

THE  
**RATTLER**

Rattlesnake Army Air Field

VOL. 2, NUMBER 40 PYOTE, TEXAS JAN. 25, 1945

**COL. A. E. KEY  
COMMANDANT**

Page 3



**B-29s... FROM PYOTE TO TOKYO!**



# RUSSIAN TROOPS SMASH ACROSS ODER RIVER



## THE RATTLER

PYOTE, TEXAS

Published each Thursday at the Rattlesnake Army Air Field by the Personnel Services Office in cooperation with Public Relations. The RATTLER receives Camp Newspaper Service; republication is forbidden without permission of CNS, 205 E. 42 St. NYC 17. Any other material may be republished. Opinions expressed herein are those of the writers and should not be construed as those of the AAF. Local pictures by Base Photo Lab.

COL. A. E. KEY, STATION COMMANDANT

Lt. Gladstone B. Mothersead, Personnel Services Officer  
Lt. Walter C. Van Buren, Public Relations Officer

S-Sgt. Robert H. Nash, Pfc. Edward C. Koops, Associate Editors  
Cpl. Myer Trupp, News; Sgt. Thomas Gordon, Photos.

### Who's In Charge Here?

In several Pyote opinion polls conducted by the Rattler in recent weeks, we have met one reply time and time again. Whether the question was "What to do with conquered Germany?", "Do you favor compulsory peacetime conscription?", "Who should be released first from the Army?", or "Do you favor a veterans' organization for soldiers of World II?"—whatever the question, a surprising number of GIs replied: "Let the people in charge figure that out."

Let's take a brief look at your high school Civics text-book. Let's remind ourselves of the way a republic operates. We vote for certain men to represent our views in making the laws that govern us. That's an important point. They represent YOUR views! You don't just hire them to do your thinking for you; you don't say—"here's my share in the world, fellas, do what you want with it!"

No, a republic cannot operate that way. It can't, and remain a republic.

This war will bring in its wake many great and fateful decisions. These decisions will affect us all. You can't ignore them, you can't dodge the responsibilities our generation has. For your post-war dream—the girl, the ivy-walled cottage, the lawn-mower and lamb-chops—will exist only so long as the world's society so decrees.

To make your personal, or our personal, post-war world come true, we have to be vigilant and striving and wakeful to the larger post-war world. Only so long as the world lives in peace can Pvt. Doe or Capt. Roe live in peace.

It is a tremendous responsibility: the choice of the right path, the importance of the right decision. It is too important to shirk!

Let the people in charge figure that out? And who are these people in charge? Who are the people that figured out social security, unemployment insurance, old age benefits, child-labor laws, prohibition or its repeal?

Not the men who passed these laws, or voted them into existence. They were carrying out the will of their employers—the U.S. citizen.

It is there the responsibility lies. That's who's in charge here.

### How Do You Say 'America'?

For just a couple of more days you'll have a chance to kick in a dime or a quarter to help out the National Infantile Paralysis Campaign.

It's not just the fact that people are donating to a worthy cause—maybe it's that the March of Dimes is so unlike the march of warring feet—but something about this program brings a little glow of pride. It's so very much the thing for which we're fighting—the right of the strong to help the weak, the country which isn't too busy even when engaged in life-or-death struggle to take time out to help a part of its citizenry—you could say it in a dozen different ways, but it would always add up to the same answer—America.

## REDS BREACH LAST NAZI BARRIER; YANKS ONLY 41 MILES FROM MANILA

In the 163rd week of the U.S. at war, this was the news from:

### ● PACIFIC THEATRE

The Yanks moved on in their relentless march toward Manila. As yet, no Jap counter-offensive in strength has stalled the Luzon advance. It is a cautious, wary advance, waiting for the strike the Japs must make to hold the key to all the Philippines. The oncoming Yanks were less than 50 miles from Manila, were bombing Bataan—to forestall a Jap imitation of the heroic defense put up there three years ago, had captured Camp O'Donnell, infamous spot where Japs had separated and captured Americans and Filipinos after the "March of Death" from Bataan and Corregidor in early 1942. Far ahead of schedules and timetables, authorities pondered the Japanese war psychology, warned against over-optimism.

### ● EUROPEAN THEATRE

Segments of the mighty, lashing, furious Russian Army crossed the Oder rivre, in an unannounced portion of the stream that is Germany's best and last natural barrier before Berlin itself. Red Star troops were closing in on the Nazi defenders of East Prussia, were bringing one up from the floor to belt Germany in the southern solar-plexus.

Germany called upon the people of the Reich to make an epic stand before the Soviet avalanche. Five Soviet armies continued the most breath-taking drive of the war, carrying the vengeance of Russia and the hopes of the Allies toward Berlin itself.

The Moscow radio declared: "Never again will the Nazis find time for a respite to erect a new defense line. Nothing can stop us."



Gen. Douglas MacArthur led a mighty assault force ashore on Luzon, largest and most important of the Philippine Islands, to engage the enemy in the greatest land battle of the Pacific war. At stake are control of the entire Philippine chain, the harbor of Manila, capital of the islands, the Cavite Naval Base and numerous fine airfields. The Japs drove us from the Philippines early in 1942 after they cut off any possibility of supplies and reinforcement by the sneak attack on Pearl Harbor. Strategically located Luzon is the master key to the conquest of Japan from the sea.



# COL. A. E. KEY NAMED BASE C.O.

## Col. Duncan Says



COL. C. E. DUNCAN

Pyote Army Air Base has something to be proud of in the spirit of camaraderie, friendliness, and unity of purpose of all its personnel in their effort and desire to turn out a job well done.

I want to express appreciation to all of you for the cooperation and friendliness that you have given not only to me but to your associate departments and activities during the time I have been here.

I have enjoyed my period of assignment here, and it is with sincere regret that I leave Pyote Army Air Base.

C. E. DUNCAN,  
Colonel, Air Corps

TO: The Officers, Enlisted and Civilian Personnel of Pyote Army Air Base.

I have served on many stations and with many different groups of personnel during my service in the Army, but my service at Pyote Army Air Base will remain in my memory as one of the most pleasant tours of duty I have experienced.

The attitude and relation to each to either of personnel on a station is the main thing that makes a station pleasant and efficient or unpleasant and either ordinary or poor in efficiency.

## New C.O. Veteran Of Pacific, European Campaigns

Col. A. E. Key, who served in the South Pacific and European theaters of war, has assumed command of Pyote Army Air Field.

Col. Key relieved Col. C. E. Duncan who had been Station Commandant since September 1944. Col. Duncan left for an undisclosed assignment.

Back in the summer of 1935, Col. Key and his brother, Fred, made aviation history, when they set a new world's endurance record. They kept their plane, "Ole Miss", aloft for 28 days, to shatter the previous record by 125 hours.

Col. Key and his brother operated the Key Brothers Flying Service at Meridian, Miss., for 12 years, before he entered the service. He enlisted in the Air Corps in 1939 as a first lieutenant, and was assigned as engineering and operations officer for the 153rd Observation Squadron.

In 1941, Col. Key was assigned to the Second Bomb Group under the command of Lt. Col. Robert B. Williams, now Major General Williams, commanding General of the Second Air Force. The group was stationed at Langley Field, Va. He served with the Second Bomb Group until the outbreak of War, after which he led his flight of heavy bombers to Java, where he joined the 19th Bombardment Group and participated in bombing missions against the Japanese.

When it became apparent that they would be forced out of Java, Col. Key made several flights evacuating personnel from the

Island to Australia.

In the Spring of 1942 he returned to the United States and was assigned to the 44th Bomb Group as Commanding Officer of the 66th Bombardment Squadron, with headquarters at Barksdale Field, La. While there he participated in anti-submarine patrol missions off the Gulf Coast.

Col. Key was sent to England in August 1942 with his squadron. In March 1943, he was assigned to duty with headquarters of the 8th Air Force, as assistant A-3 and Senior Liaison Officer to the Royal Air Force Bomber Command.

