—Piano recital by Cpl. Ken Bentley at 8:30 p.m.
Tue.—Jitterbug lessons; instructors: GIs from the base and girls from Monahans.
Wed.—GI movies at 8:30 p.m.

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

Thur.—Bingo! Methodist Missionary Society hostesses.
Fri.—Arts & Crafts; informal games.
Sat.—Dance!
Sun.—11:00, coffee hour; 2:30, recorded classics; 4:45, KRLH radio broadcast; 6:30, buffet supper; 7:30, movie, "Tin Pan Alley" with Alice Faye; 7:30, song fest.
Mon.—7:30, song fest, movie.
Tue.—Arts & Crafts.
Wed.—12:30 p.m., "Better Halves" Club Luncheon.

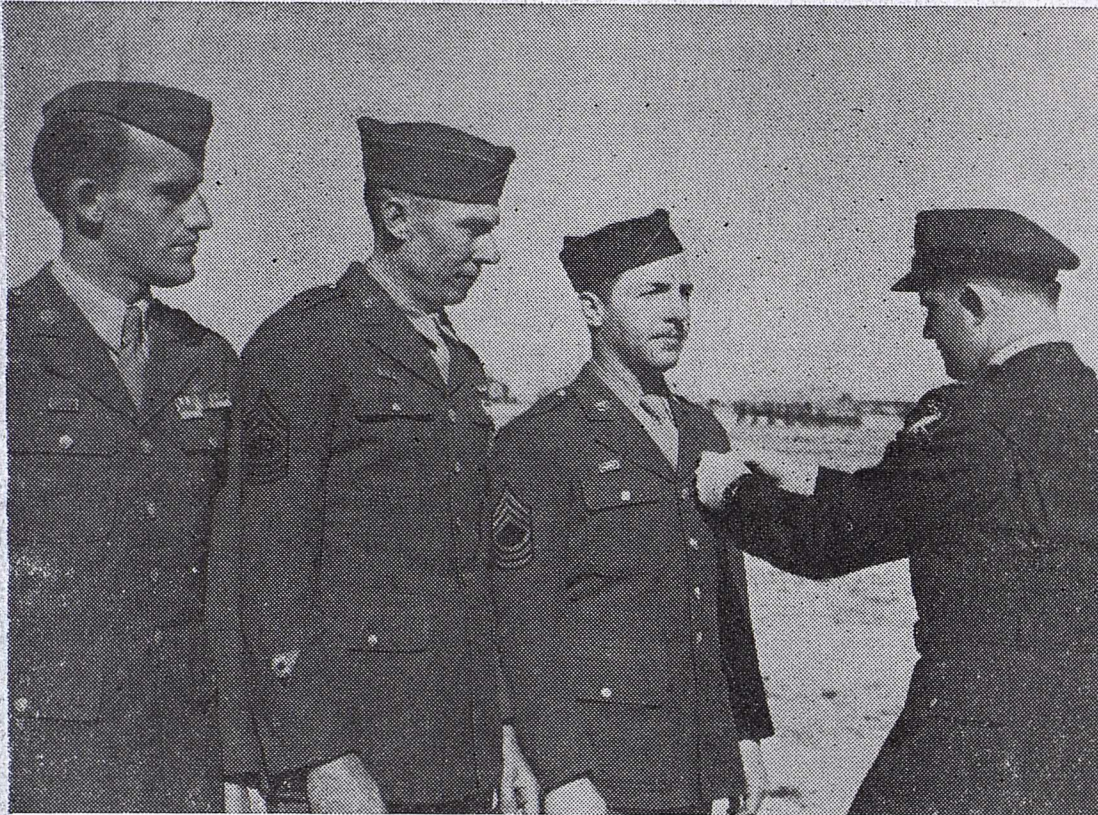
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RANDOLPH - MERRITT

Married at the Station Chapel, March 4, 1945, Miss Evelyn Merritt of Madison, Wisconsin, to Cpl. Leonard Randolph of Madison, Wisc. Rites performed by Chaplain Anderson.

Red Cross Fund Totals \$1720

THREE MORE 19th GROUP VETS DECORATED



Three 19th Group veterans were decorated at last Saturday's review. They are (left to right): 1st/Sgt. L. D. Whipp, M/Sgt. Charles R. Shellito, and M/Sgt. Morris B. Taylor, Field Sergeant-Major. Awards were made by Major Edward Yerrington, a 19th Group vet himself.

Three Ex-19th Group Men Receive Air Medal, Clusters

Three non-commissioned officers of Pyote Army Air Field, all veteran members of the famous 19th Bomb Group, were presented with medals at a special ceremony and review on Saturday, March 3, at Pyote Army Air Field.

The men and the awards they received are:

M/Sgt. Morris E. Taylor, Air Medal and one oak-leaf cluster; M/Sgt. Charles R. Shellito, Air Medal; and 1st/Sgt. Lloyd D. Whipp, oak-leaf cluster to the Air

Medal.

The awards, presented by Major Edward Yerrington, staff navigator and a former member of the 19th Bomb Group, were made for "meritorious achievement while participating in mass flights of 8-17's," prior to the outbreak of the war.

Master Sgt. Taylor, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Taylor of Mound Valley, Kans., received the Air Medal with one oak-leaf cluster for two pre-war flights. The first, made in 1941, was from the United States to Hawaii upon which the future operations of land-based aircraft were developed. The second was from the United States to the Philippines in October and November, 1941, which proved to have a direct bearing

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Three Local GIs Head For OCS Medic Administrative

Three men left the field this week to attend Medical Administration Officer Candidate School at Carlisle Barracks, Pa. The three candidates are:

Cpl. Myer Trupp of the Public Relations Office, and news editor of The Rattler, M/Sgt. Harold F. Cross of aircraft armament and maintenance, and Pfc. Leo Tarletz, hospital lab technician.

New Regulations For Field Published

A new set of Station Regulations, governing all activities on the field, has just been published. The new set supersedes all previous regulations that had been in effect up to the present time.

The new regulations, in book form, will be distributed to the major offices on the field. The regulations are indexed by base number, according to subject, and all activities are to be conducted according to methods set forth in the station regulations.

EMs Surpass Expectations; Donate \$1367

In one of the finest gestures in the history of Pyote Army Air Field, the enlisted men at the Rattlesnake base donated \$1367.84 to the Red Cross Chest war fund.

This amazing volunteer donation, collected at pay-tables the 28th of last month, topped all expectations and formed the vast percentage of the war fund receipts to date.

As of yesterday, March 7, the local Red Cross had received \$1720.84 from officers and enlisted men. The officers had chipped in \$343 thus far.

Mr. Clifford L. Gibbs, field director of the Red Cross, emphasized that the tally did not include civilian donations from workers on the field. Solicitation committees have been named to contact all commissioned officers and civilians and full reports, therefore, run a few days behind the actual receipts.

As to the amazing total registered by the EM of the field, Mr. Gibbs said: "My hat is off to these boys who contributed so generously to the support of the Red Cross. In its annual campaign for donations to finance the immense task ahead, the Red Cross has never solicited enlisted men in the Army. Thus this voluntary contribution by the boys of Pyote merits the gratitude of all those who benefit from the works of the American Red Cross".

This year, more than ever before, Americans—in khaki and muffi alike, are being urged to help the Red Cross meet the cost of its immense task. Officers and civilians have a challenge to meet in the worthy contributions by the enlisted men of the field.

THE COVER

Once a month, all that dough that Uncle Sam pays you is mailed from the Federal Reserve Bank at Fort Worth. In order to be sure it reaches you okay, it is sent by registered mail, and watched by armed guards.

Lt. Daisy Wolford, Postal Officer, is required to "accept, guard, and deliver" the cash shipment from the mail train to the finance office. She and six MPs meet the train. This week's cover shows Lt. Wolford delivering the happy cabbage to the Finance Office.

Service Club Main Lounge Now Closed For Redecoration

The Service Club main lounge is closed for redecoration, Miss Martha Gould, hostess, announced. The lounge will reopen on or about the 15th of this month. In the meantime, the War Room will serve as the lounge. The library will remain open until 11 p.m. to give Service Club devotees a place to write letters or merely sit and relax.

