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Q. If a man and his wife are both veterans of this war, what allowance are they given for subsistence if they wish to return to school under the GI Bill of Rights?

A. The husband will receive \$75 per month and the wife will receive \$50. If they have a child the wife also would receive \$75 a month.

Q. Are there any charges for a guaranty of loan under the GI Bill of Rights?

A. No. Commissions, brokerage or similar charges may not legally be made against a veteran for securing a guaranty of loan. Fees usually borne by a borrower—such as appraisal, title research and guaranty, transfer fees, etc., may be charged against the veteran.

Q. I am with a combat engineers unit in the field. Am I part of the Army Service Forces or of the Army Ground Forces?

A. A combat engineering unit in the field comes under the Army Ground Forces. The Office of the Chief of Engineers, the over-all headquarters of the Engineers, however, is part of the Army Service Forces.

Q. When I get out of the Army I want to go into business with a civilian, forming a partnership. We'll both need loans to finance our share of the deal. Will the fact that I plan to form a partnership with a civilian in any way restrict or limit my right to the loan benefits of the GI Bill of Rights?

A. No. If you meet the other requirements set up by law and the regulations of the Veterans' Administration, you will be entitled to the benefits of the GI Bill of Rights. Your right to a loan will not be impaired by reason of the fact that you plan to enter business in partnership with a civilian.

G-Aisling

SUSSMAN - HOROWITZ

Married at the Station Chapel, March 9, Zilla S. Horowitz of Caldwell, N. J., to Lt. Stanley Susman, Section III, of the Bronx, N. Y. Rites performed by Chaplain Norton.

MICHAELIS - GRAVES

Married at the Station Chapel, March 11, Dorothy Graves, Duluth, Minn., to Pvt. Darrel Michaelis, Sqdn. E, of Duluth, Minn. Rites performed by Chaplain Norton.

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.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE: Sunday Weekly service 2:30.

PROTESTANT: Sunday: Hosp. Service at Red Cross auditorium 9:15; Section C Chapel service 10:00; Station 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.

REMEMBER?

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

March 15, 1944—The Rattler ran a feature story on Cpl. Yukio Kishi, Pyote aerial gunner of Japanese descent. The P-X stocked up on summer uniforms. Monahans USO held a "Sons of Erin" party. The editorial warned of the coming sandstorms. In the sports-light, the Commandos and Sad Sacks won the first games in the intra-mural cage tourney. In the world news, the Russians were driving toward Odessa, the Allies were holding firm on Anzio beachhead, and MacArthur was planning a drive on Rabaul.

STORK CLUB

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

WINTERS—Born to Lt. and Mrs. Billie Winters, at the Pyote Regional Hospital, on March 10, a daughter, Suzanne, 8 lbs. 10 ozs. Lt. Winters is now serving overseas.

JOHNSON—Born to Lt. and Mrs. Howard Johnson, at the Pyote Regional Hospital, on March 9, a daughter, Diane, 9 lbs. 1 oz. Lt. Johnson is stationed at Pecos Army Air Field.

NIBLEY—Born to M/Sgt. and Mrs. Charles Nibley, at the Pyote Regional Hospital, a son, John Joseph, 7 lbs. 13 ozs. M/Sgt. Nibley is assigned to Sqdn. D.



RATTLESNAKE ARMY AIR FIELD

COL. A. E. KEY, STATION COMMANDANT

Lt. Gladstone B. Mothersead, I and E Officer
Lt. Walter C. Van Buren, Public Relations Officer

Pfc. Edward C. Koops, Editor; Sgt. Thomas Gordon, Photos

Vinegar

We have often heard Joe Private and the Jim Pee-eff-cee, talk about the "home front". And it is no longer newsworthy that they might speak of the "time-and-a-half" boys with a touch of sarcasm and disparagement.

When a 4-star General stands up and tells the slackers and the laggards off, we not only consider it news, we want to give the big-boy a healthy cheer. He is definitely our boy.

The General is Joseph Stilwell, acid-tongued, outspoken chief of the Army Ground Forces. Vinegar Joe told 'em last week in Cleveland, Ohio. In case you missed the newspaper accounts, here's a brief re-cap in Stilwell's orientation talk.

"When the American soldier returns, he is going to wonder about a lot of things, especially why everybody could not have borne an equal share of the load.

". . . The average GI is a pretty intelligent fellow who knows the score. He's a realist, and his primary concern is typified by his daily prayer: 'Oh Lord, distribute the bullets as you do the pay—Let the Officers get most of them'.

". . . Among the other things the grown-up and developed soldier will wonder about, is how it was that so and so could stay home and make money while he was being shelled and bombed; and he'll wonder how there could be strikes while he was fighting."

Ah yes, Vinegar Joe told them in Cleveland. He echoed the complaints and the gripes of every soldier in khaki. And we hope they listened, and listened well.

Expressing the hope that more attention would be paid to "the lads who are carrying the ball", the slugging foot soldiers, the new Chief of the Army Ground Forces said:

"The location of the man on foot, struggling forward with the help of artillery, tanks, air, his own supporting weapons, and all the services, is still the gauge by which we measure success or failure. If he gets forward, we win; if he is forced back, we lose."

The wiry old boy who headed the CBI theatre, who led the sorry marched retreat from Burma ("I say we took a hell of a beating"), who at 59 displayed some of the smartest military craftsmanship of the war, who is a redtape-be-damned leader, won another laurel from the GIs for this remark in Cleveland:

"I don't know how the writers are going to make a glamorous hero out of the muddied and dilapidated GI with two-weeks whiskers and a barnyard aroma on him. That's their job and they'd better work it out, or circulation will fall off. There are going to be a lot of foot soldiers who won't cheer every time they read the magazine story about how the captain aviator made off with the gal."

To General Stilwell, we give the snappiest salute we can muster. To "Vinegar Joe", we say thanks for saying what the GI has always wanted to say but didn't have the stars to. The people of Cleveland and their counter-parts over the U.S. can derive small sympathy from one final remark. It's a quote from Time, the weekly newsmagazine, of Nov. 13th, concerning Stilwell's nicknames:

"For his avuncular benignity, he was called "Uncle Joe". For his biting comments on dopes and humbugs, he was nicknamed "Vinegar"."

Red Cross Fund Hits 2 Grand

War Fund Reaches \$2,559; Achieves 82% Of Final Goal

The Red Cross War Fund score-board hit \$2,559.32, when the Wednesday night tally was made, practically assuring that Pyote would go over the top again in the donation drive.

Enlisted men's donations totaled more than half the over-all collection, to the tune of \$1,471.30. Officers had donated \$613.00 to date, and civilians \$475.02. The totals are actually running a day or two behind the actual collection, as solicitors are turning in reports a trifle late.

Mr. Clifford L. Gibbs, Field Director of the American Red Cross, announced extreme satisfaction with the tally to date, assuring his earlier goal of \$3,000 by the end of the month. With March only half gone, the total was but 18% from that goal.



137 Additional Stripes Awarded During Past Week

Ninety-six static personnel were awarded Pfc. ratings during the past week, and forty-one CCD boys made Corporal. The new Privates First Class are:

Squadron A

Bernard B. Steinberg, Marshall R. McKee, Manual J. Ramos, David Cohen.

Squadron C

Raymond Commer, James E. Hawthorne, Wilson G. Lastrapes, Alexander Moore, Ed J. Nead, Walter Snead, Joseph M. Stewart, Robert Warren, Joe Dudley, Clarence Coty.

