

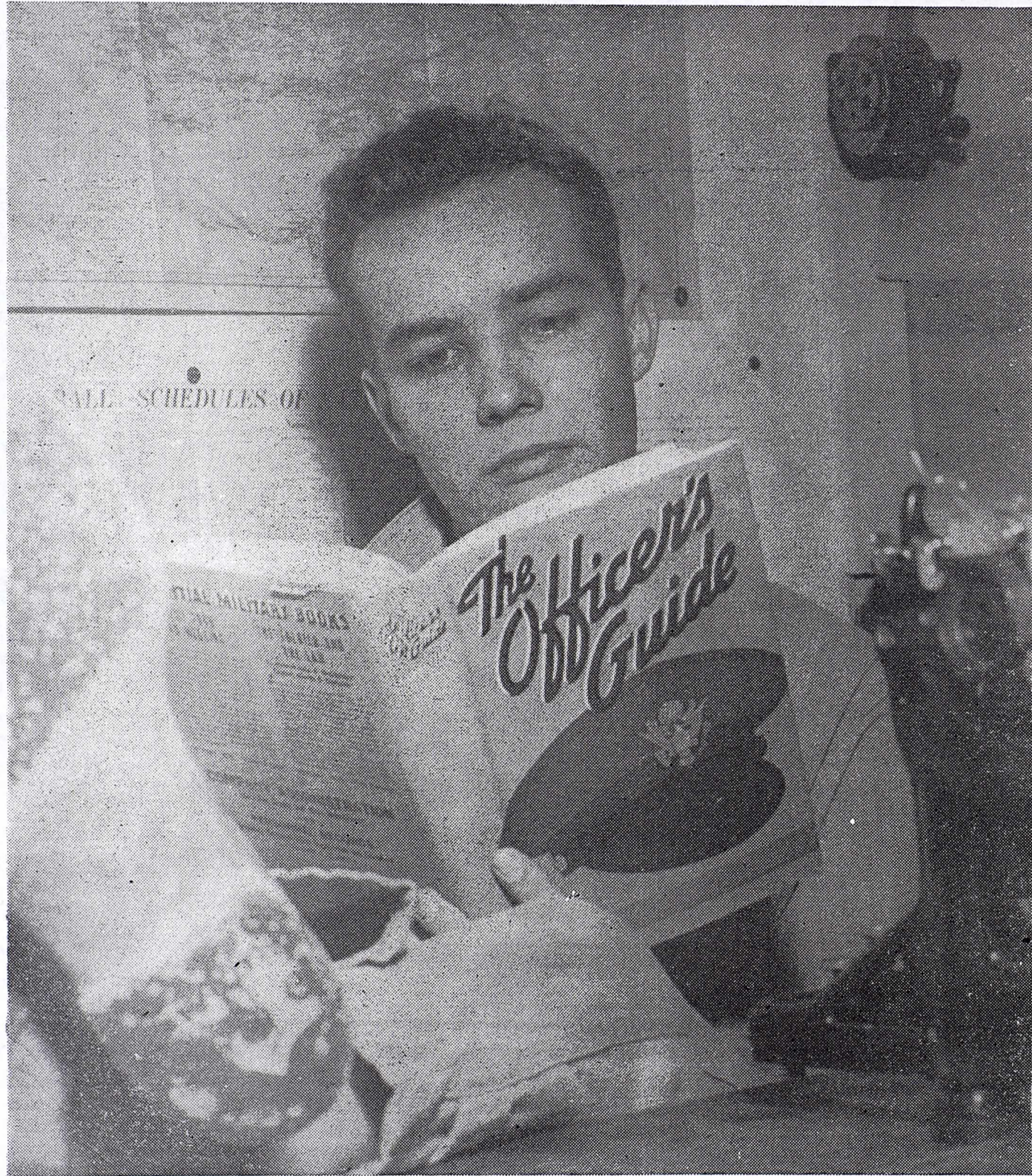
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# PATTON'S THIRD ARMY DRIVES TOWARD METZ

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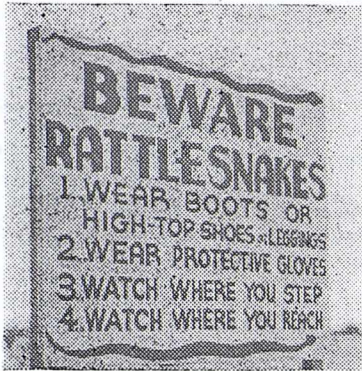
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## The Sixth Front

The 6th War Loan gets underway next Monday. There is no need for us to remind you of the importance of this drive, and no necessity for us to give you a sales talk.

War Bonds are a smart investment because they pack a two-way punch: You are investing in a country which puts your investment to work to make the country better. You can't miss.

You'll be hearing a lot about the 6th War Loan during the next few weeks, urging you to join up. A U. S. GI should not have to be urged to help in this drive. This is everybody's war and merely being in the Army does not absolve us from our responsibilities to the financing of the war.

No, no sales talk; no prodding; just the information that the 6th War Loan gets underway Monday. From there on, it's up to you.

## Editors' Report

The editorial column is the proper place for the editors to speak their piece about the RATTLER. The job of editing your paper has evolved upon us—and it is our job only so long as you owners of the sheet approve of our policies and our methods.

During the past few weeks a few changes have been instituted in the RATTLER to give the paper a little different format, a little more energy. If you approve of some of the new features, e. g. "Pyote Opinion", "So This Is Pyote", "Pigskin Prophets", "Rattle Snake Charmer", etc., they'll stay in. If you don't approve of them, we'll give them the heave-ho.

Effective this issue we are discontinuing Section columns. The reason is simple. This page of news affected less than half the personnel of this base. It is our belief that this page can be used for news of more general interest.

Inasmuch as the RATTLER has been cut to 12 pages, space is at a considerable premium. We are grateful to the various correspondents who have maintained a flow of steady contributions to the desk. We are in their debt, and we hope that they will remain our eyes-and-ears, ready to report any story that would make "good copy" concerning their Section.

Another problem the editors might straighten out at this time is distribution. Each week we hear a few complaints that some didn't get a copy of the paper. Well, this is the way it works:

Due to news-print shortage, only a certain number of Rattlers can be printed. This number does not allow a copy per man. So, the papers are distributed to each Section according to the ratio between number of copies available and the number of men in each Section.

That's rough, we know, but there's nothing we can do about it, except to urge that you—when you're through with the RATTLER—pass it on, don't throw it away.

## 'WHERE'S HITLER?' QUERIES PRESS; JAP RING SLOWS LEYTE ADVANCE

In the 155th week of the U. S. at War, this was the news from: THE EUROPEAN FRONT: Patton's Third Army plowed through snow and bitter cold to blast the outer defenses of Metz. Some circles thought Marshal General Von Runstedt would evacuate the fortress city. But whether he fights or runs, losing Metz means a Nazi abandonment of all territory west of the Rhine. To the east, the Soviet might juggernauted to within 31

miles of Budapest, last Axis satellite capital. Weather kept the Italian front bogged down. American newspapers were posing the old question—"Is Hitler Dead, Insane, Sick, or What?" The Fuehrer maintained a discreet silence from wherever he is. The RAF finally sunk the huge battleship Tirpitz—sister-ship of the ill-fated Bismarck. The Tirpitz, which had never fought a battle, yet cost the Germans \$5,000,000 and 5 years to build, was in hiding in a Norwegian fjord. Excitable neutral countries chattered that the Allies would invade Norway.

THE ASIATIC FRONT: The Japs decided to put up a fight for Leyte. Canny Yamashita, ablest Nip general, slowed down MacArthur's advance. Tokyo claimed that carrier-based American aircraft bombed Manila, that a B-29 made another reconnaissance flight over Tokyo. The Japs said that the Superfortress came from the Marianas, but no U. S. confirmation was forthcoming. The 20th Bomber Command released the story of B-29s being stood on their wing-tips in a violent hurricane over Japan last week.

THE INTERNATIONAL FRONT: French officials arrested the pretender to the throne of France, who was attempting to board a monarchistic bandwagon. Churchill and DeGaulle got together, de-

decided the Saar basin would be demilitarized, the mines would be in French control. Conversation over vodka, ale, or scotch-and-soda was dealing with the possibility of a Stalin, Roosevelt, Churchill get-together soon. Favorite site: Paris.

