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REMEMBER?

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

March 22, 1944—The Officers Club officially opened with a buffet dance and supper on the 25th of March. Maj. Cecil Pitts was named Commandant of Crews replacing Major William Cocke, named Station Executive Officer. Suntans were declared okay for optional wear. The Wink USO center was to open soon. Red Cross set their goal at \$3500 for their annual collection. The Post Office Department raised the ante on air-mail from 6 to 8 cents. In the sport dept. the Crippled Commandos copped the cage crown in the intra-mural league with ten wins, no losses. In the world news spotlight: US bombers shellacked Cassino, Russian troops reached the Rumanian border, and the Allies made a parachute landing behind Jap lines in Burma.

G-AISLING

SMITH - KNIGHT

Married at Station Chapel, on March 17, Marian Knight of Toledo, Ohio, to Pfc. Carl D. Smith, Sqdn. D, of Toledo, Ohio. Rites performed by Chaplain E. Y. Norton.

STORK CLUB

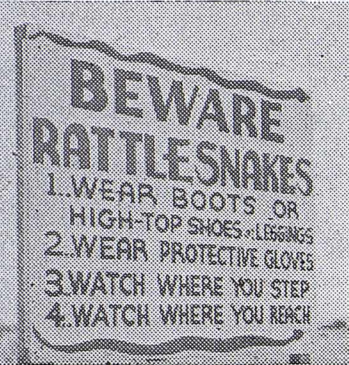
CLARK—Born to S/Sgt. and Mrs. Harvey Clark at the Pyote Regional Hospital on March 14, a boy, Harvey Sylvester, 6 lbs. 6 ozs. S/Sgt. Clark is assigned to Squadron D.

JACKSON—Born to Pvt. and Mrs. Jimmy Jackson at the Pyote Regional Hospital on March 19, a girl, 6 lbs. 5 ozs. Jackson is assigned to Squadron C.

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.)

H. V. Kaltenborn, NBC news analyst: "I don't believe we can fight our way to victory (In Europe) before May".



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

Why We're Here

Well, here we are down at Pyote—deep in the heart of Texas. Yes, there are a lot of us down here, fighting the "battle of West Texas" as some of us more jokingly state.

Did you ever stop to realize why you really are down here? Of course you probably did say to yourself at some time or other, "Why couldn't I have been sent to Colorado Springs (or insert your own favorite field) instead of down here with the dust and the rattlesnakes?"

Well, there may be many reasons why you are here, but one, and one alone, stands out above all the others. You, and all the rest of us, are here for just one reason—to do a job in the training of B-29 combat crews. And that's the only reason for being here. If those crews didn't have to be trained then there would be no need for being here—in fact, there would be no need for a base here at all.

So, remember, as long as you and I are here, let's make up our minds to this one fact: "The better and quicker heavy bomber crews are trained to go into action against the axis, the quicker this war will be won, and the quicker all of us will be able to return to our normal way of living."

With that thought in mind let us continue in our daily jobs, no matter what they may be, to do our job to the best of our ability in order to speed the day of eventual victory.

Pyote in the Spring

According to the Station Weather Officer, the boys in the PX patio, and Stat Control (who probably have numerous charts on the matter) Spring arrived on schedule. It's ETA, according to Lt. Seabring, Weather Officer, was 2359 March 21st, yesterday.

Not that one had to bother the Weather Office to find out. Spring has come to Pyote and the arrival is obvious. GIs in sneakers ambling along the road with tennis racquets in their hands, the stray sounds of a "bit of pepper" from the baseball diamond, GIs in sunglasses taking an airing in the barracks areas, the sudden display of suntans, the wisps of zehpyr breezes that deposit all Oklahoma at your doorstep, and last of all—the strange fixation that comes over an editorial writer and leaves him incapable of any thoughts but that of resting in the shade of a sprawling oak tree, chewing on green grass, listening to the bubbling of a peaceful little brook, and ahhhhhh, just taking life easy.

In civilian days, it is the time of year when housewives would busy the newspaper's telephone with reports of robins, blooming apple trees, or burgeoning lilac bushes.

But Pyote's harbingers of Spring are not so melodious nor floral—Ah foey, Spring has sprung and we haven't the energy to write an editorial about it. All we can do is hum the tune "Paris In the Spring", substituting Pyote for Patee, and noticing the two slick chicks ambling out of the Service Club in the briefest of shorts. Yipee! Buh-rother, Spring is here! Now, lemme get back to that shady tree.

Q. I left my wife more than a year before I entered the Army, and I have not seen her since. However, she found out I was in the Army and wrote to the War Department for an allotment. They've been deducting \$22 a month from my pay for this allotment for 20 months. I don't think this is fair, but my CO says I can't have the allotment stopped. Is that right?

A. Your CO is giving you the straight dope. You can't stop the allotment unless you get a divorce from your wife without any award of alimony.

Q. I was in the State Militia for 2 years before I was inducted into the Army. Can I draw longevity pay?

A. No, you can't. While the National Guard had a Federal status, State Militias and Home Guards did not. Consequently, you cannot count the time you served in the State Militia against longevity.

Q. Is there any way I can make a regular allotment to cover the premiums on my civil insurance?

A. Yes. You can make out a Class E allotment for the amount of the premium, and the Office of Dependency Benefits, Newark 25, N. J., will take care of the matter for you. (AR 35-5520.)

YOU TOO
Can Build Muscles
of STEEL!



ARMY MEALS are planned to give you strength and stamina. Eat everything... clean your plate.

WHY PYOTE?

A record of 1560 flying training hours, topping that of all other B-29 fields in the Second Air Force, was set by Pyote Army Air Field during the week ending midnight Friday, 15 March, according to figures released by the Statistical Control office.

This outstanding achievement placed Pyote first for that week of the four B-29 training bases—Pyote, Clovis, Alamogordo, and Tucson.

Only through the concerted efforts of all personnel was such a mark made, and it is a record of which everyone on the field can feel justly proud.

Pyote has continually been piling up a large amount of flying training hours despite shortages in personnel, but this marks the first time that such figures have been released.

The total number of flying training hours accumulated during the month up to midnight of last Friday has been well over the 3,000 mark, but the field is still about 200 hours behind the total flying training hours accumulated by Clovis up to that time.

With renewed emphasis being placed on the mission of the field, it is the aim of all departments to top all other B-29 fields in total flying training hours when the month of March is ended. The continued efforts of every person to his particular job will accomplish this aim.

36 GIs Win Extra Stripe

Thirteen static personnel received promotion to Pfc., and 23 members of Squadron III were upped to Cpl. during the past week.

Those promoted to Private First Class are:

Squadron A

Jeff B. Crossland, John Sturdy.

Squadron B

Effie Richards, Elsie Baysinger, Freda E. Montgomery, Gloria A. Brothers.

Squadron C

Edward A. Nelson, George H. Simmons, John Atkinson.

Squadron F

Leland J. Hathaway, Robert D. Dickey, Gordon A. Flasher.

Squadron E

Leon E. Samuels.

Combat Crew members promoted to Corporal are:

Section III

Wilbert A. Chase, Wilbur J. Welshimer, Leonard J. Alkiewicz, Norbert P. Bullion, Edmund J. Nadolski, Roy N. Severinsen, Frederick C. Simpson, Woodrow W. Adkins, William B. Stockburger, Jr., Jimmy Low, James V. Dill, Louis P. Franco, Stewart E. Wiggin, Donald C. Bauerle, Fred Cox, Jr., Thomas A. Wells, George A. Thiele, Jr., Harold L. Nobles, Carl S. Reeves, John K. Fitzpatrick, Edward B. Crafton, David W. Grunigen, Fred F. Weingruber.

Why Pyote?

Campaign For Top Honors Gets Underway

Pyote Army Air Field this week started an "all-out" drive for top honors in the B-29 training program. The objective of the program is to give increased recognition to the part taken by every person on the field.