Squadron D

Melvin Miller, Arnold Olsen.

Squadron E

Herman Gelband, Richard P. Entz, Joseph T. Raffier, Melvin W. Bansemer, Frank J. Barczyk, James F. Bliss, Thomas B. Doyle, Martin J. Felps, Herbert E. Graham, Peter F. Hofman, Marvin J. Krogh, William A. Mack, Wilbur G. McFarland, Jr., Charles W. Morse, John W. Pyfer, Robert W. Topping, Jacob B. Johnston, Jr., Frank S. Kapinos, Robert E. Macchini, Robert H. Thieman, Rocco Barilla, William J. Bellerby, Jesse E. Brittain, Edward W. Buksa, Walter F. Chaney, Vernon E. Dickerson, Dominic J. Fuiano, John E. Guy, Julian K. Katz, Peter Kreavy, Alphonsus Matalavage, Edward Minasian, William V. Sabas, Joe D. Slagle.

Claude M. Taylor, Robert L. Vining, Lawrence R. Williams, Cleburne L. Farr, Richard J. Van Yperen, Harlan E. Bahr, Emery O. Baldwin, Bruno G. Bellotti, Edwin F. Daniel, Jr., Donald C. Dunn, Homer C. Fikes, Carl T. Harmon, Bernard D. Ison, Floyd R. Lundeen, James H. McAleer, Lewis J. Myhill, James F. Phillips, Robert E. Rundle, Pasquale J. Furno, Fred R. Gift, Larry T. Lockhart, Elmer A. Peters, Floyd B. Whaley, Frank A. Bazis, Arnold W. Bernstein, Henry W. Budd, Carlos S. Casavantes, Jack R. Clark, Wilson Drouyer, Earl A. Grabow, Arlie V. Jackson, Robert W. Kildoo, Cornelius F. Lane, Walter F. Miller, Ernest C. Ranney, Maurits C. Scholin, Guy H. Smith, Frank A. Vizzini, Dennis F. Wilson, John R. Winder.

Squadron F

Jeremiah J. Field.

Squadron S

Philip J. Luft, Lee T. Freezar Jr. The new Corporals are:

Squadron II

Dale R. Gustafson.

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Polish Emissaries Study 2AF's Statistical Control

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., March 14.—The complex system which now is necessary in streamlined warfare to supply commanders with all the pertinent information they need on personnel, namely statistical control, is being studied at Second Air Force Headquarters here by the Polish government with a view to incorporation in its military branch in the post-war period.

"Of course, the system will have to be simplified," said Wing Commander Adam Jaworski of the Polish Air Force, who is conducting the study, "because over here you have hundreds of thousands of men in your organization. Our air force will not be as big as that."

The commander was sent to 2AAF Headquarters by the War Department following arrangements made by the Polish legation in the nation's capital, to allow Polish officers to study the various branches of the Army Air Forces.

Commander Jaworski is a graduate of an engineering college at Lwow, Poland, and later majored in Economics at the University of Warsaw. He went on active duty with the Polish Air Force as an engineering officer in 1937, and, following the collapse of Poland, fled with his fighter squadron to France. That was in 1939.

When France fell, the still-fighting Polish air contingent went to England where it took part in the Battle of Britain, as an attached branch of the Royal Air Force, a status maintained ever since.

Wearing the blue of the Royal Air Force, but with a semi-circular patch — "Poland" — on his right shoulder, Commander Jaworski remarked briefly on the role that the United States will play in world affairs after the cessation of hostilities.

Monahans VFW Meets March 22

Have you served overseas duty, soldier? If so, you are eligible to join The Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States. World War I and World War II vets held a meeting on 8 March 1945 at the Monahans Court House in order to establish a local VFW Post and temporary officers were elected.

A business meeting will be held on the evening of 22 March 1945. Watch the squadron bulletin boards for further details as to place and time of future meetings.

Anyone eligible for membership, members-at-large or members of other VFW posts are welcome to enjoy the meetings.

'Free' Postal Privilege Does Not Include Us

Lt. Daisy Wolford, Postal Officer, reminds GIs that The Rattler is not a "free-mail" proposition. If you send The Rattler home, in an UNSEALED envelope, affix a 1½-cent stamp, if you wrap an envelope around the paper, it also costs you a cent and a half.

12 Hour Shifts On Flight Line Discontinued

The 12-hour shifts for men on the flight line, which started last Thursday, are being discontinued effective today, according to the Supervisor of Maintenance office.

The 12-hour shifts for maintenance and supply departments were voluntarily imposed in order to insure 100% training for crews stationed here. Satisfied that the quota has been, and will be, met, the maintenance and supply departments will return to either three 8-hour shifts or two 9-hour shifts on the 15th of March.

Department heads expressed satisfaction with the entire move, and stated that the task had been accomplished, thus removing the necessity for the twelve-hour stanzas.

The aim of maintenance and supply is but one single purpose — to provide aircraft for training. That is the goal that has to be reached, regardless of conditions. The co-operation of all men has made the entire attainment possible.

"The whole of Europe," he said, "will look to America after the war. All of the nations will be dependent on the United States for the things with which to rebuild their countries."

The commander said that his parents were residents of Lwow and that his wife was in Warsaw.

"She was there the last time I heard from her," he said, "but that was about a year ago. Since then I do not have any idea what has happened."

THE COVER

Pert Bonnie Potter knows that Saturday is the 17th of March, and a great day for the Irish. Unfortunately, Pyote has no Blarney stone that the daughters of Erin can kiss, so Bonnie chooses the next best thing — a Pyote blarney stone called "cactus".

Bonnie is Scotch-Irish, 17, works in Sub-Depot Supply and is a native of Grandfalls, Texas.

And that's no Blarney.

Schools, Colleges To Give Credit For GI Training

When GI Joe is discharged from the Service, and decides to return to or enter a school or college it will be possible for him to obtain academic credit for the educational experiences he gained while in military service. If he completed correspondence courses with the United States Armed Forces Institute the registrar of the school will be furnished with a record of his educational achievement. If he has completed the training course at a GI school a record of this can be placed on file with the Institute. If he enrolled in a voluntary off-duty class, he can take a special examination and have the results sent to the Institute to be placed on record. For the enlisted man not taking advantage of Institute educational services, there is an opportunity to take a test that will measure his educational achievement—a survey of general knowledge designed to discover what he has learned during his period of military service that may be of value in school work.

Many gates of learning are open to military personnel. Large numbers of men and women will see service in foreign countries and thousands of them will have an opportunity to learn foreign languages. Educational forums, discussion groups, lectures, exhibits, one of the most complete library systems in the world—all are open to today's soldier and for these things educational credit may be obtained.

The test to measure educational development will be administered upon request and the results placed on record at United States Armed Forces Institute for later certification to universities and colleges as evidence of educational maturity. This evidence, as well as the records of any other educational and training achievement will serve as a basis for assignment of academic credit. For more information see your Information and Education Officer or his assistant, the Educational Advisor, any day during the week between the hours of 8:00 and 5:00. He will also be able to give you further information concerning the offerings of the United States Armed Forces Institute and the more than seventy universities and colleges that are cooperating with the Institute.

Suntan Uniform Is Optional Starting Today!

Good news to the boys who are itching in their ODs. Today, March 15th, opens the suntan season at Pyote Army Air Field.

