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B-29s FROM PYOTE TO TOKYO!

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PLANE MAINTENANCE SPEEDED

OPA Rent Control Branch Opens At Monahans USO

The Office of Price Administration has opened offices in Monahans. The OPA investigator, temporarily housed at the Monahans USO, will hear all rental complaints from officers and EM residing in Monahans.

The OPA Rent Control Division opened its offices last Monday and military and civilian personnel living in Monahans who have formal complaint regarding rent, or a knowledge of violations are requested to register the complaint for investigation and corrective action.

In announcing this move to keep rental prices within the law, Capt. R. A. Diedrich, Personal Affairs Officer, emphasized: "Tenants are helping themselves and the United States when they file complaints. They should not worry about eviction. They cannot be evicted from their dwelling for filing a complaint."

All rental properties brought to light by this move will be investigated, not only by the Price Control Administrator, but by a sanitary inspector from the field.

"All complaints, large or small, will be handled", Captain Diedrich stated, "and all personnel are urged to contact the OPA at the USO in Monahans if they have a complaint on rent to register."

GIs who find it difficult to register at the USO are requested to contact the Personnel Affairs Office, Bldg. T-640 (back of the library).

The OPA reminded Monahans landlords that all dwelling places for rent should be listed with the OPA office, and if they are not, the matter will be turned over to the enforcement division for action.

Complaints may cover not only

B-29s ARE FLYIN' HIGH



Pfc. Sharon L. Castle of Statistical Control Office checks the numbers, as Pfc. Walter I. Cohen of the Adjutant's section places a big 22 on the signboard in front of headquarters. The event took place one sunny day when there were 22 B-29s flying. The new sign was erected to show at all times the number of B-29s in the air. Two colors, red and white, are used for the numbers. If the numbers are red it indicates there is less than the quota of planes flying. If the numbers are white there are more than the quota of planes in the air. The numbers are changed hourly while personnel are on duty at headquarters, according to data which is received from flight control.

rent payments thought to be excessive, but sanitary conditions and breaches of contract. You need have no fear of eviction if you make a complaint.

The USO office of the Rent Control division is open daily, except Sunday, from 9:30 to 4:00. The Personal Affairs Office is open from 8 to 5, 7 days a week. If you are unable to visit the USO, contact the Personal Affairs Office and register complaints there.

In a final warning, Captain Diedrich reminded tenants that "extra cash for unrendered services—bonus money to landlords—makes the tenant as liable for criminal action as the landlord".

Concerted Effort Needed To Lead Other B-29 Bases

More than fourteen hours were trimmed from the average time required to make a B-29 engine change last month. Although an increase in total flying time resulted in 72 engine changes during March, as compared with only 34 in February, average time for a change last month was only 40.6 hours, a saving of more than fourteen and a half hours over the February average time of 54.96 hours.

Hours flown per plane during March showed an increase of 37 per cent over the February average, while the total hours flown jumped to 6,279 last month, an increase of 2,525 hours over the February total.

Both the quantity and quality of aircraft maintenance at the field have improved during the past month, Major Edson J. Sponable, supervisor of maintenance, said this week.

"This increase in maintenance records," the major explained, "is a tribute to the work of everyone concerned. It shows we can boost the records. And now, during April, we want to lead every B-29 base in the Second Air Force. We almost did it last month. Let's finish on top for April and prove to everyone that we are the best B-29 base."

our chances for total victory at an early date.

Let's make the Seventh War Loan Drive more successful than the previous six. Help to end the war quicker. Make your purchase today.

COL. ALGENE E. KEY,
Station Commander.

From the C.O.:

Victory is closer today than it has ever been throughout the costliest war in history. The beaten armies of Germany are being swept up, and Japan, fearing her just doom, has started falling apart at the seams.

The Seventh War Loan Drive thus has the best opportunity of being the last one. Pyote Army Air Field has set its sights so as to end the drive in a hurry, with a view to this possibility. The more we all try, the better are

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RATTLESNAKE ARMY AIR FIELD

A Try For Paradise

The war has brought many little tragedies in its wake. Besides the multitudinous physical pains many of the young men have undergone, there have been mental pains. There have been the pangs of separation, the tortures of farewell, the absence of the familiar and the beloved.

Married men have been able to avail themselves of some assuagement. Many of them have brought their wives to the area where they were stationed.

It hasn't been "paradise". No, hardly that. It's a tough job, building a home in a strange town; and taking a fleeting grab at happiness in a few minutes here or a few minutes there.

The wives of the U.S. soldiers have gone through a lot. They've come through when the chips were down. They have transformed barren little houses into something of a home. They have provided the will and the glory that keeps the man they love a soldier.

Unfortunately, the world does not particularly love a lover. There are those who ignore the couple unless they can use the situation for their own financial gain.

There have been cases where a soldier has had to pay extra money for lodgings.

And to us, there is something rather slimy about a person who takes advantage of a war tragedy to get a few extra bucks.

Putting a bounty on marital happiness is a pretty sleazy way of making a living.

An OPA Rent Control Office is now in force in Monahans. With offices temporarily in the Monahans USO, this federal organization will investigate all complaints of unfair rental.

At last, the GI has some recourse.

In addition to checking on above-ceiling rentals, the OPA will also investigate the sanitary conditions of the lodgings.

To the fair, honest landlords, this is good news; for it will separate the sheep from the goats. And to the ones who have upped their prices to take advantage of the fighting men—it is the roll of a drum that preludes a day of judgment.

It's a break for the soldier, and The Rattler is heartily in favor of that. We suggest you read the story on the OPA office on Page 1 of this issue. And if it concerns you, act and act now.

A classified ad under the "Let's Swap" heading in the Tulsa (Okla) Tribune read: "Unused engagement and wedding ring; want automatic shotgun".

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We sorta like this one, even if you have heard it before:

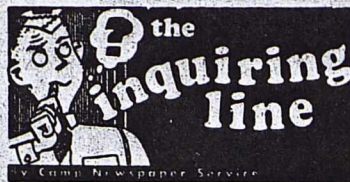
Timid GI: May I kiss you? (No answer).

Timid GI: Would you—er—would you mind a lot if I kissed you?

Girl: Listen, Horrible, whadya want me to dd—promise not to bite?

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A curve is nothing but a straight line—with a hook in it.



Q. Is it true that command officers in the U.S. and in all theaters overseas now are entitled to wear a special insignia distinguishing them from officers who serve only in an executive capacity?

A. No, that is not true. Associated Press correspondents in the ETO have reported that command officers in that theater are wearing distinguishing insignia. This applies to those officers alone, however, and to no others at this time. The War Department has issued no ruling on this subject.



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

April 13, 1944—Maintenance and Supply threw a super-picnic at Grandfalls Lake, celebrating the March breaking of all flying time at Pyote. Entries were still pouring in for The Rattler's Queen of Pyote contest. The Station Hospital went "Regional", enlarging services and personnel. A weekly radio broadcast was planned from Pyote over KIUN, Pecos. The Rattler changed its publication date from Wednesday to Thursday. Sgt. Theodore Suggs, Section C, headed for QM OCS school. Officers were instructed that the PX cafeteria and tap room were for EM only. In the world news: Odessa, Russian seaport, fell without a struggle to the Red Army. A U.S. task force hit at Palau, but the Jap Navy beat for the tall timber. (Palau is 550 miles west of the Philippines.)



Among the western Democracies, suicide generally is regarded as an act of cowardice. Not so with the Japs. When a Jap commits hara-kiri (disembowels himself) he is performing a rite which symbolizes to the Emperor that the soldier has done all he can for Japan.

This Week-- At The Theatres

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

Thu.—"SUDAN" with Maria Montez, Jon Hall. Shorts: ARMY-NAVY SCREEN MAGAZINE and Paramount News. (102 minutes).

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

Fri. & Sat.—"THE CLOCK" with Judy Garland, Robert Walker. Shorts: THIS IS AMERICA No. 5 and Color Cartoon. (115 minutes).

SUNDAY AND MONDAY

Sun. & Mon.—"IT'S A PLEASURE" with Sonja Henie, Michael O'Shea, Marie McDonald. Shorts: DONALD DUCK CARTOON and Paramount News. (105 minutes).