Since the mission of this field is the training of combat crews for B-29 Superforts, all activities here are carried on solely for that purpose.

A committee has been appointed to sponsor the campaign to acquaint personnel of the field with their part in the training program in an effort to make Pyote the top-ranking base in the training of B-29 crews.

Basis of the program will be a series of articles published each week, explaining the activities of the various departments of the field; the reason for the field's existence, and location; and the principal features of the training plan. The series will be published under the title, "Why Pyote?"

While the quality of training here is considered unsurpassed, and while the field was rated as "Excellent" in the recent inspection by wing inspectors, the program has lagged behind one of the other Second Air Force bases in the percentage of hours flown.

Pyote is now out to top all other Second Air Force B-29 bases, and the committee is leaving no stone unturned in their efforts to make this possible.

"Combat crew production is not a function of one section alone, but of everyone on the field," stated Captain George C. Marshall, committee chairman. "It must be the aim of every single person, both military and civilian."

Reports will also be made by means of signs and posters, announcements over the field's public address system, and in the daily bulletin, and through other available means.

Committee members assisting Captain Marshall are: Captain Donald E. Coy; Lieutenants William C. Gruben, Harry A. Froelich, Kenneth R. Parrish, Walter C. Van Buren; S/Sgt. Aaron G. Fruchtmann; and Cpl. Aaron A. Karp.



1942 Champion Pool Player Appears At Rec Hall Tonight

Pocket-Billiard Whiz Meets Pyote's Best At 8:00 P. M.

Irving Crane, former world's pocket-billiard champion, will give an exhibition of green baize marksmanship at the Rec. Hall tonight at 8 PM.

Crane will play a 100-point match against the winner of the Pyote field elimination tourney. The tournament play opened less than a week ago, with the cream of the pool-sharks of Pyote chalking their cues at the Squadron A dayroom.

Crane will show the kind of billiards that won for him the title in 1942, and will open his bag of billiard tricks, and conduct lecture-demonstrations on the art that makes for better cue-artists.

Crane still holds the world's exhibition high record of pocketing 309 consecutive shots—with nary a miss. His exhibition at the Rec. Hall should appeal to all pool-

players or would-be pool-players.

After his formal exhibition, Mr. Crane will give some personal instruction in the art of shooting the ivory pills into the proper pouch.

Another Crane feat in his record book is the match game with Andrew Ponzi in December '43, when he scored 378 points in 12 frames—averaging 31 balls an inning.

THE COVER

"In the spring, young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of—", and in Pyote in the spring, an enterprising GI might get things on his mind, flowers for example, or even nylons. At any rate, the flowers that bloom in the spring (tra la) have something to do with the case.

S/Sgt. Willard Gassel is the GI, and Sgt. Tom Gordon snapped the camera. The legs? Who cares? Oooooooooow!

Col. Duncan, Former C.O., Now 2AF's Chief of Staff

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., March 22.—A veteran of the 20th Bomber Command, first to hit the Japanese with heavy bombardment from B-29 bases in India and China, and former Pyote station commandant, Col. C. E. Duncan, is now acting chief of staff of Second Air Force.

He replaces Brig. Gen. Albert F. Hegenberger, now chief of staff of the 14th Air Force in China.

Colonel Duncan, a native of Boulder, Colo., attended University of California and Washington and Lee University before entering Officers' Training Camp in 1917. He transferred to flying school and completed air training at Foggia, Italy. He saw service in France and was with the Army of Occupation, in Germany.

His assignments in this country were at Mitchel Field, N. Y., Kelly, Brooks, Chanute, Rockwell and March Fields, as well as the various Army technical, engineering and tactical schools. He also had tours of duty at Luke and Wheeler Fields, Hawaii.

In 1938 and 1939, he was on duty in Washington. In the latter year, he was Assistant Executive Chief of Air Corps and Assistant Secretary of Air Staff to the Chief of Army Air Forces.

In January, 1942, Colonel Duncan went to England to arrange for the Headquarters of the 8th Bomber Command, under the then Brig. General Ira C. Eaker. He served as Chief of Staff of the Bomber Command until June, 1942, when he commanded the First Bombardment Wing. In August, he commanded the 12th Bomber Command and took it to Africa in November of that year.

Colonel Duncan returned to this country and was assigned to Headquarters Second Bomber Command of Second Air Force, Fort George Wright, Wash., in January, 1943.

In June, 1943, he was transferred to Headquarters Second Air Force, then at Colorado Springs, Colo. The following month, he joined the 58th Bombardment Wing at Marietta, Ga., and in November was transferred to the 20th Bomber Command as this country prepared its newest bombardment airplane, the B-29, for the war against the Japanese.

A year ago, with Brig. General Kenneth B. Wolfe, he went to India with the 20th Bomber Command's advance headquarters. Two months later, he advanced to China, to prepare the Command's bases there for strikes against the enemy.

Last August, Colonel Duncan again returned to the Second Air Force to assume command of this field. In January of this year, he was transferred to Headquarters Second Air Force, where subsequently he has been Assistant to the Chief of Staff, and Acting Chief of Staff.

CHAPLAIN'S CHAT

Do You Have A Shore Line To Guard Against Dangers?

By CHAPLAIN G. H. CURRY

Anyone who has had the delightful privilege of ranging along the sea must surely have been impressed by the shore line with its rough projecting craggy points, its sandy beaches, its coves and bays. It is a beautiful thing indeed. But it is not only a beautiful thing but very useful for it shuts the waters up within bounds and protects the creatures of the land from being swamped and destroyed.

One day long ago ancient Job walked along the ocean and was impressed by its shore line. In it he saw the work of the hand of God and cried out, "Who shut up the seas with doors, when it brake forth, . . . and said, Hitherto shalt thou come but no further." (Job 38: 8, 11) The line had been immovably set and determined by the Creator who had formed the waters and proclaimed the dry land.

Like the sea human lives must also have their shore lines or be swamped by the brackish waters of life. To some things must be said as God said to the sea, "Hitherto shalt thou come but no further." Often the measure of a life can be taken by noting the lines it has drawn. Like the ocean the line will probably be irregular with places where character stands out in rugged resistance to the evils of life, and to others where gentle waves caress the beachy places.

To mention but one example—a line must at times be drawn against bitterness. Here the dykes must be kept secure. Life can be cruel. The breaks go against us, our health fails, and our loved ones pass beyond our earthly grasp until we say with the poet:

O for the touch of a vanquished hand,
And the sound of a voice that is still.

In such moments life is swept with a raging tempest and there is danger that the trust and sweetness of the soul be engulfed. Surely then must we say, "Hitherto shalt thou come but no further."

Have you a shore line? If not start building one today.

Do You Know Your Weapon— The B-29?

This week, ending Sunday, 25 March, is YOUR WEAPON WEEK. You know what your weapon is—the B-29. But do you know your weapon? Not just your particular job and equipment but the whole airplane, is YOUR WEAPON. The more you realize that and the more you know about the whole plane, the better you will use YOUR WEAPON in combat.

You are being given intensive training now. If you absorb that, if you learn all you should, you will be well prepared. If you know YOUR WEAPON, you can correct the cause of trouble when it appears. Correct operation and careful maintenance of YOUR WEAPON will teach you much. Do you know, for instance, the possibilities (and limits) of its performance; how to recognize the more frequent causes of malfunction; how to avoid emergencies by means of correct operation?

Proper operation of the entire weapon will give you a dependable weapon. When you know your position thoroughly, your equipment intimately, you will see how you tie in with the rest of the weapon. Improper operation or careless maintenance on your part can easily affect the rest of the weapon adversely. Concretely, if the tail gunner's position is out, the entire weapon—the B-29—is vulnerable because one part of it is not functioning.