The Adjutant's office stated that effective today the wearing of the khaki uniform is optional. The uniform will not be mixed.

Five Winners Named In GI Art Contest

The Pyote art exhibition at the Service Club concluded a week ago, with a panel of judges selecting the best works in three mediums which have been forwarded to the Eighth Service Command for further judging.

Best in color medium was "China", a brilliant pastel by S/Sgt. Annabel Ogden of Sqdn. B. Three winners in the photographic competition were "Winter Moonlight" by Cpl. Garson Greenbaum, "Man With Cigarette" by Pvt. Herb Slotkin, and "Desolation" by Pvt. Louis J. Spear. In the drawing medium, the pen-and-ink sketch "Orestes" by Cpl. William Berkeley took first place.

These five efforts are now in the hands of the judges for the Eighth Service Command. Winners in this competition will be forwarded to Washington, D. C., for hanging in the GI Art Show at the National Gallery of Arts.

Local judges were: Lt. L. Patton, Special Services Officer, Lt. Walter C. Van Buren, Public Relations Officer, and Cpl. Blanche Lightbourne.



Even if the WAC weren't there, he'd spill it! To fill without a spill—use the pouring spout, always.

SEEN KELLY?



Nancy Kelly plays opposite Lee Tracy in "Betrayal from the East" showing at Theatres 1 and 2 Friday.

Stimson Denies Hines' Discharge Plan On V-E Day

Last week's Rattler quoted a Press story in which Brig. Gen. Frank T. Hines stated that approximately 250,000 GIs a month would be discharged after the fall of Germany. This Washington release reports a denial by Secretary of War Stimson:

WASHINGTON—Testimony by Brig. Gen. Frank T. Hines, Veterans Administrator, before a House Military Affairs subcommittee, that the War Department plans to release 200,000 to 250,000 soldiers monthly following Germany's defeat was described as "without foundation" by Secretary of War Stimson Wednesday.

The Secretary said the basic elements in the War Department's demobilization plan, made public last Sept. 6, had not been changed.

Mr. Stimson said that when V-E Day comes in Europe, the War Department would immediately center all attention to marshaling every soldier and every useful item of equipment to speed final victory against Japan, and this will mean that shipping priority will be given to the transfer of men and materials in the Pacific areas. He further stated that while this would be a tremendous undertaking, it would have to be done with all possible speed and vigor or the penalty will be a longer Japanese war, with a heavy price in higher casualties.

"Any suggestion that large numbers will be coming home for discharge immediately after fighting stops in Europe can only lead to cruel disappointment."

This Week--

At The Theatres

Fri.—"Frisco Sal" with Susanna Foster and Turhan Bey.
Sat.—"Betrayal from the East" with Lee Tracy and Nancy Kelly.
Sun. & Mon.—"A Song to Remember" with Patil Muni and Merle Oberon.
Tue.—Revival: "Pin-Up Girl" with Betty Grable, Joe E. Brown, and Martha Raye.
Wed. & Thu.—"Bring on the Girls" with Eddie Bracken, Veronica Lake, and Sonny Tufts.

At Service Club

Thu.—Sewing from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM; EM Wives Luncheon from 12 to 1. (Lounge closed for redecoration.)

Fri.—DANCE from 9:00 to 12:00. (Dance will be held in Rec. Hall if lounge is still closed for redecoration.)

Sat.—Juke-box dancing; informal activities.

Sun.—Open House; Bingo at 8:30 PM. First prize: a phone call anywhere in the U.S.

Mon.—Community Sing at 8 PM.
Tue.—Special Easter Concert by 728th AAF Band at 8:30 PM.

Wed.—GI Movies at 8:30 PM.

At Monahans USO

Thu.—Bingo! Cigarette prizes. Refreshments.

Fri.—Arts and Crafts. Games.

Sat.—St. Patrick's Dance! Refreshments.

Sun.—11:00 a.m., Brunch; 2:30 p.m., Recorded Classics; 6:30 p.m., Weiner Roast! 7:30 p.m., Song Fest; 8:30 p.m., movie, "Road to Singapore".

Mon.—7:30 p.m., Song Fest; 8:30 p.m., movie, "Road to Singapore".

Tue.—Arts and Crafts.

Wed.—12:30 p.m., "Better Halves Club" luncheon.

Feted At March Birthday Party

The March hospital party was held last Friday evening under the auspices of the Officers' Wives Club in the Red Cross recreation hall. The entire party carried a shamrock motif and guests who had birthdays in March were presented with gifts.

Dancing went on from 7 to 9 with ten lovely hostesses from Monahans for partners. A stage show, emceed by M/Sgt. Charles Rudolph was presented. The acts featured Tony and Teryr, jitterbugs; Cpl. Larry Doyle, accordionist; Mrs. Baird, soprano; Sgt. Morelli, guitarist, and Miss Ann Deidrich, contralto.

Pool Players Wanted For Cue Clash

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

"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 in Brooklyn.

FRIDAY

"FRISCO SAL" with Susanna Foster and Turhan Bey. Susanna is the most operatic gal the old Barbary Coast ever saw, as we head back to the days of '49. Shorts: "In the Public Eye" and World of Sports. (114 minutes.)

SATURDAY

"BETRAYAL FROM THE FAST" with Lee Tracy and Nancy Kelly. Tracy, our most alcoholic newspaperman, bumps into some Japs. Shorts: Leon Errol comedy and "Screen Snapshots". (108 minutes.)

SUNDAY & MONDAY

"A SONG TO REMEMBER" with Paul Muni and Merle Oberon. A fictional version of the love affair between Chopin, the composer and George Sand, the author, technicolored for extra warmth, and complete with nocturnes. Shorts: Paramount News. (120 minutes.)

TUESDAY

"PIN-UP GIRL" with Betty Grable, Joe E. Brown, and Marjorie Reynolds. A revival, in technicolor of the legs and the mouths, concerning the local gal that won the beauty contest. Shorts: Shemp Howard comedy and Movietone Adventures. (108 minutes.)

WEDNESDAY

"BRING ON THE GIRLS" with Eddie Bracken, Sonny Tufts, and Veronica Lake. Eddie is the million-dollar heir who can't keep his mind off the gold-diggers. Up-roarious in spots. Shorts: Terrytoon cartoon, and Paramount News. (106 minutes.)

LAST CHANCE FOR CHEMICAL WARFARE LECTURE FRIDAY

The monthly refresher course in Defense Against Chemical Attack will be held at the gas chamber last times tomorrow (Friday). Hours are 10 to 11 AM, and 5:45 to 6:45 PM. All static personnel, except WACS, are required to attend during their off-duty hours.

FEATURED AT EASTER CONCERT



Featured soloists at the Easter Concert next Tuesday evening will be Sgt. Connel Zerman, trombone, and Pvt. Bill Castagnino. They will present a duet on "The Holy City" at the concert to be given at the Service Club Tuesday evening at 8:30 p.m.

Easter Concert Tuesday Evening At Service Club

A special Easter concert by the field band will be presented at the Service Club Tuesday evening at 8:30 p.m.