New P-38 Is Speedier, Longer Range, Holds 4,000-Pound Bomb Load

BURBANK, Calif.—Details of the new P-38 Lightning, the 18th edition of the famous bomber, which shows not only higher speed, longer range, but a 50 per cent increase in bomb capacity, were revealed here this week.

The most striking feature is the increase of the bomb load capacity to 4000 pounds, 50 per cent greater than its previous model. Present bomb capacity arms the Lightning with a striking power greater than that of the early Flying Fortresses.

Speed of the model "L" has been boosted 6 per cent. The Army permits Lockheed to disclose that the new Lightning will fly faster than 425 miles an hour.

Range of 3000 Miles

Range has been hiked by installation of additional fuel tanks within the wings. The Lightning's long fighting range of 1700 to 1800 miles made it the first plane to land in the American invasion of Leyte and Luzon in the Philippines. Maximum range with drop tanks is now more than 3000 miles.

Improvement of the Lightning's two turbo superchargers has increased the P-38's war emergency rating and greatly hiked the plane's rate of climb.

The new model has a gross weight of more than 18,000 pounds and an overload of 21,000 pounds. Its stalling speed is approximately 75 miles an hour, lower than that of many lighter pursuit planes. Terminal velocity is more than 575 miles an hour, and the service ceiling exceeds 40,000 feet.

Lockheed engineers consider the special wing flap in the new model

Pfc. Christensen Heads For OCS

Pfc. Herbert E. Christensen, a member of the medical detachment, left this week for Field Artillery Officer Candidate School at Fort Sill, Okla.

Pfc. Christensen, a graduate of the University of California, entered the Army in October, 1943, and came to Pyote in July of last year.

the answer to one of the most baffling problems of high speed flying, the phenomenon of air compressibility. With the new flaps it is possible for the Lightning to dive at speeds heretofore impossible.

Although termed "dive" flaps, they do not lessen the overall speed of the Lightning. They control air flow under the wings and eliminate air turbulence at extremely high speeds. They are operated by electric motors and controlled by a button on the pilot's wheel.

Hydraulic Boosters

Automatic hydraulic boosters, installed for the first time on the new Lightning, give the pilot the strength of 10 men in working his controls. Even with added speed and bomb load the "On to Tokyo" P-38 is capable of whipping the skies in intricate maneuvers that give it dominance over most Axis planes.

Action of boosters for the ailerons is automatic. The pilot is aware of them only through remarkable increase of maneuverability. For the first time they provide light plane maneuverability in heavy fighters.

A new extended heating system insures pilot comfort at extremely high altitudes.

As a fighter-bomber, the "On to Tokyo" Lightning can go into action with all guns blazing while carrying a bigger bomb load than most medium bombers. Bombs are carried either on specially installed shackles or on drop fuel brackets.

As camera ships the Lightning F5Es are stripped of all armament, relying solely on speed for protection. At tree-top levels or at 30,000 feet these fleet "Photo Joes" can take pictures so clear that automobile tire tracks may be picked out on enlarged prints.

Gun cameras, previously installed along with the Lightning's four .50-caliber machine guns and one

If You Like Murder Mysteries, Read On; All Others, Stop Here

This is strictly for you murder mystery addicts. The field library has a varied crop of some of the best in the whodunit brackets.

If you like your murder mysteries hard-as-nails and tough-as-a-dollar steak, then you'll go for Dashiell Hammett's "Red Harvest", "Thin Man", or "Glass Key". In "Red Harvest" the premature demise of one character is laconically described as "Joe is now sitting at the right hand of God; if God don't mind looking at bullet holes". What I mean, tough! In the same cold-blooded manner, there is "Rough On Rats" (with some gorgeous blondes who loll on chaise-longues), "The Lady In the Morgue", the Cain triumvirate, including "Double Indemnity" and "The Postman Always Rings Twice", and "The Rat Begon to Gnaw the Rope".

Or, if you prefer your murders to be quite analytical with the right spicing of proper clues, you can't go wrong on any of the Ellery Queens, of which the library has a tidy assortment. Then there are all the Perry Mason trial series, wherein that legal eagle leaves more than one jury non-plussed.

Mayhap your taste runs to what is called the locked-room puzzle; which is where a murder happens in a room nobody can get in or out of—only somebody did and more than that, did some doity woik, too. They will tease your deductive powers and give you a logical solution. Tops among them is John Dickson Carr (Carter Dickson) whose "Judas Window", "Blind Barber", "Constant Suicides" will satisfy you.

There are eight shelves of murder by poison, arson, gun, knife, with the conventional mount, rope, axe, and even curry-combings—all awaiting the deductive powers of an amateur detective like yourself. You'll even find such old -well-twice-read- friends as Philo Vance, Fu Manchu, and Sherlock Holmes on call if you care.

So—choose your weapon and wade in the gore of some of the most fascinating books available—at the library, two doors east of the Service Club.

MESS INSPECTION

A three-way tie for first place honors in last week's inspection of Mess Halls gave honors to Hospital Mess, Mess Halls 3 and 4.

20 mm. cannon, are now inclosed in the streamlined droppable gas tank couplings. This mounting method greatly reduces the effect of vibration on film. Combat pictures taken in the new P-38 are much clearer in detail, and therefore more valuable in developing combat strategy than those taken

Will Discharge 250,000 Monthly After V-E Day

War Department plans to release from 200,000 to 250,000 men a month after the war ends in Europe were disclosed last week.

Brig. Gen. Frank T. Hines, head of the Veterans Administration, made the disclosure while testifying before the House appropriations committee on a deficiency bill sent to the floor last week.

Hines cited the figure to stress the importance of expediting plans for veterans' re-employment.

"They (the War Department) contemplates releasing from 200,000 to 250,000 men a month," he told the committee.

"Over what period?" inquired Chairman Clarence Cannon (D), of Missouri.

"Up until the phase with Japan is over," Hines replied.

Already, Manpower Chairman Paul V. McNutt testified, 1,600,000 servicemen have been released, "and, before it is over, we will have handled more than 15,000,000."

Hines said about half the men to be discharged after Germany's collapse will be those with disabilities. He offered this explanation when Representative Louis Ludlow (D), of Indiana, said: "We keep hearing of sending the soldiers now in Europe over to the Pacific theater."

The present rate of discharges, Hines asserted, is running around 90,000 monthly. Approximately 700,000 of the 1,600,000 released up to last Nov. 30, he added, were discharged under certificates of disability.

To provide returning veterans with proper employment service, McNutt said, approximately 600 United States Employment Service full time and 1,450 part time offices will be needed. And Hines interjected:

"When demobilization starts, it will be too late to organize this service."

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.)

AFL members of the War Labor Board: "We assume that the European War will end in the summer of 1945 . . . and that the war with Japan should be over sometime before the fall of 1946."

• Don't be a JACKASS!



Anti-freeze is expensive... and hard to get. Drain it... but SAVE IT!

POCKET-BILLIARD TOURNEY WANTS CONTESTANTS!

CO-EDS



Abbott and Costello are at it again in "Here Comes The Co-eds", showing Friday and Saturday at Theatres 1 and 2.

Bentley Offers Original Piano Program Monday

Cpl. Ken Bentley will offer a piano recital of original compositions at the Service Club next Monday evening at 8:30 p.m.

Bentley, one of Pyote's more prolific composers, has arranged a program of four sprightly airs, composed at Pyote.

"Foolish Secrets", "It's A Dream", "Got A Redhead In Texas", and "At Christmas Time". The former two were featured in the musical comedy success of last summer, "Off Limits".

Bentley has arranged the selections for vocals—with vocal duets handling the lyrics on "Foolish Secrets" and "It's A Dream".

The recital will be followed by a community sing.

NO FATIGUES ALLOWED IN EM CLUB SUNDAYS

According to a recent directive from Col. A. E. Key, Station Commandant, fatigues will not be worn in Service Club on Sundays. Week-days, fatigues are okay up to 6 p.m. Other times: Class A.

USAFI HITS NEW HIGH HIGH IN FEBRUARY

During the month of February, 99 officers and men—both static and combat crew—applied for correspondence courses distributed through Special Services for United States Armed Forces Institute. Have you enrolled?