You know what to study to know YOUR WEAPON, but here's a little tip. Watch the ground crew inspect YOUR WEAPON one day. Watch their maintenance methods. You can learn a lot from them. That's their weapon, too, you know. You take care of it while it's in the air, see that you operate and maintain it properly. They'll keep it in first class shape for you—especially if you can tell them what it needs!

It's a little bit like duck hunting—you can't get 'em if you can't shoot 'em. And you can't shoot YOUR WEAPON unless you know how to operate it!

KNOW THE B-29! IT'S YOUR LIFE!

LINCOLN ARMY AIR FIELD NO LONGER UNDER 2AF

Lincoln Army Air Field, classification and routing pool for the Second Air Force, is now under the Army Air Forces Training Command. The field will now serve as a nation-wide pool for the processing and assignment of flying and technical personnel to all four Air Forces.



Has Pete Gray, the one-armed outfielder, got a paper-hanger's chance to stick in the major leagues? The answer, according to Luke Sewell, manager of the St. Louis Browns, for whom Pete will play next summer, is an emphatic 3-letter Yes.

Although Sewell has never seen Pete play, a lot of GIs whom Luke visited during a recent tour of the China and Burma-India theaters have and they told the stubble-bearded Brownie boss that Pete will do OK. They said that Pete was one of the best fielding outfielders of all time, that he was a deadly bunter and a base-runner who ranks with the best. Luke listened to their chants and came home determined to start Pete in centerfield when the Browns open the season.

"The only thing I'm concerned about," Luke admitted, "is his hitting. I can't see how a fellow can hit major league pitching with one arm. I never could do very much with two."

Gray is no Babe Ruth, and that's a fact. But he hit .334 with Memphis last year, scored more than 100 runs and stole something like 50 bases. That's a higher batting average, more runs scored and more bases stolen than anyone on the pennant-winning Browns achieved in 1944.

If Pete makes good he won't be the first one-armed star to have done so. A check of the records reveals that 'way back in the sway-back era of big league ball, the Chicago club of the old Union Association had a one-armed superstar. He was Hugh "One-Arm" Daily, a pitcher in the '80s, who once struck out 19 men in a single game, a record that still stands in the books. Although Daily had but one wing, he was regarded as a splendid fielding pitcher and opposing batters seldom tried to bunt on him. He was a speedy lad afoot and on bunts he would come charging in like a wing-foot water buffalo and steam the ball to first as quickly as a man with two arms.

Pete Gray, too, is an excellent fielder. His technique is ingenious. In fielding a fly, he catches the ball, then tosses it into the air, meanwhile tucking his glove under the nub of his right arm. Then he grabs the ball with his bare left hand and fires it into the infield.

GIs at home and abroad are pulling for Pete and so is every other fan in the country. And 5 will get you only 4 on Broadway that Pete will come through.

Rattlers Ready For Baseball Season

Pacemakers In 4 Bowling Leagues Secure Leads

The leaders held on to the slight margin of victory in all four bowling leagues. The Static Chasers were four games in front of the Foul Five in the Red League; The Star Gazers were one game ahead of the Consolidated Mess and Muscle Men in the Gold League; the South Paws moved three games ahead of the Mad Medix in the Blue League; and the Spare Boys were three games ahead of the Planets in the White League.

In the Red League, standings remained the same, with no new records set by team or individual. It was the Static Chasers most of the way.

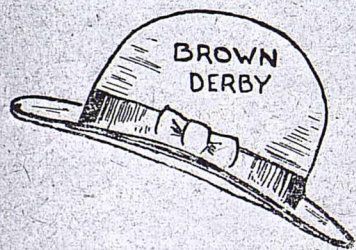
In the Blue League, the South Paws put on the pressure against their tough adversary—the Mad Medix; and though the Medix had the edge in the records, the South Paws were on top in the won-lost bracket.

In the Gold League, the Star Gazers' three-game lead was pared down to a single game over Consolidated Mess and Muscle Men, two games over the Dusters, and three over the Flashes. It was the tightest league play in any division.

In the White League, the Spare Boys remained on top by a three-game margin. The Planets offered the only competition, and held most of the team honors.

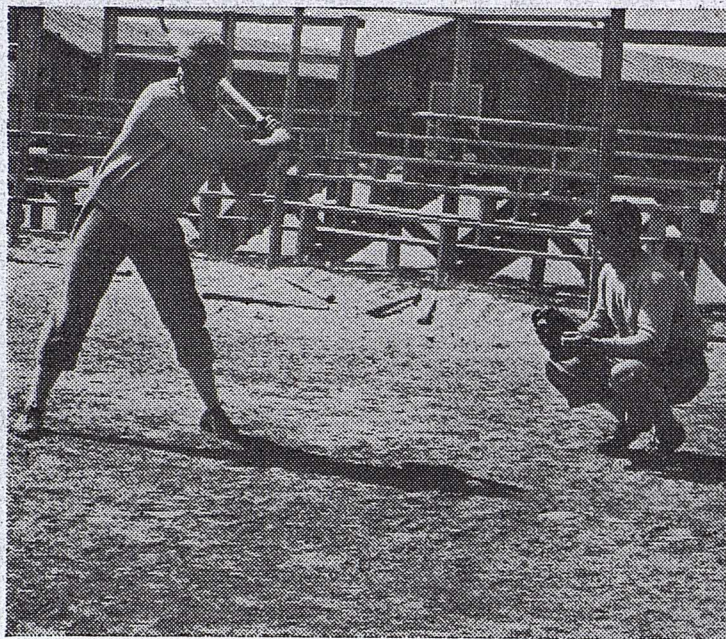
(Standings as of the week ending March 10th.)

PT AWARD



No Brown Derby was awarded for the past week by the PT department. Lt. R. S. Mahoney, Physical Fitness Officer announced that due to the 12-hour shifts on the line any Brown Derby award would reflect unfairly on the maintenance and supply sections. The Brown Derby, shame chapeau award will be presented again next week.

'PUH-LAY BALL!'



In a brief warm-up session the Pyote Rattlers take a little batting practice. 'Lefty' Abolafea, one of the pitching staff, fills in behind the plate, while Jack Koenig takes his cut.

1945 Schedule To Pit Pyote, Nearby Bases

The 1945 Rattlers, Pyote's baseball team, held their first practice sessions last week, preparing for the tough and rigorous diamond season ahead.

Though the Rattlers will not compete in the 2AF baseball league, because of transportation curtailment, they will tackle service teams in the area, such as Carlsbad, Pecos, Midland, Roswell, and others.

The 1945 Rattlers are being managed by S/Sgt. Walter Ward, last year's mainstay who pitched, fielded, and batted the 1944 nine through a successful season.

Ward has culled the cream of the Pyote baseball crop for his team, blending several old faces from last year's Rattlers, Aces, Dusters and other nines, with the newer recruits to Pyote.

A glance at a practice-game last week showed Sleepy Sarraille in definite starting form for mound assignments; Smokey Stover, catcher for the Sqdn. Aces last year, will split backstop assignments with Ralph Cannon.

The mound staff, besides Serraille, includes John Sturdy, Kee-Wee Del Molino, George Wynne, Bill Hogan (another '44 vet), and Lefty Abolafea.

Infielders on the Rattler starting roster are: Al Mitchell, Paul Linsky, Pat Kearns, Mal Strauss, Dee Semones, Gene Houser. Outfielders: Jack Koenig, Jazz Pald, and playing-manager Ward.

The Rattlers are now working out every afternoon at the baseball diamond, across from the guest house. Hopes are held for the opening game of the season to unravel after April 1.

Ward has fielded a good team, and unless transfers riddle his squad, should afford plenty of Pyote competition to neighboring bases.

Pyote Boxing Squad Mixes In 2AF Meet At El Paso

The Pyote boxing squad left for Biggs Field, El Paso, to mix leather with the best the 2AF has to offer from the fields in this territory.

S/Sgt. Fred Root, boxing coach, took a five-man team from Pyote to vie in the ring for honors in as many weight divisions.