With W/O Irvin E. Zimmerman conducting, the band will feature a program of varied and entertaining musical works, including:

Handel's Largo; the Zampa Overture by Herold; Safranek's Don Quixote Suite, including In A Spanish Village, Sancho Panza, Dulcinea, and Don Quixote; Hall's Wedding of the Winds; The Holy City, by Adams, featuring S/Sgt. Connel C. Zerman and Pvt. William Castagnino; Moussorgsky's Pictures at an Exhibition; Victor Herbert's The Fortune Teller; El Relicario by Jose Padilla; and closing with Lizst's Hungarian Rhapsody No. 2.

'Naughty Nineties' Carlsbad AF Comedy, Coming Next Friday

A gay, nostalgic musical comedy, "Naughty Nineties", will be presented at Theatre No. 1, Friday, March 23rd, by the Special Service Office of Carlsbad AAF.

The show is being presented as an exchange feature for Pyote's

'Victories Of '45' Extends Last Call For Acts, Helpers

A last call for talent and technicians to help with the "Victories of '45" show has been extended by the Special Services Office.

"Victories" is complete with blackout sketches, musical production sequences, and comedy bits, besides boasting a bevy of lovely young ladies from the locality.

GIs are still needed as technicians and property men, and there is still room for specialty acts,

An invitation to the personnel of Section C to participate in "Varieties of '45" has been extended by the Special Services Office. Any men interested in singing, dancing, acting, etc., should contact Cpl. Geo. Kahn so that rehearsals can be arranged.

which will be auditioned tomorrow (Friday) at the Special Services Office.

Those interested are requested to contact Cpl. Art Hammell at the Special Services Office immediately.

"What A Life" which played at Carlsbad last month.

Pocket Billiard Tourney To Name Pyote Champion

The call is out for pocket-billiard players, pool sharks to you, Yuck, who want to vie for the championship of Pyote Army Air Field. The tournament, sponsored by the Special Services Office, will get underway immediately, will close this month when the winner of the Pyote elimination will meet with Irving Crane in an exhibition match, tentatively set for the Service Club.

Crane won the world's pocket billiard title in 1942, and holds the world's exhibition high record of 309 consecutive balls—in other words, Crane scored 309 shots without a miss.

Besides the exhibition match with the best Pyote can offer, Crane will also demonstrate some trick and fancy pool shooting and do everything but make that 8-ball say "Mammy".

GIs who want to sign up for the pool tournament are requested to turn their name and squadron in to the Special Services Office immediately. The number is 27; located a door east of the Service Club.

USO Plans Irish Party Saturday Night

If it's shenanigans you're up to on this Saturday night, March 17, you may as well plan a few family brawls and get them over with by coming to the Monahans USO. All the main Irish families—the Mulligans, O'Toole clan, the Maguires and the O'Shaughnessys are meeting at 8:30 at the USO to honor St. Patrick and fight for the family honor. After the family feud is settled, all will get together to dance to the "Irish Washerwoman" and "The Wearing of the Green". The "Pig will be in the Parlor" to take care of any flak of Irish Confetti.

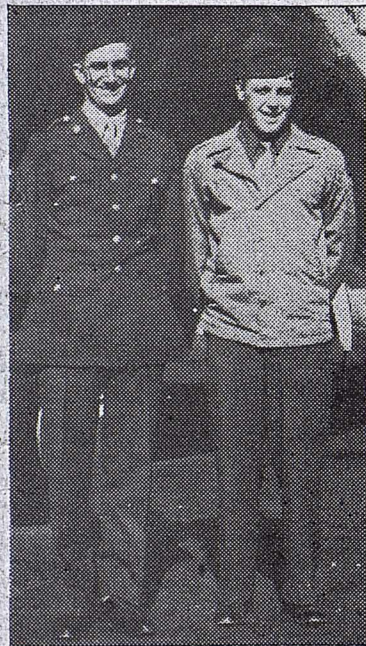
GIs Invited To Weinie Roast At USO Sunday

On Sunday evening, March 18, at 6:30 o'clock the Monahans USO will be host to all enlisted men and women of Pyote at a weinie roast. This will be the first of the outdoor springtime and summer parties planned by the USO Club. After the weinie roast, there will be a movie shown in the club's main lounge: "The Road to Singapore" with Bing Crosby, Bob Hope and Dorothy Lamour.

CREW OF THE MONTH



Winning Crew "A" for the month of February includes (standing, left to right): Pfc. Gordon Murray, Cpl. Thomas Martin, T/Sgt. Harlan Burch, M/Sgt. William J. Maners; (kneeling): Cpl. Austin Lucas, Cpl. Ivan Gorenfeld, and Cpl. Rene Delmolino.



Winning Crew "B" was depleted, with most of the men on pass, furlough, or detached service. The two who posed for the picture are S/Sgt. Fred Brown and Pfc. James M. Jones.

Crew of the Month for February was a difficult decision—too difficult for the judges who finally named a draw between two crews for best maintenance service, for keeping their planes in the air for the most hours during the month. Winning crew members received three-day passes.

Army Cracks Down On GIs Who Wear Unauthorized Ribbons

Unauthorized wearing of medals, badges, decorations, and other military insignia not prescribed to the individual is now punishable by a fine not exceeding \$250, or by imprisonment not exceeding 6 months, or both, according to AR 600-90 dated Feb. 3, 1945.

A similar penalty is set up for the illegal manufacture and sale of insignia without a Certificate of Authority issued by the Adjutant General, Washington, D. C.

Enlisted personnel are permitted to buy an insignia from authorized distributors only upon exhibiting identification tags, and a letter of official authorization signed by company commanders.

Officers and warrant officers are permitted to make purchases upon exhibiting their Officers' Identification Card.

The regulation further requires that military personnel report violators.

Rattle Snake Charmer



The girl with the six-shooter is Vivian Austin, who does things out Hollywood way. 'Tis said that a woman can do almost anything with a pin, and Vivian has a pair of them that can—well, anyway, we see what we've been missing by steering clear of these hoss operas all these years. Why didn't somebody tell us there was stuff like this goin' on?

Cpl. Brackman Heads For Engineer OCS

Cpl. Robert R. Brackman, of Huntington, W. Va., is the latest Pyote GI to head for OCS. Cpl. Brackman was assigned to Engineer Officer Candidate School, Ft. Belvoir, Va.

VET STUDENTS LAUDED

New Brunswick, N. J. (CNS)—The 42 returned veterans taking courses at Rutgers University are about the most serious students the university ever has had, according to Earl Reed Silvers, dean of men. None had to withdraw at

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.)

Virgil Pinkley, European editor of United Press: "According to military authorities the next three weeks probably will tell whether Germany will collapse this spring or hold out until early summer."

the end of the quarter because of failure in studies.



College Costs: \$900 A Year

NEW YORK—It costs about \$900 a school year (8 months) to attend the average U.S. college, according to the School and College Advisory center, an organization supported by dues from accredited colleges.

Nearly \$400 goes for tuition, books and fees. Soldiers eligible to attend college under the GI Bill of Rights will have no worries on this score because the Bill provides for payment of tuition up to \$500 for the ordinary school year. This includes textbooks and other supplies.

The GI Bill will also take care of the greater part of the \$500 needed for room and board. A soldier without dependents gets \$50 a month for subsistence, or \$400 for the school year.

This leaves about \$100 that will have to be made up by the student.

In other years high school graduates planning to start college often worked a year to save enough to pay part of their expenses. Today Army men can set aside money for school expenses by systematic savings through Soldiers Deposits, War Bonds or Class E Allotments.