TUESDAY

Tue.—(DOUBLE FEATURE) "Eve Knew Her Apples" with Ann Miller, William Wright. "The Man Who Walked Alone" with Dave O'Brien, Kay Aldridge, Walter Catlett. (138 minutes). (NOTE: Second show starts slightly later than usual).

WEDNESDAY

Wed.—"ROYAL SCANDAL" with Tallulah Bankhead, Charles Coburn, Ann Baxter. Shorts: MARCH OF TIME and Paramount News. (119 minutes).

At Service Club

Service Club facilities are available at the following places: Sewing for EM at the Red Cross Field office each Thursday from 10 AM to 5 PM. (Opposite the Library). Dance at the Rec. Hall each Friday from 9 PM to midnight.

Service Club cafeteria open from 8-10 AM; 11-2 PM; 3-11 PM. Class A's are compulsory after 5 PM.

At Monahans USO

Thu.—Farewell party and dance.

Fri.—Informal activities.

Sat.—Dance.

Sun.—11:00, Brunch; 2:30, Recorded classics; 5:30, Buffet Supper; 8:15, Movie, "Jane Eyre" with Orson Welles, Joan Fontaine.

Mon.—7:30, informal singing.

Tue.—7:30, Arts and Crafts program.

Wed.—12:30, EM Wives Club luncheon; 3:30, Senior Hostess meeting; informal activities in the evening.

VICTORIES OF '45 OPENS TONITE

"T.R.'s" Soldier Accuses Rattler Of 'Blackmail'

Additional repercussions were felt this week when the "scandal-letter" from "T.R." to The Rattler was brought into the limelight by the board appointed to investigate this matter.

The integrity of this newspaper was challenged by the alleged culprit, named by "T.R." as the "man in the case". The soldier accused The Rattler of "nothing short of blackmail".

For the past several weeks, this anonymous party has been advertising in the personal column of the classified ads under the signature "T.R." Last week, she attempted to involve The Rattler further by attempting to have the newspaper print a lengthy letter regarding a Pyote soldier.

The letter, like the ads, refers to the fact that "the baby is going on two, and _____ has done nothing about it". Inasmuch as editorial policies forbid the use of material reflecting on the integrity of a soldier, the "scandal-letter" was referred to higher authorities.

An investigating board, headed by Capt. David M. Taylor, consulted the soldier named in the inflammatory letter. The soldier demanded that staff-members of The Rattler be called into the meeting. The soldier then accused The Rattler of aiding and abetting "a blackmailing scheme just to bring grief on my head".

At press-time, Captain Taylor refused to comment on further disposition of the case. He also refused to make statement as to whether the alleged culprit was exonerated, or whether the board is continuing to investigate the man.

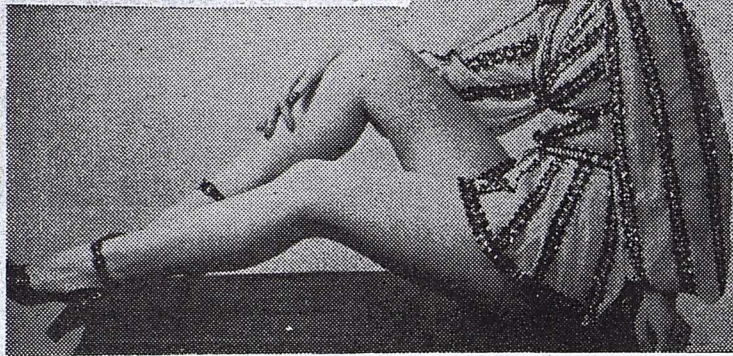
One unofficial source informed The Rattler that the mysterious "T.R." had consulted with Captain Taylor, but this was unconfirmed.

The Rattler regrets that its reputation has been affronted by the accused GI. At no time has this newspaper damaged the character of participants in the "T.R." matter, and has only publicized the story in order that readers may be assured that The Rattler has acted in good faith throughout.

The alleged miscreant's accusations toward this paper probably stem from the fact that he has done some writing for The Rattler in the past, and had the mistaken idea that this would grant him an "immunity from the press".

A statement by Capt. David M. Taylor, board officer, has just

Julie Camella is one of the featured players in "Victories of '45" showing at Theater No. 1 tonight and tomorrow night. Curtain: 8:15. Admission: Free to military personnel, their guests, and authorized civilians.



USO Dance This Evening To Honor Departing Director

A farewell dance will be held at the Monahans USO tonight from 8 to 11 PM. Guest of honor for the evening will be Mr. Frank G. Sulweski, director, who will be leaving Monahans for Washington, D. C., where he has accepted a position with the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Association. Since last autumn, Mr. Sulweski has been director of the local USO and has won the friendship of townspeople and GIs during his stay.



Frank Sulweski

been released, indicating that the alleged culprit is still under surveillance. "I am appalled by the lack of honorable intent in this case," Captain Taylor stated. "and I assure The Rattler that a complete statement will be made in next week's issue."

New Show-Dates Set; Tonight And Tomorrow, 8:15

A new date has been set for "Victories of '45", a gal-amorous musical revue with an all-Pyote cast. "Victories" will play tonight and tomorrow night at Theatre No. 1 at 8:15 PM. Admission is free to field personnel and authorized civilians.

The cream of the talent from the field and surrounding towns has been vested into "Victories of '45". The music runs the gamut from a romantic rumba to a joyous jitterbug. Black-outs, skits, and comedy routines all go to make "Victories of '45" a class musical revue.

Highlight of "Victories of '45" is the appearance therein of the finalists in the beauty contest held in conjunction with the Monahans USO last February.

Some of the top acts include Dave Goodman, Chuck Rudolph, and Buddy Lewis in an impersonation of Crosby, Downey, and Sinatra; Colleen Vance, a luscious red-head, in several snappy sketches; Gene Elston's rendition of what Walter Winchell claims "the finest ballad in the past ten years"; Teagel and Mitchell, Squadron C dance stars; and the "jam band" comprising the swing artistes of the Pyote band.

Other personnel appearing in "Victories of '45" are: Bernie Steinberg, Rodman Smith, Ralph Coven, Bob Lindquist, Leo Barros, Dick Moore, Chet Ross, Sid Blumenthal, Wanda King, Robbie Hanalin, Lona Nance, Bobbie Helen Helms, Terry Tubbs, Mary Ellen Williams, Fran Hall, Julie Camella, Dorothy Boles, Clifford Graham, Marcelles Billingsley and Henry Milburn.

Movie Memo:

Briefing the films with Sugar.

"Sudan" has Maria Montez heaving her bosom in technicolor.

"The Clock" tells the yarn of a romance that starts and winds up on a 3-day pass. Sentimental stuff.

"It's A Pleasure" puts Sonja Henie on technicolor ice and a story that skates thin.

"Eve Knew Her Apples" dances and prances with some slight puny gags; "The Man Who Walked Alone" looks from here to be a slightly humorous mystery.

"Royal Scandal" is the naughty story of "Catherine The Great".

STORK CLUB

STUART—Born to Sgt. and Mrs. David Stuart at the Pyote Regional Hospital on March 31, a girl, Karene Jeanne, weight 6 lbs. 11 ozs. Sgt. Stuart is assigned to Sqdn. E.

STEWART—Born to T/Sgt. and Mrs. Robert H. Stewart at the Pyote Regional Hospital on April 2, a girl, Roberta, weight 6 lbs. 4 ozs. Sgt. Stewart is assigned to Sqdn. E.

MEYER—Born to Capt. and Mrs. Erwin A. Meyer at the Pyote Regional Hospital on April 4, a girl, Sandra Jane, weight 6 lbs. 9 ozs. Capt. Meyer is assigned to CCD, Section III.

WILSON—Born to Sgt. and Mrs. Ernest Wilson at the Pyote

Regional Hospital on April 4, a boy, Gary Ernest, weight 9 lbs. 3 ozs. Sgt. Wilson is assigned to Sqdn. D.

SWALLOW—Born to S/Sgt. and Mrs. Joseph Swallow at the Pyote Regional Hospital on April 4, a boy, William John, weight 6 lbs. 6 ozs. S/Sgt. Swallow is assigned to Sqdn. D.

WAC DAYROOM OPEN TO GUESTS SUNDAYS

The new WAC dayroom will be open each Sunday, afternoon and evening, for WACs and their guests. The newly decorated room displays murals painted by WAC members and has its own PX counter.

