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Parade, Dance, Eats To Open New USO Club

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FIGHTS VIE WITH CAGE TILTS IN WEEK'S SPORTS

19th Groupers Set For Pecos Opener Tonight

The "19th Groupers", representing the Base in region-wide competition, open their cage season tonight against the Pecos AAB five at Pecos, with a return match here Saturday. Bottom row, left to right in adjoining picture are Lt. Harold Glucksman, coach, Lt. W. J. McParland, Lt. Dan T. Sullivan, Lt. Robert Freedman, S-Sgt. Robert E. Lawrence; standing, l-to-r, S-Sgt. Vance E. Bundy, S-Sgt. Martin P. Joyce, Pvt. Thomas Swain, S-Sgt. Claude L. Edge, Lt. Wm. F. Pitts, and Sgt. Don White. After weeks of grueling practice, the Base team is ready and eager to test its mettle. December's schedule is an exciting one and promises one of the best sport seasons yet enjoyed here. For story and additional pictures, turn to the sports pages.



Twins Happily Together Again



Don't swear off; they're really two different guys. Cpl. Thaddeus J. Cisek, a theater projectionist here since January 11, and Sgt. Bill E. Cisek, new instructor at the Bombing & Gunnery Range, are together again. Born five minutes apart October 30, 1919, the Toledo, Ohio, twins were in CCC camp together, both inducted April 3, 1942, and took basic together, being separated in Salt Lake City to be apart seven months. Two of seven children in their family, their letter to the CO at Salt Lake brought Bill here for the reunion.

New Monahans USO Club To Open Tuesday With Parade, Dedication

Food, Dancing, Speeches Scheduled For Pearl Harbor Day Celebration

The Monahans USO Club, one block east of the courthouse, will be opened and formally dedicated on Pearl Harbor Day, December 7, Director Edward A. Palange announced last week.

Business houses will close for the celebration parade Tuesday at 3 p.m. At last count, 19 floats—representing businesses, civic and fraternal organizations—and seven bands were lined up for the parade.

WACs in a jeep, a marching group from the Guard Squadron and the Base Band also were slated to appear in the parade, according to Major Tom B. Bagley, who said the Base would cooperate to the fullest extent in the day's activities.

The building was completed Friday, and all furniture has arrived, Mr. Palange stated. All facilities will be ready for use.

The Day's schedule: parade, 3 to 5 p.m.; open house at the club, 5 to 7 p.m.; formal dedication, 8 to 9 p.m.; dancing, 9 to 12 midnight.

A \$100 War Bond prize will go to the sponsor of the best float in the parade, and \$100

Safety Record Of 2AF Gets General's Praise

All organization commanders and department heads at this Base—as throughout the Second Air Force — last week received commendation for the high level of safety being maintained in the training program and were urged to continue the good record.

Statement from the commanding general, 46th AAF Bombardment Training Wing, November 24, was posted on all bulletin boards, and reads:

"It has been brought to our attention that in the last four days nine fatal mid-air collisions occurred within the continental United States. This is a substantial increase over any similar recent period. The Second Air Force has not had an accident of this type in the last twenty-six days. This record has been established by your diligence and careful supervision over all operations. It is desired that you continue your efforts to maintain this good record. This headquarters commends all personnel whose diligence and supervision have established this low accident rate."

Safety makes sense, and it is the business of all soldiers here to maintain that record.

cash will go to the best band. Band judges will be WO Irvin E. Zimmerman, Base Band leader; Webb Jenkins, Monahans Band director, and a third to be appointed. Float judges will be Lt. Thomas F. McLaughlin, Public Relations Officer; Lt. Edith Haslam, WAC detachment CO, and a third to be appointed. Major Sam Williams, provost marshal, and Monahans Police Chief Ray Keenan will be parade marshals.

Col. Louie P. Turner, station commandant, will accept the building for military personnel at the formal dedication ceremony. Master of ceremonies will be Allan C. Bradley, chairman of the USO Council. Principal address will be delivered by Rev. Dean Harrison. Other speakers will be Judge Fred P. Snelson, Judge R. B. Rawlins and Mayor Ed Duffey.

Chaplains Bernard J. Gannon and Edwin W. Norton and S-Sgt. Daniel J. Scragg will represent the Catholic, Protestant and Jewish faiths respectively during the invocation and benedictions. The Monahans High School choral group will sing two songs, including "Home Away From Home" on the USO theme.

Awards will be given to junior hostesses who have contributed 50 hours or more of their time to entertaining visiting soldiers.

Barbecued deer, sandwiches, canapes and coffee will be served. For the dedication and dance formal dress will be optional, but the junior and senior hostesses will dress formally.

A convoy for service men and women to attend the opening party will leave from the front of the Enlisted Men's Service Club at 7:30 p.m.

The Rattler will publish weekly the Monahans USO schedule of activities.

GI NEEDS MORE INSTRUCTION

NEW GUINEA (CNS)—S-Sgt. Howard Ostler of Chelsea, Mass. shot down two Jap planes in a raid over Wewak. He returned to his base and found a notice directing him to report to the range next day, to qualify as a gunner.

New Link Man



SGT. JESSE A. GILMORE

Sergeant Praised For School Work

Sgt. Jesse A. Gilmore, new Link Trainer instructor, comes to this Base with exceptional recommendation. The outstanding work he accomplished in Advanced Trainer Instructors' School at Randolph Field, San Antonio, Texas, was highly praised in a letter from Capt. J. M. Llewellyn, school director.

Wrote Capt. Llewellyn:

"While attending this advanced school Cpl. (now sgt.) Gilmore was one of the top 10 percent of 111 students in Class 43-5, having a final academic grade of 97 per cent. This soldier is commended for his initiative, efficiency and the soldierly manner with which he conducted himself while assigned as a student in this school."

Col. Louie P. Turner, Station Commandant, added his heartiest congratulations to the above letter of commendation. Good going, Sergeant, now you really have a reputation to live up to.

SHAMPOO CLEARS GI OF MURDER CHARGE

PINEVILLE, KY. (CNS) — Pvt. Paris Kelly's brown hair proved in court that he was not a murderer. Arrested as the blonde haired killer of Jack Campbell in a Middlesboro bar, Kelly won a directed verdict of acquittal after Judge J. S. Forester ordered him shampooed to determine if his hair had been dyed. Vigorous scrubbing left his hair still brown.

DARKY MISSES COUNTERSIGN

TENNESSEE (CNS) — A sentry guarding a bridge for a unit of the Second Army on maneuvers here was told to cry "White" if anyone approached. If the party didn't give the proper countersign, "Smoke," he was an enemy.

At midnight a figure approached. "White!" cried the sentry. "No suh," came a voice from the darkness. "I'se cullud."

Soldiers Should Warn Families Of Check Thefts

(CNS) — The U. S. Secret Service has issued a warning to all soldiers and their dependents that many Army allotment and allowance checks are being stolen.

Most of these thefts are perpetrated by thieves who follow the postman around on the days allotment checks are delivered, then lift them from mailboxes of soldiers' families. Watch out for these bozos, the Secret Service warns.

To aid servicemen and their dependents in guarding against the theft of checks, the Secret Service has offered the following suggestions.

1. Write your family to have a member stay home when check is due. If it is removed from the mailbox immediately it cannot be stolen.

2. Make sure your family has a deep, strong mail box with your name printed on it in big letters. Be sure to keep it locked.

3. Have the folks arrange with the postman to signal when he delivers the check, if possible.

4. Tell them to notify the postmaster when they move. The Post Office has a regular card for them to fill out.

5. Your family should make a point of cashing the check at the same place each month. This will make identification easier. Merchants have been cautioned to insist upon proper identification so it is wise for you to go to a place where you are known. Better still, have them open a bank account and deposit the check instead of cashing it. Tell them to be certain they understand the rules of the bank about how soon they can draw the money out.

6. They should never fold, pin or mutilate the check.

The Secret Service has urged that all soldiers send these suggestions home so that dependents may follow this advice. It may save them some dough.

REDS SEND GLAMOR GIRLS TO SPY ON GERMANS

MOSCOW (CNS) — The Russians, it is reported, are sending beautiful women spies behind the German lines. The women, who are parachuted down at night, carry radio transmitters.

PRISONERS ESCAPE, RETURN

WINNIPEG, CANADA (CNS)—Nineteen Germans escaped from a war prison camp here last week, spent the night in a blizzard and returned the next day, happy to be "home" again.

S-D Sheet Metal Workers Stage Holiday Banquet

Civilian employes in the Sub-Depot Sheet Metal Shop decided to have a real Thanksgiving dinner one way or another—and their way was to pitch in contributions of money, food, ration points, elbow grease and culinary skill and pull out a banquet.

Linus J. Pousson, shop foreman, reports that the following ladies did the planning, made the arrangements, and cooked all the food: Mrs. Willie J. Woods, Mrs. Dovie Holsomback, Mrs. Opal Harvey, Mrs. Ara Welch, Mrs. Alice Holsomback, Miss Bettie Weeks, Mrs. Ila E. McCargo and Mrs. Ruth Lindsey. Mrs. McCargo was in charge.

Contributors included: Mr. Pousson, E. B. Vigee, J. W. Horton, Tom Williams, Mable Swaboda, Margaret Oriva, C. Boazeman, Mrs. Lindsey, Miss Weeks, Mrs. Harvey, Adolf Kreiselmeyere, Dan Barrett, George Crumm, Chris Sawyer, Lou Ella Hahn, Emmy Robbins, Mrs. Bernice M. Rainbolt, Pearl Foster.

Also, Ollie Brownville, Eula Longino, Mrs. Delia M. Cranfill, Winnie Lou Burrows, Bess McCargo, Mrs. Dovie Holsomback, Mrs. Alice Holsomback, Mary Kennedy, Willie J. Woods, Mrs. Welch, Mary E. Lewis, Pearl Parker, Harold Shaw, Opal Hays, H. Wylie, Mrs. McCargo, Johnnie North, Sgt. Vincent H. Cullen, Sgt. Frank H. Clifton and Jesse B. Gentry.

Rev. L. Woods, pastor of the Baptist church, at Wickett, said the Thanksgiving prayer.

The menu included bread, fruit salad, cranberry sauce, celery, pie, English peas, chicken, cake, gravy, pickles, potato salad, coffee, and the feast was held in the shop.

USO-Camp Show 'Say When' Sports Three Hot Acts

Have you circled December 8 on your calendar? This is to remind you that USO-Camp Show, "Say When", plays the Rec. Hall that night—and it's all free.

A Broadway emcee will run these acts through their fast paces:

Paula Dee, "a petite, blonde, smartly-costumed bundle of tumbling and trick hoofery."

Arlene De Faye, "singer of ballads and semi-classical numbers."

Musical Johnstons, "a xylophone act with a real musical background . . . the act uses two large expensive xylophones and is class novelty entertainment."

Sub-Depot Employes Mix Work, Holiday



Workers in the Sub-Depot Metal Shop observed Thanksgiving in a unique manner—a holiday dinner eaten on benches

and tables right in the shop. Rev. L. Wood, pastor of the Baptist church at Wickett, is shown rendering the Thanksgiv-

ing prayer for the men and women who could spare only their noon hour for the annual celebration.

Bernstein Wins Pin-Up Picture; Foul Play Enters

Pvt. Arnold Bernstein of the Diédrichs' Service Squadron won last week's "Name It And It's Yours" pin-up picture published in The Rattler. Wrote Pvt. Bernstein:

"Bet my last bottom dollar that the gorgeous creature on Page 15 is none other than Miss Anne Baxter. I and 200 other guys in this organization are waiting for that pin-up picture, so-send it to us."