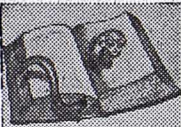
The \$900 average cost for a school year is a rock-bottom figure and does not include what will be spent for items such as clothing, dates, cigarettes and trips.

BOOK-MARKS

Library Offers 15 Books On War And What Follows

New additions to the library shelves are a number of books concerning the War, ranging from analysis of pending operations to vivid, on-the-spot descriptions of major battles. The books were previously a portion of the orientation reference library.

Titles include: **My War With Japan** by Carroll Alcott, mid-westerners may remember Alcott as WLW's far-eastern analyst; **Hongkong Aftermath** by Wenzell Brown, a vivid yarn of the siege and seizure of



the prize plum of China; **Air Power and Total War** by Cy Caldwell, another argument in the discussion of the importance of air-might; **The Unrelenting Struggle** by Winston Churchill, and you know who HE is; **War In the Air** by David Garnett, a tally of modern aerial warfare; **Lifelines of Victory** by Murray Harris, the battle of supply lines, informatively



Guests for the evening at the Squadron C dance were a group of Wacs from Midland Army Air Field who posed for the cameraman.



One of Sqdn. C's guests from Midland WAC contingent gave out with a real blues number as part of the floor-show entertainment.



The Squadron "C" dance of last week was acclaimed the most successful event in the squadron for many a moon. Dancing was the main feature of the evening and the jive was strictly solid as the above photo denotes.

JAPS USED ROCKET IN DEFENDING IWO

Pacific (CNS)—The Japs used a new weapon, a 1,000-pound rocket, in their fight for Iwo Island. The shell was described as having a fuse and a rocket motor. Gunnery experts said it probably was launched by jet propulsion, carried through the air by rocket power and then detonated by the nose fuse.

told; **Infantry In Battle**, published in 1939 but still a handy reference for the foot-soldiers' part in warfare; **Southwest Passage** by John Lardner, the late war correspondent describes his adventures; **The Fruits of Fascism**, by Herbert L. Mathews, describes life in a totalitarian country; **Paratroops** by F. O. Mikshe; **Basis for Peace In the Far East** by Nathaniel Peffer; **Bridgehead to Victory** by L. V. Randall, describes the modern assault via shock troops; **The Army Engineers** by Paul Thompson, a reference work on the hairy-eared GIs; **War In the West** by Daniel Vifroy; **Price of Free World Victory** by Henry Wallace; and a biography of the amazing Allenby by Sir Archibald Wavell.

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JAPOLOGY



THE Jap soldier who is captured by the enemy must atone for that "disgrace" by taking his own life. If he fails to take his own life following his capture, he faces a court martial within his own Army after his release.

New Murals Give Hollywood Setting To Theatre No. 1

Theatre-goers have noticed that something new has been added to Theatre No. 1. The lobby has been decorated with two murals, adding a metropolitan, colorful touch to the War Department's cinema palace.

The artist and designer of the murals is Cpl. Bernard Rabin, temporarily stationed at Pyote to learn the workings of the B-29; his permanent station is Biggs Field, El Paso.

The designs for the murals were planned by Cpl. Rabin and Sgt. J. T. Enegren, assistant theatre manager for the Pyote picture-houses.

Rabin, an artist and art dealer in civilian life at his Newark, N. J., shop, stopped at the theatre to see if they might be interested in some murals which Rabin could do in his spare time. Enegren grabbed the chance and in nine days the murals were designed, sketched, and completed.

The outer wall carries a Hollywood motif, and every type of movie-scene is depicted; there's a set where a Harlem jazz session is being filmed, a set of a horror movie in production (complete with Frankenstein's and yawning graves), a love-scene, a burlesque scene, and a typical Dotty Lamour south sea island, sans sarongs.

The inner wall depicts scenes of West Texas in the early days, with stage-coaches, drinking spots, deserts and dryness.

"Our main object was escapism", Cpl. Rabin pointed out. "We feel that most of the GIs attend the movies to get away from the war. So in both the murals we tried to give them something pleasant and something peaceful."

Enegren listed a few facts and figures on the mural, the largest on the field. One hundred and ten feet of wall-space completed in nine days in off-duty time.

"You'd be surprised", Enegren remarked, "at the number of favorable comments on the entire project. Most of the theatre-crowd here are accustomed to the fancy theatres of civilian days, and the murals give our lobby considerable color tone."

Rabin is no in-experienced hand at mural painting, having a large mural at the Newark (N. J.) Teachers College to his credit. His army career started in 1942, when he built camouflage installations for the Engineers. Having completed his training at Pyote, he is now a qualified B-29 airplane and engine mechanic. The entire project was done in his spare-time, as a good-will gesture toward his temporary home here at Pyote.

MINES SEES JOBS FOR VETS

Philadelphia (CNS)—American veterans returning from this war will be the "most employable group in the country—superior to any other group any place in the

CHAPLAIN'S CHAT

Can You Sing 'Don't Fence Me In' With Sincerity?

By CHAPLAIN E. W. NORTON.

The air waves and juke boxes are currently jammed with people singing, "Don't Fence Me In". This song, as well as being Number One on the Hit Parade, expresses a deep human longing. It was because of the longing for space to grow and expand that our forefathers braved the dangers of the unknown to migrate westward and settle in the wilderness. An early Senator from Ohio, in the days when Ohio was very sparsely settled, said on his death-bed, "Bury me in an open field; I've been crowded all my life." Imagine being crowded in a land where a neighbor five miles away was "next door!"

The worst "fencing in" is that which we do to ourselves. No stout railing of circumstances, no barbed-wire of outside forces, can compare with the walls we often build around ourselves.

We "fence ourselves in" when we shut ourselves off from contact with God. Man is made for the big environment of God. H. G. Wells writes, "There is a God-shaped blank in the heart of every man." We have found that to be true. Our job is to fill that blank. The only One to fit the space is God Himself. We often speak, in tones of derision, of a "half-wit". The man who has suffocated his spiritual life is a "half-wit" in the sense that he is living on only half his wits. The other half, the half that might fulfill a man's nature in God, is not used.

We also fence ourselves in when we are all "wrapped up" in ourselves. That is just what the Rich Fool did in Jesus' parable. He couldn't see beyond himself because of the fence he himself had built. It resulted disastrously for him. When we fence other people out of a real place in our living and thinking, we find ourselves in a terribly narrow corral. It might be as disastrous for us as it was for the Rich Fool, whose life was demanded of him for his selfishness.

world." B/Gen. Frank T. Hines, Administrator of Veterans' Affairs, told the Philadelphia Control of the Controllers' Institute of America,

MURAL PAINTER GETS AUDIENCE



Cpl. Bernard Rabin puts the finishing touches on the theatre murals as Bettie Lou Brooks, Billie Eidson, and Wileen Wells look on approvingly.

Robot 'Brain' Tells Pilot Longitude and Latitude

NEW YORK—An automatic device which constantly pinpoints the position of a plane on the map, was described by the Bendix Aviation Corporation, which developed it, this week.

The device has been guiding American planes to targets in Japan and Germany for several months, but its details have up to the present been kept secret.

The new robot "brain" is said to be about the size of a quart milk bottle. As the plane flies it picks up two points of information. One is the wind-pressure, a force which depends on the changes with the plane's speed. The device changes this pressure into speed and moment by moment indicates how far the plane has flown.

Flux Gate Compass

A magnetized triangle picks up the plane's direction by the angle at which the triangle cuts through the invisible lines of magnetic force. This triangle is the gyro flux gate compass which was announced by Bendix company some time ago.