Sad blow to Pyote's chances was the loss of LeRoy Constantino, light-heavyweight hope for the tourney. Constantino's re-classification made the trip impossible. The five Pyote contenders are Greco, heavyweight; Danny Kamio, middleweight; Weiss, welterweight; Smith, lightweight; and Robison, featherweight.

Navy's New S32C-4 Packs Mighty Wallop

Pacific (CNS)—The SB2C-4—the Navy's newest carrier plane which participated in the recent raids on Tokyo—packs the biggest punch ever carried by a single-engined aircraft. In addition to the "more-than-1000-pound" bomb load carried in the belly, as in predecessors of this type, the new plane mounts 20 mm cannon in each wing, carries another 1000 pounds of bombs in wing racks and shoots 8 5-inch rockets from similar positions.

Red Army Major Phones Berlin: 'Soviets Are Coming'

MOSCOW—Recently, a Russian detachment, after successfully outflanking a small German town, entered it so suddenly the Nazi garrison had not had time to disrupt communications, and Major Serveive, of the Red Army, who speaks German, put in a call for the Berlin City Hall.

"When Berlin answered he asked for the Burgomeister," reports the newspaper Izvestia. "He was informed the Burgomeister was absent, but the latter's secretary, Salzbach, answered.

"This is the Burgomeister of —," said the Major. "How are things getting along?"

"Badly. The people say they've come quite close already," was the answer. "How is it with you?"

"Oh, fine. One hour ago the Soviets captured our town."

"Don't joke so foolishly; I'll complain to the Burgomeister," the Berlin official said.

"You're welcome to complain to Hitler himself," said the Major. "This is a Soviet officer. See you soon, Herr Salzbach."

Congress Threatens GI's Straying Wives

Soldiers' wives who stray from the straight and narrow while their husbands are away from home would lose their \$50 monthly allotment checks under a bill introduced in Congress by Rep. Rowan of Illinois.

The bill authorizes the Secretaries of War and Navy to make regulations for stopping the check when so requested by the EM.

Rattle Snake Charmer



Pecos wolves howled so over this pin-up, that The Rattler offers it to the contour conneisseurs of Pyote. The gal is Jessica Rogers, photo by Bruno of Hollywood. We don't know what she does, but we can tell you what she does to us. Chomp-chomp!

Service Club Burns

At press-time, The Rattler is informed that the EM Service Club is afire. Eye-witnesses report the lounge as "practically a total loss". The cause of the fire is not announced.

CASPER FIELD, WYOMING GOES ON INACTIVE STATUS

Casper Field, Wyoming, 2AF training base, reverted to inactive status, officially, March 15th. Personnel from Casper were transferred to various bases in the Second Air Force, and many found their way to Pyote.

2 States Change Dates Of Primary Elections

Dates of two state primary elections and one special election have been changed, according to a war department circular recently issued.

The New Jersey primary election will be held on June 12, instead of May 15 as previously announced. The state will mail absentee ballots to soldiers any time after April 12, and these must be

returned not later than June 12 to be counted.

Illinois will hold its primary election for city and town officials on Feb. 13 and its general election for these officers on April 3. A primary election for village officers will be held on Feb. 27, with the general election on April 17.

The state of Virginia will hold a special election on March 6. Ballots will be mailed to service men and women after Feb. 9, and must be completed and returned not later than March 6.

Chair-borne Boys Fight Japs on Leyte

The 5th Air Force headquarters personnel came out from behind their desks and typewriters to drive off three Japanese paratrooper attacks in five days during the Leyte campaign last December, the War Department disclosed today.

These headquarters men, statistical experts, planners, members of the band, special service unit and other noncombatant elements were suddenly called to fight on the morning of Wednesday, December 6.

The first Japanese paratroopers attacked an aviation engineer construction battalion camp located on the Dagami road about a mile north of 5th Air Force Headquarters at the town of Burauen on Leyte.

The 5th Air Force Bomber Command Headquarters half a mile away was notified by runner of the initial attack, while back at the scene of action the entire personnel was alerted to repulse the Japs.

Most of the surprised Americans wore shorts, some had one sock on. Others were barefooted, but all of them carried their helmets and carbines. Within half an hour this little band of 5th Air Force personnel was joined by two medium tanks and some 30 men from a tank battalion bivouacked on the outskirts of Burauen who responded to the call for help.

They fought a holding action against the Japs with their automatic weapons and hand grenades and, at the same time, covered the retreat of a signal company that was unable to defend itself.

Sporadic fighting followed during the next three days with 5th Air Force Headquarters trying to carry on "business as usual" as machine gun and rifle bullets occasionally whizzed through the offices. Rangers and other Infantry units of the Sixth Army had arrived and were given an unrestrained welcome.

The whole affair was climaxed by a ceremony Christmas night when the 5th Air Force "noncombatants" were presented by an Infantry company with a Jap battle flag, and two Jap rifles mounted on a board bearing the 5th Air Force shoulder insignia in one corner and the Infantry unit's insignia in the other.

BULLETIN

The enlisted men's swimming pool, constructed last fall for and by GIs of the base, will open for the 1945 season "on or about the first of April", Lt. G. B. Motherhead, Special Services Officer, announced Wednesday.

FOR YOUR WAR SCRAPBOOK. HERE'S A . . .

History of 2nd Air Force:

The Second Army Air Force, the largest air force in this country, originated as the Northwest Air District with Headquarters at Felts Field, Spokane, Washington on January 16, 1941. Four months later, the Second Air Force was activated and comprised six bases all in the Pacific Northwest. Three of these were on the coast; Paine Field at Everett, Washington; McChord Field at Tacoma, Washington; and the air field at Portland, Oregon. Three other bases were inland—Geiger Field at Spokane; the air base at Pendleton, Oregon; and Gowen Field at Boise, Idaho.

Now Second Army Air Force has approximately 40 bases throughout the area from the Mississippi river west beyond the Rocky Mountains, and from Canada south to Mexico. Its many bases are located in 14 states, and its training program embraces hundreds of thousands of men and thousands of fighter and bombardment airplanes.

The Second Air Force is the beginning for bombardment and fighter training, which covers many phases, and it is the end. From these bases in 14 states, crews go to the various theaters of war as completely trained units and as replacements in B-24 Liberator, B-17 Flying Fortress and the new B-29 Superfortress four engine bombers and in P-40 Warhawk, P-47 Thunderbolt and P-63 Kingcobra fighter planes as well.

During the formative days of Second Air Force, Major General John F. Curry was the first commander. There were other leaders but Second AAF expansion was the greatest under the late Major General Robert Olds, who assumed command May 14, 1942, when the Headquarters was located at Fort George Wright, Washington. The next commanding general was Major General Davenport Johnson who relieved General Olds, February 25, 1943.

Moves to Colo. Spgs.

In June, 1943, the Headquarters was moved to a more centrally located place, Colorado Springs, Colorado. Brigadier General Eugene L. Eubank relieved General Johnson July 25, 1943. Major General St. Clair Streett took command September 9, 1943.

He was succeeded as commander by Major General Uzal G. Ent, who had been his chief of staff, on Jan. 15 1944. When General Ent was injured in an aircraft accident, he was succeeded by Major General Robert B. Williams Oct. 28, 1944. General Williams returned from 15 months in Europe as commander of the First Bombardment Division of the Eighth Air Force to take his Second Air Force assignment.

Heavy bombardment groups and ground crews trained in the Second Army Air Force have gone forth for combat in every theater

FLYING SAFETY



in which the United States has operated. In the Second AAF, combat crews are whipped into fighting shape with particular stress laid on the ability of the combat crew team as a whole to take a four-engine bomber to any type of objective within maximum range of the aircraft, day or night, fair weather or foul, over land or sea, bomb the objective hit it and then present the maximum effective defensive fire power necessary to ward off attacks by Jap or German pursuit planes en route.