NO LONGER "OFF LIMITS"

Club Cafe, Pecos, Texas, has been removed from the "Off Limits" restriction list.

Winner Of Elimination To Meet Irving Crane, Champ Cue-Artist

A pocket billiard tourney is being lined up for Pyote and will take place in the immediate future. Those interested in entering are asked to submit their name and squadron to the Special Services Office. They will then be notified as to the date of the tourney.

The Special Services Office promises that games will be scheduled so that all can participate. The winner of the pocket billiard elimination will meet Irving Crane, one of the country's outstanding exponents of the cue on the 26th of this month.

Mr. Crane will give an exhibition of trick and fancy pool artistry and will then compete against the winner of the Pyote tournament.

The pocket billiard tourney will begin in the immediate future. Those wishing to join are urged to submit their names immediately. You can mail your name and Sqdn. to the Special Services office, or bring it in person to either the Special Services Office (next door to the Service Club) or The Rattler Office (T-640).

Movie Memo

Unless otherwise noted, Theatre No. 1 shows at 1:30, 6:00, and 8:00; Theatre No. 2 shows at 7 and 9, with matinee, Sunday only, 2:15.

THURSDAY

"PAN-AMERICANA" with Robert Benchley, Audrey Long, and Philip Terry. Benchley at his best in an innocuous little comedy about latin lovelies who get romantic with some chaps from a picture magazine. All slightly south of the boudoir. Shorts: March of Time (it's report on Italy is an outstanding commentary on the war to date) and Paramount News. (110 minutes.)

FRIDAY & SATURDAY

"HERE COME THE CO-EDS" with Abbott and Costello, Peggy Ryan. Two yucks attend a girl's college, with slap-stick and hokum rampant on the campus. Shorts: Army-Navy Screen Magazine, and "Yankee Doodle Donkey". (Running time: 114 minutes.)

SUNDAY & MONDAY

"OBJECTIVE BURMA" with Errol Flynn, Henry Hull. Paratroopers drop behind Jap lines in one of the bloodiest war movies so far. Shorts: Paramount News. (Running time: 150 minutes.)

HORSE



The slick-chick demonstrating the good points of a gym horse is Kathleen O'Malley, who is one of those who come in "Here Come the Co-eds", showing Friday and Saturday at Theatres 1 and 2.

Service Club Asks Your Suggestions On Entertainment

What's your idea about the EM's Service Club? Do you want more entertainment? Do you want something doing every night? Or would you prefer to have it be merely a place of relaxation where you could amuse yourself as you so desire?

That's the question that the Special Services Office is asking. Just how much, and what kind, of entertainment do you fellows want at the Service Club?

Question boxes are being placed at appropriate spots around the field, including one at the Service Club, where you can place your suggestions and/or ideas as to how the Service Club can best serve you.

The Special Service Office is in a position to give you the following types of entertainment at the Club: Friday night dances, Tuesday night, WAC-GI dances, concerts by the field orchestra, bingo parties, Dr. IQ Quiz shows, jam sessions, jitterbug lessons, community sings, weekly talent shows, GI movies, and other features.

So here is your opportunity to have your say-so as to the Service Club. Do you want entertainment every night in the week? Are you in favor of entertainment on just two or three scheduled nights? Or do you prefer to have the club's facilities available for your own amusement? Drop your ideas and opinions in one of the suggestion boxes.

Note: Theatre No. 1 shows at 6 and 8:30; Theatre No. 2 at 7:00 and 9:30.

TUESDAY

(Double Feature): "I LOVE A MYSTERY" with Jim Bannon and Nina Foch. Radio show spooks move to screen wherein victims lose their heads whole-sale. "HER LUCKY NIGHT" with Andrews Sisters and Martha O'Driscoll. Lonely gals meet wealthy playboy, with everybody just asingin' and aswingin'. (Total running time: 131 minutes.)

WEDNESDAY

"A TREE GROWS IN BROOKLYN" with Joan Blondell, Dorothy McGuire, Peggy Ann Gardner. Based on best-seller it is an accurate film-story of tenement tenants who meet disaster after

"Victories Of '45" In Early Stages; Needs More Talent

"Victories of '45", the newest stage extravaganza for Pyote audiences, is in the early stages of production. A variety musical comedy, "Victories" boasts a tidy array of femininity, and some fine knock-out acts.

There are many desirable parts still available in the musical comedy, and a crying need for specialty numbers and men for comedy and minstrel roles.

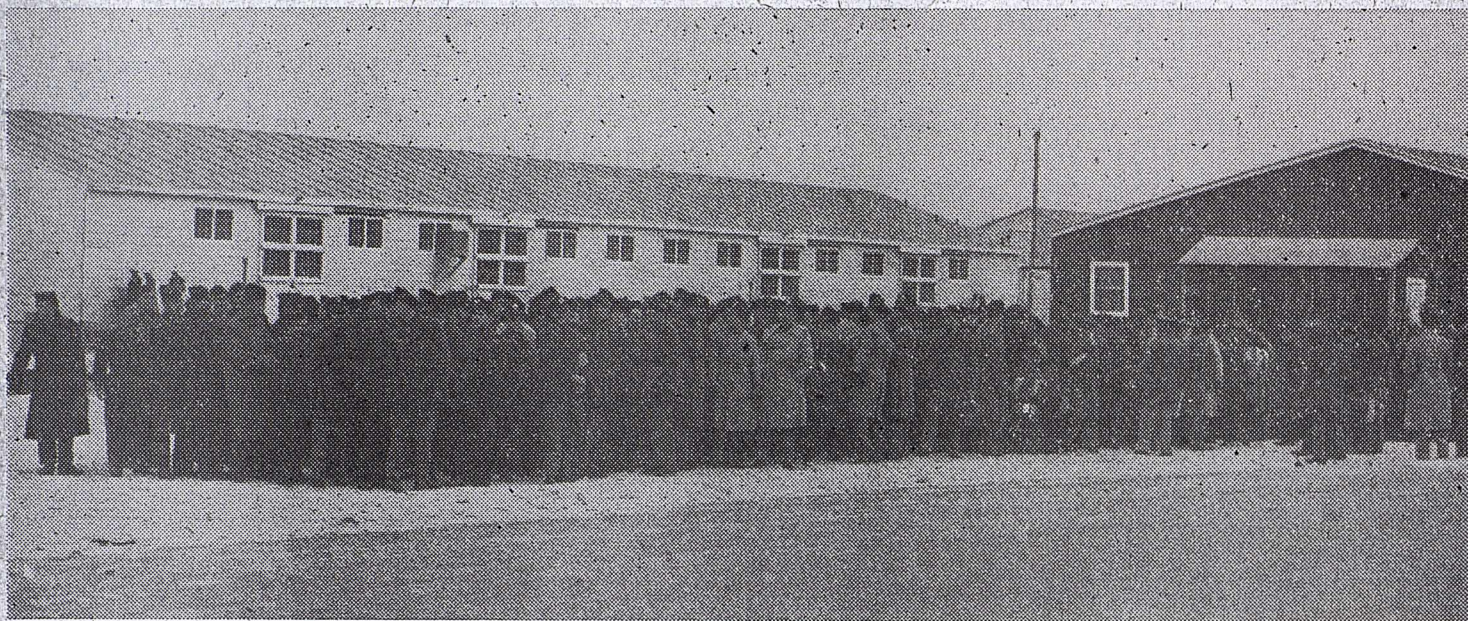
Those interested in joining the cast of "Victories of '45" are asked to visit the Special Service Office next door to the Service Club and contact Cpl. Art Ham-mell.

POST WOMEN'S CLUB SETS LUNCHEON TIME

It has been found necessary to set the luncheon time for the Officers' Wives Club at 1:30 and dessert at 2:15, according to Mrs. Stanley Bass, Public Relations Officer for the Post Women's Club. It will be impossible, she announced, to serve any member after that time; therefore, members are urged to make effort to comply.

disaster with guts and gags. Shorts: Paramount news. (Running time: 116 minutes). Second shows slightly delayed.