When a plane starts its flight its latitude and longitude are set in the milk bottle device, which then indicates the lines of light con-

USSR LISTS NAZI CASUALTIES

London (CNS)—According to the Moscow radio, Germany's losses in the war with the Soviet Union to date total more than 10,000,000 men.

tinuously.

The device is subject to one error, since the drift of the plane in the wind is not recorded. This drift must be determined by the pilot so long as the plane is in sight of the ground or over the sea. When flying blind the pilot must guess the drift.

The new instrument does in seconds what ordinarily takes a navigator anything from minutes to hours. It enables the navigator to man guns and do other battle duties without risk to the flight due to temporary lapse in navigation.

PYOTE GLOVE SQUAD BOASTS 6 WEIGHTS

HAIL TO THE CHAMPS!



With a first-season record of 8 wins, 1 loss, and holders of the mythical cage championship of West Texas Wacs, the champs pose for a picture, after completing an enviable and successful season. Standing, left to right: Alma La Branche, Gladys Buziak, Lou Foley, Lt. Daisy Wolford, coach of the Rattlerettes, Vivian Brown, and Lucy Groesbeck; (seated) Rita Burke, Jerry Slesar, Bobbie Zentz, captain and spark-plug of the squad, and Jackie Tacchi. Girls—you're terrific.

Ring Squad Adds Two To Entry For 2AF Melee

Two new men have been added to the Pyote boxing team that will mix leather in the 2AF ring tourney the 26th of this month.

S/Sgt. Fred Root, coach of the squad, added a lightweight, LeRoy Constantino, and middleweight, Danny Kamio, to the team that meets other 2AF bases in El Paso.

These additions increase the Pyote squad to six. The other four entrants are Greco, heavyweight; Smith, lightweight; Weiss, welterweight; and Robison, featherweight. The tourney calls for eight brackets and Pyote will have entrants in all but two weight divisions — bantamweight and flyweight.

Constantino was a participant in the New York City Golden Gloves matches before donning khaki. Since being on this field, he has had three fights, resulting in one win, and two draws. Kamio has mixed in two, split even with a win and a loss.

"Kamio is in better shape than ever", Root remarked. "He's put on about ten pounds and is looking good in practice. As for Constantino, he's showing plenty of power. I think these two should give anybody a run for their money."

The 2AF meet will bring together all Second Air Force station boxing teams. Held in five areas, Pyote is grouped in the "El Paso" area, and will meet squads from New Mexico, Arizona, and Biggs Field.

Air Discipline Is 'Life Insurance' For Guy In Sky

Air Discipline Week is being recognized at Pyote Army Air Field during the week ending March 17th. The Office of Flying Safety stressed the necessity for correct air discipline as "life insurance" for the guy in the sky.

"Air discipline is nothing more or less than a fancy term that means: observe the rules and do what you're told", Lt. Steven Ham, Flying Safety Officer, remarked. "The entire program of safe flying boils down to just that. The men on the line, the men in the planes, will get along okay if they just obey the rules. Every rule has its reason. And the quickest way to cash in on that \$10,000 policy is to play Napoleon in a tri-cornered hat and start ignoring the proper procedure."

"Pyote has dropped in safety ratings in the Second Air Force. We used to have the record of being the safest base in the 2AF. And I don't think the Pyote boys will be very comfortable out of

Bowling Leagues Unravel; Four Leaders Forge Ahead

The knots that tied up all four bowling leagues became slightly untangled, according to current standings. The Red League's Static Chasers moved a game in front of the Foul 5; the Gold League's Stargazers enjoyed a 3-game lead over the nearest competition, the Dusters and the Flashes; the White League's Spare Boys moved two games ahead of the Planets; and the South Paws held a two-game advantage over the Mad Medix in the Blue

League. In the Red League the Static Chasers held most of the honors: high team single, high team 3-games. Individual averages showed Norman leading with .168 over Harp's .163.

In the Gold League, Buffamonte had high single with .256, Rostick clung to the high 3-game series with .610, and the individual average with .181. The Flashes held team high single (.977) and the Dusters the 3-game honors (2608).

In the White League, the Spare Boys' team average of .730 showed up over the Planets who dog-

gedly held second place. Knoet led the individual averages with .165.

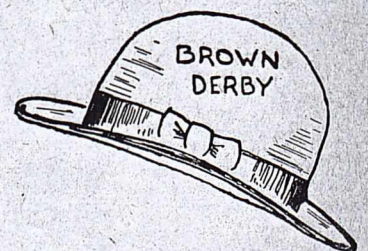
In the Blue League the South Paws inched away from the Mad Medix who had them outpointed in everything but the won-lost column. The South Paws had a .772 average, the Medix, .780. The Mad Medix held the team single and 3-game honors.

(Standings as of the week ending March 3rd.)

CHALLENGE

The Pyote Wac cage sextet offers to meet any girls basketball team that can travel to Pyote. Name the date and time, girls.

PT AWARD



The Brown Derby, shame chapeau for lowest percentage in PT participation, tilts over the blushing kissers of Sqdn. D. They hit bottom with 97.42%, with Sqdn. F runners-up with 99.02%.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The location of the Station Ration office has been changed to Bldg. 1337, near the main gate. The phone number is 213.

IWO JIMA ISLE IS STEPPING-STONE TO TOKYO

Long Range Fighters Can Hit Japan From Iwo Jima Bases

WASHINGTON—Details of the plan to destroy Japanese air and war production, as suggested in a general way by American air leaders a few weeks ago, become evident with the development of new operations.

One of these is the landings and struggle to take over Iwo Jima, which has been the outstanding news from the Pacific this week.

Iwo, in the Volcano group of islands, is 750 miles from Tokyo, approximately half the distance from Saipan and Tinian, in the Marianas, latterly used as bases for B-29 bombing attacks on Tokyo and other Jap centers. Undoubtedly the idea behind the fight for occupation now in progress is the establishment of heavy bomber landing fields and the development of new bases which will not only cut in half the flight distance to be travelled in attacks on Jap strongholds on the home islands, but will also offer several other advantages.

With the Japanese fleet either virtually out of business, as is suggested by some authorities, or avoiding trying conclusions with United States war craft in the Central Pacific, and with the Jap air force busy with home defense, there is little likelihood of any serious interference with the transport of supplies to a base in the Volcanos.

Iwo Jima

While Iwo is only some five miles long, it was the site of a Japanese air base which was largely used by the Nips for raids on our B-29 concentrations in the Marianas. Repeated bombing attacks and some naval bombardments went a long way to neutralize its usefulness. But it is believed the strips there can readily be put back into use and extended to form suitable fields for heavy bombers.

Aside from shortening the route to Tokyo for the Superforts it presents other strategic advantages. Long-range fighter planes, using the island as a base, could readily accompany the B-29s from the Marianas on their raids on Japan. Again, it is close enough to the home Japanese islands to permit the use of B-24 Liberators in extending the bombing attacks on the yellow enemy.

Bonin Islands

Approximately 150 miles north of the Volcano islands group—that much nearer Japan—lie the Bonin islands. It would not be at all surprising if dispatches bring us news of American landings on one or more of these any day with the same purpose in view. From the

Bonins northwest to Tokyo lie a string of similar small islands, roughly speaking, 100 to 150 miles apart. So that it is easy to project a picture of a string of heavy bomber bases, occupied one after another, leading right up to the Japanese capital.