THE HOME FRONT: The cigarette shortage was hitting the civilians hard. Joseph Gould, one-time manager of heavyweight champ Jim Braddock, was court-martialed for accepting bribes. He was dismissed from the service, fined \$12,000, sentenced to 3 years hard labor. Ethel Barrymore was seriously ill. A meteor flashed over Ottawa, Canada. Citizens were finally convinced it was not a Nazi V-2 bomb. Washington urged folks to cut down on travel over the forthcoming holidays. Home folks were told by the Stars and Stripes (ETO GI newspaper) that Americans are donating insufficient blood to save American lives. Tahoe City, Calif., had a severe snowstorm. New York City reported a caviar shortage. The B-29 production hit full-operating schedule; no facts, figures were released, however. A Long Beach, Calif. boy, aged 9, was locked in a tool chest for 9 days. New Orleans said they wouldn't hold a Mardi Gras next year; seems there's a war on. Two 17-year-old boys were killed playing football over the week-end.



Some of the hardest fighting of this or any other war has slowed the progress of the Allied Armies in northern Italy and Yugoslavia, a front to which the Germans attach the highest importance. Between Germany and the fighting fronts on the south lies Vienna, sixth city of Europe, rail and water hub of the continent.

# GARBER ORCH. COMING HERE

## 'Air Lane Idol' Coming To Pyote Sunday, Dec. 10

Pyote, a show-starved base if ever there was one, saw definite relief in sight.

Jan Garber, idol of the air-lanes, and his orchestra confirmed a show-date at the Rattlesnake Army Air Field for Sunday, December 10th.

Garber, a top-name dance band for almost two decades, is a perennial favorite to dancers, particularly from the mid-west. The chubby violinist held out at the Aragon and Trianon ballrooms in Chicago for many years. Radio listeners from coast to coast are familiar with Garber's orchestra.

The time and place for the musical show have not yet been set. Next week's Rattler will carry more details concerning the show.

Special Services, in announcing the engagement of Garber, stated the hope that this big-name attraction would be the first in a parade of headline artists to hit the cactus-and-rattler circuit.

Garber has revamped his dance band many times through the years to conform with popular trends in music. During the early thirties, his orchestra was ala Lombardo, but recently he has altered his band and is now considered one of the finest swing organizations in the business.

## Name New Officers For Two Pyote Posts

Capt. Reginald A. Diedrich is now the Station Personal Affairs Officer, replacing Capt. Charles J. Harnett, Staff Combat Intelligence Officer.

Captain Diedrich is a SW Pacific veteran of the 5th AACs, returning to the States in August. He is a native of Columbus, Ohio.

Capt. Harold D. Lucey, recently returned from England where he served with the 9th AF, is now station War Bond Officer. Captain Lucey is a native Bostonian.

### THE COVER

S-Sgt. Fred Putnam takes a last look at the Officers' Guide, takes his feet down from the desk, and heads for Infantry OCS. Putnam, former duty Sgt. of Section "A", left for Ft. Benning, Ga., last week.

(Full details on Page 4, Column 2.)

(Photo by MacGrath.)

## FIELD OBSERVES ARMISTICE DAY



S-Sgt. Millard Davis places a wreath at the foot of the flag pole, during the Armistice Day ceremonies last Saturday. Col. C. E. Duncan delivered a brief address dedicating the efforts of all to make the world the dead of both world wars died for, a better one in which to live. A large attendance of civilian guests, many of whom have lost loved ones in this war, were present to watch the ceremony.

## Sixth War Loan Starts Mon.; \$138,000 Quota

The Sixth War Loan gets underway at the Pyote AAF on Monday, November 20th, as the personnel of Rattlesnake Army Air Field start their drive to meet the quota of \$138,000.

Capt. H. D. Lucey, War Bond Officer, hopes to have 95% of personnel participate, and at least 12% of the monthly pay-roll turned in for bonds. With those two factors met, reaching the quota will be

## 2AF Accident Rate Hits Low For 1944;

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo.—The Second Air Force accident rate for the week of Oct. 28th through Nov. 3rd is the lowest rate in the past year, safety officials announced.

The "all-accident" rate for that period was .249 and the fatal accident rate was .042 per thousand. Brig. Gen. A. F. Hegenberger, acting CG, congratulated all personnel for the ability they have indicated, and hoped for continued effort in accident prevention.

Broken down into Sections, individual quotas are as follows: Section A, \$7,056; Section B, 1,632; Section C, \$5,737; Section D, \$16,500; Section E, \$7,470; Section F, \$12,150; Section M, \$3,775; 728th Band, \$2,450; CCD, \$10,070; Officers, \$43,175; and Civilians, \$27,985.

In order to put Pyote over the top in the "Sixth Front", a torch-light parade and rally will be held on the 29th of this month, plus numerous other programs and shows to present the reasons why the quota should be met.

## 3600 Lbs. Turkey Will Be All Yours Thanksgiving Day

3600 pounds of turkey, 30 gallons of cranberry sauce, 1200 pounds of potatoes—that's just the start of the menu for Thanksgiving day dinner next Thursday.

You are permitted to bring members of your family and one guest to the mess hall for Thanksgiving meals either noon or evening. The cost is 75 cents per person per meal. However, inform your orderly room today if you are bringing guests!

The menu, and amount of food to be prepared, is issued by Consolidated Mess, covering what will be served at Mess Halls 1, 3, 4, and 5.

Giblet gravy, 120 gal.; dressing, 160 lbs.; candied sweet potatoes, 1200 lbs.; snowflake potatoes, 1200 lbs.; fresh corn, 465 lbs.; buttered asparagus, 520 lbs.; sweet pickles, 31 gal.; celery, 186 lbs.; sliced tomatoes, 465 lbs.; pumpkin pies, 350; apple pies, 350; spice cake, 370 lbs.; ice cream, 160 gals.; mixed nuts, 620 lbs.; mixed candy, 310 lbs.; grapes, 31 lugs; 3100 oranges; 3100 apples; 1100 dozen hot rolls; assorted bread, 620 lbs.; butter, 70 lbs.; coffee, 300 gals.; sugar, 450 gals., and 3600 lbs. of tender Tom Turkey!

## GI Author Can Win Five Grand For Book

The E. P. Dutton publishing company is offering \$5000 for the best book manuscript submitted by a serviceman or woman of any rank who has been wounded in the line of duty in the present world war.

The contest for the 1945 prize (and the company plans a '46 and '47 contest) closes January 1. The address of the Dutton Publishing Company is 286-302 4th Avenue, NYC 10. Full details will be mailed to you by them upon request.

### THE CRYSTAL BALL

(Each week The RATTLER will record predictions on the duration of the war, as made by ranking men and women of our time.)

Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower: "War is like pushing a heavily loaded wagon up a steep hill in the fog, and never knowing when you get to the top. So you have to push all the time."

## 6-Day Furlors Okay By WD But Not Via Train Or Bus

Six-day furloughs for four holiday seasons have been authorized by the War Dept. (AR 615-275).

The AR specifies the short-term furlough may be granted to up to 10 per cent of the command, in addition to the 15 per cent authorized for other classes of furloughs. The four holidays are New Years, Independence Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas.

The regulation states, however, that the 6-day furlough will be issued only to those who do not travel by public carrier (busses, trains, etc.). In other words, applicants must agree to travel in their own autos, or those of other persons.

The definition of a holiday furlough is a 6-day leave, the fourth day of which falls on the holiday itself.

These holiday furloughs are subject to quota restrictions—meaning that they are, and will be, counted as part of your annual furlough time.

## Zebra KPs Make Real Thanksgiving For Lower Ranks

### BULLETIN

A late press-time report from Section A informed the Rattler that their entire KP roster for Thanksgiving will be made up of "zebras". These volunteers requested no publicity so no names are being released. However, Section A will probably have more than their KP roster quota for the day.

1-Sgt. Jack Blackburn, Section F, stated he had hopes of getting 51 higher-ranking non-coms to volunteer from that Section. This method would allow the zebras to work a third of a shift. The Rattler suggests other Sections might adopt such a plan.

A movement, started by an anonymous Tech. Sgt., has grown into a full-fledged plan. Men of the top-three grades are volunteering their services on Thanksgiving Day as kitchen police to show their appreciation for the work done—day in, day out—by the lower grades at the mess halls.

Conducted on an entirely voluntary basis, close to thirty "zebras" had indicated their willingness to pull a Turkey Day tour of duty, at the time the Rattler went to press.

These Staff, Tech, and Master Sergeants are men who "have pulled their share of KP"; some of them have flown dozens of missions, have plenty of combat decorations, and yet—in an unduplicated act of generosity—have volunteered to give the Privates, Corporals, and Buck Sergeants a Thanksgiving sans KP.

## S-Sgt. Putnam Heads For OCS

Sgt. Frederick E. Putnam, Sec. A, former Artilleryman gone Air Corps, has reverted back to his original ambitions in the Army Ground Forces through his orders and transfer to the Infantry OCS at Ft. Benning, Ga., last week.