A consolation award also goes to Cpl. Edward J. Rammelkamp, 410th Base Hq. and AB Squadron, who easily recognized Miss Baxter because, as he says, "I danced with Miss Baxter one evening, and like the proverbial elephant, I never forget a face". He remembered her face!

But he got to the mail box too late.

Reluctantly, the editor must admit that said picture has disappeared. We seriously suspect our sports editor and a certain captain in command of the Aviation Squadron — or his adjutant.

However, if it is not found, a substitute — and we guarantee a pleasant one — will be sent. Such will be the policy until we can requisition a safe for our pin-up photos.

Try again this week, gentlemen. An unidentified luscious lovely graces a page in this issue. We'll keep this up while the pictures last.

SWOONCROONER SINATRA CLASSIFIED 1A IN DRAFT

JERSEY CITY, N. J. (CNS) — Frank Sinatra, the swooncrooner who excites very young maidens, has been classified 1A. The draft board probably won't send greetings until about Jan. 15. Incidentally the swooncrooner is expecting his second child.

MAIL SPED TO COMBAT AREAS

SAN FRANCISCO (CNS) — V-Mail now may be delivered to men stationed in the Pacific area within eight days.

INDIANAPOLIS (CNS)—County Clerk Jack Tilson is giving away free marriage certificates to GIs.

Heyday At Hospital Mess



Thanksgiving Day found the Medics, as usual, ready for anything that even remotely resembled a holiday, and the above decoration of their mess is the result. The special menu and preparation of out-of-this-world food were handiwork of Lt. Milton J. Hansen, mess officer, and Sgt. Thomas F. Night, mess sergeant (in adjacent photo).



MEET YOUR BUDDIES:**Grizz, The Big Ship, Knows His Way Around Ring, Gridiron And Steel Mill**

Finding it impossible to devise a dodge to skip those recurrent half-hour torture tours of the gym known euphemistically as physical fitness tests, sooner or later the local GI is bound to bump into a dark and mammoth character who would make Hercules look like a four-egger.

Make it an easy bump if you value what health the P. T. instructor may carelessly leave you with after said tests, but don't be alarmed. Nonchalantly say, "Hi, Grizz", and step out of the way—well out of the way. For Sgt. Shipley J. Farroh is hard and heavy with years of experience in varsity and pro football, wrestling and steelworking, according to the dope collected by our sports correspondent, Sgt. Eddie Lockamy.

But Grizz is by no means all muscles. It took brains to graduate from Iowa University and to rank fifth in a class of 45 at the N. C. O. Physical Training School at Miami Beach.

At Iowa, Sgt. Shipley played three years on the famed "Hawkeye" eleven, and also put in a year of college wrestling and starred on the track team. After leaving the Hawkeye campus the big Ship sailed into professional football, playing two years with the Pittsburgh Steelers and a year with the Boston Redskins, the outfit now known as the Washington Redskins of the National League. And a hundred and fifty bucks a game is not chicken feed.

Leaving the Redskins, Farroh threw his muscles into an even tougher job, and one that very much needed doing in those early days of preparing to catch up with the Axis' head start in war production. He took on the man-sized task of an open hearth worker in a steel mill at Gary, Indiana. There he was when the Army decided it could use a guy with that kind of brawn.

Entering the Army January 17,



NEW YORK—Two WACs were riding in the elevator of a better store here when another woman asked one of them where they had bought the utility bags they were carrying. The civilian said she had been looking all over town for one. The WACs said they had gotten theirs in Daytona. The woman said "Oh" in a disappointed voice and left the car at the next floor. Then one WAC turned to the other and said, "Maybe we should have explained that these bags are GI."

1941, Farroh was assigned to the combat engineers, but in May, 1942, he was transferred to the Air Forces. After graduating from the NCO school he was classified as a physical training instructor and sent to Pyote.

A powerful example of what you might be if you stuck to spinach and gym work-outs—and read a good book on Saturday night—Sgt. Shipley now throws his considerable weight around as a P. T. instructor in the Rec. Hall, teaching boxing classes and conditioning exercises.

He did a swell job recently as referee in the first card of the Special Service boxing program. An old hand at the job, he kept the boys fighting—allowing none of those waltzing exhibitions where wary combatants throw hard glances at each other from a distance of five paces. Also he has to take the rap for handing out some of those physical fitness tests.

Fortunately possessing a good sense of humor, Grizz is well liked by the men in his gym classes. He's a good guy to have as your friend. Drop in and spar a few rounds with him—that is, if your National Service Life Insurance is paid up.

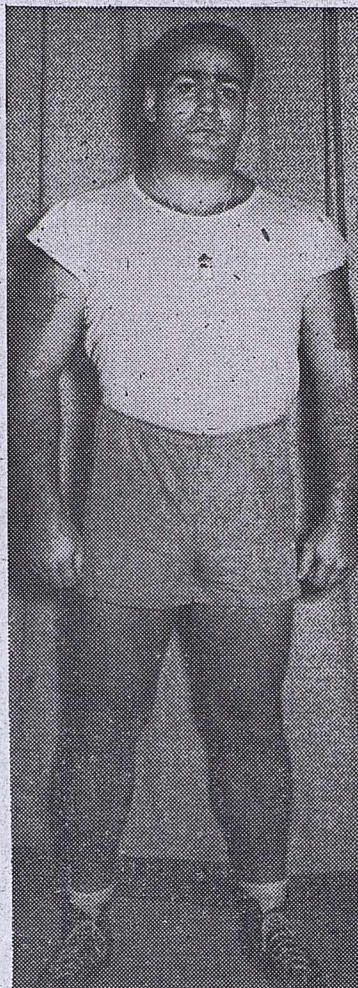
Anonymous Ananias Challenges Field To Lying Contest

An anonymous Ananias has boasted to The Rattler that he can "out lie anyone on this here base", and has challenged any doubting Thomas to a prevarication duel.

He justified his falsehood hobby with the story: Ma: "You lied to get me to marry you." Pa: "And you believed me?" Ma: "No, but liars are the most interesting people in the world to listen to."

Okay, we'll string along. Anyone who wishes may send in his favorite tall tale to The Rattler office, and we'll print the best one. Our self-styled champ promises to answer with a better one the following week.

BUENOS AIRES (CNS)—The Virgin of Mercedes, patron saint of Argentine land forces, has been made an honorary general of the nation's army.

The Big Ship

Sgt. Shipley Farroh, nicknamed "Grizz" for obvious reason, is physical training instructor here, and a good fight referee as recently proved. Wrestling, pro football, track and steel working are among his accomplishments. In short, he's a lot of guy.

CLEAN PLATE POLICY SAVES \$83,767 IN FOOD

WASHINGTON (CNS)—One American Infantry division has saved \$83,767.25 in five months by food conservation measures, the War Department has disclosed.

To achieve this saving, mess officers instituted a "clean plate policy" in division mess halls, conducting a campaign to give enlisted men the idea that food conservation is vital to victory.

Neither the quality nor the quantity of the food was sacrificed, the War Department emphasized, but waste was eliminated by the inspection system and "clean plate policy." Troops were instructed to take all they could eat—but to eat all they took.

SOUTH BEND, IND. (CNS)—Jackie Cooper, former child actor, has enrolled as an apprentice seaman in the Navy V12 school at Notre Dame.

1,500 Graduates Of ASTP Given Responsible Jobs**Most Pyote EM Aren't Available—'Key Personnel'**

Some 1,500 enlisted men have been graduated from the Army Specialized Training Program and have been assigned to a wide variety of responsible duties in nearly all arms and services of the Army, the War Department has announced.

At this month's beginning, approximately 140,000 soldiers were enrolled in the ASTP at 222 educational institutions. Early in 1944 these soldier-students will complete their courses in greatly increasing numbers, according to an article in Army Times.

The 1,500 already graduated and assigned constitute more than half the number who entered the inaugural term April 12, 1943. They are men who entered at advanced levels, and because of background and aptitude were able to absorb the required training in a relatively short time.

Two hundred of the graduates have been assigned to Army Air Forces medical and psychological examining units and will process aviation students, who are screened for aptitudes and qualifications early in their training.

Many ASTP soldiers are being given responsible overseas assignments. The program includes various courses to fit the soldiers for several types of special duty in the various arms and services.

A number of graduates have been selected for officer candidate schools, among them the Transportation Corps OCS and the Corps of Engineers OCS. The Army Specialized Training Program is not to be regarded, however, as a sure road to a commission, as ASTP graduates must compete with all other enlisted men for selection to fill the few vacancies in the OCS.

Only two applicants from this Base have been accepted during the past four months, and then after considerable wait. Few from here can go because of the ruling that graduates of Air Force Technical Training Schools are not available for the ASTP though otherwise meeting all other qualifications. If you think you are qualified and haven't been to an army school, check up at the Classification Office.

Civilian Employees To Get Emblems For War Service

Chapel Choir Voices Lift In Practice Song

Some 328 civilian employes of the Rattlesnake Bomber Base Wednesday, December 8, will receive emblems for their civilian service, as authorized by the War Department.

The emblems—in form of a ribbon for the lapel—are to be presented to those war workers who have completed at least six months satisfactory consecutive service with the War Department.

Col. Louie P. Turner, Station Commandant, will make the presentation speech, and another address will be delivered by Major David R. Visel, Sub-Depot Commander.

The Base Band will be on hand to enliven the occasion, and all civilian workers are invited to the ceremony to be held at noon in the Sub-Depot Hangar.

The Rattler next week will carry the full list of those workers awarded emblems.

Pyote Service Center Opening Is Well-Attended

Well-attended by Monahans and Pyote citizens, Rattlesnake Bomber Base officers and enlisted men and women, the new Pyote Baptist Service Center opened last Wednesday with a dedicatory program.

Dr. A. C. Miller of Dallas, director of Baptist military recreation for Texas, gave the welcoming address and Lt. A. L. Slamal, Special Service Officer, accepted the center for military personnel on behalf of Col. Louie P. Turner, Station Commandant.

Others appearing on the program of short speeches were Lt. Edith Haslam, WAC CO; Chaplain Edwin W. Norton; Lt. Thomas F. McLaughlin, Public Relations officer; Mr. W. E. Lowery, Monahans American Legion Commander; Chaplain Bernard J. Gannon; Sgt. John E. Lillback, 435th Squadron; Lt. Bert Igou, Medical Detachment, and Lt. Celia M. Kolakoski, Army Nurse Corps.

In the final address, Rev. Auburn Hayes—who originated the idea for the drop-in center one block north of the T & P station, and remodeled it largely with his own hands from a run-down old building—thanked all those who contributed to the project, both local citizens and Base organizations and individuals. The center is now open for the enjoyment of all military personnel.



The chapel choir under the direction of Chaplain Bernard J. Gannon, gets in practice for coming Christmas singing ceremonies.

Among those in the choir are Cpl. Margrette Schneider, Cpl. Lila M. Piercy, Sgt. Roberta Eiselstein, Sgt. Wm. P.

Fogarty, Cpl. Gregory Dwyer, Cpl. John Casey, Sgt. Daniel Roach, Chaplain Gannon; at the organ, Sgt. Virginia Duncan.