7th War Loan Opens --Goal Is \$14 Billion

Flying Hours Climb After Slow Start

After getting off to a slow start during the month of April, Pyote has slowly started to boost the flying hours. For the first week in April, a total of 1322 flying training hours was flown according to figures compiled by the Statistical Control Office.

This amount was more than 200 hours short of the time flown by Clovis during the same period, but flying hours have gradually been boosted during the past week.

So far this week a few good days have been recorded, but the field still hasn't come up to the expected quota of an average of 250 flying hours per day. If this average can be maintained, Pyote will be able to lead the Second Air Force when the month ends.

Let's boost the hours during the next two weeks and end the month on top of all the rest!

FROM OFFICE OF FLYING SAFETY:

Fifth Flying Safety Program Opens; It's Safe Landing Week

We are now three days into the first week of the Fifth Flying Safety Program—Safe Landing Week. It is the cooperation of all personnel, flying and ground, that makes for safe landings. Inspection, maintenance, technique, and before-landing-check; these are the four backs of the safe landing team.

And by these words shall ye know them!

"Power controlled approach and landing"—Airplane Commander, he of the wheel and rudder.

"Green lights on, red light off"—pilot, he of the gadgets and buttons.

"Right (left) gear checked down and locked"—scanners, they who ride backward but look forward.

"Strut inflation, tire pressure, tire walls, Okay"—crew chief, he of the "sweats" 'til back it gets.

"I thought the gear was down"—Dodo Bird.*

(*Dodo Birds can't fly, you know, but still we thought we'd tell you so!)

THEY'RE LOOKING FOR A COWBOY HAT (10-GAL.)

If you have a ten gallon cowboy chapeau stuffed in your barracks

The 7th War Loan opened Tuesday and Pyote Army Air Field—soldier and civilian—began to see to it that the Rattlesnake AAF would reach its quota.

Rallies, parades, and shows are being planned for the 7th War Loan, which continues until the end of June. With a national 14 billion dollar quota, the 7th stacks up as one of the biggest loans to date.

Capt. R. A. Diedrich, War Bond Officer, announced that GIs may make purchases in three different ways:

1. The GI Bond wherein you have \$7.50 deducted from your pay each month, and the bond reaches 10 smackers on maturity.

2. The Class B allotment, wherein a certain amount is deducted from your pay, accrues to \$25, \$50, or higher bonds on maturity.

3. The one-time pay deduction, wherein the entire amount (say \$18.75) is deducted from one pay only.

Besides these painless-extractions, GIs can buy bonds "over the counter" at their orderly room or the bank.

Captain Diedrich urged all men who buy bonds off the field to register the amount of their purchase with their squadron adjutant, who acts as War Loan Officer during the 7th War Loan.

Special Services is planning shows, rallies, and entertainment to help push the 7th War Loan over the top.

The 7th War Loan is now underway at Pyote. Pyote AAF has never failed to meet a War Loan quota!

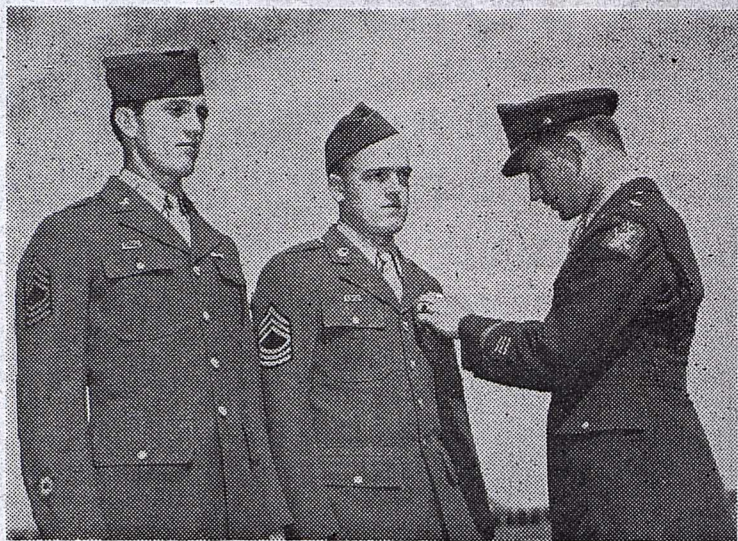
10 Maintenance Men Win Commendation

Ten maintenance men from the field who spent a period of approximately 60 days at Herrington (Kans.) Army Air Field, have been commended for their excellent knowledge of aircraft maintenance.

The men who received the commendation are: T/Sgt. Oral D. Utterback, S/Sgt. Gerald A. Grundon, James R. Jones, and Tulley E. McDonald; Cpl. Frederick J. Beeley; Pfc. Fred A. Johnson; and Pvts. Wilson Dreuyer, Cornelius F. Lane, Howard J. McKearney, and Charles H. Simon.

bag or tucked under the mattress, the Public Relations Office would like to borrow same. A demand for those Texas cowboy hats has arisen. Those who have, are asked to contact Public Relations, Station Headquarters.

TWO M-SGTS. WIN AIR MEDAL



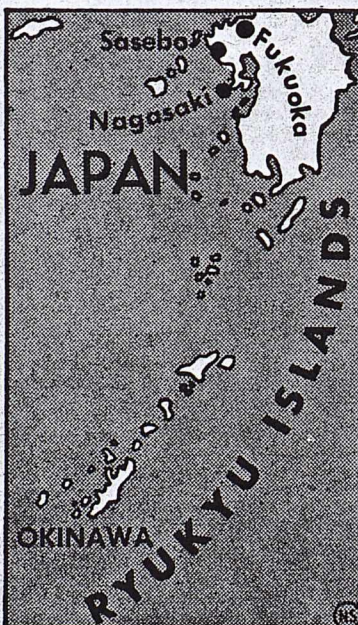
Lt. Col. Richard D. Stepp, director of training, shown as he pins the Air Medal on the blouse of M/Sgt. Lewis D. Wise. M/Sgt. Warner E. Brewer (left) also received the Air Medal. Both awards were made at Saturday's review.

Two More 19th Group Veterans Receive Air Medal At Review

Two former 19th Bomb Group members each received the Air Medal at a special ceremony and review on Saturday.

They are M/Sgt. Lewis D. Wise of Laurel, Mont., and M/Sgt. Warner E. Brewer of Enid, Okla. The awards were presented by Lt. Col. Richard D. Stepp, director of training. After the presentation, the two airmen joined Col. Stepp while the troops passed in review.

RYUKYU ISLANDS



A few quick facts about the Ryukyu Islands, now under invasion. They are a chain of 55 islands stretching between Kyushu (southernmost isle of the Jap mainland) and Formosa. The islands are believed to be peaks of a submerged mountain ridge, and several are volcanic. Largest and most important

The awards were given for participating in the first mass flight of B-17s from the United States to the Philippines in October and November, 1941. The accomplishment of the mission proved to have a direct bearing on the security of the United States.

Both men took part in the many campaigns with the 19th Bomb Group in the South Pacific area during the early days of the war.

They returned to the United States in December, 1942, and were assigned to Pyote in January, 1943. Both wear the Army Distinguished Unit Badge.

Sgt. Wise is a flight chief assigned to Squadron E, and Sgt. Brewer is a line chief assigned to Squadron D.

island is Okinawa, in the middle. It's 400 miles southwest of Kyushu and 375 miles northeast of Formosa. It's 70 miles long, 10 miles wide. All of the islands are heavily populated (557,000 folk) and every available acre of land is under cultivation. Okinawa's biggest cities are Naha and Shuri. Naha has a population of 68,500, is the capital.

Principal products are sugar cane, sweet potatoes, pineapple, bananas, indigos, and vermillion lacquer. Up until the 17th century, the islands were under Chinese control.

CHAPLAIN'S CHAT

Imagination Can Work For Either Good Or Evil

By CHAPLAIN G. H. CURRY

"I'm Cold!"
"That's just your imagination."
"You may have something there."

According to a statement in the sixth chapter of the book of Genesis God decided to Destroy man by the great flood because, "Every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually". There can be no doubt but that the imagination does work havoc in the lives of a great many people. Like all other powerful things it can either work for good or evil. It is a member that will bear watching.

The imagination can be exceedingly valuable when made practical. Without it there could be no great art. My janitor gave the mop closet a thorough renovating because he thought he smelled a fire. He didn't want to see the Chapel burned down.