Putnam, Sec. A Duty NCO for nearly a year, received his orders to OCS unexpectedly and was off in a flurry with his orders in one hand and a copy of the Officers Guide in the other. The Ground Forces are nothing new to him as he had served with the 41st Division at Ft. Kamehameba, Hawaii, prior to Pearl Harbor. He was attached to a service battalion there.

The sergeant is a native of Hartford, Conn., and a graduate of St. Johns prep school at Danvers, Mass. He enlisted in the Army on November 11, 1939. He is married and has two children, a boy, 2, and a girl, 4 months old.

## Off-The-Base Jobs Need Base CO's Ok

Enlisted men of Pyote Army Air Field will be permitted to hold jobs off the base only with the permission of the Station Commandant, it was announced Tuesday.

Col. C. E. Duncan stated that permission for off-duty jobs would be given only in cases where the work is important to the war effort, such as emergency harvesting of crops, and only in cases where the job would cause no conflict with regular army duties.

Permission of the Station Commandant must be had before enlisted personnel may accept off-the-base employment.

### GI BILL OF RIGHTS DISCUSSED TUESDAY

MONAHANS, Tex.—The GI Bill of Rights will be discussed in a special program at the Monahans High School next Tuesday, November 21, at 8:30 p.m.

Soldiers, as well as interested civilians, are invited to attend this program which will explain the rights this bill gives to servicemen and their families.

## Theater Schedule

Unless otherwise noted, Theater No. 1 shows at 1:30, 6 and 8 p.m.; Theater No. 2 at 7 and 9 p.m.

Thu.—WHEN IRISH EYES ARE SMILING with Monty Wooley, June Haver and Dick Haymes. (Technimical of an Irish song writer.) Also "This Is America" and Paramount News. Note: USO show at Theater No. 1 tonight; above movie at Theater No. 2 only—6 and 8 p.m.

Fri.—BABES ON SWING STREET with Peggy Ryan, Ann Blythe, and Leon Errol. (Bobby-sox parade their songs and dances.) Also Sportsreel and cartoon "Heel-watha". Sat.—(Revival) COVER GIRL with Rita Hayworth and Gene Kelly. (Technimical about a cover girl of all things.) Also Little Lulu cartoon.

Sun. and Mon.—MRS. PARKINGTON with Greer Garson, Edward Arnold and Walter Pidgeon. (A lifetime with a brave woman, her unscrupulous rich hubby and their no-good offspring.) Also Paramount News.

Tue.—MY PAL, WOLF with Sharyn Moffett and Jill Esmond. (A 3 hankie-picture about a little girl who falls in love with a dog AWOL from the K-9 corps.) Also Sportsreel: "Let's Go Fishing".

Wed. and Thu.—AND NOW TOMORROW with Alan Ladd, Susan Hayward and Loretta Young. (Something about a discharged vet and two women, we suppose.) Also Army-Navy Screen Magazine and Paramount News.

## Service Club

Thu.—Wives Luncheon 12 to 1. (USO show at Theater No. 1 at 7:15 and 9:15.)

Fri.—Informal activities; games, letter-writing, etc.

Sat.—Informal activities; records, relaxation, etc.

Sun.—Bingo Party at 8:30.

Mon.—Bridge Tourney, 8:15 p.m.

Tue.—Thanksgiving Dance, 9 to midnight.

Wed.—Sewing 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. GI movies, 8:30 p.m.

## Monahans USO

Thu.—Weiner Roast! Protestant Discussion group.

Fri.—Informal activities.

Sat.—Dance! Refreshments, entertainment.

Sun.—11 a.m., Coffee Hour: 6:30, Buffet Supper; 7:30, Song Fest; 8:30, Movie, "Beware of Spooks"

Mon.—7:30, Song Fest; 8:30, Movie, "Beware of Spooks".

Tue.—Arts and Crafts program.

Wed.—1230, Better Halves Club luncheon; 8:30, Catholic Discussion Group; 8:30, Spanish Class.

## Three Officer Candidate Schools Merge, Increase Monthly Quotas

The Armored, Tank Destroyer, and Cavalry Officer Candidate Schools have been consolidated in a move at Fort Knox, Kentucky. Headquarters there states that the OCS allotment for this combined school will be increased to 150 a month. Forty per cent will be Armored candidates, 45 per cent Mechanized Cavalry, and 15 per cent Tank Destroyer.

### Classified Ads

LOST—A ring of keys. The finder please return to PX taproom. Reward: a case of beer, and no questions asked.

FOR SALE—Baby high-chairs made to order at new low prices. Call S-Sgt. D. A. Buffamonte at Monahans 9515.

FOUND—Pilot's Flight Record Log book at the Hill Laundry in Monahans.

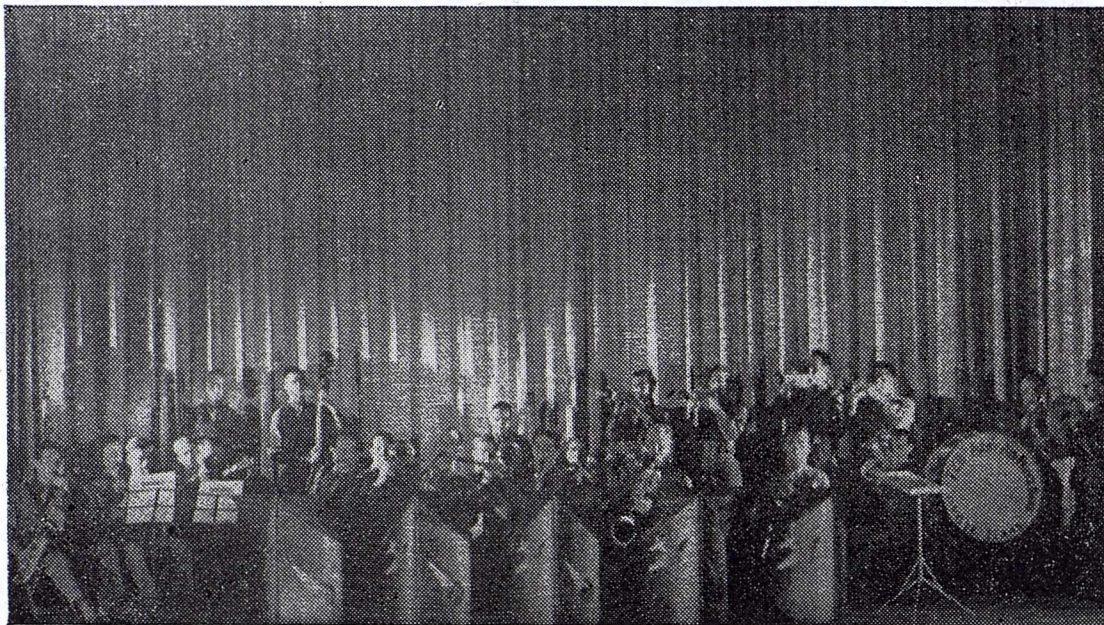
The classes for all three schools are of 17 weeks duration.

Pyote OCS application forms may be secured from the Classification office in Base Hqts.

No eligible individual will be discouraged from making application because his work is important or his replacement difficult.

WANTED—Ride to or near Phila., Pa., for couple. On or about Dec. 17. Will share expenses and driving. Contact S-Sgt.-C. A. Lauer, Sec. 1.

# 'Moods In Melody' Plays Theatre Monday



The 728th AAF orchestra will swing out next Monday night with "Moods and Melody". A varied program of swing classics has been arranged, and the Pyote orchestra will be at its best in a "Concert Americana".

## Swing Concert By Base Orchestra In One Show: 7 p.m.

The Pyote band presents a concert in swingtime at Theater No. 1 next Monday evening at 7 p.m. in a 90-minute free show.

Starting promptly at 7, and for one show only, "Moods In Melody" a Concert Americana will run the gamut of American swing, with the program under the baton of W-O Irvin E. Zimmerman, T-Sgt. Frank Stone, assistant conductor.

The program opens with the theme "Blue Serenade" a composition by Cpl. George Annis, then Ravel's "Bolero", arranged by Cpl. Fred Coradetti, a medley of South American numbers — "Siboney", "Tango Delle Rose", and "Besame Mucho", "Come Out Wherever You Are" (vocal by Sgt. Irving Marder); "Boogie Woogie" featuring Pfc. Warren Koxvold at the piano; "Trolley Song" with Marder vocalizing; a Will Bradley jump tune labeled "Stop And Ask Somebody", a sax solo by Cpl. George Annis on "Horn Staccato", a medley of prime perennial hit tunes — "A Study In Brown", "String of Pearls" and "Woodchoppers Ball", "Rhapsody In Blue", featuring W-O Zimmerman at the piano, and closing with another Annis original, "Paradise".