Gypsy 93rd

BY CPL. IRVING J. PACKER

SCOOP OF THE WEEK: — Yours truly received a hair raising tip from one of the boys in the Squadron and accidentally walked into Barrack 505. There was Cpl. Donald "Ducky" DeGeorge practicing his art of making Sgt. Clifford "Bugger" Schmid's hair beautiful. Bugger sheepishly remarked to me that he had a wager with Ducky and lost. It was a lucky thing for Ducky that the bet didn't call for him to make Bugger body beautiful. That would have really been a gigantic task. To say that Bugger didn't look cute with his curlers would be putting it very mildly. What Bugger's "Baby" in New York would think of him with curlers is a moot question, but what the boys of Barrack 505 thought of it, unfortunately can't be printed.

It seems that the nick name "Baby" is not monopolized by the females of species but applies to the male as well. One of our real bashful boys in this outfit received a letter from a girl who addressed him "Wussel Baby." Can it be that this girl can't pronounce her "R's"?

Last week 1st Sgt. Morris Taylor received the following order from Major James A. Ferguson: "The lawn in front of the Orderly Room must have green grass. Don't care how you get it or what you do but green grass we must have." Sgt. Taylor enlisted the aid of Cpls. Miles and Lund, who scattered two trucks full of sod over the bare lawn. Both of these men swore they heard the following tune com-

ing from the ground, "All a lawn, I am so all a lawn, I am feeling kind of blue". Don't worry, lawnie, old gal, in a few weeks you'll no longer feel blue but green instead—so hopes Sgt. Taylor.

Congratulations to Major Ferguson on his recent promotion. Major Ferguson received this good news on Thanksgiving Day. Let us hope that the turkey he ate on that day will eventually turn into an Eagle.

The Thanksgiving Day dinner was really fit for a king, and we offer our thanks to all of the men on the base who worked so diligently to prepare this regal feast. It is my opinion that the sentiments of all who partook of this feast can best be expressed by the following incident. After S/Sgt. Parke H. Grubb finished his maneuvers on one of the turkey legs, one of his buddies was heard to say, "Not bad grubb, eh!"

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

My folks have been mean to me,
I think I'll run away
I'll go down in the meadows &
won't even stop to play
I'll hate the world for what it is
and even though I fast
I think I'll put my trip off till
Thanksgiving Day is past.

SAGE ADVICE OR OTHERWISE: —The golden rule hasn't changed so much because of this war; the only difference I can see is the fact that now they say, "Give your friends the same cigars you smoke yourself."

A great many people in this world use half their time telling friends what they are going to do and the other half of their time explaining why they didn't do it.

The probable thought going through Hitler's crazed mind is, "Don't ever, ever turn your back

on a friend—watch the son of a bandit." Fooled you!

It is truly a wise man that never tries to sink his troubles in anything that has a cork on it. (Caps don't count).

The man that builds castles in the air usually winds up in the hole. The same can be said for the fellow that day-dreams his life away.

One half of the world doesn't know the other half lives till she marries him. I do hope that my wife, Nellie, doesn't take me too seriously.

It was wisely said by the ancient priest of Foo, "Consider the day not lost until the day is done. If you have nothing good to say about your fellow man, the day has been truly lost."

The other night I heard two fellows discussing their girl friends. One of the men mentioned the fact that his girl wasn't of the jealous nature, but when he went home on furlough she probably wanted to know bla, bla, bla, wac, wac, wac etc; no not much she wasn't.

A PARADOX — There is nothing in this world that will convince a woman more of your love than to make her think you don't love her.

To end this sage advice or otherwise may I say that, "Most people will agree that advice is just like medicine; easy to give but hard to take."

SOLDIERS USE COSMETICS FOR CAMOUFLAGE

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Cosmetics for camouflage, for preventing chapped skin and sunburn, and for other purposes are now being used in large quantities overseas, the War Department has disclosed.

EDITORIAL:

Air WACs: OK GIs

The writer of a nationally syndicated column recently charged the women of the country were showing themselves to be "slackers"—he used the word—because they had failed to enlist in sufficient numbers in the feminine branches of the armed forces. The Army Air Forces, now in an intensive campaign to recruit thousands of WACs for important jobs, has other ideas on the subject.

The AAF has examined the subject from all angles and obtained the views of women both in and out of the WAC. The conclusion reached was that misunderstanding, and not lack of patriotism, was to blame for the disappointing response to the call for volunteers.

The Women's Army Corps has proved itself despite a combination of distressing circumstances. During its period of organization cartoonists, comedians and skeptics had a field day on the subject of women soldiers. They established an attitude on the part of the public which persists in many quarters today. These people forgot completely that their grandfathers had said similar things about women army nurses—and had been proved 100 per cent wrong.

Army men themselves were not by any means unanimous in their acceptance of the WACs. Commanders of many posts were pessimistic when told a WAC detachment was being assigned to them. They anticipated "problems" which never occurred.

Now those same Commanders are the loudest boosters of the WAC. They are calling for more and more women. If half a million women enlisted tonight, they would not be enough to fill the specific requests which have come from these former "Doubting Thomases."

WACs are now handling 155 listed specialized jobs—and there are more than 200 others which could be performed by women if the women were available. Some of these jobs are, of course, simple ones—but highly technical assignments in laboratories, in the control towers of airfields, in hospitals, in mechanical work are available for women with qualifications or the ability to be trained. And there are commissions, with the pay of regular army officers, for those who demonstrate superior talents while in the enlisted ranks.

What has been the actual conduct of the WACs? This can best be answered by the statement of the executive officer of one of the largest posts of the country:

"We were mighty dubious when the WACs came to our camp. After six months we're asking for more. We're delighted. They've done excellent work. The women are of a generally high type. A lot of them are college graduates. Their conduct has been generally above reproach. They're just like any other group of women you would come across in business, educational, or school life—except that I think they're better than most."

(Above statement from the Central Flying Training Command, Randolph Field, Texas, ably expresses the general attitude of Rattlesnake Bomber Base personnel. The Rattler urges it be mailed to family and friends, to aid Air WAC recruiting.)

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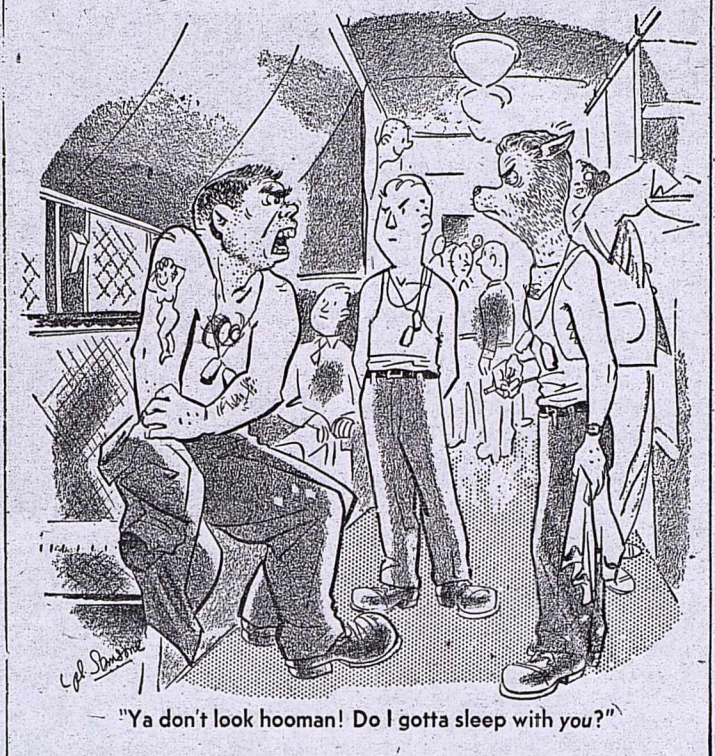
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THOUGHTS OF OTHERS

Begged, Borrowed Or Stolen

The swifter our armies forge ahead, the greater their demands for supplies. To meet the heightened demand for more production will not be easy; but it must never be said that our armies had to abandon their aggressive push and sit down to wait because not enough weapons and equipment had been manufactured to replace their used-up guns and motor trucks.

Hard fighting chews up material at a staggering rate. A homely illustration: in training camp, a soldier's shoes last three or four months; in Sicily, many troops wore out their shoes in three days!

Flying Fortresses are more spectacular than shoes. We all feel that the stepped-up rate of the air offensive against Germany is one of the greatest contributions to eventual victory. Hamburg is in ruins, the Ruhr is a shambles, factories vital to German war production are crippled. We are making progress. Doesn't this mean we can ease up a little on the production of bombers?

Well, let me give you one sobering fact: one thousand airplane workers will have to work 40 hours a week for a year to replace the 60 bombers we lost in one day, in the raid on Schweinfurt. And I'm not counting the thousands of hours that were expended in producing the materials—mining the bauxite and iron ore

and coal and transmuting them into aluminum and steel. And if we are to keep punching until the enemy is groggy, and not give him time to restore the damage, we must not merely replace lost bombers but build them faster and faster . . .

The attrition of actual battle is only the beginning of our outlay. After every victory we must restore the war-ravaged region, converting it either into a military base for future operations, or aiding it to become self-sustaining. . . .

It is no secret that this is the strategy of our generals—to use to full the advantage of possessing the world's greatest productive power, bring it to bear on the enemy. In plainer words, to be prodigal of equipment and ammunition, and of the labor they represent—and economical of the lives of American boys! It is a strategy which Americans will wholeheartedly approve . . .

Victories call for more and more material, not less.

DONALD M. NELSON
WPB Chairman

USO GALS MAKE BOOKS

SEATTLE (CNS)—Women members of the USO here are making scrapbooks for soldiers. The gals are inserting cartoons, short stories and even complete novels. They are leaving plenty of space for pin-up girls also.

THE CHAPLAIN SAYS -



One of the leaders of the British Ministry of Production, recently giving a "pep talk" in a war plant, said "I want to give you a new slogan. The initials are T N T—Today, not tomorrow." That slogan has been adopted by several of the defense industries. It is a good slogan for all workers upon whom the men at the front are depending for the materials which will help bring victory.

Not only is it a good slogan for defense workers, but also for everyone, no matter what his walk of life. So many of us have had golden opportunities slip by because we were willing to wait for tomorrow, which, after all, never comes. H. W. Shaw says, "The greatest thief this world has ever produced is procrastination, and he is still at large." Those of us who put off until tomorrow what should be done today are dangerously close to being partners with the Axis.

The danger of putting things off is just as real in the spiritual life of man as in the physical. Along this line of thought, Edward Irving once said, "Procrastination is the kidnapper of souls and the recruiting officer of Hell." God tells us, "Behold, now is the accepted time—now is the day of Salvation." I know many men on this Base and elsewhere who say to themselves that when they have a little more time they will start going to Church; when they are not so busy they will take in interest in the eternal, the important things of life. These are the ones whom Satan is kidding.

The Devil's most powerful weapon against man is the habit of putting it off. He doesn't whisper to us, "There is no God; no future life; no need for Salvation." He knows that such tactics would result in failure. What he tells us is this: "Surely there is a God; certainly there is a future life in which you will suffer for sins or enjoy the pleasures of association with God for eternity, but there is plenty of time to repent and accept Jesus Christ as Saviour. Tomorrow will be soon enough." That line of approach brings results.

We should turn a deaf ear to the "put-it-off" argument. We should determine that NOW we will accept God's offer of a Saviour. Now is the only time we are sure of having.

CHAPLAIN EDWIN W. NORTON

PROTESTANT SERVICES

Sunday—0900, Aviation Squadron Service; 0900, 19th Group Service, 1030, Chapel Service; 1930, Chapel Service.

Wednesday—1930, Service Men's Christian League.

Thursday—1900, Chapel Chorus Rehearsal.