In March 1944 Col. Key was assigned to the 8th Air Force Operational Engineering Section in charge of bomber modification projects. He returned to the United States to get modification changes made in this country on bombers scheduled for England, to meet the operational requirements of the European Theater of Operations.

While on his way back to England last December, he received orders from Army Air Forces headquarters to report for duty with the Second Air Force. This is Col. Key's first assignment in the Second Air Force, and he stated that he is very much impressed with Pyote Army Air Field, and with spirit of unity of the personnel assigned to duty here.

Col. Key wears the Distinguished Service Cross, the Distinguished Flying Cross, and the British Distinguished Flying Cross. His wife and daughter reside at the family home in Meridian, Miss., and his brother, now a major in the Air Corps, is stationed at Clovis, New Mex., in the flight test section.

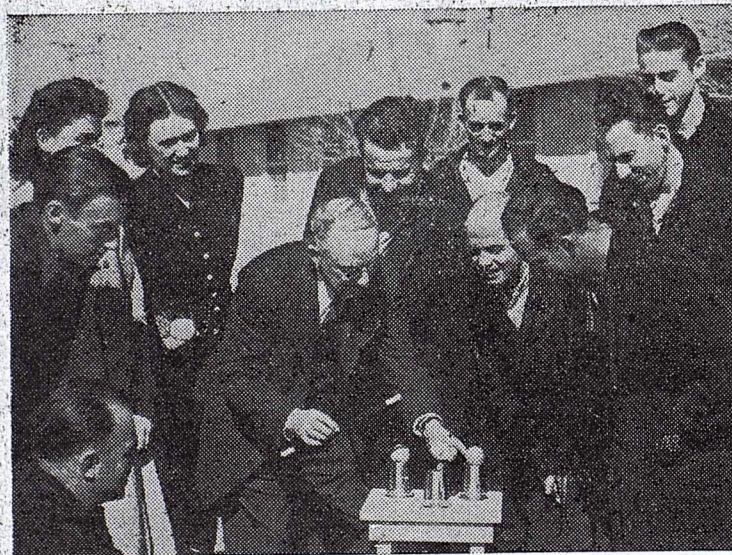
## 46 GIS GET STRIPE ONE

Thirty-four enlisted men and 12 WACs were promoted from private to PFC under a new War Department ruling. The change in AR 615-5 allows privates who have been in grade for a year, or who have served outside the continental limits of the United States to be promoted to PFC if they are deserved worthy, regardless of available openings for those grades. The new PFCs are:

### SECTION A

Richard B. Grosso, Maurice E. Mendenhall, Charles B. Fox, Everett L. Moore, Ludlow B. High, Jr., John T. Moran, Marshall B. Hood, Aphonse Carleo, Blake H. Martini, Ignacio N. Garcia, John F. Parrish, Louis Slatinsky, Archie Haught, Hubert L. Cooper, Silvio S. Garcia, Stanley J. Hermanowicz, Gilbert L. Smith, Joe R. Sanner, Jr., John McNally, Roy J. Roberts, Willie B. Stywater, Gene D. Deal, Benjamin C. Kimsil, Richard Pierce, Howard G. Wells, Wilbur H. Lee, Frank R. Monasterelli, Alvin M. Breaux, Charles L. Waring, Gordon W. Guy, Carl S. Lestor, William Drackenber, Herbert, A. Leibert, Carl F. Show, Oscar S. Sandker, Everett Cornett, Chris H. Lieding, David J. Goodman, Maston E. Johnson, Frank J. Seres, Andrew L. Derrick, Emer M. Griffin, Stanley J. (Cont'd on Page 10)

## GREAT NICOLA PERFORMS FOR BOYS



The Great Nicola, one of the foremost magicians in America, paid a visit to the Station Hospital and presented three shows for the benefit of the patients.

Nicola and his attractive wife who assists in the legerdemain are considered one of the greatest magic acts ever to tour the continent.

## THE COVER

Pleased with the shower of dimes, nickels, quarters, and half-dollars is Captain R. A. Diedrich, Personal Affairs Officer, who is in charge of the March of Dimes campaign. He is counting the receipts of one day's collection in the change-jars located around the field; reports: "Pyote's GIS, officers, and civilians are really chipping in to see that the March of Dimes will help Infantile Paralysis victims. We're proud of them!"



## Here's Income Tax Dope; You Probably Won't Owe

The American soldier has a lot on his mind right now, but one thing he probably won't have to worry about is filing an income tax for 1944. While March 15, 1945, will bring a financial headache to most U.S. civilians, including hundreds of thousands who did not pay a tax before the war, the vast majority of service men and women will be exempt.

### 'Winged Victory', AAF's Own Film, Coming Sunday

The AAF's won story in exciting screen form comes to Pyote's theatres next Sunday and Monday.

"Winged Victory", fresh from the Broadway stage, tells the story of the Army Air Forces in almost documentary form, adding the expanded scope which the cameras make possible.

Following a six-month Broadway run, the screen yarn is straight from the author, Moss Hart.

Pvt. Lon McAllister, Sgt. Mark Daniels, Cpl. Don Taylor, Sgt. Edmund O'Brien, Cpl. Barry Nelson, Pvt. Rune Hultman, and Jeanne Crain are featured in the cast.

### Pay-Dates



IT'S HANDY, simple, and pays off handsomely. Not the gal holding the piggy bank—the Soldiers' Deposits system. It pays 4% interest, which is better than civilians and officers can get. You can make deposits any time, or systematically by a payroll deduction plan. Five bucks is the minimum deposit but there's no top limit. You collect your money with your discharge—or if you need it before that, whenever you put in a request approved by your C.O. In Soldiers' Deposits your money is exempt from all liability; in case of death, money and interest go to your heirs. See your C.O. about "S.D."

As a general rule, military personnel whose service pay was less \$2000 during 1944 will not be required to file a return. That includes, roughly, enlisted personnel and officers up to and including the grade of 1st lieutenant.

However, military personnel who had income from civilian sources may have to file a return.

First lieutenants who are receiving longevity or other added pay over and above their base pay and non-coms in the higher grades who are receiving longevity and other additional pay which brings their total military pay over the \$2,000 limit, also will have to file a return.

Military personnel who did not file a Declaration of Estimated Income Tax at any time during the year 1944, and who had civilian income not subject to withholding tax and of a sufficient amount to push the total military and civilian income over the \$2000 mark, must file a return on or before Jan. 15, 1945. Those whose military income was in excess of \$2000 during 1944 also must file a return by Jan. 15, 1945 if they did not file a Declaration of Estimated Income Tax during 1944.

For the purpose of computing the amount of tax owed, the first \$1500 of military pay is exempt. Also exempt are contributions by the government to family allowances and money received for subsistence and quarters. However, any refund of taxes owed on the 1943 declaration should not be deducted from the 1944 tax liability.

Service personnel should use Treasury Department Form 1040 in filing their return for 1944. The full amount of the tax due for the year must be paid at the time of filing this return, except that those unable to meet their tax payment may request deferment by submitting a letter to the Collector of Internal Revenue with their return.

Those who expect to have taxable income in 1945 should file a Declaration of Estimated Income Tax (Form 1040-ES) for that year on or before March 15, 1945.

Military personnel who believe they are affected by the income tax have been advised at most posts to discuss their problems with their legal assistance officer.