## Monahans USO Plans Busy Week

There will be a meeting of the Junior Hostesses on Monday night, Nov. 20th, at 8:00 p.m. at the Monahans USO. Plans will be discussed for the formal dancing party to be held at the USO Club on Saturday night, Nov. 25.

A formal party, celebrating Thanksgiving will be held at the Monahans USO on Saturday, Nov. 25. Decorations and refreshments in keeping with the spirit of the affair, are being planned by a committee of junior hostesses and Pyote GI's. Monty Ash has promised to bring some of the best talent from Pyote to provide entertainment for the night.

The "Better Halves" Club, composed of wives of the service men who live in Monahans, meet at the USO Club every Wednesday noon at 12:30 for luncheon. This is followed by a brief business meeting after which the group play cards, sew, knit or work on various arts and crafts projects. A number of the women are beginning to make Christmas presents.

At the last meeting plans were discussed to have a married couples night at the USO club. The chairman of the group is Mrs. Eleanor Gilbreath. All wives are invited to attend the luncheon meetings.

## USO 'Monkey Shines' Plays Tonight At Theater No. 1 At 7:15 And 9:15

The USO show "Monkey Shines" plays here tonight for two shows at Theater No. 1—at 7:15 and 9:15. Admission is free.

The vodvil bill, which looks like one of the best of the USO circuits, features the Radio Rogues, famous screen and radio entertainers, Helen Wall, an acrobatic dancer, The Three Kelly Sisters, songstresses, Aileen Read, tap dancer, and John Sully and Muriel Thomas, comedians.

Tonight—Thursday, Nov. 16th—at Theater No. 1 for two shows—7:15 and 9:15 p.m.

## Thanksgiving Hop At EM Club Tues.

Tuesday night means dance night at the Service Club with a gala Thanksgiving holiday dance from nine to midnight.

The Field orchestra provides the music, the hostesses provide the charm, and all the GI has to do is provide the crowd.

From nine till midnight is dance time for this Thanksgiving day "turkey trot", and at the stroke of 12, like ersatz Cinderellas, the GIs shall promptly scoot to the safety of their barracks. But, oh boy—till midnight—!

## Thanksgiving Dance At Officers' Club

A dance will be held at the Officers' Club next Saturday evening from 9 to 1. The Pecos AAF band will play for the special Thanksgiving "Turkey Trot".

Among the highlights planned for the Officers' Club is a bridge tournament beginning the 21st.

## November Birthdays Feted At Hospital

A monthly birthday party was held at the Hospital sponsored by the Officers' Wives, on November 10th.

Six birthday guests attended, as well as approximately sixty patients. The treat of the evening were three luscious angel-food cakes, baked by Monahans townswomen, Mmes. C. D. Estes, W. Jenkins, and J. Williams. Individual cakes were served to boys in the wards unable to attend the party.

Games were played with cards and cigarettes given as prizes.

This "duplicate" tourney will award a war bond to the high scorer at the end of each four weeks of play.

The Regular bridge party will be held on Tuesday with prizes for the ladies.

## "Easy Does It" Still Doing It

The three-act farce, "Easy Does It", traveled to Pecos AAF Wednesday to play to two full houses.

Special Services announced that plans were being made to present the all-Pyote comedy at Marfa AAF on an exchange basis.

## IRISH EYES



June Haver plays the ingenue role in "Irish Eyes Are Smiling" currently showing at Theater No. 1 and 2. Last times tonight.

## PYOTE OPINION

**Pyote Discusses Discharge Plan****Forum Discloses Varied Opinions On Point System**

The Rattler poses the second in a series of controversial questions for "Pyote Opinion". This week's question, "Do you agree with the plan to discharge soldiers according to length in service, combat time, and children?" was asked of individuals throughout the base. The answers:

**Pvt. Jack Stalder**, Los Angeles, Flight Control: "I'm only 21, so it doesn't matter to me, but I think some provision should be made for the older men. A man of 35 or more can't serve on a combat crew and usually isn't sent overseas, and because of his being kept in the country he won't be discharged so quickly, according to the present plan. I think that is decidedly unfair."

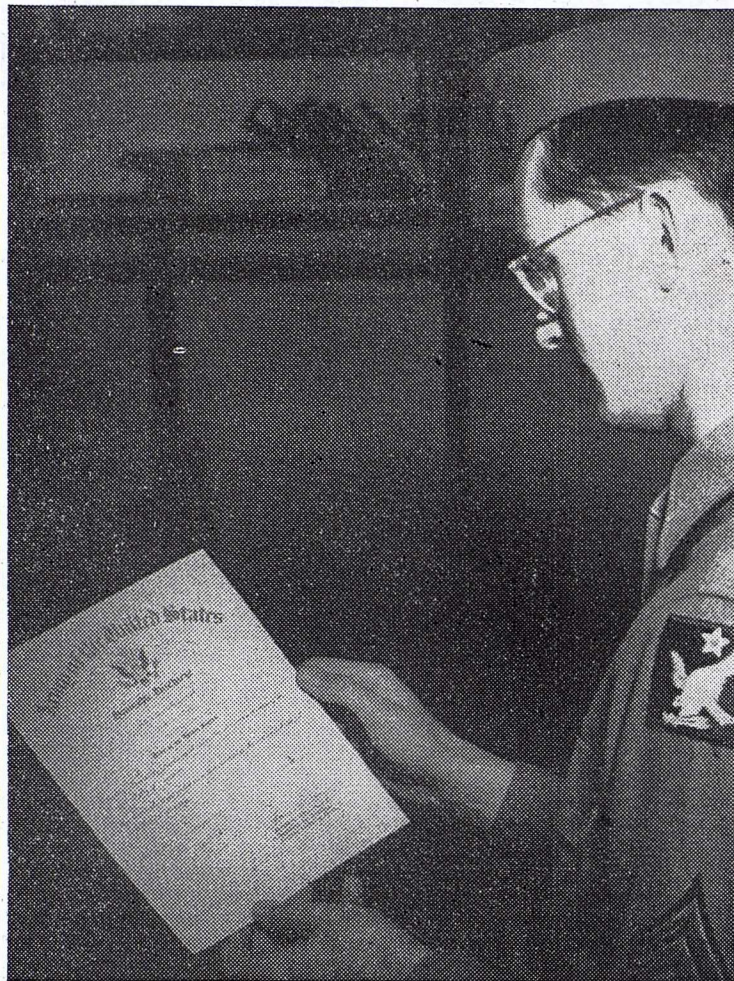
**Pvt. Robert Garr**, Rochester, N. Y., SOI Clerk: "Combat men should be discharged first. Age should be considered, that's true. But, after all, the guys who waded through the flak and the mire should get preference, regardless of age, marital status, etc."

**Cpl. Warren Balczerzak**, Grand Rapids, Mich., Radio Maintenance: "Age and time in service. I don't think decorations should be considered."

**Cpl. Llewellyn Hewitt**, Seattle Wash., Operational Statistics: "After all, the men overseas were chosen and the rest of us have nothing to say as to where we're stationed. Just because the War Dept. doesn't send us overseas I don't think it's fair to give those overseas such preference. But on the whole, the present plan is about as fair as any could be. Men with families should be given prime consideration, although the first men in should be the first out."

**T-Sgt. Fred Matthes**, Toledo, O., Duty Sgt. Sec. E: "Over 38 should be the rule, whether single or married. Older men will have trouble getting jobs, just as they did after the last war. They had trouble competing with younger men, and they will again. Give them a head-start, whether they're married or not."

**Pvt. Paul Oldham**, Wichita, Kans., Quality Supervisors' Office: "I'd discharge them in this order: All men over 38, married or single; married men, with or without dependents. After all, for economic stability the Government stands to gain by releasing these married men, who need the most readjustment. I think that the draftees will get out ahead of enlisted men or the regular army. I don't say



they should, mind you, just that they will."

**Pvt. Jo Kane**, Los Angeles Calif., (WAC) Library: "It seems to me that first should be the men with dependents—children, then those with the most overseas time, then those with the decorations. Age is no factor. Industry has realized the ability of older men who have held up the production on the home-front through the war. Age won't hinder a man from getting a job, anymore."

**Pfc. W. J. Blaszk**, Chicago, Gunner: "This should be the way: Married men with children, married men without children, men over 35, men with most overseas time, men with the longest length of service, then those with minor disabilities."

**Pfc. Louis Lel Pezzo**, Newark, N. J., Machinist: "The present plan is okay as it stands."

**Pvt. Wesley T. Farraday**, Ft. Wayne, Ind., Casual: "The first released should be Pvt. Wesley T. Farraday of Ft. Wayne, Indiana."