CATHOLIC SERVICES

Sunday Masses—0600; 0800; and 1615.

Confessions—Saturday, 1500 to 1730; 1900 to 2100; Sunday, before the Masses.

Weekday Masses—1830, daily except Thursday.

Communion—1700 daily.

Hospital Mass—Thursday at 1430, in Red Cross auditorium.

Evening Devotions — Tuesday, 1930, Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help; Friday, 2100, Novena to the Sacred Heart.

Study Club—Monday, 1930.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

Thursday—2000, Base Chapel Services, Mrs. Mabel New Homes.

JEWISH SERVICES

Friday—1900, Base Chapel.

G. I. Q.

By Camp Newspaper Service

1. The job of feeding people in enemy occupied and devastated areas in Europe and Asia as soon as the guns become silent was discussed recently at a conference of the United Relief and Rehabilitation Administration held in—
A—Miami () B—Atlantic City ()

2. The United States Marine Corps, which celebrated its birthday Nov. 10, was created by the Continental Congress in—
A—1775 () B—1777 ()

3. Vatican City, completely surrounded by Rome, was recently bombed by at least one unidentified aircraft. Both sides denied guilt. Accident must be discounted as an excuse because the small area of Vatican City totals only—
A—One acre () B—116 sq. mile ()

Answers: 1-B; 2-A; 3-B (CNS)

GARY COOPER'S DAD CLASSIFIED 1A AT 78

HOLLYWOOD (CNS) — Seventy-eight-year-old Charles Henry Cooper, father of film star Gary Cooper, reported to his draft board here after having received a 1A notice. The board acknowledged it had made a mistake. The notice was intended for another Charles Henry Cooper.

Monahans USO

EDWARD A. PALANGE
Director

Wednesday—Service Men's Wives Club luncheon. Listen to our new collection of classical recordings.

Thursday—Game Night.

Friday—Illinois Day.

Saturday—Farewell Dance to old USO. Junior Hostesses. Refreshments.

Sunday—Old Fashioned Taffey pull.

Monday—Quiet games. Junior Hostesses.

Tuesday—Formal opening of new USO. Parade at 3 p.m. Dedication program, 8 p.m. Dance 9 til midnight.

WACS WANT HOSE FOR CHRISTMAS

TYNDALL FIELD, FLA. (CNS) —WACs want hose for Christmas. The public relations office here disclosed that WACs stationed at the local Army Air Forces flexible gunnery school would rather have stockings than anything else this Christmas.

PHONE CENTER SET UP

NEW YORK (CNS) — The New York Telephone Co. has opened a "message center" in Times Square for the convenience of servicemen. Twenty-four phone booths have been installed to speed local and long distance calls.



Q. Is the Good Conduct Medal worn to the right or to the left of service medals?

A. AR 600-40 provides that the good conduct medal shall be worn to the left of service medals.

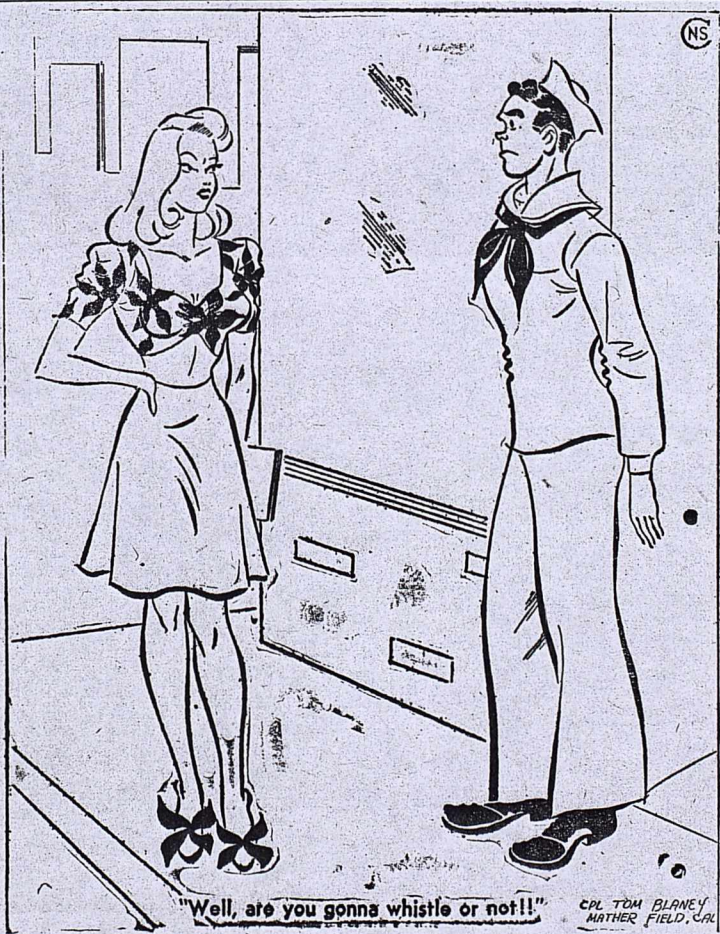
Q. Are the wives of sailors permitted to join the WAVES?

A. Navy wives may join the WAVES provided their husbands are enlisted men. They can't join if their husbands are officers. The WACs, however, have no restrictions on the admission of Army officers, and men's wives to the Corps.

Q. Is it true that an enlisted man wearing the Congressional Medal of Honor is entitled to be saluted by officers?

A. This is an old Army custom and is observed in many stations both in the USA and abroad. There is nothing in Army Regulations, however, that requires an officer to salute an EM wearing the Medal of Honor.

READING, PA. (CNS) — Former Marine Sgt. and Mrs. George Koehler have named their infant daughter Marine Corps Koehler.



CPL. TOM BLANEY MATHER FIELD, CAL.

DULL? DUMB? TICKLE THE BRAIN

Society Tagged Him As A Bum, But Our Hero Was A Park Bench Sage

N. Y. Public Library Did The Trick; Knowledge Fount Flows Here Too

By LT. THOMAS F. McLAUGHLIN
Public Relations Officer

The smartest and best-informed man we ever met in our short life never went to school beyond the sixth grade and furthermore Society had tagged him with the appellation—bum. He quit school because he didn't like it, never worked for the same reason and roamed the country year in and year out whenever the urge possessed him. According to standards set by that mythical body, Society, that made him a bum.

Back in depression days when we were accustomed to pass long

afternoons in New York's Madison Square Park soaking up the free vitamins of the sun we tangled with this mental wizzard. A brief

word of explanation as to why we were in the park might not be amiss. In the long, tiring waits between jobs it was our wont to rest our wearied bones in one of the city's oases, watching the world go by. In those days of the early thirties, many happy, care-free hours were passed in this manner since jobs were few and far between.

We were sitting on a park bench, supplied by the few taxpayers not yet bankrupt, watching the pigeons practice their marksmanship when a tall thin hungry-looking character shuffled up, sat down uninvited and asked for a cigaret.

Having just procured a pack from a friend sleeping on a nearby lawn, contrary to all city ordinances, the requested tobacco was forthcoming and a sparkling conversation was born.

Names aren't necessary but someday, if he's still alive, you'll read about this man and then you will remember the first time you read about him was in The Rattler.

HERE'S ONE CORNER OF READING PLEASURE

PFC Blanche Lightbourne, a WAC librarian, arranges books in one of the several enticing corners for browsers in the Base Library. Some of the best in non-fiction and the latest in best-selling fiction is to be found in the library's small but well-rounded collection. A book to suit almost any taste can be found here, and the collection is growing steadily.

He was smart, he could converse brilliantly on practically any subject and he was also a good listener. That day in the short space of three hours we covered all the ills of the world, philosophy, psychology, birth of children, motion pictures, sports, death and geology.

All of which adds up to a well-rounded conversation.

And where did he get his facts and figures? Where did he study his philosophy and sciences? Where did he go to keep up with the news of the world?

The answer is simple. The Public Library was his font of information. Without boasting and without any pressure from the Chamber of Commerce it can be added that New York has one of the finest free public libraries in the world. Ask for something and ten to one they'll have it.

Which brings us around to the subject of this little opus. From that day on we were sold on libraries and one of the first spots hit on reaching this Base was the library.

Housed in an insignificant-looking tar-papered former barracks, the Base Library doesn't look too prepossessing but push open the door and looking at the volumelined walls, you realize it's a different world.

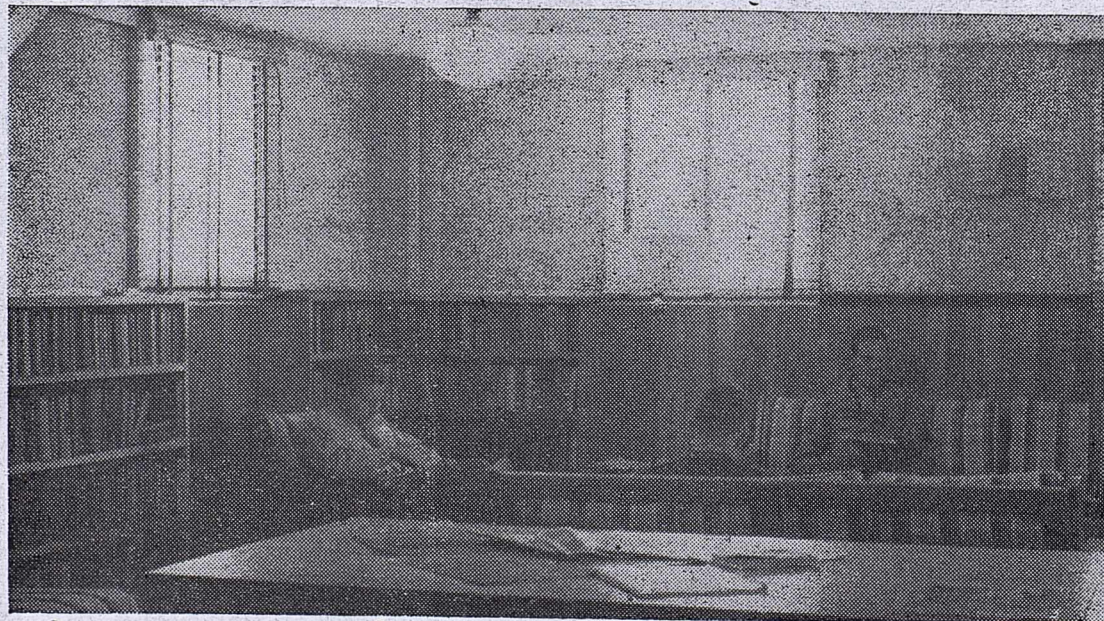
As libraries go, the Pyote library is small but compact. Its collection, divided among fiction, nonfiction and technical books, runs about 5,000 volumes.

If you want mysteries they have them. If your taste runs to tales of the old and present Wild West, they'll be glad to supply you. Technical books, covering all aspects of aviation, abound in one section of this very friendly building. Best sellers are bought as often as funds are available and the works of the masters of English literature are there, waiting for you.

In addition to the books, thirty-six different magazines, ranging from Time to Movie-Radio Guide, and six daily newspapers, span-

LOUNGING IN LIBRARY A POPULAR PASTIME

And a profitable one as well, for the Base Library contains many volumes that can give you information to help you take advantage of opportunities that might pass your way. For comfortable relaxation while reading just for fun the library is well equipped, with spine-fitting furniture—and ash trays.