This peculiar ability can never

do damage if allowed to speculate only on possibilities. The man who imagines he will some day go to the moon in a rocket may have something but the individual who continually schemes on how to get something for nothing is engaging in a pipe dream.

If you must imagine let the subject matter be good things. It is dangerous to speculate on the wrong subject matter. Health is a pertinent illustration of this fact. A great many people are ill because they think they are. Fret and dread takes all the joy and peace of mind out of living. If you must wonder about your health in tomorrow's world it is better to picture yourself enjoying the health of a Hercules rather than having your nose eaten off by cancer.

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:**

91 Pyote EM Add Stripes In Promotion Commotion

An additional thaw in promotions appeared last week, when ninety-one Pyoters were upped to grades of Staff, buck Sergeant, Corporal and Private first class. These were in addition to the 255 promotions of two weeks ago.

STAFF SERGEANTS

Squadron E: Joseph T. Witek, Henry J. Turk, Leon J. Schrantz, Alwin E. Miller, Robert L. Lucas, James R. Hammill, Alton O. Birch, L. E. Williamson, Albert F. Taraborelli, Willard F. Myers, Jack C. McCurry, Robert M. Hickman and Chester A. Broyles.

SERGEANTS

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Section III: Dennis E. Tying, Abel P. Soto, and Charles M. Santelli.

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Squadron E: Robert F. Anderson, Roy W. Blackburn, Allen C. Cameron, Edward H. Dezort, Donald A. Grove, Bruno Bellotti, Robert E. Bohlman, Enrico Cappoli, Meyer Figler, Felix Hondzinski, Robert E. Jones, Martin Moskowitz, Elmer A. Peters, Enslin G. Saxe, Lewis Rodriguez, Hollis M. Thiel, William Malsch, John M. Noska, James F. Phillips, Robert E. Rundfe, Marvin M. Smith, and Richard E. West.

Section III: Arthur J. D'Amour, William B. O'Marrah, and Osmond J. Hannigan.

PRIVATES FIRST CLASS

Squadron E: Delmar F. Reeves, Busby, and Peter Herrings, Jr. Arnold W. O'Conner, Wayne C.

Squadron F: Joseph L. Godack, Joseph M. Milton, Guy Wilson, and Theodore Brant.

MALE CALL

By Milton Caniff

Peepsight



(Reprinted By Request)

Rescued From Jap Prison, Bataan Vet Visits Field

The long days and nights of Bataan and Bilibid are over for M/Sgt. Joe C. Collier. He's back in the states after a thrilling release from Bilibid prison by General MacArthur's armies two months ago.

Home for rehabilitation, recovery, and recuperation, (as his orders read), Collier is visiting relatives at Monahans, Texas, and couldn't resist a visit to an Air Force installation.

A 21-year Army man, Joe had arrived in the Philippines with the 27th Bombardment Group just a few days before the Japanese played hob with Pearl Harbor. The ground echelon of the Air Force, then without planes, was hurriedly transferred to infantrymen. When Manila fell, Collier was among those evacuated to Bataan. The Japs captured him on April 9, 1942, and he was confined in Bilibid prison.

It was a 165-pound Joe Collier that entered Bilibid prison, and 3+ months later a 110-pound Joe Collier that was released in a thrilling rescue.

During those long, tortuous 34 months, the Japs worked the U.S. prisoners as farmers, longshore men, dock hands, etc. And good, nourishing food was a rarity. Joe recalled one item of the menu: green tips from sweet potatoes. Even rice was not a frequent dish for the prisoners.

Released, in a manner that cannot be told until the war is over, the first thing Joe wanted was "a cigarette—an honest-to-God American cigarette" and then "food, food, food".

He and other released captives were dumbfounded at the American Army—the size of the group, the immensity of equipment, supplies, the high morale of the smiling GIs that brought them back . . . it was a far cry from the ill-supplied, wearied bunch that held out on Bataan.

M/Sgt. Joe Collier's home is in Breckinridge, Texas. In the Army for more than 21 years, he wears the Philippine Liberation ribbon, the Philippine Defense ribbon, the American Defense ribbon, the Asiatic Theater ribbon with two clusters, and the Army Distinguished Unit citation with one oak-leaf cluster.

G-Aisling

EWING - ELENER

Married at Station Chapel, on April 8, Ruth B. Elener, of Spring Valley, New York, to Lt. Herbert B. Ewing of Yosemite National Park, California. Rites performed by Chaplain Edwin W. Norton.

POTTER - HARPER

Married at Station Chapel, on April 6, Imogene R. Harper, of Section, Ala., to Sgt. Raymond H. Potter of Section, Ala. Rites performed by Chaplain Edwin W. Norton.

2AF Instructors Teach Men Defense Against Retaliation

Part of the success of American aerial action, particularly from an advanced B-29 Superfortress bases, today was traced to a Second Air Force training program which teaches all combat unit personnel to handle enemy retaliation from the air or on the ground.

"Preservation of manpower, air-planes and equipment against all forms of enemy attack is essential to the continuation of effective aerial action in these combat areas, and Second Air Force is making certain that every man is fully trained to protect and care for himself and his equipment before his unit goes overseas," Capt. Jesse N. Reichek, 2AAF military training officer, declared.

This special field training for all "committed units", those scheduled for transfer to a combat theater whether a four-motored bombardment squadron or an AAF Band, is the responsibility of a 2AAF-assigned group of officers and enlisted men, hand picked from the Corps of Engineers for outstanding ability as instructors as well as in specialized knowledge of combat tactics. Directed by Capt. Reichek, this group regularly makes the rounds of Second Air Force bases, spreading its gospel of camouflage and defensive arms, booby traps and demolition.

PRISONER OF JAPS TELLS HIS STORY



Pvt. Andy Hurt interviewed M/Sgt. Joe Collier, ex-prisoner of Bilibid, on the noon-time P.A. newscast. Collier, who once weighed 165, was only 110 pounds when rescued by MacArthur's forces on the Philippines.

PYOTE HAS CURFEW, TOO! NOTHING TO JUMP AFTER 12

The midnight curfew, installed by War Mobilizer Byrnes came to Pyote. No entertainment can continue past 12 o'clock midnight, it has been announced. Only place affected, The Rattler discovered, was the Officers' Club dances. From now on, the OC will begin dances at 8, shutter at midnight.

SQUADRON B WINS PARADE HONORS

First place in last Saturday's parade went to Squadron B. Squadron A took second. Inspection honors were taken last week by Flight One of Squadron D. Squadron C ran next.

SOMERVELL ANNOUNCES CUT IN ENEMY PW RATIONS

Substitutes for butter, meat and other scarce foods will be served enemy prisoners of war, under a new directive issued by Lt. Gen. Breten B. Somervell, Chief of the Army Service Forces. Menus will comply with terms of the Geneva convention stipulating that prisoners will eat food equal in quantity and quality to that served American troops in base camps. Equal food, however, says the General, does not necessarily mean identical items.

ONLY 6% of SOLDIERS HAVE DOMESTIC WORRIES

A report from the Judge Advocate General's Department shows the soldier has less trouble at home than is common belief. Domestic relations constitute 6 per cent of the total four million cases. Twenty-six per cent of the cases involved tax matters, 24 per cent powers of attorney, 22 per cent wills and allotments.

The 175th Week Of War AGAINST GERMANY

General Dwight Eisenhower called on the German people to quit. "Resistance in the west has collapsed" he told them. But the bewildered Nazis slowly retreated, evacuating the city of Hanover with scarcely a struggle. To the east, the Russian Army took over practically all Vienna, began to turn its flanks north and south. The British 8th, doughty southern Army, began to advance in Italy. Mileage became unimportant, so thoroughly knocked-out was Germany. Berlin, according to reconnaissance pilots, was a "dead city". There was no sign of human life in the capital. The Germans fought on, somehow, without organization or plan. The war in Europe had become a slaughter. And the main question was simply, "why don't they throw in the towel?"

AGAINST JAPAN

The Japanese began stouter resistance of the Yank forces advancing on Okinawa. Nips there begun counter-attacking. They began fiercer fighting against the Marines on Luzon, who were trying to squeeze through to the headquarters of General Yamashita on the northern end of the island.

German Class Opens Monday; Enroll Now

Off-duty classes start in basic German next Monday evening, at 6:45, at the Convalescent Training Program class room at the hospital.