In the organization and training of bomber and fighter personnel, stress is laid on the close coordination of members of combat crew teams to produce essential mass tactics. Trained and organized groups of bombers and fighters are given a finishing period of training from dispersed airdromes in close simulation of actual conditions encountered in each of the many combat theaters.

Gets B-29 Command

Command jurisdiction of the very long range bomber program, the B-29 Superfortress, was placed in Second Air Force in November, 1943, because it had pioneered this country's heavy bombardment training. All the experience available from the heavy program was assembled for the new venture. Four bases in the Kansas area were selected as first sites for Superbomber training. All personnel had to be trained for the first time on a new type bombardment airplane. Eight months later, these men were avenging Pearl Harbor over Yawata. As the Allied strategy develops in the Pacific, Second Air Force keeps pace of the trend with an expanding program in very long range bombardment training—carrying on its mission of preparing airplanes, crews and ground personnel for combat all over the world.

Goss Brothers Re-united When B-29 Comes Home

The Goss brothers got together in Pyote last week-end, but M/Sgt. Noel W. Goss had to come half-way around the world to do it.

A B-29, battle-ridden and experienced, winged its way home after many missions over the "hump". It landed at Pyote Army Air Field, and its crew included M/Sgt. Noel W. Goss.

Pyote was more than a refueling station for Noel; it was the field where his brother, T-Sgt.

Eisenhower Hails Tight-Lipped Lt.

France (CNS)—Gen. Eisenhower sloshed through the mud to a convoy. "What outfit is this?" he asked Lt. Walter Savage of Los Angeles. "That's a military secret, sir," Savage replied.

The 5-star general nodded. "Do you know who I am?" he asked. The lieutenant said he did. "Well," Gen. Eisenhower said, "won't you tell me now?"

Lt. Savage looked at the general. Then he looked at the newsmen standing a few feet away. He stepped out of their hearing and gave Gen. Eisenhower the information he wanted. For this discretion he got a pat on the back from the general.

Jesse G. Goss, is stationed, a brother he hadn't seen since June of 1941.

Finding that Jesse was in town, Noel made himself comfortable in Jesse's bunk, and was almost kicked out of it bodily before Jesse discovered his brother's identity.

Now, Noel, 27, and Jesse, 25, are hoping to coincide their furloughs so the Goss family can see them together.

Jesse is assistant crew chief in Hangar 3, and is assigned to Sq. D. He has two other brothers in the service, one a prisoner of the Japs.

The two Lillie, Louisiana, brothers have seen plenty of overseas duty. Noel has seen service in the Caribbean and CBI theatres, Jesse in North Africa, Italy, and the Middle East.

LONG TIME NO SEE



Jesse Goss (left) and Noel Goss meet by chance in Pyote.

Bronze Star, Air Medal Awarded At Review Saturday

Medals for meritorious schievement in combat were awarded to two Army men at the review and presentation Saturday.

The Bronze Star with one oak-leaf cluster was awarded post-humously to S/Sgt. Willard F. Cope, of Ft. Stockton, Texas, who was killed in action in France. It was presented to his sister, Mrs. Tommie L. Long of Box 265, McCamey, Texas.

The Air Medal was presented to Capt. Jack M. Berkovitz of Los Angeles, Cal., for a bombing attack over New Guinea in April, 1943.

The awards were presented by Lt. Col. Stanley M. Persons, deputy station commandant.

Sgt. Cope, a member of a field artillery unit earned the award "for exceptionally meritorious achievement in performance of outstanding service against the enemy from June 9 to July 30, 1944, and for distingushishing himself by heroic achievements in connection with military operations against the enemy on August 1."

Sgt. Cope was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Cope of Ft. Stockton. Two brothers are in the service; Jack, with the Army Air Forces in Belgium; and Jess, with the Marines at Corpus Christi, Texas.

Capt. Berkovitz, instructor pilot from Los Angeles, Cal., received the Air Medal "for meritorious achievement while participating in an aerial flight over Hanas Bay, New Guinea on April 12, 1943."

His plane was one of a six-plane formation on a bombing attack against enemy shipping. Under heavy anti-aircraft fire and during an attack by 16 enemy fighter planes, the formation scored direct hits on two large cargo vessels and destroyed many landing barges.

Squadron D Gets Spring Cleaning For Day Rooms

The arrival of spring brought a thorough house-cleaning to Sqdn. D's buildings and offices, according to Lt. Harlow N. Crusius, Squadron Adjutant.

The game rooms have been renovated, with new felt on the billiard tables; the area latrines have a new paint job; ladies from Monahans are readying new curtains for the squadron dayroom; and the entire squadron has a toned-up appearance.

Alterations will be completed in a few weeks.

During the aerial battle seven of the enemy fighters were shot down.

A veteran of 35 combat missions with the Fifth Air Force in the South Pacific, he also wears the Distinguished Flying Cross with one oak-leaf cluster, and the Distinguished Unit Citation.

Capt. Berkovitz is the son of Mrs. Jennie Berkovitz, of Los Angeles, and was graduated from Fremont High School in 1937. He is married to the former Beulah Behrend, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Felix Behrend of Melbourne, Australia. The couple reside at the base.

TWO RECEIVE DECORATIONS



Lt. Col. Stanley M. Persons awards the Air Medal to Capt. Jack M. Berkovitz, as Mrs. Tommie L. Long watches. Mrs. Long was presented the Bronze Star awarded post-humously to S/Sgt. Willard F. Cope.

This Week--

At The Theatres

Fri.—"The Great Flamarion" with Eric Von Stroheim and Mary Beth Hughes. (Carlsbad show at Theatre No. 1; Theatre No. 2 shows movie at 7 and 9.)

Sat.—"Nothing But Trouble" with Laurel and Hary, and Mary Bolland.

Sun. & Mon.—"Keep Your Powder Dry" with Lana Turner, Lorraine Day, and Susan Peters. (USO show at Theatre No. 1 Monday night at 7 and 9; movie at Theatre No. 2 at 7 and 9.)

Tue.—(Double feature): "The Cisco Kid Returns" and "A Guy, A Gal, and a Pal" with Lynn Merrick, Ross Hunter.

Wed. & Thu.—"I'll Be Seeing You" with Ginger Rogers, Joseph Cotten and Shirley Temple.

Thu.—"Bring On the Girls" with Eddie Bracken, Sonny Tufts and Veronica Lake.

At the Chapel

CATHOLIC: Sunday Masses: 8:00, 12:00, and 5:15. **Daily Mass:** 5:15 except Thursday; Thursday at Hospital Red Cross Bldg., at 9:30 AM. Holy Communion daily at 7:45 and 12:05. **Evening devotions:** 5:45 Tuesday and Friday. Lenten devotions: Way of the Cross Wednesday noon. **Confessions:** Saturday, 4:30 to 5:15, 7:30 to 9:00, and before all Masses. Choir practice 7:00 Tuesday.

Special: Blessing of palms next Sunday before 8:00 Mass, distribution after all Masses. Holy Thursday Mass at 5:15 in Station Chapel.

PROTESTANT: Sunday: Hosp. Service, Red Cross auditorium, 9:15; Civilian Sunday School at Civ. Pers. 9:30; Section C chapel service at 10:00; Station Chapel Service 10:30; Section C Vesper Service at 7:30; Station Vesper Service at 8:00. **Wednesday:** Section C Bible Study 7:30; Bible Quiz hour, Station Chapel, 8:00.

JEWISH: Friday Sabbath evening service, 7:30. Special: Seder at Mess Hall 2, March 28th at 8 PM.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE: Weekly service Sunday at 2:30.

At Monahans USO

Thu.—**BINGO!** Cigarette prizes.

Fri.—Arts & Crafts; games.

Sat.—**DANCE!** Country Fair.