WITH A TONIC OF GOOD BOOKS

ning the country also are available. The latter cannot be taken from the premises but books can and are taken out by the military personnel of the Base

The base library is not a closed corporation. Both officers and enlisted men and women may use this facility and civilians, using a military card, may also borrow books. Open from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. daily, average attendance runs about sixty while daily circulation averages approximately seventy-five. These figures may seem small but the people in charge are satisfied. Naturally they would like to see them increased.

Overseer and chief rubber-stamper is Miss Emily Hutson, a native of Austin, Texas, who had to travel to Carnegie Tech, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, for her library degree. Miss Hutson is the only trained librarian on the staff and she is ably assisted by three khaki-clad WACs who are only too willing to help the prospective reader in search for suitable material.

Miss Hutson, who covers the ground with the short, choppy steps of a person perpetually in a hurry, is very proud of her installation and justly so.

Sitting on a low-slung magazine table the other day, she expounded at great length on the library and the various types of readers she has come in contact with during her stay at Pyote.

You wouldn't believe to look at her as she whips through the library with a dust cloth in one hand and a few stray books in the other, but she's a bit of a philosopher.

Being a woman she naturally wouldn't take any digs at the distaff side and contrary to popular opinion she didn't toss any barbs at the lowly males. In fact, she rather admired them. That is from a reading standpoint.

"When a man comes in to borrow a book he wants to stand around and explain to the librar-

ian just why he is taking that particular book. He believes that if he is interested in a subject, the librarian is also interested. But a woman comes in, asks for a particular book and if we haven't got it, turns around and walks out."

One thing that did surprise her was the excellent reading taste of the average GI. Popular opinion has created an illusion that all the soldier is interested in are comic books. Miss Hutson would like to correct that erroneous impression.

"Fact of the matter is," she said, "The average GI reads better than the average officer."

Asked to explain this, Miss Hutson confessed to being stumped. But she does stick by her guns and maintains that it is the lowly private who is apt to call for English classics while officers are more content with the latest "who done it."

Oddest request so far has been calls for books on Interior Decorating. Other soldiers are interested in the history and geology of the surrounding country. Another very popular subject is the art of cooking. It seems some soldiers are determined to ac-

quaint their mess sergeants with the finer points of the culinary art.

The staff has taken all possible steps to take stiffness out of the library. One section of the building has been furnished with sofas, easy chairs and floor lamps and smoking is permitted. They are doing their best to make it an attractive place and we might add they are succeeding.

Assisting Miss Hutson are T-4 Rose Schubaur, Cpl. Marguerite

Erkesen and PFC Blanche Lightbourne. Their jobs are myriad but they are turning out good work and that's all that anyone could ask of them.

Just to keep the record straight, these are the three most popular books today at the library: "Undercover", "The Robe", and "Valley of Decision".

It's there, a short distance from the Service Club, so why not drop in and try it. You'll be pleasantly surprised.



BUSY AS A BEE, BUT TIME FOR THIS

Miss Emily Hutson, experienced chief librarian talks over a book with Sgt. Erwin H. Werthamer, member of the Base Band. Guidance in reading will be given cheerfully if requested.



WAC LIBRARIAN SHOWS SOME OF THE MAGAZINES

The Base Library keeps up to date with a number of current magazines, some of which are spread on the table here by Cpl. Marguerite Ericson, one of the WAC librarians on duty throughout the day. Daily newspapers and technical manuals also are kept on file at the library.

MEDICAL DETACHMENT

BY T/SGT. LAWRENCE SHIPP

Ten thousand — twenty-five thousand and thirty-five thousand feet soared the Medics into the "stratosphere." That was really the hey-day for our good friends of the ATU, and how heartily they welcomed the innocent victims to their "20th Century Death Trap." Remember how the "I saw him first" expression on their beaming faces was so obvious? That was one day that dwellers of "Poker Flat" on the edge of the desert really had the "Pillrollers" in their clutches. Who can forget how our "persecutors" glared through the port holes awaiting any minute the collapse of some hard working Medic. Ah, but the latter fooled them, and all but a few (as for who—don't ask) made perfect "3-point" landings. Now remember to see S/Sgt. Uebel immediately and make out a form NG 108 so you will receive your flying pay.

We've done it before and Thanksgiving Day we did it again — we defeated the 8th Altitude Training Unit in a well-played "Turkey Touch Football Game" by a score of 24 to 0. The rain-soaked field did not retard the fleet-footed athletes from plunging ahead. Enthusiasm reigned supreme. Dougherty, Moronovitch and Medina played an outstanding game for the Medics, and Okenka's spectacular catch is one we'll all remember. What courage that must have taken to participate in that Pig-Skin Derby so shortly after the bountiful turkey dinner we all enjoyed!

ATTENTION: The Medics take this opportunity to challenge any outfit on the Base to a game of touch football — how about it, fellows?

What's this we hear about an unusual example of "incarnation" in Barracks 2? There lay the mongrel resting perfectly with head on pillow and a really perfect example of the much coveted bunk fatigue. Tell us, fellows, just why did "Rover" choose an upper bunk and why did it necessarily have to be Cpl. Pietrusinskis'? What a coincidence! It seems Sgt. Fohey has his dog troubles too. For further details inquire at the Dental Clinic.

It's an Old Fashioned Revival you're interested in, meet with Ferny Mae Brewer and Becky Whitefield every Thursday afternoon at 1630. We understand there will be hymns, collections and all! Becky is still wondering where she can get a tambourine.

Name It And It's Yours



First soldier to mail The Rattler (don't call) the name of the above bit of heavenly womanhood will get an 8x10 inch pin-up photo of same. Last week's pin-up picture was of Anne Baxter (we hope, at least that's what Pvt. Arnold Bernstein said, and we sent him the picture).

Can anyone help her out?

Thanksgiving Day found our baker, Pierre Bloom, at the WAC Mess Hall on the serving line. No, he wasn't detailed nor did he volunteer. He was the loser of a bet. It seemed that Cpl. Gregory Dwyer trounced Abe in a bowling game by a score of 174 to 112. Better practice a little more, Pierre!

Volleyball has really been the rage here of late. Any time of the day it seems as if the courts are in use. It doesn't make any difference whether it's before class, after class, or just before the sun goes down, there is still someone playing that game. We should soon be able to work up quite a championship team.

"Fats" Hagendoefler and his man, "Curley" Moronovitch, are really holding down their end of

their department. It's "sweat and dishes" mixed together and ever now and then a song. Then too, there are times that you'd swear their "shop" was a boiler factory. Am I right?

Listen to this — "not me, not me", said Cpl. Dougherty when a group was told that 60 seconds was too long for the "dash". Now just how do you explain that one, fellows? Just who is this new "Boss Man" in the Dispensary? And who was it the other day that said, "—and he's so much like Fairchild!" Your guess is right.

All of us remember too well how much we hear about the 2nd Air Force—this and the 2d Air Force—that, haven't we? Well, it happened at the ball game. Between quarter The Askins was about to walk off the gridiron when

Altitude Training

BY CPL. JACK MINKIN

There is no finer beauty than that created by nature. Everyone in our unit is going by that proverb to improve the scenery and the general appearance of our building and its surrounding grounds. For the past few weeks, everyone (including the officers) has given a hand to supervise, carry dirt, and lay out the bricks. Through personal opinion I can say our grounds are just as good, if not better than that of any other organization on the base.

Say old boy, have you got a match, gotta cigarette, got the time? These are the only questions ever asked by our immortal Cpl. He is that red-headed farmer of Lake City, Michigan; need I say more to describe that hunk of man who is the most despondent fellow in Uncle Sam's payroll until the mail comes in?

Getting back to the more serious side of life, Thanksgiving Day this year was observed with as much reverence as in the previous years; we have more to be thankful for and much more to look forward to; we are thankful for the initiative and the decreased fatalities all over the globe; we are thankful for the food we are still able to have. There are myriads of things to be thankful for, instead of mentioning them you just sit down and think of them; I am sure that you will find contentment instead of brooding if you do.

Taking you back to personal news, the two Csaanovas of our unit are more at home now than ever before. Who wouldn't be if their home town girls come to this unearthly piece of ground to visit their men in service?

A civilian in GI clothing would be the best description for S/Sgt. Sydney Blumenthal; ever since he has been authorized to live off the base he answers to the tune of Mr. Well, pal, there's no harm in that because we are all looking forward to it in the future.

You all know the old adage about the rolling stone gathering no moss; it's started rolling once more so guess this brings to a close all the news that's fit to print.

Game Official Lt. Igou said, "You can't leave the field, Sid". Some bystander piped up and said, "Why not?" Then out of a clear sky that Brooklyn Kid Federico retorted, "NOT IN THE 2ND AIR-FORCE". You weren't kidding either, were you, Freddy?

WAC Flak

MEMOIRS OF THE WAC THANKSGIVING FESTIVITIES:

It may be reminiscing but yours truly can't help but mention something about the lovely time that was had by all at the WAC Mess Hall on Thanksgiving Day. Our dining room was the nearest thing to home we have seen in a long time. The tables were decorated with fresh flowers, bowls of fruit, nuts and candies.

The place was just filled with the holiday spirit. Why we even had dinner music while we ate. After Chaplain Norton asked a blessing for the Thanksgiving Dinner, we all enjoyed the food and companionship of our guests. We hope they may be able to come back again soon. We want to express our thanks to all our cooks for the delicious way they prepared the food: Sgts. Rita Burke, Dora Frye, Roberta Eiselstein, Cpl. Reams Moore and PFC Lenore Asante, and lest we forget, we also want to thank the three little KP's who tripped gaily from their warm beds at 5:30 a. m. in the morning to see that everything was spick and span for the affair: Cpls. Rose Daly, Edna Collins and Louise Riden. Oh, yes, the coffee, we forgot to mention, was served by a Medic who lost a bet to one of his fellow Medics. It added that masculine touch. Lucky Medic?

Friday night the Thanksgiving Dance at the Service Club — and were the WACs all aflutter. Getting into those formal gowns is really something for us, it really is a thrill, and Ohhh squeezing in to those dainty little evening slippers. Ouch! We look forward to these occasions but the next morning are back again at our various jobs just like good little GI's should. These are just a few of the fond memories that will go down in our book of our stay at Pyote.

A certain cyclone by the name of Charge of Quarters Mazzei struck Barrack No. 2 last Monday. She was sleeping after a night of CQ and when her bunkmates came home for lunch she looked so peaceful they couldn't resist the temptation of taking her mattress and all and dumping her out on the front stoop. To get even little Mazzei, with the aid of Bobby Zentz, had the barracks all fixed up like a museum when they came home for supper. We are only sorry that we couldn't invite the whole base in to see it. It was a work of art but a little on the gruesome type. And to think that our CO called an inspection that night, too.

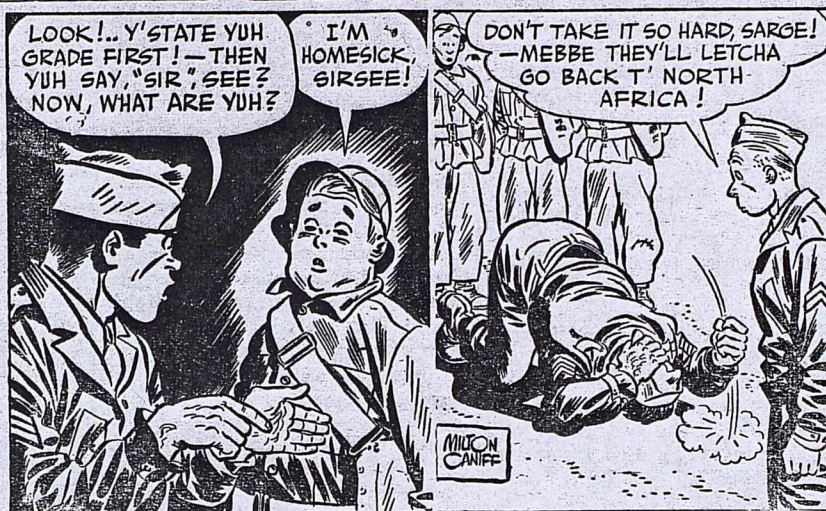
Quite a few of our girls spent three day passes in El Paso and a wonderful time was had by all.