## Theater Schedule

- Thu.—**THE THIN MAN COMES HOME** with Bill Powell, Myrna Loy, and Gloria DeHaven. (A brand new Thin Man murder mystery with the glorious Gloria.) Also Community sing and Paramount news.
- Fri.—**DANGEROUS PASSAGE** with Robert Lowery and Phyllis Brooks. (Cops and robbers story of an heir out to claim his estate in British Honduras.) Also **March of Time**, "Woo Woo" with Hugh Herbert, and cartoon.
- Sat.—**BUFFALO BILL (Revival)** with Joel McCrae, Maureen O'Hara, and Linda Darnell. (A romanticized version, technicolored for extra warmth, of the West's key-man.) Also Variety Reviews and color cartoon.
- Sun. & Mon.—**WINGED VICTORY** with Lon McAllister, Don Taylor, and Jean Crain. (See story elsewhere on this page.) Also Paramount news.
- Tue.—**NIGHT CLUB GIRL** with Vivian Austin and Edward Norris. (brother-and-sister-in-Hollywood again and again and again.) **GIRL RUSH** with Walee Brown, Alan Carney, and Frances Langford. (Vodvil troupe in the '49 Gold rush. Some laughs.)
- WED. & THU.—**EXPERIMENT PERILOUS** with Hedy LaMarr and Paul Lukas. (Psychological yarn of a guy trying to drive his wife balmy.) Also **Army Navy Screen magazine**, Paramount news, and **Bugs Bunny** cartoon.

## Service Club

- Thu.—EM Wives Luncheon 12:00-1:00; Sewing by Wickett women, 10:00-5:00. Informal activities in evening.
- Fri.—**PRESIDENT'S BIRTHDAY BALL, FORMAL!** 9:00-12:00. Beauty contest finalists will appear. (See story in col. 4, page 5.)
- Sat.—Juke Box Dance; Informal activities.
- Sun.—Bingo! Grand prize: a phone call home; also other prizes. 8:30-10:30.
- Mon.—Recreational facilities of club open—letter-writing, games, cards, etc.
- Tue.—Recreational facilities of club open—radio, recordings.
- Wed.—GI Movies 8-00-8:30.

## Monahans U S O

- Thu.—7:30 p.m., Birthday Party for all GI's having birthdays in January. Games, prizes, presents.
- Fri.—8:00 p.m., Family nite, Monthly party.
- Sat.—9:00 p.m., Dance to music of Pyote AAF Band.
- Sun.—11:00 a.m., Brunch; 2:30 p.m., recorded classics; 4:45, guest broadcast from Odessa USO; 6:30, Buffet Supper; 7:30, song fest; 8:30, movie, "Ellery Queen's Penthouse Mystery".
- Mon.—7:30, song fest; 8:30, movie, "Ellery Queen's Penthouse Mystery".
- Tue.—7:30, Arts & Crafts; 8:00, Beginners Dance.
- Wed.—12:30, Better Halves Club Luncheon; 8:30 Catholic Discussion Group; 9:00, Spanish Class, Kay Tuliver.

## USAFI Classes

- (Free off duty classes are held in the following subjects:)
- SPANISH:** Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday evenings at 7:30.
- ENGLISH, GRAMMAR, & COMPOSITION:** Monday and Wednesday evenings at 8:30.
- ALGEBRA:** Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday evenings at 8:30.
- (Classes will soon be started in Chinese, German, French, Calculus. CLASSES ARE HELD IN THE SHIPPING AND RECEIVING OFFICE. BLDG. T-625, OPPOSITE MESS HALL 1.)



# Two Formal Dances To Mark March Of Dimes

## Gala Evening Birthday Balls For Officers, EMs

Big doings will mark the Pyote AAF's observance of the March of Dimes festivities this week-end.

The March of Dimes campaign will be climaxed by two formal dances—one Friday night at the Service Club, the other Saturday evening at the Officers' Club.

Capt. R. A. Diedrich, in charge of the campaign, has announced these festivities that will culminate the drive for funds to aid victims of the dread infantile paralysis.

### SERVICE CLUB

The formal dance Friday night will be highlighted by the appearance of the 10 semi-finalists in the Miss Victory of '45 contest currently conducted.

One of the finest floor-shows ever presented at the Service Club is on tap to mark intermission time at the President's Birthday Ball.

The entire club will be transformed into a night-club motif with tables for parties and couples, a fancy lighting arrangement, and three hours of smooth dance music.

The theme "We Dance that Children Might Walk" will be carried out for the evening. Dancing will begin at 9 and continue till midnight.

### OFFICERS' CLUB

Again the night club motif will serve as the theme of the formal dance, on Saturday night, January 27th.

The ten semi-finalists in the Miss Victory contest will make an appearance in the March of Dimes collection which will climax one of the most unusual and entertaining floor shows ever to be presented.

Music will be provided by the Pyote dance orchestra, from 9 to 1; and the floor show will precede the dance proper.

Capt. Diedrich expressed the hope that everyone at Pyote make plans for his or her personal participation to assure that no individual fails to do full justice to the worthy campaign.

### FIRE ROASTS DRAFTEES CASH

Chicago (CNS)—Firemen fighting a North Side fire were puzzled when they saw folding money floating around in the cellar. One fireman gathered a hatful of bills totaling \$540, found it belonged to the owner of the house, who had hidden it in the cellar when he was drafted.

## "Miss Victory" Finals Feb. 3rd At USO

### 'EXPERIMENT PERILOUS'



"Experiment Perilous" is the latest LaMarr vehicle that shows the Hedy-fying talent at its best. Paul Lukas co-stars in that picture showing next Wednesday and Thursday at Theatre No. 1 and 2.

## 10 Semi-Finalists Will Compete At Monahans USO

The ten semi-finalists for the title "Miss Victory of 1945" were selected at the Monahans USO Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, and will compete for the single honor a week from Saturday, Feb. 3rd, at the Monahans USO.

A big night is planned for the occasion, and reservations are imperative. You may call for your reservation at the Monahans USO. No one will be admitted to the final judging without one.

The scene will be a gala nightclub for the final judging.

Judges for the first night of the semi-finals Tuesday were: Majors S. E. Williams, E. A. Swingle, W. J. Fry, W. L. Condy and C. A. Pitts.

For the second night, Wednesday, of the semi-final judging, Majors J. L. Brady, N. C. Christiansen, D. J. Taylor, H. E. Bergschneider, and O. E. Vaule were judges.

The ten semi-finalists will now compete for the honor of being named "Miss Victory of 1945"—and along with the title goes, A) the lead in a brand new show at the base, B) a \$25 war bond courtesy the Monahans Chamber of Commerce, and C) a life-size portrait, photo or oil.

The Monahans USO will be the scene of the final judging a week from Saturday, Feb. 3, and it is not a minute too soon to make your reservation.

GI escorts are needed to accompany the girls to the final judging. Those interested are asked to call the Personnel Services Office, Cpl. Art Hammel, at 27.

## 'What A Life' Coming Soon

Rehearsals for "What A Life", 3-act farce that played for over a year on Broadway, are progressing, according to Lt. Earl Y. Cherkowsky, Ass't. Personnel Services Officer.

There are still a few choice parts open, and anyone interested is urged to contact the Personnel Services Office, next to the Service Club.

"What A Life" will be presented in the near future at Theatre No. 1.

### SHAVE, HAIRCUT . . . \$400

Brooklyn (CNS)—Cecil King, a merchant seaman, dropped into a barber shop for a going-over. He got more than he bargained for,

## Officers' Wives Fete Birthday Boys

December birthday patients were feted last Friday evening at the Station hospital by the Officers' Wives Club.

Six lucky guests whose birthdays fell in December were honor guests at the party. Gifts were distributed, followed by games, and refreshments were served.

Hostesses were Mrs. A. J. Michelson, Mrs. Jake Waters, Mrs. C. C. Line, Mrs. R. F. Ralton, and Mrs. R. R. Rowland.

he told police, when the barber gave him a haircut, shave, shampoo and massage—then konked him with a lead pipe and robbed him of \$400.

## RIFFS & RHYTHM

One of the snappiest fastest-moving USO

shows to ever play the field, shows at

**THEATRE NO. 1**

tonight only for

**TWO SHOWS**

**7:30 & 9:30**

**Free!**



# WD Clarifies Flying Status Of Returning Veterans

AAF Headquarters has issued a memorandum clarifying the gratuitous payment of combat or operational fatigue flying pay to combat crew returnees.