Sun.—11:00, Brunch; 2:30 p.m., Recorded Classics; 4:45, KRLH Broadcast; 6:30, Buffet Supper; 7:30, Song Fest; 8:30, Movie: "Wintertime" with Sonja Henie and Jack Oakie.

Mon.—7:30 p.m., Song Fest.

Tue.—Arts & Crafts.

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

POWDER'S DRY



Susan Peters co-stars with Lana Turner and Lorraine Day in MGM's film story of the WAC, "Keep Your Powder Dry". It plays Theatres 1 and 2 next Sunday and Monday.

Country Fair Theme Of USO Dance Saturday

"Put on your straw bonnet, With the hay seeds on it, For we're going to a country fair. Tuck away your blues, Don your dancing shoes, And you'll see some doin's rave."

Place: "Hickville Center" (USO Club). Admission restricted to country pumpkins. Time: 8:30 p. m.

The above invitation has been extended to all service men and women as well as junior hostesses to come to the Monahans' USO-NCCS Club for a "rip-roaring" time on Saturday night, March 24.

With \$5000.00 to spend each GI "bumpkin" and his lassie will have an oportunity to roll dice, buy raffle chances, be psychoanalyzed, have his picture made, try his luck at fishing in the fish pond, see the gala live stock show, home demonstration, and side show.

Then if he has any money left he can try to get a tummy-ache on all the good home-made cakes, candy, coffee or just plain soda pop. Also see "Parnassus" the famous "Prestdigitator". And to top the evening off ye'll have fun doin' the country dances.

VICTORY GARDENS AT GUAM

Guam (CNS)—Victory gardens have been planted by Yanks on Guam, Tinian and Saipan, according to the Navy Department. More than 10,000 acres have been planted on these bases since their liberation and the crop yield is expected to exceed 5000 tons of vegetables a month.

'Broadway Maneuvers' Here Monday

LONE WOLFESS



JEAN CARTER

NCO Club Elects Board Of Officers

At a very well attended meeting of the members of the first three grades at the NCO Mess, new officers and the Board of Governor's were elected on Monday 12 March 1945.

M/Sgt. Peter A. Dalton, Sergeant-Major of Squadron D was elected President to succeed M/Sgt. Morris Taylor, who is being transferred. The new vice-president elect is 1st/Sgt. Jack A. Blackburn of Squadron F. M/Sgt. Don W. Roberts was reelected Secretary-Treasurer. Members elected to the Board of Governor's were: M/Sgt. Richard L. Davis, Sqdn. A; 1st/Sgt. Edward F. Walsh, Sqdn. E; T/Sgt. Dale E. Crabtree, Sqdn. F, and T/Sgt. Lawrence H. Shipp, Sqdn. M.

BRIDGE PARTY HELD BY OFFICERS' WIVES

A luncheon bridge party was held March 15 by the Officers' Wives Club with Mrs. J. M. Weidman and Mrs. C. J. Leiman acting as hostesses at the Officers' Club. Mrs. R. S. Hull won first prize, and Mrs. Jake Walters, second.

Tomorrow Is Last Day That Theatre Coupons Are Good

Tomorrow, Friday, March 23rd, is the final day that movie theatre books are valid. Better check your footlocker, wallet, or wherever you stow your valuables, and make sure that—should you find any movie coupon books—to cash them in. Tomorrow is the dead line!

Two Shows At Theatre 1: 7:00 and 9:00

"Broadway Maneuvers", the newest USO show intended for Pyote fans, will give two showings at Theatre No. 1 next Monday evening at 7 and 9 PM.

Headlining the cast are Manny King and Jean Carter, who handle the emcee chores and give out with their own comedy routine. Manny is a bashful boy; Jean the pretty girl (she played the lead in Broadway's "Strip for Action" a season ago). Other acts include: Flo and Jo Cook, zylophonists. Indianapolis radio artists and well-known in that sector. The sisters give out with some smooth jive duets.

The Gray Family—five good-looking lasses born in auld Scotland. They give out with some top tunes and swing numbers, plus some snappy hoofing.

The Keller Sisters, a harmony duo. Rochester, N. Y., natives, the two gals were early radio stars. Monti and Lyons, a guitar and mandolin team that has been going for 32 years—the day Loew's State opened on Broadway. Bob and Helen Ranous, novelty acrobats. The couple do some nifty nip-ups, adagio routines, etc.

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

"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.)

FRIDAY

"THE GREAT FLAMARION" with Eric Von Stroheim and Mary Beth Hughes. A sharp-shooting act in vaudeville starts sharp-shooting each other. Moral: don't mess with a lady sharp-shooter. Shorts: Andy Clyde comedy and "When I Yoo Hoo" cartoon. (102 minutes). Carlsbad show at Theatre No. 1. Theatre No. 2 shows movie at 7 and 9.

SATURDAY

"NOTHING BUT TROUBLE" with Laurel and Hardy and Mary Boland. The two yucks are the answer to a servant problem, get

FIVE BITS OF SCOTCH



The Gray Family: Madge, Helen, Dorothy, Milly, Maisie.

Carlsbad AAF's 'Naughty Nineties' Plays Here Tomorrow At 8:15 PM

Carlsbad AAF brings to the field tomorrow night a scintillating variety bill, labeled "Naughty Nineties", for one show only, 8:15 p.m., at Theatre No. 1.

involved in royal politics and horse-meat. Shorts: **March of Time: "West Coast Question"**, spotlight, and looney-tune. (103 minutes).

SUNDAY & MONDAY

"KEEP YOUR POWDER DRY" with Lana Turner, Lorraine Day, and Susan Peters. The story of the WAC which has glamour and flag-waving but fails to tell the story. Shorts: Community Sing and Paramount News. (112 minutes). USO show at Theatre No. 1 Monday night; Theatre No. 2 shows movie at 7 and 9.

TUESDAY

"THE CISCO KID RETURNS" (double feature) with Duncan Renaldo. The Robin Hood of the wide-open spaces saves the old man's ranch and kisses the old man's daughters. Yippee! "A GUY, A GAL, AND A PAL" with Lynn Merrick, Ross Hunter. Girl going to Washington to marry dollar-a-year man meets Marine hero on train, and is palmed off as his wife. Drawing room complications set in. Some laffs. (126 minutes).

WEDNESDAY

"I'LL BE SEEING YOU" with Ginger Rogers, Joseph Cotten, and Shirley Temple. Girl on leave from penitentiary meets battle-fatigued soldier. Might be called the 2nd War of Nerves. Shorts: **Army-Navy Screen Magazine** and Paramount News. (108 minutes).

presented in the good-old-days style. It includes a mellerdrammer "He Ain't Done Right By Nell", where-in you have an opportunity to hiss the villain and cheer the hero, or vice versa; a gay nineties pageant, complete with jugglers, barber shop quartet, soloists, and dance team—and a complete chorus line of chicks and chucks.

The Carlsbad show is in exchange for "What A Life", Pyote's offering that played Carlsbad last month. "Naughty Nineties" cast includes GIs and their wives, and the entire affair is done up with lavish costuming and sets.

Admission is free.

USO HOLDS COMMUNION BREAKFAST NEXT SUNDAY

In commemoration of Palm Sunday, March 25, 1945, the Monahans' USO-NCCS Club is cooperating with Father Kuhns, Catholic chaplain of Pyote Army Air Base, in planning a communion breakfast for all service men and women.

A bus will be at the Chapel after the 8:00 a.m. Mass to take everyone into Monahans for breakfast at the club.

WINK LIONS CLUB TO HOLD BINGO PARTY

The Wink Lions Club will toss a Bingo party at the Wink USO tonight, March 22, at 8 PM. Refreshments will be served, and military personnel and their guests are invited.

Volcanic Ash Made Iwo Hell

Marines under L/Gen. Holland M. Smith's command who made the first landings on Iwo Jima had two foes to fight on that island. First there was the Jap. And then there was the island's hellish volcanic ash which mired vehicles, clogged weapons and made it nearly impossible to dig foxholes.