**Pvt. Herman Slotkin**, Brooklyn, Photo Sec.: "The WD has a good idea. After all, no matter how they do it, there'll be gripes. You can't please everybody."

**Pvt. Harvey Fowler**, Emporia, Kans., CFC Maintenance: "Older men, and particularly older married men, should be released first. I don't think stars or decorations should be considered—as a lot of deserving guys probably haven't won the decorations they deserve. But, mostly, young men—like myself—should want to see the older men out first."

**Pvt. Huland Green**, Stockville, Miss., Mess Hall No. 1: "Every man has the idea he should be out first. But older men with families should receive prime consideration over all the rest."

**Cpl. Will M. Spillem**, Memphis, Tenn., CCD: "The Army has the best plan because it takes in everything."

**W-O Milton Freed**, Brooklyn,

**Romanian P. Of W. Liberated By AAF**

Early in October airmen of the 15th and 8th Air Forces who had been prisoners of the war in Romania were brought back to the United States. Some of these men had survived the first low-level attack on Ploesti 13 months before, while others had been in prison but a short time, shot down during the big aerial offensive against Romania during August.

An account of their experiences in prison, their contacts with the Romanians and the historic liberation by 15th Air Force B-17s is told in the November issue of AIR FORCE, the AAF service journal. The article, called OPERATION-REUNION, reveals how the men were notified of plans for their rescue and how these plans were carried out by Fortresses and transports in one of the smoothest operations ever accomplished by any air force.

"For months we amused ourselves in prison by making out menus," S-Sgt. William Mansfield, a ball-turret gunner, said. "Everytime a guy had nothing else to do he would make out a list—porterhouse steak, creamed potatoes, thick gravy, lettuce and tomato salad, ice cream and coffee. United States coffee!"

Today these men are back in the land of ice cream and good coffee, due to the great aerial liberation which followed the capitulation of Romania. Their story is told in the AAF magazine, now available at your orderly room.

**CCD:** "Actual combat should receive first consideration. Not merely being overseas—after all, some overseas men are living better than some in the states. But combat veterans and married men with children should be released first."

**S-Sgt. Carl Berg**, Chicago, CCD: "The War Dept. plan sounds all right to me. I can't think of any improvements to add to it. You can't expect any plan, that will affect some twelve million men, to be absolutely fair to them all."

**Sgt. Victor Johnson**, Norfolk, Va., Bombsight Maintenance: "Put everybody's serial number in a goldfish bowl and have a big lottery. Draft 'em out the way they were drafted in—just by chance. Then nobody'll have a kick."

The Rattler is conducting a poll of public opinion on controversial questions of the day that affect, or will affect, GI Joe. Although an impartial poll is taken, all personnel cannot be reached. The staff welcomes any expression of opinion on next week's question that you might care to mail or send to this paper. Next week's Pyote Opinion question is open for discussion now . . . "What should be done with conquered Germany?"

### GRADE CEILINGS BY THE NUMBERS

SSN	MOS	Ceiling Grade
688	Tow Target Reel Operator	Cpl.
689	Airplane Cable Mech.	Cpl.
691	Flexible Gunnery Trainer Operator-Mechanic	S-Sgt.
737	Flight Engineer	M-Sgt.
747	Airplane and Engine Mechanic	S-Sgt.
748	Airplane Mechanic-Gunner	S-Sgt.
750	Airplane Maintenance Technician	M-Sgt.
754	Radio Mechanic, AAF	S-Sgt.
756	Radio Operator, AAF	S-Sgt.
757	Radio Operator-Mechanic-Gunner, AAF	T-Sgt.
759	Radio Operator, CSN	S-Sgt.
766	Radio Operator, High Speed, Manual	S-Sgt.
768	Intercept Control Technician	M-Sgt.
772	Liaison Pilot	S-Sgt.
776	Radio Operator, Low Speed	Sgt.
787	Weather Forecaster	S-Sgt.
791	Air Operations Specialist	M-Sgt.
804	Camouflage Technician	S-Sgt.
805	Cryptographic Technician	S-Sgt.
809	Decontaminating Equipment Operator	Sgt.
815	Ordnance Supply Technician	T-Sgt.
821	QM Supply Technician	T-Sgt.
822	Utilities Technician	S-Sgt.
824	Mess Sergeant	S-Sgt.
825	Medical Supply Technician	T-Sgt.
826	AAF Supply Technician	T-Sgt.
835	Supply Clerk	Sgt.
848	Parts Clerk, Armament	Sgt.
852	Radar Mechanic, RCM	S-Sgt.
853	Radar Mechanic, Nav.	S-Sgt.
854	Radar Mechanic, Sea Search	S-Sgt.
858	Medical Lab Technician	S-Sgt.
859	Pharmacy Technician	S-Sgt.
861	Surgical Technician	S-Sgt.
862	Radar Mechanic, IFF	S-Sgt.
867	Radar Mechanic, Bombardment	S-Sgt.
870	Chemical Technician	T-Sgt.
901	Munitions Worker	Cpl.
903	Weapons Repairman, Small Arms	Sgt.
911	Airplane Armorer	S-Sgt.
925	Aircraft Engineering Technician	M-Sgt.
931	Heavy Automotive Equipment Operator	Cpl.
932	Special Vehicle Operator	Sgt.
938	AAF Gunnery Instructor	T-Sgt.
939	Aerial Photographer-Gunner	T-Sgt.
940	Aerial Photographer	S-Sgt.
941	Camera Technician	Sgt.
945	Photographic Lab Technician	Sgt.

(To Be Continued Next Week)

## Auto Industry Has Jobs Aplenty For Soldiers In Post-War World

Returning servicemen will find an "untapped job bonanza" in the sales and servicing branches of the postwar automobile industry, according to Joseph W. Frazer, chairman of Graham-Paige Motors Corporation.

"From the service and maintenance viewpoint," he said, "thousands of veterans will possess expert technical knowledge acquired in handling and servicing every type of motorized military vehicles. Many of these men entered the service directly from high school or college and consequently will not have prewar jobs awaiting them when discharged."

The auto executive declared that today the industry needs 100,000 mechanics to meet minimum repair needs on the civilian front despite the fact that the average American motorist is driving less than 30 miles per week.

"What will the requirements be," Frazer asked, "when restrictions are removed and the public's pent-up urge to travel reaches the boiling point?"

Another branch of service and maintenance which Frazer believes will blossom after the war is the service station. "This group has suffered the highest mortality rate in the industry," he said. "Before the war there was a service station on virtually every corner, now we are lucky if we can find one on each highway."

As for the automobile dealer and the sales field, Frazer said the industry's goal for the first full year of production will be approximately 6,000,000 units; while the Office of Defense Transportation estimates that there will be an immediate market for 14,500,000 automobiles and for 25,000,000 in the first five years.

"Compare those figures," he said, "with the fact that in 1939 approximately 44,000 dealers sold 3,577,292 cars. Today, the National Automobile Dealers Association tells us that there are some 30,000 dealers and perhaps only 75 per cent of them are active.

"In selling and servicing the new automobiles that can be bought by the American public's estimated postwar savings of \$100,000,000,000 I can only draw one conclusion: "Returning servicemen will find an unmined job bonanza just waiting to be staked out."



Pvt. Jose Gomez of Mess Hall No. 1 is official keeper for the litter of pups that have moved in. They pose for a picture with their mother, Betty, before moving on to their new homes. The pups have all been spoken for, and Chaplain Norton is among the lucky owners.

## Chaplain's Chat

By Milo L. Chapman

While the chaplains were in training at the Chaplain's School at Harvard, they were required to go on long marches like any other soldier in basic. It was noticeable that during these hikes no one wanted to be the first to drop out because of sore feet or because of being just plain tired, but after one man had broken the ice, it wasn't quite so hard for others to give up. As more quit it became easier for others to do the same. There was a real feeling of satisfaction and accomplishment, however, for those who made the grade.

We can notice the same tendency in almost any field of endeavor in which men engage. On the job when every one is doing his best and the spirit of cooperation is high, no one wants to be first to interrupt that effort, but let one person "gold brick" a little or one begin to complain and it isn't long until he has company.

The same thing is true in our moral and ethical living. Each of us have ideals of conduct that we have tried to maintain and uphold. Probably we have been able to stay with our determination to act in the way that we know that we should. Sometimes, however, we see someone who has gotten tired of keeping up the effort and have quit. We can, in watching them, quit a little easier. Each time we show a little weakness along that line it makes it that much easier for us to do so again.