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MALE CALL

BY
MILTON CANIFF



MEDICINE SAVES MANY FROM DEATH, SAYS BRITON

CARLISLE BARRACKS, PA. (CNS) — The miracles of modern surgery and medicine already have saved thousands of soldiers' lives in this war, Maj. Gen. William Heneage Ogilvie, consulting surgeon of the British Middle Eastern Forces, told student officers here recently.

"The picture is entirely different now than it was in the last war," said Gen. Ogilvie. "Blood banks and plasma, modern surgery, better trained men and more sanitary conditions all add up to making the death rate lower. The men are outfitted better and their physical condition at the time of battle is greatly improved. Treatment of shock and infection also is different. Today there is no such thing as a dead soldier until after the burial service because modern medicine has saved many a man from death."

Ask Helen Hevyl-Rafter, June Barber, Rose Daly, Charlotte Gold, Edna Collins, Althea Wagner Helen Birnbaum, Reams Moore, Amy Poole and yours truly, and they will tell you.

Bledsoe Saidso.

AB Sqd. Unit C

Dear Pal,

While you fight for Democracy on some far flung battlefield, your buddy is putting up a valiant struggle in the battle of Texas. You in your comfortable fox holes and trenches, nice friendly Japs to give you a close shave every morning. Brother, I envy you. Take it from me, boy, I'd give my right arm to be with you; I try to realize the hell you must be going through.

We had quite a dinner for Thanksgiving (Turkey and trimmings), you know, the usual thing. Pal, I guess I have quite a bit to be thankful for, thankful that I had dinner in a mess hall instead of a foxhole.

Boy, you should have been able to attend our boxing show; they were really on the ball. Yep, the boys put on a quite a bout, and by the way, GI, they say that there will be some real leather-pushing in this next tournament, on December 2. Brother, I'll be there with bells on.

We had a showdown clothing inspection this week. Our Supply

Officer checked everything, even down to our shoe strings, and if you're short anything (you sold it) and if you have too much (you stole it) so be careful.

By the way, boy, now we have three officers. The boys have nick-named them in the following order: Commanding Officer (Big Chief), Adjutant (Chief), and Supply Officer (Little Chief). Of course, you know, kid, this is strictly off the records, just between you and me. Well, kid, it's getting near "Chow Time" and I don't want the "Chow Hounds" to beat me to the line.

E. Z. BREEZE

P. S. No we haven't found our badger.

"GRAVES" WARN MEN OF TRAINING NEED

CAMP STEWART, GA. (CNS)— One unit stationed here has a novel and rather grim way of impressing its personnel with the need for thorough and serious training. In the unit area there are three realistic graves.

"This man knew too much," says a marker over the first one.

"This man knew too little," says a second.

"This man was lazy," the third reads.

Six Or More Fast Bouts Lined Up For Rec. Hall's Second Fight Card

There will be blood on the moon and maybe some on the canvas tomorrow night at the Rec Hall when the second boxing card gets underway at 8:15 p.m. Six fast bouts have been lined up at this writing and the Jacobs Beach promoter, Sgt. Eddie Lockamy, hopes to add a few more before ring-time.

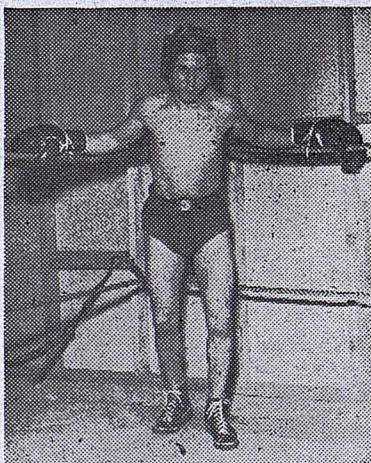
Those attending the last group of bouts, and there were more than 1,000 fans on hand, came away highly pleased with the show. Tomorrow night's slugfest should be even better.

Among those scheduled to toss leather and dirty looks in the Rec. Hall Scrap Bowl are T-Sgt. Clifford Weiss, 435th mauler who will tangle with Sgt. LeMar Smith from the 28th. Weiss, who won his opening setto on the first card, hopes to repeat. Smith hopes to change his tune.

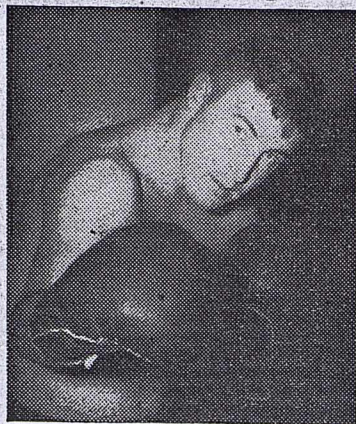
A newcomer on this week's card is PFC Henry Felix from the 996th, who, according to his press agent, is a sharp boxer with plenty of dynamite in either hand. We shall see.

Others listed to carry on in true Madison Square Garden style are S-Sgt. Luther Dodson, 410th; PFC Thomas Sophus, Pvt. George Brown, Pvt. Isiah Robinson and PFC Tommy Free, dusky warriors from the 390th.

Tickets for this show are now on sale at the Special Service Office and will be sold at the Rec. Hall tomorrow night. First come, first served. Ducats sell for ten cents to privates up to and including six-strippers. Officers and civilians, twenty-five cents.



Sizing up the the situation from his corner is PFC Daniel DePippa, Base Headquarters Squadron entry who knocked out Pvt. Ken Maynard for the only kayo on the Rec. Hall's first boxing card. Dan appears to be determined for a repeat performance.



Sgt. LeMar Smith, 28th Squadron fighter and P. T. instructor at the gym, looks like trouble for his opponent. Smith is making his first appearance here on the Rec. Hall's second fight night Thursday.

NEW JOHN PAUL JONES JOINS THE NAVY

ALBANY, N. Y. (CNS) — John Paul Jones has joined the Navy. Namesake of the "father" of the Navy, this John Paul Jones is 17 and lives in nearby Glen Falls. He said he did not know whether he was a descendant of the famed captain.

CENSORS WILL STOP ADDING HUMOR AND STUFF TO MAIL

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Military censors have no right to add their comments—even if they are funny—to the mail they examine the War Department has ruled. Soldiers detecting any written comment on mail they receive are requested to report it to the Adjutant General.

RECRUITER BECOMES 'PARENT' OF RECRUITER

KANSAS CITY (CNS)—John Moore, 18, tried to enroll in the Maritime service but was turned down because he had neither parent nor guardian to okay his application. Recruiting Seaman Jerry McCafferty took care of that. He took Moore before a probate judge, adopted him and swore him into the service.

PHILADELPHIA (CNS)—The judge asked a man why he registered for the draft under a false name. "Ashamed of my own," said the man sheepishly. "What is your name?" the judge asked. "Julius Caesar," was the reply.

ASK ME ANOTHER Sports Quiz

BY SGT. FRANK DE BLOIS
CNS Sports Staff

Memories, like cigar butts, are short. Of all the headlines you read today, you'll remember only a couple tomorrow. And that works in sports, too. If you don't believe it, try a few of these questions on your glockenspiel.

1. Everybody knows that Babe Ruth hit more home runs during his career than any other ball player. But do you know who was the next best home run man to the Babe?

() Lou Gehrig () Ty Cobb
() Jimmy Foxx () Hack Wilson

2. Experts say that this season's Notre Dame football team compares favorably with the great elvens coached by the late Knute Rockne. Can you remember the date of the last Rockne-led undefeated Irish team?

() 1930 () 1924 () 1932
() 1976

3. Big Bill Tilden won the U. S. Lawn tennis championship seven times. Do you know the name of the present national singles champion?

() Frank Parker () Ted Schroeder
() Joe Hunt () Helen W. Moody

4. In 1920, George Sisler, of the St. Louis Browns, batted .420, the highest average in the history of the American League. What batting champion had the lowest average in history?

() Joe DiMaggio () Al Simmons
() Elmer Flick () Lefty Gomez

5. Joe Louis won the world's heavyweight championship from James J. Braddock. Who did Braddock lick for the crown?

() Max Schmeling () Max Baer
() Max Factor () Maxine Elliott

ANSWERS

1. Babe Ruth hit 714 home runs in his career. Jimmy Foxx finished second with 500. Third in home run productivity was Lou Gehrig and fourth Mel Ott. Hack Wilson holds the National League record for one season. He hit 56 in 1930, four less than Ruth's all time seasonal high, established in 1927.

2. Knute Rockne's last undefeated team was the last team he ever coached, the great 1930 eleven, undefeated in 10 games. Rockne was killed in an airplane crash before the 1931 season began.

3. Lt. (jg) Joe Hunt is the present national singles champion. He defeated Coastguardsman Jack Kramer in four sets last summer at Forest Hills.

4. Elmer Flick of Cleveland won the American League batting title in 1905 with a low mark of .306. He made 152 hits in 131 games.

5. Plain James Braddock, boxing's famed "Cinderella Man," won the heavyweight champion-

Know The Game

By CPL. HYMAN BROOK
Sports Editor

SYSTEM PLAYERS

System players are people who stay awake day and night trying to figure out ways of beating the gambling games. The most popular type is "double-up" betting. Naturally if anyone had enough money and kept doubling his bets all the time, he would win over a period of time. However, a gambling establishment protects itself by setting a limit on all games.

Other types of "system playing" are: placing the point, waiting till a shooter makes two passes then go against him, betting hard-way points, and combination betting.

Coming down the home stretch as they say in the horse racing game, we this week end comment on the famous game of galloping dominoes, better known as craps.

Next week we start in on the next most popular game, Black Jack.

Soldier Sports

By Camp Newspaper Service

Edgar Smith, 29-year-old left-handed pitcher for the Chicago White Sox, has been inducted into the Army at Ft. Dix, N. J. Smith already has two brothers in service.

Pvt. Horace Bell, star guard at Minnesota in 1938, is a basic stationed at Jefferson Barracks, Mo.

T/Sgt. Joe Gallagher, who patrolled the outfield for the New York Yankees, St. Louis Browns and Brooklyn Dodgers before he entered the service in 1941, now is stationed at Harding Field, La.

Pvt. Hal McCullough, star Cornell halfback in 1939 and '40, can't shake the number 63. He wore 63 on his jersey when he ran wild for the Big Red teams of Carn Snavely and now he's been assigned to the 63rd Infantry division at Camp Van Dorn, Miss.

Here's one we got from Pvt. Louis Chapman, of Jefferson Barracks, Mo.:

Taking his post-induction eye examination, a rookie was asked if he could read the 20-20 line.

"Sure," he said. "KZYYSQ RZMKN. I knew the guy well. Used to play guard for Notre Dame."

ship by outpointing Max Baer in New York in 1935. The year before Braddock was a lowly preliminary fighter while Baer was winning the title from Primo Carnera.