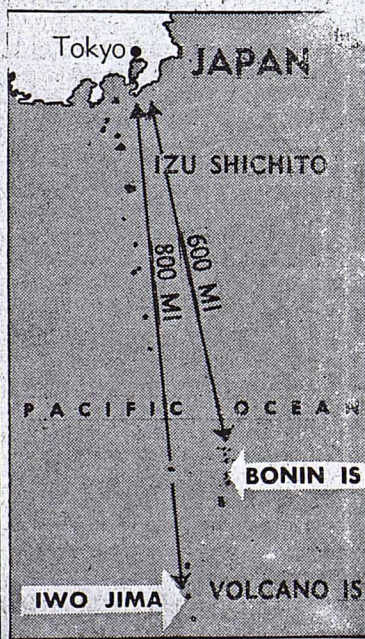
The increased production of B-29s in American aircraft plants, and the recent extension of training for Superfortress crews to additional fields in the South, suggests that something like this is in the minds of American air leaders.

Stripes—

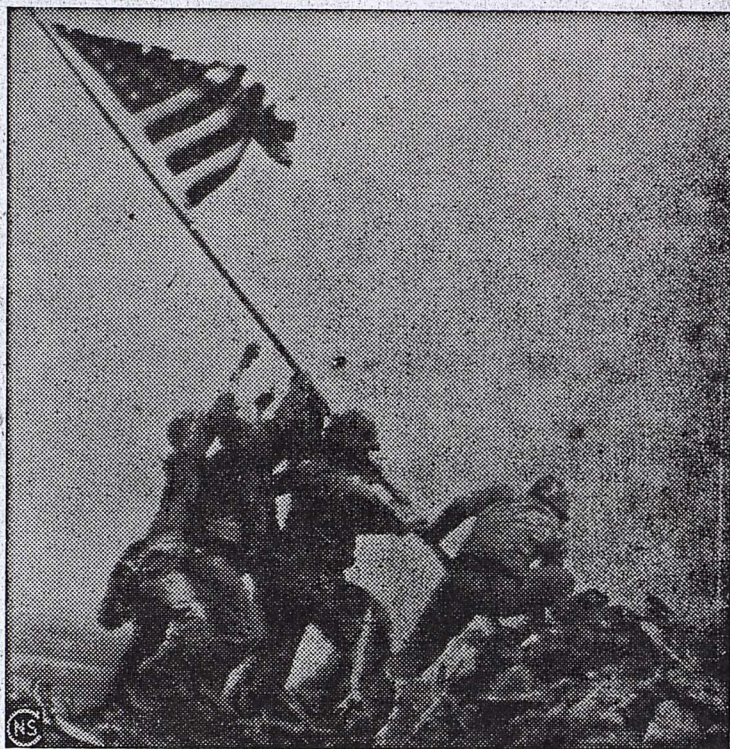
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THE STARS AND STRIPES AT IWO JIMA



The above photo, one of the most graphic pictures of the war, shows U.S. Marines of the 5th division, hoisting the American flag atop Mount Suribachi at Iwo Jima.

Iwo, Bonin Islands Were Once Claimed As U.S. Possessions

The Bonin (bo-nen) Islands lie along one of two routes to Japan from the south, the other being nearer the Asiatic coast running northward from the Philippines through Formosa and the Luchu Islands.

There are 97 islands in all, but the total area is less than 30 square miles. They are of volcanic origin. The name Bonin is a corruption of the Japanese Mu-nin, meaning "empty of man," which was the condition of the islands when sighted by a Japanese explorer in 1593.

Both Great Britain and America at one time advanced claims to the islands—Commodore Perry established a coaling station there in 1853—but relinquished their rights in favor of the Japanese, under whose control the islands have been since 1861.

The largest island, Chichi Jima (Father Island) is 12½ miles in circumference. Its harbor is an extinct volcanic crater, now surrounded by heavily forested hills rising more than 800 feet, which entirely obscures ships in the harbor from outside view. The English name of Chichi Jima is Peel Island and the harbor, on the west shore, is called Port Lloyd.

The Bonins consist of 3 main groups, Muko-Jima, Chichi Jima and Haha Jima. Iwo Jima also is included under the same administration as the Bonins. Total popu-

GI 'SURROUNDS' NAZIS

ETO (CNS)—Cpl. Elmer Macon, a cavalryman with the 1st Armored Division, observed enemy troops firing from a dugout near a house on a nearby hill. He seized a machinegun and ran through a hail of enemy fire, forcing the enemy to fall back to the house. Reaching the house, he fired a burst into the rear and then raced to the front door and calmly walked in and ordered the surrender of the Nazis. The German soldiers, thinking they were surrounded, dropped their weapons and emerged with their hands in the air.

lation of the 97 islands is about 5700. The northernmost island is about 500 miles from Yokohama.

Climate is semi-tropical. Plants consist of palms, ferns, banyan trees, wild beans and taros. Animals chiefly are bats. Sharks and other varieties of fish abound in the waters, as well as turtles.

Can You Sing Tenor? Read the Classifieds!

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DO YOU hate writing letters in long-hand? Do you have an urge to write the Great American novel? Here's the way to solve your most crushing problem. A portable typewriter with brown carrying case, all in top-flight condition. See Cpl. Gene Elston, Special Services Office.

IF YOU don't have time on your hands—here's an answer. A 17-jewel Bulova wrist watch, perfection condition, only \$35.00. See T/Sgt. Tymchek, Bks. 616; phone ext. 66.

ARE YOU in the market for a good used car in excellent condition? A 1938 Chrysler Imperial coupe, at reasonable price is for sale. See Mrs. Gross at Civilian Personnel.

LOST AND FOUND

LOST—Wallet with AGO pass and various other papers, in vicinity of Hangar No. 2 about the 10th of March. Finder may keep the money in the wallet; just want the papers. F/O B. I. Wilcox.

HAT-RACK is a dawg; 6 months old, brown, Mexican chihuahua, —and he is lost somewhere in the vicinity of Hangar 2. For some strange reason, dawg-gone it, we want Hat-rack back Mac. If you find, notify Gun Camera, phone 218; Pfc. John Collins.

LAST CALL before we throw 'em into the salvage drive! The Rattler office has a stack of metal that was turned in hoping we'd find the owner. Claim 'em before Saturday or forget 'em for keeps. Stuff: 1 small ladies' ring, sterling; set of keys (2) cy-

GRILLED CHICKEN ON THREE-DECKER, WELL-BROWNED



MALE CALL

By

Milton Caniff



linder lock; set of keys (2) Master Lock Co., Milwaukee. Rattler office, T-640.

\$20 REWARD to whoever returns my watch, left in Hangar 2 on March 5th. Lamont make, steel case. Contact Cpl. Harry Klein, Sqdn. D, Bks. 508.

TRANSPORTATION

ONE-WAY ticket from Pyote to New York. Here's your chance to visit the bright lights and the big town at a real saving. See Pvt. Irving Rosenfeld at the Photo Lab, or call 31.

MY WIFE and daughter are leaving for North Carolina on the 22nd and need another driver or two. Contact Cpl. Charles Helton, CCD, Flight C. Sec. II.

WANT someone to share driving to Pennsylvania, via Kansas or Nebraska on or about March 23. Preferably someone from Flights A or B. Contact Mrs. William Bender, Del Norte Courts, Pecos. Phone 360.