Our whole life is like a long hike. It frequently takes real effort to keep going the way we should. Some will find excuse to give up or turn aside, but there is a lot of satisfaction for those who have the strength and courage to keep going in the right direction, according to the prescribed pace.

The goal can be reached.

## At The Chapel

CATHOLIC — Sunday Masses: 0800, 1615, 1830. Daily Mass, 1830, except Thursday. Mass Thursday at 0930 in Red Cross Reading Room. Evening devotions Tuesday and Friday, 1900. Confessions Saturday, 1730 to 1830; 2000 to 2100; before all Masses on Sunday.

PROTESTANT — Sunday: Hospital Service, Red Cross Auditorium, 0915; 1000, Section C Chapel Service; 1030, Station Chapel Service; 1130, Civilian Housing Service; 1930, Section C Vesper Service; 2000, Station Vesper Service. Wednesday: 1900, Chapel Chorus rehearsal; 2000, Bible quiz.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE — Thursday: 2000, regular weekly service.

JEWISH — Friday, 1930, Sabbath Evening Service.

## First B-29 Cost Over 3 Million

Special aircraft plants were constructed to accommodate construction of the B-29, War Dept. Officials announced. The Boeing plants at Wichita, Seattle and Renton (Wash.) were constructed according to bridge-building principles.

Each plant has more than a million square feet of 300-foot clear span areas to accommodate the 141-foot wing-span of the super-bomber. Partly completed planes are moved down the assembly line with the aid of interconnecting wide span monorail bridge cranes, clearing the ceiling by 45 feet. Cantilevered arms extending 64 feet on either side of the supporting columns carry suspended trusses which brace the roof.

The first Superfortress cost \$3,392,396, the Air Technical Service announced, and the cost of financing the experimental ship was carried by 180,928 \$25 War Bond purchases. The current cost of a B-29 runs to approximately \$600,000.

## Cooks, Bakers Get Instructions In Use Of Field Kitchens

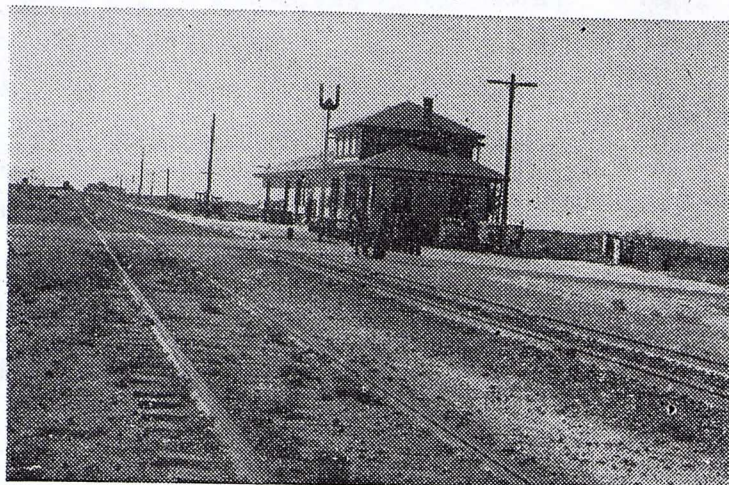
A team of mess specialists, four enlisted men who have cooked and baked for troops overseas, are spending six days on the field instructing Pyote mess personnel in the use of dehydrated foods, meat cutting, pastry baking and in the proper use of the M-1937 Field Range, the most widely used in the service.

All seasoned soldiers and acquainted with messing problems overseas, this team is imparting the knowledge that they have gained through experience to our men here. They are sent here by the Eighth Service Command from Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

## REMEMBER?

Headlines of a year ago as taken from the files of the RATTLER.

Nov. 17, 1943: Monahans prepared for the opening of its USO Club a few weeks hence. WAC mess hall won the award for November. Mess Halls were combined under a single staff. The Gypsy 93rd had its Pin-Up Boy dance at the Service Club. Gen. H. H. Arnold revealed plans for the B-29. The Russians recaptured Kiev. American troops were still battling toward Rome.



This is the beginning and end of Pyote for the GI. The T. and P. depot is the first sight an incoming soldier sees. It is the depot where he waits for the train that takes him on furlough. Two trains a day, each way, pass the depot, carry his mail to the outside world . . .

## SO THIS IS PYOTE . . .

To understand Pyote, take a look at its history. The man who knows Pyote, from then to now, is its Number 1 citizen, A. J. Sitton. Sitton arrived here in 1907 when Pyote was only a section house.

The T. and P. railroad gave the name Pyote to the stop some 60 years ago. The word is Spanish, says Sitton, and pronounced "pe-oh-tee" by the Spanish-tongue.

The Post Office was established in 1907, and the population was around 200 and remained there until the 1926 oil boom when it rose to 4000.

An attempt was made to irrigate this territory and the irrigation ditch got within ten miles of Pyote but the whole plan was finally dropped.

Where the Army Air Field is now, Sitton remarked was the site for much antelope grazing.

As for rattlers, well listen to A. J.'s story about one:

"A rattlesnake came inside the general store one night. We couldn't locate him but we could hear his rattle. We had to close up the store until the next morning. At daybreak we found the rattler coiled up under the dry goods counter."



. . . Not always so forlorn is the yellow train depot, however. A large crowd of friends, wives, sweethearts crowd the platform to say goodbye to a shipment of soldiers from Pyote. The Pyote depot is the start of the journey that takes these trainees into the air-war against Germany and Japan.



Q. I joined the Canadian Army in 1940. Two years later I joined the U. S. Army and am serving in France now. Will the time I spent in the Canadian Army count toward point credits under the U. S. Army's demobilization plan?

A. It will. The rule is that point credit will be given for service in the armed forces of any of the Allied nations as long as that service was performed at any time after Sept. 16, 1940.

Q. My brother and I are both second lieutenants. We were both commissioned the same day in the AAF. But when we are hanging around together he insists that I walk on his left and take orders from him because he is my senior by a year. How about that?

A. Technically, your brother is on firm ground. AR 600-15, Par 4, states that officers of the same date of rank and same length of service shall rank according to age.

Q. How much extra pay does a soldier get after he has been awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor and is it true that such extra pay continues for the rest of his life?

A. A soldier who has been awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor receives extra pay of \$2 a month while on active service, but such payments stop when his active service ceases. However, when he reaches his 65th birthday, he will begin receiving \$10 a month for the rest of his life.

## Limited Servicemen Remain In Army If They Can Be Used

War Dept. regulations have been amended to cover discharges due to physical incapacities, it was announced in Washington.

The new change reads as follows: "An enlisted man will not be discharged for physical reasons on the grounds that he is incapable of serving in a physically exacting position when he can render adequate service in a reasonably available and less exacting assignment. Failure to meet the minimum physical induction standards will not be reason for discharge ALONE, if such men are satisfactorily filling authorized positions."

OCEAN CITY, MD. (CNS) — A good Samaritan who removed his trousers, jumped into the sea and rescued a drowning swimmer, found his wallet stolen when he returned to the beach.



## The Civvies

An Employees Relations Counselor has been added to the Civilian Personnel Department. Mr. Roy D. Worley from Ballinger, Texas, will listen to any complaints, housing, personal, or work problems from 8 a.m. til 5 p.m. daily except Sunday. All employees take advantage of this, as you will be able to settle your immediate problems. To avoid "walk-outs", an appointment with the Employees Relations Counselor will be necessary. This appointment will be made possible through your department head, rather than the individual seeking the appointment.

A ten-hour course in Military Correspondence is being offered by the Training Administrator of the the Civilian Personnel Office. Classes will be 0800 to 1000, and from 1300 to 1500, commencing 14 November 1944. All department heads having employees who are desirous, or need this course, will please call 244 for further information. Military as well as Civilian Personnel are invited to attend these classes.

Welcome to Pyote, Marian! Marian Murnin, who hails from St. Louis, Mo., is a new employee of Civilian Personnel Housing Section.

Olivia Watson is visiting for a few days with her family in Grandfalls.

Do your shopping early, only 36 shopping days til Christmas. Elyn Deleith perfumes, these and other exquisitely bottled perfumes at Civilian Personnel Store, and also Mexican silver, combs, Christmas gifts of all kinds.

## MAINTENANCE NEWS

The former scribe of this column, Artie Miller, versatile member of Pyote's Top-notch prop section has shipped for places unknown. So—we, at his insistence, are going to take over where Artie left off. We only hope we can do as good a job. Good luck to you Artie, wherever you may land.

Now your assistance will be needed in making this bit of palaver a success. So whaddy say, fellows, if you've got any interesting bits of dirt, (that's news from Tubb's Hall) or any gripes about things and stuff in your department let us know. Anything that deals with maintenance that will interest the other fellows—let us know. You can always reach "us", Pvt. Bob Topping, at Hangar One or Barracks 633 near the Service Club on Fifth Street.