RATTLER PHOTOG SHOTS GLIMPSE OF PORTION OF NEW SECTION



The Rattler shutter-bug took this random shot of a portion of the new Squadron that arrived at Pyote for training a week ago. The new group disembarked from the T & P, saw the sleepy Pyote

village, and then was hustled to the field for orientation and briefing on the job and the training that lies ahead.

Weather Forecasters Say 'Pish Tush' To Lightning Striking Airplanes

If you are flying along in an all-metal airplane and lightning strikes the ship—think nothing of it—it won't harm a thing!

That's just one of the latest pieces of scientific weather data that was thoroughly discussed by two score Army weather forecasters who gathered at the Pyote Army Air Field Weather Station for two three-day sessions.

The sessions were presided over by a board of four expert Army Air Force weather forecasters from the Third Weather Region Headquarters, San Antonio, Tex.

The meetings were held February 25, 26, 27, 28, March 1 and 2. Army Air Force forecasters from Avenger, Midland, Pecos, Big Spring, Dalhart, San Angelo and Sheppard Fields, Tex., and Carlsbad and Hobbs, New Mex., attended. The nine weather forecasters of the Pyote Field, led by Capt. Robert H. Reese, station weather officer, were hosts to the group.

Central theme of the seminars and lecture sessions was "Three Dimensional Forecasting". This is the title applied to making complete use of the newest data gleaned from the areas 25,000 to 50,000 feet above the ground. Such data is gathered either by sending small weather planes up or by releasing Radiosonde devices which signal back electrically the temperature and barometric pressures encountered.

Stress was also put on the Theta E chart in predicting thunderstorms and the hazards of static interference with radio operation during rain storms. Metal planes in proceeding through precipitation gather static electronic charges upon their skins which

Send Easter Cards Overseas Now

Families and friends of men overseas are urged to mail their Easter greetings as soon as possible. Army Postal Service facilities are overloaded and about 45,000,000 individual pieces of mail are being sent overseas each week.

With Easter Sunday only a month away it's time to start. Be sure to address mail with the soldier's full name, rank, serial number.

interfere with radio reception. This represents a major problem since it is at the times of poor visibility, brought on by precipitation, that pilots are forced to depend, most heavily, upon radio contact and directions for their safety.

Icing hazards, turbulence problems, and the use of Stuves and Rossbys specialized charts in weather prediction, were also discussed at the lectures.

The board of weather experts from region headquarters, who conducted the sessions, consisted of Capt. G. C. Johnson, Capt. Franklin E. Schiedler, Lt. William C. Zahn and Warrant Officer H. M. Richart.

HAS HE TRIED POSTUM?

New York (CNS)—Miffed when his girl friend refused to make him a cup of coffee at midnight John Santos leaped off the roof of her home into the street below. Now he's at Bellevue Hospital undergoing mental observation.

BERLIN MOST BOMBED CITY

Washington (CNS)—The most heavily bombed target in Europe, according to the War Department, is Berlin. The AAF alone has dropped 15,116 tons of bombs on the German capital while the RAF has added another 10,000 tons.

Speaking Of Figures . . .



MAE WEST, selected by Army editors as Actress Best Equipped to Discuss Inflation, gives out with a couple of tips. "Listen," she says, after giving the matter a good think, "I wouldn't want to see any of our soldiers get clipped over there. When you start tossing your money around, you're asking prices to c'mon up and see you some time. A Mae West can save your life, but you've gotta save your own dough." She also posed for this picture, which has nothing to do with finance but is kind-of interesting anyhow.

THEY BREAKFAST AT MIDNIGHT

The Boys From The Line Find Army Life A Topsy-Turvy One

Across a wind-swept flight line, under the spacious wing of a B-29 in a hangar, echoes one question about 10:30 p.m.; and one GI asks another: "What's for breakfast tonight?"

An Army Air Field is made up of many segments—there are the office forces, the clerks and the typists, the "white-collar" GIs who toil from 8 to 5, and want the barracks lights out at 11 p.m. There are the day shift toilers who pray for hot water in the shower at four-thirty, change their greasy fatigues for pressed ODs and head for town, the Service Club, or the PX patio.

And there is still another group—the swing-shifters, the boys on the "bull-dog watch" who sleep in the day and arise at night to work, to keep a 24-hour program going day in and day out, and keep the B-29s in the air unceasingly.

These are the boys who settle down at Mess Hall 4 for a midnight breakfast. Their conversation hinges on two major points—"what's for chow?" and "how's the weather?" They want to know whether it's french toast, "S.O.S." (chipped beef on toast), scrambled eggs, wheatcakes, fried eggs, or maybe boiled. And next they want to know the weather—is it cold and windy—with a bite in the breeze, or is it mild and calm?

They sweat out the line at the Mess Hall, and there's a difference in the line. At daytime Mess, the conversation is quiet, sporadic, but the owl-shift keeps up a steady barrage of conversation—from the doorway to the chow-line. And they eat hearty.

They congregate in groups, gripe about the shirkers on their crew, talk about civilian days, perhaps re-read the latest letter from home. Often they'll stop for a second cup of coffee, and then out to work.

Mess Hall 4 serves the evening meal from 6 to 10:30; re-opens at 11 with breakfast, and continues serving until 6 a.m.

These fellows in their flying-jackets and dirty fatigues live in a topsy-turvy world all their own at Pyote. Working nights, and sleeping days, night mess is one of their more anticipated moments—next to mail call.

In the chow-line, at the tables, the conversation flows in many channels. A Friday night eaves-dropping sounds like this—

"So I finally heard from my brother today. He's in Germany now. And he says . . ."

"—all I say is, I can't see why he should be a Staff Sergeant, and me just a Cpl. and doin' the work . . ."

"An' if that's the way she wants to act, she can just find somebody else to latch on to. I ain't gonna . . ."

"—loaned him the last dollar he's ever gonna get offa me. Why, he owes . . ."

"Marj says the kid is looking more like me every day, and that . . ."

"—And when that 3-day pass comes 'round, I'm gonna take me to Juarez and see . . ."

"Imagine that lug telling me how to pull an inspection! Why I've pulled more . . ."

"That babe at the dance? MM-mmmm! I'll bet she's a . . ."

"Three weeks, that's all, just

"HOW ABOUT ANOTHER APPLE, MAC?"



NEW DRESS FOR WACS

Washington (CNS)—A new distinctive dress for WAC technicians assigned to duty in hospitals has been designed by the Army Quartermaster Corps. It is a short-sleeved garment of rose beige cotton print resembling chambray. Each enlisted Wac technician will be issued 9 of the easily laundered dresses.

three weeks and then I'm heading for P.A. on my furlough. Yeah man . . ."

And they take one last puff on the cigarette, swallow the remainder of their coffee and head for the flight line—with a look upward to the black, pin-starred sky and a listen to the hum of a

NAZI, DISGUISED AS YANK, GIVES UP TO WRONG MAN

France (CNS)—A Nazi soldier disguised as a GI slipped within the American lines to disrupt communications. Once inside, however, he changed his mind and surrendered to the first American sergeant he met.