According to the memo, "enlisted men who were in a flying status overseas are being returned to the US in 3 categories which affect their eligibility for receipt of flying pay:

1. Those returned because of injury due to aviation accident, including combat or operational fatigue by reason of exhaustion from over-exertion are entitled to receive flying pay for a three-month period.
2. Those returned in flying status because of missions completed or by the rotation policy are only entitled to flying pay due them for the time in which flight requirements have been met.
3. Those returned after orders have been issued by proper authoritative overseas stations removing them from a flying status are only entitled to flying pay due them to the date they were removed from flying status."



## Shooting the Breeze

A B-24 had to land at Dum Dum airport in Calcutta because of battle damage. When the plane was repaired the crew filled the bomb bays with cans of beer and headed for home base. But on the approach, something went wrong with the bomb bay doors and the cans were scattered over the countryside.

The group adjutant was particularly upset and developed a recovery plan. He had word passed along to all the village headmen that "practice bombs" had been released by mistake and should be returned immediately.

Quite a few cans were brought in by natives. Finally, however, one old tribesman arrived carrying six neatly opened and empty beer cans. He handed them to the adjutant, salaamed, and said: "Me have removed explosive." Whereupon, with a loud burp, he held out his hand for a reward. This story appears in "Shooting the Breeze" in the January issue of AIR FORCE, now available at this station.

## Nazis Have Neat 3rd Degree Idea

Western Front (CNS)—Here's a new wrinkle in German methods of extracting information from Americans who are taken prisoner. They first strip their captives of all identification, including passes, dog-tags and identification cards. They then set up an opening for an escape. When the American takes advantage of the opening, he is "tailed" and recaptured before he can reach his own lines. Then the Nazis threaten to shoot him as a spy unless he gives them the information they want.

## RIFFS & RHYTHM

One of the snappiest fastest-moving USO shows to ever play the field, shows at THEATRE NO. 1 tonight only for TWO SHOWS 7:30 & 9:30 Free!

President Charles Seymour, of Yale, in his report to the University's alumni, advocates "a system of required military training for all able-bodied young men," in order to avert "the unpreparedness which has brought so great peril to us in the past and especially in this war."

## 6th War Loan Sales Listed

A break-down on figures of the Sixth War Loan, completed Dec. 31st, were revealed by Capt. H. D. Lucey, Station War Bond Officer.

Allotments by military and civilian personnel increased in November and December, as well as the amount of money so invested. The single exception is the amount of money invested by Civil Service Employees, which decreased.

Number of additional allotments made 1 Nov to 31 Dec 1944: Officers 66, EMs 533, War Dept. or Civil Service employees 65, Non-War Dept. employees 3.

Percentage increase in enrollment: Officers, 4.1%, EMs 9.12%, War Dept. employees 12.5%, Non-WD employees -1.5%.

Increase and decrease of Class A and B monthly allotments: Officers \$3,795.00, EMs \$4,821.50, WD employees -\$173.65, Non-WD employees \$145.20.

Increase and decrease of monthly investment percentages: Officers 2.3%, EMs 1.4%, WD employees 1.3%, and Non WD employees 38%.

## COLD DRESSING



## MALE CALL

By Milton Caniff



Peppine GOWNS

To toast your serviceman on furlough Peppine GOWNS



# AAFTTC WILL TRAIN SUPERFORTRESS CREWS

## Training Command To Give Pilots Transition Work

Transition training for airmen destined for combat assignments as pilots and flight engineers of B-29 Super-fortresses has been made the responsibility of the AAF Flying Training Command, it has been announced.

Prior to the switch to the AAFTTC, the transition was conducted at 2AF bases, as an addition to the operational or combat crew training.

Due to the limited number of Superforts available for training, the training had been an exclusive 2AF proposition, but now that additional B-29s are on hand the Training Command will take over the transition training.

Randolph Field, Tex., Roswell AAF, N. Mex., and Maxwell Field, Ala., have—or soon will—convert to B-29 training under the AAFTTC, Lt. Gen. Barton K. Yount announced.

## Health Program Plan To Rehabilitate 4Fs

Washington (CNS)—In an effort to fit for military duty or essential war jobs as many as possible of the 750,000 4Fs who have remediable defects, the Senate subcommittee on Wartime Health and Education has prepared a program of medical, surgical and educational rehabilitation.

## Rattle Snake Charmer



This week's Pyote Pin-Up is the a-Maisie-ing Ann Sothern. We humbly suggest you tuck this neat little stack in your foot-locker for a little consolation and thought-provocation on rainy days. Besides, it isn't everybody that can have a foot locker with a Sothern exposure.



... and this ain't it!  
Don't be a "Beanie".  
Read T.O. 19-1-111

## Paycall Just A Whisper In Early Days

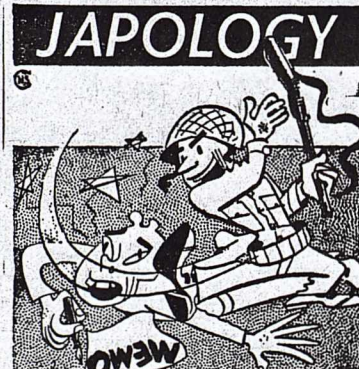
When you wonder "What did I do with my money?" you have a problem that couldn't have been much of a bother to GI George in the American Revolution.

In 1778 the monthly pay for foot soldiers was \$6.66. Just why the Continental Congress selected that sibilant sum isn't known, but it slid off the tongue easily and rolled out of the pocket even faster. Cavalrymen and artillerymen were on



a higher financial plane with \$8.33 a month.

But even the boys who got the \$6.66 rate were in the chips com-



JAP junior officers are not permitted to ask for reinforcements if they are caught in a tight spot with their men. All they are permitted to do is make a report to the commander of the battlefield, who decides whether reinforcements shall be sent.

pared to the soldiers of seven years later. In 1785, privates received \$4.00 a month, corporals (without whistles) \$5.00, and sergeants \$6.00.

That's probably when the American sergeant began hollering.

## H. J. Cummings, 74, Wins 2AF Award

Louisianan hometown hero, Henry J. Cummings, 74, a machinist at Army Air Field, Alexandria, La., was awarded \$250 last month for two inventions which saved the Army more than \$11,000 during the last eight months.

In 1940, Mr. Cummings had retired on a pension, but with the draining of America's labor reserve, he left his Pineville (La.) farm to work in July, 1943, at the Second Air Force Fortress training center.

The two "new tricks" have saved machine costs and man hours and put the veteran mechanic on top of the Air Field's Ideas for Victory campaign. One, a mechanical core remover, removes 50 heater cores for cleaning in eight hours with no breakage in contrast with manual method which removed three in the same time with considerable damage. The other, a jib, eliminates damage to expensive cylinders in removing studs.





# KOOPS' KORNERS

## SUGAR REPORT

(A column of notes and memos from Koop's ever-lovin' secretary, Sugar.)