Money, Money! Here's News Re: Happy Cabbage

Getting back to that always fascinating subject—Money—here are some odds and ends of information about The Stuff itself:

Wear and tear on paper money is heaviest in the South Pacific, where the climate kicks hell out of it. In the jungles it wilts, laminates and discolors, and has a life expectancy of about six months. In case you'd like to know, it takes four times as long to count beaten-up bills like that.

When banknotes first began coming back from the Pacific, the Treasury Department was startled by the appearance of "goldbacks"—which haven't been in circulation for over 10 years. They turned out to be the usual lettuce-green variety, but had turned color in the jungles.

There's no limit on the amount of dough a GI can put into Soldier's Deposits at 4% interest. And, incidentally, nobody can

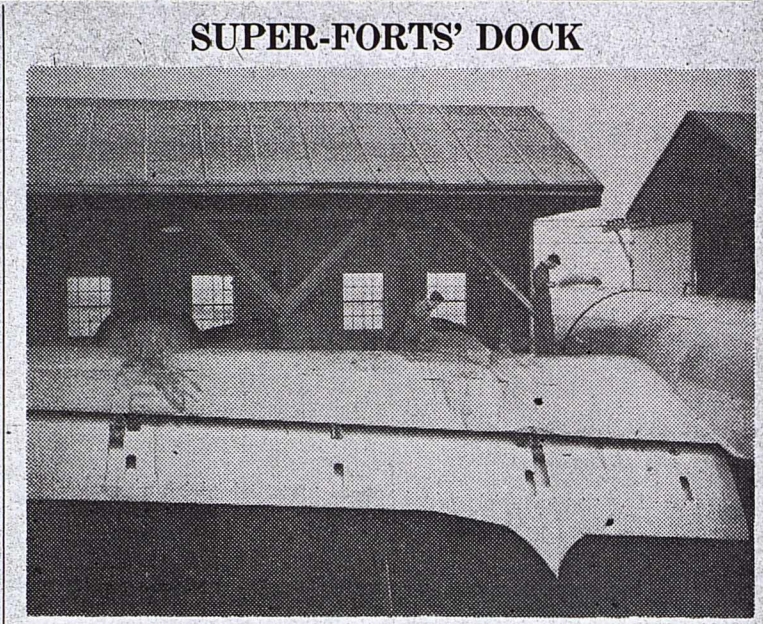
Recent developments have indicated a need for a large number of personnel at Pyote who can speak and understand German.

Lt. W. C. Gruben, Information and Education Officer, announced that the class in German is the first of the new "spare-time school room" subjects to be inaugurated at Pyote AAF. The Army Basic language course will be used for instruction. (The teaching method stresses speaking and understanding of the language.)

The first lesson will be given at the class Monday. Text books will be furnished, and there is no charge for the course. Previous training in foreign language is unnecessary, Lt. Gruben pointed out. He also emphasized that plans will be made to schedule succeeding classes so that all persons may attend, regardless of their working schedule.

put the grab on money that's in there. Soldiers Deposits are exempt from all liabilities or claims of indebtedness. Can't be lost except by desertion. 'Sa fact.

The bucks that American soldiers have sent across the Atlantic by Personal Transfer Accounts would actually reach across that



SUPER-FORTS' DOCK
Airplane maintenance docks which are used on the ramp for the maintenance of B-29s. They are designed to afford easy access to the planes and to keep working temperatures normal. Equipped with a heater and lights, they allow maintenance crews to work day and night, uninterrupted by weather or darkness. They also protect the men and planes against the sudden wind and dust storms that are characteristic of this section.

ocean a few times if pasted end to end—which nobody is even thinking of doing. A line of \$10 bills from France to the U. S. would add up to the \$425,000,000 in PTA that's been handled through the New York Finance Office alone. Largest of these loose-change remittances to date has been one for \$4,720. Most PTA checks go to relatives, with bank accounts and delinquent bills running place and show.

Fragments of folding money can be turned in to the Govt.

for salvage if you're holding the right pieces. Any portion of a bill that shows one of the two Treasury Dept. serial numbers and a complete picture of the presidential portrait is good for face value. One serial number and part of the portrait collects half. If the face of the bill has been peeled off, you score just the same—but the reverse side doesn't pay off anything. Best bet is to sock those skins into War bonds or something before they go to pieces on you.

CREW OF THE WEEK



Crew of the Week honored for the number of hours they kept their aircraft in the air were: (standing) Pfc. Howard Buckley, Pfc. E. Steeg, Cpl. Howard Morris, Sgt. Kenneth Hastings; (kneeling) Cpl. Bernard Ludlow, Sgt. LeRoy Armitage, and Pfc. George Wilkerson.



"C'MAWN! We're movin' up!"

"Postmark, Pyote" opens the columns of The Rattler to any and all correspondence. Letters should be signed but names will be withheld on request. Address: Editor, Rattler, Pyote



AAF, Texas. The Rattler reserves the right to edit letters, and decide which are to be published. No letters will be returned. If your barracks bag's in salvage, blow it out here!

WARMIN' THE BENCH

By SGT. FRANK DEBLOIS

The Case of Sam Snead

Sammy Snead, the red hot pro from Hot Springs, Va., was discharged from the Navy because his back bent the wrong way. Recently he won six major golf tournaments and \$15,000 in green stuff and bonds. He's the hottest thing on the links next to the 18th hole at Coral Gables, where the mercury often hits a not unbearable 90 degrees in the shade of a tall Tom Collins.

Many joes in other climes have asked how come Sammy is healthy enough to walk around the links all day when he's not healthy enough for the Navy. The answer: It was found after 25 months service that Snead's back made him unfit for active duty. This finding was given additional credence recently when Sam's back cracked during a tournament, forcing his withdrawal.

10-in-one Ration

Maj. William N. Mallory, one of Yale's all-time football greats, was killed in a plane crash in Italy while he was enroute home for a leave. Mallory, who played on Eli's undefeated teams of 1922 and '23 with such other Blue heroes as Mal Stevens, Ducky Pond, Century Milstead and Widdy Neale, was named to Walter Camp's 1923 All-American backfield along with Red Grange, of Illinois; George Pfann, of Cornell, and Earl Martineau, of Minnesota. He won the Legion of Merit for his famed "Operation Mallory" which resulted in cutting 22 bridges crossing the Po. . . . Whistling Willie Roache, formerly a New Haven boxer, more recently a GI, has been picked up in Boston by MPs, who claim he was AWOL a year. . . . A Polish mechanical engineer has perfected a machine that will make a coin come down heads or tails, whichever you want. The engineer now is endeavoring to find out some practical use for his device.

VISITING FIREMEN

Editor, The Rattler:

We'd like to use your columns to express our thanks to all concerned for the splendid reception we received here at Pyote. We came down here from Casper, Wyoming, and heard everything about this country down here, and not all of it was good, either. But from the young lady at the reception desk right up to Major Sewares, the welcoming and courtesy given us was tops. Thanks to all the Civilian Personnel. We don't believe we could have gone to any place in the country and met a finer bunch of men than the firemen crews here at this base.

The 23 New Firemen.

● Glad you boys got a hot reception.

THE LEGS OF TEXAS

Editor, The Rattler:

Sir:

I resent the remarks defaming the honor, glory, and gams of Texas girls in your last issue. "I'm From Missouri" obviously has no eye for limbs. Our Texan girls have an excellent "understanding" and are second to none when it comes to a shapely ankle or calf. Let "I'm From Missouri" go back to the mule-limbed Mabels he knows up there. Obviously he has no eye for beauty and can't appreciate the fact that Texas' finest scenery is a pretty girl with a full skirt on a windy day. I'll stack the local Texan gals leg's against any comers—and I do mean stacked.

Alamo Al.

Editor, The Rattler:

Last week, appearing in your addition of The Rattler, was an item speaking of the Texas girls gams. It so happens I've been in Texas for quite awhile and like what I see. So you're from Missouri and want to be shown. I am enclosing two pictures for "I'm-From-Missouri's" benefit. The girl so happens to be a local Monahans girl. I would like to hear further comments from you, Missouri, now.

Anonymous.

● Will "Missouri" pick up the photos at The Rattler office?