Sgt. Bob "Bluetop" Lucas, of Ft.

## Rattle Snake Charmer



If you shall pay close attention, kiddies, papa'll explain the law of supply and demand. Now "supply" is, where you get issued a helmet (like above) and a suntan shirt (also like above); that's what you are supplied when you demand something like the above INSIDE said shirt and helmet. The gal in question is Dorothy Mann of Selznik studios, and from where we drool there s. NO question about her!

Wayne, Indiana, has "did" it. Yep, and he didn't tell us either. He married the old home town girl, Helen May Hartzler, last October 11, and we are just now learning about it. How's about that? Not that this has any relation to what goes on down on the line, but Bob is an essential man in Hangar One.

Then there was the new man on the line who tried to drain the pitch out of the prop (joke).

Things are happening so fast around here, we are usually a couple of weeks behind times so you will excuse, pliz.

Have youse a gripe youse are afraid to take to the chapel? You can always get it off your chest by telling us. We'll even print it. Of course we've got to draw the line somewhere and we want to keep this column strictly by, for and about you and your work on the line.

I see we already have a gripe. This anonymous GI wants to know why something can't be done about the fatigue and cover-all situation. It seems that the typical "mechanic on the line" can't get along on the regular issue of

two pairs. It wouldn't surprise us to see a pair of Section "D's" greasy coveralls get up and walk down the ramp some day. Yep, two pairs of fatigues just aren't enough for any maintenance man. One "Pyote happy" suggestion was that a weekly change of oil in fatigues might help. But all kidding aside, there must be some way to keep the mechanics in clean or at least half clean fatigues. Any suggestions?

Our orchids for the week go to the fellows who have joined our ranks from far away spots like Libya, North Africa and Italy.



# KOOPS' KORNER

RATTLER TATTLER . . . The confusion over the laundry vs. barracks bags situation will be cleared up promptly. The QM laundry has promised 5-day service will be given, which will give you time to send your laundry and have it returned before you send out your next. . . . The reason for the lack of milk (or ice cream) at the Service Club is that the field receives a quota of milk per man. When the number of joes stationed here goes up suddenly, there ain't enough milk to go around—until added amount can be ordered. And from Pyote, it takes time. . . . If you are complaining because the mess hall runs out of meat, potatoes, etc., by the time you get around to eating, here's the reason. The amount of food rationed to this field is dependent upon the number of men who eat. Breakfast is included in dopping this average. So—if too many guys skip the ayam meal, it cuts down the amount of food the field gets for all meals. Solution: Start eating breakfast. . . . We are always surprised at the number of guys who think the PX is civilian-owned and operated. It isn't. The Army owns 'em allows (AR 210-65) a Post Exchange to show a reasonable profit. The profit is turned over to the Central Post Fund and used to benefit the EM of the field. . . . The wax-cup situation will be cleared up pronto. From now on, we're happy to report, there'll be china cups to sip your coffee from. They've been ordered. . . . PX prices DO have a ceiling, in case you've wondered. It's set by the 8th Service Command. . . . The candy bar shortage is due to the WD's order that close to 85 per cent of candy-bar output go to GIs overseas. . . . The Korner dusts off it's nicest rockin' chair for Major Alley of the Medics. His treatment of this scribe's infected pinkie lets me bang a typewriter again. Thanks, sir. . . . Now that the Mess Halls have loudspeakers, let's hope we have news and music at meal times. . . . In answer to umpteen guys, we know no more about the pool tournament. We suggested the idea to Special Services, and as far as we know—it's still over there. . . . Ft. Sumner (N. M.) has a dream of a PX, we hear. Drool over this menu: bacon, and eggs, toast, jelly and coffee—25c; meat, potatoes, gravy vegetable, salad—25c; roast, chops, or ham steak, potatoes, gravy, vegetable, salad, dessert—45c. Besides that they have a "steak night" once a week . . . a steak with all the trimmin's—65c.



Last week we mentioned having the zebras (techs, masters firsts, and staffs) pull KP on Thanksgiving and Christmas. And we've been hearing repercussions ever since. An officer remarked that their volunteering to pull KP would do much to foster harmony and good-will at the field. We heartily agree. Strictly on a voluntary basis, a few of the high-ranking boys have already said they'd do KP Thanksgiving. Our hat (and it's a brand-new one, too) is off to them. T-Sgt. Wheals (F) said he'd pull it and see to it that a few of his buddies would too. S-Sgt. Willis Hanson (F) has volunteered, as has T-Sgt. Clem Pronston (F), T-Sgt. Martin Burke (F), and some others. The Tech Sgt. who originally suggested the idea (and he prefers to remain anonymous) posted a list on the Section F bulletin board, Mess Halls 3, 4, and 5. The Zebras can sign up there. We think the whole idea is terrific. We admire the boys who have volunteered for showing some team-spirit that we know Pyote AAF has.

To the Mess Officer, we give assurance that he's going to have the best bunch of KPs he ever had. And if any of you Techs, Masters Staffs, or Firsts want to sign up and thus show your appreciation—you can do so at Mess Halls 3, 4, or 5. We trust that these zebras will be allowed a day off to recuperate. All men volunteering will get any meagre thanks we can show in The Rattler—pictures, names, etc.

We hope that the Non-Coms Club will get behind this and bring in plenty of volunteers. In our opinion, such a campaign is the responsibility of the Non-Com Club, if it hopes to foster goodwill between the dogfaces of the Pyote Field.

## PIGSKIN PROPHETS

Twelve games are on The Rattler's Football Dopester card this week, topped by the Washington-2AF contest.

Three winners each week will be presented War Department theater books as prizes. If you want to get in on the competition, check your selections below and turn the sheet in to the Public Relations Office, Station Headquarters, by 1700 Friday.

The rules are simple. Entrants must pick both the winner and score of each game on the chart, and winners are decided on the closeness of scores when equal numbers of games are doped correctly. Approximately a dozen games will be run each week, of which one or two will be in District 7-A, the district in which Monahans, Wink, Pecos and Kermit play. Remaining games will be among the top collegiate and service teams of the nation.

Remember the deadline—1700 Friday—and have your selections in. Winners will be announced in next week's Rattler.

### THE GAMES

Team	Score	Team	Score
Washington	_____	2AF Superbombers	_____
Colgate	_____	Syracuse	_____
Columbia	_____	Brown	_____
Michigan	_____	Wisconsin	_____
Dartmouth	_____	Cornell	_____
Ohio State	_____	Illinois	_____
Notre Dame	_____	Northwestern	_____
Oklahoma	_____	Kansas	_____
Purdue	_____	Navy	_____
Rice	_____	Texas A. and M.	_____
Yale	_____	North Carolina	_____
California	_____	So. California	_____

Contestant's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Section \_\_\_\_\_

## 2AF Eleven Plans Post-Season Game With 3AF In Championship Play-Off

A syndicated press release from Colorado Springs announces that the 2AF Superbombers will meet the 3AF Gremlins in a post-season game that may eventually decide the Air Force champ of champs.

The Superbomber-Gremlin tilt is carded for December 10 at a site not yet determined. On the same day the 4th Air Force meets

### Close Balloting Harries Dopesters

Winners in the Pigskin Prophet contest last week were T-Sgt. Wm. J. Brophy, (F), Cpl. John R. Stevens (CCD), and Pvt. Jack Lane (A).

In close balloting in which correct scores were the winning margin, these three picked one wrong out of 12. Two others missed but one game, and nine missed only two in the largest turn-out yet in

Randolph Field in LA, and it is anticipated that the winners of the two games will meet at a later date to decide the undisputed Air Force title.

The Randolph Ramblers have already taken the Gremlins in a season game and the Superbombers are slated to meet the 4AF eleven on the 26th.

the Rattler contest.

The majority of the ballots called the Rice-Arkansas game wrong, the Arkansans upsetting the Rice team.

# Rattler 5 Splits Twin Bill With Pecos: 29-28, 25-9

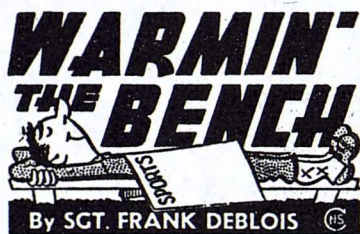
## Ray, Hogan Lead Pyote Scoring In 2 Game Series

The Rattler quintet split a two-game series with the Pecos five last week-end, taking the game at Pecos in a thriller 29-28, and dropping the home contest by a score of 35-29.