DEAR KOOPS . . . Emily at the library called to tell you that plenty of pocket-books are coming in. One fellow, S-Sgt. Charles Battreal brought in twenty of 'em. Says to tell you to remind the guys that when they're through with those pocket-novels to turn them over to the library that everybody can share 'em . . . Last week's Dr. I. Q. show at the Service Club was slick; the show deserves a better audience, don'tcha think? . . . Hope something can be done to find the poor underslung lower four grades a place to drink their beer. The Officers have their officers' club, the non-coms have their non-coms club, and a place where a fellow can take his girl to drink beer and be warm at the same time wouldn't be amiss. Understand something is in the works on this . . . A letter that I've misplaced (tsk-isk) deserves your attention. Can't find the letter at the moment, but it is in regard to your comment about drivers giving GIs a lift . . . Says the writer: "Perhaps if the fellows seeking rides would not be too obnoxious, would stand on the side of the road instead of in the center, they'd get more lifts . . . It is unfair to blame all the drivers. Many of the guys leaving the gate are just driving to town or to the gunnery range, and not to Monahans." . . . I think you'll agree with that. It isn't right to call all the automobilers nasty names because they pass you up; it is that—if, when a fellow in a car has a little extra room, is heading into Monahans or Pecos, and he does offer a GI a ride—it's a pretty nice gesture. And we can't help hoping such a gesture gets a little more popular, huh? . . . Top tune on juke-boxes around the field, according to number of times played, is "Rum and Coca Cola" with "Accentuate the Positive" in the place spot . . . Understand that the last dance of the month at the Service Club will be formal. . . . 2AF headquarters plans an inter-base boxing match in the near future. . . . Last week's cover (the B-29 over Pyote bomb range) was one of the best yet. . . . Capt. Joseph F. Horn was transferred last week, and wants you to put a mention in your column to say goodbye to all his friends that he didn't get a chance to see personally. . . . His many friends here at Pyote will miss Captain Horn, as an officer and a gentleman he was tops. . . . Effective last week, Koops', the number of Rattlers was noticeably increased; the extra issues will allow a copy to every "man-and-a-half", rather than one to three. . . . Imagine you've heard about the gag that goes like this: Three GIs just back from overseas went into a restaurant and found the only available table was occupied by a spinsterish female. Wanting a little privacy, they decided to sit down, hoping by means of conversation to make her finish up and leave in a hurry. . . . The first GI said "Boy, life overseas was tough. I didn't have a bath in eight months." "Think that's bad?", said the second, "I couldn't even wash my hands in four weeks." "We were so busy," the third added, "I couldn't change my underwear in five months." At that point the old gal looked up and said: "Would one of you stinkers mind passing the salt?" . . . GIs can take heart in the news that the situp championship is back in the hands of the dogfaces. Pfc. Edward Ogilvie Frierson Pratt of Greensboro, N.C. set a new world's record with 8,526 sit-ups. He set the record in 10 hours, 20 minutes, beating the previous record of a commissioned officer. Pratt is 28 years old, and quit at 8,526 only because of a rising pulse rate. . . . The GI and his gal had been sitting alone on the veranda all evening. No word broke the stillness for a half hour, until—"Suppose you had money," she said, "what would you do?". He threw out his chest, in all the glory of young manhood, and said, "I'd travel!" He felt her young warm hand slide into his, and then she was gone . . . in his hand was a nickel. . . . Overheard on the bus into town: "A girl doesn't have to watch the speedometer to know what her boy-friend is driving at." . . . A second lieutenant is a guy who sometimes looks back and wishes he were an enlisted man—or at least a Captain. . . . And we knew you'd like Jimmy Durante's comment that he'd go to the Owl Show at the movies, only he isn't an owl. . . .

Love, Sugar.



Another Pyote landmark is the ice-house; a cool and comforting thought when the Texas thermometer hovers around the 100 plus mark in July and August. But however warm the days, Pyote nights are always cool and dry.

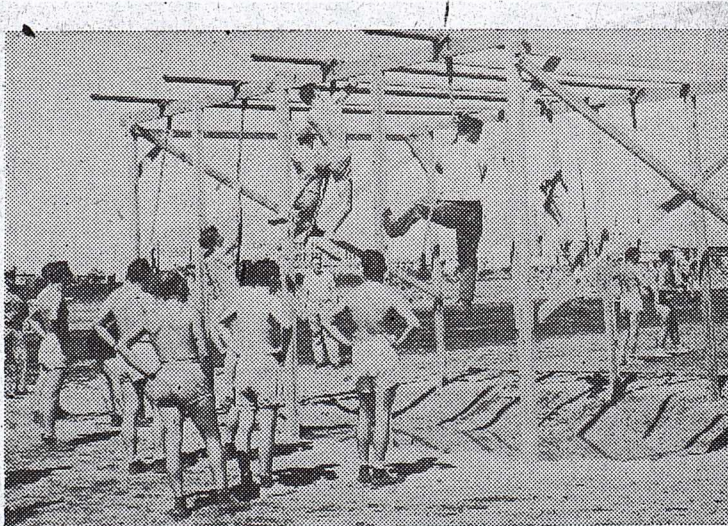
## SO THIS IS PYOTE . . .

(This is the last in a series of sixteen photo-stories that have attempted to tell the folks back home just what is behind the address "Pyote Army Air Field, Pyote, Texas")

When "So This Is Pyote" first began to show Pyote—the field and town, it was said:

"Mere words could never tell the story of Pyote. The gigantic task of building something from nothing has been written in the brain, the sweat, and the muscle of enlisted men, officers, and civilians alike.

"For in all the history of the Texas boom-towns there has never been the equal of Pyote, the ghost town that has sprung to life in west Texas with more vitality, more zest, more vigor, and more energy than ever before."



And from a cool, cool ice house to a sweating PT class—is quite a contrast. Here a bunch of the boys try out the obstacle course—jump ditches, swing on ropes, leap hurdles, chin, grapple, and perspire.



# 30 Secrets Told Of Jet Propelled Planes

## AF Reveals Information On Zoomer

Here's the newest lot of Hither to secret "capsule information" on the JET propelled airplane garnered by the Rattler from an article in the January issue of Air Force:

1. It smells like an old oil stove.
2. There is no carburetor.
3. There is no elaborate mixture control.
4. There is no prop control.
5. There are no icing worries.
6. JET engine has about 10% as many parts as regular engine.
7. Engine can operate on almost any hydro-carbon fuel such as gasoline, kerosene, alcohol, brandy or even hair tonic.
8. Pilots say JET plane has brought flying back to stick and rudder simplicity.
9. About only thing that can go wrong is for pilot to forget to turn on generator since battery is small and will not carry load for over ten minutes.
10. Instruments are the same EXCEPT instead of manifold pressure there is tailpipe temperature.
11. All flight instruments work on pressure from an "impeller" rather than on vacuum.
12. The JET "engine" holds just six quarts of lubricating oil the same as a small auto.
13. Cooling system is a couple of oil jets that spray oil and air onto the rotor shaft bearings. Excess runs down into accessory section, is filtered and returned by scavange pump.
14. Oil used is standard hydraulic fluid 3580.
15. There are only two spark plugs. They are located in the No. 4 and No. 8 combustion chambers.
16. Other chambers of engine are interconnected and ignite from these same two plugs.
17. Spark gap of JET plug is considerably wider than in conventional aircraft engine.
18. Combustion continues about as steady as the flame of an oil burner. Heat is intense but plugs hold up.
19. JET engines require 1/5 of the tools required on regular engines.
20. Maintenance of the JET engine requires less than 1/5 time required on conventional engine.
21. Just eleven medium sized bolts are required to hold the JET engine in place.
22. Experienced crew of four men can "pull" both engines in a day and install new ones.
23. All equipment necessary for changing a JET engine can be carried in the plane.
24. 200 feet behind a blasting JET engine is "safe-ground".
25. JET planes cannot be steered by "goosing" one engine then the

## Chaplain's Chat

Chaplain E. W. Norton

There are very few people who are not looking forward eagerly to the time when we will all be able to return home and have a normal sort of life again. How we long to have rugs on our floors, our meals on china plates, and wear blue serge or a good rough tweed! How would it seem to wear black shoes again? These things loom on the horizon of our thinking as being of great importance. In themselves they are relatively minor, but they stand for those things for which we are fighting today.

We have heard much about the "Four Freedoms". We do want freedom with a capital "F". It takes that to make life worthwhile, as we have learned to evaluate life. We want no one telling us what or when we can speak; it is only right that we should have the right of choosing the type of work we want to do; we need the right of worship as our conscience directs. These rights are ours, and will continue to be ours if we really win the war.

The first thing accomplished by Nazism was the undermining of religion, and the imprisonment of ministers of God. Why? Because the Church in the world today stands opposed to those things on which Nazism is built. Wherever the Word of God is banned, false teachings and false ways of life have a chance to start.

We owe it to ourselves, to our children, to our nation, and to the world, to support to the finest of our ability, those things for which we fight. No greater contribution to the well-being of mankind has been made than that made by religion. Wherever evils that beset men have been held under control, there we find religion as the prime force against those evils. Let us determine that we will have, in our individual lives, that force that does more than all legislation or systems of philosophy toward making this world a good place in which to live.

other. Units are too closely centered.