Editor, The Rattler:

Look, where does this Missouri misfit get off making cracks about

Rattle Snake Charmer



Above is Miss Annette Sorrell, daughter of the Polish Counsel General in New York. Annette is on the radio, it says here. We can look at Annette and readily see that the Polish problem can be settled amicably, yes, very amicably. What to do with the Poles? Why, take Annette, for instance, you could . . . ah yes, very, very amicably.

our legs? I'm a Texas gal myself—Dallas, to be exact—and I've never heard any complaints. Whazza matter, little boy, did some Texan gal with beootiful legs step on you?

Estner Vaile.

Editor, The Rattler:

Three cheers for "I'm-From-Missouri". I've seen better legs on the Texas cattle than on the Texas gals. Even nylons can't help them.

Sgt. Tom Shortland,
Squadron D.

Editor, The Rattler:

Nuts to "I'm-From-Missouri". He doesn't know a gam when he sees one. Nuts to you for printing the letter.

"Legs".

● The Rattler, having no legs to speak of, firmly refuses to go out on a "limb".

MPs SEND THANKS

Dear Corporal Jenkins:

Reference your fine comments concerning the Military Police on duty at the Main Gate which appeared in The Rattler on April 5. The entire Provost Marshal Section joins me in thanking you for

Warning! Rattler Season Still On

Another rattlesnake was caught and bottled at Pyote Army Air Field. The rattler, about a year-and-a-half old was found by Pvt. Joe W. Kelly of the Guard Squadron, and Pvt. Lester Tomlin, of Squadron E, in back of the Civilian Personnel building, in a well-traversed area.

Though the little rattler would not have done much damage, it serves as another reminder that this is rattlesnake season. Watch where you walk! Watch where you step! Don't cut across paths and lots! Stick to the main roads—and even then keep a look-out.

The rattler is a pizenous character.

this unsolicited comment, and it is our sincere hope and desire that we continue to live up to this. It is our only job here to be kind and courteous to you people who assist in so many ways in sending the 29s from Pyote to Tokyo.

Very truly yours,
Samuel B. Williams,
Major, Air Corps,
Provost Marshal.

BASEBALL PLANS SCRATCHED

KUCKENBECKER BOWLS .279 GAME TO SET PYOTE ALL-TIME RECORD HIGH

Three all-time records were smashed in the EM bowling league on April 2 when the Musclemen of the Gold League proved themselves just that.

SETS SINGLE MARK



Pvt. Clyde Kuckenbecker

Pvt. Clyde Kuckenbecker, lead-off man for the team, rolled 11 consecutive strikes for a 179 game, a new record for the maple-rollers of Pyote.

Sgt. Joe Comanitz, anchor man for the Musclemen, hit the pins for a three-game series of 721 with a 209, 234, and 278 game; an average of 240 per game.

Comanitz's 278 single game tied the old base record held jointly by Lt. Serafinski and Pfc. Charles Fox. The record held until 'Kuck', a few hours later, alley-ooped the alley with 279.

Musclemen Win 5-Match Game From Stardusters

The Musclemen defeated the league-leading Stargazers of the Gold League by 407 pins, in a five-game match to determine the match-game champs of the field. Comanitz rolled the high game of 237 and Kuckenbecker was high average man with .192. The Musclemen, now laying claim to the pin-title of Pyote, await any challenge.

Three Teams Win Honors In Officers Bowling League

The Officers' Bowling Leagues finished a hot season last week with the Beach Boys and Wolf Pack tied for honors in League 1, and the Scorpions the lone winners in League 2.

Plans are shaping up for a play-off match between the Beach Boys and the Wolf Pack to determine the champ of the League. The winner of that melee will probably meet the Scorpions to decide the Officers' Bowling League champ of champs.

Honors in League 1 went to the Beach Boys for high 3 games, 2560; high single game was rolled by the Hot Rocks with 916. Individual honors went to Captain Davis with a 601 high 3 games, Captain Turner with a 227 single, and Capt. Koszarek with a 173 average.

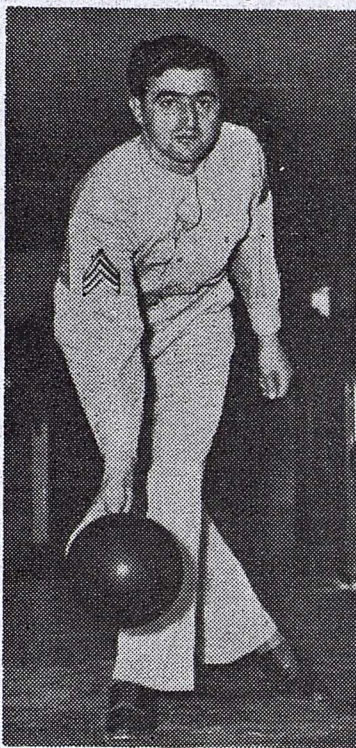
League 2's high game was bowled by the Macks to the tune of 885; the high 3-game series to the winning Scorpions with a 2426. Individual honors went to Lt. McCarthy with a 600 3-game high, Major Yerrington with a 245 single, and again to Lt. McCarthy for

QM Needs Army Woolen Clothing

New York (CNS)—Soldiers who have woolen Army clothing at home are urged to write their families asking that the clothing be returned to the Quartermaster at the nearest Army post, camp or station. M/Gen. Edmund B. Gregory, Army Quartermaster General, disclosed recently that reserves of woolen clothing are "pretty tight" and that a campaign has been launched along the Atlantic Coast for return of such clothing in possession of civilians, including discharged servicemen. Officers who completed Officer Candidate Schools prior to 18 months ago, and who were allowed to keep their old uniforms when commissioned, also are asked to return them. The clothing should be wrapped in some container so that the total weight of container and contents will not exceed 30 pounds. It can be sent collect express and should be addressed to the attention of "Quartermaster, Clothing and Equipage Classification Officer."

the highest average; 168.

TOPPLES RECORD



Sgt. Joe Comanitz

Ping-Pong Clash To Open April 16

Pyote's ping-pong tourney for 1945 gets underway Monday, April 16, at the Rec. Hall. Those desiring to get in on the tournament should contact S/Sgt. Richards at the PT office.

Major Conde, last year's winner, is polishing up on his game and should be a definite threat to such dark horses as S/Sgt. Willard Gassel and Pvt. Danny Camoia.

The tourney will be held in "double-elimination" style, which means that contestants who drop their first match can still win the tourney.

Officers and enlisted men are invited to partake in the tourney. Players will be divided into three leagues, from each of which one winner will be selected and these three top-men will play for the championship.

OFFICERS' WIVES CLUB CHANGE BOWLING TIME

The date for bowling by members of the Officers' Wives Club has been changed from Tuesday to Friday afternoon at 2 PM at

Transportation, Jobs Obstacles To Rattler Team

Pyote's mitt-and-mask fans took another on the chin this week. Lt. R. S. Mahoney, PT officer, announced that there would be no baseball team this year.

"I regret to state that Pyote shall have to do without baseball in 1945," Lt. Mahoney stated, "but there is no transportation available for games. The ruling that practice must be held on the players' free-time makes any hope for practice out of the question. The varied shifts won't permit a complete roster out on the field."

2 Pyote Boxers Head For 2AF Meet At Topeka

Two Pyote GIs are now mixing leather in the 2AF ring finals at Topeka, along with 38 other Second Air Force area champs. Richard Smith and "Ike" Robinson, both of Squadron C, are carrying local boxing hopes into the squared circle.

S/Sgt. Fred Root, boxing coach, has high hopes for both contenders. Smith took both his fights in the area meet at El Paso, via the KO route. Robinson's shifting, weavy style had much to do with his two decision wins.

The eight winners in the Topeka meet will be crowned champions of the 2AF in their various weights.

Shortage Cuts Meat Rations At Pyote Messes

Due to the critical meat shortage through the Army Air Forces, limitations have been set on the amount of meat served. Menus have been altered by Mess personnel to conform to the reduced meat rations.

This order means you'll be seeing more beans, spaghetti, macaroni, rice, etc., and less meat in the chow lines for some time to come.

the Officers' Club Bowling alleys.

All club members are welcome. For further details they are advised to contact Mrs. Ruby Vaulee, Special Activities chairman.

Supply & Maintenance Vital to Crew Training

This is another in a series of articles by a committee whose purpose is to explain to all personnel, both military and civilian, how the mission of the field is accomplished.