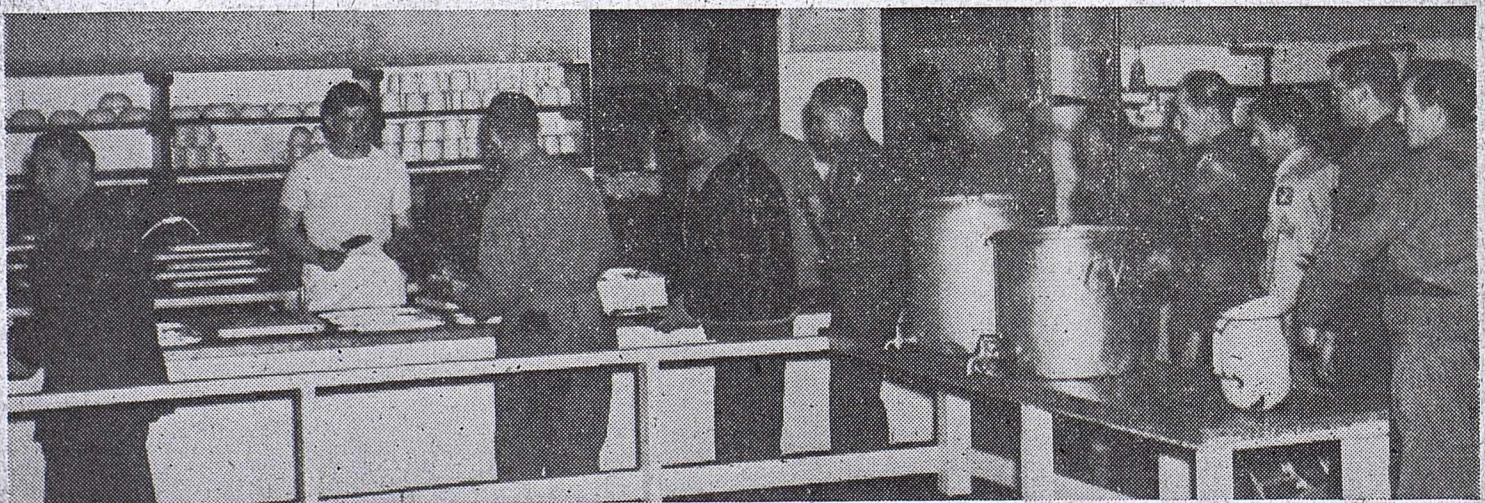
"I'm a German," he said. "So am I," the sergeant replied, "you traitor."

Real GIs found them a few minutes later wrestling in the snow.

revvin' engine—a hum that goes on through the night.

(Why not clip this out and send it home? The folks might like to hear about the all-night shift.—The editors.)

"C'MON, C'MON, LET'S KEEP THIS LINE MOVIN' UP THERE!"



Flying Safety Office Observes Safety Week

Lt. Steven T. Ham has been appointed Station Flying Safety Officer in an effort to emphasize safe flying procedure. Col. A. E. Key, Station Commandant, instituted the Pyote Office of Flying Safety last month, in conjunction with Second Air Force directives to highlight proper precautionary measures for the flight line.

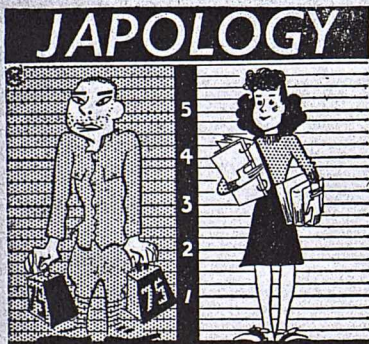
The Office of Flying Safety is located in Bldg. T-270, phone 234, ring 2.

Lieutenant Ham stressed the importance of Safe Navigation and Instrument Flying week, which is being noted this week throughout the 2AF command.

"The importance of safe navigation cannot be underestimated", Lt. Ham stated, "experts have brought the art of navigation and instrument flying to a fine point. And by proper attention to correct procedure and the utilization of all safeguards and the exercise of thoughtfulness and care, accidents can be eliminated. The Air Force isn't big enough to have one careless, thoughtless, heedless, or incompetent man."

2AF Cuts Down On Waste-Line

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo.—An intensified conservation and reclamation program conducted at Second Air Force bases the last four months has resulted in savings of 22,000 net tons of waste paper and cardboard, 525 gross tons of tin cans, 850,000 pounds of bones and raw meat trimmings, and 310,000 pounds of cooked grease, it was announced at Second Air Force Headquarters by Brigadier General Harold A. McGinnis, Deputy Chief of Staff, Maintenance and Supply.



The average Jap soldier (5 ft. 3 in tall, weight 117½ pounds) is about the size of the average American college girl. He is 5 inches shorter, 28 pounds lighter than the average GI. However, he can lift a 150 pound weight to his back without spreading his legs and can march 50 miles a day without tiring.

Rattle Snake Charmers



We don't know why we're so good to you people, but this week, we offer—not one, not two, but three—three lovely Rattle Snake Charmers. From left to right, they are: Eugenie Baird, currently on the Bing Crosby Thursday night clambake, Norma Jean Ross, NBC ne-plus-ultra glamour gal, and Sharon Douglas, currently appearing on the Joan Davis-Jack Haley radio show. What we like about this trio is that they accentuate the positive, or hadn't you noticed?

PARKING POLICY AT HOSPITAL SET

Authorized parking area for the Station Hospital is located on "C" street across from the Hospital Administration building. Parking on Hospital grounds near buildings is strictly prohibited.

Progress of the conservation program, which these figures represent thus far, has already recorded the goal of doubling the previous level of salvage collections, General McGinnis said. When the conservation program has been in operation for several months more, it is expected that collections will show considerable further gains. Records, in monetary terms, also show that the monthly amounts realized from sales of salvageable articles have jumped well over the \$60,000 mark since the introduction of the intensified drive.

The conservation and reclamation efforts of Second Air Force involve a complete program designed to combat all possible forms of wastage—use of electricity, fuel, lubricants, motor transportation, and all other facilities and equipment. A Conservation and Reclamation Board has been appointed at each base to investigate any of these forms of waste and provide for their elimination.

Interest in the conservation program at individual Second Air Force stations is maintained through a system of competitive monthly ratings.

The reclamation of tools and equipment hitherto salvaged has been stimulated, and valuable uses are found for many such items. Empty metal liners for am-

War Will Cost U.S. \$450 Billion By '46

Washington (CNS)—By the end of the 1946 fiscal year the U. S. will have spent \$450,000,000,000 on World War II, it is estimated in President Roosevelt's annual budget message to Congress. The President has asked war expenditures of \$70,000,000,000 for the 1946 fiscal year starting July 1 in a total budget request of \$83,000,000,000.

munition boxes are reconverted, painted, and used as waste baskets; fiber board containers are used and re-used indefinitely for shipments of supplies; hammers, axes, screwdrivers and similar tools are straightened, refinished, refitted with new handles, and re-issued.

At one 2AF base, an entire building which normally would have cost over \$10,000 to build of new materials was constructed from used lumber and ammunition box liners at a cost of only \$50.

The familiar declaration, "The Air Forces Takes Care of Its Own," originally applied only to broad consideration of the air forces for the welfare of its personnel, has been given added meaning by the 2AF program which extends that "care" to its own equipment. Second Air Force clothing and equipment repair shops have returned to service in the last 90 days some 151,209 items of clothing, 27,197 pairs of shoes, and 3,229 office machines, in addition to numerous other types of otherwise unusable equipment.

GI DISCHARGED BECAUSE HE CAN'T WEAR ODS

Camp Maxey, Tex. (CNS)—Men have been discharged from the Army for many reasons—some good and some bad—but the discharge of Pvt. Albert L. Van Derscheuren, of this post, is one of the strangest of all. Pvt. Van Derscheuren was returned to civvies because he is allergic to wearing Ods. After exhaustive tests, Army doctors were convinced that he developed a severe rash whenever Ods got close to his skin. The rash cleared up quickly when the Ods were taken away.

STORK CLUB

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

BOYCE—Born to S/Sgt. and Mrs. Alvin Boyce, at the Pyote Regional Hospital, on March 3, a son. S/Sgt. Boyce is assigned to Squadron D.

CARROLL—Born to Pvt. and Mrs. Tommie Carroll, at the Pyote Regional Hospital, a son. Pvt. Carroll is now overseas.

WEIL—Born to S/Sgt. and Mrs. George Weil, at the Pyote Regional Hospital, a son. S/Sgt. Weil is attached to an Advanced Fighter Squadron.

NEW VISITING HOURS AT STATION HOSPITAL

New visiting hours at the Station Hospital will be from 2:00 to 4:00 and 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Maple-Topplers Find Pace Hot In All Leagues

The grueling pace of the four bowling leagues found the teams well-knotted for top honors in the maple-toppling circuits. The Static Chasers and Foul Five are still tied for the lead in the Red League; the Flashes, Star Gazers, and Dusters, neck-and-neck in the Gold League; the Spare Boys two games in front of the White League's Planets; and the South Paws two ahead of the Medix in the Blue League.

The Static Chasers have won 16 and dropped five, have struck a team average of .756, a team high single of .848, and a 3-game of 2409. The Foul Five also won 16, lost five, hold a .713 team average. Single honors go to Klock with 214, and 3-game honors to Norman with .558.