26. Steering is done by employing the brakes while taxiing.
27. Plane will fly with single JET unit if other should fail.
28. JET propelled airplanes require no warm-up period.
29. Engine is cool enough to work on after flight by the time the housing is removed.
30. Simplicity of the JET engine eliminates mechanical tinkering and adjusting.

## THE FLAME IN THE FRAME

### Cpl. Gets Jewel On Flat Tire Date

They met in an Aragon, Georgia war plant. That's where the romance of Cpl. John J. Rigne got off to a sort of "limping" start. Jewel, who is his wife today and the mother of his two sons, was the prettiest girl in the whole plant says Cpl. Rigne recalling all the nerve it took for his to ask for his first date. Here's his story:

"When I asked Jewel if she'd let me take her to the movies and she said yes I was the happiest guy in Georgia.

"I had a little car and I washed and polished it and put on new seat covers and started out. When I called at Jewel's house she was all dressed and looked twice as pretty as I'd ever seen her look before.

"We got into the car and started off but we never got to the show.

"We had a flat tire!"

They had lots of dates after that and better luck. He proposed, she accepted.

Later the stork brought their first son, Richard, now three on Nov. 2. Their second son arrived on Christmas eve.

Cpl. Rigne is in Sec. 1 where



MRS. JEWEL RIGNE

he's training as an RTC gunner. His post-war plans all focus on a "real" home—for Jewel and the kids.





# Bill Of Rights Allows Choice Of Courses

GI Bill Of Rights provisions for post-war education of veterans are so liberal that it will be possible for the average soldier to study any subject for which he is qualified.

This point was emphasized by Mr. Edward L. Rawlins, Veteran's Administration Representative and member of the War Manpower Commission at Monahans.

Here, in brief, is a resume of the educational opportunities provided by the bill:

You must be discharged under conditions other than dishonorable.

You may select your own course at any qualified school that accepts you.

The Veterans' Administration will pay for tuition, books, equipment and living expenses not in excess of \$500 for a school year.

You can get a subsistence allowance; \$50 a month if single, \$75 if married.

You must start your education not later than two years after your discharge.

If you were under 25 years of age when you entered the service, the government considers that the war interfered with the completion of your education. If you were older, you must prove that the war interrupted your education. Retraining or refresher courses in the field in which you were engaged are open to you regardless of age.

## Letters To The Editor

(The following is a letter to Pfc. Kenneth Brettle, Section D from Edward Donnelly, civilian friend.)  
4500 McKinley Street,  
Phila., Pa.

Hello there, Ken!

I was really pleased that you enjoyed the holidays in camp. And after looking over the Rattlers that you sent on to Hilda, I do not think there was any exaggeration in the "good time" stories.

I noted the menu for Christmas dinner, and the entertainment arranged for you fellows down there in Pyote and it seems to me the Army has done everything in the grand manner. And, that is as it should be.

I am of the opinion that the serviceman in this war fares far better than we did in the last. What impressed me in the Rattler were the gifts that servicemen could buy in the PX, the movie schedule, and above all—the story of the fourteen babies arriving in forty hours at the camp hospital. Pictures of the barber shop, drug store, and hotel amused me very

much.

And, by the way, the Rattler carries quite some poetry in each issue. I think that the paper as a whole is really a good job—more power to them.

Ed

Editor,  
The Rattler:

I should like to express my opinion on the matter of compulsory military training.

I am against it.

Why should we permit our Democratic country to be turned into the paths of German Militarism by the adoption of Compulsory Military Training? This would mean that when our children reach the age of 18 they



KEEP your gloves on when handling cold metals or you'll become permanently attached to whatever you touch.



IF you keep your feet and hands warm and dry as possible you won't notice the cold weather so much.

would no longer belong to their parents but would be used as the potential cannon fodder for a large standing army.

Volunteers make the best sol-

## PFCs—

(Cont'd from Page 3)

Grzybowski, Don W. Sheppard, Melvin T. Meyers, Martin S. Olsen, Frank J. Sala, John Lane, Robert H. Hook, Carl E. Hutchins, Roy N. Ballinger, Frank M. Somps-son, John A. Massey, James W. Pellman, Harold J. Dye.

### SECTION E

Elias A. Hendrickson, Harry E. Rapley, Domenic M. Venti, John W. Merryman, Robert L. Wagstaff, James E. Smith.

### SECTION F

Clarence V. Strand, William Valdez, Laird B. Swan, Wilbur T. Fore, Howard B. Harp.

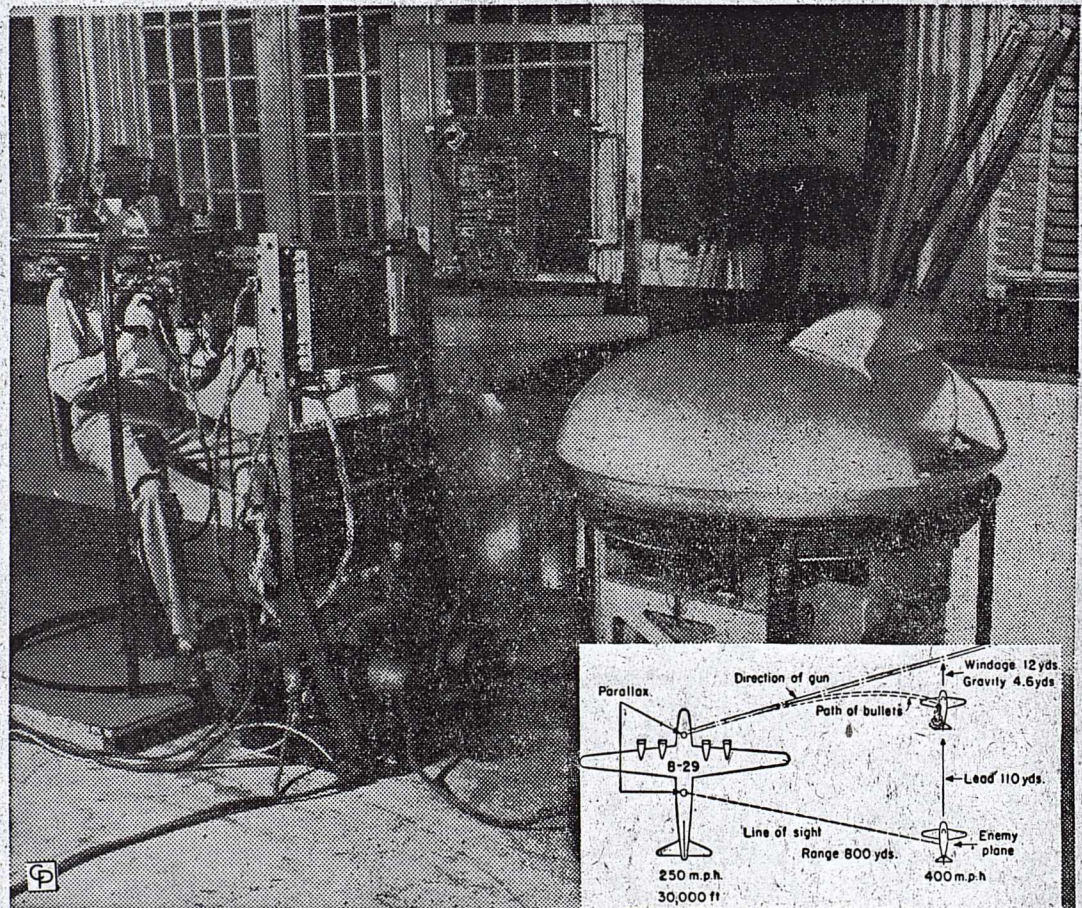
### SECTION B

Elizabeth R. Wick, Mamie Hogan, Sarah H. Adkins, Mildred Boyle, Kathryn Styslinger, Dorothy H. Lawler, May R. Tacchi, Catherine R. Kunkel, Shirley F. Bowe, Barbara Kzaley, Anna Slusser, Billie-P. Lewis.

diers. No one should have the right to tell my son that he must be a soldier in peacetime.