Keeping equipment in working order, and maintaining an adequate supply of all necessary materials is the big factor behind any training program. It is especially important with a B-29 program.

The Director of Maintenance and Supply is responsible for the entire organization and must anticipate needs for supplies and equipment to keep the training program functioning smoothly. Whenever a maintenance problem arises it must be solved as quickly as possible in order that training will not be set back. He is directly responsible to the Commanding Officer of the field.

Under the director is the assistant director and the various departments, including Post Engineer, Reclamation and Salvage, Motor Pool, Supervisor of Maintenance, Purchasing and Contracting, General Supply, and Aircraft Parts and Equipment.

Post Engineer

The maintenance and repair of all buildings and roads; the servicing of gas and electricity; the fire department; sewage disposal; and the control of insects, rodents, and vermin; are all part of the work of the Post Engineers. Personnel skilled in all of the above types of jobs are on call 24 hours a day to care for the upkeep of the field's facilities. In addition to upkeep, the Post Engineer must also prepare plans, specifications and estimates on all new construction.

Reclamation and Salvage

Anything that can be reclaimed or salvaged so that it may be used again or sold for salvage material, is handled by this section. All such material must be received, classified, and disposed of. Some material is sold to commercial salvage concerns, to the highest bidder.



Supervisor of Maintenance

The maintenance of all airplanes and motor vehicles is the responsibility of the Supervisor of Maintenance. His department is the immediate one behind the phrase, "Keep 'Em Flying" or "Keep 'Em Rolling". It is his job to deliver to the training sections the required number of planes needed for training combat crews.

Maintenance Control

All aircraft are assigned to Maintenance Control for accountability. This department controls the movement of aircraft and maintenance personnel. A check is kept on every plane used in the training program so that the location and job progress of each plane is available at all times.

By controlling the maintenance schedule, no one department will be over-loaded with work while another lacks work. Specialists in all jobs are dispatched by the department to control the various jobs.

Flight Test Section

This section is responsible for flight testing all aircraft upon completion of 100-hour inspections and after each repair or alteration affecting flight characteristics. Three complete crews handle this vital job, and upon their work depends the safety of training crews when they take-off on training missions.

Flight Line Maintenance

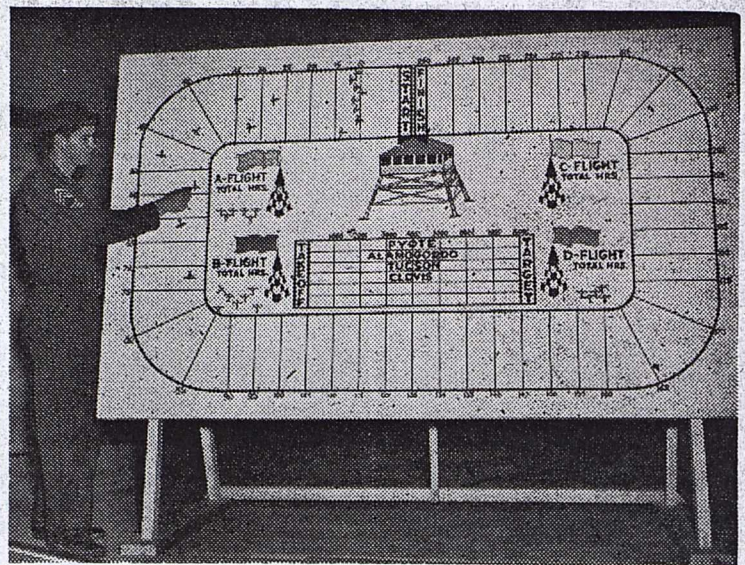
Pre-flight and periodical inspections are done by this department. Minor repairs, replacements, adjustments, and preventative maintenance are also done by flight line maintenance. This department also takes care of servicing planes with gasoline, oil, and oxygen. An alert crew stands by 24 hours a day to maintain all aircraft.

Third Echelon Shops

When a major repair is necessary on any aircraft, it is performed by the Third Echelon Shops. This includes all repairs that cannot be handled by flight line maintenance. Thus duplication of shops is avoided. Both military and civilian personnel work side by side to keep the planes flying.

Many of the repairs are on equipment such as instruments, armament, guns, turrets, bombsights, photo equipment and similar items. To do these varied jobs many different types of shops are operated including sheet metal, plexiglass, welding, foundry, woodmill, electroplating, painting, machine shop and a parachute department.

HOW'RE WE DOIN'?



'Race-Track' Chart Shows Pyote's Flying Hours Contest

Designed to show at a glance the total flying hours per plane on the field, an impressive chart was recently constructed by M/Sgt. Homer Isom (shown above placing a plane in position) line chief of Flight B.

Measuring 8 by 5 feet, the rectangular sign required sixteen hours to construct. It is located in Hangar Two, where anyone can readily see how each of the B-29s stand in total flying hours.

Aircraft Parts and Equipment

The procurement, storage and issuance of the thousands of parts and items of equipment is the big job of this department. An astonishing amount of tools, replacement parts, bolts, nuts, and fittings are needed to maintain aircraft. This department handles all these items and issues them through the Tech Supply issuing rooms, located in two of the hangars and in the machine shop.

General Supply

The receipt, storage, and issuance of all Quartermaster, Ordnance, Signal, and Chemical Warfare supplies is handled by General Supply. A close contact with the supply depot is maintained in order to coordinate these matters. This department also has charge of the sales commissary.

Motor Pool

The motor pool handles all motor vehicle requirements of the field. Transportation is a vital part of operating an air field, and the motor pool must dispatch the many types of vehicles that are needed, and must see that qualified drivers are available for such vehicles.

Purchasing and Contracting

This department has charge of procuring all items, supplies, and equipment and service by local purchase or contract, that can not be made available through normal channels. The assignment of priorities and the allotment of unit or similar funds is a part of the work of this department.

The board is made in the form of a large race-track. Located in the center of the "race-track" is a smaller chart which lists Pyote, Alamogordo, Tucson, and Clovis, and their respective total flying hours for the month.

Each plane on the field has a miniature model with its serial number on the "track" and its position from day to day indicates the log time that has accumulated.

Beginning with the "Start Line" markings appear that indicate flying time in hours. To reach the "Finish Line" a plane will have to be credited with 250 hours. Pylons, colored red, blue, yellow and green, represent A, B, C, and D flights in the maintenance section.

COMPLETE FILE OF COLLEGE CATALOGUES AT LIBRARY

A complete file of university and college catalogues is now available at the library. These catalogues are made possible through the Information-Education Office which invites your perusal for extension courses to study while in the service, or for information to aid in choosing the right school for your post war education.

Selling Apes? Buying Zebras? Do It Here!

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.

LOST

LOST—Fountain pen. You can't miss it. It's a Lifetime Schaeffer, green and black, engraved "E. Wessman". Finder please contact Sq. C, First Aid Office, ex. 254, ring 2.

LOST—Yes, I'm lost without my heart-shaped plexi-glass pin with woman's profile in center. It has a great sentimental value. Please return to Mrs. Annette Poppick, NCO Club, or phone 222.

I LOST my wallet containing month's pay and valuable papers. I'm flat broke and have a furlough coming up. So if the finder will keep half the dough and return the other half to me, I'll be happy. Cpl. Warren A. Smith, Bks. 611, Section 3.

FOUND

FOUND—Set of 3 keys in small leather container. Inscription on case reads "Riegel Brothers, Dodge and Plymouth Dist., Spokane, Wash." Special Service Office has them.

FOUND—A stack of keys of various sizes, once attached to small chain. Somebody picked 'em up and brought 'em to us. Junk includes a small metal tag with a dog and arrow on it. See The Rattler office.

CRASH BRACELET MISSING? Name Bruce Alshouse? Come a-running to Bks. 507, Bed 47, after five or Hangar 1, engine build-up, day shift. Ask for Pfc. Warren C. Besse, Sq. D.

FOR SALE

LAST WEEK over 4,846,238,560.3 man-hours were lost while people knotted busted shoe-laces. Do your shoe-laces tie different lately? If they're frayed, sprayed, and decayed try: SOO-Ply Room Specials. Your Supply Sergeant has them in that popular, brown shade, extra long, king size, for those fastidious GI shoes.

HOW ABOUT a railroad ticket to St. Louis? I've got one and you can head to see the Cards play



**Oil on the apron
rots good tires.
Besides you may
slip and break
your neck!**

ball. Call Pecos 854 for a cheap price to meet a spree in Saint Louis, Looie.