Base Cage Five Rounds Into Shape, To Meet Pecos AAB In Two Tilts

By SGT. EDDIE LOCKAMY
Sports Correspondent

Coach Lt. Harold Glucksman's Base Basketball Team opens its season in a clash with Pecos Army Air Base at Pecos tonight at 8 p.m., with a return tilt scheduled here Saturday night also at 8 in the Rec. Hall.

Other cage classics scheduled this month by the "19th Groupers"—as they call themselves—are as follows: Marfa Air Base at Marfa, December 10; Odessa High School at Pyote, December 18, and Carlsbad Air Base at Carlsbad, New Mexico, December 22.

The Rattlesnake Bomber Base team is poised and ready for the opening whistle, having been slowly but steadily rounded into a fast aggregation. Competition for berths in the starting line-up was keen, and if the same spirit prevails in the game,



Sgt. Vance E. Bundy extends a lanky body to push the ball into the elusive hoop. He is one of the reasons why Pyote soldiers hope for the best in the tilt with Pecos AAB cagers tonight.



Poised for a long shot or quick pass through an opening is Lt. W. J. McPartland, another of the "19th Groupers'" reason for planning an invasion of top basketball competition in this region. Talent is plentiful and spirit primed; the show should be a good one.

this Base is headed for a hot spot on the sports map.

Fairly bristling with basketball talent, the team includes high school, college and semi-professional stars. Leading the array is Sgt. Robert E. Lawrence, 6-foot, 1-inch, 190-pound center from Greenwood, Indiana. Lawrence, a rebound artist, earned four letters while in high school and starred with the Kingan Reliabilities of Indianapolis, Ind.

Lt. W. J. McPartland, short speedy guard from New Jersey, played high school, college and pro ball; keep your eyes on him. S-Sgt. Vance E. Bundy, forward, hails from Salem, Indiana, and played 3 years high school ball and with a Sinclair team for two years—including two Gold Medal Tournaments and winning a berth on the all section team.

Lt. Rex A. Stage, guard from Montana, played high school, college, and on an all-city team. Lt. Daniel T. Sullivan of Wisconsin, guard; Sgt. Henry Mullen of New York, guard, and Lt. James Daube, forward; Sgt. Don "Flash" White, Lt. Wm. F. Pitts, S-Sgt. Edward R. Boles, S-Sgt. C. L. Edge, Lt. John Emmert (with semi-pro experience), Lt. R. S. Friedman, S-Sgt. Martin P. Joyce and Sgt. Wm. A. Hogan round out the team.

Cutting the squad has been completed, and the men have worked hard in practice sessions in addition to regular duties. They merit a cheering section that will make collegians sound like rank amateurs.

Team and coach are grateful to Superintendent R. D. Lee for permission to use the hardwood court of the Monahans High School gym for workouts.

Lt. Joe Coomer, a tackle with the Pittsburgh Steelers in 1941, now is in charge of German prisoners at Camp Grant, Ill.

One day while sports-writing S-Sgt. Ray Schwartz was incarcerated at the station hospital at Camp Kohler, Colo., he was approached by a cocky little PFC wearing an apron.

"Say, began the PFC, "aren't you a staff sergeant?"

Schwartz nodded sourly.

"That's nice," said the other, whipping out a note book. "I'll add a little class to the KP list."

They Point For Big Games



The "19th Groupers", representing the Rattlesnake Bomber Base in coming big-time inter-base play as well as in clashes with ranking high school and college teams, are in hot-shot shape. Demonstrating fancy floor work above are S-Sgt. Robert L. Lawrence, S-Sgt. Claude L. Edge, Lt. Wm. F. Pitts, and Lt. Daniel T. Sullivan.

Practice Half Of Base Cage Series Opens

BY CPL. JOHN DAHL
Sports Correspondent

First half of the Rattlesnake Basketball League series, begun November 24, will be a practice schedule for the purpose of giving the participating teams opportunity to organize and get in training and condition.

The games are to be played two nights a week, Wednesday and Friday, from 7 to 9 p. m. Four games will be played each night, two an hour on the smaller courts in the Rec. Hall.

Games will be conducted under regular basketball rules, and officials will be members of the physical training staff. The tilts will be 28 minutes long, made up of four 7-minute quarters with one minute rest between quarters and five minutes between halves.

Teams participating will be those of the 410th Base Hq. & AB Sq., Aviation Squadron, Service Squadron, Guard Squadron, Medical Detachment, 28th, 30th, 93rd and 435th Bomb Squadrons.

Each team will be required to turn in a list of 10 players by December 8, to be filed at the P. T. office. No player may be on more than one team, and officers may not play in this league. Neither will men who play on the base team be allowed to play in these games.

After the practice series, Base League competition for the championship trophy will begin, around the first of the year.

Soldier Sports

By Camp Newspaper Service

Don't let this spread around Coogan's Bluff but Sgt. Tom Gorman, ex-Giant pitcher, is umpiring softball games for Army nurses in Cairo.

T/Sgt. Marty Brill, former Notre Dame halfback and Loyola University coach, soon will get his release from the Air Forces to accept commission as first lieutenant in the Marines. Brill has been stationed at the Santa Ana Air Base, Cal.

Sid Luckman, the Chicago Bears' great passing quarterback, has been sworn in as an ensign in the Maritime Service. He expects to be called to active duty shortly after the close of the current National Professional Football League season.

S/Sgt. Gene Jantzen, physical training instructor at the Lincoln (Neb.) Army Air Base, claims that he's the Army setup champion. He performed 5,200 setups in 4 hours, 50 minutes.

Kitty Sinkwich, sister of Flat Foot Frankie, the Georgia All-American and Detroit Lions back, has enlisted in the WACs. She's a softball pitchers and thinks football is silly.

The Civvies

Hello, here we are again. Hope everyone enjoyed the past week as much as we did.

You know, the girls in this office have a "good deal" during this 15 minute rest period allowed each morning and evening, getting to play pool and dance. Short but sweet.

Our blonde baby has attached herself to a man from the Medical Corps. How about all of this, Lt. Tesitor and Floryne? There's competition brewing, though.

One of our favorites has been ill for quite a while and came back to work Monday for two days, and had to leave us again. Hurry and get well, Lillian.

It's getting to be a foursome now, Jimmy, Olivia, Sadie and Ed. They go all the places and do all the things.

Change of address: Floryne Presslar is now to be found at 1329 Apartment B., spending most of her time catching up on eating. "Do you like coconuts, honey?"

Heard rumors around the office today that J. C. Reese was getting married. Seems he made the statement to a certain party. Now he has to make the explanations.

Lt. Jacobs, "how come" you had cokes and cookies for breakfast the other morning? Did you get up late?

Heard around that Mary Green is to be married soon. Why Mary, what about this tall, dark and handsome Tiney guy?

Sadie Shuttleworth has gone home for a few days. Her sister is here from New York, and she is indeed a very attractive WAVE. Too bad she couldn't be here on the Base for a while.

Olivia really has things going along nicely. Boxes of candy, nuts, etc., all from a man. I want to meet a Jimmy.

Rosie Hermiston barely made it back to the office Thursday after the immense turkey dinner she had at one of the mess halls.

Yours truly had better run along now. People are making it hard around here; won't tell any gossip. I'll do better next week.

LA GRANGE, ILL. (CNS) — Arthur Taylor sent seven sons off to war. He hoped his eighth, Edward, 18, wouldn't have to go. Then one night Edward died in his sleep of a heart attack.

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The average age of the 1,114 generals in the U. S. Army is 51 years, which is one month younger than the average age of the generals on active duty when World War I ended.

Civic Neighbors Inspect New Mess System



On a recent inspection tour of the new mess hall consolidation system, these civic leaders took an interest in the tasty pies. Front row, left to right: Floyd Brownlee, President, Pecos Chamber of Commerce; Ed Duffey, Mayor of Monahans; M.

L. Swinehart, secretary-manager, Pecos Chamber of Commerce; Mrs. Tomme C. Call, editor, Monahans News; Russell Ackley, chairman, Monahans Red Cross Emergency Relief; Jerry McGuire, Wink High

School Band Director; B. A. Tolliver, Mayor of Pecos. Back row: P. W. Harvey, Humble Oil Executive, Wink; Edward A. Palange, Monahans USO Director and Mr. Dale, drillmaster, Wink High School.

Parachute Patter

BY JANE CEARLEY

There are times when something happens that leaves effects that stay with us for quite some time. Thanksgiving turned out to be like that this year—in more ways than one.

Starting the day off right last Thursday the girls packed chutes first of course. At noon the banquet at the PX was really a whiz. In fact, one girl was afraid that the delicious meal was going to cause her to miss wearing her new dress she had bought for the dance that night.

Even if we did have a blackout at the apartments for a while it didn't spoil the fun that the gang set out to have. Mrs. Loya Huffman gave the gang a turkey supper in her home. It can't be said that Loya doesn't know how to make you feel at home and be a perfect hostess.

After the swell supper and lots of fun we all went to the dance that was held in the ballroom of the Civilian Community Center.

The string band swung out the old barn dance tunes, and everyone let their hair down and had a whale of a time.

The floor between the tap room and the dance floor will have to have a new finish — it is bound to be worn a little after that night. Anyway, we can truthfully say we'd like to do it again soon, (the

dancing part anyway).

The department isn't the same with Tex gone. But he is to be back soon, then the department will be the same happy family.

Mrs. Loya Huffman is in charge while he is gone, and we have to hand it to her again, she is doing a grand job.

The whole department wants to congratulate Sub-Depot officer, Major Leo A. Meistrell, who has just been promoted. The gold leaves look good, don't they, Major?

Sgt. Milton Chapman, department head on the "C" Shift is in the hospital due to a football game the boys had. We understand it will be quite some time before he will be able to report for work. Hurry back, Milt, we miss you.

We wonder who made a telephone call lately that bothered another little girl in the department, and we also wonder why a certain gunnery school instructor finally decided to come back and visit with us. It couldn't be that one of the girls is back at work after an annual leave, could it?

Who was it that after the dance made her husband get out of bed and taste the water—she said she just had to let him know how good it was.

Some one said that a crowd went to Monahans after the dance last Thursday night just to buy some sandwiches; we wouldn't know who it was they were talking about.

New Name: 19th Combat Crew Training School

Pyote Army Air Base Thursday was redesignated the 19th Combat Crew Training School in the first general order of the new organization.

Col. Louie P. Turner, formerly commanding the 19th Bombardment Group and the subsequent base-group consolidation, assumed command officially of the school in the first general order.

The order concluded: "All publications which are still in effect issued by Headquarters Army Air Base and 19th Bombardment Group (H) will remain in effect unless same are superceded or rescinded by publications of 19th Combat Crew Training School."

Special orders also were started over with No. 1 Thursday, as reorganization of the Base continued as rapidly as the training program would permit.

GUADALCANAL (CNS) — Marines stick old razor blades in trees for Japs to cut their hands and feet on when they shin up to snipe.

The department can expand now that the fabric has moved. We have so much room we are going to start having the dances in here instead of at the Center.

Hearts and Throbs



'Miss' Sheila Maplebottom

Dear Miss S. M.

Altho your column is for GI's only, I am taking the liberty of asking your advice. I am a civilian employed on this Base, and for the past six months I have been going with a certain soldier. I am very serious, but I don't think that he is, even tho he tells me that I am the only girl in the world for him, but if this is so, then why does he make other dates? Every time I bring up the matter of this other girl, we quarrel, and last night he walked out on me. Please tell me if I should make an effort to communicate with him, or should I wait for him to contact me?—Or should I forget about him? Miss Anxious.