Sergeant Stanley Z. Fajowski  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

## HERE'S HOW B-29S KNOCK OFF JAP FIGHTER PLANES



AN ARMY AIR FORCES SERGEANT is shown above operating basic elements of the central gunnery system of the B-29 Superfortresses, demonstrated and made public for the first time by AAF officers and General Electric engineers in New York City. All the gunner need do is get the enemy plane in his sight and pull the trigger. The complicated mechanical problem of accounting for speed of the enemy plane, its distance from the B-29, gravity and parallax is worked out at split second tempo by electronic and mechanical units of the system. The small drawing in lower right shows how the line of fire is ahead and above the target plane and so gauged that the falling bullets and the enemy plane arrive at a certain point simultaneously and then it's—goodby, Jap!

(International)



# PYOTE QUILTS 2AF HOOP LEAGUE

## 700,000 Fans Attend 2nd Air Force Games

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., Jan. 24. During the last year, more than 700,000 civilians and servicemen attended athletic events conducted as part of the 2AF's athletic and recreational program. Sports covered in the survey were baseball, basketball, and football. The success of the inter-base baseball league set up within the Second Air Force in 1944 resulted in its adoption by all continental Air Forces.

## Rostick Rolls 241 Game In Hot Pin Race

The four maple-toppling leagues at the EM bowling alley are settling down to the job of maintaining the pace as the leagues passed the first pole and set down the rough middle stretch.

In the White league, the Spare Boys were still making the pace, with the Planets trailing by 13 percentage points. Konet had the high average of 166 (on figures including Saturday's games) with Krevsky and Safranski trailing with 158. Konet hit 539 to top the 3-game series. Krevsky followed with 495. Krevsky held high single honors with 202, Leonard 195. It was the Spare Boys all the way in team honors, they racked up the high single (.798) and the high 3-game series (.2209).

In the Blue league, the War Worries and the South Paws were neck and neck for first, with the Japen Five 16 percentage points behind the leaders. The South Paws boasted a 762 team vaerage, the War Worries 724. The Japen Five had high single team honors with .836, and high 3 game series with .2324.

Shepard set the blistering single pace in the White League, toppling a .220 single game total. Sordelet trailed with 200. In the 3 game series, Shepard, .578, Sordelet .556. Sordelet and Battaglino topped league averages, however, both hitting the pins for .173.

Rostick kept setting the hottest pace in the gold league, with a .241 high single, and a .610 high 3 game. Hangar No. 1 kept out in front with an .819 team average, a high single of .916 and a high 3 game series of .2581. Plank led individual averages with .188. The Flash-es, Stargazers, Consolidated Mess, and Dusters tied up the league with .500 won-lost percentage, in the tightest race of any league.

In the Red League, the Static Chasers and Foul Five kept a blistering winning streak going—both teams boasting six consecutive

Baseball was the top drawing card in the 2AF with 350,000 servicemen and 127,000 civilians on hand for inter-base, area and sectional playoffs.

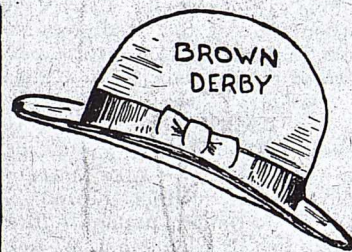
The Superbombers, 2AF representatives on the gridiron, drew 125,000 military persone and 50,000 civilians for a 13-game schedule and two post-season tilts.

Figures for the first two months of the present basketball season show an attendance of 30,000 enlisted men and 47,000 civilians.

More than 600 players were on baseball team rosters and approximately 480 men are now actively engaged in the inter-base basketball program.

Plans are underway for championship playoffs this year in basketball and boxing. A physical fitness meet is planned for this spring and will be conducted by telegraphic competition.

## PT AWARD



All Sections showed such excellent averages during the week ending Jan. 20th that the Brown Derby is not being awarded this issue. Though some Sections ranked slightly higher than others, the percentages were too close to indicate that one or two should be crowned with Brown Derby this week.

games won and no losses. The Static Chasers held a team average of .740, the Foul Five, .714. James of the Chasers averaged .164, Harp .162, Raisler .159. Harp hit the high single—.213 and the high 3 game series—.513. The Foul Five led in team high singles .784 and 3 game series; .2250.

## Transportation Forces Rattler 5's Withdrawal

The Pyote Rattlers, station basketball squad, dropped from the 7th district of the 2AF league, it was announced this week.

Transportation difficulties made the decision necessary, S-Sgt. Fred Hightower, coach, stated.

It was a sad blow to the local basketball fans for the Rattler five had been gaining steam with every game. Long a dark horse in the league play that includes Biggs Field, El Paso, Davis-Monthan, Tucson, and Alamogordo, a stretch dash was hoped for that would put Pyote into the 2AF finals.

Transportation defeated the squad and called off a scheduled conference game with Biggs Field earlier in the week. At that time it was decided that inasmuch as traveling would be indefinite for future games, it would be wise to drop from league play.

However, the Rattlers are still playing games in the surrounding territory, still playing some of the best basketball seen in these parts.

### CARLSBAD 51 PYOTE 41

After four consecutive wins, the Pyote Rattlers dropped a basketballgame to the Carlsbad Cavemen, as part of a practice game at Carlsbad, Jan. 20th, by a score of 51 to 41.

It was the second defeat for the home boys at the hands of the Carlsbad AAF five; December 20th, Carlsbad took the winning end of a 51 of 47 match.

Phelps, Thomas, and Pollock combined a very effective scoring combination to baffle the Pyote defense. Several arguments between the Rattlers and the officials dotted the spree.

Phelps was high scoring man for Carlsbad, ringing the hoop for 11 counters. Hogan, of Pyote, also racked up 11, and kept Pyote a constant threat with his hustle.

### Wac Five Takes Carlsbad 30-10, For 4th Victory

The Pyote Rattlerettes, WAC basketball squad, took their fourth game of the season at Carlsbad last Saturday night when the Carlsbad AAF WACs humbly took a 30 to 10 defeat.

Pvt. Ralph Cannon's Pyote proteges took the game in a walk-away, leading 16 to 4 at half-time. Capt. Bobby Zentz keyed the play with 14 points, with Vivian Brown looping 12.

The Rattlerettes thus accounted for their fourth win in five starts, and added Carlsbad to the scalp trophy along with Pecos (28-21), and Midland (twice; 41-18, and 27-8). Only the Roswell AAF girls have tumbled the local belles (28-21).

A return match with the Pecos AAF WACs has been set for January 30th.

### PYOTE 47, TUCSON 42

In the final league match for Pyote in the 2AF league's 7th district tourney, the Rattlers defeated the Davis-Monthanites of Tucson AAF, 47 to 42 on the Pyote home court Friday, Jan. 19.

A good crowd packed the Rec. Hall and was treated to some of the niftiest hoop-artistry of the season. Ray, Pyote captain, went hoop-wild, and swished the net for 20 points, almost half the Rattler total. Hogan, Rattler stalwart, kept the action hot with some of the best defensive work of the season.

Davis-Monthan's Peterson proved the loser's spark-plug, sinking 16 points, and maintaining a dangerous offensive throughout the game.

It was sweet revenge for the Rattlers for in two previous encounters, the Tucson quintet has emerged victorious; Dec. 1, it was Tucson 44 to 38; and two weeks later Tucson again 66 to 32.

Hogan of Pyote held his opponent to one field goal for the game.

Referees were S-Sgt. Charles (Lefty) Abolafea and Sgt. Hussey of Pyote.

## Warmin' The Bench

### Blue Plate Special

Babe Ruth, the world's finest fat man, has been named the greatest athlete of the past quarter century by the Connecticut Sports Writers' league. . . . One man who doesn't thing the Babe rates the award, however, is Hub Pruett, ancient Red Sox pitcher who fanned Ruth 16 of the 18 times he faced him one season. On the 17th time, the Babe popped up, and on the 18th he slammed one out of the lot. . . . Cdr William R. (Killer) Kane is Navy's new director of physical training. A brilliant 3-sport star at Annapolis, Kane was OD at Pearl Harbor when the Jap struck. . . .