So heavy was the ash that marines had to dig it from the bolts of their rifles and carbines with a toothbrush before firing them. With vehicles bogged down in the ash, the marines had to lug their own ammo and because of constant pepper from Jap mortar, rocket and machine gun fire, the ammo carriers usually had to crawl through the ash, pushing the ammo in front of them.



L/Gen. H. Smith chine gun fire, the ammo carriers usually had to crawl through the ash, pushing the ammo in front of them.

"There was hardly anything moving on the beach," one marine said of an early landing. "The Japs were laying down a murderous barrage. They had perfect observation on Mt. Surabachi and they would go after anything that moved.

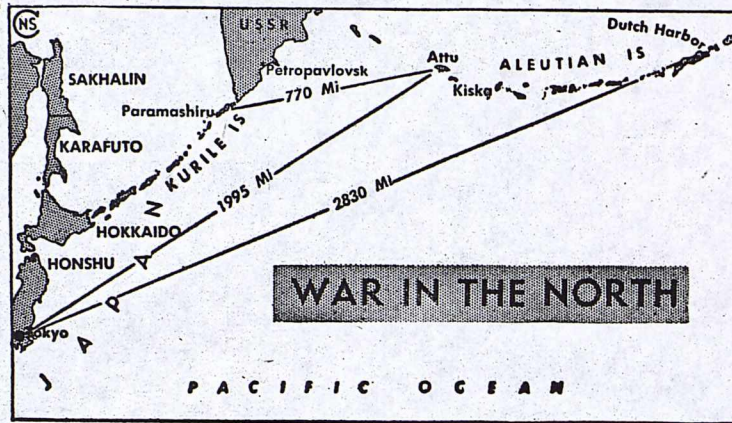
"That damn volcanic ash would not let the vehicles move. The only heavy equipment I saw were bulldozers, and it was a tug-of-war for them. They had to lug the stuff by hand. We were always being pinned down and when we dug our foxholes we did it by hand. Brother we dug."

Rattler Season Is Here; Beware Of Rattlesnakes

Pyote Army Air Field has long been unofficially tagged "The Rattlesnake Army Air Field"—and not without reason. The season for rattler activity has begun, as evidenced last Saturday when a Pyote officer was bitten by a snake as he was walking in the BOQ area. The officer's condition is excellent and he is recovering, the Hospital Executive Officer announced.

The incident serves as a warning to all Pyote personnel that the rattler is very much present. All personnel are urged to exercise caution, even while traversing frequented routes. The taking of short-cuts across fields is especially hazardous. The minutes saved by taking a short-cut may not be worth the risk.

The warning "Beware Rattlesnakes" still holds true at Pyote Army Air Field.



The recent sensational raids on the Japanese mainland by B-29s based in the Marianas and carrier-based planes of Adm. Marc Mitscher's fleet have come from the south. But Japan is under attack from the north also. U. S. planes constantly are flying the dangerous journey over the cold and foggy North Pacific from our bases in the Aleutian Islands to attack the Kurile Islands, a Japanese-controlled chain extending several hundred miles northward from the northern tip of the Japanese mainland.

The 172nd Week Of War Against Germany

The Germans fell in headlong retreat west of the Rhine to attempt a possible stand east of the important river. The German Army was practically cleared from all French soil.

Berlin received its heaviest bombing of the war, by British and U.S. bombers, 2000 of them that dropped 50 tons of bombs.

The Red Army approached Stettin, important Baltic port, continued mopping up operations on by-passed German groups.

Against Japan

U.S. forces invaded Panay, 27th landing on the Philippines. American carrier-based planes attacked southwestern Japan for the second straight day. Nagoya smoked and smoldered from a devastating attack by 325 Superforts.

New Car Now On Drawing Board To Be Lightweight, Low Price Job

While you're plodding along the corn-plaster circuit you may dream of that snappy car you're going to drive when you pull of the GI shoes for good. Well, chum—the automobile industry (which has a certain interest in seeing that you buy one of those machines) is working on that same dream.

Providing something tangible that you can be saving for, a large company in the low-price

field is planning a new model that will cost about \$800. This contemplated car is to be a full-size job with all the built-in conveniences. Greater use of light metals and conservation of space through careful design would enable it to do 28 or 30 miles on a gallon.

One reason for the proposed new moderately-priced model is the expectation that cars of the pre-war type will be selling at prices above their former levels.

To get the buyer's viewpoint on "cars to come," a questionnaire has been put out for the Society of Automotive Engineers, and the response has been something like the breaking of a dam. Foot-weary and truck-cramped GIs probably will echo the sentiments of some Army men who demand

NO PHOTOGRAPHS WITHOUT OKAY

Attention was directed this week to Station Regulation 95-2, par. 1b: "Under no conditions will photographs be taken on this Station without the express permission of the Station Commandant".

that head-room and leg-room should not be sacrificed for high-speed streamlining.

Among the more novel replies was an idea for a cooling system—with possibly even a cold-water fountain that could be easily installed. For winter driving, one soldier suggested a sand-spreader such as those now in use on locomotives, to provide greater traction when necessary.

Training Schools Open For Pilot Officer Returnees

Pilot officer returnees, up to and including the grade of major and who are on active flying status, can avail themselves of an opportunity to attend an Army technical school for training in engineering, communications, armament or photography, it was announced in an Army Air Forces letter this week.

The letter added that tentative plans call for the courses of instruction to include approximately 12 hours of flying per month. Educational and/or experience requirements for the courses are:

Communications (20 weeks): Two years college engineering training or two years college with amateur radio license; extensive technical experience in radio communications; or one year experience as Communications Officer.

Photography (20 weeks): Officers must have logged 500 hours as pilots in two or four-engine aircraft and must qualify in one of the following categories: two years college training leading to a degree in one of the physical sciences, extensive experience in civilian or military photography or nine months experience as photography laboratory commander.

Armament (19 weeks): Two years college training leading toward an engineering degree, extensive mechanical or electrical experience equivalent to the above, nine months experience as armament or chemical warfare officer.

Aircraft Maintenance (24 weeks): Two years college training toward an engineering degree; 18 months experience in maintenance of aircraft, civilian or military; nine months experience as Aircraft Engineering Officer.

16 Medics Receive Good Conduct Ribbon

Sixteen medical corps members have been awarded the Good Conduct Ribbon for "exemplary behavior, efficiency, and fidelity, and for having honorably served continuously in the Army of the United States for a period of one year or more since December 7, 1941.

The new wearers of the red and white striped ribbon are: Sgts. Douglas D. McElfresh, James B. McWherter, Bernard Schweibinz; Cpls. George Lucas, Clinton A. Mort, John A. Noe, Ellis E. Petherbridge, John P. Pocius, Henry A. Schrecengost; Pfc's. Roland E. Lindahl, Charles W. Maitland, Humberto Marroquin, John H. Sundermeyer, Robert L. Wood; and Pvts. Ernest R. Barnhart and Myron H. Mosher.

Getting Desperate? Read these Classifieds!

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.

TRANSPORTATION

TICKETS to Chicago! See the bright lights of Boul Mich when on furlough. Two one-way tickets, one furlough ticket, one civilian ticket. Call Pfc. Ted Penzenick, at Photo Lab. ext. 31.

RIDE WANTED from Wink to base, arriving on field at 10:30 AM and returning to Wink at 6:45. This need is very urgent. Contact Service Club hostess, ext. 120.

ANYONE wanting a ride to Michigan or vicinity on March 23, with Mrs. Lewis Robinson, contact Lt. Robinson, Sq. II.

TRAIN TICKET from Pyote to Chicago. Contact Pvt. Rosenfeld, Photo Lab, 31.

FOR SALE

LOOKING for furniture? Your problem's solved. Look at this: 2 bedroom suites, 1 dining room suite, 3 mattresses, including an inner-spring mattress practically new, a piano, studio couch, with chair to match. Call Mrs. Huffman, ext. 156.