The Friday night nip-and-tuck affair posted a 18 to 16 Pyote lead at the half, but a fast-closing Pecos squad kept the outcome in doubt till the finish. Ray led the Pyote thinclads with 9, and Stanford, Pecos center, led the opposition with 7.

The Saturday night game, played at the Pyote Rec. Hall, found the Rattlers just "not in form". Halbbrook, captain of the rough-riding Pecos quintet dribbled in ten points, and only Hogan, Pyote guard, could find the hoop for the Rattlers. He racked up 14 points—more than half the Pyote total.

Friday, the Rattlers move to Abilene to play a single match, and Tuesday will find them at Alamogordo to open the league play in the 2AF league. The following Friday they return to Clovis for a rematch.



### Blue Plate Special

The rumor persists that medical discharges loom for both S-Sgt. Joe DiMaggio and Pvt. Spud Chandler, of the New York Yankees. Jolting Joseph is drydocked in San Francisco with stomach ulcers and Chandler is on limited duty. . . . Pistol Pete Reiser, Brooklyn Dodger star, also is reported awaiting a CDD. He suffers from migraine headaches incurred when he ran into the centerfield wall at St. Louis several seasons ago. . . . GIs at home and overseas will get a cut in the St. Louis Cardinals World Series winners' stakes. The entire receipts of the 6th series game, along with \$100,000 paid for the radio broadcasts and a portion of the profits from the 3rd and 4th games were turned over to the War Relief and Service Fund. . . . The Washington Redskins have trained 2 men to replace Slingshot Sammy Baugh when Sammy ain't playing for them. Frank Filchok, an ex-GI, does the passing, and Bob Seymour, tailback, the kicking. Neither can match Baugh on the de-

The box scores:

Pyote (29)				
	FG	FT	F	TP
Cooper, f	2	1	0	5
Burns, f	0	0	0	0
Joyce, f	2	0	0	4
Graham, f	0	0	0	0
Burke, J. J., c	3	0	3	6
Burke, Wm., c	0	0	2	0
Hogan, g	2	1	2	5
Funk, g	0	0	0	0
Ray, g	4	1	2	9
	13	3	9	29

Pecos (28)				
	FG	FT	F	TP
Landman, f	1	0	1	2
Halbrook, f	2	0	3	4
McCarty, f	1	2	1	4
Baum, f	1	0	1	2
Stanford, c	2	3	1	7
Samaria, c	0	0	0	0
Barborn, g	0	0	1	0
Gartman, g	2	1	0	5
Hammett, g	0	0	0	0
Oakland, g	2	0	0	4
	11	6	8	28

Pyote (25)				
	FG	FT	F	TP
Cooper, f	1	0	0	2
Graham, f	1	0	0	2
Joyce, f	1	1	1	3
Burns, f	0	0	0	0
Burke, J. J., c	0	2	3	2
Hogan, g	6	2	3	14
Ray, g	1	0	1	2
Funk, g	0	0	0	0
	10	5	8	25

Pecos (39)				
	FG	FT	F	TP
Landman, f	1	0	0	2
Baum, f	0	1	0	1
Halbrook, f	5	0	2	10
McCarthy, f	1	0	1	2
Stanford, c	3	1	1	7
Samaria, c	0	0	0	0
Hammett, g	1	0	2	2
Oakland, g	0	0	0	0
Gartman, g	4	0	0	8
Barber, g	1	0	2	2
McKee, g	2	1	1	5
Drury, g	0	0	0	0
	18	3	9	39

fense, however. . . . When Ty Cobb fell into a batting slump, he used to start bunting with a fungo bat and work his way up to where he was swinging with all his old drive. . . . Lt. Frank Leahy, the Notre Dame coach, is stationed in the Pacific where he supervises recreational activities at a bunch of submarine bases. . . . They have a whale of a football team at Camp Peary, Va., this year, coached by L-Cdr. Red Strader, formerly of St. Mary's. Among Strader's victims were the Washington Redskins, who fell, 33 to 27, to the Camp Peary 11 in an exhibition game.

## AS RATTLERS LOSE TO PECOS FIVE



Funk (17) attempts to get the ball out of a tight defensive spot, surrounded by Pecos men. The Rattler nearest camera is J. J. Burke.

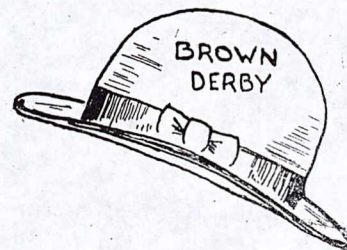
## Fox Has 255 Game P. T. Award For New Record

Cpl. Thad Cisek of the Crusaders, took over the Red League high 3-game series, as he toppled the maple for a 186, 181, 190 series to hit 557. The Stargazers still lead the Red League with an 833 percentage, followed by the Crusaders, Medicos, and Southpaws all knotted up with .600.

In the Blue League, Pvt. Charles Fox of Consolidated Mess hit a new high-single record, bowling a 255 game for an all-time league high. He also took the lead in the high 3-game series with a 186, 255, 181 series for 627. Fox boasts a 189 average for 15 games. The Dusters lead the Blue League by a one-game margin over the M-men, the Flashes are two games behind first, and Hangar 1 and Consolidated Mess trail by three games out of first.

The Sawboners continue to coast along in first place with a comfortable lead over the rest of the White League competition. No new records were set in this bracket, which finds the Riff-Raffs and Spare Boys in second and third place.

MONTPELIER, VT. (CNS)—A Vermont resident recently won an amateur contest in a local theater by playing "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling" on his wife's head with a spoon.



Section D reclaimed the Brown Derby for the lowest average in PT participation for the week ending Nov. 11. The D-men hit a 75.27 per cent to cop the cellar in the base Physical Training turnout.

Section D will keep the Derby as long as they maintain their low standing.

### THOSE AWFUL JAPS! HAVE THEY NO DECENCY?

INDIA (CNS)—Latest Jap torture: They now tell lies about the Brooklyn Dodgers.

According to Pfc. Manny Lopez, Japs in the CBI theater frequently broadcast phony reports about the Dodgers losing ball games, in an effort to break the morale of our troops.

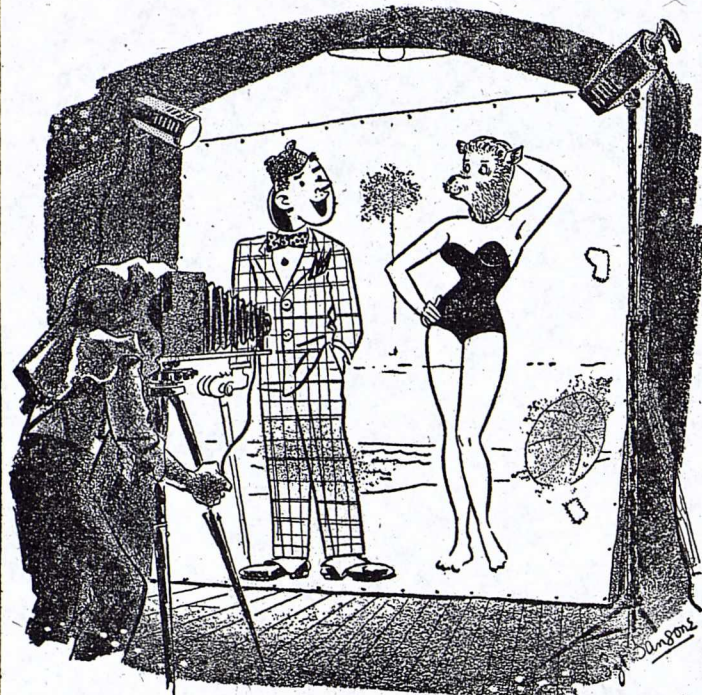
### ADJUTANT WEDS

Capt. Albert C. Port, Station Adjutant, and Miss Florence Lebow were married at Chicago, Sunday, November 12.

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"My! How you've changed, Grandma!"



"Well, Higgins, what's on your mind?"



Credit VOX-PROP  
Overboard Tenn.

"You say they aren't speia-toned, only the nose photo-graphs brown?"



"—And then one day I decided to get eager—"

HOW VARGAN ONE GO WITH THESE THINGS?

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I'M A BUSY MAN!  
WHY DON'T YOU  
TAKE SOME OF  
THIS PETTY DETAIL  
OFF MY HANDS?

YES,  
SIR!

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MORE PETTY  
DETAILS... TAKE  
CARE OF THEM  
YOURSELF!



THE CAPTAIN  
HAS ORDERED  
ME TO HANDLE  
PETTY MATTERS

THAT'S  
MORE  
LIKE  
IT!

MILTON  
CANIFF



HOW LONG HAVE  
YOU WORKED FOR  
MR. PETTY?

S/T. DUNN