Dear Miss Anxious:

It seems that you are losing your self-confidence. Be more elusive, and don't let him know that you are in any way concerned with his other dates. Don't be the hunter, let him do that. No man likes to be chased. By your actions you are practically chasing him into the arms of this other girl. Don't you know that most men like to do the "forbidden"—so if I were you I would not quarrel, just do what your competitor does, yes him to death, and tell him how wonderful he is. If you do this remember that you probably will have to continue to do this forever, so if I were you I would try and forget him. If you can't hold his interest and affection now, what will you do later on?

Dear Miss S. M.

I have a girl back home who asked me to marry her several times. I have put it off, because I don't believe in marriages during wartime. She keeps on writing and wants an answer, whether it was to be yes or no. I waited until I received my furlough and upon my arrival at home, I discussed the matter with her quite thoroughly. She finally decided that I was right. She said that she would wait for me after the war was over. Satisfied at last, I returned to camp a happy man. Still, whenever I hear from her, she always

**President Proposes To Congress
3-Point Federal Soldier-Aid Plan**

**Mustering-Out, Unemployment Pay,
Social Security Credit Suggested**

President Roosevelt last week handed Congress a three-point, federally-financed proposed program to help service men and women through the "difficult period" of readjustment immediately following the war's end.

The presidential message suggested:

1. "The repayment of a uniform, reasonable mustering-out pay to all members of the armed forces upon their honorable discharge or transfer to inactive duty."

2. A system of unemployment compensation payments for armed forces personnel unable to find employment after demobilization, benefits to be "fixed and uniform" irrespective of variance in state laws.

3. Full credit for members of the armed forces under the federal old-age and survivors' insurance law covering their period of military service. (Providing uniform credit with federal contributions would eliminate the present penalty, in effect, for military service.)

Previously the President had proposed a billion dollar program for the continued education of returning service men and women.

brings the matter of marriage to my attention. In answering her letters, I always repeat the after-war problem. I am a bit confused on this matter, and would like to have a few helpful suggestions. I love this girl very deeply, and I would hate to lose her. Worried.

Dear Worried:

I think that you are wrong in signing your name Worried. I don't think you are really worried, and should not be. Did you ever purchase anything in a hurry? And I am sure that if you did you always regretted it—don't enter into marriage in haste, besides it must be a mutual agreement, it does not matter whether you are the one or the girl that is anxious to marry. If either one doesn't agree, it would be best to put it off. Have courage of your own convictions; don't let anyone talk you into anything you don't want to do. Don't worry about her not waiting for you, women are not that way, and besides if she says that she won't wait she probably will. At the present time the only thing that should be on your mind is winning this war and getting home as fast as possible. Remember that our enemies are not wasting their time and effort on this love business, and if we are to win we have to do just as they do.

Apparently a comprehensive post-war plan for those returning from military service is being worked out by the executive branch of the Federal Government, as well as by a number of State Governments. Congress has shown favorable interest in such proposals so far, and passage of some of them are expected before the war's end.

In his message to Congress, the President asserted:

"What our service men and women want, more than anything else, is the assurance of satisfactory employment upon their return to civil life. The first task after the war is to provide employment for them and for our demobilized war workers . . .

"This time we must have plans and legislation ready for our returning veterans instead of waiting for the last moment . . . give notice to our armed forces that the people back home do not propose to let them down . . .

"I am confident that if industry and labor and government tackle the problems of economic adjustment after the war with the same unity of purpose and with the same ingenuity, resourcefulness and boldness that they have employed to such advantage in wartime production, they can solve them . . .

"We must not lower our sights to pre-war levels. The goal after the war should be the maximum utilization of our human and material resources. This is the way to rout the forces of insecurity and unemployment at home as completely as we shall have defeated the forces of tyranny and oppression on the fields of battle."

A planning board's report suggested monthly installments rather than a lump sum in mustering-out pay, a three-month furlough at regular base pay not to exceed \$100 a month plus family allowances. The unemployment allowance would continue until service men and women can reasonably be absorbed by private industry, the planning board contemplating a maximum of 26 weeks beyond the mustering-out period.



Wed. & Thurs.—"Northern Pursuit", with Errol Flynn, Julie Bishop. Also Sportlight, Paramount News. Time 112 minutes.

Fri. & Sat.—"In Old Oklahoma", with John Wayne, Martha Scott, Albert Dekker. Also, Army Navy Screen Magazine. Time 119 minutes.

Sun. & Mon.—"Thousands Cheer", Technicolor, with Kathryn Grayson, Gene Kelby, Kay Kyser & Orch. Also, Paramount News. Time 134 minutes.

Tuesday—Double Feature: "Find the Blackmailer", with Jerome Cowan, Faye Emerson; "Mr. Mugg Steps Out", with East Side Kids. Time 117 minutes.

Show Time:

STARTS	ENDS
1:30 p. m.	3:30 p. m.
5:30 p. m.	7:30 p. m.
8:00 p. m.	10:00 p. m.
10:15 p. m.	12:15 a. m.

**410TH SPONSORS DANCE:
EM WIVES TO MEET**

The 410th Base Headquarters and Air Base Squadron will sponsor the regular Friday night dance this week at the Enlisted Men's Service Club, Special Service Office announced last week.

The EM Wives' Club will meet Thursday noon in the Service Club Cafeteria.

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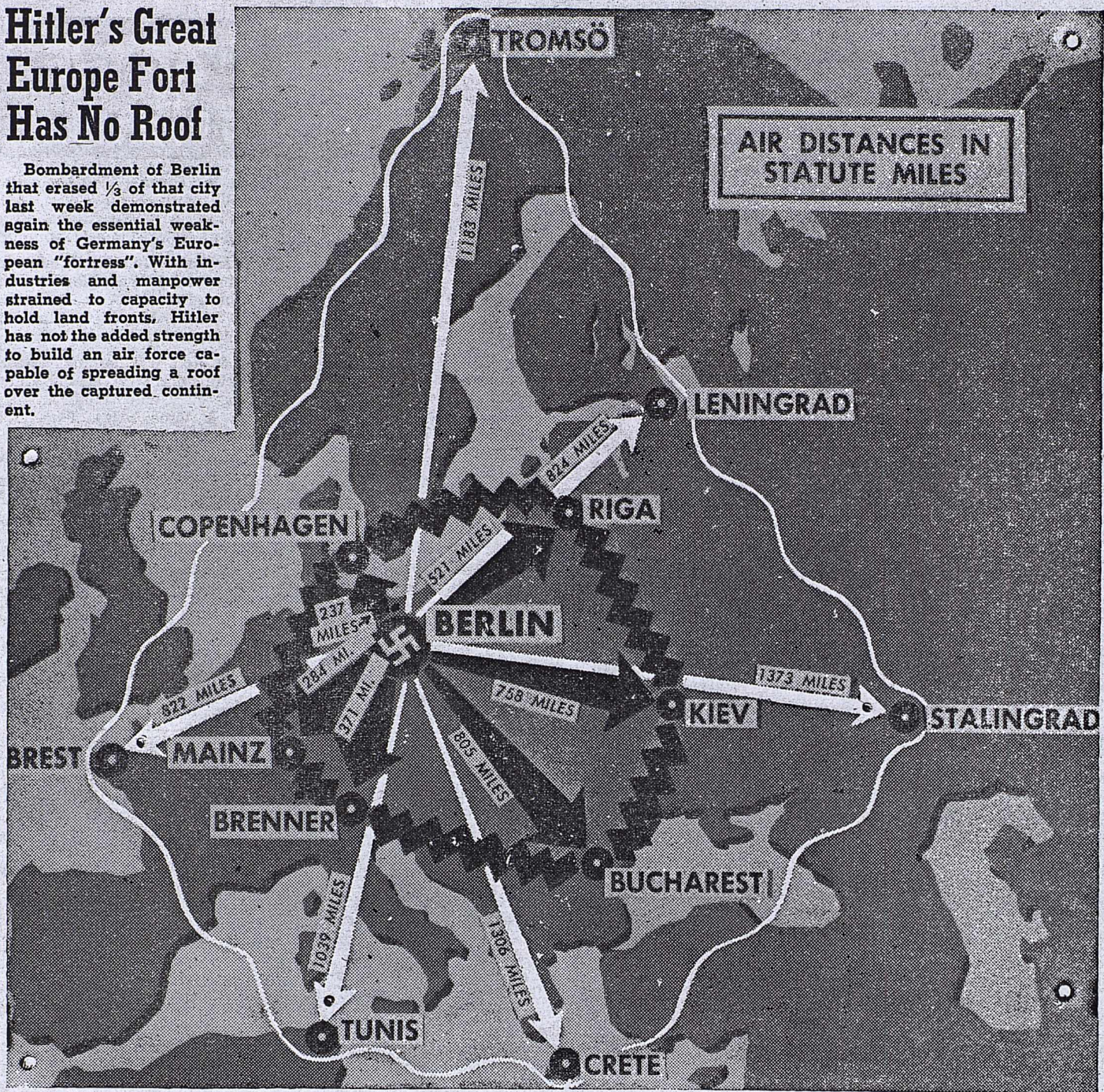
HUNTSVILLE ARSENAL, ALA. (CNS)—The officer of the day rattled a locked fence gate. Came a voice in commanding tone, "Stop! I have a .45 and a sharpshooter's medal."

Waukegan, Ill. (CNS)—John J. Carney of Chicago told police here that he didn't know why he had no draft card but he had a sneaking suspicion that maybe it was because he had been drunk for the last two years. He said that he was pretty hazy about his whereabouts during the period and that when he was arrested in a beauty parlor here he had no idea where he was.

Before I heard the doctors tell
The dangers of a kiss
I had considered kissing you
The nearest thing to bliss.
But now I know Biology
I sit and sigh and moan,
Six million mad bacteria,
And I thought we were alone!
—Anonymous.

Hitler's Great Europe Fort Has No Roof

Bombardment of Berlin that erased $\frac{1}{3}$ of that city last week demonstrated again the essential weakness of Germany's European "fortress". With industries and manpower strained to capacity to hold land fronts, Hitler has not the added strength to build an air force capable of spreading a roof over the captured continent.



Outer Wall Falls, But Inner Fortress Still Strong

By SGT. TOMME CALL
Rattler Editor

Ruinous raids on Berlin last week heightened partly justified optimism. To the extent that the inner mechanism of Hitler's European "Fortress" be disrupted, so must the fighting efficient of the Wehrmacht on all fronts be weakened.

Allied airpower is doing a tremendous job, perhaps the decisive one. Just how much pounding Germany's people can stand is the great imponderable in estimating the

European war's length. Americans could hope, but not wildly, not to the point of relaxing the intensifying pressure of their total war effort.

The map above shows roughly the outer and inner lines of the German fortress at its peak strength as defined by the land fronts. (Rommel's North African campaign may be considered a gambling sally that failed.)

In counter-offensive action, the Red Army has broken down the outer eastern wall, piercing

the inner wall in the Kiev region. British and American troops so far have broken through only the outer southern wall, with their Tunisia-Sicily-Italy campaigns. Reputedly the fortress' strongest wall, the west coast line, has been touched only with hit and run raids. The Allies' greatest combat contribution has been blasting the fortress from above, preventing the building of a roof.

Washington sources have estimated:

Germany has three times as many combat divisions as four years ago—300 in all, 60 of them new. It has 35 million war workers in dominated lands, a third more than at the war's beginning, and 3 million more may be added this year. Starvation and revolt have not yet occurred in significant measure. Shorter lines may prove stronger.

Germany is being beaten, will be crushed; but Hitler still can exact a fearful price for his nation's defeat.