DO YOU NEED a car? '36 Ford Coupe, excellent running condition, five good tires. I've got one. Lt. Hollenbeck at Section III, BOQ 727.

A BRAND new Mexican rug is yours for the asking, cheap. Genuine Mexican serape rug, in attractive weave. Contact Sgt. Thomas Gordon, Base Photo Lab. Phone 31.

HERE'S A real buy; A 1943 Indian motorcycle that will give you fast, economical transportation. Pfc. Frank-Campbell, Bks. 513, bed 32.

IF YOU'RE in the market for a used car, look no further. A 1937 Ford coach, motor and tires in good shape. Better hurry. See Sgt. Watson, phone 237.

AMBULATE AT EASE while perambulating baby. Buggy for sale at Apartment 1349 D. J. L. Beavers.

A TWO-ROOM Elcar house trailer, 1941 model with one brand new tire, all in excellent condition, can be had for just \$940. Excellent for family with child. See Capt. Robert W. Gunther, Section 1, or see trailer at Camp Pyote.

ITCHING to see Grant's Tomb,

the Little Flower, and Broadway? I've a one-way furlough ticket to little old New York. See Pfc. Shattergood, Sq. F. orderly room.

EVEN WITH a curfew, Broadway's a grand old town. Give your regards, personally. I have a one-way ticket to New York via Chicago. See Pvt. Rosenfelt, Photo Lab, Ext. 31.

TRANSPORTATION

ARE YOU driving toward Pennsylvania along about April 15? A lady will share expenses and driving to PA, or thereabouts. Contact Lt. Harr. Phone 6.

WANTED

NO MORE blue Mondays! For your convenience a help-yourself laundry will be opening soon, but we need washing machines. Anyone knowing where they may be obtained, new or used, please contact Mr. T. C. Thompson, care of Post Engineer office, extension 55.

WILL anyone with a set of loaded, educated dice contact me? I've got thousands of bills that have to be paid. If Pluto won't, loaded dice will. T/Sgt. Ben Holt, Bks. 642.

CATCH THIS woe of mine, pal. I've got four rolls, four perfectly lovely, unused rolls of 120 film, but my camera is a 116. Now, if you've got some 116 film, I'll trade you my 120. Contact Cpl. Poppick at Wood Mill, ext. 156, Ring 2.

I'M TRYING to buy a Super-Cyclone Model Engine. Have you got one? Will pay good price. Contact Cpl. Burton Williams, Squadron D, Bks. 510.

I WANT TO buy a 1941 GMC product club coupe or convertible. Mrs. Margaret Ellison, Unit 1, Pecos AAF; or phone Pecos AAF 323.

CASH ON THE RADIATOR or an allotment to your bank for a 1940 or '41 model coupe, coach or sedan. Don't bother if you plan on getting rich on the deal. Write care of Classified ads, The Rattler.

LIKE TO SEE YOURSELF in charcoal? Models, both men and women, are needed for the new Special Service art classes. Contact Pfc. Phil Luft, SS office. Who knows where Conover may turn up?

I'M DESPERATE! I want a range finder for camera. Any information on where I can get same

will be appreciated. Phone Sgt. Retterbush at 229.

PERSONALS

IS THERE anything finer, than tonight on North Minor? Don't forget the pass-word, boys. Prexy.

KFG: Please return ring. Everything's off. Tommie.

HOW ABOUT spending a Sunday evening with the Baptist Young People at the Service Center in Pecos, Texas? Time: 7:15 to 8 PM each Sunday.

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KOOPS' KORNER

SUGAR REPORT

Dear Koops: Did you know the PX cafeteria now serves only one hot meal a day, at noon? Breakfast gets you eggs but you gotta take 'em on toast for a sandwich's sake. Hmf! . . . My favorite Sergeant tells me there's only two sure things in all this world—Death and Texas. . . . What is happening on the telephone exchange, have you heard? Several folk are inquiring. . . . Rattler addicts are due for something new, we hear

tell—a comic-strip "Flame"; also a new cartoon strip that outwolves the Wolf. . . . Too many phone calls asking me to read "T.R.'s" letter to 'em. . . . Say "thanks" to those responsible for getting the telephone for the Rattler office. It's 168, ring 2. . . . The Service Club Cafeteria is right groovy with the beer, ready-made sandwiches, and hard-boiled eggs. The line really moves and the joint jumps. Tee-riffic, and something Pyote has been needing for a long time. . . . Understand when summer comes, the cafeteria will extend out onto the patio so the thirsty can lubricate a tonsil under those Texas stars, so big and bright (clap, clap, clap). . . .

Hearing many nice comments on the new face on The Rattler. . . . This week's yarn on M/Sgt. Joe Collier is a honey, incidentally. . . . The picture on your desk, Ed, is of one Dale Belmont, known to her friends as "The Sweater", and a blues singer of "outstanding" success. She sued a Broadway publishing firm for using this picture of her to promote sales for a book called "The Complete Guide to Bust Culture". . . . Barksdale Field has okayed the summer uniform without tie for on the base wear. Hope Pyote comes through



Dale Belmont

Flame



Is A Dame Who's As Hot As Her Name . . .

FOLLOW HER CURVESOME ADVENTURES EXCLUSIVE IN THE RATTLER EACH WEEK STARTING APRIL 26TH

with same. . . . News of ping-pong tourney coming up this month reminded me of your column of March 8th: "Strictly in the rumor stage is the news that a ping-pong tourney is on deck". . . . Texas gals sound plenty peeved at the "legs" letter of last issue. . . . Clyde Melton of Pecos says that the reason some girls never get married is because they're too biased. It's bias this and bias that until the boy-friend is busted. . . . Homer Bealey, who used to be steward at the Service Club, dropped a quick line asking for copies of the club fire story in Rattler of two weeks ago. . . .

Tell any of the boys heading for Cincy this summer that admission to the Cincinnati Reds' ball games is free to GIs. . . . "Two Girls and a Sailor" will play a repeat performance at the theaters soon, I hear. . . . Rumor of the week: Saturday six different inquiries by phone wanting to know if "Koops



"I've got plenty of long green put away. Now if there was some way to take my girl out of circulation."

had died?" Tsk-tsk, I told them not that I knew of, but I'd consult with the Casualty Officer. . . . Strictly by grapevine, I hear that this T.R. business is going to break loose next week. Keep a close eye peeled, Ed. . . . Here's a hyuck-hyuck gag for you: Newcomer: "Does it always blow this way in Pyote?" Old-timer: "Nope, some times it blows the other way!" Ooooooo. . . . What's this I hear about some beeg-name bands heading for Pyote. Better check. Hobbs AAF and Alamogordo AAF are both using a recreation sub-base. Quite a fancy deal, I hear; it's a rest and recreation camp for training-weary GIs. . . . Some say that the 16th Wing may take it over and Pyote would get

in on it. . . . Trips to Carlsbad Caverns are going on every Sunday, incidentally. All it costs is the 50c for the lunch. Too bad that civilian guests can't go along. Sounds like fun. . . . Civilian gals are cooking up a softball team. Want pictures? . . . The girl who had trouble with this wartime elastic and parted company, unexpectedly, with her wearing apparel in front of the EM Bowling Alley Sunday night, was in. She heard someone had taken pictures. I told her no they hadn't—dog-gone it. . . . Bob Nash, former Rattler editor, is back from Lexington, with a spring gleam in his eye. Don't know her name, though.

I think this is cute. A local siren has given so many fellows here the brush-off they've formed a club. And they have a theme song about her. Such lang-widge. . . . 'Jever notice that some of the same guys that squawk about black-markets in big cities are trafficking cigarettes, intended for GIs, to civilians for a tasty profit? . . . A GI stopped in with a list THAT long of license numbers. They belong to the drivers of autos who didn't return his salutes. He wants to know who he gives 'em to. What do I tell him? . . . The newest pick-up line is "C'mon up to my place and let me show you my cigarettes". . . . No fooling, a GI at Fort McPherson, Ga., has an honorable discharge—and all it needs is his signature. He won't sign. He sez if he had known the transfer meant discharge he would have kicked. He thought he was going to be a permanent KP. That's what he wants. Love, Sugar.

The Wolf

by Sansone



"There must be an easier way to get their attention!"