PERSONALS

SOS! THE Stargazers Male Quartet, composed of personnel of this station needs a tenor, and a first tenor at that! Whoever heard of a 3-man quartet? Anyone interested in trying out for the spot, call Chaplain Norton at the Station Chapel, phn. 112.

I AIN'T foolin' around. I'll pay cash for a good, clean car. Call T. A. Parrish at 59-ring 1 between 8 & 5; residence T-1358B.

WILL TRADE a 1939 Buick coupe for a 5-passenger car, and will pay difference for later model. Contact T. A. Parrish; phone 59, ring 1.

LAWDY how this man wants a combination record-player and radio! He must have a crush on some thrush. If he can't get the combination, he'll settle for a record-player alone, and will pay a fancy price at that, we bet. Get in touch with this Marconi-Edison maniac via The Rattler.

HANK—You win. The pie flies at nine. B.B.

WANTED—Good sewing machine. Call Mrs. Bonnie R. Hungate, Hq. Combat Crew Det., Ph. 241.

LOOK, I don't want to get impatient, but the little youngster is going on two. If you don't do something about it pretty quick, people will start to talk. Let's make some plans for his birthday. Contact me. T.R.

J.J.—I threw the package away. Now won't you forgive me? I didn't mean to start anything. T.

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

HOUSING

COMPLETELY furnished house for sale. It's an FHA house in Pecos. And it's yours, deed and all, for only \$750. You can't miss. Contact Lt. Robert J. Clounce, 1809 Adams Street in Pecos, or call extension 388, Pecos Army Air Field.



KOOPS' KORNER

CLEARING THE SPINDLE

On my littered desk is a small spindle (that I bought with a dime of my hard-earned happy-cabbage at Wacker's dime store in Monahans); and that spindle collects all sorts of items that I always plan to put in the column but never do. So, today, I'm going to clear the spindle.

First and foremost, an item from Lt. W. A. Gordanier at the Station Signal Office. As regards last week's Korner concerning the telephone exchange. Plans are now in effect to install a phone exchange in the offices now tenanted by Purchasing and Contract back of the Post Office. An operator will be in attendance throughout the day, and there'll be easy chairs and magazines.

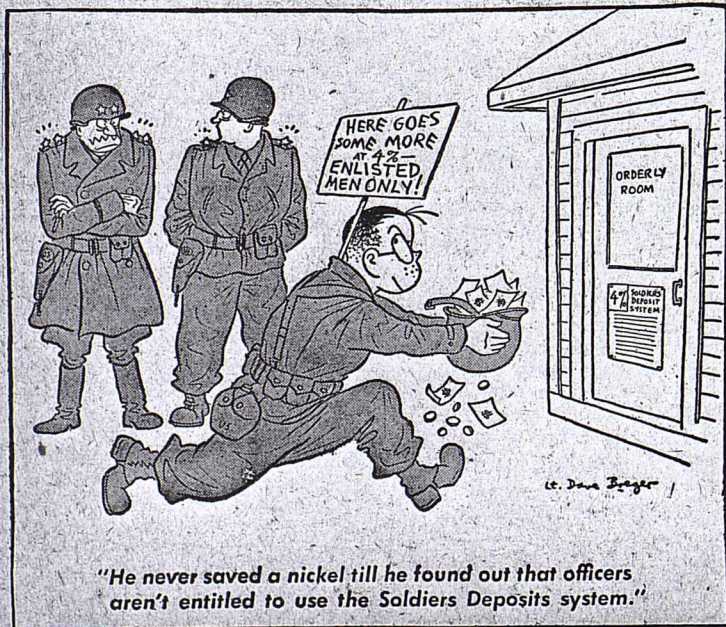
Dave Goodman, "The Mouth", is one of the projectionists at Theatre No. 1. He says that the movie was so realistic Sunday ("Objective Burma") that two projectionists came down with malaria.

In the Pyote Pill Pusher of Feb. 26th, their gossip-columnist, Ida, states: "Reading The Rattler for the first time. Has 'Sugar' missed the real low-down on the Rum'N Coke go-by' from the disk-ing big-wigs and the Hit Parade? And she's that sharp. How come?" Sugar, who is a catty female if I ever saw one—says she does, 'too, know why the Hit Parade scoffed at the song—(A) it's commercial and (B) it's a bit suggestive. Upshot of it all is that Hit Parade now does feature the song—without the words.

A few weeks ago The Rattler itemed that traveling GIs could get reservations at Chi hotels through the Army. The same deal is now in effect in Los Angeles. Individuals should apply to Army Hotel Reservation Bureau, stating time and date of arrival and accommodations required. Requests made by wire must be paid by the sender. The bureau can be reached in L.A. by phone, Mutual 7101.

While I was out of the office someone stopped by and left the following item: "Salt Lake City, Utah—Law officers got a call from a night club on an annoyance charge. It turned out that a soldier made a call and complained about two women making fresh remarks. The cops ordered the two gals to leave the place, took a good look at the soldier, and walked out shaking their heads."

Pvt. Breger



The Wolf

1945 by Leonard Simrone, distributed by Camp Newspaper Service

by



Last week's Korner mentioned the fine tap-room the GIs at Davis-Monahan have. Here's another such item from Hunter Field, Ga., Staging Wing: "Hunter Field is getting a new deal in recreation. The Recreation building is the first of many new plans to be realized. The outdoor beer garden is nearing completion."

Ever since "Sugar" mentioned "Jurgen" by James Branch Cabell, the library has been snowed under by requests for it. While waiting, may I suggest "Mr. G. Strings Along", "Congo Song" or any book by Stuart Cloete.

They tell a tale about an RAF officer who was picked up tearing around a hotel corridor in the nude, chasing a lass in a filmy nightie. At the court-martial, his lawyer got him off by reading the regulation that says: "Any officer may appear in public suitably clad for the sport in which he is indulging."

Ever so many kind folk have stopped in to mention that the Rattler made Air Force magazine this issue on the "Shootin' the Breeze" page. Doggone it, didn't I tell you that those classified ads are read? Ever so many phone calls, too, asking the details behind last week's ad about the baby going on two. I dunno what it means. . . . I hope!

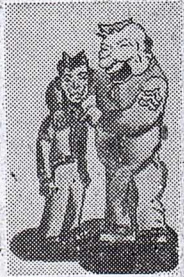
THE GAG BAG

"Did you hear of the soldier who asked the young civilian why he wasn't in the service?" "What!", screamed the young civilian, "with a war on!"

A recent London murder case involved an "unemployed strip-tease dancer", and has had us thinking about it for weeks. Now, just how can a strip-tease dancer be unemployed? And more than that, if she didn't have a job where would she get the money to put clothes on her back to she could get the money to take clothes off her back? I tell you, it has us puzzled.

The latest (and I hope the last) of the LS/MFT gags is "Limited Service—Mighty Fine Thing".

This year's calendars mostly feature girls with most of their clothes on and emphasis on the faces. Just goes to show you who it is that's out of the country.



IN CONCLUSION—

I don't want to finish this column without saying goodbye to Lillian Kramer. Lillian is the effervescent, indefatigable girl in charge of the Service Club cafeteria. A hard worker, a good scout, and an efficient manager who always had a kind word and a cheery smile for every guy in camp, and Lillian—we're going to miss you like crazy.