The Gold League's three-way tie finds the Flashes with the edge in the score-book. Though the Flashes, Dusters, and Star Gazers have each won 16; lost 11, the Flashes hold an .815 team average, the Dusters .809, and the Star Gazers .804. The Flashes hold the team high single (.977) and the Dusters the 3-game honors (2608).

The Spare Boys increased their lead over the Planets while the Pill Rollers dropped from second to third place. The Planets hold team records—high single of .836 and the high 3-game with 2307. Banas and Konet reap individual stakes.

In the Blue League, the South Paws maintained their two-game lead over the Mad Medix and increased their margin to three over the third place War Worries. The Mad Medix have the honors in the statistic columns though—a team average of .784 (to the South Paws' .775); the team high single .894, and the team high 3-game, 2491.

Individual honors in the leagues play go to Ogden of the Blue and Rostick of the Gold—both with a 3-game-tally of .610. Buffamonte of the Gold League Flashes has the highest league single with 256. The Flashes hold the high team single with 977.

RED PEPPER VODKA TOP TOAST AT YALTA

Washington (CNS)—“How's the vodka?” reporters asked WMB Director James F. Byrnes on his return from the Big 3 meeting at Yalta. “It's new corn,” he replied with a smile. Mr. Byrnes then added that there is a brand of vodka which contains red pepper. “And boys, that has authority,” he said. “When they toast in that, it has strong language.”



Blue Plate Special

Lt. Bill Dickey is leading two Navy teams of ex-big leaguers through a tour of the Pacific where they'll play for the Joes. . . . Paul Waner batted a cool .800 during his recent tour of the Assam Valley League. . . . Bill Alexander, famed Georgia Tech coach, has quit, naming his assistant Bobby Dodd as his successor. . . . Babe Ruth, the world's greatest fat man, scaled 260 pounds on his 51st birthday. “I still eat hearty,” he explained after inhaling an entire 10-pound birthday cake. . . . Gil Dodds, who recently quit the boards, ran 9 mile races under 4:10, a recapitulation of his record shows. Glenn Cunningham, Dodds' predecessor as indoor mile king, shattered 4:10 but 6 times. . . . Yale, undefeated in '44, will play an 8-game grid schedule next fall. Opponents include Princeton, which returns to the final date on the Eli schedule after a year's absence. . . . Midshipman Dick Duden, blocking back, has been named Navy's 1945 grid coach. His backfield mates probably will be All-American Bob Jenkins, Bob Kelly, pass-catching transferee from Notre Dame, and Tony Minisi, first string fullback at Penn last year. . . . St. Louis Cardinal pitcher Howie Krist, was

4 Local Boxers In Top Form For 2AF Tourney

Local boxing fans have encircled three days on the March calendar—the 26th, 27th, and 28th. Those are the dates set for the 2AF tourney at Biggs Field, El Paso, where Pyote hopes to nab four championships.

S/Sgt. Fred Root, Pyote boxing coach, has readied four entries into the fistic sweepstakes—Greco, heavyweight; Weiss, welterweight; Robison, featherweight; and Smith, light-heavyweight. These four will mix leather with the best from 2AF stations in New Mexico, Arizona, Biggs Field, and Pyote.

Stilwell Sees China As Key To Jap Defeat

Washington (CNS)—Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell, new AGF Commander, does not think Japan can be beaten until her armies in China are engaged and defeated. He estimates the Japs could put at least 4,000,000 men in the field in China.

He predicted a long, tough war in the Pacific, but no radical changes in Army Ground Forces training, which he said was fundamentally sound for all theaters.

wounded in France. . . . And Lt. Ray Brownell, former Stanford golfer, was killed in the Philippines. . . . Capt. Waddy Young, Oklahoma University All-American in 1938, is missing in action. . . . Inducted: Ray Mueller, ironman catcher for the Cincinnati Reds. Accepted for service: Dom Dallesandro, pint-sized Chicago Cubs' outfielder and ex-Coast League batting champ. Rejected: Cardinal outfielder Danny Litwhiler, for the second time because of a knee that bends the wrong way, and Jockey Don Meade, because he can't turn his palms up.

Physical Fitness Rating Here Shows Big Improvement

On the basis of comparative figures, Pyote GIs are showing improvement in their Physical Fitness Ratings. Lt. R. S. Mahoney, PT officer, pointed out the improvements between November figures, for individual squadrons, as compared to February:

Squadron A, in November standings had their largest percentage (55.30%) in the poor bracket; in February, 48.36% were in the good division. The very good bracket jumped from less than 1 percent in November to 2.09% in February.

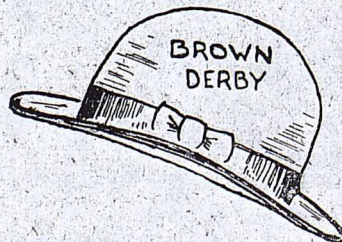
Squadron D had the largest percentage in November listed under poor, 52.07%. Latest standing show 62.31% as good, 6.40% as very good.

Squadron E had 50.93% in the poor bracket in November, boosted to 48.94% as good last month, 4.22% very good.

Squadron F had, of November, 44.17% good, 43.40% poor; in February, 64.48% good, and only 20.48% poor.

Only Squadron M and Squadron C dropped in ratings between November and February.

PT AWARD



The Brown Derby, (shame chapeau for the lowest percentage in PT participation, adorns the sheepish brows of Sqdn. M. The Medics had 96.15%. Second low was Sqdn. D with 98.13%.

WD Announces Tinian Island As Newest B-29 Base

Superfortresses are now operating from new bases on Tinian in the Marianas, it was disclosed this week by General of the Army H. H. Arnold, Commanding General of the Twentieth Air Force. At the same time, General Arnold revealed the identity of a new wing of the XXI Bomber Command which is operating at Tinian and which will increase the scope of bombing operations against Japan.

Navy Seabees, who landed with the initial assault troops in the Tinian invasion last July, remained behind to build the new bases on the coral island. With headquarters of the XXI Bomber Command established on Guam and the original bases on Saipan in full operation, all three major islands of the Marianas Group now become an impressive center of B-29 operations in the Pacific.

Brig. Gen. John H. Davies is the Commanding General of the newly activated 313th Wing based on Tinian. This unit is a part of Maj. Gen. Curtis E. LeMay's XXI Bomber Command.

SPEEDY PROGRESS

Concord, N. H. (CNS)—Franklin Pierce, a New Hampshire boy who became the 14th president of the U. S., went ahead very fast in the Army. In the Mexican War, he entered the Army as a private and in less than a year was commissioned a brigadier general.

TED LEWIS SHOW-DANCE PLEASES CROWD

GIs And Guests Pack Sub-Depot Hangar To Enjoy 5-Hour Program

Ted Lewis, top-hated tragedian of song, and his troupe of entertainers, and his band, were hailed at Pyote Monday, March 5, by more than 5,000 who gathered in the Sub-Depot hangar.

A gigantic stage was set up at one end of the hangar to hold the entertainers. After the special show, Ted Lewis and his boys "beat it out" for the hep cats and the squares for dancing till one in the morning.

After the show, Ted Lewis doffed his tall, battered top-hat to Cpl. Marty Masters of the 728th Air Force Band who had filled in at the drums when Barney Miller, the regular cow-hide beater, had got caught in a dust storm and didn't get to the field until well after curtain.

Marty sat in with the band and without music or rehearsal played through a very difficult and complicated routine that brought constant cheers from the listeners and smiling nods of approval from Ted Lewis.