FOR SALE—Man's diamond ring, blue-white, weighs almost ¾-carat. Less than half of original cost. Contact Rattler Office.

PERSONALS

I WANT to buy a speed Graphic camera 4x5 or Graflex or similar camera. Give full description of lens, etc. Am also interested in accessories. Contact Pvt. A. Bernstein, Sq. E, Box 38. Will

JAPOLOGY



Contrary to a widely-held belief, the average Jap has no difficulty pronouncing the letter "r". However, the Jap cannot pronounce the letter "l" and our Army frequently uses passwords like "Lallapalooza" and "Lilliputian."

BRIEFS FOR OBSERVATION MISSION



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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.

SO THE pie flies at nine, huh? Can't you make it afternoon? Lemon Merengue.

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

I'M GIVING you just ten more days to be a man about this. If you don't do something about the baby by then, I'm going to blast your name all over the camp. You'd better see me sudden-like. T.R.

WANTED—Automobile, good condition. Contact S/Sgt. Roby E. Smith at 417 N. Pacific St., Monahans or call ext. 257 on the base.

HAVE YOU met USAFI? Latch on to the correspondence courses that you can get through the Army. See the USAFI counselor

at the Special Services Office next door to the Service Club.

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.

LOST AND FOUND

LOST—Gold plated identification bracelet. Engraved with name "Bill Boyd". Please return to Rattler office.

LOST—Agfa folding camera, size 6:16, on road from sand dunes to Monahans. \$5.00 reward. Return to Rattler office.

FOUND—Gold ring with red setting, at Rec. Hall. Owner may have same, upon proper identification, at the PT office.

LOST—Gold filled identification bracelet, with the name "Madelyn" engraved on one side, "Betty" on the other. Call Mrs. Gersen at Courts and Boards office.

BLUE, transparent Schaeffer life-

time pen lost between WAC area and Theatre No. 2, last Wednesday evening. Finder please return pen to Pfc. Colegrove, ext. 12. Reward.

WRIST WATCH, found in the vicinity of Hangar 2. Owner please contact S/Sgt. Roberts, flight line maintenance, ext. 65.

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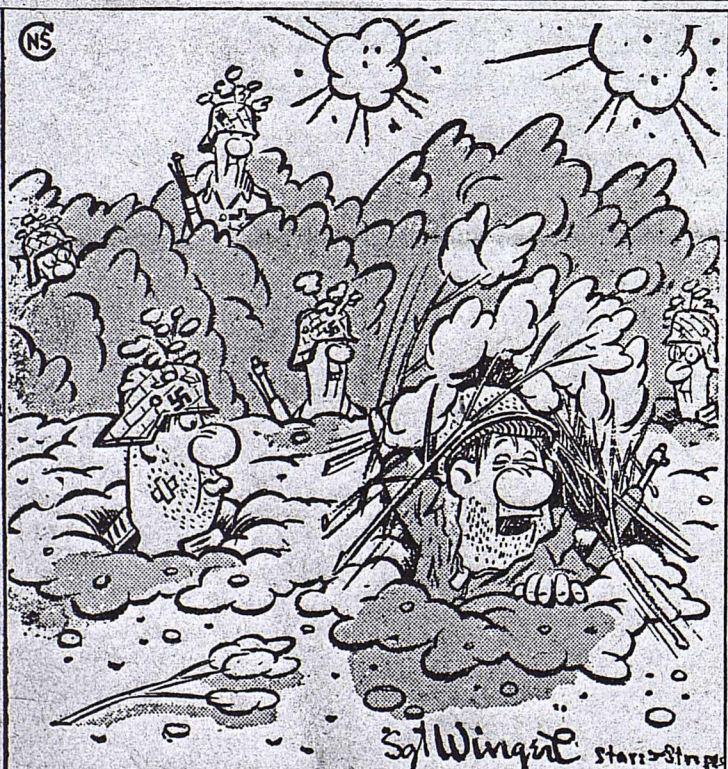
KOOPS' KORNER

PYOTERS ARE TALKING ABOUT:

The curfew installed in the Civilian Personnel lobby. . . . the charm of the old tune, "You're Driving Me Crazy", now on wax at the Service Club cafeteria. . . . the ratings that are blooming at many 2AF installations; Davis-Monthan (Tucson, Ariz.) just named 376 boys up a stripe, 152 Cpls., 171 Sgts., and 52 S/Sgts. . . . That Pecos AAF is not to be inactivated, after all. . . . The unfortunate Lieutenant who—on his first day at Rattlesnake AAF—was bit by a rattler. . . . That certain ad in the personals the past two weeks. . . . The good news that we will soon have a telephone exchange bldg. on the base. . . . The girl who has made an "end-of-the-war" bet. If Germany is still fighting by June 1, she will dye her hair purple. Tsk-tsk. . . . The nostalgia induced by the old movies, shown each week at the Monahans USO. . . . The eyebrow raising photo of a strip-teaser in bumptious action in a recent Look magazine. . . . The girl with the vocabulary whose constant remark is that after a day's work she feels "feckless"—aw, look it up. . . . The embarrassed brunette in front of the Service Club the other evening during a high wind—she had two hands and a score of onlookers. . . . An early opening date for the EM swimming pool. . . . The discontinuance of the "shack-pappy special", the 4:50 bus from town. . . . The sorry fact that the lower four graders have no place to bring their wife or gal for a friendly glass of beer these cool evenings. . . . The dust. . . . What the midnight curfew will do to furloughs.

THE GAG BAG

Said the first hen to the second hen: "So you give and give and give—and whadaya get for it? Chicken feed!"
Poker is a game where a good deal depends upon a good deal.



"Well, Riley, how far away's the old front line this morning?"

The Wolf

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"Try again—guess the empty hand and win a kiss!"

A man is getting along in years when he pays more attention to the food than the waitress.

A Yuck (for the benefit of those who ask) is somebody who is "on-the-job-training" as a jerk.

I think that I shall never be
Contented as a pee-eff-cee.
A first-class Private has a gripe
About a lonely, orphan stripe,
That gets him, at the very least,
That ever-lasting kitchen police.
If only God can make a tree
What can be made by a Pee-eff-cee?

I must have told you about the guy who quit drinking. He got sick and tired of waking up sick and tired.

The modern girl is sanitary, anyway. She lives up to the old saying: "Wash your face in the morning and Neck at night".

And we believe that the reason that there are less train accidents than automobile accidents, is because the engineer isn't always kissing the fireman.

GRAPEVINE INTELLIGENCE

Camp newspaper editors are blushing over being used to bally-hoo a picture. Hollywood publicists started a discussion as to whether GI Joe likes being referred to as "GI Joe" or not. Many a camp editor picked it up and gave it mention; it all is merely to advertise the film, "GI Joe", now in the making. Shame-shame.

Officers and EM who miss the Saturday night class in military courtesy are going to be sorry. If ordered to attend and they fail to oblige, officers get fined, EM get probable court-martial.

There is no truth to the story that the Personal Affairs office acts as a clearing house for GIs who wish to reside in Monahans. Several GIs have inquired.

The match shortage that hit Pyote a few weeks ago caught many GIs short. The situation has definitely eased and it is not expected to recur, they say.

The Monahans News received a letter from an anonymous reader. Enclosed was a snapshot of a pair of fruity-looking gams and the query "Who belongs to these?" Interested parties may see the legs photo by calling at The Rattler office.

PYOTE QUOTES

Overheard at the War Room: "They met in a revolving door and have been going around together ever since". Eavesdropped at the PX cafeteria: "So she just sat back on her laurels—her big, fat laurels". By way of the PX on the line: "So she said, 'I like handsome, wealthy men' and I said, 'What makes you think I'm rich?'". At the Rec. Hall dance: "That isn't dancing, that's a pincer movement with a rear guard action."