# Looking For A Camera? Read Classifieds!



**Q.** My mother received a telegram from the Government notifying her I was wounded in action. She was worried by the fact that the telegram had 2 stars on it. What do the stars mean?

**A.** Two stars are placed on all telegrams of an urgent nature.

**Q.** Does a soldier's pre-induction status have any bearing on his eligibility for discharge under the War Department's demobilization plan? I was a pre-Pearl Harbor father and have 2 dependent children. Because of my dependency status, I was not drafted until late in 1943.

**A.** Under the demobilization plan announced by the War Department a man's pre-induction status has no bearing on his eligibility for discharge. However, the fact that you have 2 dependent children will count. Length of service, length of overseas service and certain combat decorations also count.

**Q.** I have heard that a soldier hospitalized for Venereal Disease no longer loses his pay. Is that correct?

**A.** That is correct. You are referred to AR 25-1440, dated November, 1944.

**Q.** Has a veteran the choice of selecting any course he wants under the Army's Vocational Rehabilitation program, or must he take he gets and like it?

**A.** The veteran may tell the Veteran's Administration his preference in courses. But then they will select for him the ones they believe he is best qualified for.

## STORK CLUB

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

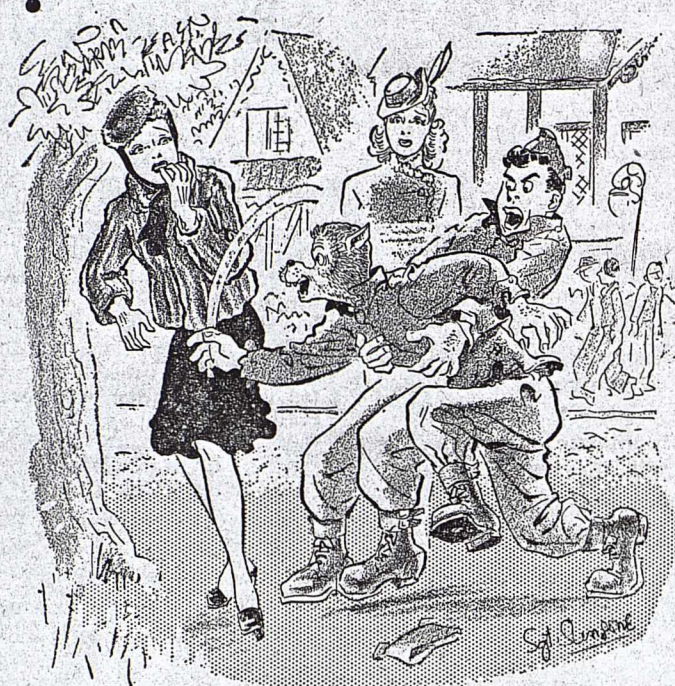
**HARLAN**—Born to Lt. and Mrs. John L. Harlan at the Pyote regional hospital, January 19, a girl, 8 lbs., 3 oz. Lt. Harlan is a pilot of a twin-engine plane at Ellington Field, Houston, Texas. Mrs. Harlan is a native of Monahans.

**PLATTEBORGE**—Born to Lt. and Mrs. Andrew Platteborge at the Pyote regional hospital, January 16, a boy, 9 lbs., 2 oz. Lt. Platteborge is on temporary duty at Colorado Springs. The parents are both natives of Sharon, Pa.

## The Wolf

by Sansone

Copyright 1945 by Leonard Sansone, distributed by Camp Newspaper Service



"A simple 'hello' will do!"

## REMEMBER?

Headlines of a year ago, as culled from the files of the Rattler.

**Jan. 26, 1944: Captain Leonard L. Cox was awarded the DSC. The 2AF anthem was played for the first time at review. The Civvies Shin-dig was held at the Rec Hall. Juggsey, mascot of the motor pool, became the proud mother of a litter. In Sports—the ntramural hoop league saw the Vincos nose the Aviation Unit in a thriller, 24-20.**

## At The Chapel

**CATHOLIC** — Sunday Masses: 0800, 1200, 1715. Daily Masses: 1715 except Monday and Thursday; Thursdays at Hospital Red Cross bldg. 0930. No Mass Monday. Evening Devotions: 1745 Tuesday and Friday. Confessions: Saturday 1630-1715, 1930-2100, and before all Masses, and anytime you request.

**PROTESTANT** — Sunday: 0915, Hospital Service, Red Cross Auditorium; 1000, Section C Chapel service; 1030, Station Chapel Service; 1930, Section C Vesper Service; 2000, Station Vesper Service. Wednesday: 1930, Section C Bible Study; 2000, Bible Quiz Hour, Station Chapel. Thursday: 1900,

## G-Aisling

(The column of G-AISLING welcomes all announcements of marriages of personnel of the field.)

### RINDONE-GLUZZY

Married at the Station Chapel January 19, Carmella Gluzzy of Ansonia, Conn. to Cpl. Joseph Rindone of Ansonia, Conn. Rites performed by Chaplain H. W. Kuhns.

### BARNES-MOORE

Married at the Station Chapel January 17, Chattie Mae Moore of Elida, N. M. to Pfc. Lowell S. Barnes of Nabb, Indiana. Rites performed by Chaplain J. W. Roberts.

### WHEELER-HARRIS

Married at the Station Chapel January 20, Edith Harris, Marlboro, Mass. to Cpl. Warren R. Wheeler, Westford, Mass. Rites performed by Chaplain J. W. Roberts.

### KRUGER-PRAST

Married at the Station Chapel January 22, Virginia Marie Prast, Shawano, Wisc. to Lt. Clarence Kruger, Shawano, Wisc. Rites performed by Chaplain H. W. Kuhns.

Chapel Chorus Rehearsal.

**JEWISH**—Friday, 1930, Sabbath Evening Service.

The Rattler will accept classified ads for publication, free of charge. Deadline for copy is Monday midnight. Mail or bring to Public Relations or Rattler office.

## CLASSIFIED ADS

### LOST AND FOUND

**LOST**—Gold Thoren's Cigarette lighter near CCD area. It's a Christmas gift from my best girl, and I sure want it back! \$10 reward. Return to Public Relations or Rattler office. Cpl. Torben Hansen, Sec. III, CCD.

**LOST**—Sterling ring with red setting, initialed J.J.S. on Monday evening in Hangar 4 Latrine. Please return to Pvt. James J. Sudtelgte, Sec. D., Bks. 515, or to Rattler office. Reward is offered.

**LOST**—Crash bracelet belonging to Eldo H. Platt, 0-733351. Bombardier's wings engraved on face of bracelet. Return to Public Relations Office, Base Hq. Reward.

**FOUND**—If the person who left a blue Shaeffer pencil at the PX will call for it, it will be returned to him. Ask for Mrs. Scott.

**LOST**—Graduation wrist watch in Hangar 2 latrine. Lost Jan. 23. Reward offered. Return to Pvt. George Westin, Sec. S orderly room.

**LOST**—YELLOW gold bracelet made of links with gold leaf inserts in each link. Lost between Service Club and bus stop Monday night. Reward. Return to Lois Gaines, Box 198, Wickett.

### FOR SALE

'37 PLYMOUTH with 4 good tires, radio, heater, all in excellent condition. See Cpl. Dalkert, Trailer 307-33.

A 5x7 VIEW CAMERA, complete with copper carrying case. One of the best buys of the day. See Sgt. Thomas Gordon at Base Photo Lab.

### PERSONALS

**WILL PAY** cash or trade '39 Buick Coupe for 5-passenger '39, '40 or '41 model. See A. T. Parrish; call 59.

**WANTED TO RENT** or buy—Sewing machine, electric or pedal type. See Mrs. Mildred Smith, Budget and Fiscal office, Headquarters.

**LOIS**—That letter finally arrived. Why don't you get in touch with me? Sylv.