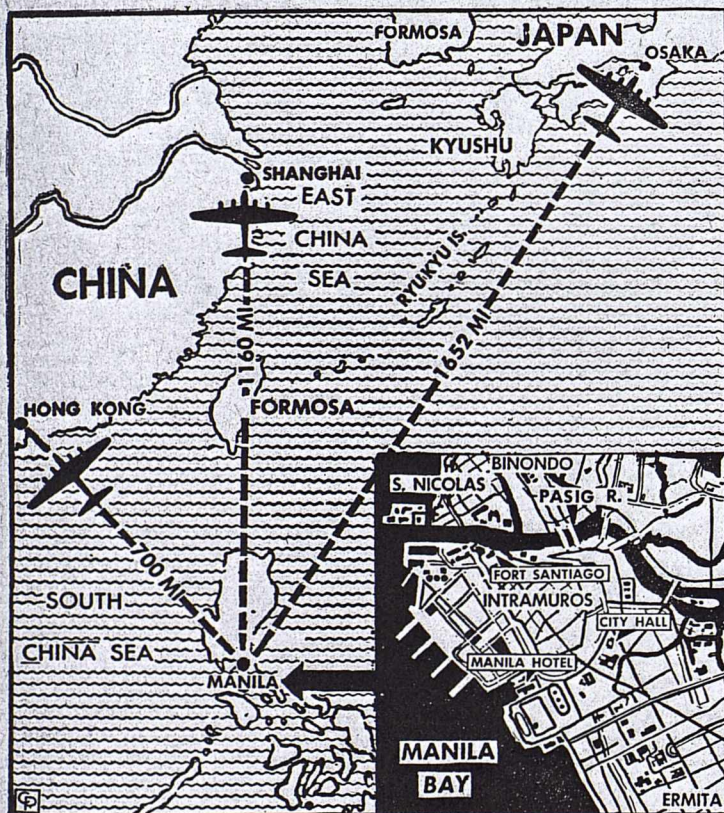
Lewis' acts had all the sparkle that have marked him as one of America's showmen of all time. He presented a baton twirling Miss and a pair of tap and song men who were received with en-

ITALIAN CHILDREN GET NEW SCHOOL BOOKS

Italy (CNS)—The Allied Commission in Italy has printed 1,000,000 textbooks for a re-education campaign designed to remove Fascist doctrines and ideology from the minds of Italian children. In order to expunge Fascist dogma, it was necessary to completely re-write a series of textbooks used in the elementary schools, while 759 books used in secondary schools were eliminated or edited.

thusiasm and acclaim. There were also a couple of neat pin-up numbers that walked, talked and did other things, who came in for a well-earned share of the attention of Pyote's men in khaki.

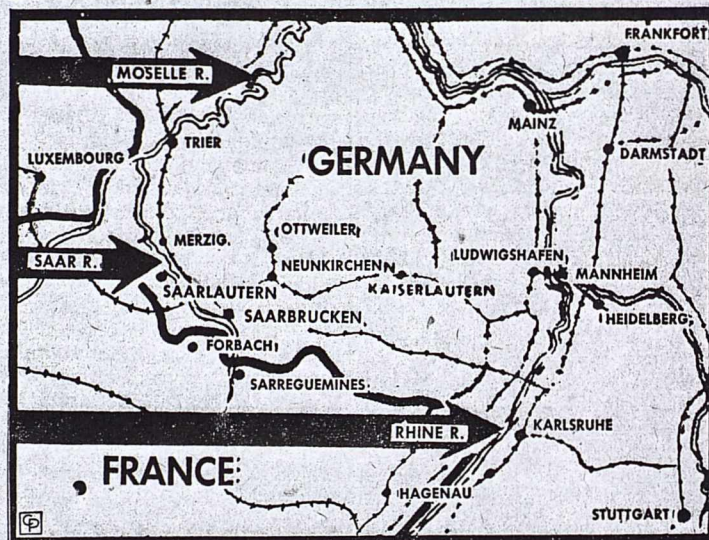
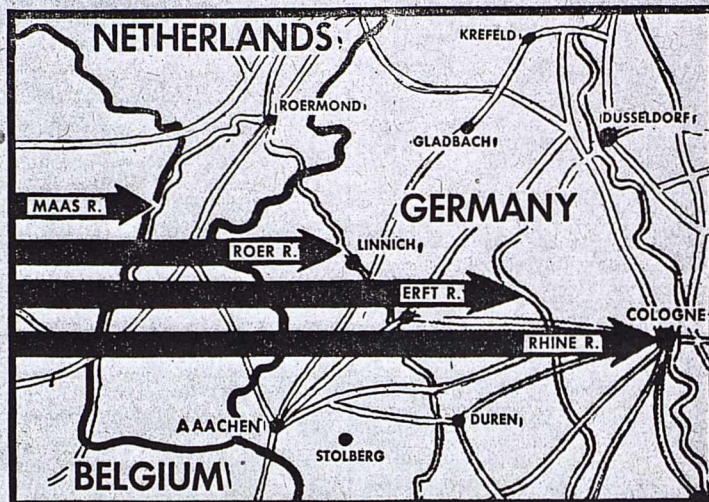
PACIFIC FRONT



The above map shows the strategic importance of newly-rewon Manila for any attack on Japan, direct or via the China coast. The inset shows the business district of the Philippine capital where Japs put up final resistance.

Pacific headlines: Yanks forced Iwo Jima defenders onto less than a third of that bloody isle. Dead to date: Yanks, 2000; Japs, 14,000. Tokyo took its 12th pounding from B-29s. Chinese reported Suichwan, former air base city, surrounded. Nips are retiring from that area.

EUROPEAN THEATRE



The above map shows the river-bridging Allies' efforts on the western front. The Rhine is the fourth river in northern Germany at which Germans might put up heavy resistance. In 12 days the swift offensive has moved from the Roer River to the Rhine, captured Cologne. In the southern sector (lower map) the Allies are preparing a push from the Moselle to the Rhine.

ETO headlines: Churchill visited the Western front, said one big heave will win the war. Gen. Patton's Army raced toward the Rhine. The first white Russian Army reached the mouth of the Oder River, destroyed the Nazis' last chance at a flanking thrust on the Red Army straight-away from Berlin. Stettin was under Russian artillery fire, 15 miles away.

AWARDS—

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on the security of the United States.

Master Sgt. Shellito, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Shellito of Dallas, Tex., also received the Air Medal for his part in the mass flight of B-17's from the United States to the Philippines.

First Sgt. Whipp, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Whipp of 115 S. Main St., Placentia, Calif., received an oak-leaf cluster to the Air Medal for his part in the mass flight from the United States to the Philippines in October and November, 1941.

Twelve Pyoters Make Pfc. Rating Since March 1

Twelve promotions have been awarded at Pyote Army Air Field since the first of March. All ratings were Pfc.

- Squadron B**
Mary F. Allen, Elfrieda Grant, Cleon G. Jerome, Bonnie L. Olsen, Thearapia F. Sickman, Dorothea I. Stout, Esther A. Veltum.
- Squadron C**
Amos Saines, Frank Robertson, Willie M. Moye, Roscoe Cole,
- Squadron F**
John H. Rehak, Jr.

Lose A War Bond? Read the Classified Ads

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

LOST—Colonby make, black-dial, wrist-watch in Hangar 2, February 21. Finder please contact Cpl. T. M. Christensen in Bks. 510, Sqdn. D. Twenty bucks reward.

THE OTHER night an honest chap stopped by The Rattler Office and gave us a \$50 war bond. He said he found it and we should return it. The name on the bond is F/O John H. Buckner. Please stop by and pick up that fifty smackers.

FOUND—Yale key on shoestring found in Station Headquarters. Owner please contact Adjutant's Section and identify same.

LOST—Billfold, between gate and WAC barracks. Billfold had zipper fastener all the way around. Return to Pvt. Jack Maynard, Sqdn. B.

LOST—Officers' trench coat (with F/O insignia) at Tubb's Hall Thursday night. Finder please return to Rattler Office. Reward.

LOST—Gold identification bracelet inscribed "Wilbur Fore, ASN 34315317". Lost between Service Club and Civilian Dormitories. Finder call 57, Ring 2.

LOST—A brief case, bearing the initials "E.Y.A." with miscellaneous articles in it. The person who found it will collect a reward by returning it to me, Sgt. E. Y. Albright, at Flight Test in Base Flight Building.

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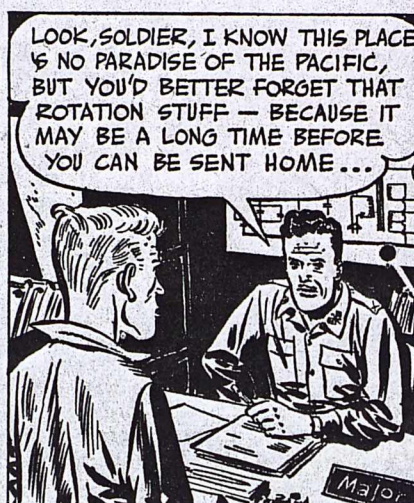
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WHIRL IT ALL END?



MALE CALL

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REWARD!—To finder of Frenca wrist-watch, lost between Monahans and Field. Finder please call 241.

FOR SALE

HERE'S a deal you can't afford to pass up. A Waltham wrist-watch, 15-jewel, only 35 dollars. Contact Cpl. Retterbush, Office of the Secretary of Training, or Bks. 536.

TRANSPORTATION

AM LOOKING for someone to drive a car to California on or after March 20. Please contact Rattler Office.

A COUPLE would like to accompany another couple going to and from Carlsbad Caverns. If you have the car we'll share expenses next Sunday, March 11. Call Ext. 165, Millie Snipper.

WANTED—Ride for wife and baby to Shreveport, La., or vicinity, around the 15th of

March. Will share expenses. Call Sgt. Clifford A. Bradley, Sqdn. E.

PERSONALS

WOULD the Sergeant who rented the house at 206 Guadalupe Street, Monahans, for three nights in the middle of December, please contact Lt. H. J. Ducate, Crew 311, Sqdn. II, at the above address.

ARVIE—They didn't come for the bundle. Should you remind them, or will we just drop the whole thing? Let me know at once. L.V.W.

MY BUDDY'S in the South Pacific and wants a 35 mm Kodak. Does anybody have one I could buy for him? Call The Rattler (168) for details.

PERSONABLE brunette, vivacious and attractive, excellent conversationalist, desires date with above-average man, with high integrity, literary knowledge, sophistication and cul-

ture. Applicants must apply by letter giving description in first letter. Write % Classified column, Rattler office.

WANTED—A girl, or wife of GI, to take care of 2-year-old baby during the day. Substantial pay. Contact Cpl. Art Hammell at Special Services Office, phone 27.

ED—The baby is going on two. What are you going to do about it? Rat.

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

HERE'S a deal for you! Wanted—One GI who likes a home environment to spend part of his evenings at the home of Cpl. Art Hammell, have a home-cooked meal, receive pay, all for staying a few hours a week with the Hammell off-spring. Contact Cpl. Hammell at Special Services, phone 27.



KOOPS' KORNER

GRAPEVINE INTELLIGENCE

Glad to note that the pool tourney is at last underway. Hope you pool-sharks will sign up. In the KK of October 5th it reads: "We hear there is a good possibility of the field holding a pool-shark tournament." —The mills of the Gods grind slow, it would appear. Strictly in the rumor stage is the news that a ping-pong tourney is on deck. Things are looking up, aren't they.

One of Pyote's nicest rumors has just gone to pot, officially. As far back as last September we kept the Korner hopping denying rumors that the 2AF would change the furlough regulations back to two furloughs a year. The Second Air Force released furlough regulations last week. It reads, very plainly, 15 days plus travel time each fiscal year (from July 1 to June 30).

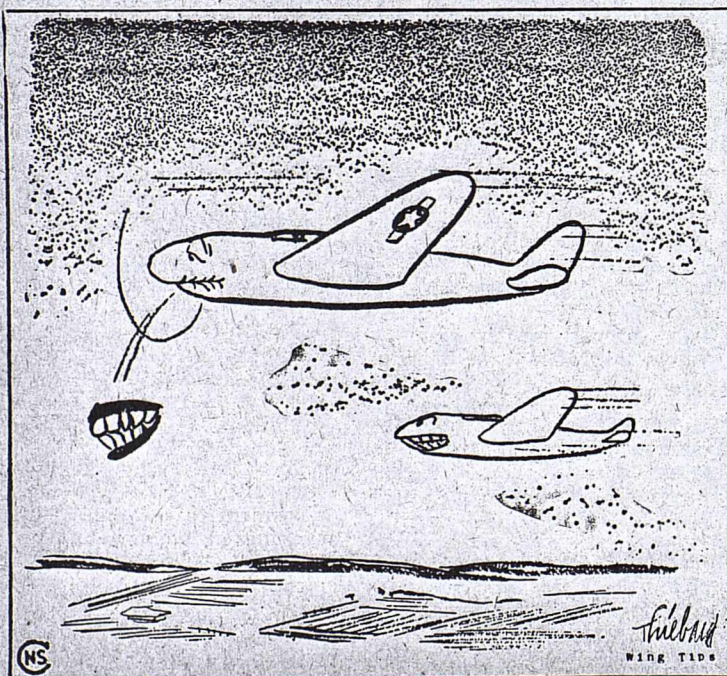
When Pyoters get squawking about the lack of big names playing the field, we agree to some extent. But take a look at Camp Pickett, Va. Last big name to play there was Fred Astaire, over two years ago. In two years at Pyote, we've had quite a few names. In the past six months we've had the Larry Crosby show, Maxie Rosenbloom, Jan Garber, and the Ted Lewis show of last Monday night. Not good, not bad, all tolled.

Please, Mister War Department—with all this Texas dust, couldn't we get our blankets cleaned soon, maybe? Remember the signs about cleanliness being next to Godliness?

Bit by bit, Post Exchanges all over the US are instituting cigarette rationing. They have enough ciggies to go around but not enough to furnish all civilian relatives with the weeds, top. Rationing traps hoarders and 'send-em-homers'. A word to the wise?

★ THE STORIES THEY TELL

An old timer is one who remembers when a gal got herself in hot water only on Saturday nights. . . . You've heard about the guy who couldn't get the girl off his mind, and now he can't get her off his hands. . . . A wife is a woman who sticks with her husband through all of the troubles he wouldn't have had if he hadn't married her. . . . Our favorite joke of the moment is the oldie being revived. It goes like this: "Who are those people who are cheering?"



The Wolf

by Samson

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"PARIS-SHMARIS! Who d'ya think you are—Charles Boyer?"

asked the little boy who was seeing his dad off to the reception center. "Ah, those", said the father, "are the people who are not going". . . . Some fellas think a girl is spoiled, when it's really just the perfume she's using. . . . What Sugar can't understand is how a jury composed of six young men and six young women can be locked up in a jury room for 12 hours and come out and say, "Not Guilty!" . . . I imagine you've heard about the south wind that said: "Let's blow, you-all!" . . . Among men who know tobacco best, it's two-to-one, you can't get any. . . . A good line, the man says, is the shortest distance between dates.

★ ALWAYS ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT

We have no major complaint about the PX. The gals are accommodating, the service is swell, and the wares are okay. But, like everything else, the Post Exchange has room for improvement. What brought it to my attention was an article in the Davis-Monthan Desert Airman. The Post Exchange at D-M currently has a popcorn machine in the tap room. It is opening a beer-garden, with murals on the walls, ashtrays, and a few comforts of life. To the underslung lower-ranking GIs, there is no place to take the wife and kiddies for a bottle of the brown brew; the EM Club doesn't serve beer, and the NCO-Club and Officers' Club yank in the welcome mats at the sign of 1, 2, or 3 stripers. The tap room at the PX accommodates 20 people if they alternate breathing. And Pyote evenings are chilly. It is even too nippy to sit in the Patio and dream about a beer garden with murals on the walls, a juke-box in the corner, and maybe a popcorn machine. And that's a warm, pleasant dream.

We wonder too, if something couldn't be done about the telephone situation. There are, as we understand it, two pay-phone booths where you might place a long-distance call and get the call through after midnight. That's at the coffee shop on the line, or the Sub-Depot. The other pay-booths are in places that close up at 10, 11, or midnight. What with the phone situation as it is—and a call placed after 9 getting 3 or 4-hour delays, you don't stand much of a chance of completing your call. Maybe somehow, couldn't there be a phone exchange—where a fellow might place a long-distance call and get it through, regardless of the hours' delay; and maybe a few chairs and a couple of magazines to make his wait pleasant? Anyhow, like I said—there's always room for improvement. And if it is ideas people are looking for, I'll throw those two in gratis.

★ A gal we know in California says that Erroll Flynn just got his 1945 license plates. It's an easy number to remember, too, she says. It reads: "R U 18".